

# COMMUNITY ACQUIRED PNEUMONIA: DIAGNOSIS AND TREATMENT DURING THE COVID-19 ERA

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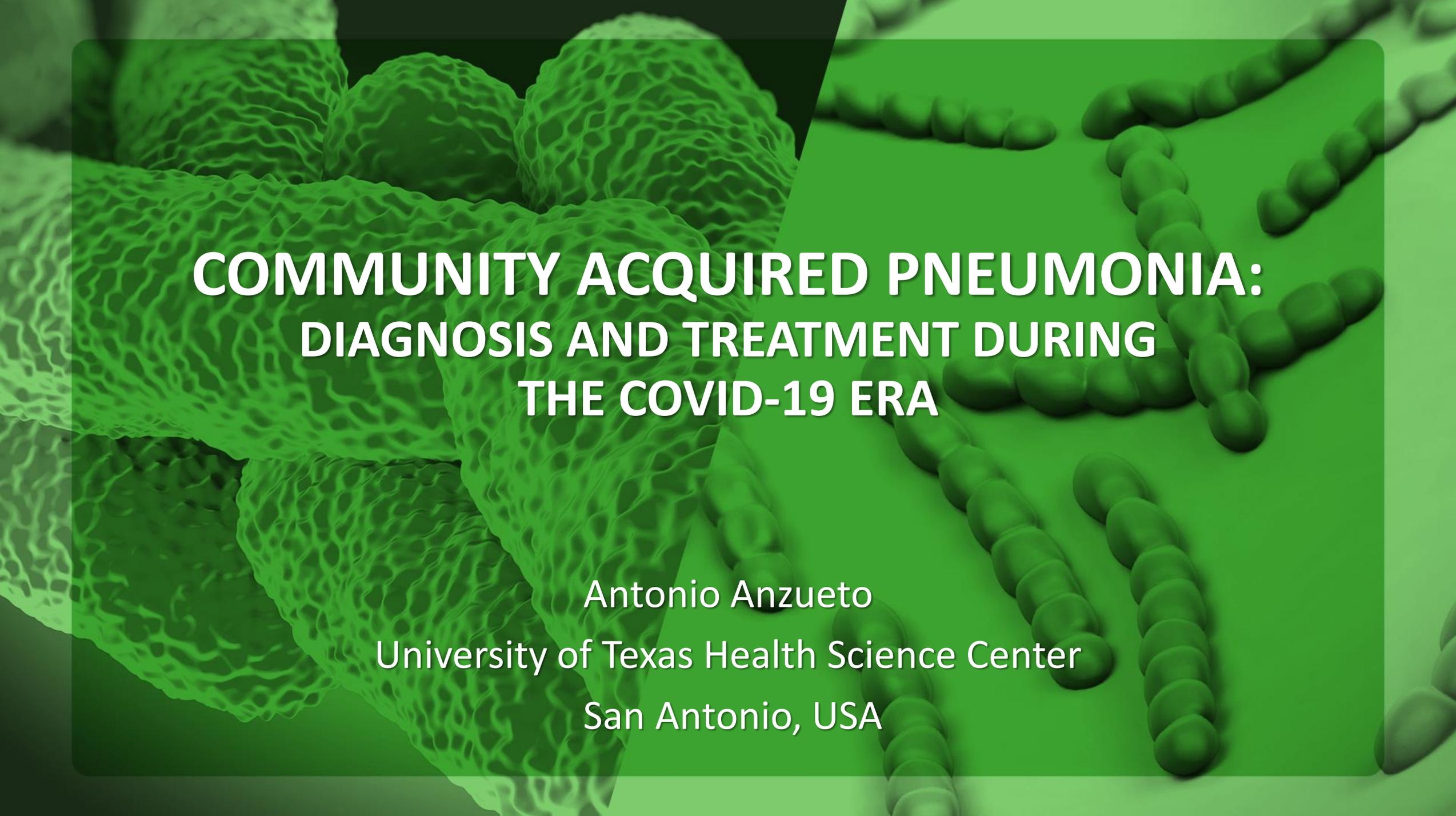
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# Program Objectives

- Describe the relationship between COVID-19 and pneumonia and the associated public health risks
- Examine experiences and best practices for evaluating and managing COVID-19 patients with pneumonia
- Explain the guidance and practical clinical value of urinary antigen testing (UAT), including mortality reduction and antibiotic stewardship
- Discuss UAT performance characteristics and potential value related to laboratory workflow in times of strained respiratory testing resource





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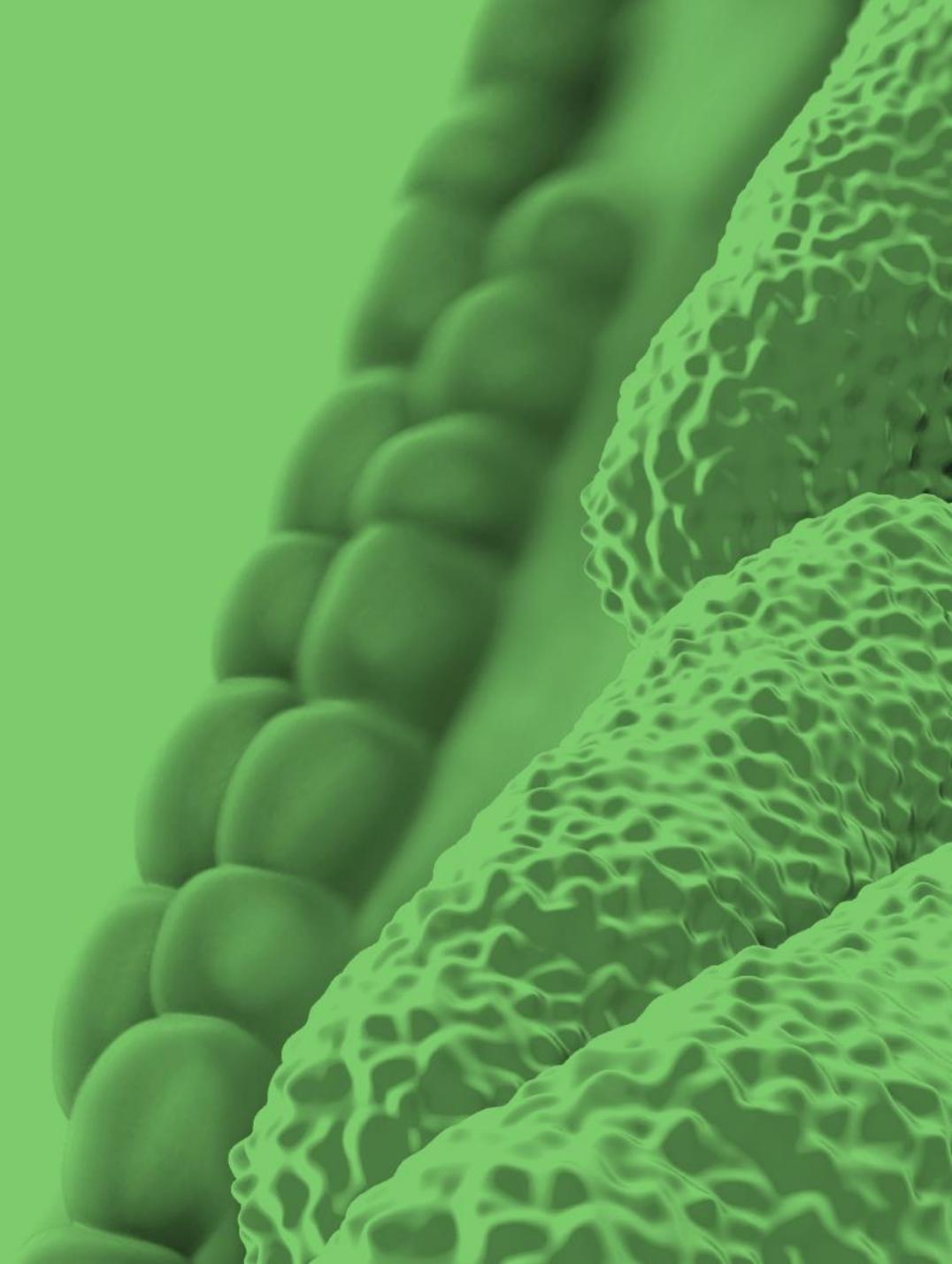
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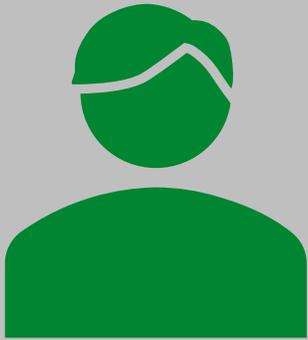
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- Member of the ATS/IDSA CAP Guidelines committee
- GOLD Past Member of the Executive and current member Scientific Committee



# CASE STUDY



# Case Study



55-year-old male presented to ED complaining 2-3 days of left chest pain, cough and chills.

**Medications:** Metoprolol and ASA 650 mg/day

# Case Study

## **Physical Examination:**

- Fever 101.7°F, HR 87/bpm, RR 32/min, BP 70/40
- Bilateral Crackles and dullness at bases

## **Other Information:**

- WBC  $14.6 \times 10^3/\text{mL}$
- Oxygen Saturation at rest 85%

# Case Study

What questions do we need to ask?



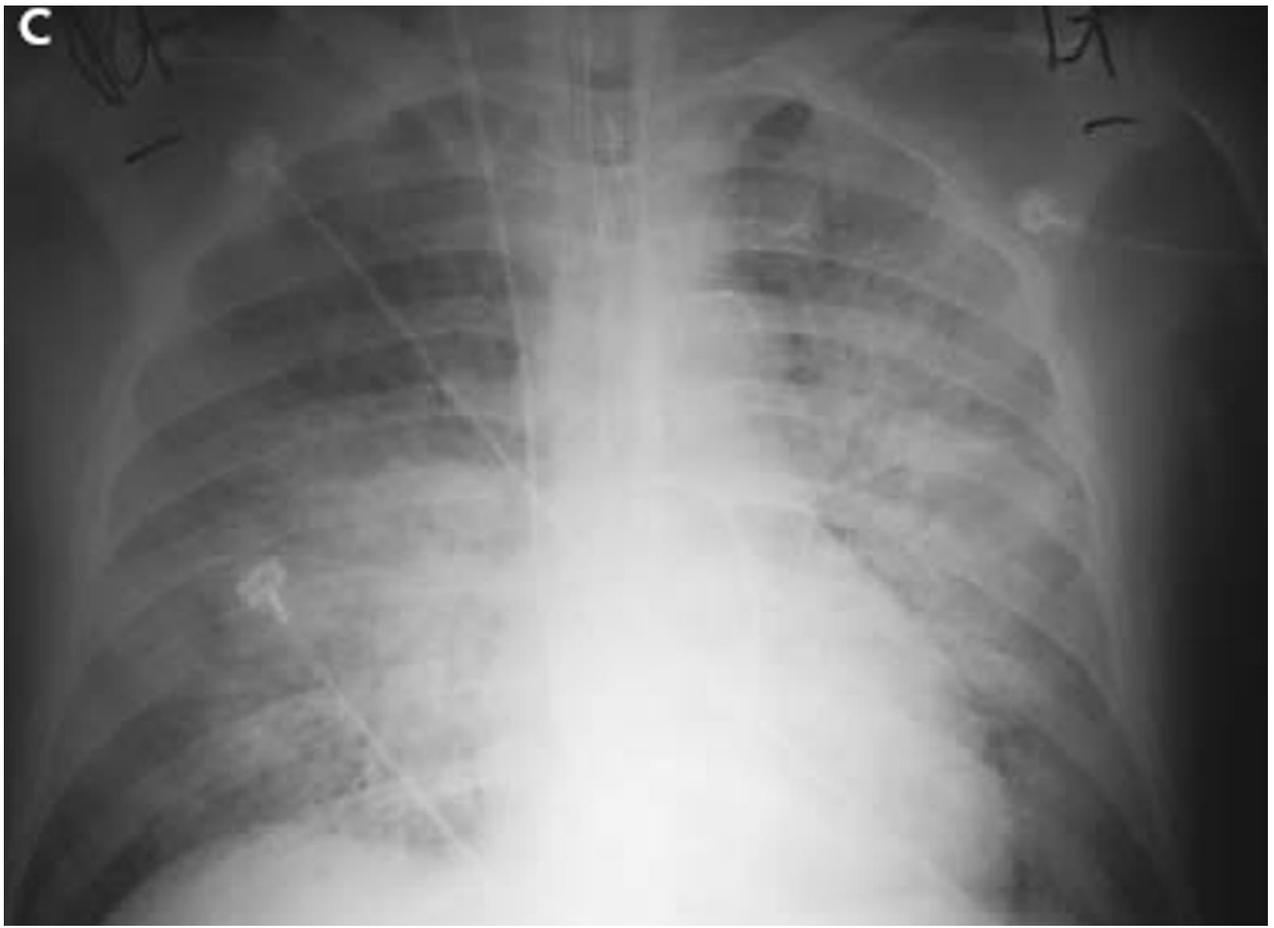
# Case Study

## What questions do we need to ask?

- Any Travel history?
- Any use of electronic cigarette or Vaping?
- Sick contacts ?



