

Cat.	Form of disease	Treatment	Primary aim	Secondary aim	Level of health-care system	Diagnosis
I	Small early lesions (e.g. nodules/papules/plaques & ulcers less than 5 cm in diameter)	For papules & nodules, if immediate excision & suturing is possible, start antibiotics <i>at least 24 hours</i> before surgery & continue for a total of 4 weeks Otherwise treat all lesions in this category with antibiotics for 8 weeks	Cure without surgery except for simple removal of dead tissue	Reduce/prevent recurrence	Community, health centres & district hospitals (see Section 13.6)	Strong clinical diagnosis & laboratory
II	Non-ulcerative & ulcerative plaque & oedematous forms Large ulcerative lesions more than 5 cm in diameter Lesions in the head & neck region particularly face	Treat with antibiotics for <i>at least 4 weeks</i> , then surgery (if necessary), followed by another 4 weeks of antibiotics	Reduce the extent of surgical excision	Reduce/prevent recurrence	District & tertiary hospitals (see Section 13.6)	Strong clinical diagnosis & laboratory
III	Disseminated/mixed forms such as osteitis, osteomyelitis, joint involvement	Treat for <i>at least 1 week</i> before surgery & continue for a total of 8 weeks	Reduce <i>M. ulcerans</i> infection & dissemination before and after surgery	Reduce/prevent recurrence Reduce the extent of surgical excision	District & tertiary hospitals	Strong clinical diagnosis & laboratory