

# Antimicrobial Stewardship

## *“Bad Bugs, No Drugs”*

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“Antimicrobial Stewardship:  
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*Antibiotics:*

*The Good, the Bad  
and the Multidrug-Resistant Bacteria*

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# Prior to Antibiotics, Infection had the power to define civilization



**Ancient Greeks**



**Ancient Romans**



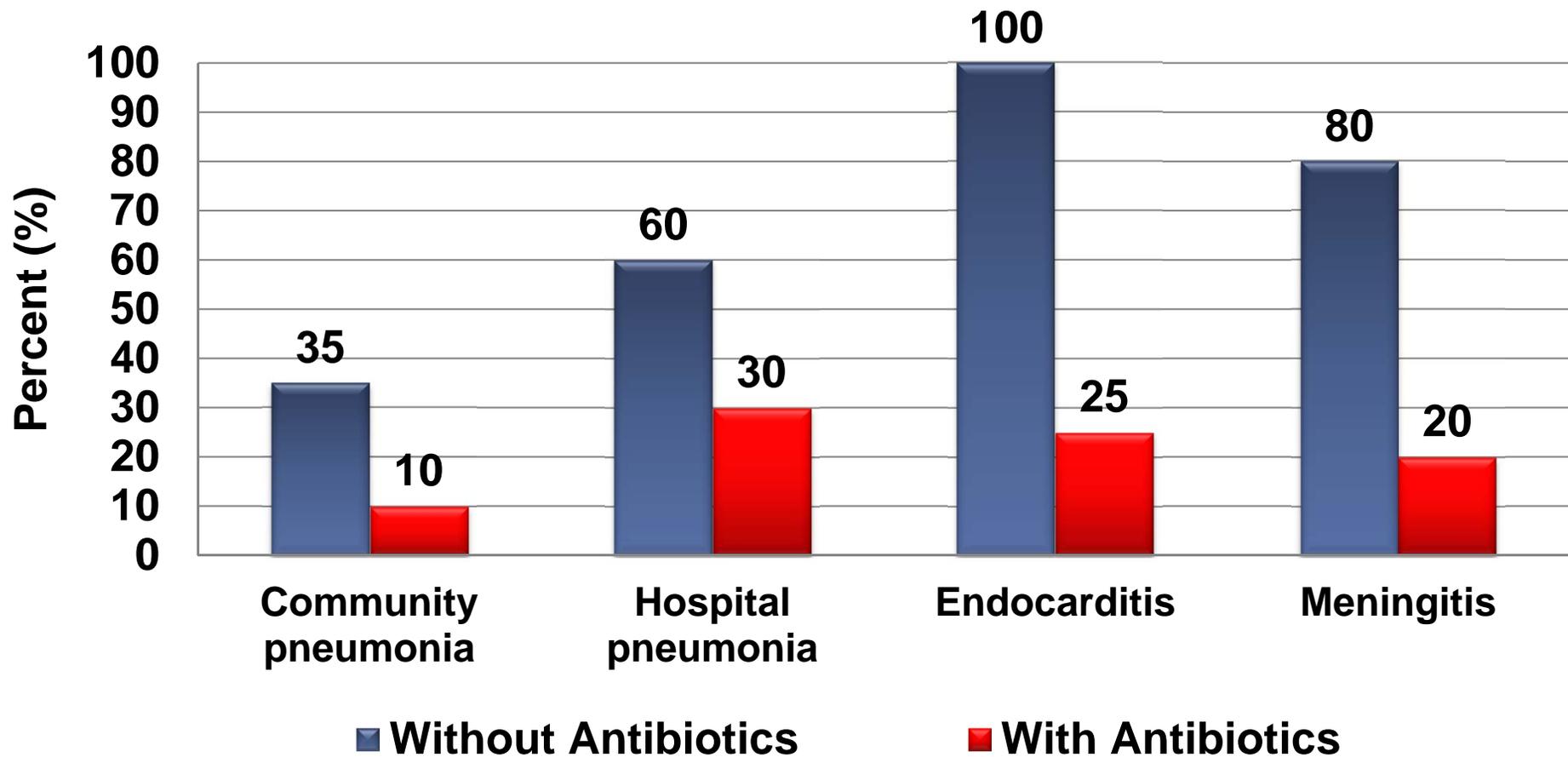
**Byzantinian Empire**

Thanks to PENICILLIN  
...He Will Come Home!

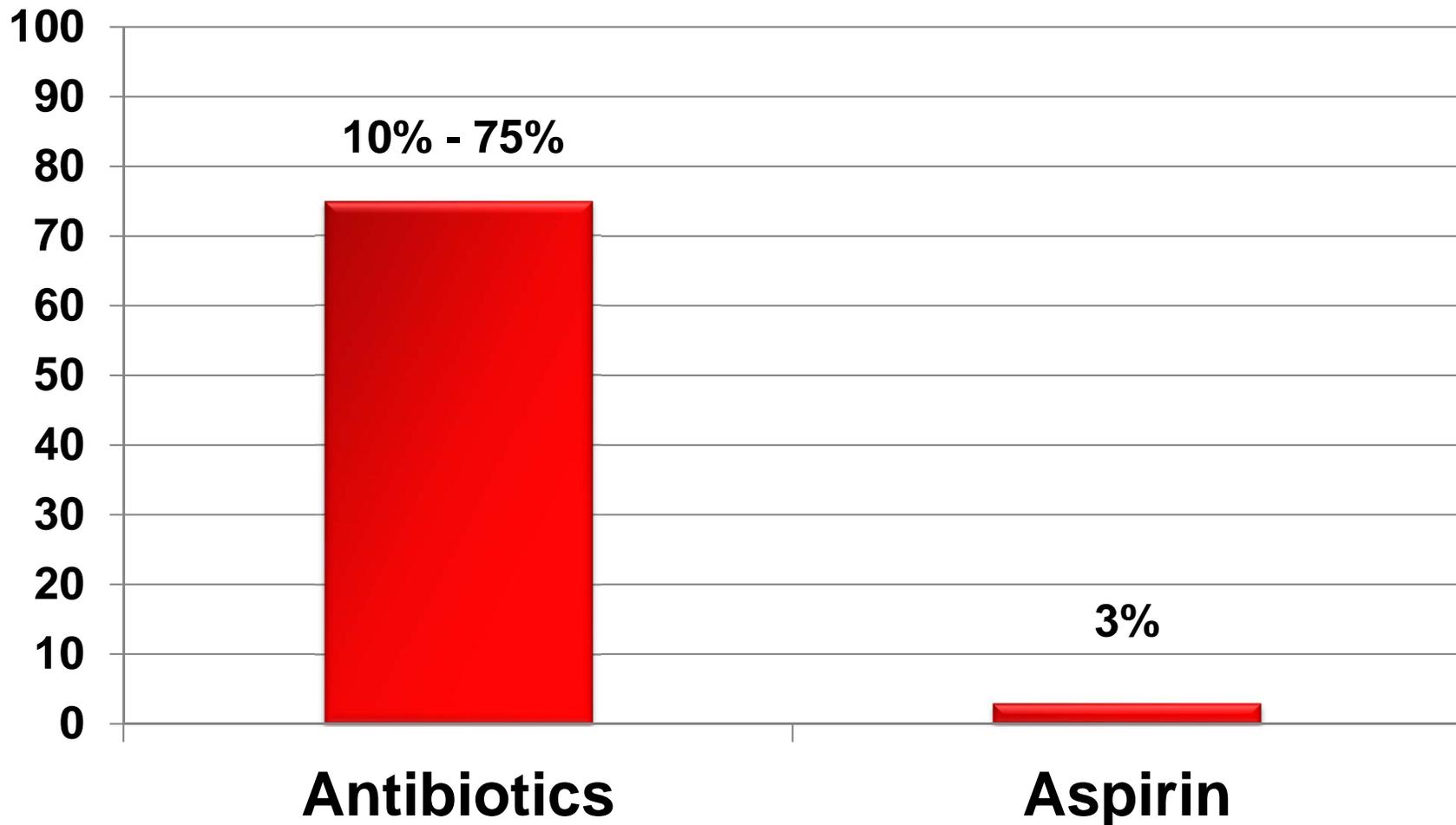


# Antibiotics Save Lives

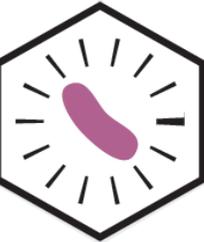
## Mortality: Before and after antibiotics



# Impact on Mortality Reduction



# But Using Antibiotics Drives Bacterial Resistance



## How Antibiotic Resistance Happens

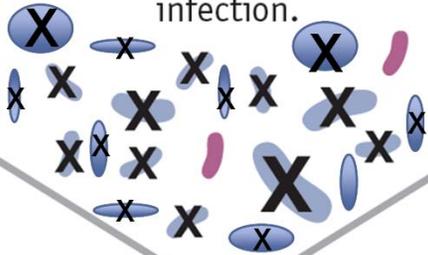
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Lots of germs.  
A few are drug resistant.



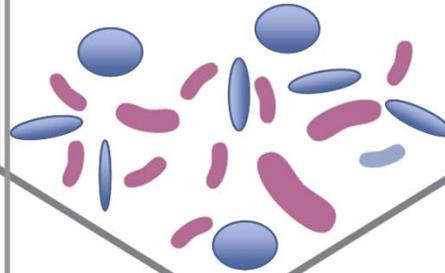
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Antibiotics kill bacteria causing the illness, as well as good bacteria protecting the body from infection.



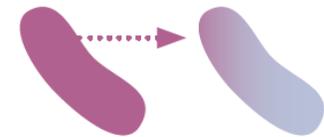
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The drug-resistant bacteria are now allowed to grow and take over.

