

ID Pharmacy Initiatives

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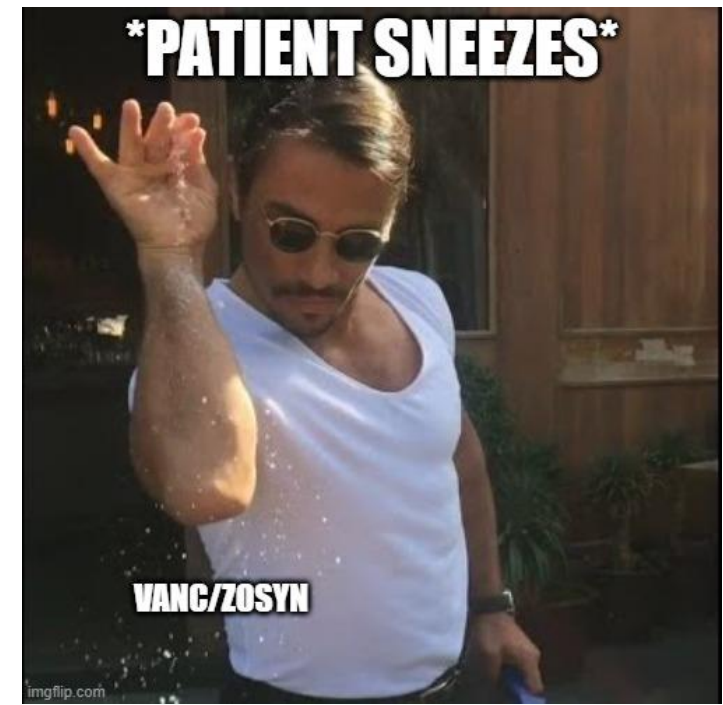
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Outline

- MRSA Nasal Swab Utility
- Vancomycin AUC-Based Monitoring
- Beta-Lactam Dose Optimization
- Beta-Lactam Allergies
- Antibiotic Ladders
- Re-Evaluate at 48 (hours)



MRSA Nasal Swab Utility

High negative predictive value for ruling out invasive MRSA infections

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- 22 studies (n = 5163)
 - 18 retrospective, 3 prospective, 1 unknown
- MRSA nasal test + culture-confirmed pneumonia
- Pooled prevalence MRSA PNA – **10%***
 - VAP studies – **8%***
- NPV of MRSA nares
 - All – **96.5%**
 - CAP – **98.1%**
 - VAP – **94.8%** (*sensitivity 40%, low prevalence*)
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**Low prevalence of MRSA PNA could over-estimate NPV of MRSA nares test*

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- National VA Database (2007-2018; n = 245,833)
- MRSA nasal test on admission vs. clinical culture
 - MRSA in cultures – 8.3%; Nares – 22.9%
- Performance: Sensitivity – 67.4%; NPV – **95.5%**
- NPV of MRSA nares by site:
 - Respiratory – **96.1%**
 - Blood – **96.5%**
 - Intra-abdominal – **98.6%** (*40% peritoneal, 23% biliary, 32% unspecified*)
- “*Negative MRSA nares w/in 7 days of clinical culture can be used to deescalate or avoid empirical [vancomycin] for many different infection sites for patients who are not critically ill.*”

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Vancomycin AUC Monitoring

New proposed monitoring system to reduce toxicity while maintaining efficacy

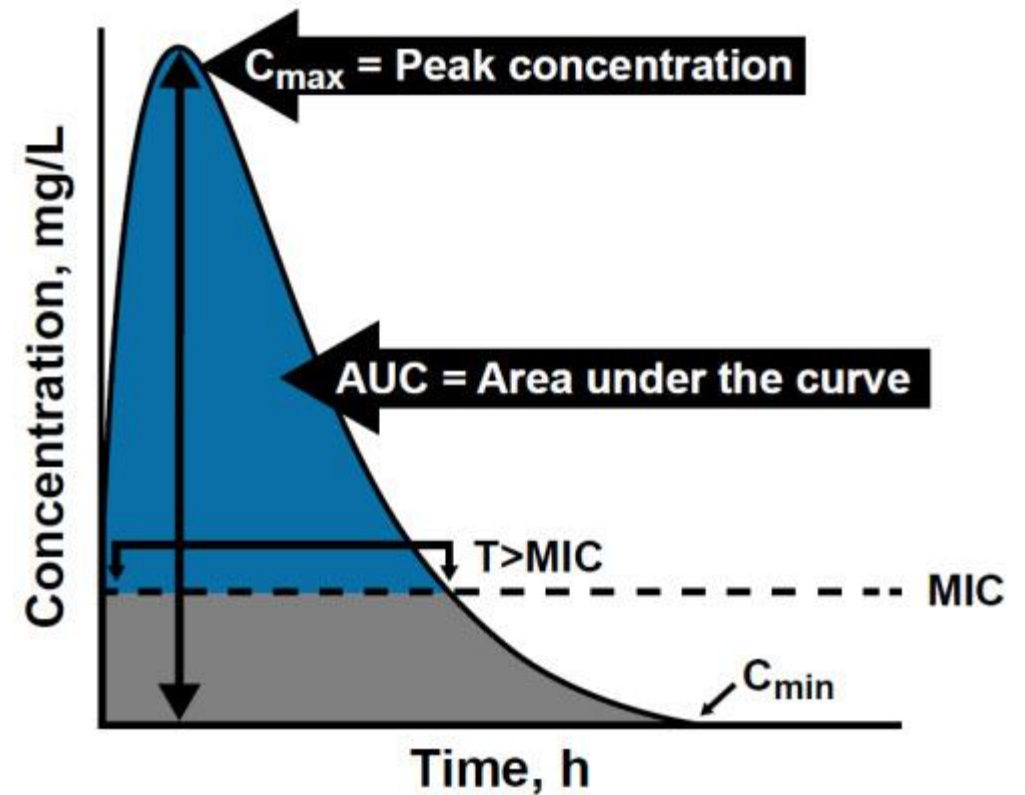
Background - Pharmacokinetics

Antibiotics fall into three major pharmacokinetic categories:

- Peak-dependent (aminoglycosides)
- Time-dependent (beta-lactams)
- AUC-dependent (vancomycin)

Impacts our dosing strategies

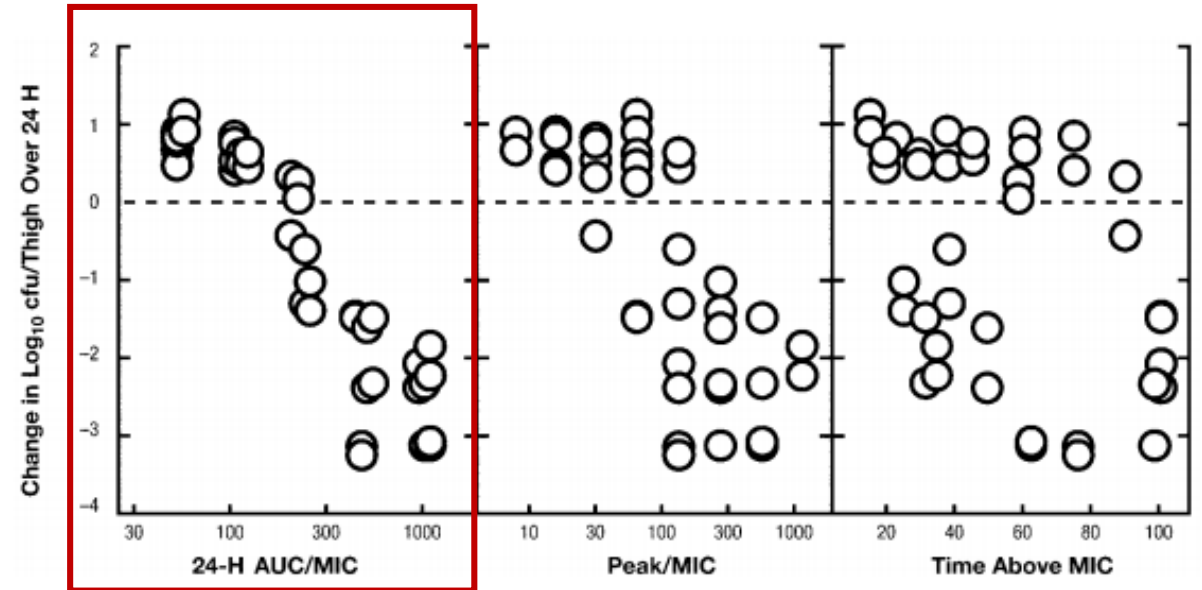
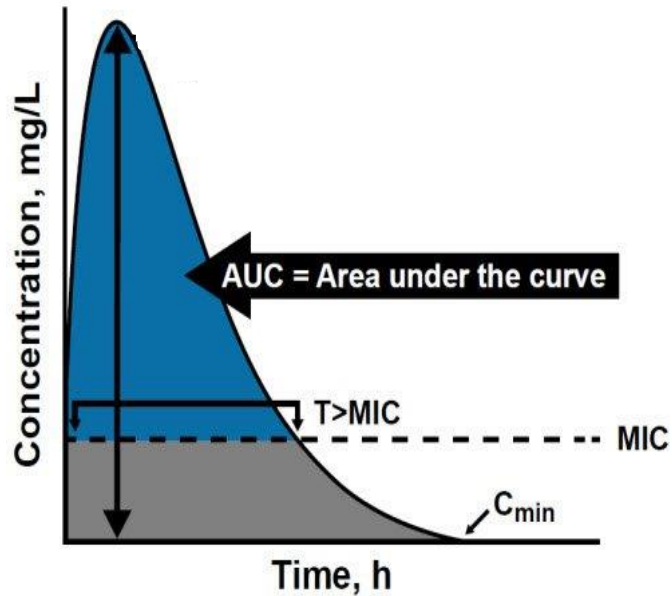
- Peak-dependent --> high doses less frequently
- Time-dependent --> low doses more frequently
- AUC-dependent --> total daily exposure



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What's in a Trough? Rationale for Old Targets

- Previous data with improved clinical outcomes for $AUC > 400$
- Old guidelines recommended trough 15-20 mg/L for severe infections because:
 - “Trough serum vancomycin concentrations [of 15-20 mg/L] should achieve an AUC/MIC of 400”
 - $15-20 \text{ mg/L} * 24 \text{ hrs} = 24\text{-hr AUC } 360 - 480 \text{ mg}^*\text{h/L}$
 - Only accounts for the drug concentration at its **lowest point** (i.e. trough)
 - Overshoots AUC toxicity threshold if account for totality of drug exposure (i.e. peak)
- Bottom Line: Trough of 15-20 mg/L **was never the real target** but a surrogate for true target of $AUC > 400 \text{ mg}^*\text{hr/L}$

1. <https://doi.org/10.2165/00003088-200443130-00005>

2. <https://doi.org/10.1093/cid/ciaa1743>

New Vancomycin Targets

- Emerging data suggest these targets, particularly >15 mg/L, led to:
 - Unnecessarily high exposure → toxicity; exposure-toxicity gradient¹
 - >15 mg/L independently associated with AKI risk in multiple studies
 - Do not definitively correlate to better clinical outcomes
- Over half of patients with a therapeutic AUC, expected to have trough < 15 mg/L²
- New guidelines recommend AUC 400-600 mg*h/L³ instead of troughs
 - There were *minimal to no data on the safety and efficacy of targeted trough concentrations of 15 to 20 mg/L.*
 - Two-levels (peak/random + trough) → pharmacokinetic calculation
 - **Bayesian Modeling software (preferred; 1-2 levels, at least 1 trough)**

