

# Infectious Diseases Potpourri

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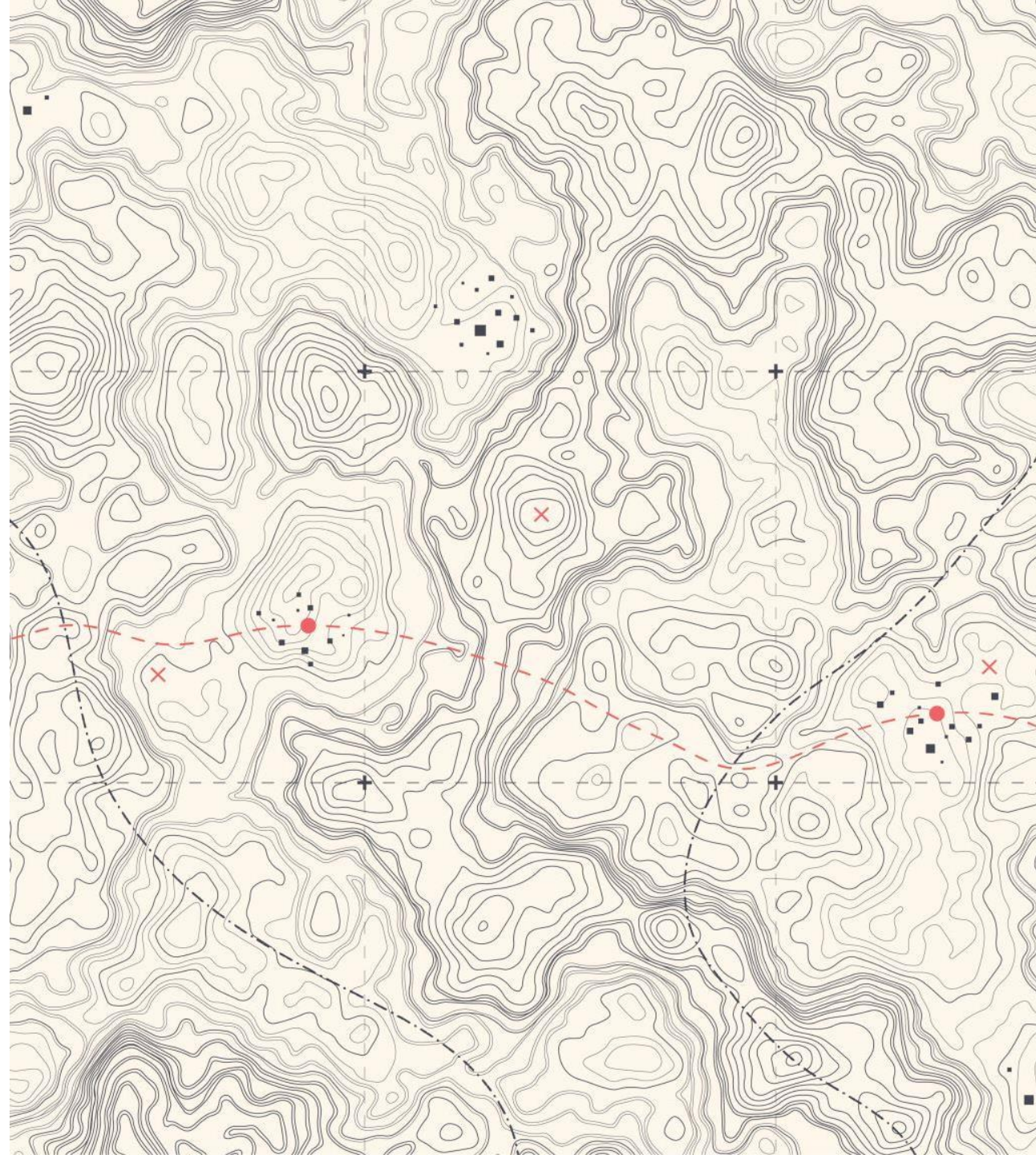
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# Map for Today

- Why think about antibiotic prescribing?
- Apply antibiotic stewardship principles to treating common bacterial infections
  - Upper respiratory infections
  - Community acquired pneumonia
  - Asymptomatic bacteriuria vs. urinary tract infections
  - Skin and soft tissue infections
- Vaccine updates (resp focus)



# Power of Antibiotics

Disease	Pre-Antibiotic Death Rate	Death With Antibiotics	Change in Death
Community Pneumonia <sup>1</sup>	~35%	~10%	<b>-25%</b>
Hospital Pneumonia <sup>2</sup>	~60%	~30%	<b>-30%</b>
Heart Infection <sup>3</sup>	~100%	~25%	<b>-75%</b>
GNB Bacteremia <sup>4</sup>	~80%	~10%	<b>-70%</b>
Brain Infection <sup>5</sup>	>80%	<20%	<b>-60%</b>
Skin Infection <sup>6</sup>	11%	<0.5%	<b>-10%</b>
By comparison...treatment of myocardial infarction with aspirin or fibrinolytic drugs <sup>6</sup>			<b>-3%</b>

<sup>1</sup>IDSA Position Paper '08 Clin Infect Dis 47(S3):S249-65; <sup>2</sup>IDSA/ACCP/ATS/SCCM Position Paper '10 Clin Infect Dis 51(S1):S150-70; <sup>3</sup>Kerr AJ. Subacute Bacterial Endocarditis. Springfield IL: Charles C. Thomas, 1955 & Lancet 1935 226:383-4; <sup>4</sup>Lancet '38 231:733-4 & Waring et al. '48 Am J Med 5:402-18; <sup>5</sup>Spellberg et al. '09 Clin Infect Dis 49:383-91 & Madsen '73 Infection 1:76-81; <sup>6</sup>88 Lancet 2:349-60; Spittel '54 Staff Proc Mayo Clin; Spittel '56 Ann Int Med 44:302-315; Hall & Gold '55 Arch Int Med 96:403-12

# Where Are We Now?

US: ABX Resistance Increased During and Post-COVID-19 Pandemic

[CDC – Special Report 2022](#)