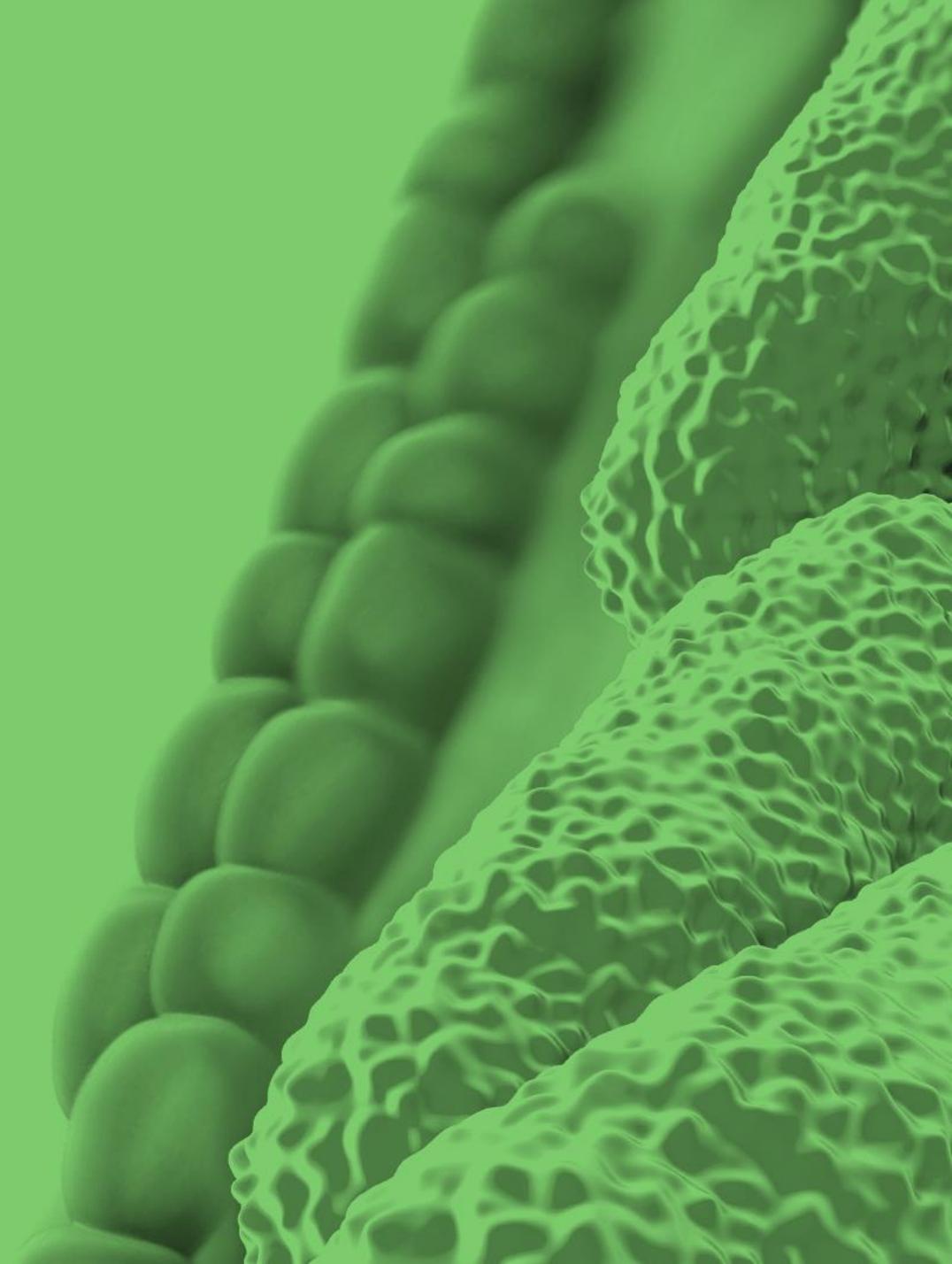
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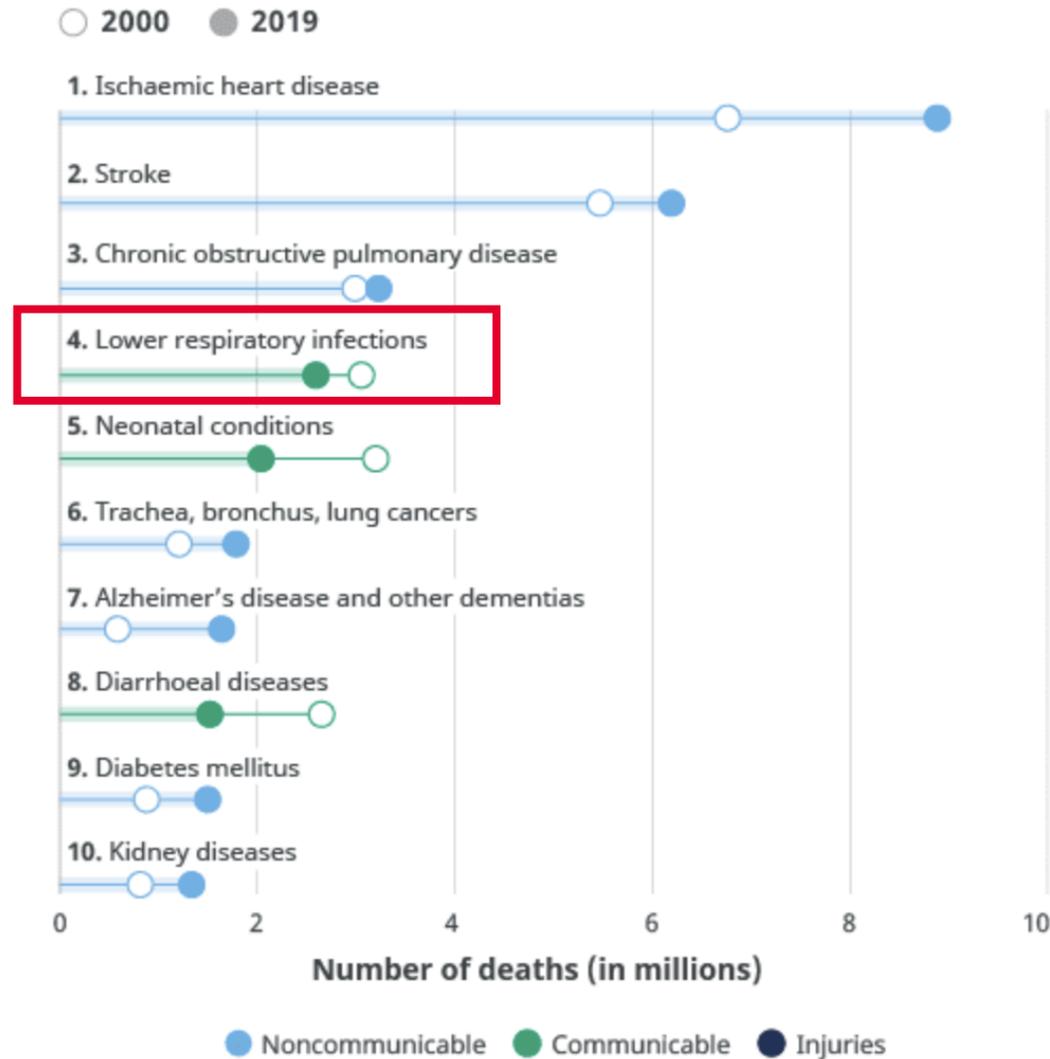
Respiratory Viral PCR  
NEGATIVE

Need to order COVID Test  
PUI

# CAP and Risk Factors



# Top 10 Global Causes of Death, 2019



# Defining CAP, HCAP, HAP, and VAP

## **CAP (Community Acquired Pneumonia)**

- Signs and symptoms of pneumonia with radiographic confirmation

## **HCAP (Healthcare-Associated Pneumonia)**

- Prior hospitalization (within 90 days)
- Resided in nursing home or long-term care facility
- Received recent IV antibiotics (within 30 days)

Kalil AC, et al. Management of Adults With Hospital-acquired and Ventilator-associated Pneumonia: 2016 Clinical Practice Guidelines by the Infectious Diseases Society of America and the American Thoracic Society, *Clinical Infectious Diseases*, Volume 63, Issue 5, 1 September 2016, Pages e61–e111, <https://doi.org/10.1093/cid/ciw353>

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# CAP

- Etiological agent is often not isolated or is identified late in course of treatment<sup>1</sup>
- Broad-spectrum antibiotics are prescribed early and empirically to reduce mortality<sup>2</sup>
- Inappropriate antibiotic use can cause antimicrobial resistance and C. difficile infections<sup>3</sup>
- Pathogen identification allows for targeted treatment<sup>3</sup>



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# Risk factors for community-acquired pneumonia in adults in Europe: a literature review

Antoni Torres,<sup>1</sup> Willy E Peetermans,<sup>2</sup> Giovanni Viegi,<sup>3,4</sup> Francesco Blasi<sup>5</sup>

**Table 4** Bundles for lifestyle interventions to reduce the risk of CAP in adults

Risk factor	Evidence	Recommendation
Smoking	Risk of CAP increased in current and former smokers (9 studies) <sup>19–23 38 42 46 47</sup>	Smoking cessation
Alcohol consumption	Risk of CAP increased with high consumption or history of alcohol abuse (4 studies) <sup>21 23 38 47</sup>	Reduce alcohol consumption
Nutritional status	Being underweight was generally associated with an increased risk of CAP (4 studies) <sup>23 38 44 47</sup>	Dietary advice to ensure good nutritional status
Contact with children	Regular contact with children increased the risk of CAP (3 studies) <sup>23 38 44</sup>	Avoid contacts with children with lower respiratory tract infections
Dental hygiene	Risk of CAP decreased in individuals with a recent (within past year) dental visit (2 studies) <sup>23 38</sup>	Ensure regular dental visits
Vaccination against influenza and <i>Streptococcus pneumoniae</i>	Current guidelines <sup>88 89</sup>	Ensure compliance with guidelines

CAP, community-acquired pneumonia.

# Differential Dx of COVID-19 and Pneumonia

	COVID-19 n = 304	SN-CAP n = 138	P-value
Age, mean (SD), y	61.5(13.3%)	61.6(16.1)	0.921
Female	166 (54.61%)	56(40.58%)	<0.01
Male	138 (45.39%)	82(59.42%)	
<b>Signs and symptoms at admission, patient no</b>			
Fever	172 (56.58%)	42 (30.43)	<0.01
Cough	134 (44.08%)	74 (53.62)	0.06
Dyspnea	29 (9.54%)	3 (2.17%)	<0.01
Fatigue	32 (10.53)	5 (3.62%)	0.02
Chest distress	24 (7.89%)	3 (2.17%)	0.02
Expectoration	10 (3.29%)	53 (38.41%)	<0.01
Sore throat	5 (1.64%)	5 (3.62%)	0.2
Diarrhea	5 (1.64%)	1 (0.72%)	0.4
Asymptomatic	39 (12.83%)	6 (4.35%)	<0.01
<b>Chronic medical illness, patient no</b>			
Hypertension	83 (27.3%)	34 (24.64%)	0.56
CAD	21 (6.91%)	8 (5.8%)	0.66
Diabetes	40 (13.16%)	25 (18.12%)	0.17
COPD	7 (2.3%)	27 (19.57%)	<0.01
Renal failure	27 (8.88%)	18 (13.04%)	0.18
Malignancy	3 (0.99%)	15 (10.87%)	<0.01

	COVID-19 n = 304	SN-CAP n = 138	P-value
<b>Laboratory result abnormalities, patient no</b>			
WBC count, <3.7 × 10 <sup>9</sup> /L	42 (13.82%)	4 (2.9%)	<0.01
Lymphocyte count, <0.8 × 10 <sup>9</sup> /L	97 (41.91%)	68 (49.28%)	<0.01
Lymphocyte ratio <20%	134 (44.08%)	93 (67.39%)	<0.01
Neutrophil count, ×10 <sup>9</sup> /L	51 (16.78%)	37 (26.81%)	0.01
Platelet <85 × 10 <sup>9</sup> /L	15 (4.93%)	7 (5.07%)	0.95
CRP >10 mg/L	127 (41.78%)	98 (71.01%)	<0.01
Albumin <35 g/L	139 (45.72%)	95 (68.84%)	<0.01
ALT/AST abnormal	99 (32.57%)	42 (30.43%)	0.66
Creatinine >73 μmol/L	60 (19.74%)	28 (20.29%)	0.89
BUN, >8 mmol/L	87 (28.62%)	30 (21.74%)	0.13
LDH >250 U/L	42 (13.82%)	60 (43/48%)	<0.01
Creatine kinase >195 U/L	21 (6.91%)	6 (4.35%)	0.3
Troponin-I >0.4 ug/L	49 (16.12%)	25 (18.12%)	0.6
Patients tested for procalcitonin, no.	31	117	
Procalcitonin >0.05 ng/mL	13 (41.94%)	55 (47.01%)	0.61

*P-value indicates differences between COVID-19 and SN-CAP, P < 0.05 was considered statistically significant.*