Nephrotoxicity vs. Exposure

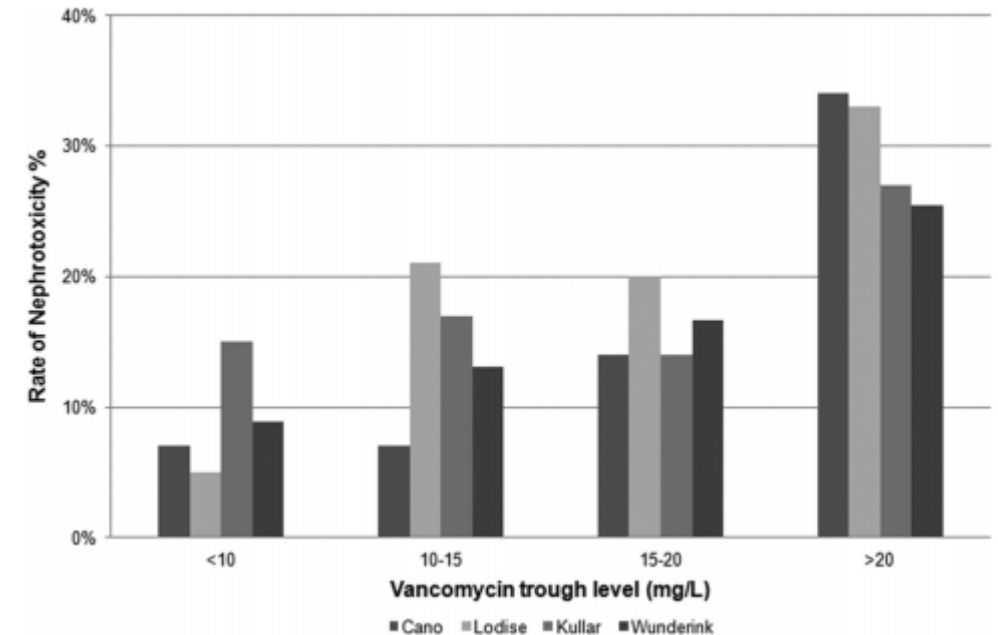
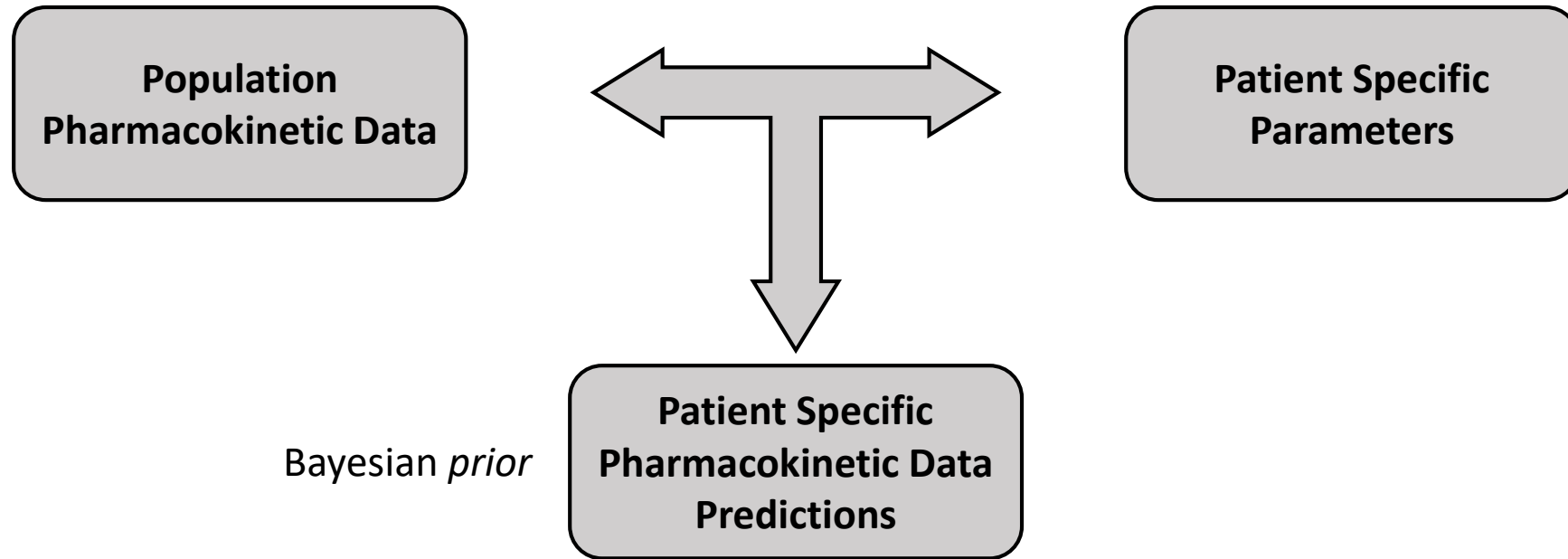


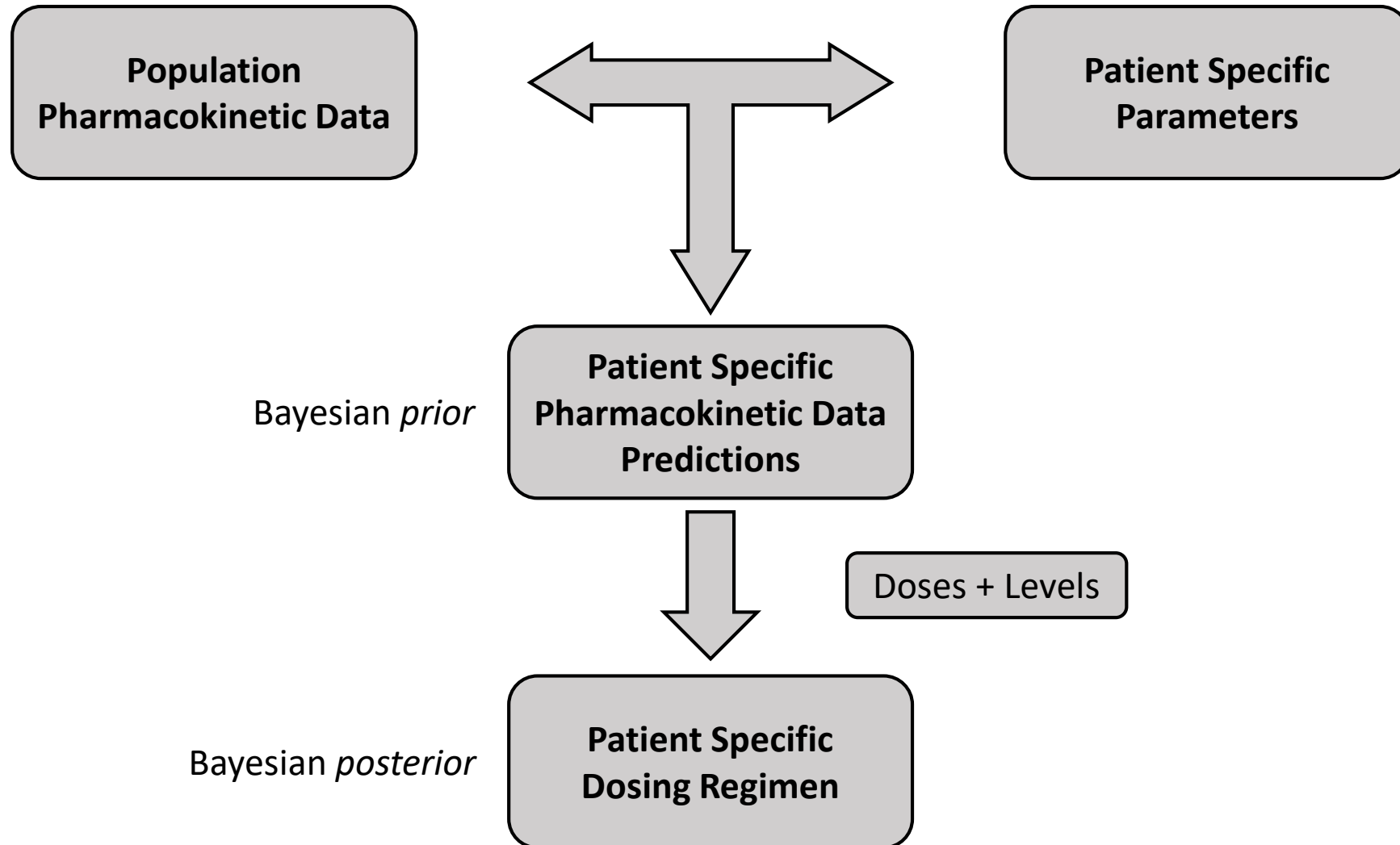
FIG 3 Incidence of vancomycin nephrotoxicity with rising trough levels (8, 22, 36, 50).

1. <https://doi.org/10.1128/AAC.01568-12>
2. <https://doi.org/10.1128/AAC.01653-13>
3. <https://doi.org/10.1093/ajhp/zxaa036>

Bayesian Software



Bayesian Software



Bayesian Software Example

Patient

First Last

Birthdate

Patient ID Sex

Weight Height

Lab Results

Calculate Renal Function Using

Scr mg/dL [Edit Scr History](#)

Exact CrCl ml/min

Renal Function

CrCl:	150.45	ml/min	Source
eGFR:	128.19	mL/min/1.73m	Source

Drug [Extra Drug Factors](#)

Route [Amputation](#)

Population PK

[How do I choose the population?](#)

Option Models

Parameters	General Population ↕		Unit	Source	Body Composition			Source
Vd β	55.28	± 16.58	L	...	Total Body Weight	81.00	kg	...
CL	7.37	± 3.68	L/hr	...	Ideal Body Weight	77.62	kg	...
F	100	± 5	%	...	Adjusted Body Weight	78.97	kg	...
β	0.133		1/hr	...	Lean Body Mass	63.04	kg	...
					Body Mass Index	24.21	kg/m ²	...
					Body Surface Area	2.03	m ²	...

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Bayesian Software Example

Therapeutic Target

[How do I use this section?](#)

Target	Desired AUC24/MIC	MIC
AUC	500	1

Next Dose Date	Next Dose Time	Interval (hr)
03/08/2021	22 : 00	8

Dosing Recommendation

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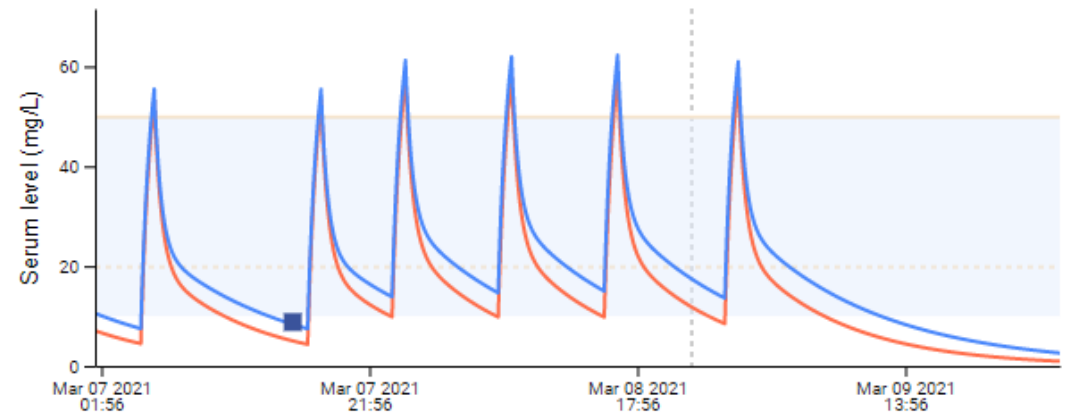
AUC24 mg*h/L	Population	Individual
Mar 7, 2021 22:00 - Mar 8, 2021 22:00	508	627
Maintenance Dose mg	1250	1000
AUC24 range ?	509 ± 254	514 ± 87
Add to Dosage History	Add Dose	Add Dose

Serum Level Graph

[How do I read this graph?](#)

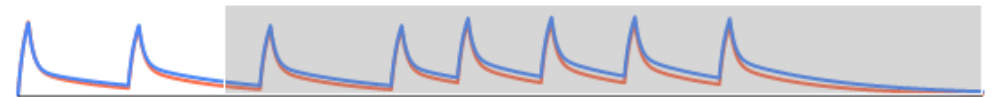
Population Individual Therapeutic Toxicity Serum Level

Hover over on the graph to read serum levels.

