

THINK before you prescribe or administer IV METRONIDAZOLE could my patient have ORAL THERAPY?



Metronidazole has excellent **ORAL** bioavailability reaching **95-100%**

If your **PATIENT** meets the following criteria:



- ✓ **Oral route reliably available**
- ✓ **Gut absorption not compromised**
- ✓ **No clinical deterioration/ systemic sepsis**



Consider **SWITCH** from **IV** to **ORAL** metronidazole– **GO GREEN!**

ADVANTAGES of the **ORAL** route:

- ✓ **Improved antimicrobial stewardship**
- ✓ **Reduced patient risk of IV line infections & thrombophlebitis**
- ✓ **More patient friendly: improved comfort & mobility**
- ✓ **Reduced nursing & medical workload**
- ✓ **Reduced cost-IV route 27 times more expensive than tablets**
- ✓ **Improved sustainability & reduced plastic waste**

For further advice on **IV** to **ORAL** antibiotic **SWITCH** options see NHSGGC **IVOST** policy