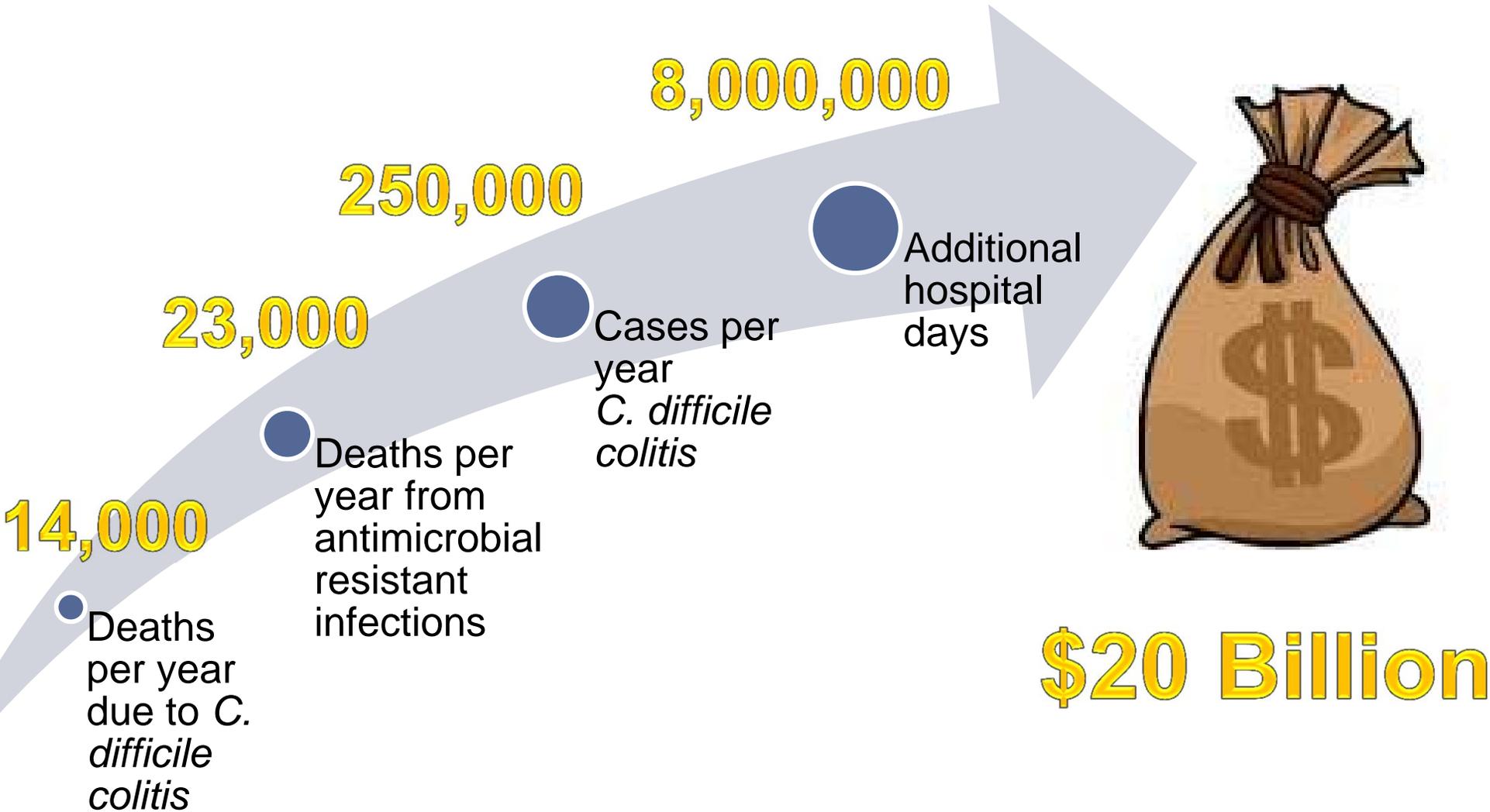


4.

Some bacteria give their drug-resistance to other bacteria, causing more problems.



# The Cost of Antimicrobial Resistance



# What else could one buy for \$20 Billion?

**MMR**  
vaccination for  
every child in  
the world



**50 Most expensive  
paintings ever sold**



**Jamaica**



**The London  
Olympics (x2)**



# Antimicrobial Resistance: Increases Mortality and Increases Costs

<b>Organism</b>	<b>Increased risk of death (OR)</b>	<b>Attributable LOS (days)</b>	<b>Attributable cost</b>
<b>MRSA bacteremia</b>	<b>1.9</b>	<b>2.2</b>	<b>\$6,916</b>
<b>MRSA surgical infection</b>	<b>3.4</b>	<b>2.6</b>	<b>\$13,901</b>
<b>VRE infection</b>	<b>2.1</b>	<b>6.2</b>	<b>\$12,766</b>
<b>Resistant Pseudomonas infection</b>	<b>3.0</b>	<b>5.7</b>	<b>\$11,981</b>
<b>Resistant Enterobacter infection</b>	<b>5.0</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>\$29,379</b>

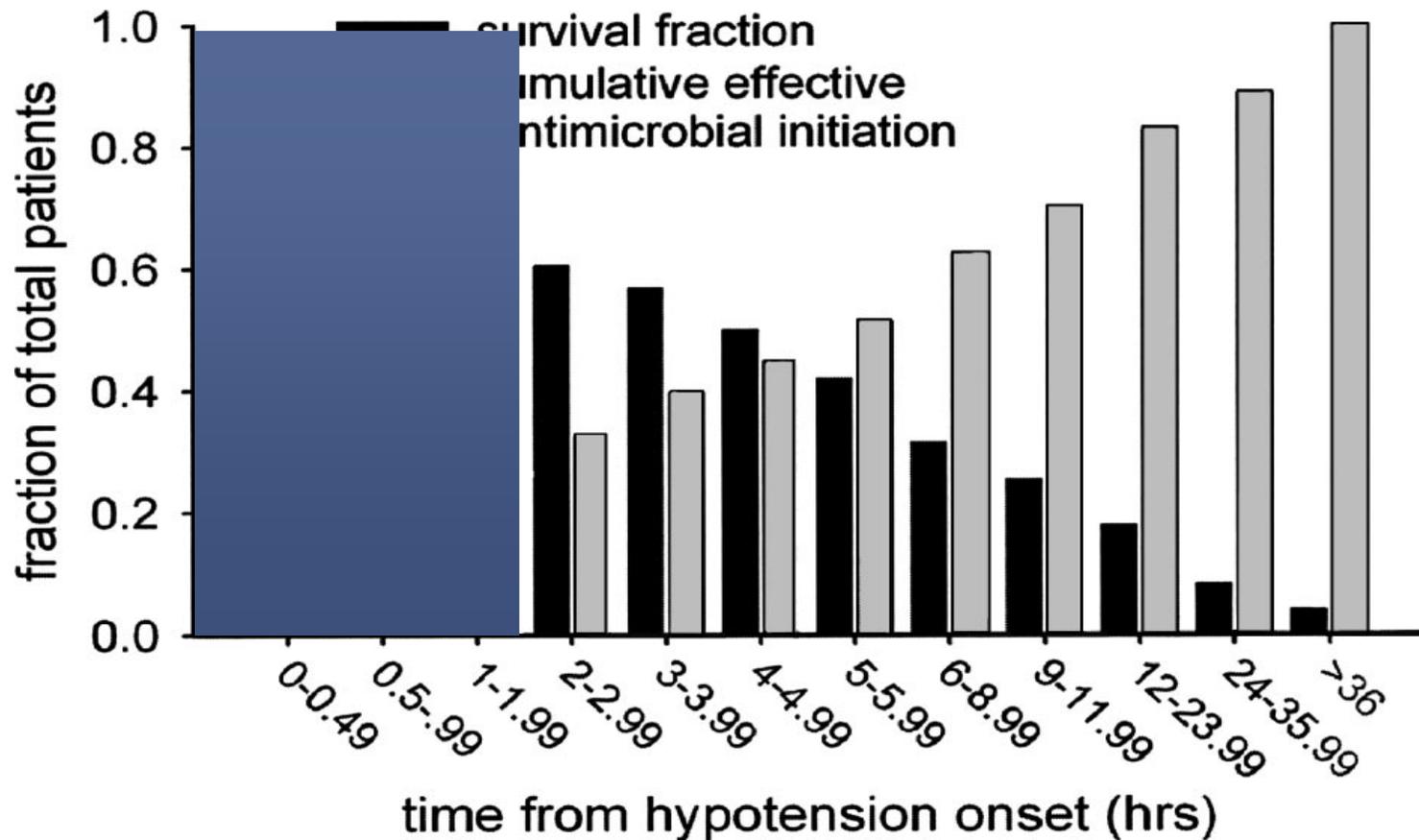
# Who is Responsible for Antimicrobial Resistance?

***“...Microbes are educated to resist penicillin...which can be passed to other individuals...until they reach someone who gets a septicemia or a pneumonia which penicillin cannot save. In such a case the thoughtless person playing with penicillin treatment is morally responsible for the death of the man who finally succumbs to infection with the penicillin-resistant organism. I hope the evil can be averted.”***

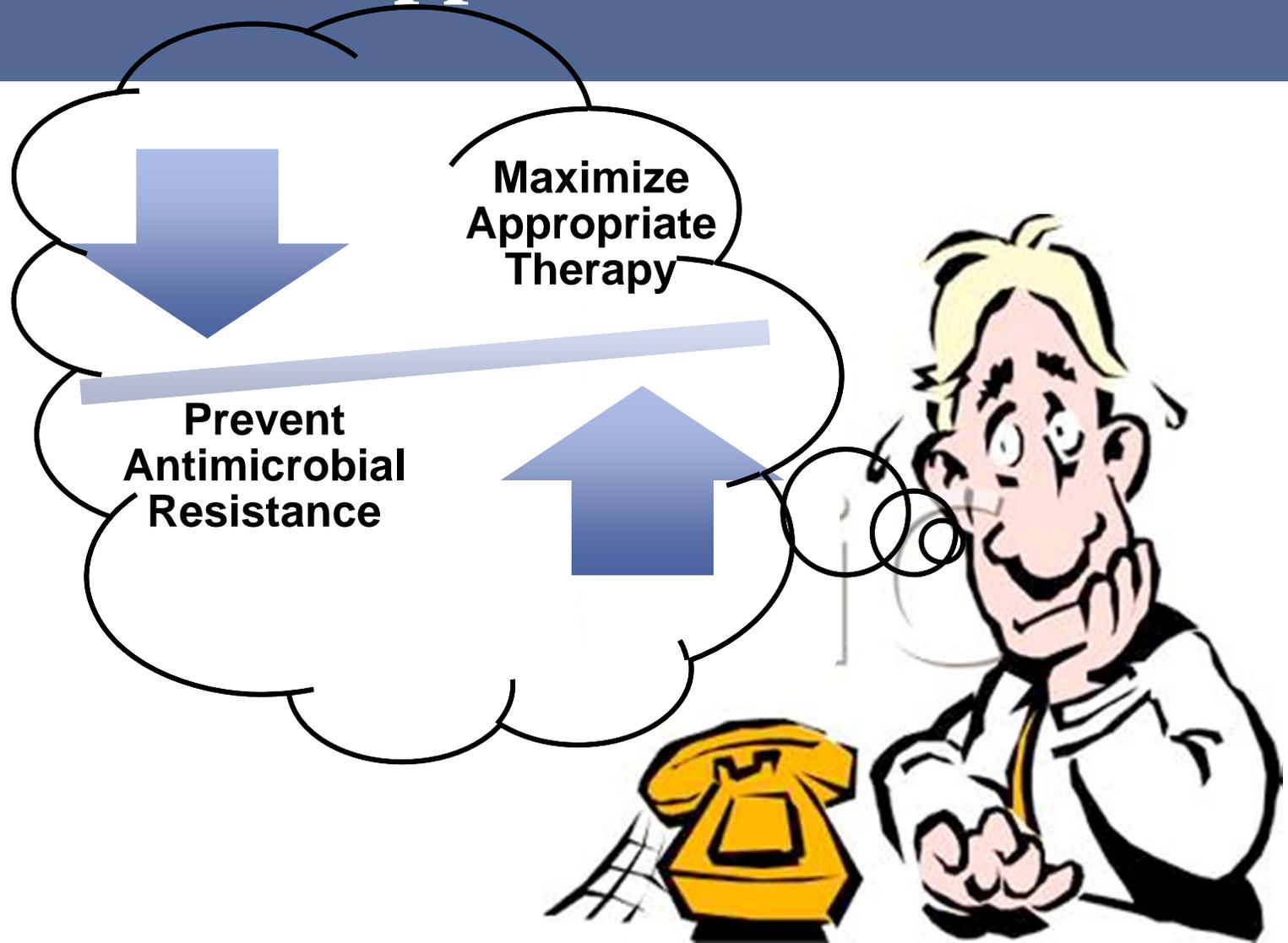
**-Sir Alexander Fleming, 1946**

# But in Our Defense...

- Timing of the first antibiotic dose matters!