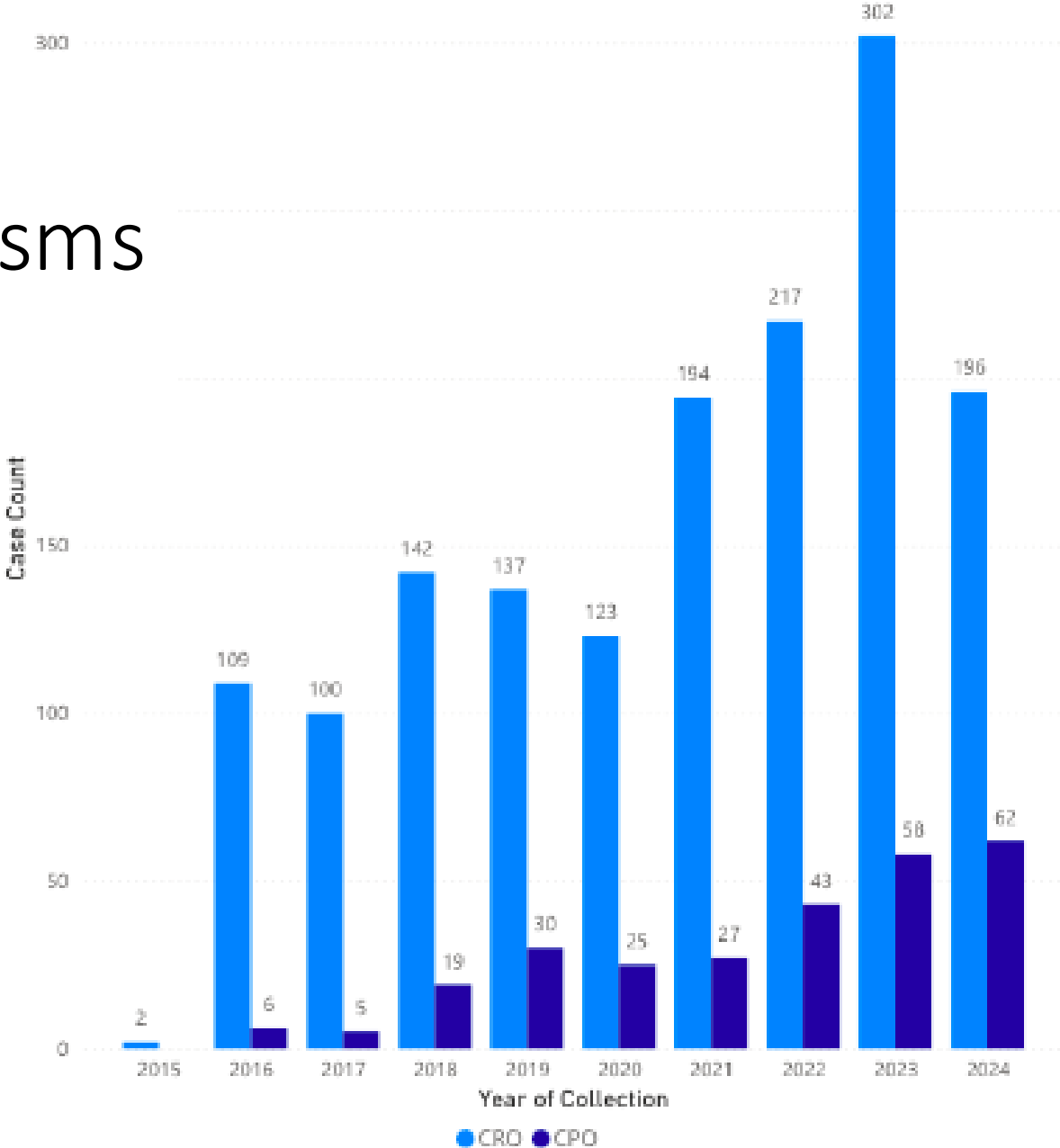


**Available data show an alarming increase in resistant infections starting during hospitalization, growing at least 15% from 2019 to 2020.**

- Carbapenem-resistant *Acinetobacter* (+78%)
- Antifungal-resistant *Candida auris* (+60%)\*
- Carbapenem-resistant Enterobacterales (+35%)
- Antifungal-resistant *Candida* (+26%)
- ESBL-producing Enterobacterales (+32%)
- Vancomycin-resistant Enterococcus (+14%)
- Multidrug-resistant *P. aeruginosa* (+32%)
- Methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* (+13%)

# Carbapenem Resistant Organisms in New Mexico by Year

[NM Dept of Health – Carbapenem Resistant Organisms](#)



# Day-to-Day Implications for AMR

- Oral ABX may not treat common infections
  - Hospital admissions, IV ABX, PICC lines
- Patients with post-operative infections that may not be treatable
- Advances such as solid organ transplant, immunosuppressive cancer treatments, and stem cell/bone marrow transplants will be impacted
- Patient morbidity, mortality, and length of hospital stay

# Case Presentation

- 53 y/o F with AML
- Admitted with neutropenic fever with sepsis from unknown source
- PICC line placed during previous admission
- Blood cultures yield an *E. coli*

# *E. coli* Blood Culture Isolate

Antibiotic Name	MIC (µg/mL)	Interpretation
Aztreonam	> 16	Resistant
Cefoxitin	> 32	Resistant
Ceftriaxone	> 32	Resistant
Ceftazidime		Resistant
Tobramycin		Resistant
Ciprofloxacin	> 2	Resistant
Ertapenem	> 4	Resistant
Meropenem	> 8	Resistant
Pip/tazo	> 64/4	Resistant
SMX/TMP	> 2/38	Resistant

**Carbapenem Resistant *E. coli* (CRE)  
+NDM gene**



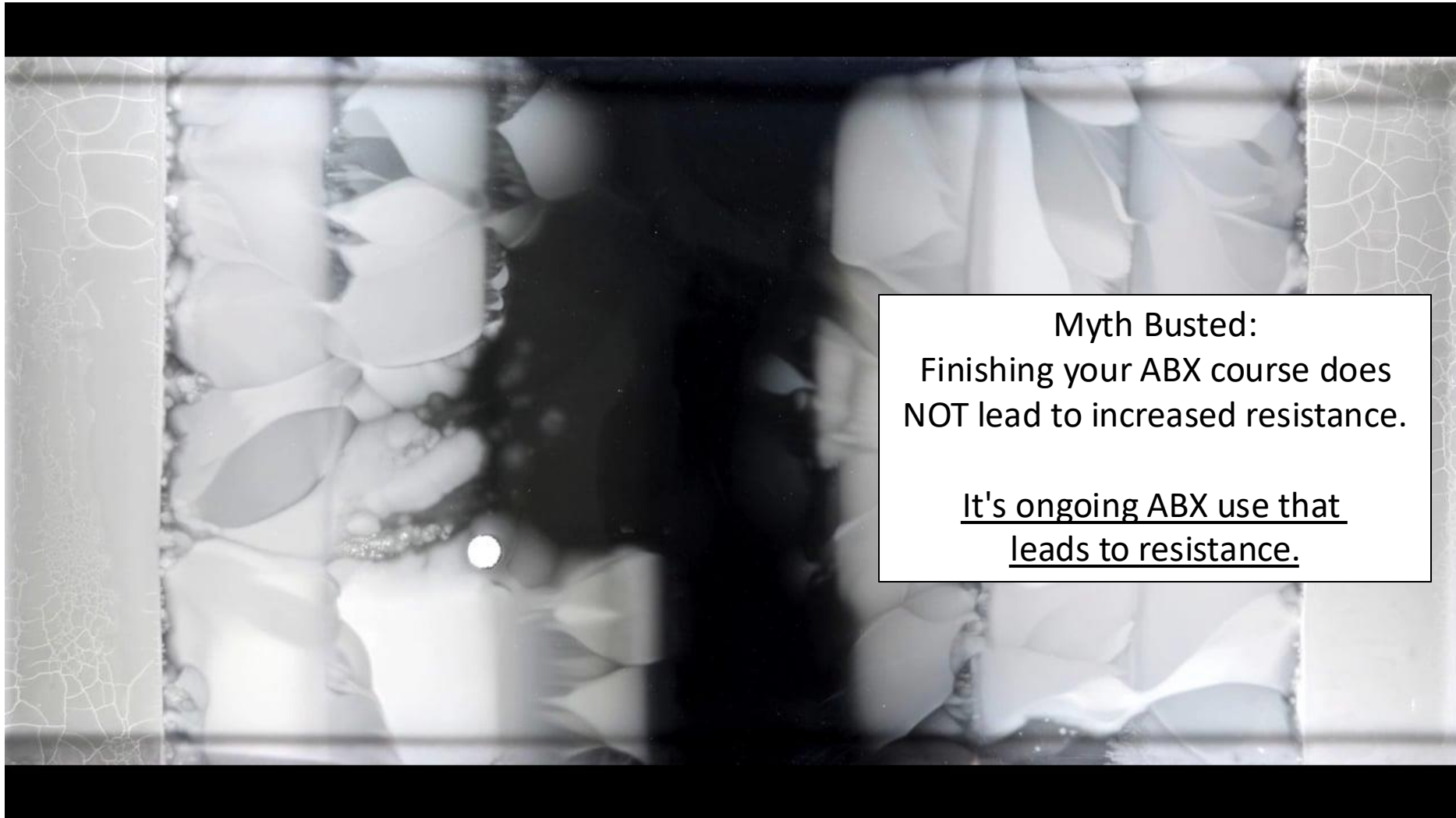
# CAUSES OF ANTIBIOTIC RESISTANCE



## Other Contributors

- Travel & population migrations
- Under-dosing of ABX
- Environmental sources of ABX resistance