# Poll Question #1

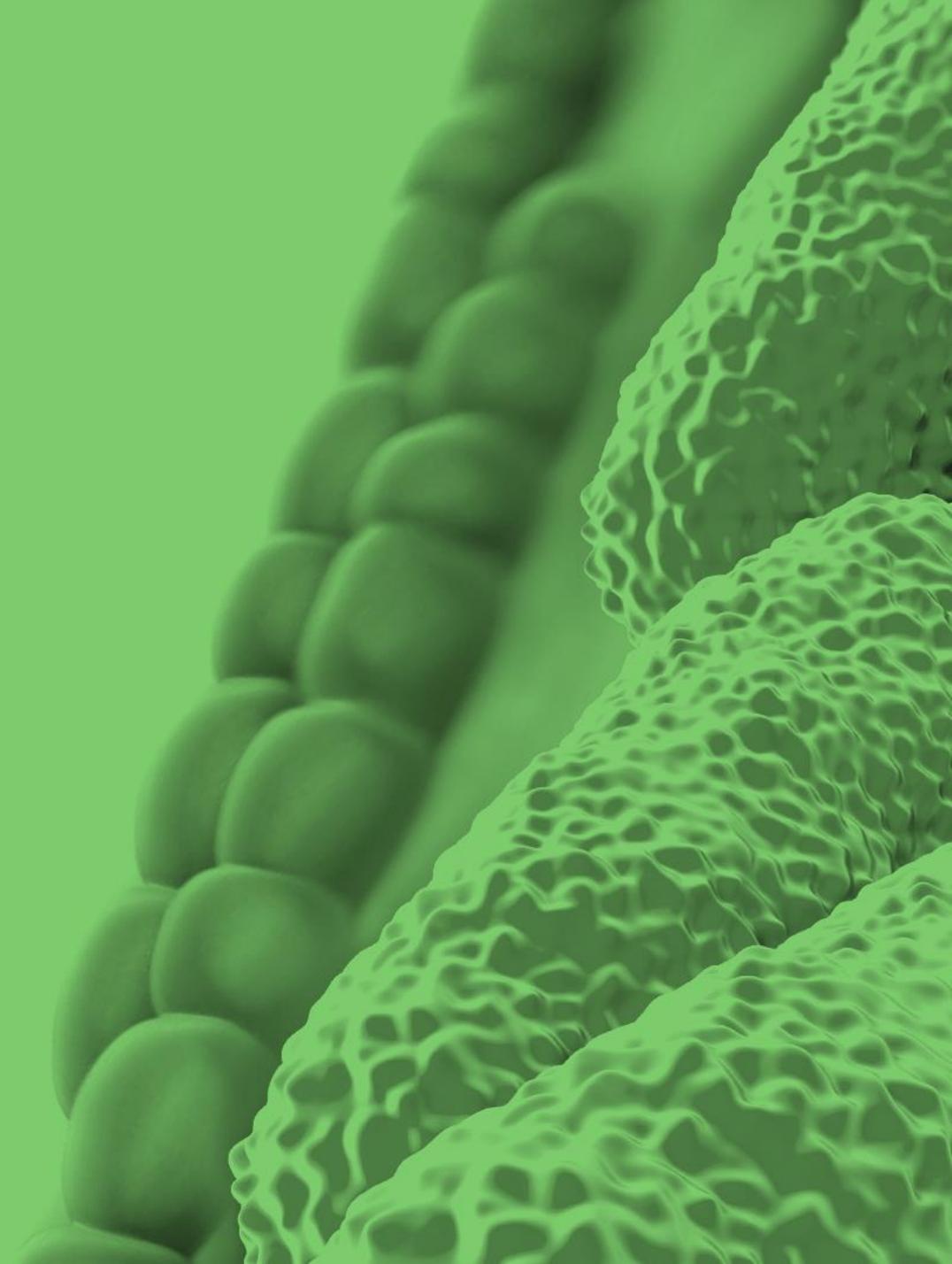
The following tests are performed to detect pathogens for community acquired pneumonia (CAP) in my facility (select all that apply):

- a. Blood culture
- b. Sputum culture
- c. Sputum gram stain
- d. Urinary antigen testing (UAT)
- e. Molecular pneumonia panel
- f. ELISA
- g. Other
- h. We send out all pneumonia testing
- i. Don't know or n/a



# Pathogens:

*S. pneumoniae* and  
*Legionella*



# *S. pneumoniae*

- Leading cause of CAP<sup>1</sup>
- Leading cause of pneumonia mortality<sup>1</sup>
- May cause secondary bacteremia<sup>2,3</sup>
- Difficult to diagnose using traditional culture methods<sup>4-6</sup>
  - Long turnaround time
  - Difficult to obtain high-quality sputum sample
  - Blood cultures have low sensitivity
  - Empiric antibiotics impact yield

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# Etiology of CAP

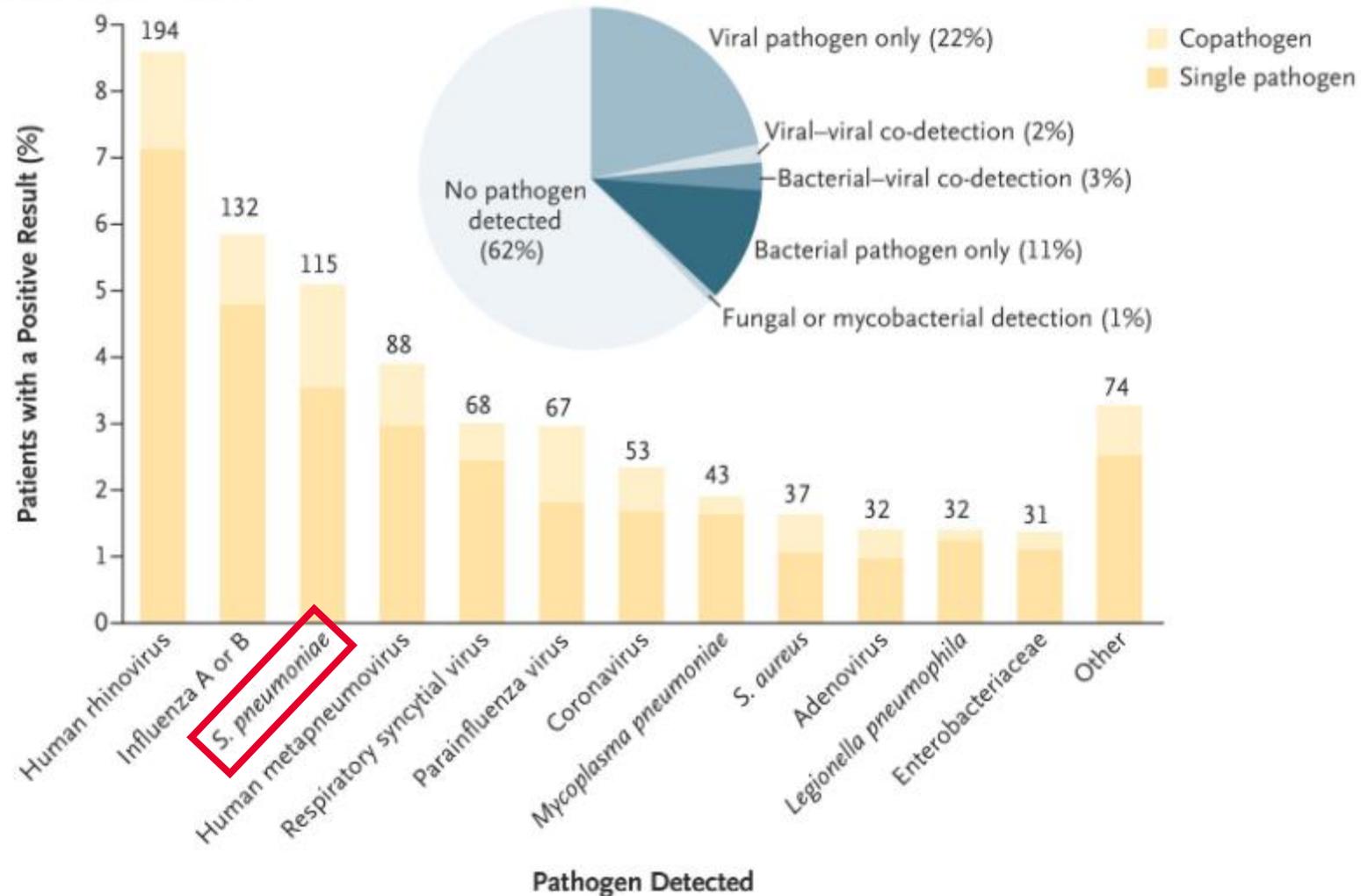
AMBULATORY PATIENTS	HOSPITALIZED (NON-ICU)	SEVERE (ICU)
<i>S. pneumoniae</i>	<i>S. pneumoniae</i>	<i>S. pneumoniae</i>
<i>M. pneumoniae</i> <i>H. influenzae</i> <i>C. pneumoniae</i> Respiratory viruses*	<i>M. pneumoniae</i> <i>C. pneumoniae</i> <i>H. influenzae</i> <i>Legionella</i> spp. Aspiration Respiratory viruses*	<i>H. influenzae</i> <i>Legionella</i> spp. Gram-negative bacilli <i>S. aureus</i> <b>Viral: H1N1</b>

ICU = Intensive care unit

\*Influenza A and B, adenovirus, respiratory syncytial virus, and parainfluenza

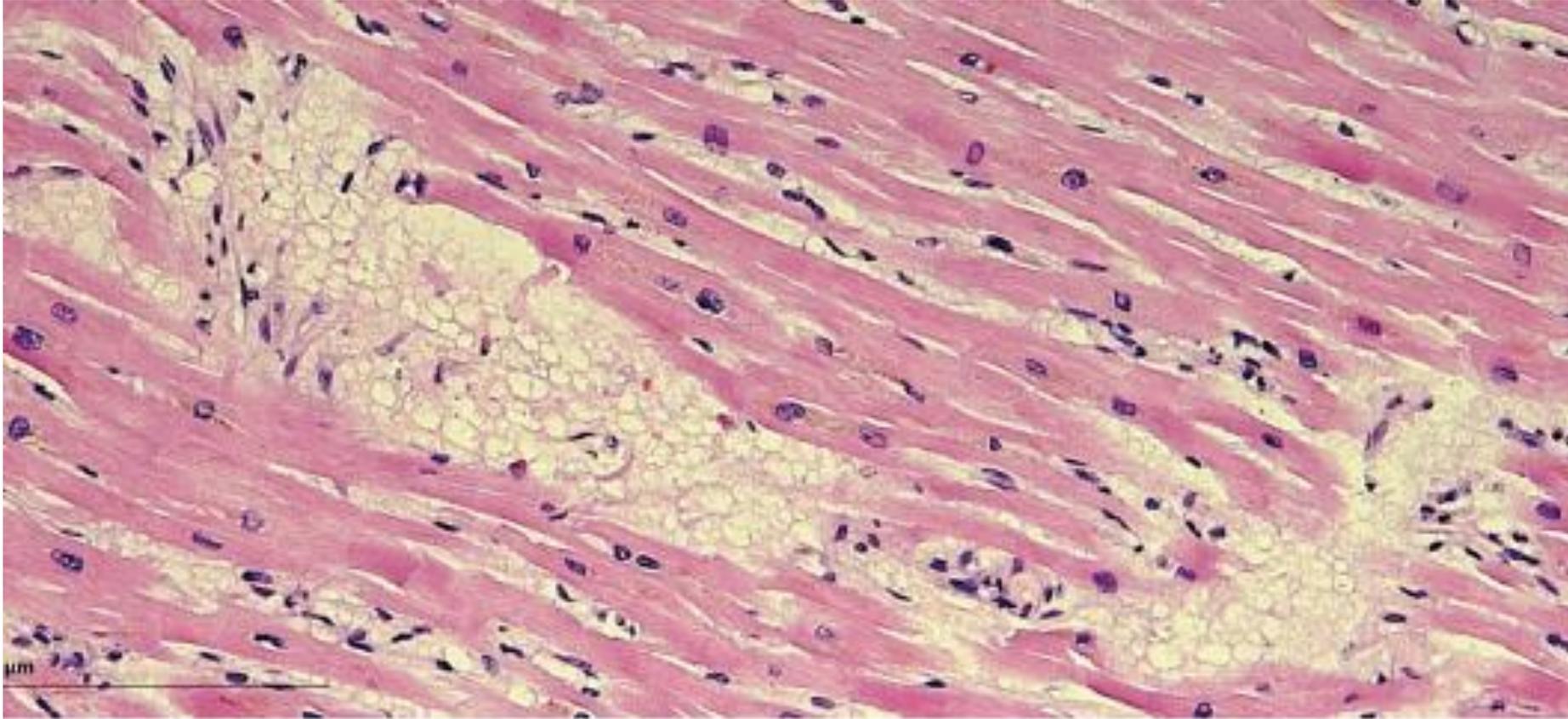
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A Specific Pathogens Detected