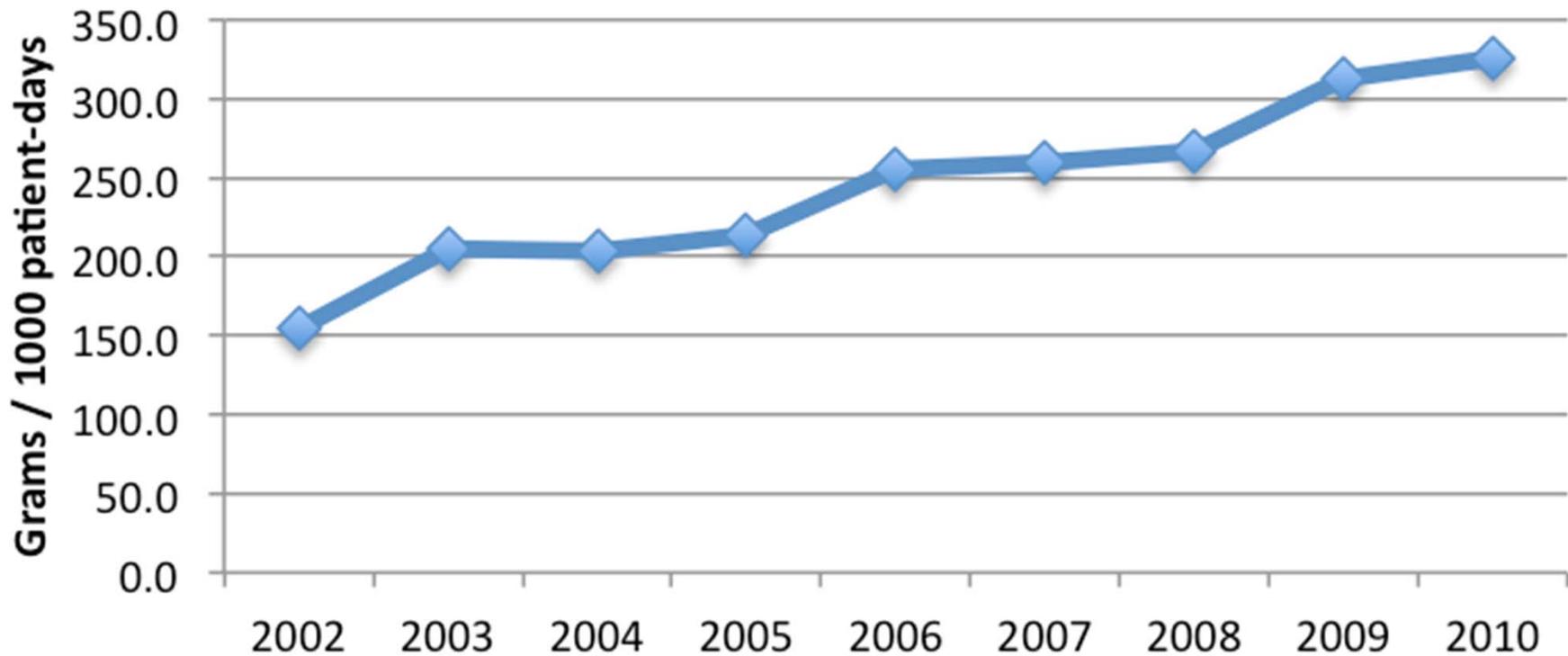


# What Are We Supposed to Do?

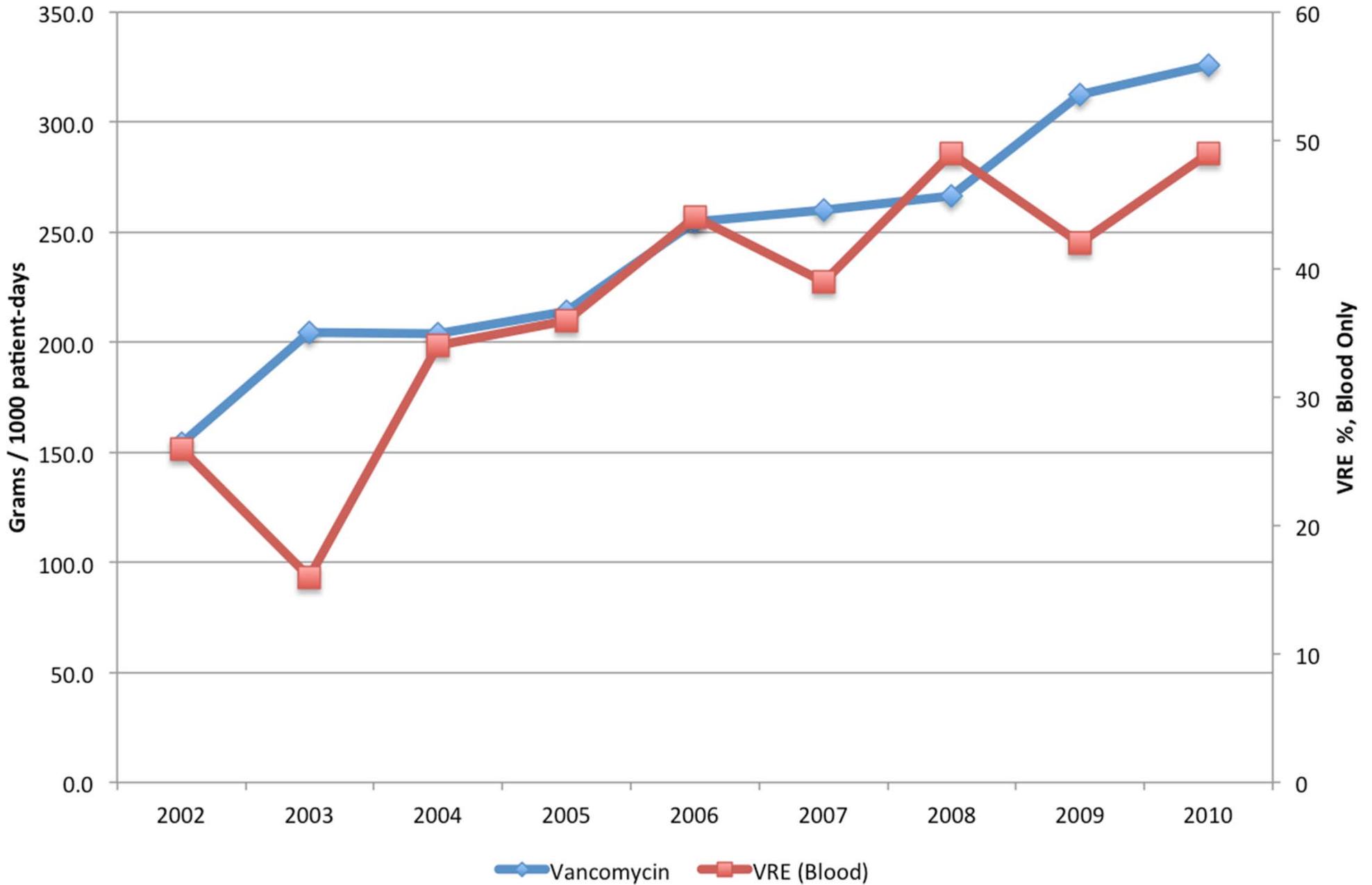


# The Situation at UCLA

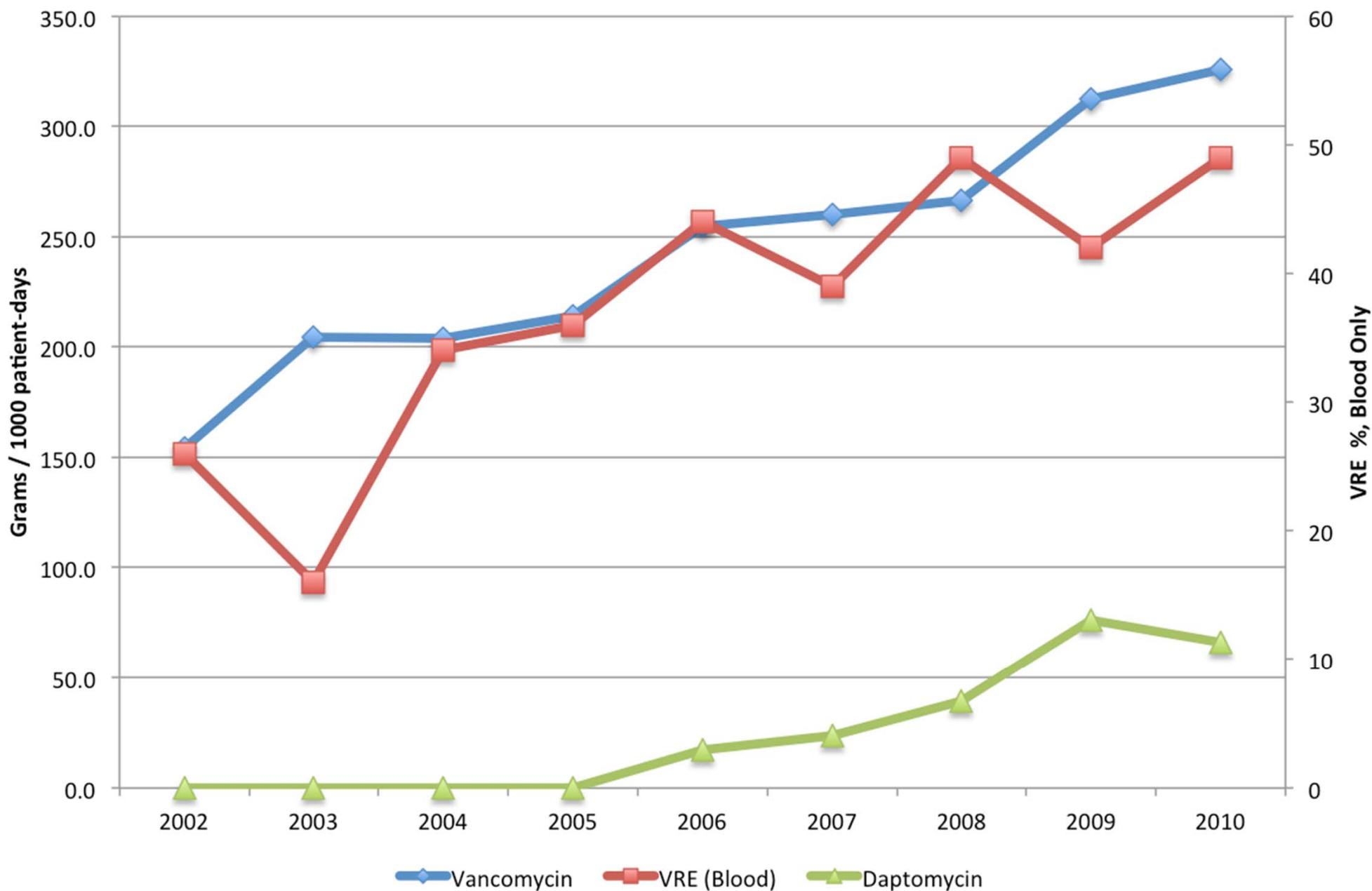
## Vancomycin at UCLA (RRMC)