# The Evolution of Bacteria on a “Mega-Plate” Petri Dish (Kishony Lab)

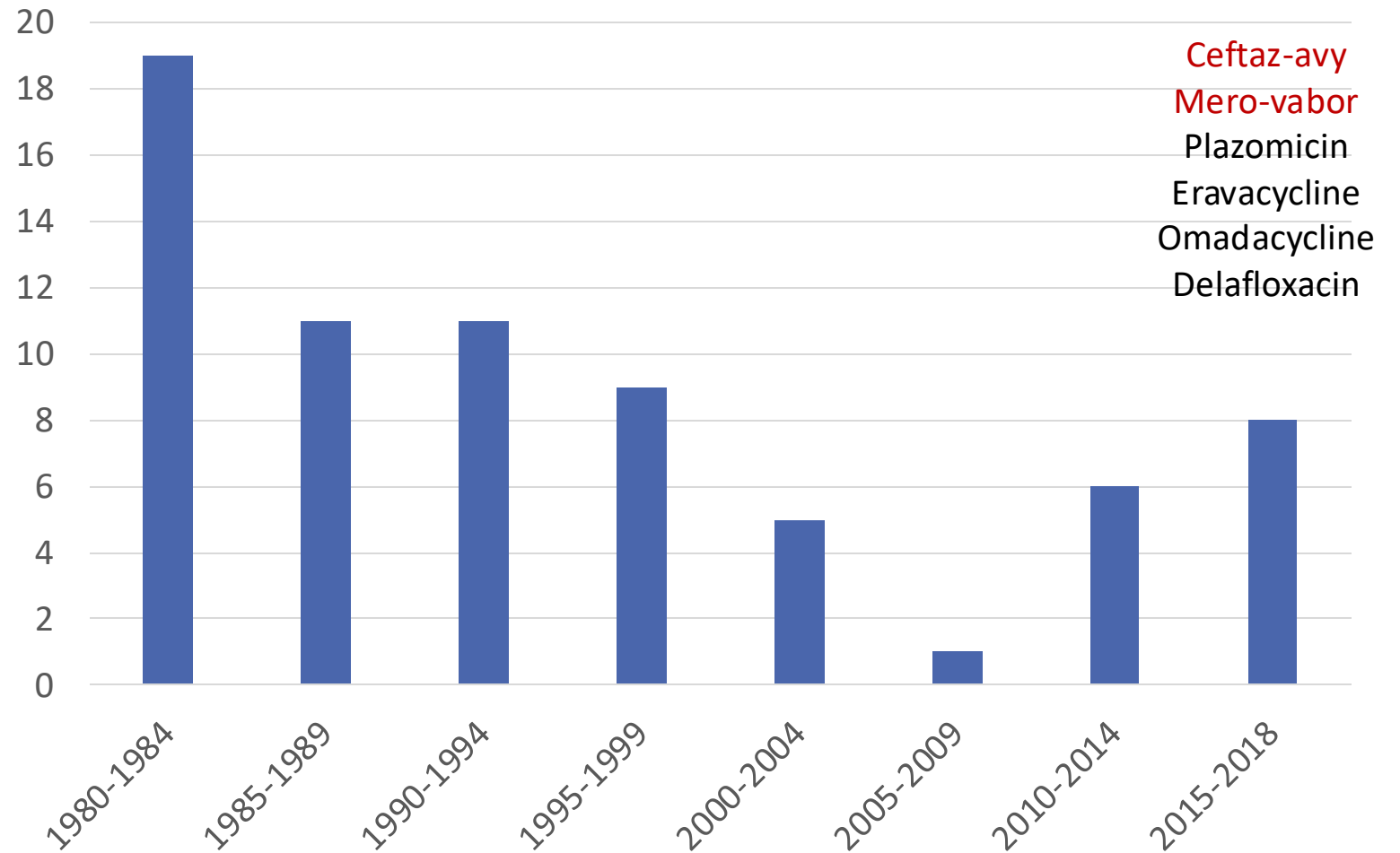


[YouTube Link](#)

# Antibiotic Pipeline

Fewer ABX now **and**  
Uncertain ongoing drug  
development

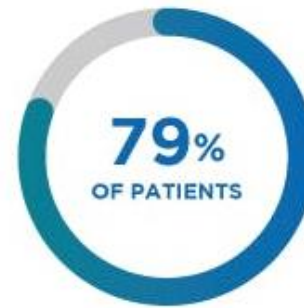
## FDA Antimicrobial Drug Approvals



**MORE THAN HALF OF  
ANTIBIOTIC PRESCRIBING  
FOR SELECTED EVENTS  
IN HOSPITALS  
WAS NOT  
CONSISTENT  
WITH  
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PRESCRIBING  
PRACTICES**



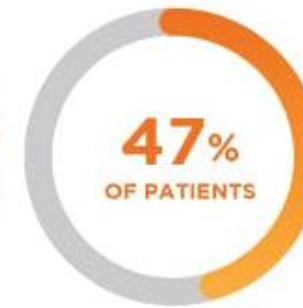
**ANTIBIOTIC PRESCRIBING WAS NOT SUPPORTED IN:**



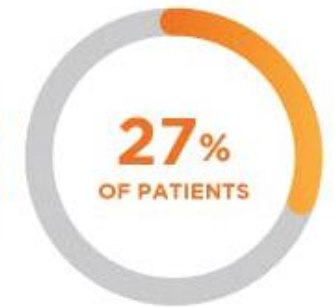
with community-acquired pneumonia



with urinary tract infections



prescribed fluoroquinolone treatment



prescribed intravenous vancomycin antibiotic

# What Can You Do?

## Rethinking Our Relationship with Antibiotics

Realize that antibiotics are not benign

- Short-term & long-term consequences

Use shorter courses. Often appropriate!

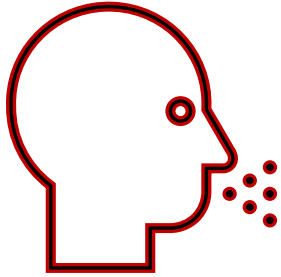
Limit using antibiotics as “Drugs of Fear”

Stop (or not starting) antibiotics when it's not a bacterial infection

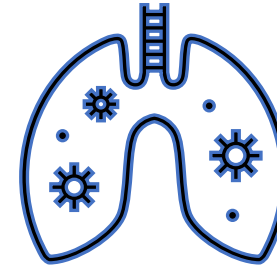
De-escalate ABX (narrowing, changing to orals). It's standard of care!

