1. Common drugs of choice for dental infections:

   **Penicillin VK** or **Amoxicillin**

2. If no response in 48 to 72 hours then use:

   A. **Amoxicillin and Clavulanate** (Augmentin)  
      
or
   B. **Cephalexin**
   
or
   C. Some dentists elect to add **Metronidazole (Systemic)** to the **Amoxicillin**

3. If no response to choice **B** or **C** in 24 to 48 hours then use:

   **Clindamycin (Systemic)**

   (Be sure to incise and drain and/or irrigate, if appropriate)

**IF PATIENT IS ALLERGIC TO PENICILLIN**

1. First common drug of choice is:

   **Azithromycin (Systemic)** (Zithromax)

2. If no response in 48 to 72 hours then use:

   **Clindamycin (Systemic)**

**NOTE:** If no response to above protocol, refer to or consult with an oral-maxillofacial surgeon, endodontist, periodontist, or infectious disease physician.

   If infection persists and patient is taking bone-anti-resorptive drugs, such as bisphosphonate, then consider the possibility of anti-resorptive drug-associated osteonecrosis.

See page 82 for sinus infection treatment.