# Vancomycin vs VRE Rates



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# Daptomycin Nonsusceptible Enterococci: An Emerging Challenge for Clinicians

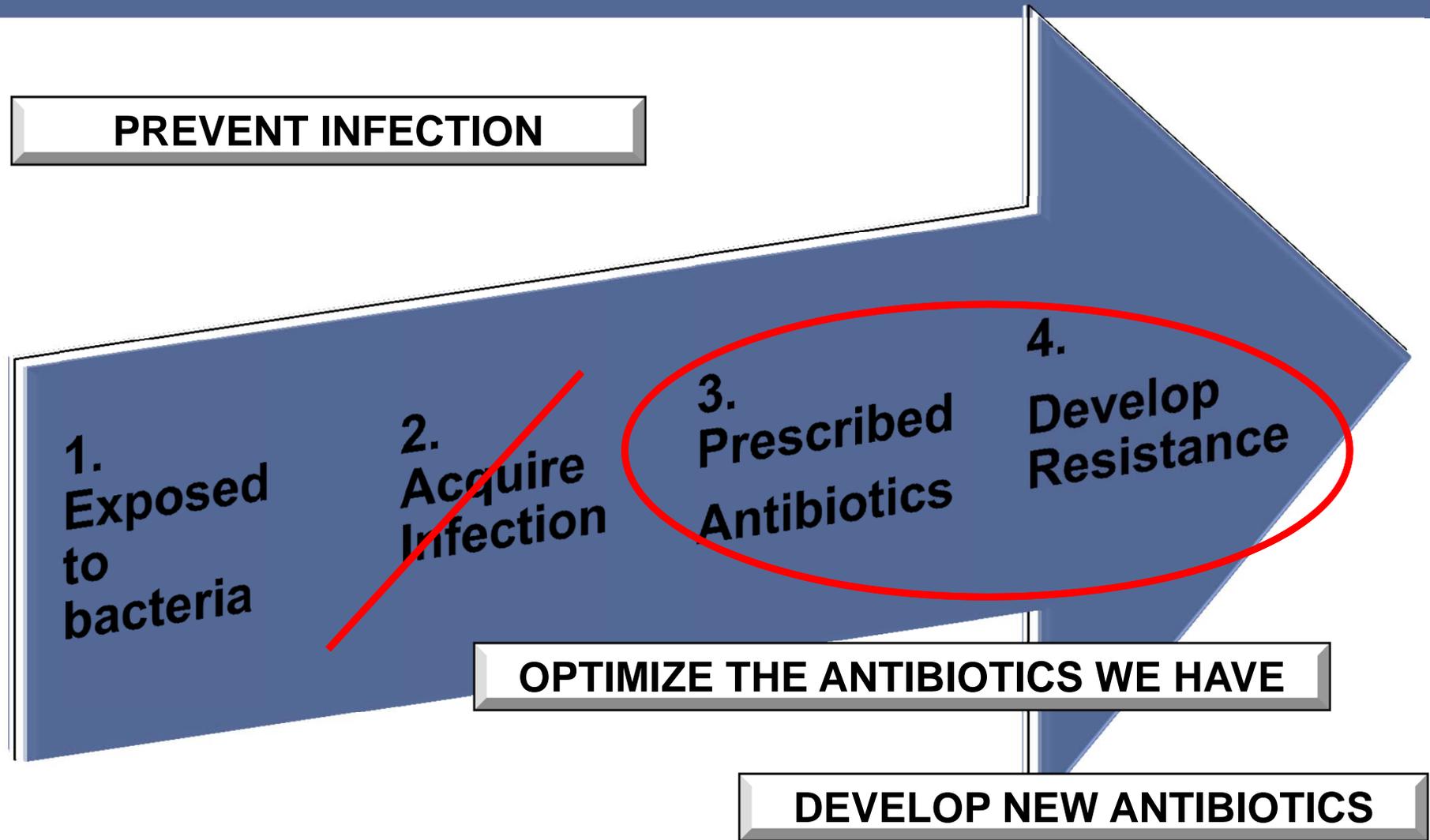
**Theodoros Kelesidis,<sup>1</sup> Romney Humphries,<sup>2</sup> Daniel Z. Uslan,<sup>1</sup> and David A. Pegues<sup>1</sup>**

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**Daptomycin is the only antibiotic with in vitro bactericidal activity against vancomycin-resistant *Enterococcus* (VRE) that is approved by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA). Data on the potential emergence of daptomycin nonsusceptibility among enterococci remain limited. We systematically reviewed the published literature for reports of isolates of enterococci that were daptomycin nonsusceptible and assessed the clinical significance and outcome of therapy. Based on susceptibility breakpoints approved by the Clinical Laboratory Standards Institute (CLSI), daptomycin has in vitro activity against >90% of enterococcal isolates. Less than 2% of enterococcal isolates were daptomycin nonsusceptible, with minimum inhibitory concentrations (MICs) >4 µg/mL. The prevalence of nonsusceptibility of VRE isolates to daptomycin may be overestimated due to the spread of clonally related isolates in health care settings. Clinicians should be aware of the possibility of the emergence of daptomycin nonsusceptibility and should closely monitor daptomycin MICs of enterococci isolated during treatment.**

# How Do We Combat Resistance?



# Prevent Infection

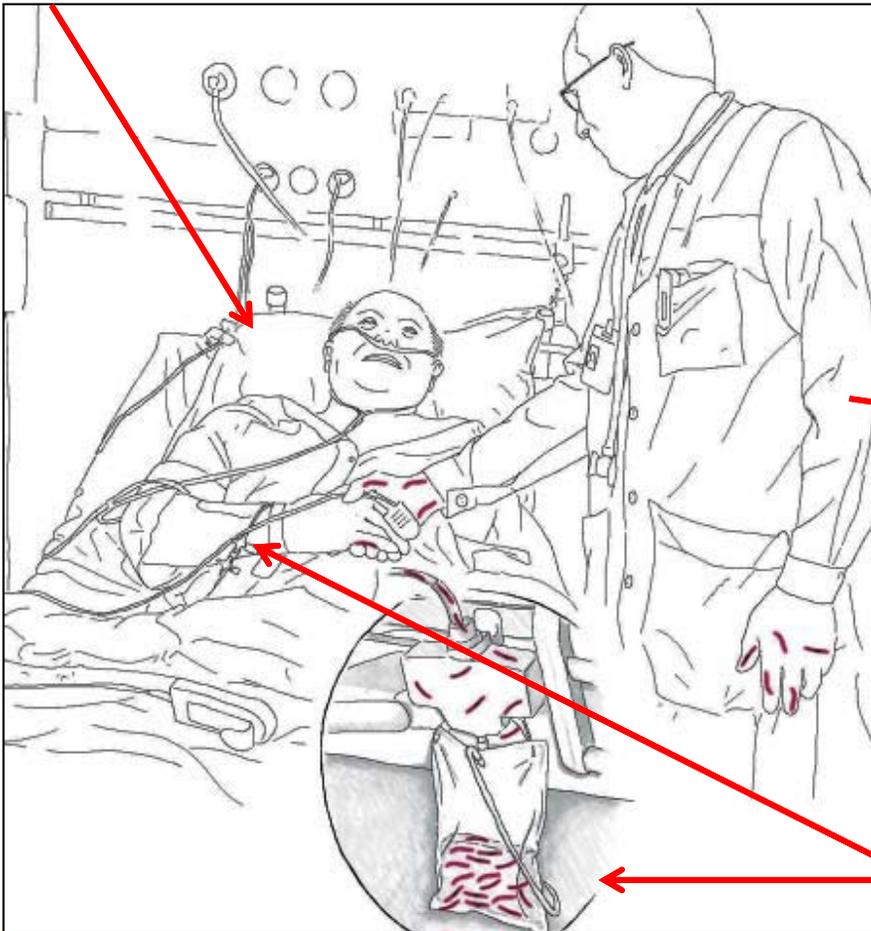
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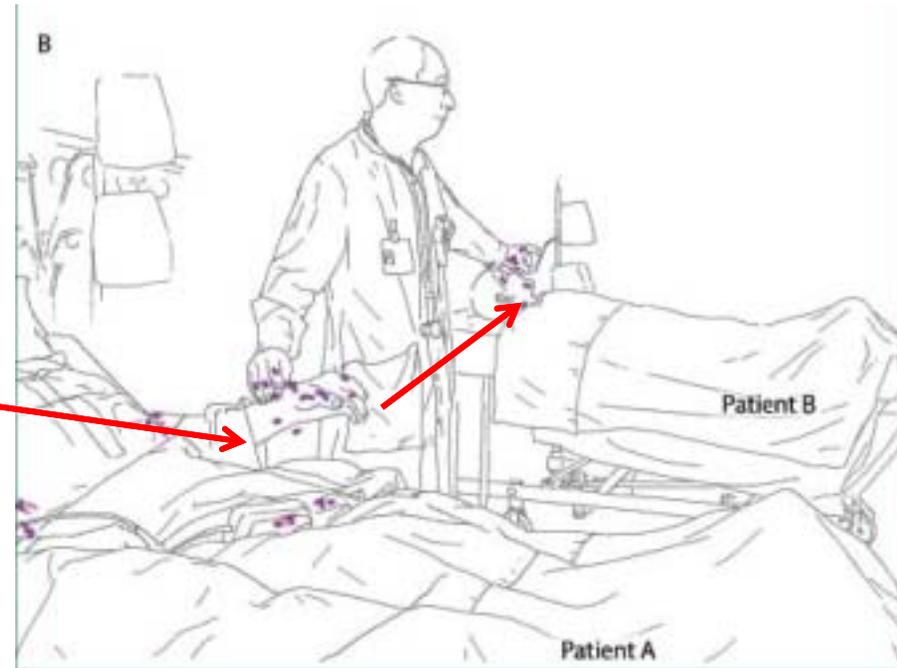
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**Elevate head of bed**