Antibiotic prophylaxis: prescribe for what's needed then STOP

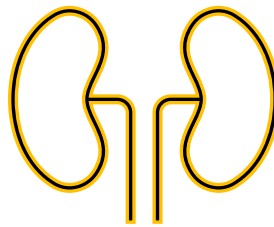
# Specific Infections



Upper Respiratory  
Infections



Lower Respiratory  
Infections



Urinary Tract Infections

# Can the Future of ID Escape the Inertial Dogma of Its Past? The Exemplars of Shorter Is Better and Oral Is the New IV

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**Table 2. Summary of Randomized Controlled Trials of Oral vs IV-Only Therapy**

Diagnosis	No. of RCTs Demonstrating IV > Oral	No. of RCTs Demonstrating Oral ≥ IV	References
Osteomyelitis	0	9 (all equal)	[103–111]
Bacteremia	0	10 (8 equal, 2 superior cure for oral)	[109, 112–120]
Endocarditis	0	3 (2 equal, 1 superior mortality for oral)	[121–123]

**Table 1. Summary of Shorter Is Better Randomized Controlled Trials**

Diagnosis	Short (d)	Long (d)	Result	No. of RCTs	Refs.
Community-acquired pneumonia	3–5	5–14	Equal	14	[32–45]
Atypical community-acquired pneumonia	1	3	Equal	1	[46]
Possible pneumonia in ICU	3	14–21	Equal	1	[47]
Ventilator-associated pneumonia	8	15	Equal	2	[48, 49]
Complicated UTI/pyelonephritis	5 or 7	10 or 14	Equal	9	[50–58]
Complicated intra-abdominal infection	4–8	10–15	Equal	2	[59, 60]
Gram-negative bacillus bacteremia	7	14	Equal	3	[61–63]
Cellulitis/wound/abscess	5–6	10	Equal	4	[64–67]
Osteomyelitis	42	84	Equal	2	[68, 69]
Osteomyelitis s/P implant removal	28	42	Equal	1	[70]
Diabetic osteomyelitis s/P Debridement	10–21	42–90	Equal	2	[71, 72]
Septic arthritis	14	28	Equal	1	[73]
Acute exacerbations of bronchitis and sinusitis	≤5	≥7	Equal	>25	[74–81]
Neutropenic fever	AFx72 h/3d	ANC > 500/9d	Equal	2	[82, 83]
Perioperative prophylaxis	0–1	1–5	Equal	56	[84–88]
<i>Plasmodium vivax</i> malaria	7	14	Equal	1	[89]
Erythema migrans (Lyme disease)	7	14	Equal	1	[90]

Abbreviations: ANC, absolute neutrophil count; d, day; h, hour; ICU, intensive care unit; RCT, randomized controlled trial; Refs., references; UTI, urinary tract infection.



# Acute Rhinosinusitis

## Viral Rhinosinusitis

Viruses account for 90-98% of all cases of rhinosinusitis

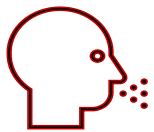
Do not require antibiotics for treatment

Common organisms: rhinovirus, adenovirus, influenza virus, and parainfluenza virus

## Bacterial Rhinosinusitis

Rare; prevalence of a bacterial infection during acute rhinosinusitis is 2–10%

Common organisms: *Streptococcus pneumoniae*, *Haemophilus influenzae*, and *Moraxella catarrhalis*



# Acute Rhinosinusitis

Concern for acute bacterial rhinosinusitis should occur if:

## PERSISTENCE

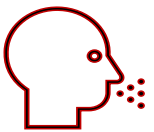
Symptoms persist  $\geq 10$  days after start of URI

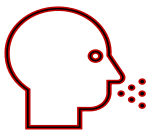
## SEVERE

URI onset with high fever ( $\geq 39^{\circ}\text{C}$  [ $102^{\circ}\text{F}$ ]) **AND** purulent nasal discharge or facial pain for at least 3-4 consecutive days

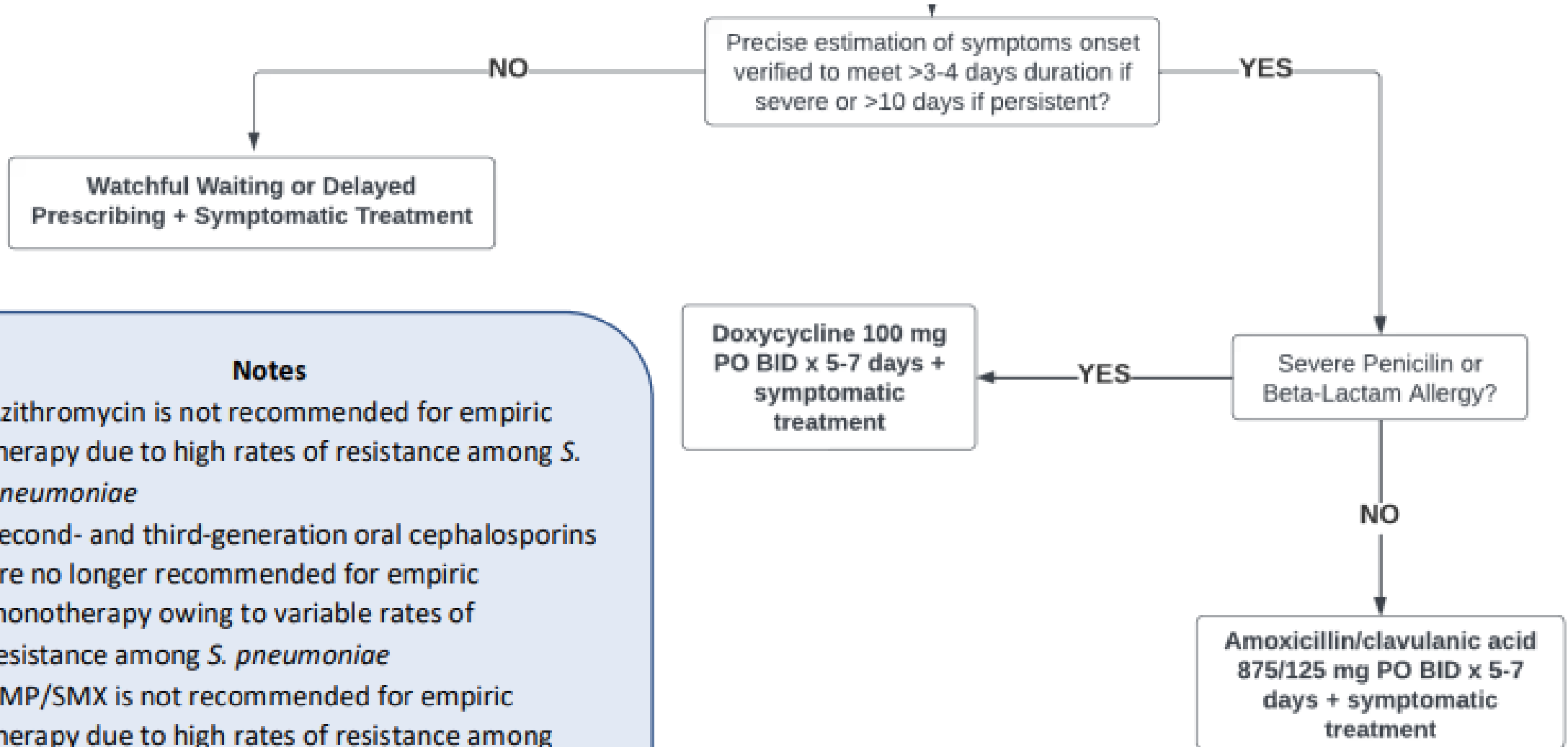
## DOUBLE-SICKENING

Initial improvement followed by worsening of symptoms



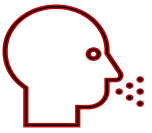


Upper  
Respiratory  
Infections



**Notes**

- Azithromycin is not recommended for empiric therapy due to high rates of resistance among *S. pneumoniae*
- Second- and third-generation oral cephalosporins are no longer recommended for empiric monotherapy owing to variable rates of resistance among *S. pneumoniae*
- TMP/SMX is not recommended for empiric therapy due to high rates of resistance among both *S. pneumoniae* and *H. influenzae*



