

## Chemoprophylaxis of Contacts to Meningococcal Disease

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Drug	Contacts	Dosage
Rifampin <sup>1, 2</sup>	<1 month	5 mg/kg BID x 2 days
	>1 month	10 mg/kg (maximum dose 600 mg) BID x 2 days <b>OR</b> 20 mg/kg (maximum 600mg) once per day x 4 days
Ceftriaxone	< 15 years <sup>3</sup>	125 mg IM (single dose)
	≥15 years <sup>3</sup>	250 mg IM (single dose)
Ciprofloxacin <sup>1</sup>	≥ 18 years	500 mg PO (single dose) BID = twice daily

<sup>1</sup> Not to be taken during pregnancy.

<sup>2</sup> Side effects of Rifampin include: orange discoloration of urine, discoloration of soft contact lenses (removal recommended for duration of chemotherapy), decreased effectiveness of oral contraceptives, discoloration of teeth, nausea, vomiting, and diarrhea.

<sup>3</sup> The 1997 Red Book: Report of the Committee on Infectious Diseases, 24<sup>th</sup> Edition, recommends the age groups of ≤ 12 years and > 12 years for Ceftriaxone. The 1997 Red Book also states that oral sulfisoxazole may be used if the organism is susceptible.