**Hand washing**



**Reduce portals of entry**

# Develop New Antibiotics



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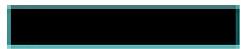
NDA



Early research/  
Preclinical testing



Ph I



Ph II



Ph III



FDA  
Review

# Challenges for Antimicrobial Research and Development

- **Smaller market:**
  - **Antibiotics work well and fast (days – weeks)**
  - **Compared with chronic, long-term conditions or lifestyle issues (months – years)**
- **Limited long-term potential:**
  - **bacteria will become resistant**

# Challenges for Antimicrobial Research and Development

## **Cardiologists:**

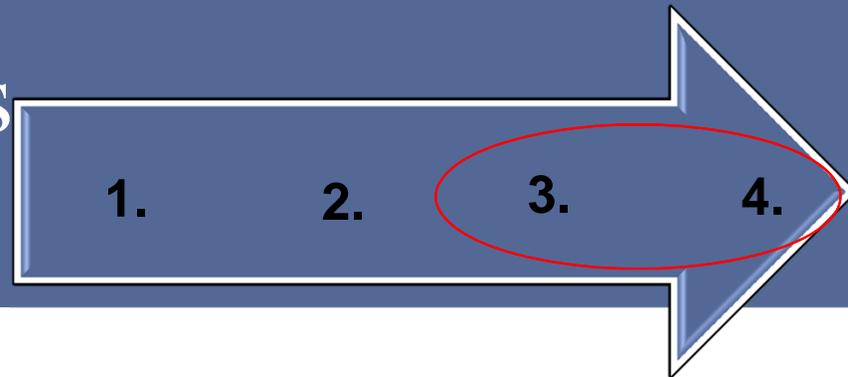
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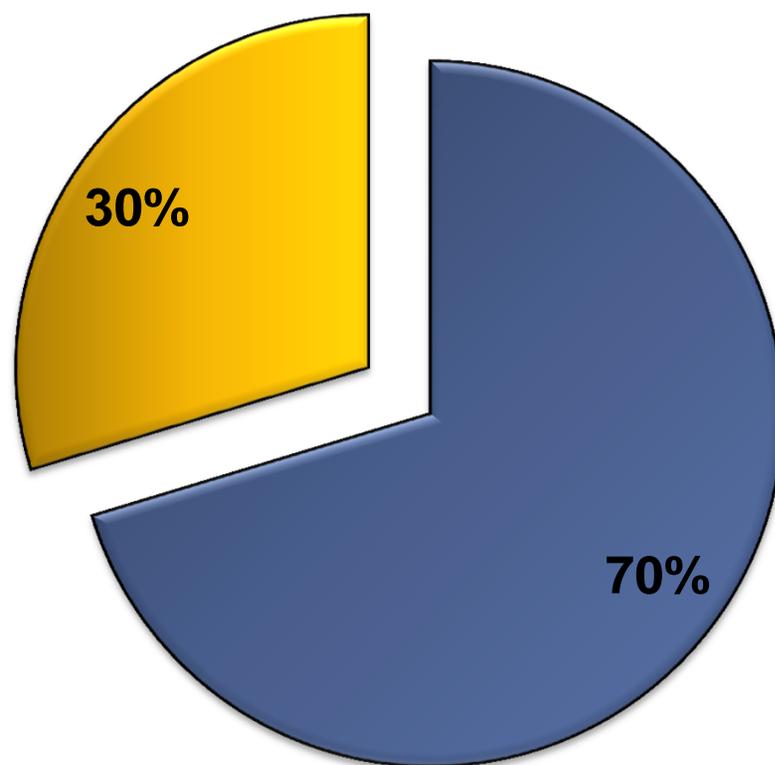
**“Here’s a new drug—no one use it!”**

# Optimize Current Antibiotics

## Identify scope of the Problem



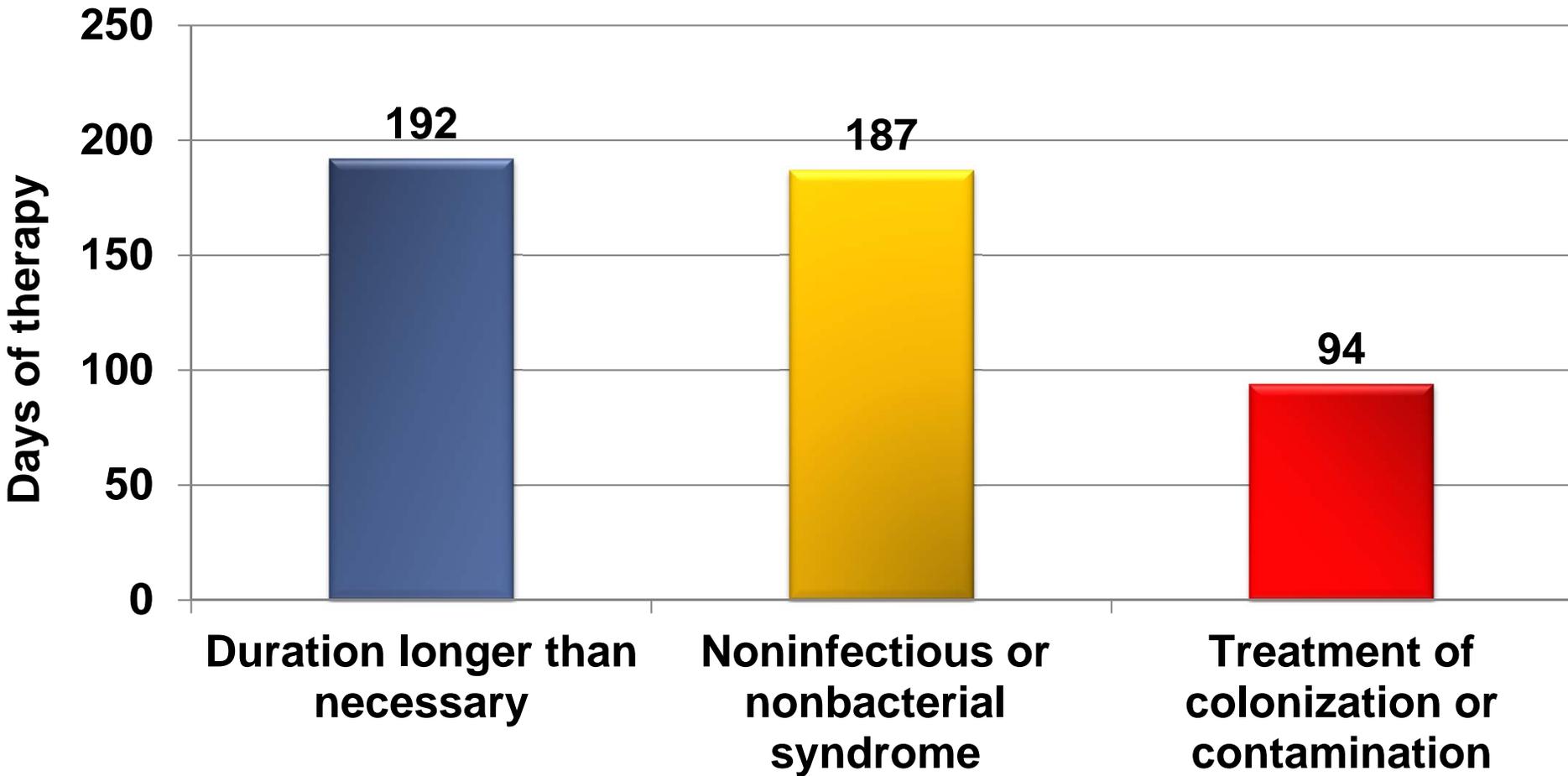
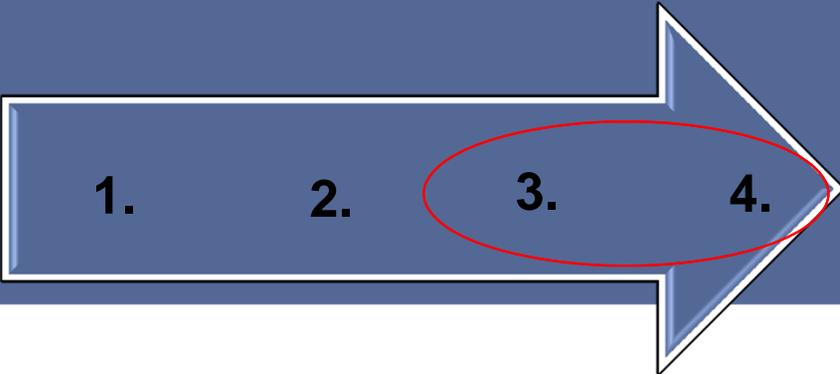
**N = 1941 days of antimicrobial therapy**



■ Appropriate Use

■ Inappropriate Use

# Optimizing the Antibiotics: Address overuse



# California Senate Bill 739

SECTION 1. (a) The Legislature finds and declares all of the following:

- (1) Health care facilities across the nation have seen a steady increase in the risk of healthcare associated infection (HAI) during recent decades.
- (2) According to published estimates, **approximately 5 to 10 percent of**

**January 1, 2008**

**This bill would establish the  
Hospital Infectious Disease Control Program**

and surgical site infections account for more than 60 percent of all HAIs.

- (4) Approximately 25 percent of HAI cases occur among patients in intensive care units, and **two-thirds of those cases are linked to antimicrobial resistance.**
- (5) Conservative estimates indicate that approximately **240,000 patients** admitted to California hospitals each year develop HAI, which results in an **estimated cost of \$3.1 billion to the state.**

# *Stewardship at UCLA Medical Center*

**JENNIFER CURELLO, PHARM.D.**

# Antimicrobial stewardship program (ASP)

The mission of the antimicrobial stewardship program is to *optimize clinical outcomes* of antimicrobial use in patients across the UCLA Health System.