# Beta Lactams >> Respiratory FQs

**Table 8. Efficacy of Fluoroquinolones Compared to a  $\beta$ -Lactam for the Treatment of Acute Bacterial Rhinosinusitis**

Outcomes	Illustrative Comparative Risks <sup>a</sup> (95% CI)		Relative Effect, OR (95% CI)	No of Participants (No. of Studies)	Quality of the Evidence (GRADE)	Reference
	Assumed Risk	Corresponding Risk				
Clinical response follow-up: 10–31 days	$\beta$ -Lactam	FQ	1.09 (.85–1.39)	2133 (5 studies)	$\oplus \oplus \oplus \ominus$ moderate <sup>b,c,d,e</sup>	Karageorgopoulos et al [115]
	861 per 1000	871 per 1000 (840–896)				

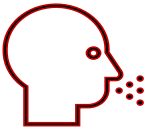
8 RCTs where BLs were non-inferior to Resp FQs

1

Higher *C difficile* risk

2

Black Box Warnings on FQs: QTc prolongation, tendon rupture, AA rupture, hypoglycemic coma



Upper  
Respiratory  
Infections

# No ABX for Acute Bronchitis!!!

## Make sure to rule out

- Pneumonia
- Asthma
- Influenza
- COVID-19 infection
- Pertussis
- Acute exacerbations of chronic bronchitis

Dialogue Around  
Respiratory Illness Treatment  
([Link](#))



**Bronchitis is viral** – no role for ABX

Resources

[To Post](#)

[For Patients](#)

[Symptom Relief for Viral Illnesses](#) ("Prescription Pad")

# Viruses or Bacteria What's got you sick?



Common Respiratory Infections	Common Cause			Are Antibiotics Needed?
	Virus	Virus or Bacteria	Bacteria	
Common cold/runny nose	✓			No
Sore throat (except strep)	✓			No
COVID-19	✓			No
Flu	✓			No
Bronchitis/chest cold (in otherwise healthy children and adults)*		✓		No*
Middle ear infection		✓		Maybe
Sinus infection		✓		Maybe
Strep throat			✓	Yes
Whooping cough			✓	Yes

\* Studies show that in otherwise healthy children and adults, antibiotics for bronchitis won't help patients feel better.

To learn more about antibiotic prescribing and use, visit [www.cdc.gov/antibiotic-use](http://www.cdc.gov/antibiotic-use).



## Upper Respiratory Infections

# Symptom Relief for Viral Illnesses



## 1. DIAGNOSIS

- Cold or cough
- Middle ear fluid (Otitis Media with Effusion, OME)
- Flu
- Viral sore throat
- Bronchitis
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

You have been diagnosed with an illness caused by a virus. Antibiotics do not work on viruses. When antibiotics aren't needed, they won't help you, and the side effects could still hurt you. The treatments prescribed below will help you feel better while your body fights off the virus.

## 3. SPECIFIC MEDICINES

- Fever or aches: \_\_\_\_\_
- Ear pain: \_\_\_\_\_
- Sore throat and congestion: \_\_\_\_\_

Use medicines according to the package instructions or as directed by your healthcare professional. Stop the medication when the symptoms get better.

## 2. GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

- Drink extra water and fluids.
- Use a cool mist vaporizer or saline nasal spray to relieve congestion.
- For sore throats in older children and adults, use ice chips, sore throat spray, or lozenges.
- Use honey to relieve cough. Do not give honey to an infant younger than 1.

## 4. FOLLOW UP

- If not improved in \_\_\_\_\_ days/hours, if new symptoms occur, or if you have other concerns, please call or return to the office for a recheck.
- Phone: \_\_\_\_\_
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

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# Case

- 65 y/o M with HTN, CAD who presented with 3 days of congestion, fever, sore throat and mild shortness of breath with exertion
- Temp: 38.1°C P 90 BP 125/80 O<sub>2</sub> Sat: 93%
- Gen: alert, oriented
- HEENT: +mild pharyngitis, no tonsillar exudates
- Neck: no stiffness, full ROM
- Lungs: no tachypnea, speaking in full sentences, no rales
- Heart: mild tachycardia, no m/r/g
- Ext: no LE edema, 1+ pulses bilat UE/LE



- Adenovirus
- Coronavirus (229E, HKU1, NL63, OC43)
- SARS-CoV-2
- Metapneumovirus
- Rhinovirus/Enterovirus
- Influenza A (including H1N1, H1N1-2009, H3N2)
- Influenza B
- Parainfluenza (1-4)
- Respiratory Syncytial Virus (A and B)
- *Chlamydia pneumoniae* (bacteria)
- *Mycoplasma pneumoniae* (bacteria)

Which  
Infections?

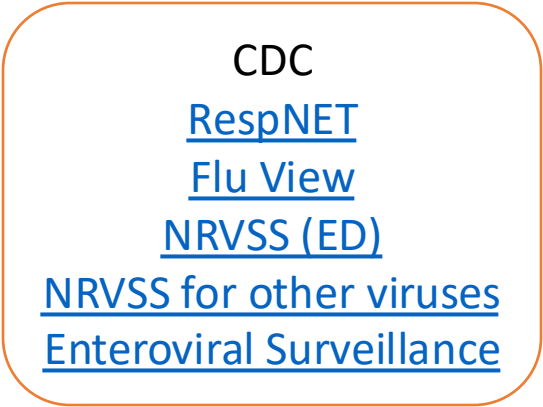
# Resources for Current Resp Viral Activity in NM and U.S.



TriCore  
[Resp Viral Data](#)



NM DOH  
[Influenza/Resp Viral Dashboard](#)



CDC  
[RespNET](#)  
[Flu View](#)  
[NRVSS \(ED\)](#)  
[NRVSS for other viruses](#)  
[Enteroviral Surveillance](#)

# Case Continued

- Point of Care returns with positive result for COVID-19
- Current medications include:
  - Atorvastatin
  - Lisinopril
  - Metoprolol
  - ASA 81mg
  - Multivitamin

# COVID-19 Treatment – Who?

Patients at Higher Risk for Disease Progression	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• &gt; 65 years old</li><li>• Asthma</li><li>• Cancer</li><li>• Cerebrovascular disease</li><li>• Chronic kidney disease</li><li>• Chronic lung disease</li><li>• Chronic liver disease</li><li>• Cystic fibrosis</li><li>• Diabetes mellitus, type 1 and type 2</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Physical or Cognitive Disabilities</li><li>• Heart disease</li><li>• Immunosuppressive conditions or medications</li><li>• Mental health disorders</li><li>• Dementia</li><li>• Obesity (BMI <math>\geq 30</math> kg/m<sup>2</sup> or <math>\geq 95</math>th percentile in children)</li><li>• Pregnancy and recent pregnancy</li><li>• Physical inactivity</li><li>• Smoking, current and former</li></ul>

IDSA and NIH Guidelines

NOTE: Last update by NIH was issued this year (2024)

