

**Table 6. Antibiotics of Choice**

	<b>Endemic area</b>	<b>Non-immune</b>
Uncomplicated enteric fever	Ofloxacin or ciprofloxacin orally 7.5mg/kg b.i.d or levofloxacin orally 500mg daily for 3-5 days*	Ofloxacin or ciprofloxacin orally 7.5mg/kg b.i.d or levofloxacin orally 500mg daily for 5-7 days*
Severe typhoid**	Ofloxacin or ciprofloxacin 7.5mg/kg infused over 30-60 minutes every 12 hours or levofloxacin 500mg infused every 24 hours until oral treatment can be substituted. Continue same dose for 10-14 days.	Ofloxacin or ciprofloxacin 7.5mg/kg infused over 30-60 minutes every 12 hours or levofloxacin 500mg infused every 24 hours until oral treatment can be substituted. Continue same dose for 10-14 days. Immunocompromised patients should receive at least three weeks treatment.
Carriers	Adults: Ofloxacin or Ciprofloxacin orally 7.5 mg/kg b.i.d. or levofloxacin orally 500mg daily for 4 weeks. Children: Amoxicillin 10mg/kg/day for 6-8 weeks plus probenecid	

\*Ofloxacin or levofloxacin have both proved very effective as well (Table 2). The three days course is particularly useful in epidemic containment.

\*\*Dexamethasone 3mg/kg I.V. stat followed by 1mg/kg six hourly for 48 hours should be given to patients with encephalopathy or shock unrelated to perforation or hemorrhage. For quinolone resistant infections substitute ceftriaxone.

## Alternative Treatments

	<b>Uncomplicated enteric fever</b>	<b>Severe typhoid</b>
Chloramphenicol	75mg/kg/day in 4 divided oral doses for 14 days	Chloramphenicol succinate 75mg/kg/day I.V. or I.M. in 4 divided doses until oral treatment can be substituted. Then 50mg/kg/day orally for 14-21 days
Ampicillin/ amoxicillin	Amoxicillin 75-100mg/kg/day in 3-4 divided oral doses for 14 days	Ampicillin 15mg/kg/day I.V. in 4 divided doses for 14-21 days
Trimethoprim/ sulfamethoxazole	8/40 mg/kg/day in 2 divided oral doses (corresponding in adults to 2-3 tablets b.i.d.) 14 days.	Intravenous dose regimen similar to the oral regimen
Cefixime/ ceftriaxone	Cefixime 20mg/kg/day in 4 divided oral doses for 7-10 days	Ceftriaxone 60 mg/kg/day I.V. or I.M. for at least 5 days, then if possible switch to oral therapy to complete 14-21 days treatment