- Optimal antimicrobial selection, dose, route, & duration
- Maximize efficacy while minimizing drug related-toxicity
- Minimize emergence of resistance
- Minimize risk of unintentional consequences of antimicrobial use

# Our team

- Physicians champions

- Dan Uslan, MD, Program Director
- Lynn Ramirez, MD (Pediatrics)

- Clinical pharmacists

- Jennifer Curello, PharmD (RRUMC)
- Meganne Kanatani, PharmD (RRUMC)
- Zahra Kassamali, PharmD (Santa Monica)

- Project manager

- Brandy Bryant, MPH (Quality)

- Clinical Microbiology

- Romney Humphries, PhD



*From left to right: Daniel Uslan, MD, Director; Brandy Bryant, MPH, Project Manager; Meganne Kanatani, PharmD, ID Pharmacist.  
Not Pictured: Zahra Kassamali, PharmD; Jen Curello, PharmD, Romney Humphries, PhD*

# ASP website

Welcome to the UCLA Health Syst... +

www.mednet.ucla.edu

UCLA Health  
Information Resources for Physicians & Staff

Wednesday, June 11, 2014

Flu Survey Careers Care Connect Event Reporting Wellness Initiative UCLA Operating System CiCare Paging Directory Change Password Mednet E-Mail

**UCLA Health Resources**

**News & Events**

- [Disaster Information](#)
- [Health Sciences Newsroom](#)
- [Health Sciences Media Reports](#)
- [Health System Employee News](#)
- [Weekly Message Digest](#)

**Medical References**

- [PubMed Medline](#)
- [Harrison's On-Line](#)
- [MD Consult](#)
- [STAT! Ref Medical Ref.](#)
- [Lab and Formulary Manual](#)
- [Micromedex \(MDX\)](#)
- [Biomedical Library](#)
- [Pain Management](#)
- [UpToDate-CME \(AD login required\)](#)
- [UpToDate](#)
- [Zynx Health](#)
- [Thieme ElectronicBook Library](#)
- [DynaMed](#)
- [VisualDX](#)
- [Psychiatry Online](#)
- [CDC Vaccine Information Statements](#)

**Clinical Systems**

- [CareConnect Local](#)
- [CareConnect Remote](#)
- [Forms Portal](#)
- [Krames Patient Engagement](#)
- [Nursing - Staff Information](#)
- [WW Transport / BedXpress](#)
- [SM Transport / BedXpress](#)
- [NPH BedXpress](#)
- [Graduate Medical Education \(GME\)](#)
- [PHI Tracking System](#)
- [SCIE](#)
- [Antimicrobial Stewardship Program](#)
- [iCAP](#)
- [Image Viewer](#)
- [Signout](#)
- [Historical Lab Results \(pre 01/01/2006\)](#)
- [eReferral](#)
- [Life Image](#)

**Business Systems**

- [CareConnect Local](#)
- [CareConnect Remote](#)
- [Inpatient Census](#)
- [UCLA Medical Group & Managed Care Operations](#)
- [DGSOM OTR](#)
- [DGSOM / FPG HBS Time Suite](#)
- [DGSOM / FPG HBS Web Clock](#)
- [EMPAC Requisitions & Approval](#)
- [Ascend eInvoice](#)
- [HBS TP TimeSuite](#)
- [HBS TP WebClock](#)
- [UCLA Financial Services](#)
- [Transfer Center \(New\)](#)
- [Equipment Search](#)
- [Insight](#)
- [ANSOS-OneStaff Web Scheduling](#)

**Hospital CDM Pricing**

- [Hospital Research Clinical Trial Pricing](#)
- [Supply Crosswalk](#)

Additional Resources

# ASP Website

UCLA Health  
Antimicrobial Stewardship Program

Contact us by phone: x77567 or email: [asp@ucla.edu](mailto:asp@ucla.edu)

HOME  
GUIDEBOOK  
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PRESENTATIONS

### Mission

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### Extended Infusion for Piperacillin/Tazobactam is here on March 17th!

03/12/14

As of March 17, 2014, UCLA Health is administering piperacillin/tazobactam (pip/tazo) as an extended infusion. Currently pip/tazo is administered as a 30-minute infusion given every 6-8 hours. With the new dosing scheme, pip/tazo will be administered as a single 30-minute bolus dose followed by a 4-hour extended infusion given every 8-12 hours. Extended infusion pip/tazo is better for our patients; studies show extended infusion pip/tazo improves patient outcomes, is associated with lower mortality rates, and shorter length of hospital stay. Extended-infusion (infused over 4 hours every 8-12 hours) will be the default method of Zosyn administration. Providers may choose to prescribe Zosyn using the traditional 30-minute infusions every 6-8 hours. For specific questions, contact the ASP team at x77567.

#### What do I need to know?

#### FOR NURSES:

- There will be new drug name/lines for the 30-minute bolus dose and 4-hour infusion. The Sigma pump library has been automatically updated
- Program the pump appropriately for the new infusion times: bolus (30 minute) vs. maintenance infusions (4-hours)
- Watch out for incompatible agents! See [the chart](#)
- ALWAYS assess for compatibility when infusing pip/tazo with another agent via Y-site
- Remember to administer concurrently scheduled parenteral medications

#### FOR PHYSICIANS:

- All adult doses will be 3.375 grams

### News for UCLA Physicians

**New: Drug Shortages!** (click on the link)

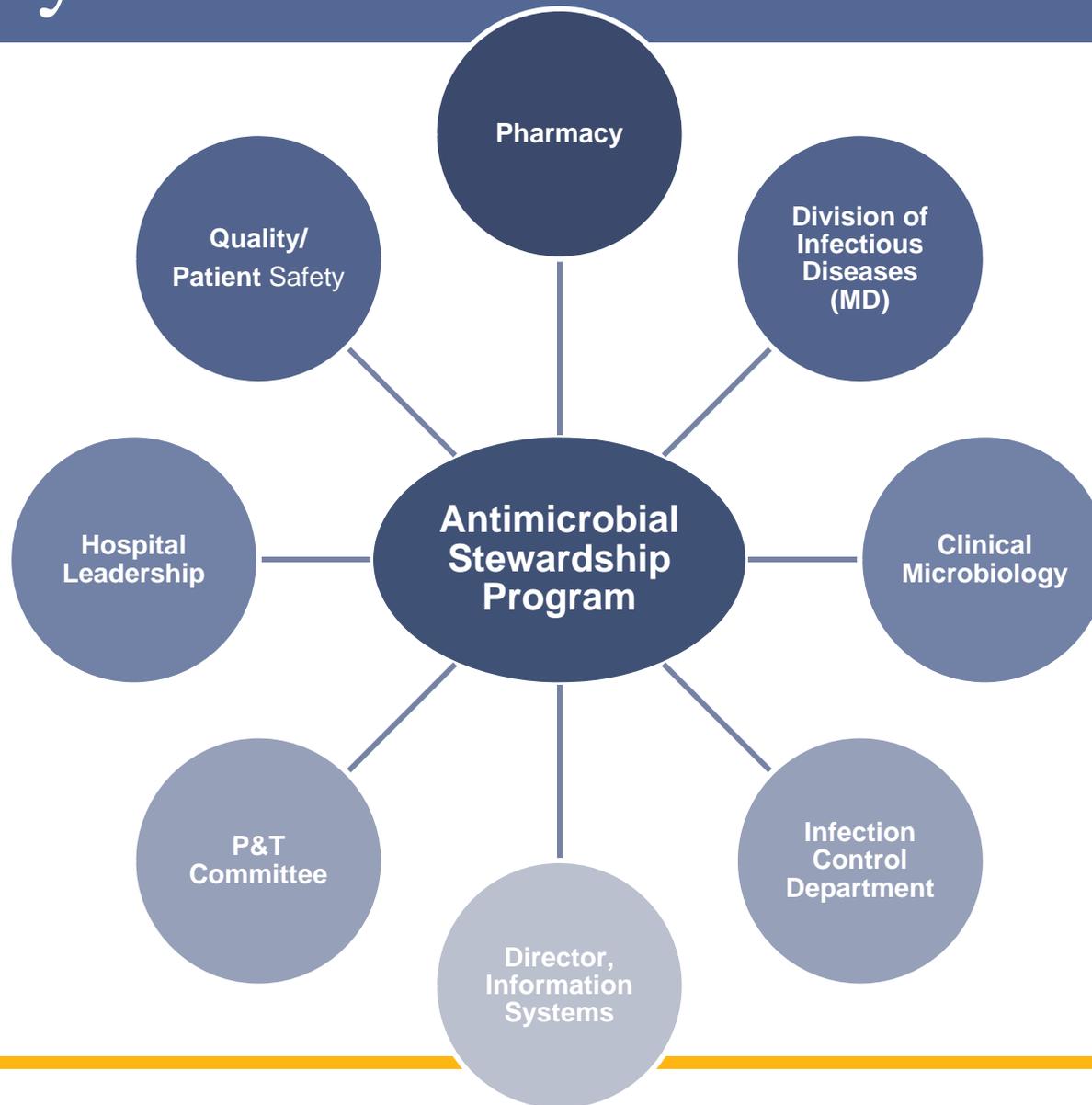
**We have a web-app!**

Add the UCLA webapp to your mobile device for access to the guidebook at the bedside! Instructions found [here](#).

**eConsult is here!**

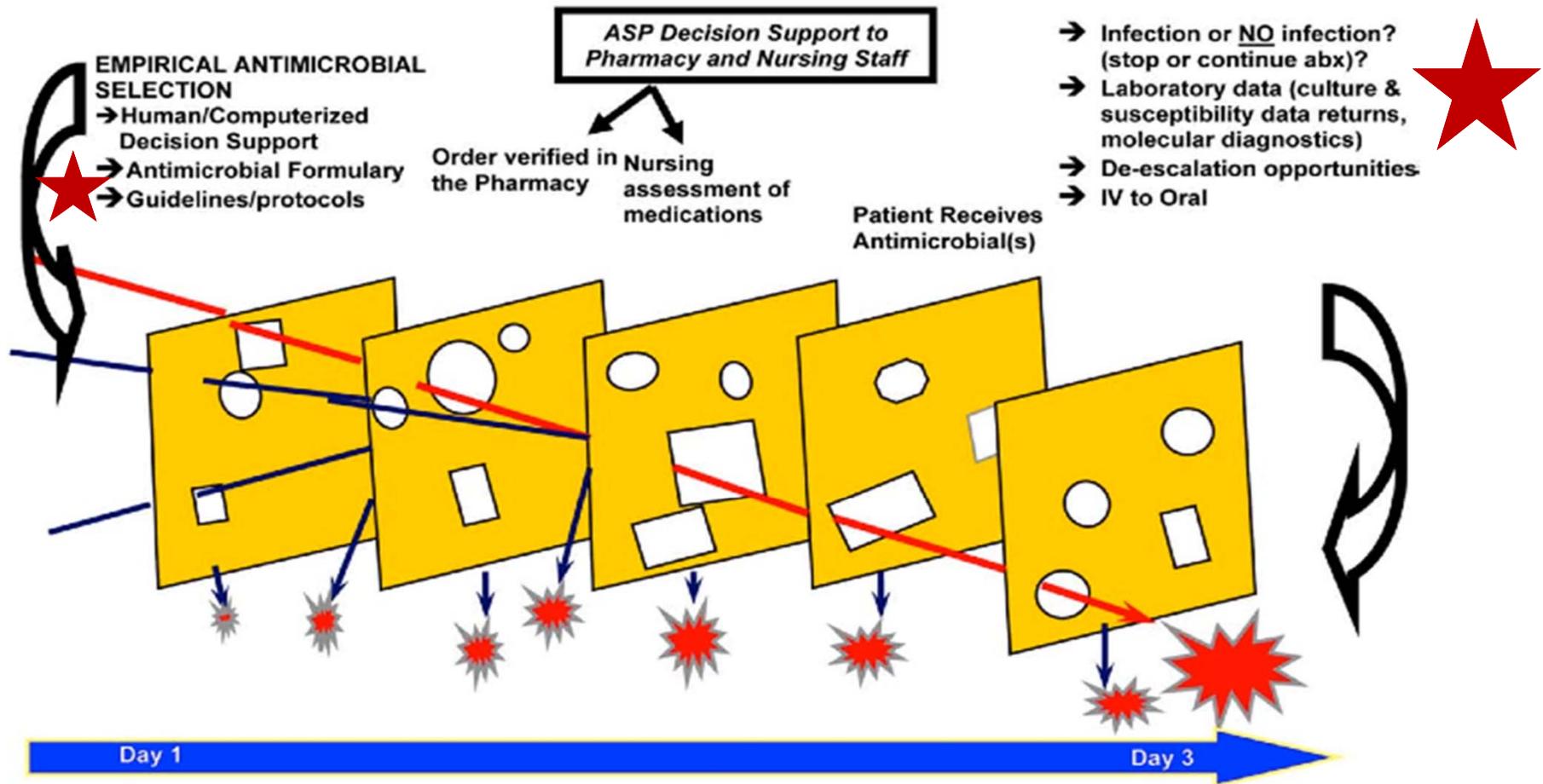
Click the "eConsult" link on the left to receive a consultation from a member of the Antimicrobial Stewardship program on your patient.