# Current Recommendations with Evidence

<u>NIH</u>		<u>IDSA</u>	
Medication	Recommendation/ Evidence	Medication	Recommendation/ Evidence
Nirmatrelavir/Ritonavir (Paxlovid)	AIIa (Strong, Mod)	Nirmatrelavir/Ritonavir (Paxlovid)	Conditional, Low Certainty
Remdesivir	BIIa (Mod, Mod)	Remdesivir	Conditional, Low Certainty
Molnupiravir	CIIa (Weak, Mod)	Molnupiravir (with NO other treatment options)	Conditional, Low Certainty
High titer COVID Convalescent Plasma (Immunocompromised)	Equipoise	High titer COVID Convalescent Plasma (with NO other treatment options)	Conditional, Low Certainty

# Treatment Duration

**3 days**

Remdesivir (IV)

**5 days**

Paxlovid

Molnupiravir

No data on combination therapy

# Other Drug Considerations

Outpatient COVID-19 Treatment Recommendations			
Therapeutic	Dosing/Duration	Baseline Labs	Contraindications and Precautions
<b>THERAPY SHOULD BE INITIATED WITHIN 5 DAYS OF SYMPTOM ONSET</b>			
<p><b>Paxlovid*</b> (Nirmatrelvir/Ritonavir)</p> <p><a href="#">Link to EUA for providers</a></p> <p>Under EUA for <b>pediatric patients</b> who are 12 yrs. or older who weigh more than 40kg (88lbs)</p>	<p><b>Standard Dosing</b> Nirmatrelvir 300mg / Ritonavir 100mg by mouth every 12 hours</p> <p><b>Tablets:</b> 3 total per dose (6 per day) <b>Duration:</b> 5 days</p> <p><b>Moderate Renal impairment Dosing</b> For eGFR <math>\geq 30</math> to <math>&lt; 60</math> mL/min: 50% dose reduction of nirmatrelvir component (1 tab instead of 2)</p>	<p>Consider LFTs, if underlying liver disease</p> <p>Reassessment of renal function depends upon clinical judgement regarding stability of underlying renal disease</p>	<p><b>Contraindications</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Severe renal impairment (eGFR <math>&lt; 30</math> mL/min)</li> <li>- Severe hepatic impairment (Child-Pugh Class C)</li> <li>- Uncontrolled HIV infection (risk for developing resistance to ritonavir)</li> </ul> <p><b>Precautions</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <a href="#">How to manage drug-drug interactions</a> (IDSA Guidance, 5/2022)</li> <li>- Ritonavir impacts drugs dependent on CYP3A for clearance and some of potent CYP3A inducers.</li> <li>- <b>For Pregnant Women:</b> Recommend shared decision-making with patient. <b>For questions, discuss with Maternal Fetal Medicine</b></li> <li>- <b>For Breastfeeding Women:</b> Recommend shared decision-making. Nirmatrelvir crosses into breastmilk; outcomes data limited to animal studies.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Molnupiravir*</b></p> <p><a href="#">Link to EUA for providers</a></p>	<p>Molnupiravir 800mg by mouth every 12 hours <b>Duration:</b> 5 days</p>	<p>Consider pregnancy test for women of childbearing age</p>	<p>Molnupiravir is generally not recommended for use during pregnancy but if there are no other alternatives, <b>please consult Maternal-Fetal Medicine (MFM) regarding its use in pregnant patients.</b></p> <p><b>Precautions</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Breastfeeding: not recommended during treatment and for 4 days after the last dose.</li> <li>- <b>Counseling and documentation requirements for prescribers</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o <b>Females of childbearing potential:</b> counsel to use effective contraception for duration of treatment through 4 days after last dose.</li> <li>o <b>Males if sexually active + childbearing potential:</b> contraception advised during treatment and for 3 months after last dose.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>Corticosteroids</b>	<b>If used:</b> Dexamethasone 6 mg PO x 10 days or until hypoxia resolves	None	Oral or inhaled steroids are generally NOT recommended for outpatient COVID-19 infection treatment

# Paxlovid – Drug-Drug Interactions



[Link to Liverpool interaction checker](#)

## Management of Drug Interactions With Nirmatrelvir/Ritonavir (Paxlovid®): Resource for Clinicians

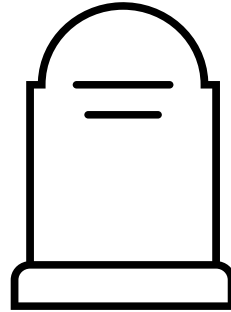


IDSA COVID-19 TREATMENT AND MANAGEMENT GUIDELINE PANEL ON BEHALF OF  
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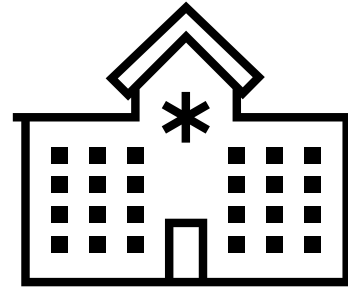
[Link with the HOW TO from IDSA](#)



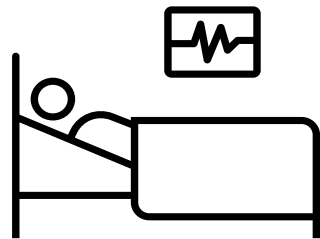
# Impact of Nirmatrelvir/Ritonavir?



All-cause mortality may be lower in ambulatory patients  
(RR: 0.04 [95% CI: 0.00 - 0.69])



Fewer hospitalizations  
(RR: 0.12 [CI 0.06, 0.26])



All-cause mortality may be lower among hospitalized patient  
(RR: 0.63 [CI 0.21, 1.86])

No impact on mech vent or LOS

Omicron?  
Vaccination/Infection Hx?

# Influenza Treatment – Who?

- A. Antiviral treatment is recommended as early as possible for any patient with confirmed or suspected influenza who have severe, complicated, or progressive illness or is at higher risk for influenza complications

**Table 2. Persons at high risk for influenza complications**

- Age < 2 years or ≥ 65 years
- Chronic pulmonary disease, including asthma
- Hemodynamically significant cardiac disease, excluding hypertension alone
- Immune comprised (e.g., patients with HIV or those on immunosuppressive therapy)
- Hematological disorders, including sickle cell anemia
- Renal or hepatic dysfunction
- Metabolic dysfunction, including diabetes mellitus
- Neuromuscular disorders, seizure disorders, residual of CVA, or cognitive dysfunction that may compromise handling of respiratory secretions
- Pregnancy (all trimesters), or post-partum (within 2 weeks after delivery)
- Long-term aspirin or salicylate-containing therapy in persons < 19 years of age
- American Indians or Alaska Natives
- Morbidly obese patients (BMI ≥ 40)
- Residents of nursing homes or other chronic care facilities

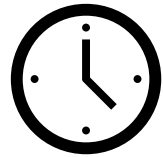
# Influenza Treatment – With What?