# Invasive Pneumococcal Disease

## Cardiac lesion



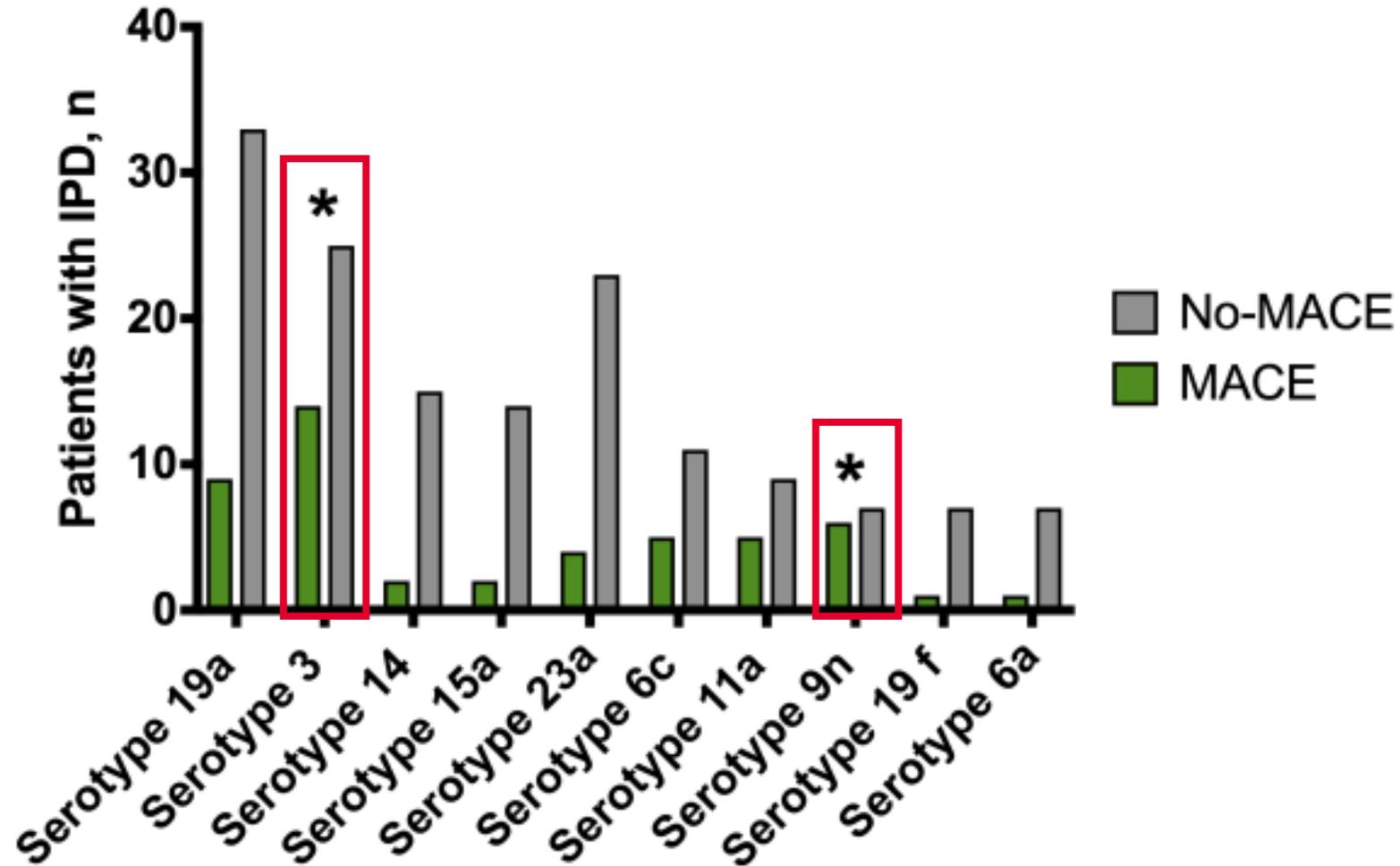
# Mortality of Hospital Admitted Patients with Invasive Pneumococcal Disease

1952–62	1966–95	1995–97
↑	↑	↑
<b>13%</b> <b>Mortality<sup>1</sup></b> n = 1130	<b>12%</b> <b>Mortality<sup>2</sup></b> n = 4432	<b>12%</b> <b>Mortality<sup>3</sup></b> n = 5837

Although the management of critically ill patients has improved by far and there are no resistance problems with regard to *S. pneumoniae*, mortality of IPD remains tremendous.

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# *S. pneumoniae* Serotypes and Risk of Cardiac Events



MACE, major adverse cardiac events

Africano HF, Serrano-Mayorga CC, Ramirez-Valbuena PC, Bustos IG, Bastidas A, Vargas HA, Gómez S, Rodriguez A, Orihuela CJ, Reyes LF. Major Adverse Cardiovascular Events During Invasive Pneumococcal Disease are Serotype Dependent. Clin Infect Dis. 2020 Sep 22:ciaa1427.

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# Antimicrobial Resistance - Status

## Urgent Threats

*These germs are public health threats that require urgent and aggressive action*

Carbapenem-resistant *Acinetobacter*  
*Candida auris*  
*Clostridioides difficile*  
Carbapenem-resistant Enterobacteriaceae  
Drug-resistant *Neisseria gonorrhoeae*

## Concerning Threats

*These germs are public health threats that require careful monitoring and prevention action*

Erythromycin-resistant group A *Streptococcus*  
Clindamycin-resistant group B *Streptococcus*

## Serious Threats

*These germs are public health threats that require prompt and sustained action:*

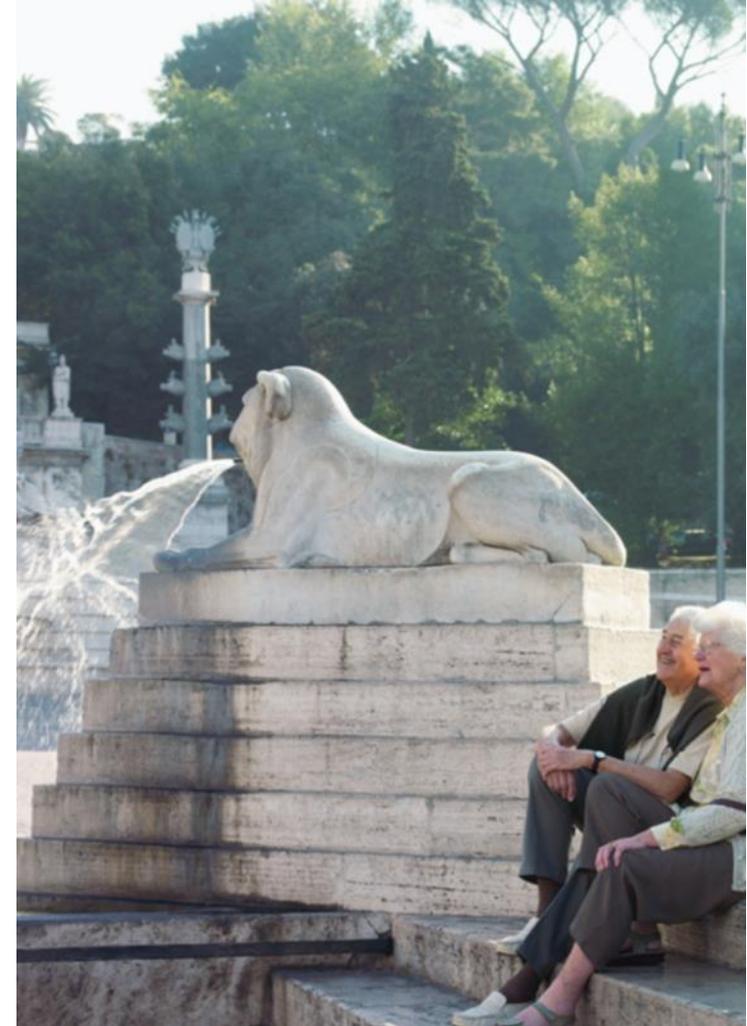
Drug-resistant *Campylobacter*  
Drug-resistant *Candida*  
ESBL-producing Enterobacteriaceae  
Vancomycin-resistant *Enterococci*  
Multidrug-resistant *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*  
Drug-resistant nontyphoidal *Salmonella*  
Drug-resistant *Salmonella* serotype Typhi  
Drug-resistant *Shigella*  
Methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus*  
Drug-resistant *Streptococcus pneumoniae*  
Drug-resistant Tuberculosis

## Watch List

Azole-resistant *Aspergillus fumigatus*  
Drug-resistant *Mycoplasma genitalium*  
Drug-resistant *Bordetella pertussis*

# Legionella

- Leading cause of waterborne disease outbreaks<sup>1</sup>
- The deadliest pneumonia – up to 25% fatality rate<sup>2</sup>
- Disease incidence continues to rise, and likely underdiagnosed<sup>3</sup> – impact of shut-downs/reopenings?
- Outbreaks can lead to costly legal action with lasting negative impact on facility reputations<sup>4</sup>
- Initial symptom presentation similar to COVID<sup>5</sup>
- Risk factors<sup>6</sup>:
  - Age  $\geq$  50 years
  - Smoking
  - Underlying illness
  - Recent travel
  - Exposure to water sources



1. Craun GF, et al. Causes of outbreaks associated with drinking water in the United States from 1971 to 2006. *Clinical Microbiology Reviews*. 2010;23(3): 507–528.

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3. CDC, Nationally Notifiable Diseases Surveillance System, <https://www.cdc.gov/legionella/images/national-incidence.jpg>

