

EFFICACY OF TREATMENT OF PATIENTS WITH SEVERE COMMUNITY-ACQUIRED PNEUMONIA BY COMBINATION OF CEFEPIME AND CLARITHROMYCIN

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Summary. The results of conducted study represent, that combined step-down antibacterial therapy with cefepime and clarithromycin (i.v. introduction of cefepime (Maxipim, BMS, USA) in dose 2,0 twice a day and i.v. introduction of clarithromycin (Klacid, Abbott Lab., USA) in dose 0,5 twice a day during 3—4 days with passage to (in case of compliance with criteria of transfer to *per os* introduction) using of cefepime in previous regimen and *per os* application of clarithromycin 0,5 twice a day during 5—9 days) it allow to reach positive results (cure or improvement) in 93,3% of cases with severe community-acquired pneumonia. High efficacy of combined antibacterial treatment allows considering that treatment with cefepime and clarithromycin maybe as a therapy of choice in case severe community-acquired pneumonia.

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