

Classification of cellulitis

- **Class 1:**
Patients have no sign of systemic toxicity, have no uncontrolled co-morbidity and can usually be managed with oral antimicrobials on an Outpatient basis.
- **Class 2:**
Patients are either systemically ill or systemically well but with co-morbidity such as peripheral vascular disease, chronic venous insufficiency or morbid obesity which may complicate or delay resolution of their infection
- **Class 3:**
Patients may have significant systemic upset such as acute, confusion, tachycardia, tachypnoea, and hypotension or may have unstable co-morbidities that may interfere with a response to therapy or have a limb threatening infection due to vascular compromise.
- **Class 4:**
Patients have sepsis syndrome or severe life threatening infection such as necrotising fasciitis.