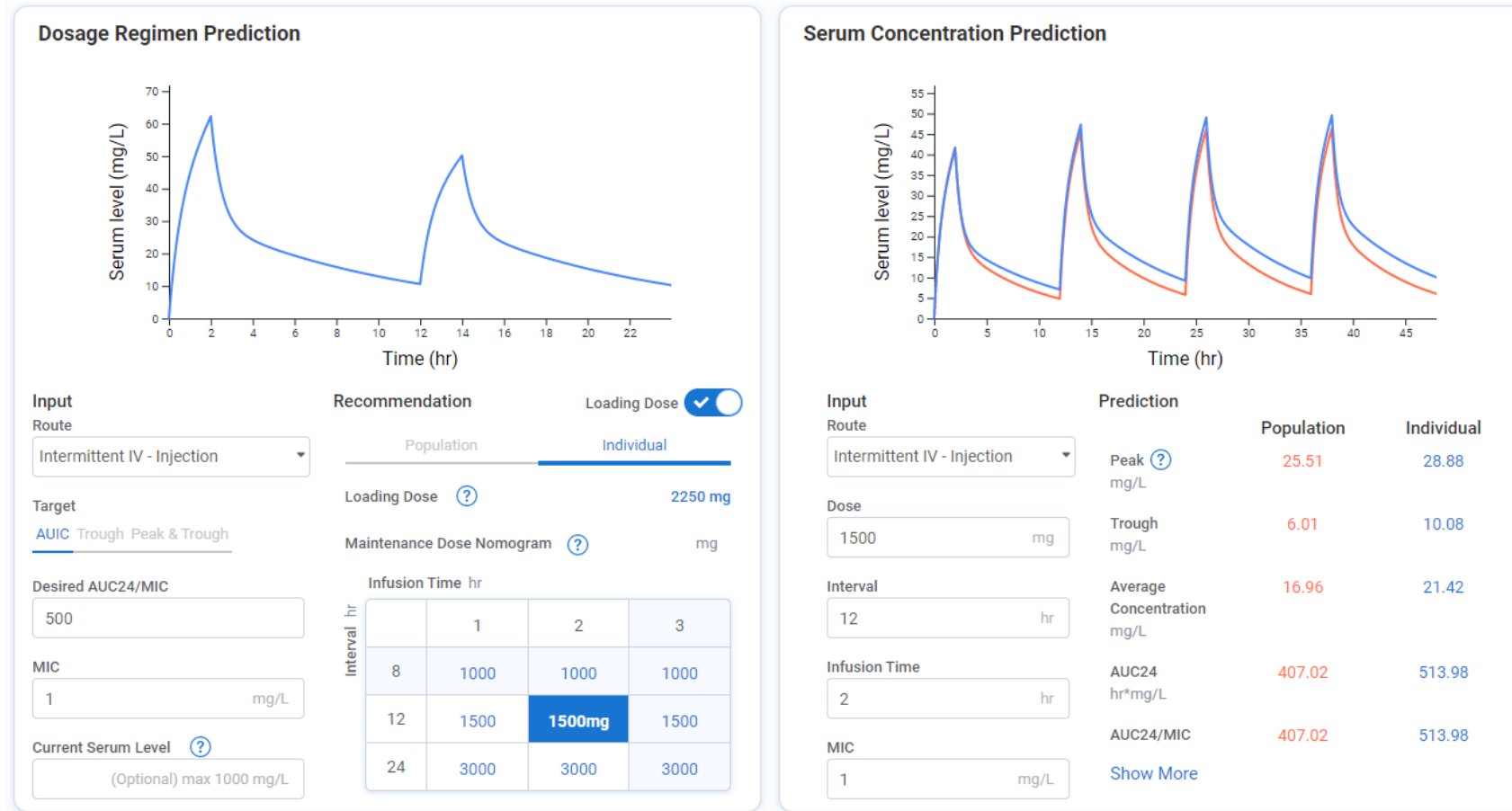


Overview

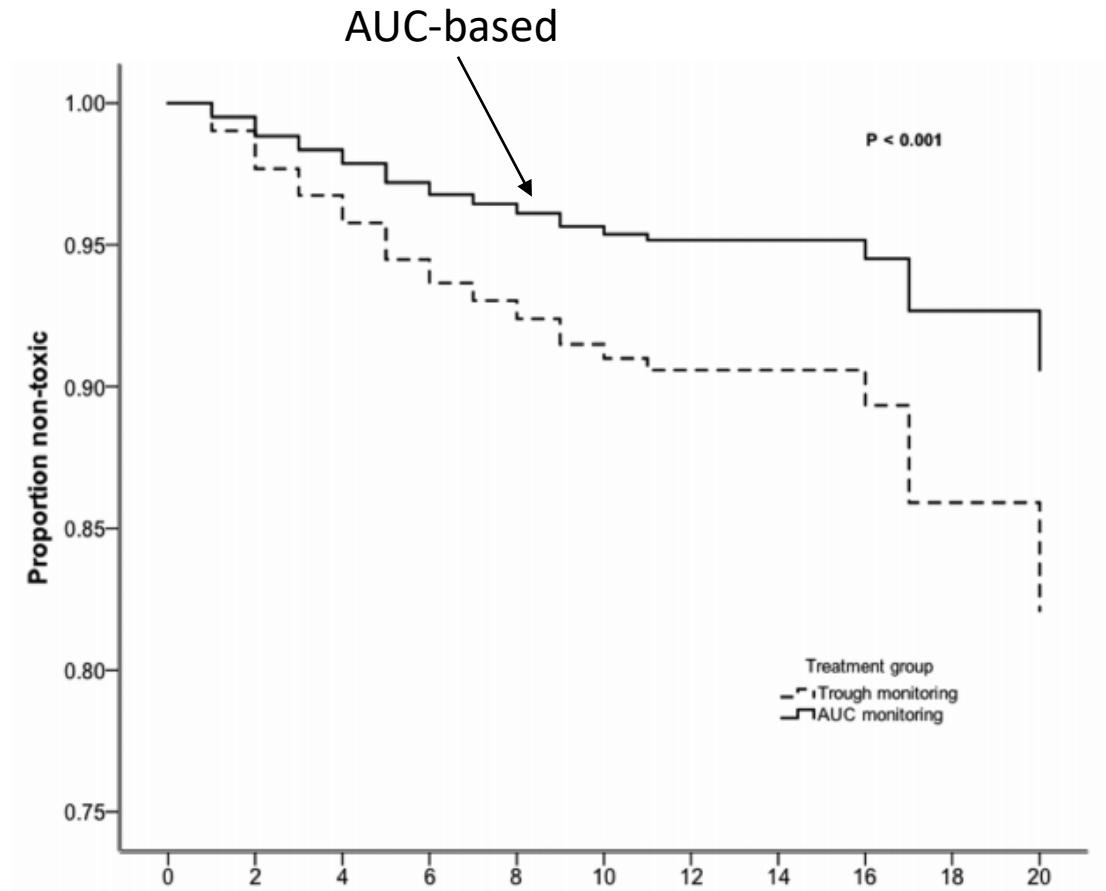
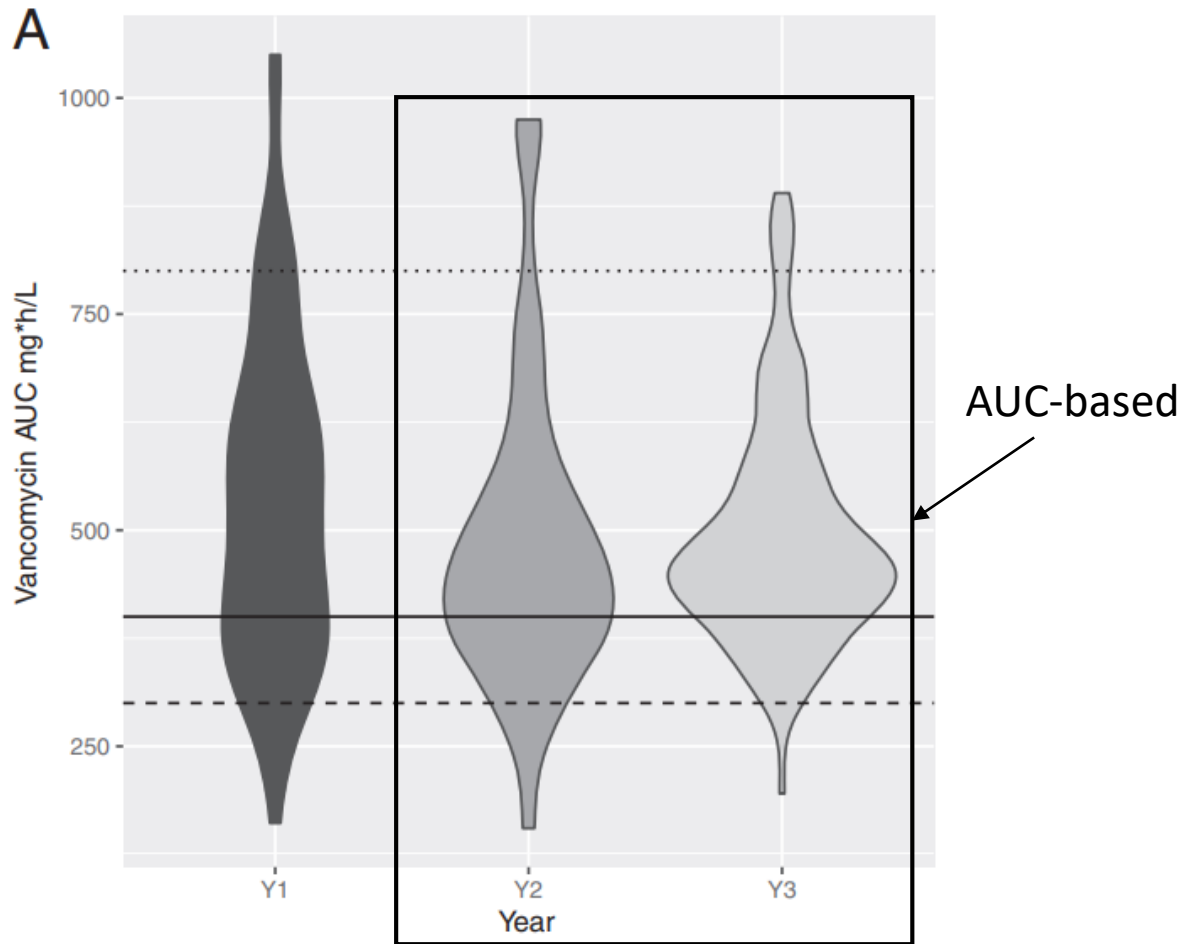
Last 72 Hours



Bayesian Software Example

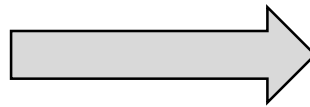


A Focus on Patient Safety



New Targets

VANCOMYCIN GOAL TROUGH LEVELS	
Goal Trough 10-15 mg/L	Goal Trough 15-20 mg/L
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Exceptions to AUC-based monitoring:

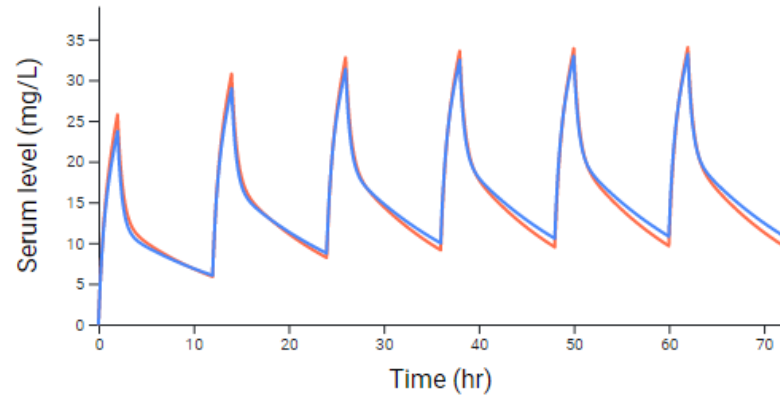
- Unstable renal function
- Hemodialysis

