The Expert Committee noted that infections of the eye and surrounding structures are frequent around the world and are an important cause of blindness. Given increasing concerns about overuse of antibiotics, the emergence of antimicrobial resistance and the need to guarantee prompt access to highly beneficial treatments, the Expert Committee noted the importance of revising and updating the Model Lists to provide clear information on the use of antibiotics in ocular infections. For endophthalmitis, the Committee acknowledged the lack of high-quality evidence for antibiotic choice and specific recommendations in guidelines. Based on common practice and the range of pathogens, the application proposed ceftriaxone plus vancomycin for systemic treatment, and vancomycin and ceftazidime by intravitreal administration for the empiric treatment of bacterial endophthalmitis. The Committee acknowledged that intravitreal treatment requires specialist training and adequate infrastructure to ensure safe administration. Given that bacterial endophthalmitis is a serious, sight-threatening infection, the Expert Committee recommended the current listings for ceftazidime, ceftriaxone and vancomycin be extended to include the indication of bacterial endophthalmitis as first-choice treatment options.
ceftazidime
co-prescribed with vancomycin

ceftriaxone
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