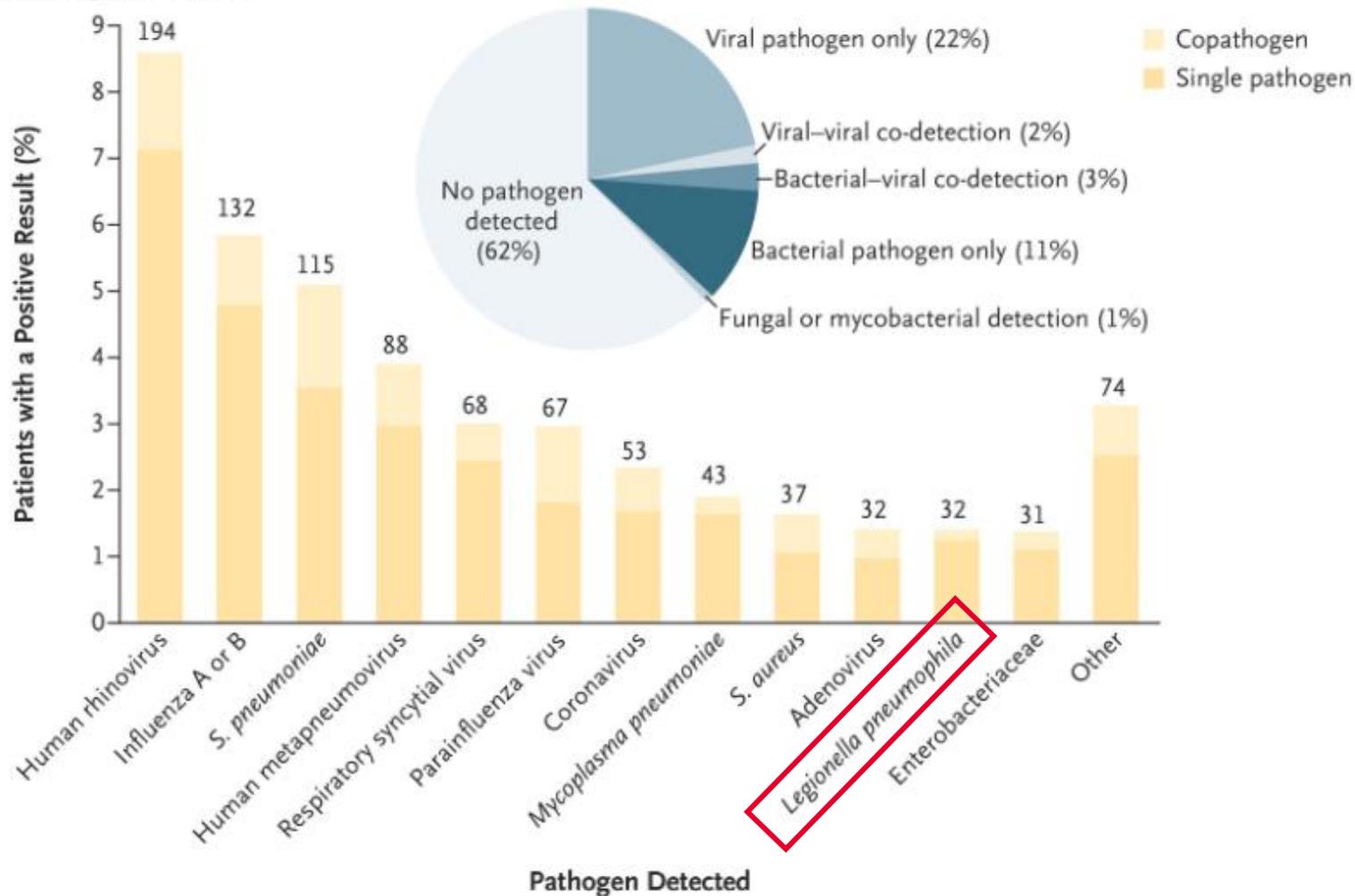
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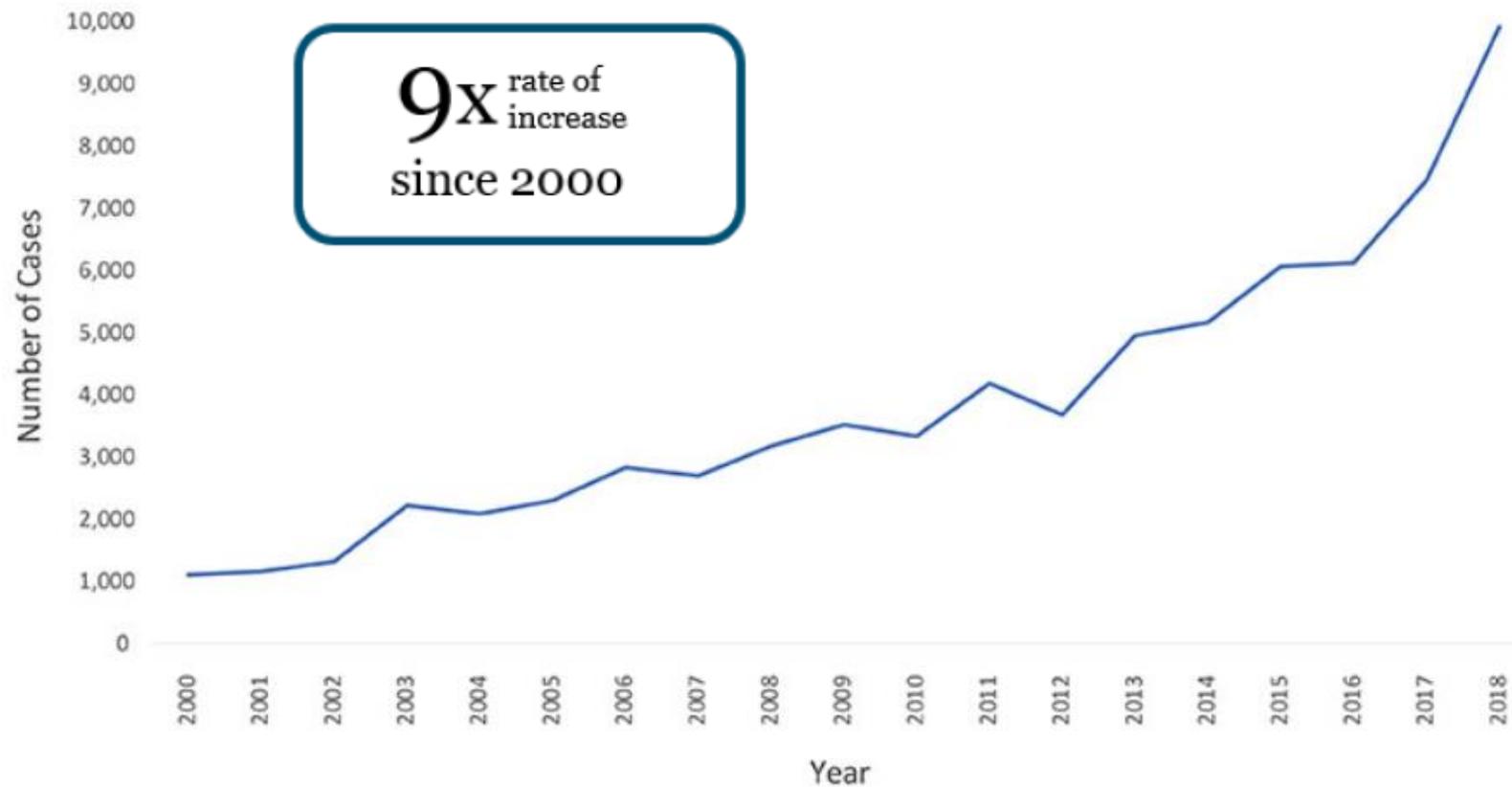
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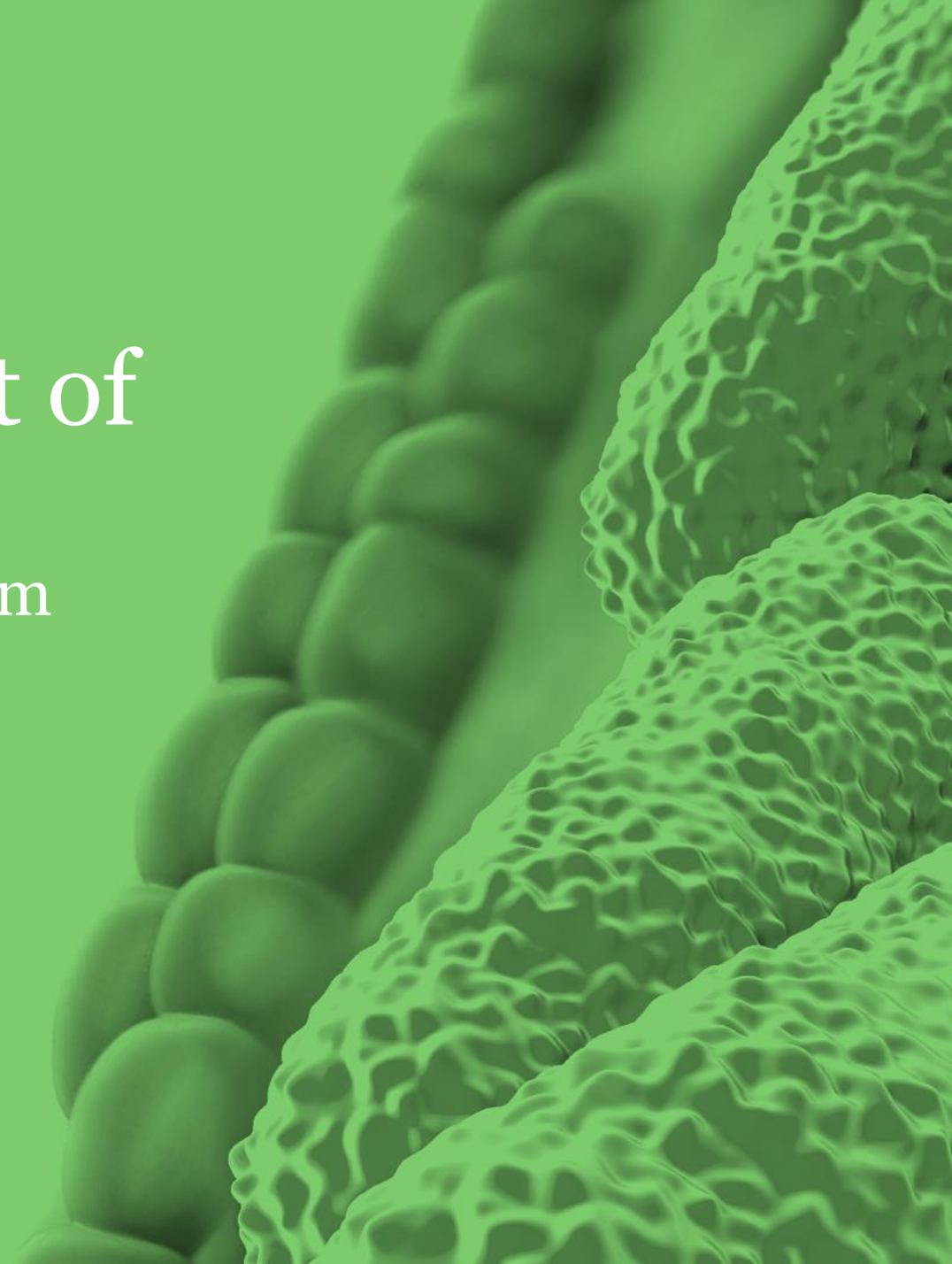
# Legionnaire's Disease: Likely Underdiagnosed

Legionnaires' disease is on the rise in the United States  
2000-2018



# Diagnosis and Treatment of Adults with CAP

Official Clinical Practice Guidelines from  
ATS/IDSA



## AMERICAN THORACIC SOCIETY DOCUMENTS

### Diagnosis and Treatment of Adults with Community-acquired Pneumonia

An Official Clinical Practice Guideline of the American Thoracic Society and Infectious Diseases Society of America

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**Background:** This document provides evidence-based clinical practice guidelines on the management of adult patients with community-acquired pneumonia.

**Methods:** A multidisciplinary panel conducted pragmatic systematic reviews of the relevant research and applied Grading of Recommendations, Assessment, Development, and Evaluation methodology for clinical recommendations.

**Results:** The panel addressed 16 specific areas for recommendations spanning questions of diagnostic testing, determination of site of care, selection of initial empiric antibiotic therapy, and subsequent

management decisions. Although some recommendations remain unchanged from the 2007 guideline, the availability of results from new therapeutic trials and epidemiological investigations led to revised recommendations for empiric treatment strategies and additional management decisions.

**Conclusions:** The panel formulated and provided the rationale for recommendations on selected diagnostic and treatment strategies for adult patients with community-acquired pneumonia.

**Keywords:** community-acquired pneumonia; pneumonia; patient management

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Question 3: In Adults with CAP, Should *Legionella* and

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# 16 Questions

## Diagnosis

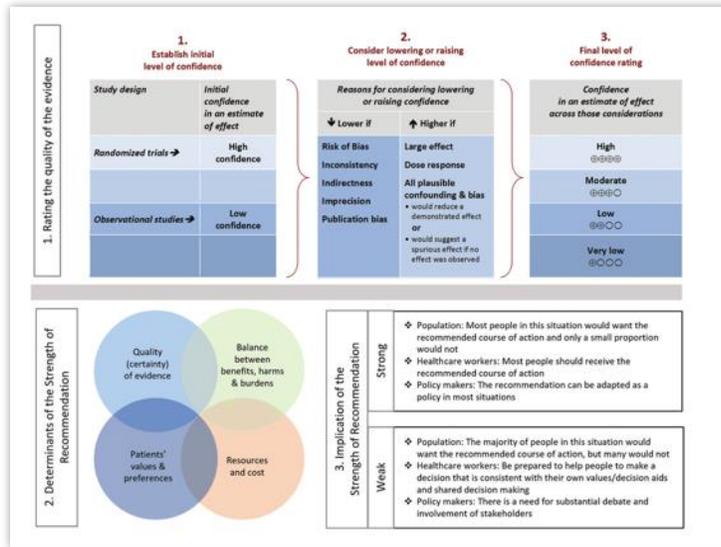
## Treatment

## Other therapies

## Duration Therapy

## Follow up

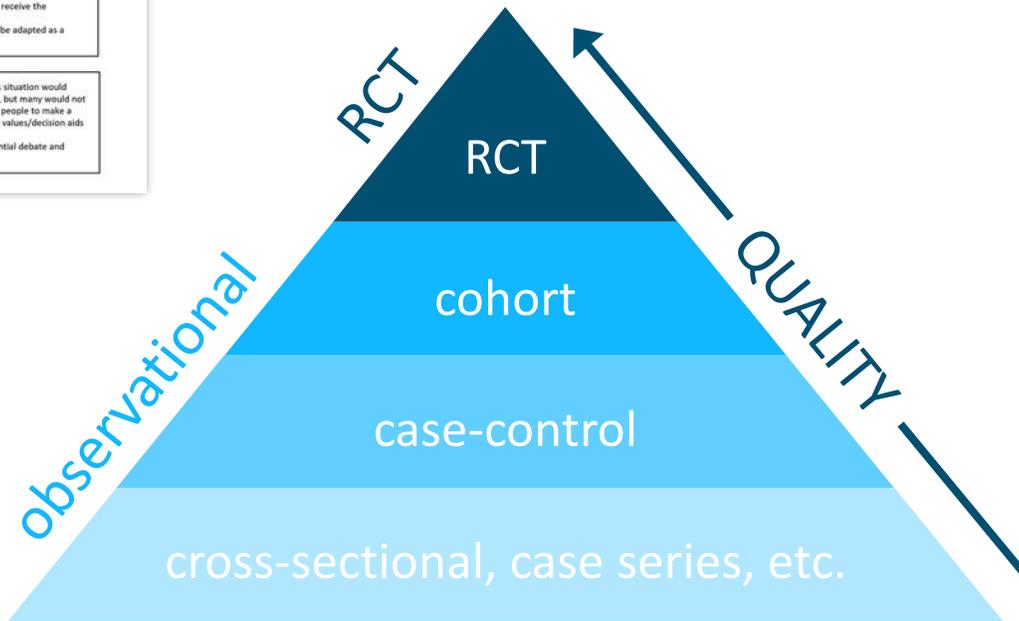
# Evaluating Recommendations



Quality



Interpretation



Strong



Weak



Conditional

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# Recommendations for Specific Management Questions: Initial Diagnostic Evaluation

## Question 1

In adults with CAP, should **Gram stain and culture of lower respiratory secretions be obtained** at the time of diagnosis?

## Recommendation

In the setting of **severe CAP**, especially if they are intubated

Or, are being **empirically treated for MRSA or *P. aeruginosa***



**Interpretation**  
Strong



**Quality**  
Very low quality of evidence

Or, were previously infected with MRSA or *P. aeruginosa*, especially those with prior respiratory tract infection

Or, were hospitalized and received parenteral antibiotics, whether during the hospitalization event or not, in the last 90 days



**Interpretation**  
Conditional



**Quality**  
Very low quality of evidence

# Recommendations for Specific Management Questions: Initial Diagnostic Evaluation

## Question 2

In adults with CAP, should **blood cultures be obtained** at the time of diagnosis?