Transitioning to Outpatient

- Situation/Background:
 - Inpatient monitoring will be AUC-based, but home health companies might not universally have access to AUC-based dosing
- Assessment:
 - An integrative approach should be used to bridge traditional monitoring targets to AUC-based targets for discharge plans
- Recommendation:
 - Patient-specific trough targets (which correlate to target AUCs) can be generated via Bayesian calculator prior to discharge for instruction to home health
 - ID pharmacy/rounding pharmacy can help facilitate this if contacted prior to discharge

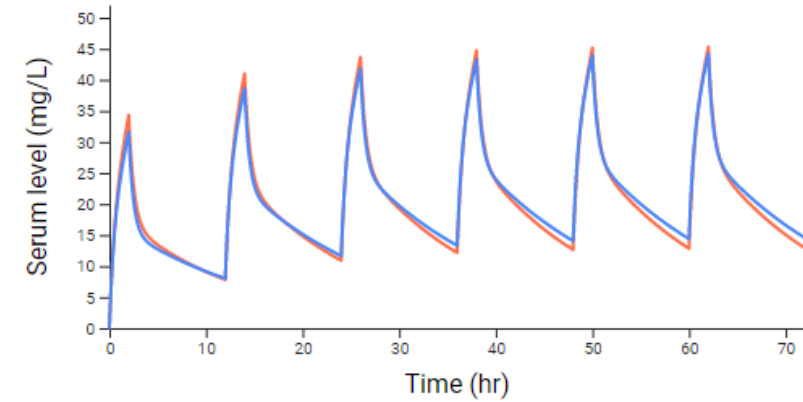
Real Patient Example

Serum Concentration Prediction



Input	Prediction	Population	Individual
Route Intermittent IV - Injection	Peak ? mg/L	21.05	21.28
Dose 750 mg	Trough mg/L	9.73	11.01
Interval 12 hr	Average Concentration mg/L	17.00	17.72
Infusion Time 2 hr	AUC24 hr*mg/L	407.94	425.17
MIC 1 mg/L	AUC24/MIC	407.94	425.17
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Serum Concentration Prediction



Input	Prediction	Population	Individual
Route Intermittent IV - Injection	Peak ? mg/L	28.07	28.37
Dose 1000 mg	Trough mg/L	12.97	14.67
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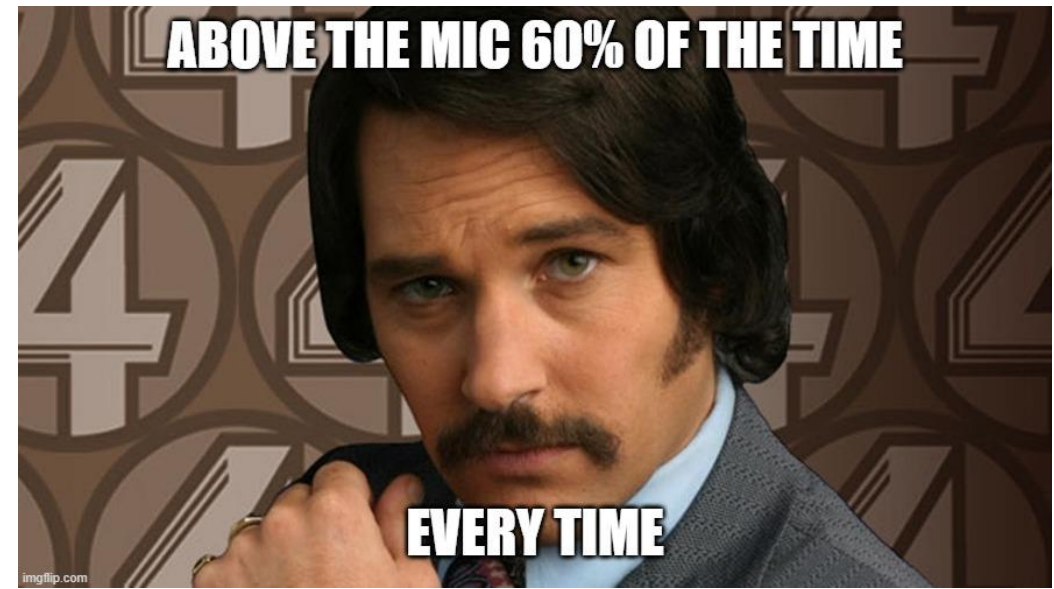
Vancomycin AUC Summary

- Transition to AUC-based monitoring via Bayesian software will:
 - Provide lower vancomycin exposure → lower toxicity risk
 - Maintain therapeutic targets (AUC/MIC 400-600 mg*h/L)
 - Decrease time to effective monitoring/dose-adjustment

Go-Live:

Anticipated Q3 2021

Currently performing on a case-by-case basis



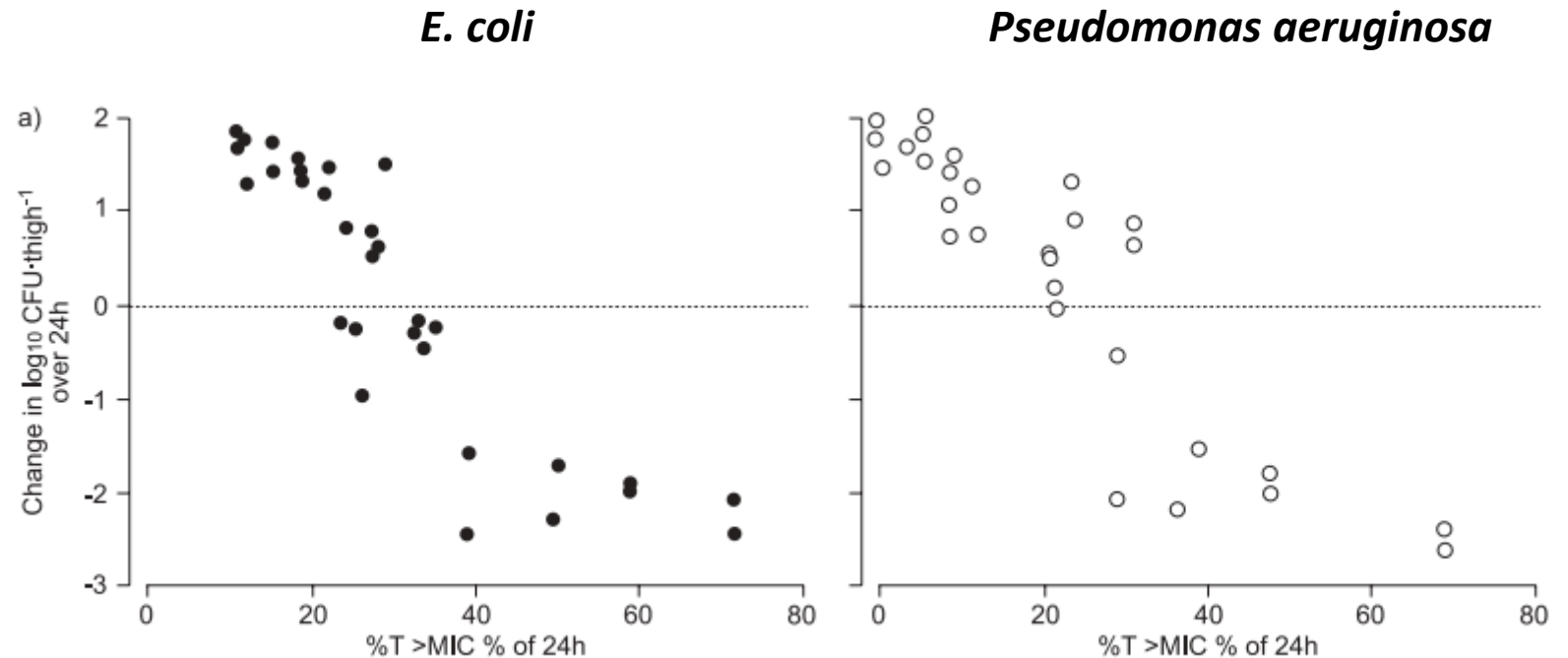
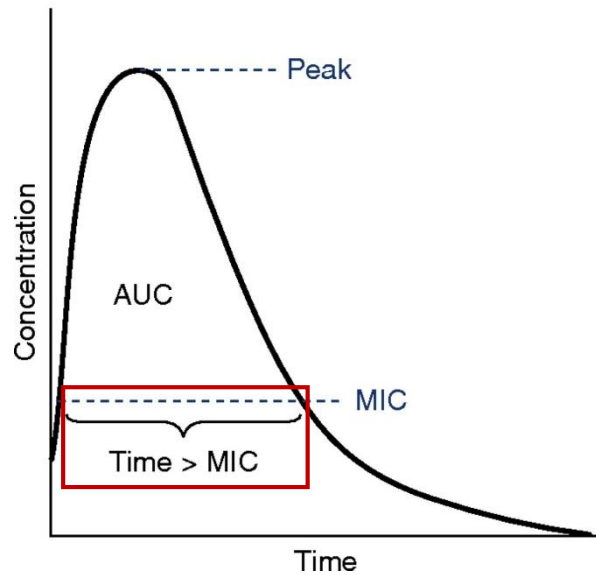
Beta-Lactam Dose Optimization

Strategies to improve pharmacodynamics effects of beta-lactams and clinical outcomes

Background – Pharmacokinetics Part 2

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- **Time-dependent (beta-lactams)**
- AUC-dependent (vancomycin)



*Data shown for piperacillin-tazobactam

Dose Optimization for Beta-Lactams

- Problem: Resistance rates high at UCLA
 - ICU ESBL – 29.5%; *Pseudomonas* 1st-line resistance ~30%
- Solution:
 - Increase dosing to packaged labeled dosing + PK/PD based dosing
 - **Prolonged infusions->mortality benefit in sepsis/critically ill**
 - Already doing this for piperacillin-tazobactam!
- Order panels currently being built – Go-live = Mid-April
- Upcoming educational talks