# Key players



# Our strategies

## "Front-end" & "Back-end" Strategies



# Front-end strategies

UCLA Health  
Antimicrobial Stewardship Program

HOME  
GUIDEBOOK  
ANTIMICROBIAL SUSCEPTIBILITY SUMMARY  
eCONSULT  
USEFUL LINKS  
THE TEAM  
CONTACT INFO  
ASP NEWS  
PODCASTS & PRESENTATIONS

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## Infectious Syndromes

### Specific Treatment of Select Bacterial Organisms at UCLA

#### Clostridium Difficile

#### Central Nervous System Infections

#### Bloodstream Infections

- Central line-associated bloodstream infection (CLABSI)
- Coagulase-negative staphylococci (CoNS)
- Staphylococcus aureus
- Enterococcus faecalis
- Enterococcus faecium
- Gram-negative bacilli

#### Pulmonary Infections

- Community-acquired pneumonia in hospitalized patients
- Healthcare-associated Pneumonia (NOT ventilator-associated)
- Ventilator-associated Pneumonia (VAP)
- Seasonal Influenza Diagnosis and Management
- Tuberculosis (TB) Infection

Sepsis NOTE: For the Sepsis order set, click [here](#)

#### Skin and Soft Tissue Infections

- Cellulitis
- Cutaneous Abscess
- Recurrent MRSA Skin Infections
- Diabetic Foot Infections
- Surgical Site Infections (SSI)
- Necrotizing Fasciitis

#### Urinary Tract Infections

- Non-catheter-associated UTI
- Catheter-associated UTI (CAUTI)

# Front-end strategies



- Antimicrobial restriction

- Colistin (Polymyxin E) now **REQUIRES** consultation by an infectious diseases specialist before it can be prescribed for any patient at UCLA (HS1444).

Notes

colistimethate in dextrose 5% 100 mL IVPB Accept Cancel Link Order Remove

Intravenous, for 30 Minutes, Every 12 hours, First Dose Today at 2100, For 7 days  
Refrigerate.

Order Inst:

Controlled Formulary

1. Use of this agent requires formal consultation and approval from the Infectious Diseases (ID) attending physician.
2. For new starts after 17:00H and before 8:00H, the pharmacy will dispense the drug without ID approval until a consult can be obtained by the ordering team the next day.

Use Ideal Body Weight (IBW) in obese patients.

Reference Links: 1. UCLA Antimicrobial Guidebook - colistimethate

Immunizations

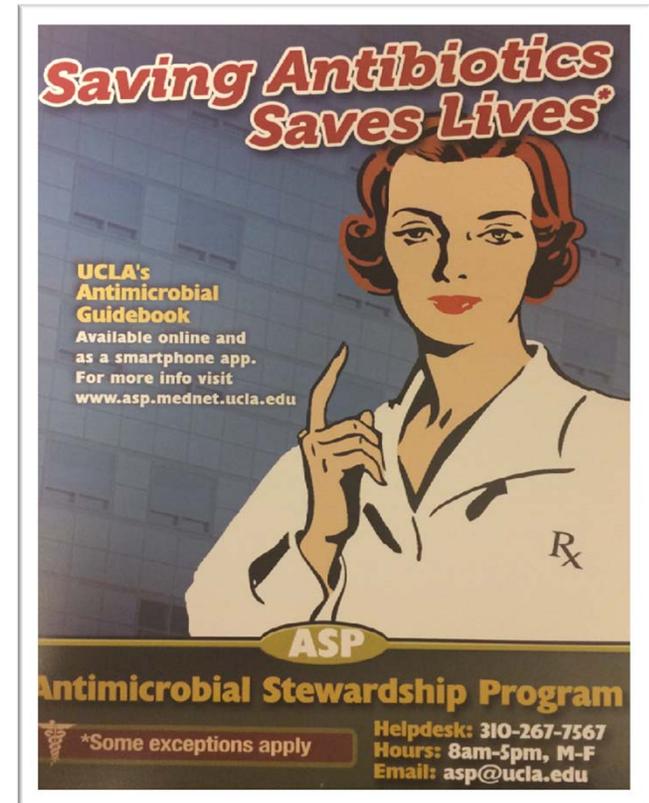
Medications

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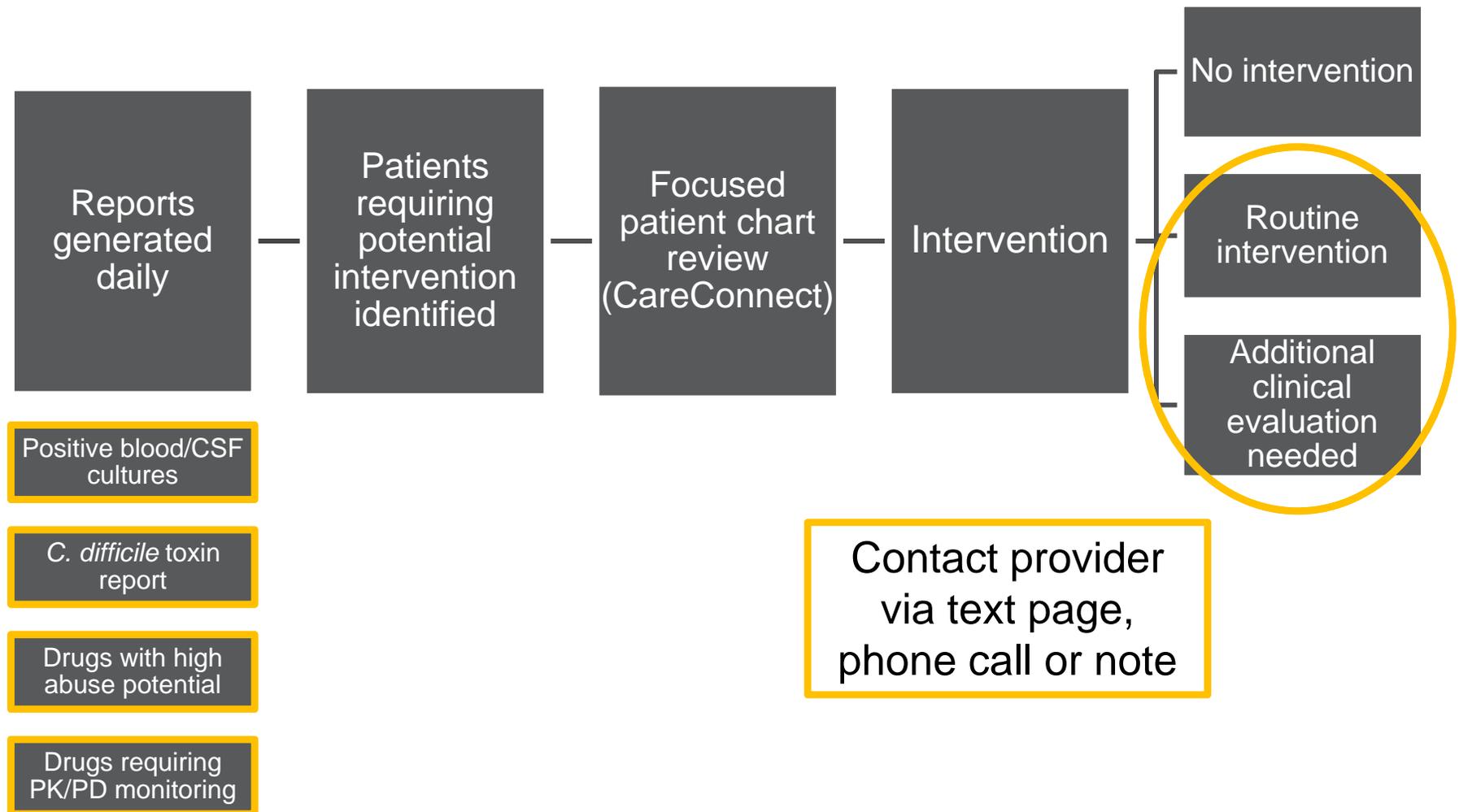
Order Set

# Back-end strategies

- Targeted prospective audit with feedback
  - Customized point-of-care feedback
    - Near real time
    - Non-putative
    - Educational opportunities
  - Education/marketing
  - Availability of expertise at the point of care
    - Antibiotic handbook/web app
    - Antibiotic hotline
  - Data monitoring and transparency



# Daily audits



# Interventions

- IV to PO conversion
- Antimicrobial regimen change
  - Streamline to avoid redundant coverage
  - Bug-drug mismatch
  - Assess appropriate duration
- Dose adjustments
  - Adjust for changes in renal or hepatic function
  - Optimization based on site of infection and pathogen MICs
- Drug-drug interaction modification
- Recommend obtaining infectious diseases consultation

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## ANTIMICROBIAL AGENTS



**Benefits of Oral Therapy**

- Equally as effective as IV
- Shortened length of stay
- Fewer bloodstream infections
- Reduction in administration and preparation time
- Decreased drug cost

**Which Agents?**

- Ciprofloxacin
- Levofloxacin
- Fluconazole
- Metronidazole
- Clindamycin
- TMP/SMX
- Doxycycline
- Linezolid