## Oseltamivir

**Table 3. Adult Influenza Treatment and Chemoprophylaxis (>13 year of age) - Oseltamivir**

<b>Renal Function (CrCl)</b>	<b>Treatment Duration = 5 days</b>	<b>Chemoprophylaxis Duration = 7 days</b>
<b>≥60 mL/min</b>	75 mg twice daily	75 mg once daily
<b>&gt;30 to &lt;60 mL/min</b>	75 mg × 1 dose, then 30 mg twice daily	30 mg once daily
<b>&gt;10 to 30 mL/min</b>	30 mg once daily	30 mg every other day
<b>≤10 mL/min or Hemodialysis</b>	30 mg every other day (post-HD)	30 mg once weekly
<b>Peritoneal Dialysis</b>	Single dose of 75 mg	30 mg immediately, then 30 mg administered after dialysis exchange once weekly

# Influenza Treatment – Timing? Duration?



**Best impact within 48  
hours of symptom onset**



**5 days**  
**No evidence for extending duration even  
in immunocompromised or ICU patients**

# What other Antivirals Exist for Flu?

**Baloxavir**

Oral  
1 dose

Outpatient

Contraindications:  
Immunocompromised hosts

**Zanamavir**

Inhaled  
BID x 5 days

Outpatient

Contraindications:  
Asthma, COPD  
Not for severe influenza

**Peramivir**

IV  
1 dose

Inpatient

Only for patients who cannot  
tolerate oral or inhaled agents

How Common Are Coinfections?

# Not Frequent: Bacterial Coinfections with Respiratory Viral Infections

- Among patients hospitalized with COVID-19 Infection, **only 3 – 5%** with bacterial coinfection ([Link](#))
- YET: 70% of patients with COVID-19 infection received at least 1 dose of ABX during hospitalization ([Link](#))
- Influenza with bacterial coinfection ([Link](#))
  - 0.5% (healthy young individuals)
  - Up to 2.5% (older individuals and those with predisposing conditions)

**Take home point:** Bacterial coinfections NOT common and typically present with more severe illness

# Community Acquired Pneumonia (CAP)

*Streptococcus pneumoniae*

*Haemophilus influenzae*

Respiratory viruses (e.g., influenza, COVID-19)

Atypical pathogens (e.g., *Chlamydomphila pneumoniae*, *Mycoplasma pneumoniae*)

**Table 1: CAP Pathogens Associated with Certain Conditions**

<b>Alcoholism</b>	<i>S. pneumoniae</i> , oral anaerobes (aspiration), <i>Klebsiella pneumoniae</i>
<b>COPD and/or smoking</b>	<i>S. pneumoniae</i> , <i>H. influenzae</i> , <i>Moraxella catarrhalis</i> , <i>C. pneumoniae</i> , <i>Legionella</i> species, <i>Pseudomonas aeruginosa</i>
<b>HIV infection</b>	<i>S. pneumoniae</i> , <i>H. influenzae</i> , <i>M. pneumoniae</i> , <i>P. aeruginosa</i> , fungal species, atypical pathogens, <i>Pneumocystis jirovecii</i>
<b>Active influenza infection</b>	Influenza, <i>S. pneumoniae</i> , <i>H. influenzae</i> , <i>Staphylococcus aureus</i>



# How Do You Treat CAP?

ABX and Duration?

# CAP Treatment

Standard Regimen	
No comorbidities or risk factors for MRSA or <i>Pseudomonas aeruginosa</i> *	Amoxicillin or doxycycline or macrolide (if local pneumococcal resistance is <25%) <sup>†</sup>
With comorbidities <sup>‡</sup>	Combination therapy with amoxicillin/clavulanate or cephalosporin AND macrolide or doxycycline <sup>§</sup> OR monotherapy with respiratory fluoroquinolone <sup>  </sup>

No Less than  
5 Days of Therapy

Guided by:

- Clinical stability (resolution vital abnormalities)
- Ability to eat
- Normal mentation

**Strong recommendation, moderate quality of evidence**

# When Worry About Asymptomatic Bacteriuria?

*Clinical Infectious Diseases*

**IDSA FEATURES**



## Clinical Practice Guideline for the Management of Asymptomatic Bacteriuria: 2019 Update by the Infectious Diseases Society of America<sup>a</sup>

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# What IS Asymptomatic Bacteriuria?

- $\geq 10^5$  CFUs/mL of  $\geq 1$  or more bacteria in urine culture
- **No signs/symptoms of UTI**
  - No dysuria
  - No urinary frequency
  - No urgency
  - No fever
  - No flank pain/CVA tenderness

# Screening & Treating Asymptomatic Bacteriuria

<b>Advised</b>	<b>Not advised</b>	<b>No guidance</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Pregnant women</li><li>• Rarely in renal transplant patients</li><li>• Endoscopic urologic procedures associated with mucosal trauma</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Patients with organ transplants other than kidney</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Patients with high risk neutropenia</li><li>• Patients on biologic agents</li></ul>

# Urinalysis Interpretation

**Table 2. Urinalysis (UA) Interpretation<sup>3,4</sup>**

UA Component	Normal Value	Interpretation
pH	5.5 – 6.5 (Range: 4.5 – 8.0)	Alkaline urine in a patient with UTI suggest the presence of a urea-splitting pathogen
Nitrites	None	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Present when bacteria reduce urinary nitrates to nitrites (e.g. coliform bacteria)</li> <li>• Test is specific but not highly sensitive (negative result does not rule out a UTI)</li> </ul>
Leukocyte Esterase (LCE)	None	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Produced by neutrophils and may signal pyuria associated with UTI</li> <li>• Other causes of sterile pyuria include: balanitis, urethritis, bladder tumors, nephrolithiasis, foreign bodies, exercise, glomerulonephritis, and corticosteroid or cyclophosphamide use</li> </ul>
Squamous (epithelial) cells	None	In general, if squamous cells are >20, then this indicates contamination
WBCs (leukocytes)	Men: ≤ 2 Women: ≤ 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pyuria is evidence of inflammation in the genitourinary tract; it alone is not sufficient to diagnose bacteriuria or treat for infection</li> <li>• WBCs ≥ 10 cells/hpf may indicate UTI</li> </ul>
Bacteria or yeast	None	May be normal genital microbial flora, contaminants, or sign of infection

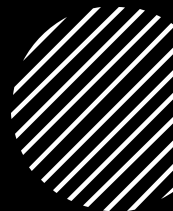
# ASB in Pts with Autoimmune Rheum Diseases

- 260 female patients with ARD
- Majority on immunosuppression (93%)
- 1 yr follow up
  
- 24 with ASB
- 9 persistently with ASB, 11 intermittently
- 4 went on to develop UTI

[Link](#)



# Questions to Improve ABX Prescribing



Empiric ABX selection: OK to go narrow?

Syndrome  
Recent ABX



Can I narrow now?



Can I change from IV to oral ABX?



Can I stop antibiotics altogether?

Duration based on syndrome/infection type  
Lack of evidence for bacterial infection



Do I need prophylaxis? How long?



# Flu Vaccines, 2024 – 2025 Season

- Trivalent
- High dose and adjuvanted recommended for
  - Adults 65 yrs and older
  - NEW: Solid organ transplant patients 18 – 64 yrs
- No reason to exclude patients with egg allergies
  - Very LOW likelihood of reaction based on negligible egg protein amounts
  - Key point: Ability to manage any severe reaction where vaccines are administered
- Timing: Sept/Oct

# Silver Lining of COVID-19 Pandemic?



Flu B – Yamagata lineage  
not causing infections

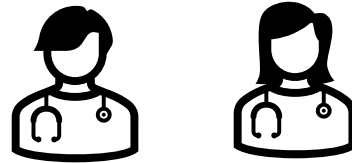
**So what?**  
Back to Trivalent  
Vaccine



# Effectiveness of Flu Vaccine Last Season?



## Outpatient Visits



Adults  $\geq 18$  yrs

33 – 49%  
Less

## Hospitalizations



41 – 44%  
Less

[Link to MMWR](#)

