

Table 5 Antibiotics preferred by dental practitioners for clinical conditions that need antibiotic therapy

Clinical condition	Would prescribe	
	No.	%
<i>Acute periapical infection (n = 169)^a</i>		
Amoxicillin	126	74.5
Penicillin V	37	21.9
Other ^b	6	3.5
<i>Acute ulcerative gingivitis (n = 138)</i>		
Amoxicillin	61	44.2
Metronidazole	38	27.5
Tetracycline	18	13.0
Other ^c	21	15.2
<i>Cellulitis (n = 165)</i>		
Amoxicillin	85	51.5
Penicillin	40	24.2
Penicillin V	21	12.7
Other ^d	19	11.5

^a Number of dentists who would prescribe an antibiotic for this condition.

^b Penicillin V + metronidazole, metronidazole, cephalexin; ^c Penicillin V, ampicillin, cephalexin, erythromycin, doxycycline; ^d Cephalexin, ampicillin, metronidazole, coamoxiclav, gentamicin.