Clinical Outcomes Data

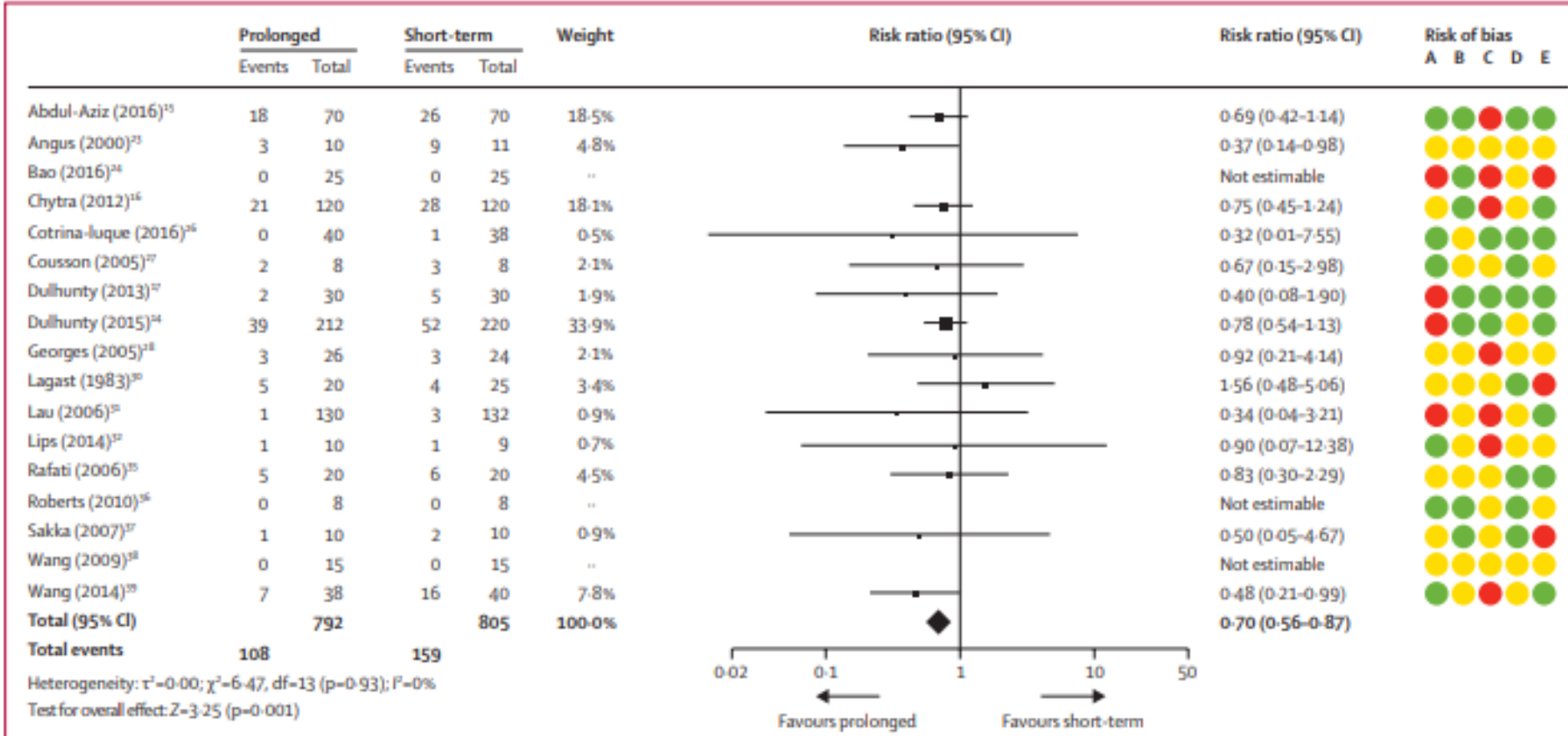


Figure 2: Forest plot of mortality among patients treated with prolonged versus short-term infusion of antipseudomonal antibiotics
 The areas of squares are proportional to the weight given to each study. Risk ratios are the centres of each square. df=degrees of freedom.

Meta-analysis of 14 RCTs (n= 1,597); Anti-pseudomonal beta-lactams in patients with sepsis

“Prolonged infusion was associated with lower all-cause mortality than short-term infusion (RR 0.70, 95% CI 0.56–0.87).”

Piperacillin-tazobactam

Indication	Old Dose	New Dose	Reference
CF	LD, 4.5g IV Q6 over 3h OR 18g continuous infusion	No change	https://doi.org/10.1093/jac/dkt300
Obesity	LD, 4.5 IV Q8 over 4h	No change	https://doi.org/10.1002/phar.1324
Neutropenic fever, critically ill/ICU, <i>PSEUDOMONAS</i>	LD, 3.375g IV Q8 over 4h	LD, 4.5g IV Q8 over 4h	https://doi.org/10.3390/antibiotics4040643 https://doi.org/10.1177/0897190016684453
Non-severe infections	LD, 3.375 IV Q8 over 4h	No change	https://doi.org/10.1086/510590
Renal Impairment			
CrCl ≤20	LD, 3.375 IV Q12 over 4h	LD, 3.375-4.5g* IV Q12 over 4h	https://doi.org/10.1177/0897190016684453 3
IHD	LD, 3.375 IV Q12 over 4h	LD, 3.375-4.5g* IV Q12 over 4h	https://doi.org/10.1177/0897190016684453 3
CVVHD	LD, 3.375 IV Q8 over 4h	Flow Rate 1-4 L/hr: LD, 4.5g IV Q8 over 4h Flow Rate >4L/hr: Call ID Pharmacy; TDM Suggested	https://doi.org/10.2215/CJN.10260915 Uptodate

*Higher dose is recommended for obesity, severe infections (critically ill or neutropenic fever), or MIC > 8
LD = loading dose

Meropenem

Indication	Old Dose	New Dose	Reference
CNS, Cystic Fibrosis, MIC \geq 2	2g IV Q8	LD 2g over 30min, then 2g IV Q8 infused over 4h	https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jcf.2016.04.002 https://doi.org/10.1016/S1473-3099(17)30615-1
All other indications	1g IV Q8	LD 1g over 30min, then 1g IV Q8 infused over 4h	https://doi.org/10.1186/s40560-020-00442-7 https://doi.org/10.3390/antibiotics4040643 https://doi.org/10.1128/aac.49.1.461-463.2005
Renal Impairment			
>25 CrCl \leq 50 ml/min	1-2g IV Q8	LD 1-2g* over 30min, then 1-2g* IV Q12 infused over 4h	https://doi.org/10.10mrdav16/S1473-3099(17)30615-1
10 \leq CrCl \leq 25 mL/min	0.5-1g IV Q12	LD 0.5-1g* over 30min, then 0.5-1g* IV Q12 infused over 4h	https://doi.org/10.1016/S1473-3099(17)30615-1
CrCl <10 ml/min	0.5-1g IV Q24	LD 0.5-1g* over 30min, then 0.5-1g* IV Q24 infused over 4h	https://doi.org/10.1016/S1473-3099(17)30615-1
IHD	0.5g IV Q24	LD 0.5-1g* over 30min, then 0.5-1g* IV Q24 infused over 4h	UptoDate https://doi.org/10.1016/S1473-3099(17)30615-1
CVVHD	1-2g IV Q8-12 (Q8 is recommended for rates exceeding 2L/H)	Flow Rate \leq 2L/H: LD 1-2g* over 30min, then 1-2g* IV Q12 over 4h Flow Rate 2-4L/H: LD 1-2g* over 30min, then 1-2g* IV Q8h over 4h Flow Rate >4L/H: Call ID Pharmacy; TDM Suggested	

*Higher dose is recommended for CNS, cystic fibrosis, and MIC 2 or greater
LD = Loading dose

Cefepime

Indication	Old Dose	New Dose	Reference
CNS, critically ill, neutropenic fever, <i>Pseudomonas</i> , <i>Enterobacteriales</i> MIC > 2,	2g IV Q8	LD 2g over 30min, then 2g IV Q8 infused over 4h	https://doi.org/10.1016/S1473-3099(17)30615-1 https://doi.org/10.1093/cid/cis916
All other indications	1g IV Q8	LD 1g over 30min, then 1g IV Q8 infused over 4h**	https://doi.org/10.1016/S1473-3099(17)30615-1
Renal Impairment			
>30 CrCl ≤, ml/min	1-2g IV Q8	LD 1-2g* over 30min, then 1-2g* IV Q12 infused over 4h	UptoDate https://doi.org/10.1016/S1473-3099(17)30615-1
11 ≤CrCl ≤ 29 mL/min	1-2g IV Q12-Q24	LD 0.5-1g* over 30min, then 0.5-1g* IV Q12 infused over 4h	
CrCl <11 ml/min	0.5-1g IV Q24	LD 0.5-1g* over 30min, then 0.5-1g* IV Q24 infused over 4h	
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*Higher dosing for CNS, Enterobacteriales MIC > 2, critically ill, neutropenia *Pseudomonas*

**Can consider 2g Q12h for dosing convenience

LD = Loading dose

Considerations

- Line access
- Patient preference
- Y-site Compatibility
 - Call pharmacy

IV (Y-site) Incompatibility Data	
Known Incompatible Agents	
AVOID administering with cefepime	
Acyclovir	Magnesium sulfate
Liposomal amphotericin B	Metoclopramide HCl
Caspofungin	Midazolam HCl
Chlorpromazine HCl	Ondansetron HCl
Ciprofloxacin	Pantoprazole sodium
Diazepam	Promethazine HCl
Diltiazem HCl	Tacrolimus
Diphenhydramine HCl	Voriconazole
Famotidine	Dobutamine HCl**
Ganciclovir	Dopamine HCl**
Hydroxyzine HCl	Mycophenolate mofetil HCl**
Hydroxyzine Hcl	Nicardipine HCl**
Isavuconazonium sulfate	Propofol**†
Labetolol	Vancomycin HCl**

**Uncertain compatibility, depends on concentration and formulation. For additional information or clarification, call pharmacy.

IV (Y-site) Incompatibility Data	
Known Incompatible Agents	
AVOID administering with meropenem	
Amiodarone HCl	Nicardipine HCl
Clindamycin	Phenytoin sodium
Ciprofloxacin	Acyclovir
Diazepam	Liposomal amphotericin B**
Hydralazine HCl	Doxycycline hyclate**
Isavuconazonium sulfate	Ondansetron**
Ketamine	Pantoprazole**
Mycophenolate mofetil HCl	Propofol**

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Prolonged Infusion Summary

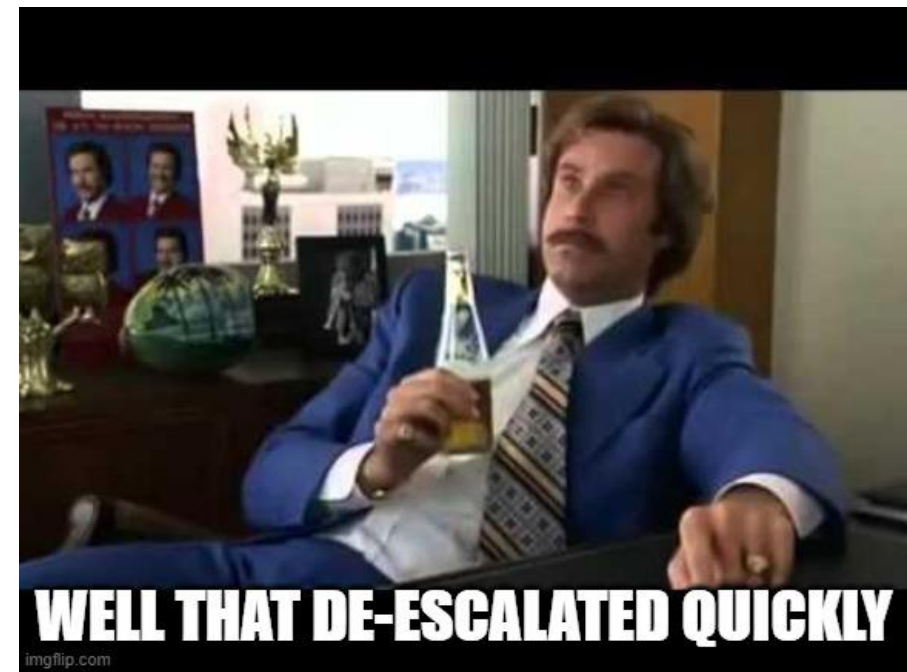
- Lower all-cause mortality in sepsis has been observed with extended infusion beta-lactams
 - Biologically plausible (pharmacodynamics)
 - 4-hr infusion will be the new standard at UCLA
- Can be ordered via order panels (similar to piperacillin-tazobactam)
- Consider
 - Line access of patient and concomitant medications
 - Ask a pharmacist!

