

# Clindamycin (Dalacin-C)

**Indication(s):** Antibiotic Trauma, Cellulitis, Dental Pain

**Contraindications:** Known Hypersensitivity to clindamycin; Avoid use in infants <1 month old (neonates).

**Precautions:** Risk of *Clostridium Difficile* disease and/or pseudomembranous colitis with prolonged use; Low data in pregnancy (seek safer alternatives); Avoid while nursing.

**Drug Interactions:** Antagonistic effect on erythromycin (confirmed) and aminoglycosides (hypothetical) (Avoid combo and/or monitor for effectiveness); Co-administration with Neuromuscular Blocking Agents (NBAs) can ↓ effect of NBAs (Use Caution/Monitor).

**Adverse Effects:** Diarrhea (~1.45%); Rash (~1.18%); (≤1%) Nausea, abdominal pain, vomiting, pruritus, urticaria, distortion of sense of taste.

**Pharmacology:** Inhibition of bacterial protein synthesis

**Dosage and Administration:** Children (≥28d but <13y) – 10mg/kg IV/IO q8h (max 600mg/dose); Adults (≥13y) – 900mg IV/IO q8h. See Antibiotic Trauma Protocol notes for additional administration directions.