## Recommendations

Obtain pretreatment **blood cultures in the setting of severe CAP**

Or, if being empirically **treated for MRSA or *P. aeruginosa***



Interpretation

Strong



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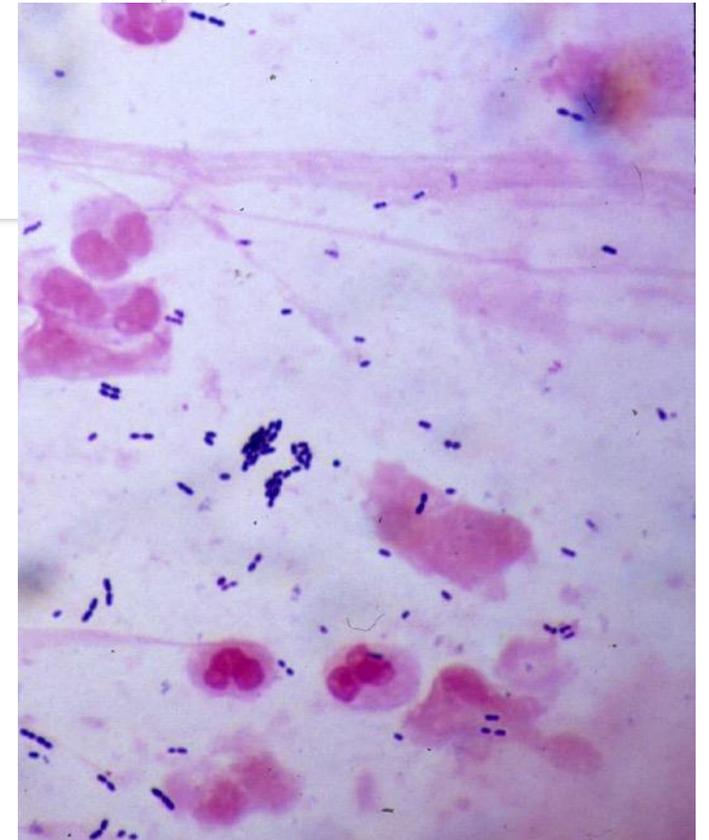


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# Sputum Gram Stain for Bacterial Pathogen Diagnosis in Community-acquired Pneumonia: A Systematic Review and Bayesian Meta-analysis of Diagnostic Accuracy and Yield

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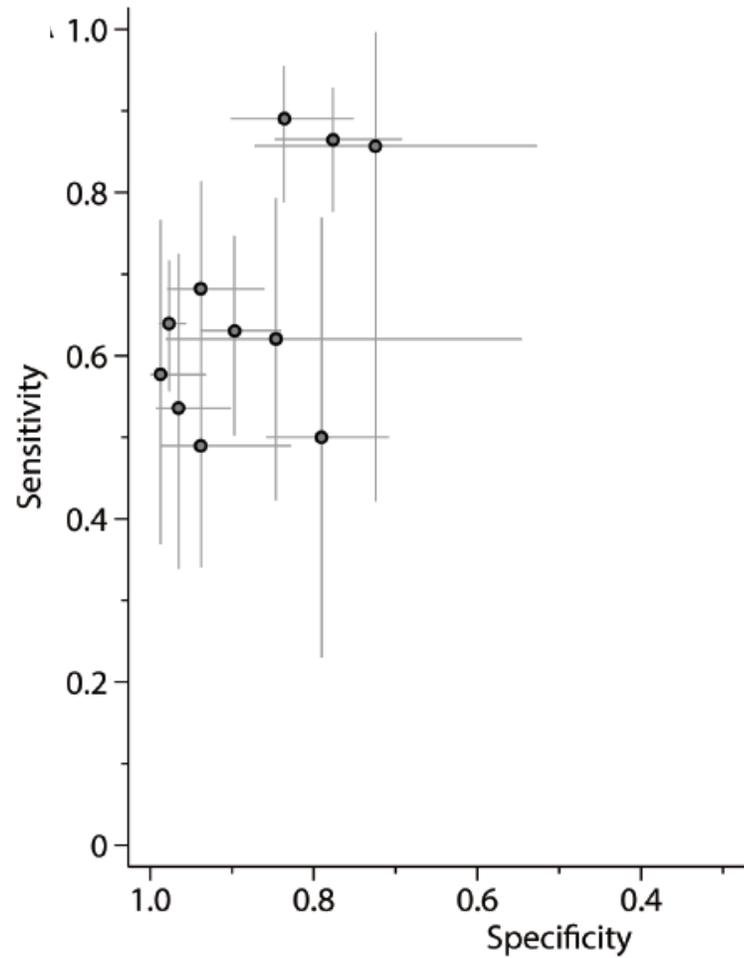
# Poll Question #2

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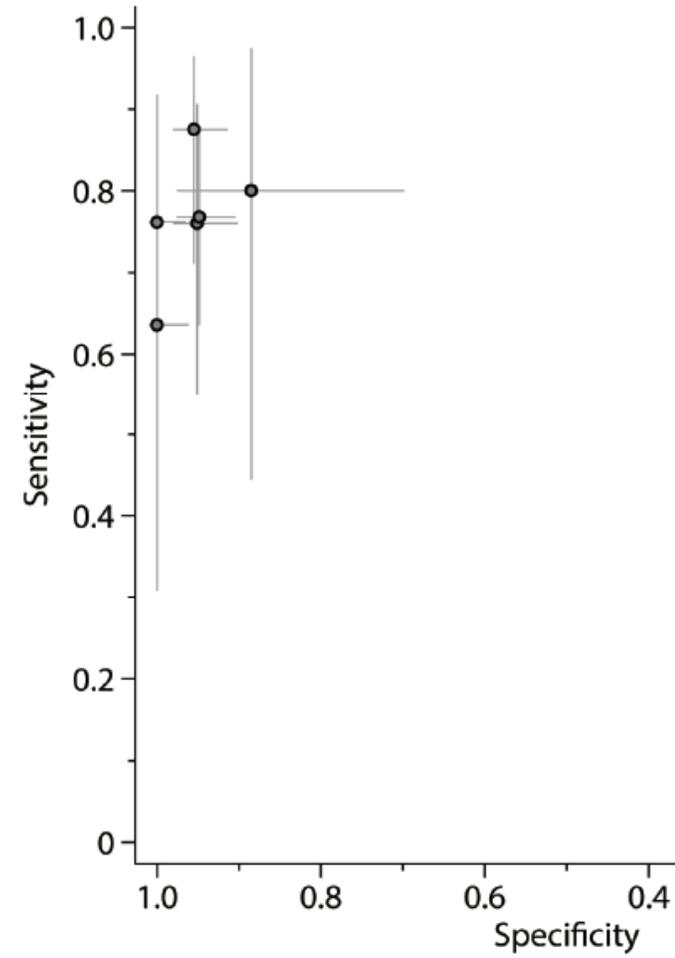
- a. *S. pneumoniae*
- b. *L. pneumophila*
- c. Both
- d. Neither
- e. n/a



## *Streptococcus pneumoniae*



## *Haemophilus influenzae*



# Recommendations for Specific Management Questions: Initial Diagnostic Evaluation

## Question 3

In adults with CAP, should ***Legionella* and pneumococcal urinary antigen testing be performed** at the time of diagnosis?

## Recommendation

*Legionella* and *S. pneumoniae* antigen testing

- In **adults with severe CAP**
  - (***Legionella***) also collect lower respiratory tract secretions for culture or NAAT
- Where indicated by **epidemiological factors (*Legionella*)**
  - i.e., known outbreaks or recent travel



**Interpretation**  
Conditional



**Quality**  
Low quality of evidence

# UAT Guideline Recommendation Based On Observed Mortality Reduction in Large Observational Studies

Costantini, et al. 2016

**Table 5** Multivariable regression analyses for in-hospital and 30-day mortality, length of hospital stay and duration of antibiotic therapy

	In-hospital mortality		30-day mortality		Length of hospital stay		Duration of antibiotic therapy	
	N = 561		N = 495		N = 561		N = 505	
	OR	95 % CI	OR	95 % CI	MD	95 % CI	MD	95 % CI
<b>Socio-demographic characteristics and other potential confounders</b>								
Age in years (continuous)	<b>1.081</b>	<b>1.049, 1.114</b>	<b>1.105</b>	<b>1.068, 1.143</b>	<b>0.052</b>	<b>0.016, 0.089</b>	-0.003	-0.038, 0.033
Male gender (vs. female gender)	0.803	0.454, 1.419	0.628	0.348, 1.133	0.850	-0.424, 2.124	0.411	-0.792, 1.615
Admission from nursing home (vs. from own home)	1.118	0.544, 2.300	1.409	0.648, 3.063	<b>-3.222</b>	<b>-5.232, -1.213</b>	-1.770	-3.619, 0.079
Five or more comorbidities (vs. less than five)	1.601	0.827, 3.102	1.243	0.627, 2.464	1.150	-0.621, 2.921	1.421	-0.233, 3.075
ATS criteria for CAP severity (continuous)	<b>1.743</b>	<b>1.383, 2.196</b>	<b>1.868</b>	<b>1.462, 2.385</b>	-0.287	-0.903, 0.329	<b>-1.111</b>	<b>-1.694, -0.527</b>
Admission in 2012 (vs. admission in 2015)	1.081	0.491, 2.377	0.863	0.387, 1.923	1.297	-0.723, 3.318	0.659	-1.224, 2.541
Stay in a respiratory ward (vs. stay in a non-respiratory ward)	0.847	0.351, 2.042	0.750	0.304, 1.851	<b>4.225</b>	<b>2.152, 6.299</b>	<b>4.363</b>	<b>2.377, 6.349</b>
Mechanical ventilation	0.968	0.289, 3.243	1.102	0.340, 3.575	<b>4.638</b>	<b>1.688, 7.587</b>	<b>5.017</b>	<b>2.115, 7.919</b>
<b>Adherence to diagnostic procedures</b>								
Blood culture	0.677	0.377, 1.213	0.600	0.328, 1.097	<b>2.631</b>	<b>1.259, 4.003</b>	<b>2.728</b>	<b>1.417, 4.039</b>
Urinary Antigen tests	<b>0.427</b>	<b>0.215, 0.850</b>	<b>0.341</b>	<b>0.170, 0.685</b>	0.033	-1.407, 1.473	-0.164	-1.535, 1.207

**57%** lower odds of in-hospital mortality and **66%** lower odds of 30-day mortality compared to patients not tested

(Adjusted for baseline demographic/clinical differences)

# UAT Guideline Recommendation Based On Observed Mortality Reduction in Large Observational Studies

Uematsu, et al. 2014

**Table 3** Crude mortality and the association of microbiological tests with 30-day mortality, stratified by disease severity

	Severity class							
	Very severe		Severe		Moderate		Mild	
Death <sup>a</sup> /total (%)	2075/7935 (26.1)		977/8224 (11.9)		1214/36 186 (3.4)		41/12 213 (0.3)	
	OR (95% CI)	<i>P</i>	OR (95% CI)	<i>P</i>	OR (95% CI)	<i>P</i>	OR (95% CI)	<i>P</i>
Sputum tests	0.93 (0.82–1.05)	0.24	1.22 (1.05–1.41)	0.009	1.11 (0.98–1.26)	0.11	1.00 (0.50–2.00)	0.99
Blood cultures	0.81 (0.70–0.93)	0.004	0.71 (0.60–0.85)	<0.001	0.79 (0.68–0.93)	0.003	1.67 (0.79–3.53)	0.18
Urine antigen tests	0.75 (0.64–0.87)	<0.001	0.75 (0.63–0.89)	0.001	0.80 (0.69–0.94)	0.005	0.39 (0.16–0.99)	0.047
Cumulative no. performed	Reference		Reference		Reference		Reference	
0	Reference		Reference		Reference		Reference	
1	0.97 (0.85–1.12)	0.69	1.03 (0.87–1.21)	0.74	0.81 (0.70–0.93)	0.003	1.03 (0.50–2.11)	0.93
2	0.74 (0.63–0.86)	<0.001	0.78 (0.64–0.94)	0.010	0.78 (0.66–0.92)	0.004	0.50 (0.17–1.47)	0.21
3	0.51 (0.40–0.64)	<0.001	0.70 (0.54–0.91)	0.008	0.83 (0.66–1.04)	0.11	1.08 (0.36–3.26)	0.89

25% reduced odds of 30-day mortality

<sup>a</sup>In-hospital deaths within 30 days of admission.

# Testing Warranted in Endemic Populations

- Identifies cases that would otherwise remain undetected
- Facilitates targeted antibiotic therapy
- Provides surveillance for potential outbreaks

“Routine *Legionella* testing affords confidence that cases were not missed...and infection prevention protocols remained effective.”



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## Clinical Presentation of Community-Acquired Legionella Pneumonia Identified by Universal Testing in an Endemic Area

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**Abstract:** The rapid identification of *Legionella* pneumonia is essential to optimize patient treatment and outcomes, and to identify potential public health risks. Previous studies have identified clinical factors which are more common in *Legionella* than non-*Legionella* pneumonia, and scores have been developed to assist in diagnosing cases. Since a *Legionella* pneumonia outbreak at VA Pittsburgh in 2012, nearly all patients with pneumonia have been tested for *Legionella*. The purpose of this study was to evaluate distinguishing characteristics between *Legionella* and non-*Legionella* pneumonia with the application of universal testing for *Legionella* in all cases of community-acquired pneumonia. We performed a retrospective case-control study matching *Legionella* and non-*Legionella* pneumonia cases occurring in the same month. Between January 2013 and February 2016, 17 *Legionella* and 54 non-*Legionella* cases were identified and reviewed. No tested characteristics were significantly associated with *Legionella* cases after Bonferroni correction. Outcomes of *Legionella* and non-*Legionella* pneumonia were comparable. Therefore, in veterans who underwent routine *Legionella* testing in an endemic area, factors typically associated with *Legionella* pneumonia were non-discriminatory.