Go-Live:

4/19/2021 meropenem

5/3/2021 pip-tazo, cefepime

Currently performing on a case-by-case basis



Antibiotic Ladders

To guide escalation and de-escalation of antibiotics

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Specimen Information: Clean Catch, Midstream; Urine

Bacterial Culture >100,000 CFU/mL **Escherichia coli !**

Urine Susceptibility Setup Date: 02/06/2021

Susceptibility

	Escherichia coli	
	MIC (MCG/ML)	
Ampicillin	>=32	Resistant
Ceftriaxone	>=64	Resistant
Ciprofloxacin	>=4	Resistant
Ertapenem	<=0.12	Susceptible
Gentamicin	<=1	Susceptible
Nitrofurantoin	<=16	Susceptible
Oral Cephalosporins	R	Resistant
Piperacillin + Tazobactam	64	Intermediate
Trimethoprim/Sulfamethoxazole	>=320	Resistant

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Specimen Information: Peripheral Vein; Blood

Bacterial Culture **Klebsiella pneumoniae !!**

Blood Susceptibility Setup Date

Susceptibility

	Klebsiella pneumoniae	
	MIC (MCG/ML)	
Ceftriaxone	<=1	Susceptible
Ciprofloxacin	<=0.25	Susceptible
Gentamicin	<=1	Susceptible
Piperacillin + Tazobactam	<=8	Susceptible
Trimethoprim/Sulfamethoxazole	<=1/20	Susceptible

Bacteria

~~Pneumonia~~



The Antibiotic Ladders

Gram-Negative Enteric organisms:

E. coli

Klebsiella pneumoniae

Proteus mirabilis

Common infections:

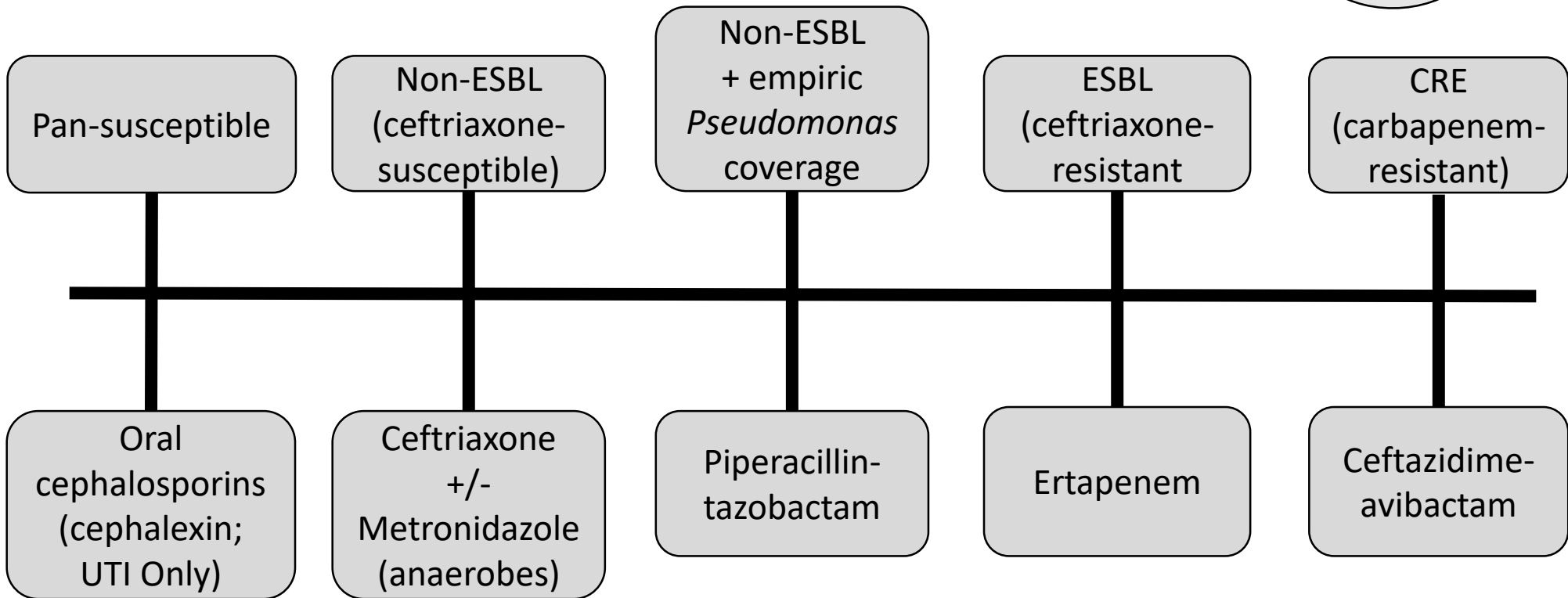
GI, UTI

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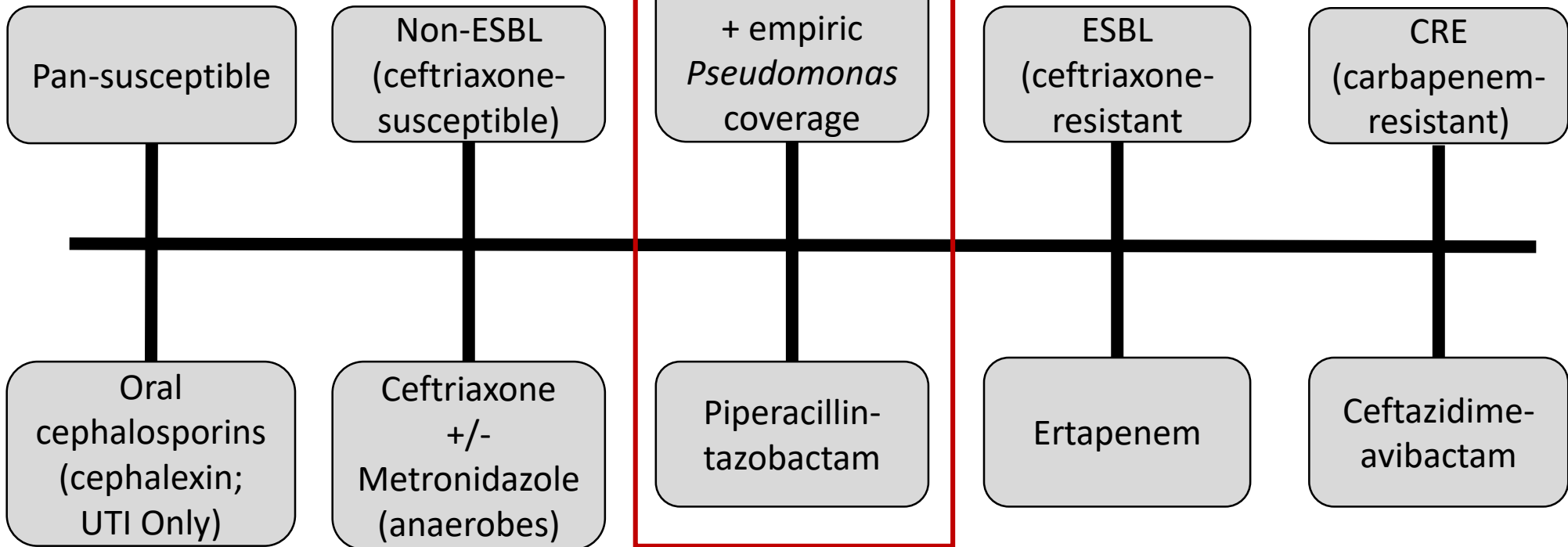
Gram-Negative Enteric organisms:

E. coli
Klebsiella pneumoniae
Proteus mirabilis

Common infections:
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Don't get stuck here!
No *Pseudomonas*?
No need for pip-tazo

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Pseudomonas aeruginosa

Common Infections:
HAP/VAP, CLABSI, hospital-acquired

Susceptible to first-line agents

Resistant to first-line agents

Cefepime 2g Q8h
Pip-tazo 4.5g Q8h
Meropenem 1-2g Q8h

DOSING MATTERS
Extending infusions help

Ceftolozane-tazobactam 3g Q8h

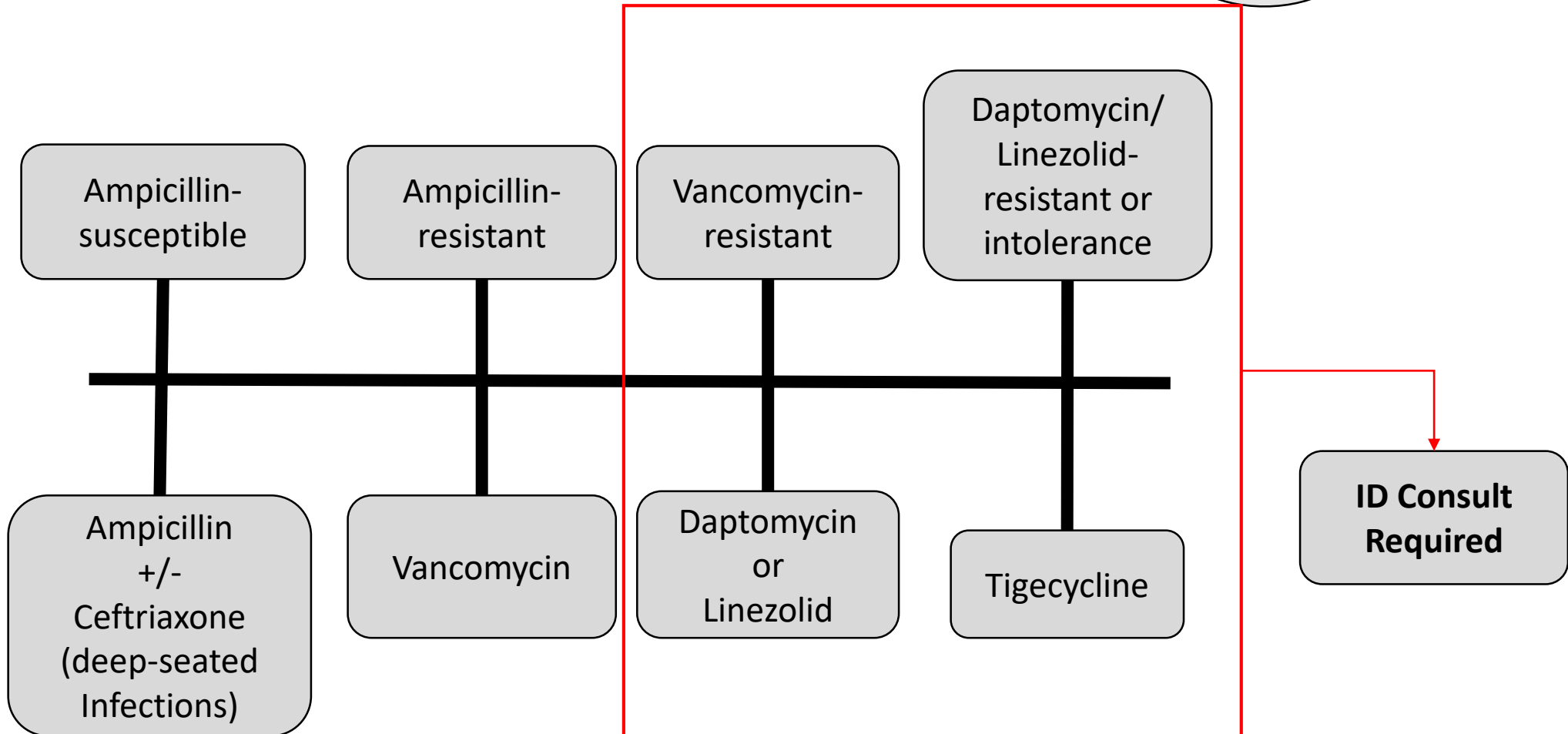
Pseudomonas susceptibility (ICU):

Cefepime – 71%
Pip-tazo – 66%
Meropenem – 69%

The Antibiotic Ladders

Enterococcus faecalis
Enterococcus faecium (more resistant)
Common infections:
Hepatobiliary, GI, CLABSI

