



Is my patient suitable for OPAT?

Your patient is suitable for OPAT if you answer 'YES' to all the questions below.

- 1. Has the patient got a condition requiring prolonged intravenous therapy?**
- 2. Has the patient got a clear treatment plan in place?**
- 3. Is the patient clinically and mentally stable and otherwise would be fit for discharge?**
- 4. Is the patient capable of understanding the implications of their underlying condition, the importance of line care, potential complications, and ability to contact the OPAT team if there are any problems?**
- 5. Has the patient got a stable home environment i.e. not drug or alcohol dependency**
- 6. Has the patient got access to a phone in order to contact eh OPAT team if there are any problems?**
- 7. Has the patient the ability e.g. transport to be reviewed weekly in the hospital while receiving OPAT?**
- 8. Has the patient got appropriate iv access for the duration of antibiotics required e.g. PICC line, iv cannula?**
- 9. Is the medication that you are prescribing available for use as OPAT e.g. ceftriaxone – please consult the section on individual diagnoses for further information.**