# Pneumococcal and *Legionella* Urinary Antigen Tests in Community-acquired Pneumonia: Prospective Evaluation of Indications for Testing

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**A**

**SP**

IDSA/ATS indications for SP UAT

	<i>Positive</i>	<i>Negative</i>	
<i>SP UAT positive</i>	49 (4.1%)	32 (4.2%)	81
<i>SP UAT negative</i>	1135 (95.9%)	725 (95.8%)	1860
	1184	757	1941

**B**

**LP**

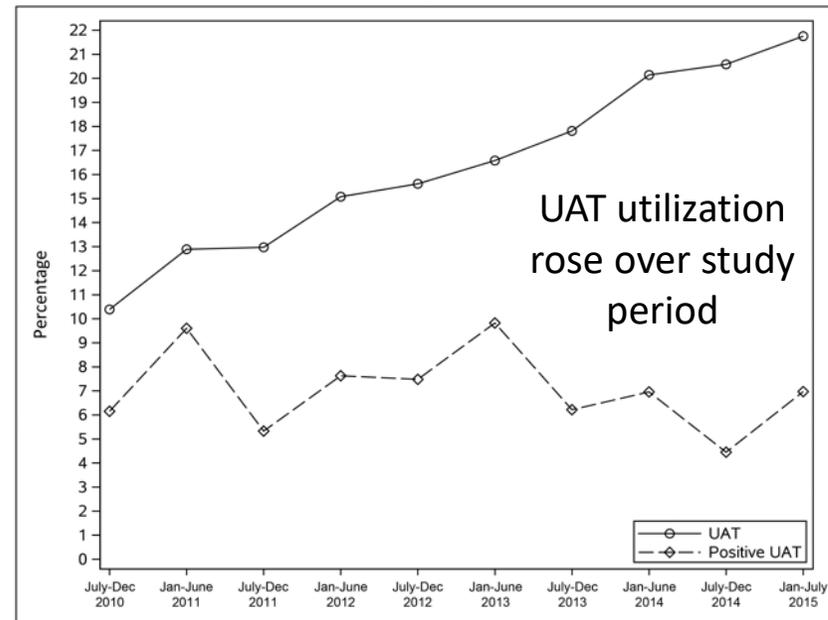
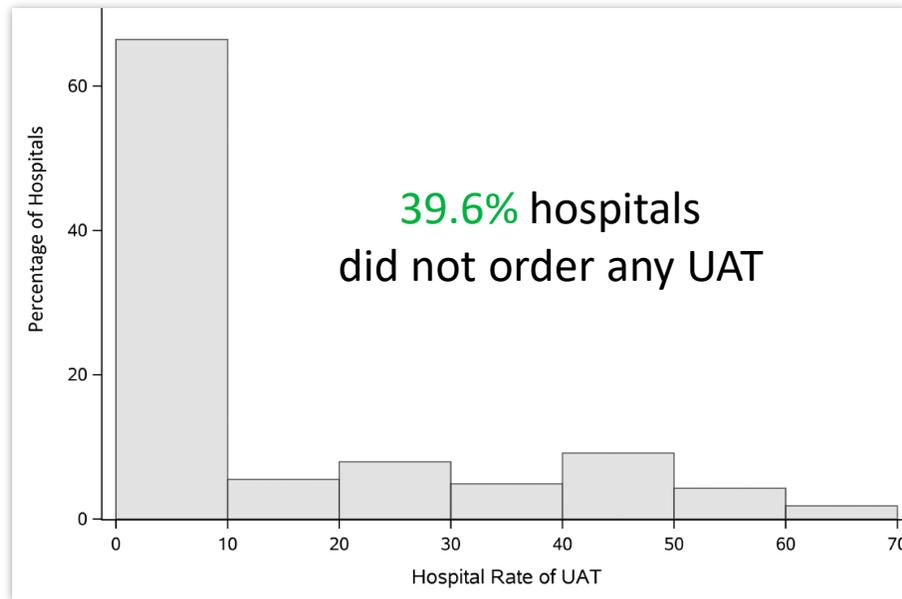
IDSA/ATS indications for LP UAT

	<i>Positive</i>	<i>Negative</i>	
<i>LP UAT positive</i>	20 (1.6%)	12 (1.8%)	32
<i>LP UAT negative</i>	1238 (98.4%)	671 (98.2%)	1909
	1258	683	1941

# Multivariable Models for Predicting Positive *Streptococcus pneumoniae* and *Legionella pneumophila* Urinary Antigen Tests

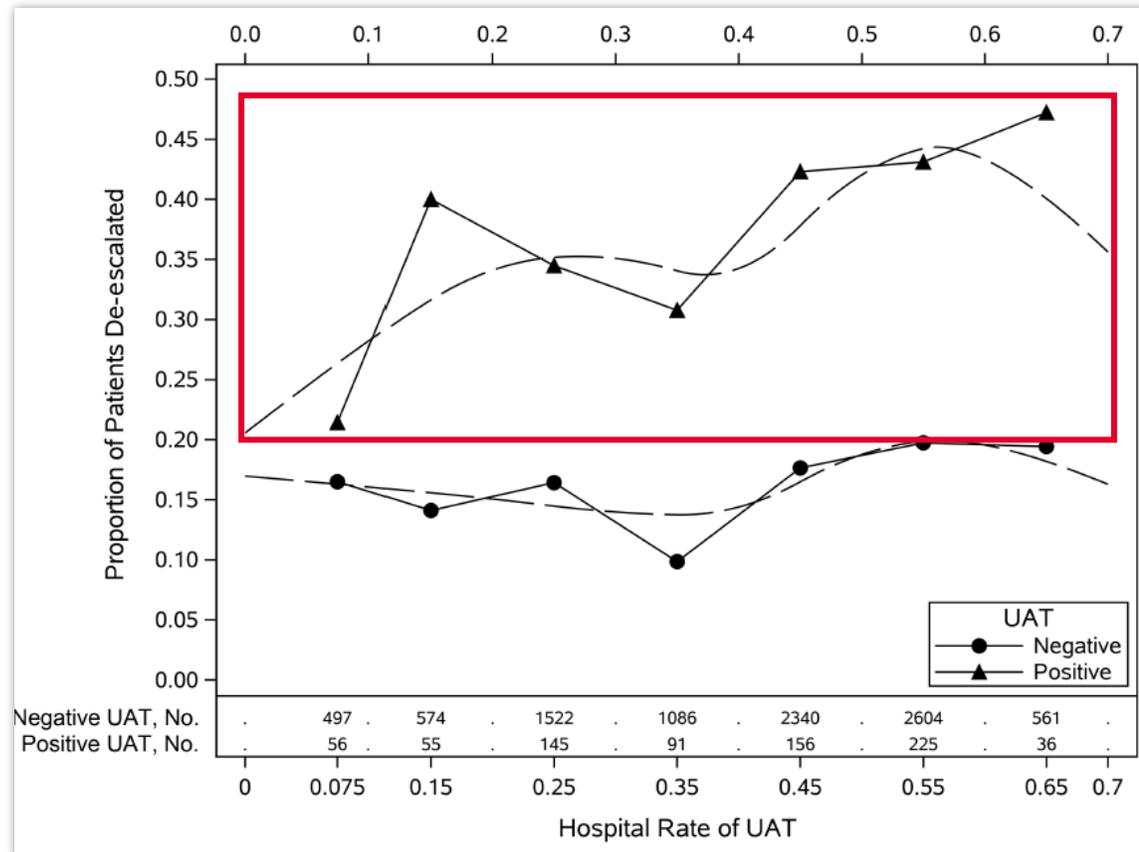
	Multivariable OR (95% CI)
<i>Streptococcus pneumoniae</i> (n = 81)	
Male sex	0.69 (0.43–1.09)
Age ≥65	1.04 (0.61–1.77)
Failure of outpatient antibiotics	0.67 (0.36–1.26)
Fever (>38°C)	1.50 (0.93–2.42)
Hyponatremia	1.81 (0.96–3.41)
ICU admission	1.29 (0.75–2.24)
Pneumonia Severity Index risk class ≥IV	1.46 (0.84–2.55)
Empiric broad spectrum antibiotics	1.16 (0.70–1.94)
<i>Legionella pneumophila</i> (n = 32)	
Recent travel	2.18 (0.99–4.76)
Fever (>38°C)	3.21 (1.56–6.60)
Hyponatremia	7.44 (3.5–15.67)
Diarrhea	2.88 (1.39–5.95)

# Pneumococcal Urinary Antigen Testing in United States Hospitals: A Missed Opportunity for Antimicrobial Stewardship



16.2% UAT in pneumonia population (n=159,894)

# Rate of De-escalation Following UAT Positivity Tended To Increase With Increasing Hospital Use



Hospital UAT use was strongly correlated with de-escalation following a positive test

# What are the clinical scenarios where UAT can be useful?

Hospitalized patients with CAP

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COVID + patients – required hospitalization due to acute respiratory failure

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Hospitalized patient that you suspect a nosocomial pneumonia

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# Recommendations for Specific Management Questions: Initial Diagnostic Evaluation

## Question 5

In adults with CAP, should **serum procalcitonin plus clinical judgement versus clinical judgment alone** be used to withhold initiation of antibiotic treatment?

## Recommendation

Serum procalcitonin should **not be used to withhold initiation of empiric antibiotic therapy** in adults with CAP.



**Interpretation**  
Strong



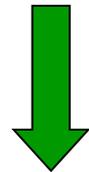
**Quality**  
Moderate quality of evidence

# Procalcitonin Differentiates between Bacterial and Viral Infections



bacterial infections

(proinflammatory cytokines - IL-1, IL-6 and TNF- $\alpha$  -  
and endotoxin)

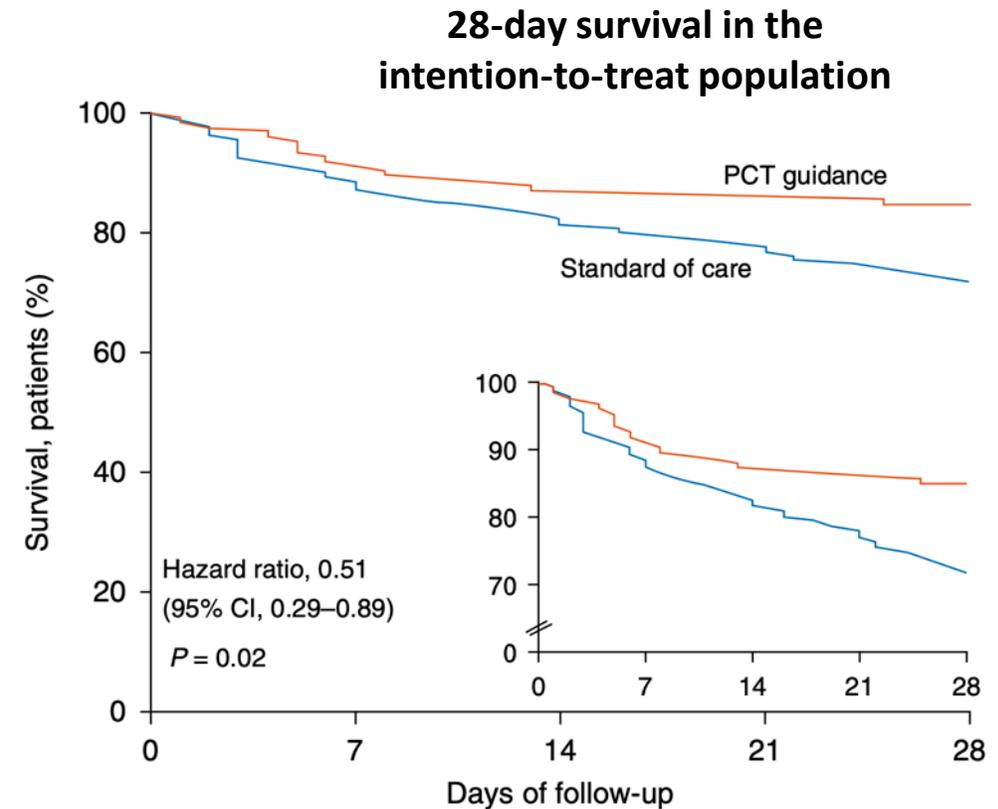
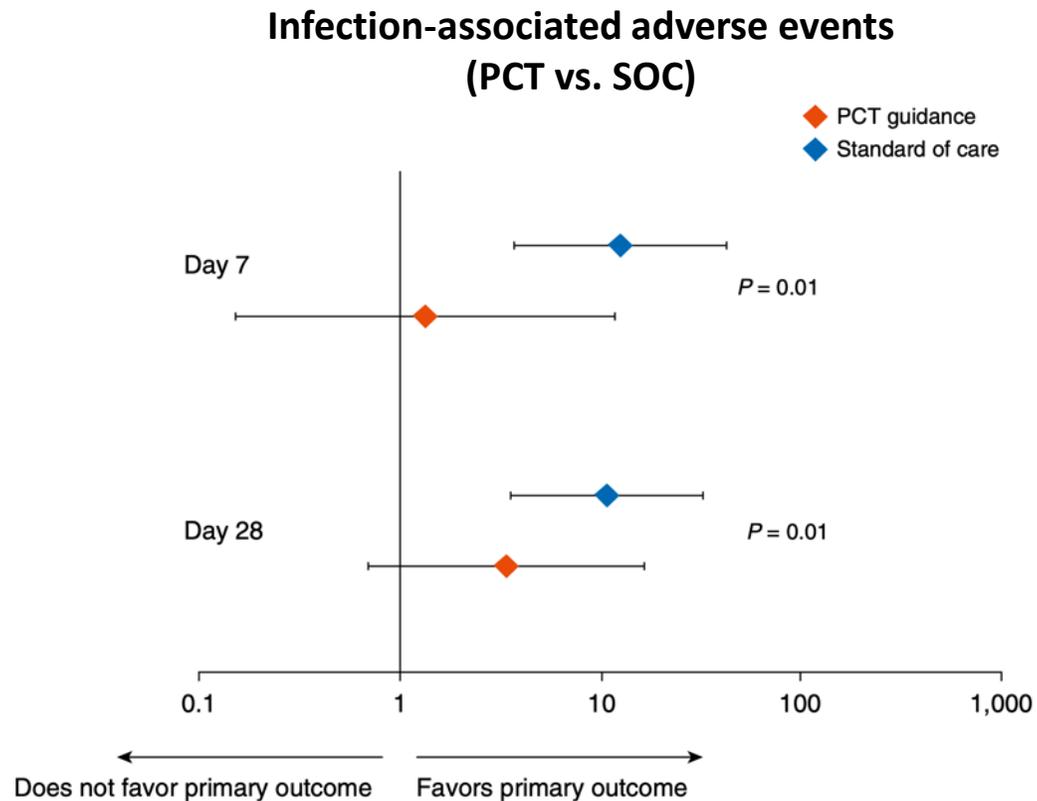


in viral infections  
(interferon gamma)