Vancomycin-resistance:
E. faecium – **65%**
E. faecalis – **6%**



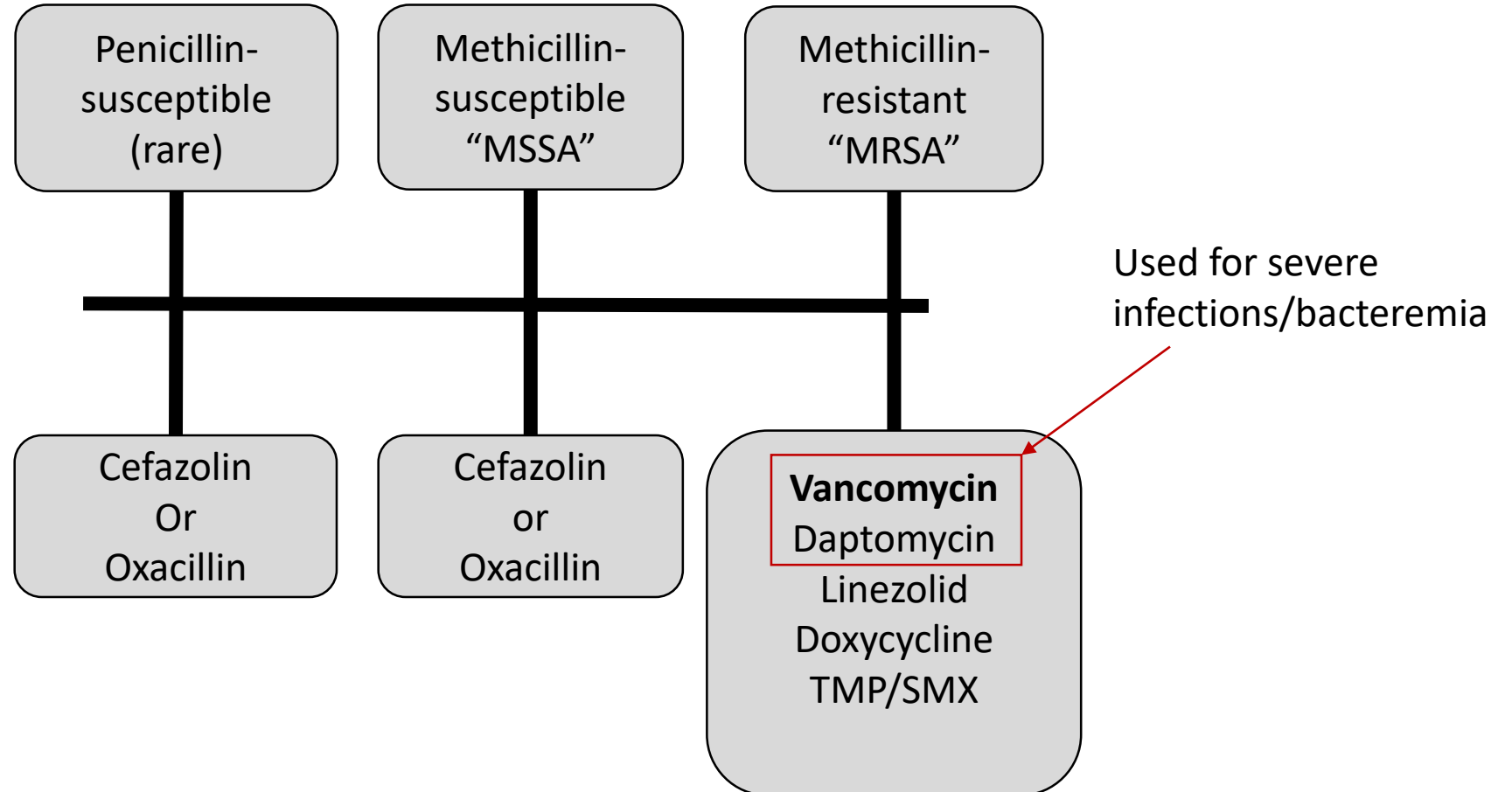
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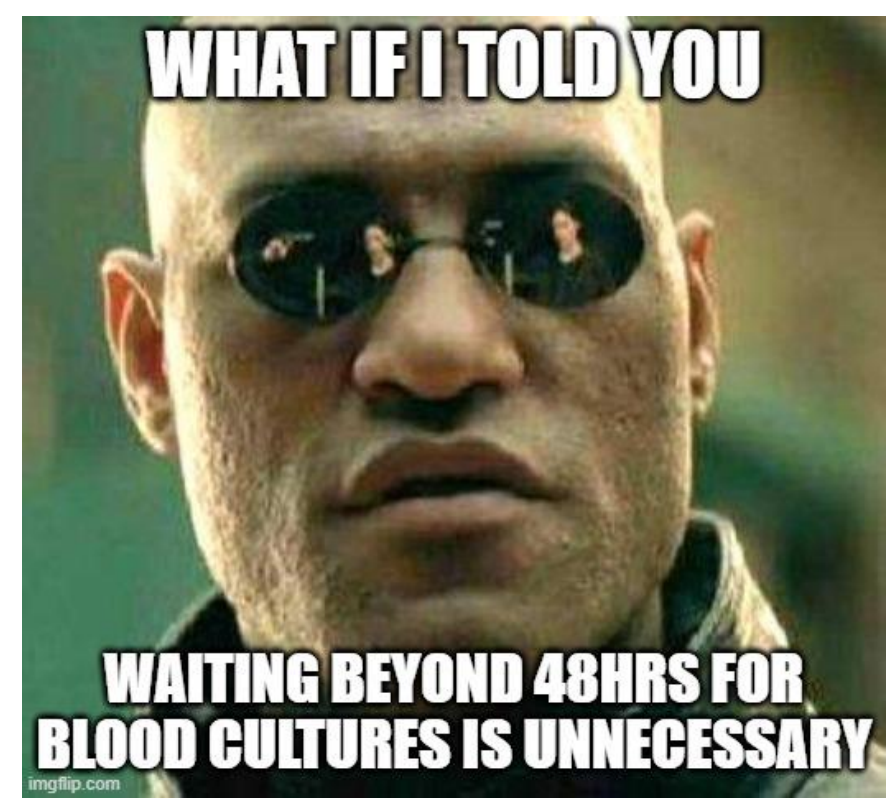
Staphylococcus aureus

Common infections:
Skin/soft tissue, CLABSI,
implanted hardware

Methicillin-Resistance:

All – 25%
Ward – 26.3%
ICU – 26.4%





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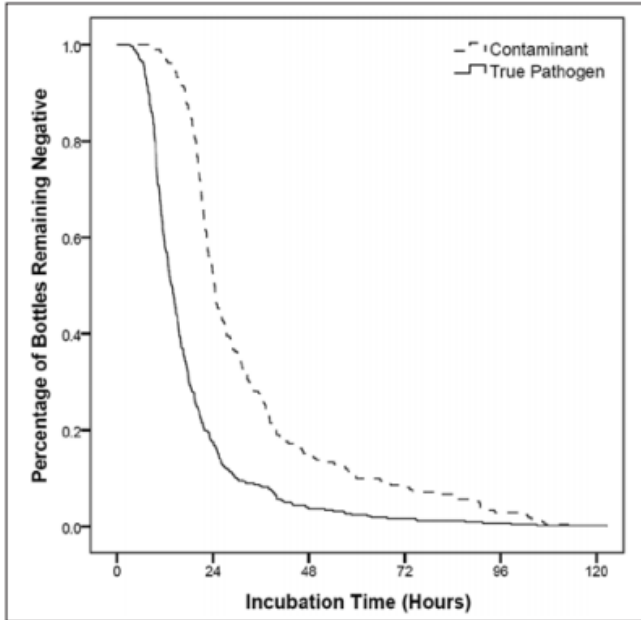


Figure 1. Kaplan-Meier plot of cultures positive for true pathogens and contaminants.

By 48 hours, 98% of aerobic Gram-positive and Gram-negative BSIs and 74% of anaerobic BSIs were detected.

NPV of 48h BCx = 99.8%

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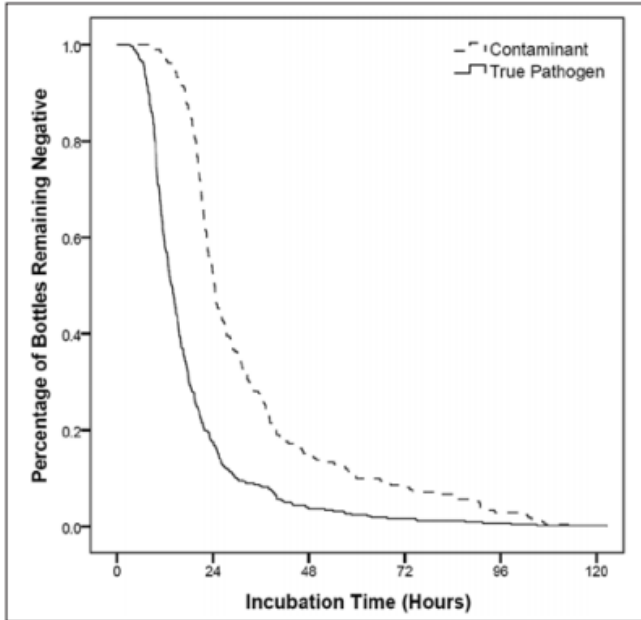
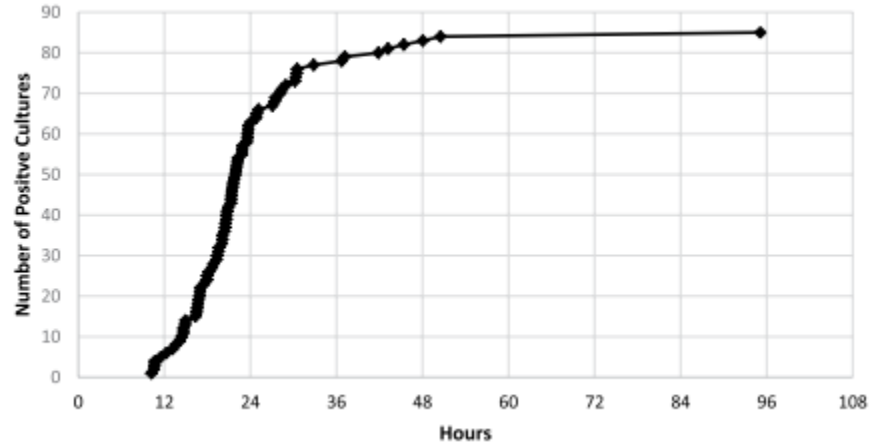


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Gram-positive cocci were identified within 48 hours in 97.6% of cases of MRSA bacteremia.

These findings may inform the timing of discontinuation of empirical vancomycin among critically ill adults.

