

## APPENDIX 7

### Intravenous vs Enteral Medication Costs

(All prices in NZ\$ & are correct as of January 2015)

Medication	Intravenous Preparation		Tablets or Capsule/ Liquid		Note for NG Administration
	Strength	Cost	Strength	Cost	
<i>Acetazolamide</i>	500mg	\$111	250mg	\$0.17	Crush tablet
<i>Ciprofloxacin</i>	400mg	\$8.20	500mg	\$0.07/\$6.50	Crush tablets (liquid sticks to tube)
<i>Clindamycin</i>	600mg	\$10	600mg	\$1.52	Open capsule
<i>Co-trimoxazole</i>	480mg	\$23.50	480mg	\$0.04	Use liquid
<i>Fluconazole</i>	100mg	\$5	200mg	\$0.35/\$4	Open capsule
<i>Levetiracetam</i>	500mg	\$48	500mg	\$0.48	Crush tablet
<i>Moxifloxacin</i>	400mg	\$70	400mg	\$10	Crush tablet
<i>Rifampicin</i>	600mg	\$128	600mg	\$3	Use liquid

When prescribing, please consider enteral administration of these medications first unless it is contraindicated or absorption is thought unlikely. Although individual cost benefits may seem small, when considered for multiple doses for prolonged ICU stays across the whole unit, such savings may be significant for equivalent medical benefit. Please consult the unit pharmacist or ICU specialist if you are unsure.