# RSV Vaccines

- All adults aged  $\geq 75$  years recommended to receive a single dose of an RSV vaccine, Arexy or Abrysvo
- Adults ages 60–74 who are at increased risk of severe RSV
  - Chronic heart/lung disease, weakened immune system, “severe” obesity or diabetes
  - Live in a nursing home
- Single dose of vaccine
- No booster recommended at this time
- Covered under Medicaid Part D (like Shingrix)
  
- Pregnant adults: Abrysvo has been FDA approved for use between 32 - 36 weeks pregnant, to pass antibodies to the fetus
- Covered by insurance

# RSV Vaccine Details

- Arexy (GSK)
  - Season 1 efficacy: 83%
  - Season 2 efficacy: 58%
  - Combined efficacy: 75%
  - Severe RSV efficacy: 94%
- No booster effect at 12 months with 2nd dose
- Abrysvo (Pfizer)
  - *Older adults:*
    - Combined efficacy: 84%
    - No severe RSV cases occurred in vaccine group
  - *Pregnant women:*
    - Severe RSV efficacy in infants (mom immunized at 32-36 weeks)
      - 90 days: 91.1%
      - 180 days: 76.5%



## Why Summer Waves of COVID-19?

Waning immunity

Ongoing viral mutations

Behavior: travel, time indoors

Higher ongoing viral transmission

# Interim Clinical Considerations for Use of COVID-19 Vaccines in the United States

- All individuals 6m and above recommended to receive updated vaccine
- 2024-2025 options
  - mRNA vaccines (2)
  - Protein subunit vaccine
- All adult vaccines FDA approved
- No preference for 1 type of vaccine above another
  
- NOTE: 2023–2024 Moderna, Novavax, and Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccines are no longer recommended and should not be used

# Emphasized For...

- People ages 65 years and older
- People with underlying medical conditions\*, including immune compromise
- People living in long-term care facilities
- Pregnant people to protect themselves and their infants



# Moderate or Severely Immunocompromised

- Active treatment for solid tumor or hematologic malignancies
- Hematologic malignancies associated with poor responses to COVID-19 vaccines (CLL, NHL, acute leukemia, MM)
- Solid organ transplant
- Receipt of chimeric antigen receptor (CAR)-T-cell therapy or hematopoietic cell transplant (HCT)
- Moderate or severe primary immunodeficiency (CVID)
- Advanced HIV infection (people with HIV and CD4 cell counts less than  $200/\text{mm}^3$ , history of an AIDS-defining illness without immune reconstitution, or clinical manifestations of symptomatic HIV) or untreated HIV infection
- Active treatment with immunosuppression including high dose steroids, alkylating agents, anti-B cell agents

# Ages 12 & Up

## **Initial COVID vaccination**

- Ages 12 years and older
  - 1 dose of 2024–2025 Moderna **OR**
  - 1 dose of 2024–2025 Pfizer-BioNTech **OR**
  - 2 doses of 2024–2025 Novavax

## **Received previous COVID vaccination**

- Ages 12 years and older
  - 1 dose of 2024–2025 Moderna **OR**
  - 1 dose of 2024–2025 Pfizer-BioNTech **OR**
  - 1 dose of 2024–2025 Novavax

# Extended Interval

- Applies only to Novavax for initial series (2 doses)
- Range for dosing interval: 3 – 8 weeks
- Reduces rare risk for myocarditis and pericarditis
- Highest risk group: Males 12 – 39 years

# Moderate or Severely Immunocompromised Patients

## **Initial Vaccination**

- Ages 12 years and older
  - 3 doses of 2024–2025 Moderna **OR**
  - 3 doses of 2024–2025 Pfizer-BioNTech **OR**
  - 2 doses of 2024–2025 Novavax

## **Received previous doses of a COVID-19 vaccine**

- Recommended COVID-19 vaccine and number of 2024–2025 doses are based on age and vaccination history

**Additional doses:** People who are moderately or severely immunocompromised ages 6 months and older may receive 1 or more age-appropriate additional doses of a 2024–2025 COVID-19 vaccine.

# Other Guidance for Immunocompromised Patients

- Transplant or CAR-T-cell therapy?
  - Revaccinate at least 3 months (12 weeks) after
  - Follow recommended schedule for unvaccinated
- Vaccinated while on B-cell-depleting therapies (e.g., rituximab, ocrelizumab)?
  - Short-term administration: revaccinate 6m after dose
  - Ongoing administration: 4 weeks prior to next dose
- Ongoing immunosuppression?
  - 2 weeks prior to initiation or resumption
- Pemivibart for COVID-19 prophylaxis?
  - Wait to administer 2 weeks after last vaccine dose

# "I Just Had COVID-19 Infection... When to Get Vaccinated?"

- May obtain as soon as no longer infectious OR
- May wait up to 90 days after infection
  
- Depends upon
  - Individual's risk with infection
  - Current COVID community transmission
  - Current variant circulating

# Pemivibart

- Monoclonal for prevention in severely immunocompromised
- 1.5h infusion every 3 months
- Indications:
  - SOT and HSCT
  - Also:
    - Active treatment with high-dose corticosteroids (i.e.,  $\geq 20$  mg prednisone or equivalent per day when administered for  $\geq 2$  weeks), alkylating agents, antimetabolites, transplant-related immunosuppressive drugs, cancer chemotherapeutic agents classified as severely immunosuppressive, and biologic agents that are immunosuppressive or immunomodulatory (e.g., B-cell depleting agents)

# Other Vaccine Considerations

- OK to administer flu + COVID-19 vaccines concurrently OR may also space out
- May also give RSV vaccine, if indicated (beware – adjuvanted!)
- Caveat: vaccines containing nonaluminum adjuvants (Shingrix, RSV, aIV) – limited data about co-administration
  
- NOTE: patients may have more symptoms
- Important to get vaccines before flu and RSV start circulating



# Pneumococcal Vaccine Resources

- [Pneumococcal Vaccine Timing for Adults](#)
- [Pneumorecs Vaccine Advisor](#)

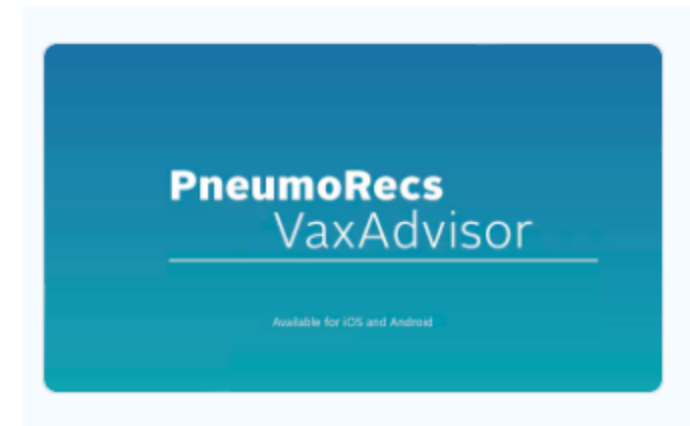
FIGURE. Serotypes\*<sup>1</sup> included in pneumococcal vaccines currently recommended for adults — United States, 2024



■ Included in vaccine    □ Not included in vaccine

Vaccine	Serotype																																
	1	3	4	5	6A	6B	7F	9V	14	18C	19A	19F	23F	22F	33F	8	10A	11A	12F	15B	2	9N	17F	20	15A	15C	16F	23A	23B	24F	31	35B	
PCV21																																	
PPSV23																																	
PCV20																																	
PCV15																																	

Difference between PCV21, PCV 20 and PCV15



# In Summary

- ABX are important resources: use when needed and consider shorter courses based on clinical response
- Prevent infections among your patients with vaccines!



Questions?