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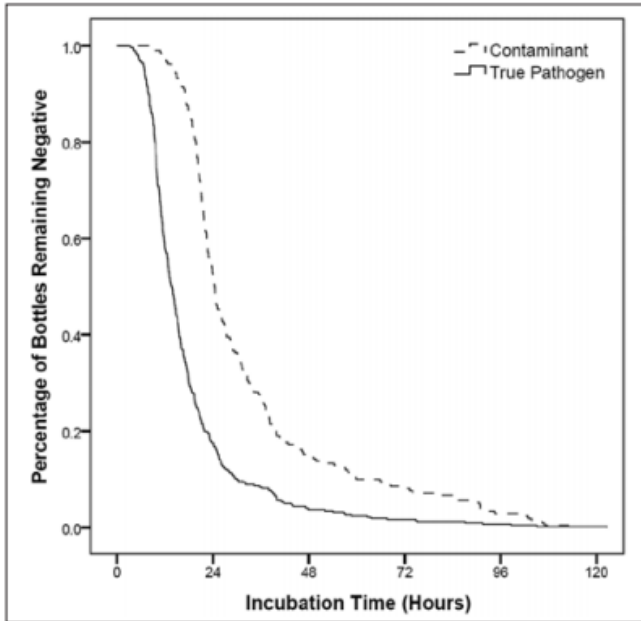
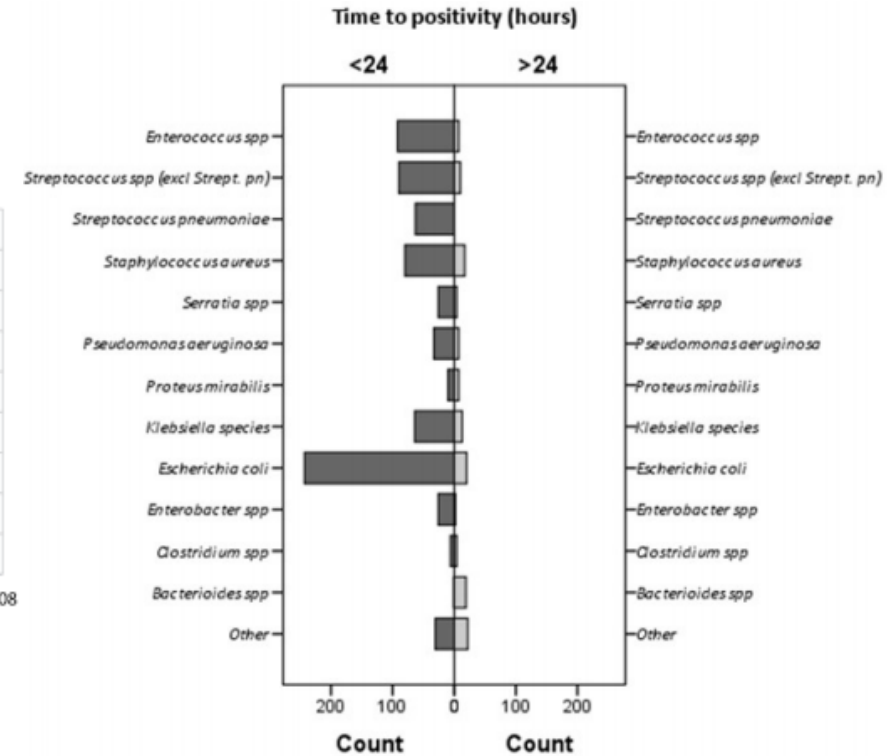
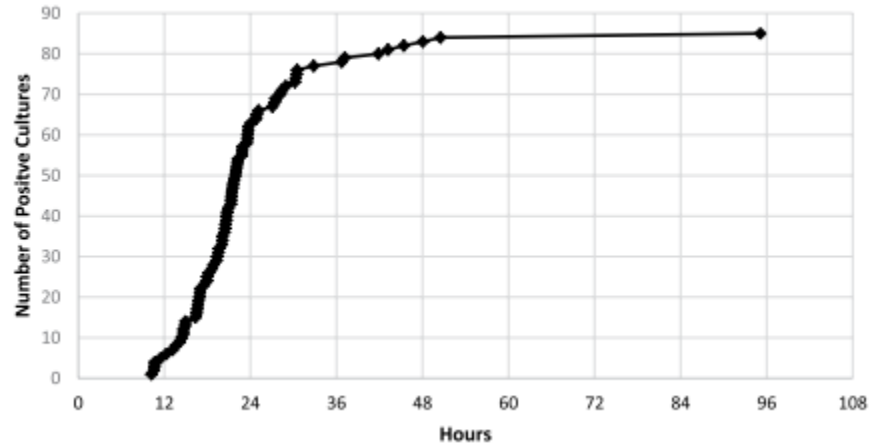


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The probability of positivity when blood cultures are negative after 24 hours is very low. Postponing reevaluation of the differential diagnosis, solely for pending blood culture results, is not rational at this time point. The source of infection was not a predictor of short versus prolonged TTP.

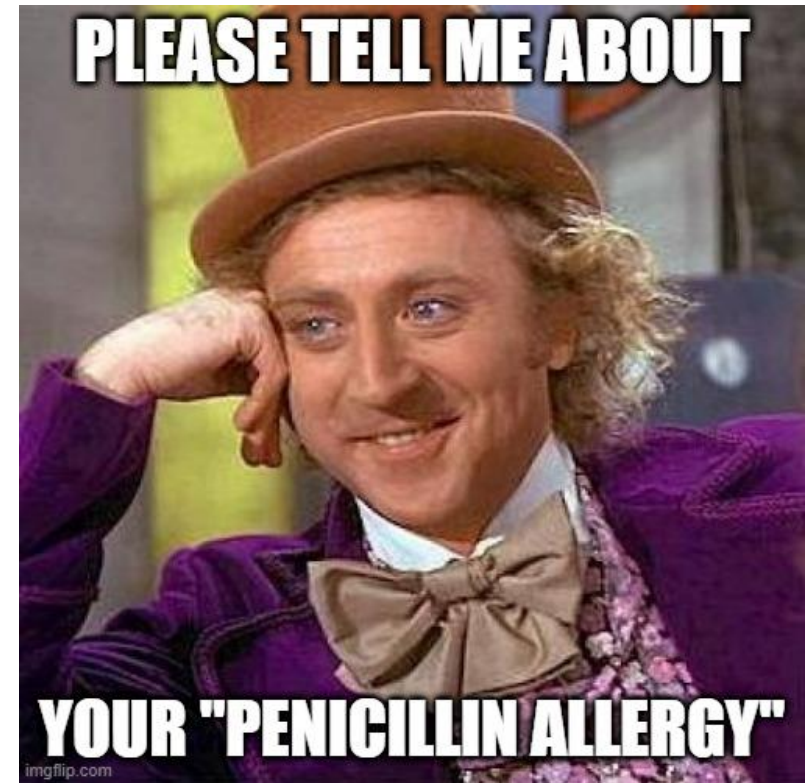
This probability is further decreased after 48 hours.

Re-Evaluate at 48 (hours) – Take Home

- Blood cultures that are negative at 48h are highly likely to remain negative
- Empiric anti-MRSA antibiotics (e.g. vancomycin) can be discontinued if no MRSA isolated if suspicion is low in clinically stable patients
 - For pneumonia, MRSA nares has high negative predictive value
- **If no resistant organisms are recovered, de-escalation should be considered in clinically stable patients**
 - See antibiotic ladders for appropriate de-escalation choices

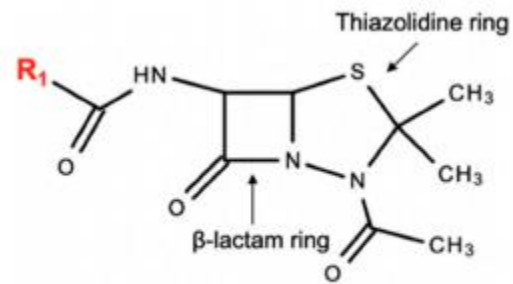
Beta-Lactam Allergies

Incidence and cross-reactivity mitigation

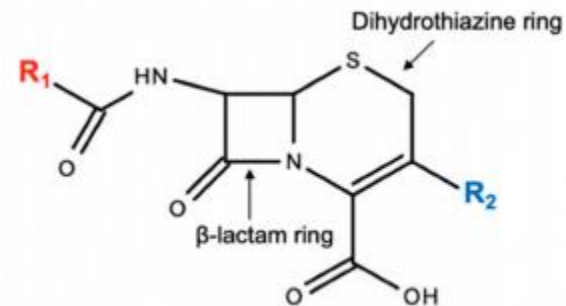


Background – Beta-Lactam Allergies

- 8% of U.S. population has a reported penicillin allergy
 - Only 1 in 20 patients with a reported penicillin allergy have an acute reaction to an oral challenge test (gold standard)
- 1% carries history of cephalosporin allergy
 - Previous belief of high cross-reactivity of cephalosporin and penicillin allergies
 - Now known to be side-chain driven



Penicillin Core Structure



Cephalosporin Core Structure

Side Chain Similarities

Beta-lactam Antibiotic Cross-Allergy Chart

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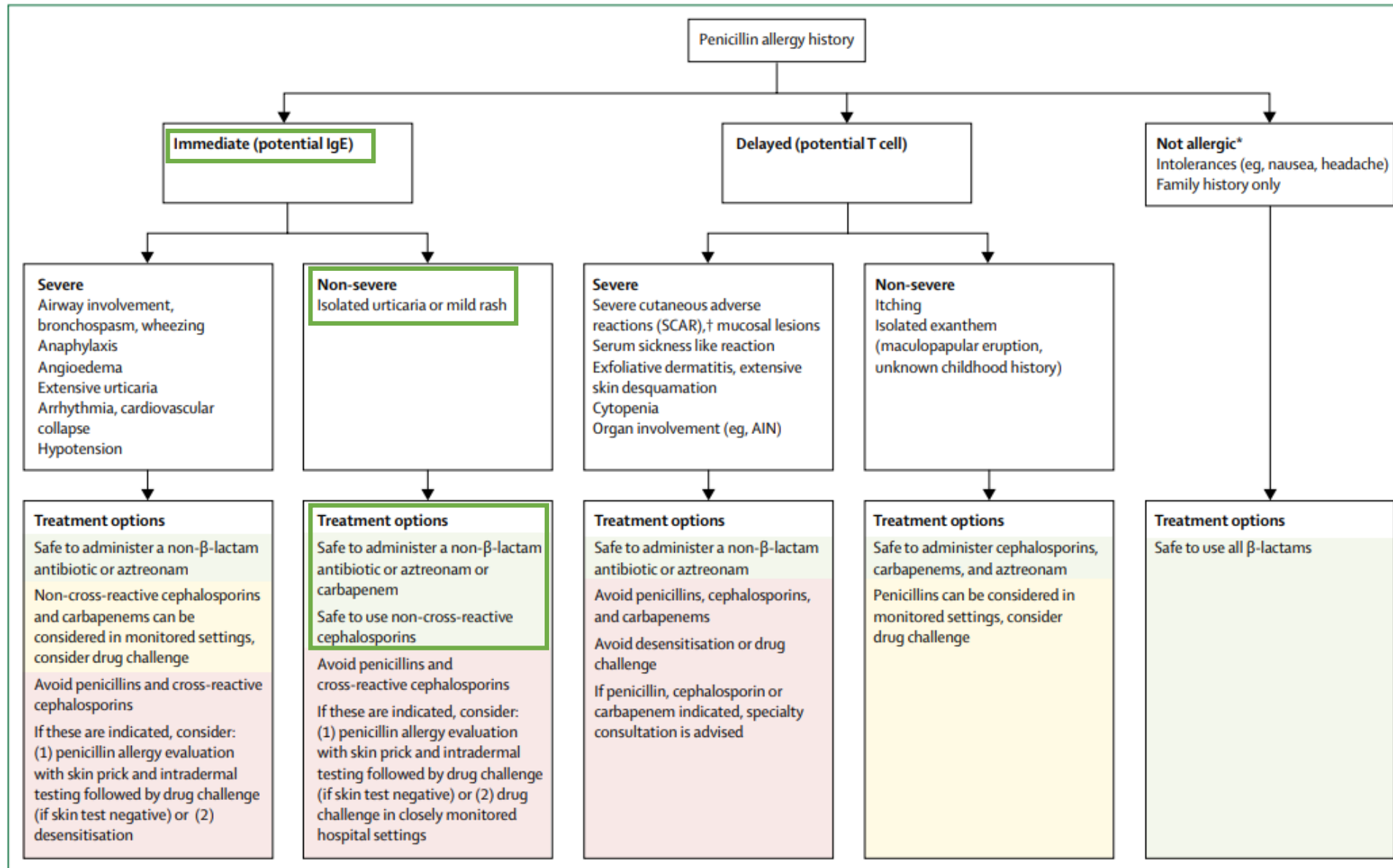
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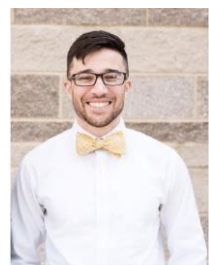


Final Thoughts

- **Most vancomycin is unnecessary**
 - Where needed, we can optimize dosing
 - MRSA nares helpful in ruling out MRSA pneumonia
- Extended infusions for beta-lactams improve clinical outcomes
- Majority of penicillin allergies are either false or no longer relevant
- Diminishing utility beyond 48hr on blood cultures
 - De-escalation benefits your current (and future) patients!

When to Call ID Pharmacy

- Dosing
- Antibiotic allergies (cross-reactivity, alternatives)
- Microbiology (new bugs, odd resistance)
- Renal (dys)function/AKI, CVVHD, IHD
- Antimicrobial toxicity concerns
- Nerd out about antibiotics



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