

MENINGITIS

Suspected bacterial meningitis or meningococcal septicaemia

→ Immediate **999** to hospital

→ Give **benzylpenicillin** while waiting for the ambulance

*[unless history of immediate penicillin allergy
- eg difficulty in breathing, collapse, generalised itchy rash after previous penicillin administration]*

Adults **1200mg**

Age 1-9 years **600mg**

Age <1 year **300mg**

ROUTE

Adults intravenously **IV** or intramuscularly **IM**
Children intramuscularly **IM**

[Cefotaxime is an alternative]

[recommended **IM site** = **Quadriceps [thigh]** muscle]