inflammation-mediated expression of the CALC I gene

Authors	Study name	Research question	Setting	n=	Mortality Control vs PCT group	AB exposure Control vs PCT	Relative AB reduction
<i>Christ-Crain et al,</i>	<b>ProRESP</b>	Reduction of antibiotic prescription for LRTI in the ED?	ED, single center	243	4/119 (3.4%) vs 4/124 (3.2%)	10.7 vs 4.8*	55.1%
<i>Christ-Crain et al,</i>	<b>ProCAP</b>	Reduction of antibiotic exposure in ED and hospital, CAP in ED and hospital?	single center	302	20/151 (13.2%) vs 18/151 (11.9%)	12.9 vs 5.7*	55.8%
<i>Stolz et al,</i>	<b>ProCOLD</b>	Reduction of antibiotic exposure in ED, single COPD exacerbation over 6 month?	center	208	9/106 (8.5%) vs 5/102 (4.9%)	7.0 vs 3.7*	47.1%
<i>Briel et al,</i>	<b>PARTI</b>	Safety & reduction of antibiotic exposure in upper and lower RTI?	Primary Care, multicenter	458	1/232 (0.4%) vs 0/226 (0%)	6.8 vs 1.5*	77.9%
<i>Nobre et al,</i>	<b>"ProSEP"</b>	Reduction of antibiotic exposure in ICU , single sepsis in the ICU ?	center	79	8/39 (20.5%) vs 8/40 (20%)	9.5 vs 6**	36.8%
<i>Schuetz et al,</i>	<b>ProHOSP</b>	Safety & feasibility in LRTI in a multicenter setting?	ED and hospital, multicenter	1359	33/671 (4.9%) vs 34/688 (4.9%)	8.7 vs 5.7*	34.5%
<i>Stolz et al,</i>	<b>ProVAP</b>	Reduction of antibiotic exposure in ICU, VAP in different ICUs ?	multicenter	101	12/50 (24%) vs 8/51 (15.7%)	9.5 vs 13***	26.9%
<i>Kristoffersen et al,</i>	<b>1-PCT</b>	Reduction of antibiotic exposure for LRTI in Denmark?	ED and hospital, single center	210	1/107 (0.9%) vs 2/103 (1.9%)	6.8 vs 5.1*	25.0%
<i>Hochreiter et al,</i>	<b>ProSICU</b>	Guiding antibiotic therapy with PCT in a surgical ICU?	Surgical ICU, single center	110	14/53 (26.4%) vs 15/57 (26.3%)	7.9 vs 5.9*	25.3%
<i>Bouadma et al,</i>	<b>ProRATA</b>	Reduction of antibiotic exposure for sepsis in different french ICUs ?	ICU , multicenter	621	64/314 (20.4%) vs 65/307 (21.2%)	11.6 vs 14.3***	18.9%
<i>Burckhardt et all</i>	<b>"PARTI Germany"</b>	Safety & reduction of only initial PCT measurement in primary care?	Primary Care, multicenter	550	0/275 (0%) vs 0/275 (0%)	36.7% vs 21.5%****	42.0%
<b>Total</b>				<b>4241 166/2117 (7.8%) vs 159/2124 (7.5%)</b>			

# PCT-guidance treatment compared to standard-of-care after 180 days



# What are the clinical scenarios where PCT levels can be useful?

Recognizing response to and shortening duration of antibiotic therapy

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Determining the need for antibiotics in patients with LRTI (i.e., AECOPD)

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Determining severity of infection (e.g. localized versus systemic)

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Differentiating between septic and other forms of shock

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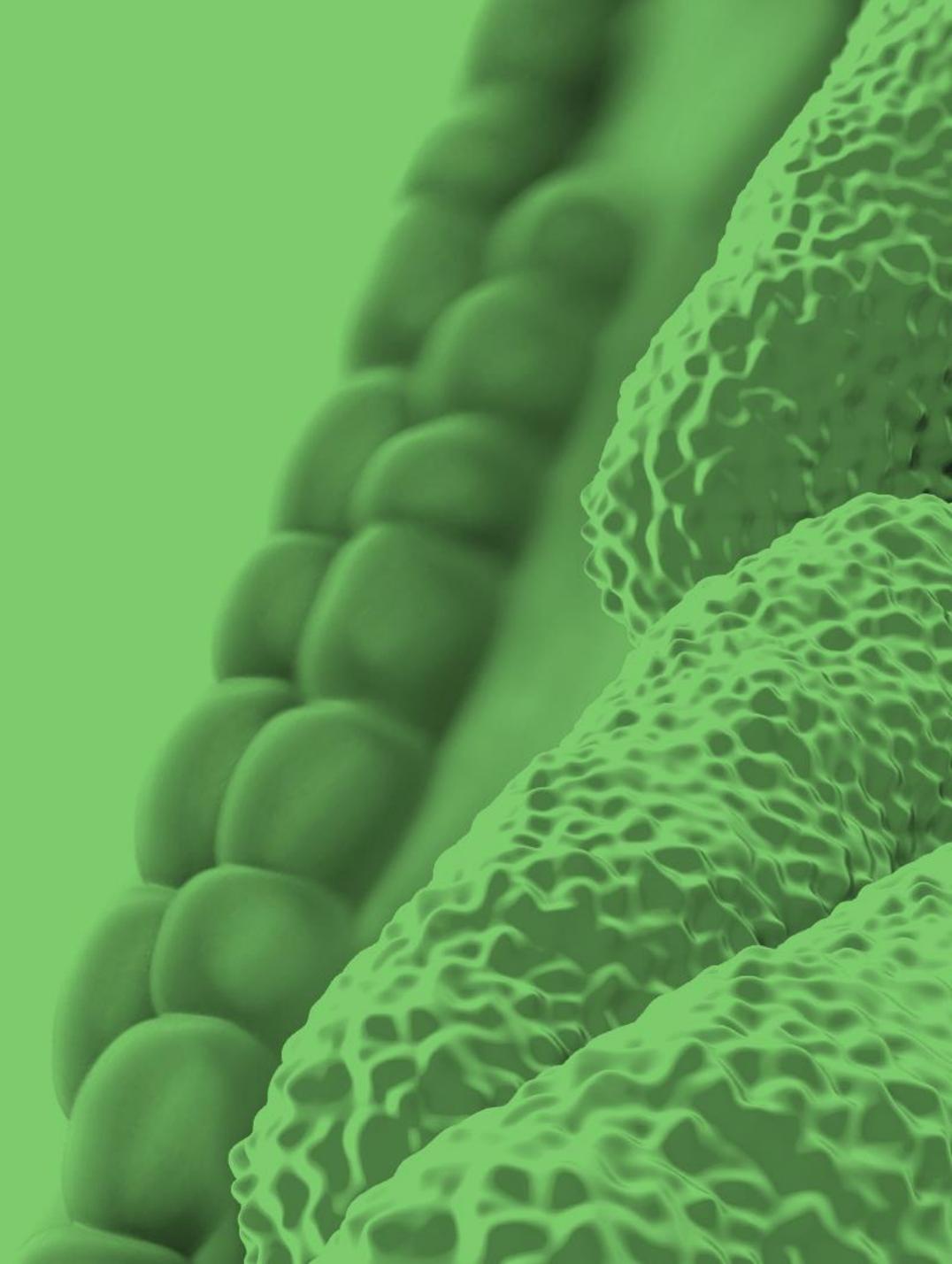
Distinguishing viral from bacterial infection in febrile patients

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# CAP Test Methods:

*S. pneumoniae*  
*Legionella*



## LEGIONELLA

METHODOLOGY	COMPONENT DETECTED	SAMPLE TYPE	SENSITIVITY	SPECIFICITY	TURNAROUND TIME
Culture	organism	sputum	Gold Standard*	Gold Standard*	4 - 10 days
UAT <sup>1</sup>	antigen	urine	95%	95%	15 minutes
DFA <sup>2</sup>	organism	sputum	33% - 70%	>95%	40 - 60 minutes
Serology/IFA <sup>2</sup>	antibody	serum	40% - 60%	>95%	60 - 90 minutes

## STREPTOCOCCUS PNEUMONIAE

METHODOLOGY	COMPONENT DETECTED	SAMPLE TYPE	SENSITIVITY	SPECIFICITY	TURNAROUND TIME
UAT <sup>3</sup>	antigen	urine	86%**	94%**	15 minutes
Blood Culture	organism	blood	10% - 30% <sup>4</sup>	N/A	24 - 48 hours
Sputum Culture	organism	sputum	29% - 94% <sup>5</sup>	66% <sup>6</sup> - 94% <sup>7</sup>	24 - 48 hours
Sputum Gram Stain <sup>8</sup>	organism	sputum	15% - 100%	11% - 100%	15 minutes

\* Sensitivity and specificity data for methodologies listed were obtained through comparison to clinical diagnosis including culture.

\*\* Sensitivity and specificity data are retrospective for urine only.

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# UAT for *S. pneumoniae* and *Legionella*

Guideline-concordant testing<sup>1</sup>

Non-invasive, ease of urine sample collection<sup>3</sup>

No instrument required

Easy to use<sup>2,3</sup>

Rapid results<sup>2,3</sup>

Low cost per test/Inexpensive<sup>2,3</sup>

Guide for antibiotic de-escalation<sup>2,3</sup>

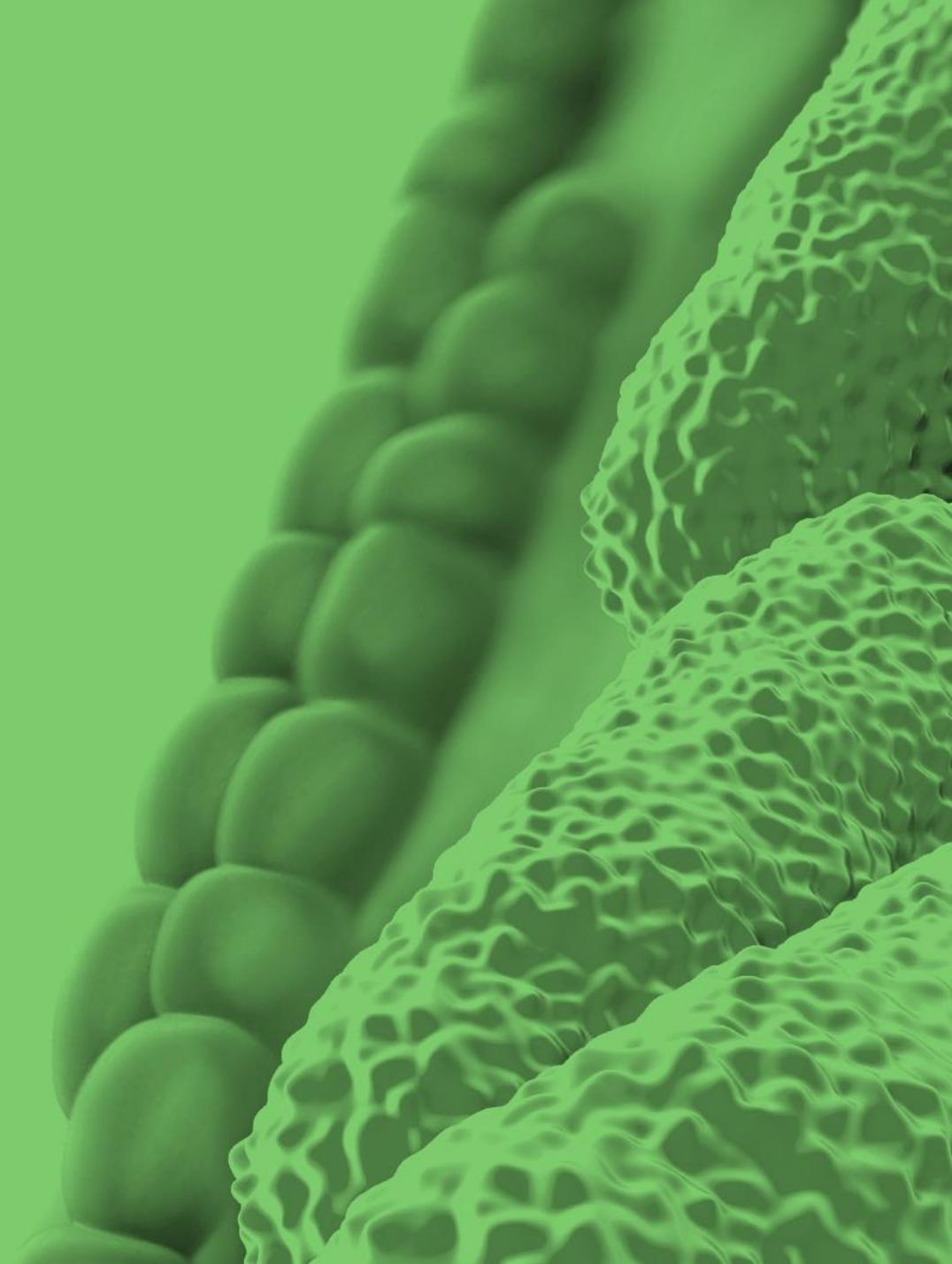
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# Summary



# CAP Dx - Take Home Messages

- ✓ CAP is changing - **clinical diagnosis is pivotal for** patient's management
- ✓ UAT helps identify two important CAP pathogens associated with high mortality
  - ✓ *Legionella*, of increasing prevalence and poses new risks with building re-openings
  - ✓ *S. pneumoniae*, the leading cause of CAP
- ✓ Procalcitonin is important diagnosis tool for the diagnosis and management of CAP
- ✓ During COVID 19, CAP diagnosis and management should be managed according to the ATS/IDSA CAP Guidelines

*“Problems are not stop signs,  
they are guidelines”*

- Robert H. Schuller



The image features a green-tinted background with two distinct microscopic views. On the left, there is a close-up of a highly textured, porous surface, possibly a membrane or a biological structure. On the right, there are several chains of rod-shaped bacteria, likely Bacillus or Clostridium species, arranged in various orientations. The text 'THANK YOU' is centered in the upper half of the image.

**THANK YOU**

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