**When to Transition?**

- Functional GI tract
- Stable vital signs
- WBC normalizing

**Which Infections?**

- Respiratory tract infections
- Urinary tract infections including pyelonephritis
- Skin and soft tissue infections
- Intra-abdominal infections

**How to transition?**

Transitioning the same drug is easy:

- e.g. Levofloxacin IV → Levofloxacin PO
- Exception: Clindamycin 600 mg IV → 300 mg PO

**Other options:**

- Piperacillin/Tazobactam (Zosyn)
- Ciprofloxacin + Clindamycin
- Ciprofloxacin + Amoxicillin/Clavulanate
- Levofloxacin + Metronidazole

Call the Antimicrobial Stewardship Program Hotline with questions about transitions to oral therapy at x7-7567

**Let's Go PO**

*Transitional Antimicrobial Therapy*



# Other endeavors

- Members of the ASP team are also members of the P&T Antimicrobial subcommittee, Infection Control committee, and Clinical Effectiveness committee
  - Enforce and develop policies of the institution sanctioned by the P&T committee
    - Formulary restriction
    - Pre-authorization policies
- Collaboration with Quality Management Program
  - Ensure compliance with the Surgical Care Improvement Project (SCIP)



# Other endeavors

- Collaboration with clinical microbiology
  - Antimicrobial susceptibility summary/antibiogram
    - <http://www.asp.mednet.ucla.edu/pages/anti-suscep-summ>

Table 5. RRUMC: Adults (>21 y.o.) Gram-negative Bacteria – Excludes Urine Isolates, % Susceptible

Organism	No. Isolates	Penicillins			Cephalosporins				Carbapenems			Aminoglycosides			Fluoroquinolone	Other
		Ampicillin	Ampicillin-sulbactam	Piperacillin-tazobactam	Cefazolin	Cefepime	Ceftazidime	Ceftriaxone	Ertapenem	Imipenem	Meropenem	Amikacin	Gentamicin	Tobramycin	Ciprofloxacin	Trimethoprim-sulfamethoxazole
<i>Citrobacter freundii</i>	43	R <sup>1</sup>	R <sup>1</sup>	65	R <sup>1</sup>	86	—	—	86	88	88	98	81	81	81	70
<i>Enterobacter aerogenes</i>	68	R <sup>1</sup>	R <sup>1</sup>	85	R <sup>1</sup>	99	—	—	97	91	99	100	100	100	100	99
<i>Enterobacter cloacae</i>	144	R <sup>1</sup>	R <sup>1</sup>	87	R <sup>1</sup>	97	—	—	92	99	99	99	97	97	97	89
<i>Escherichia coli</i>	368	36	41	89	70	81	80	80	99	99	99	99	79	82	56	58
<i>Klebsiella oxytoca</i>	76	R <sup>1</sup>	63	96	72	97	97	97	98	99	99	100	99	97	97	95
<i>Klebsiella pneumoniae</i>	235	R <sup>1</sup>	63	83	79	83	82	83	92	93	93	94	91	86	83	77
<i>Morganella morganii</i> *	28	R <sup>1</sup>	R <sup>1</sup>	99	R <sup>1</sup>	100	—	—	97	11	99	100	75	86	75	68
<i>Proteus mirabilis</i>	86	71	84	99	80	88	88	88	99	47	99	99	77	81	57	61
<i>Serratia marcescens</i>	102	R <sup>1</sup>	R <sup>1</sup>	97	R <sup>1</sup>	99	—	—	97	85	99	99	99	98	92	98
<i>Acinetobacter baumannii</i>	61	R <sup>1</sup>	48	36	R <sup>1</sup>	43	36	—	R <sup>1</sup>	51	48	62	51	56	43	48
<i>Pseudomonas aeruginosa</i>	452	R <sup>1</sup>	R <sup>1</sup>	83	R <sup>1</sup>	85	83	R <sup>1</sup>	R <sup>1</sup>	76	82	96	89	92	75	R <sup>1</sup>
<i>Stenotrophomonas maltophilia</i>	61	R <sup>1</sup>	R <sup>1</sup>	R <sup>1</sup>	R <sup>1</sup>	—	31	R <sup>1</sup>	R <sup>1</sup>	R <sup>1</sup>	—	97				

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# Other endeavors

- Evidence-based review and implementation of novel antimicrobial dosing strategies
  - Extended infusion piperacillin/tazobactam (Zosyn®)

				L1	piperacillin-tazobactam 3.375g in dextrose 5% 50 ml IVPB	3.375 g	Intravenous	Every 8 hours @ 12.5 mL/hr over 4 Hours	6/12/2014 1000
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- Collaboration with the sepsis work group & department of pharmaceutical services
  - Improve efficiency in delivery and administration of first dose antibiotics in patients with sepsis and septic shock
    - ALL first dose antibiotics are STAT!



# Other endeavors

- Education

- Housestaff lectures
- Infectious disease fellows core curriculum
- Daily rounds with the infectious disease consult service and critical care team

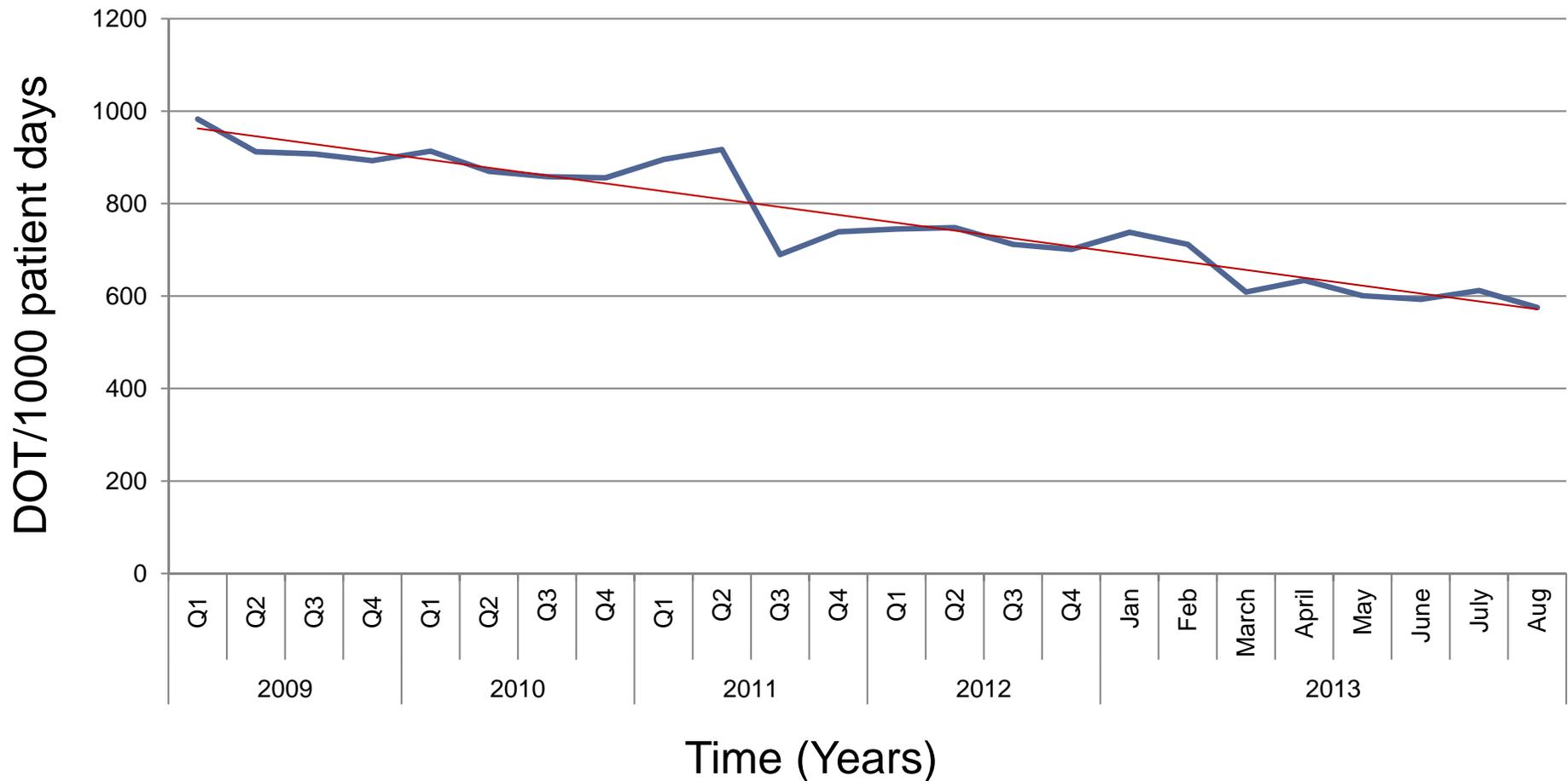
- Research

- Future directions

- Bringing stewardship into the outpatient setting
  - Transition of care
    - Outpatient parenteral antibiotic therapy (OPAT) program
  - Skilled nursing facilities
- Collaboration with clinical microbiology on rapid diagnostics

# The impact of our ASP over time

## Total Antimicrobial Utilization



*What can I do to help?...*

# What can nurses do?



- Practice good hand hygiene
  - Gel in-Gel out
  - Wash your hands
- Elevate the head of the bed to prevent aspiration
- Reassess need for invasive devices
  - Does the patient still need:
    - IV catheters
      - Do antibiotics need to be IV or can the patient take PO instead?
    - Foley catheters



# What can nurses do?

- Assist with appropriate antimicrobial dosing
  - Changes in renal function, initiating or stopping dialysis
  - Ensure drug levels are drawn accurately!
    - **Troughs:** drawn no sooner than 30 minutes prior to next dose
    - **Peaks:** usually drawn 1 hour after a dose is given

Vancomycin,trough 								
Status: Final result MyChart: Not Released Next appt: Today at 3:55PM with 07-Radiology, Rr Us								
	Range	2d ago (6/17/14)	3d ago (6/16/14)	1wk ago (6/11/14)	1wk ago (6/6/14)	2wk ago (6/3/14)	2wk ago (6/1/14)	1mo ago (4/23/14)
 Vancomycin,trough	5 - 15 mcg/mL	20.3 (H)	20.3 (H)	17.4 (H)	17.8 (H)	11.2	9.1	170 (H)
Resulting Agency		Main Lab	Main Lab	UCLA SM Hosp	UCLA SM Hosp	UCLA SM Hosp	UCLA SM Hosp	UCLA SM Hosp
Specimen Collected: 06/17/14 6:06 PM		Last Resulted: 06/17/14 7:22 PM		<a href="#">Lab Flowsheet</a> <a href="#">Order Details</a> <a href="#">View Encounter</a> <a href="#">Lab and Collection Details</a> <a href="#">Routing</a> <a href="#">Result History</a>				

Prescribers will respond to levels, even if they're drawn incorrectly!

# What nurses can do?

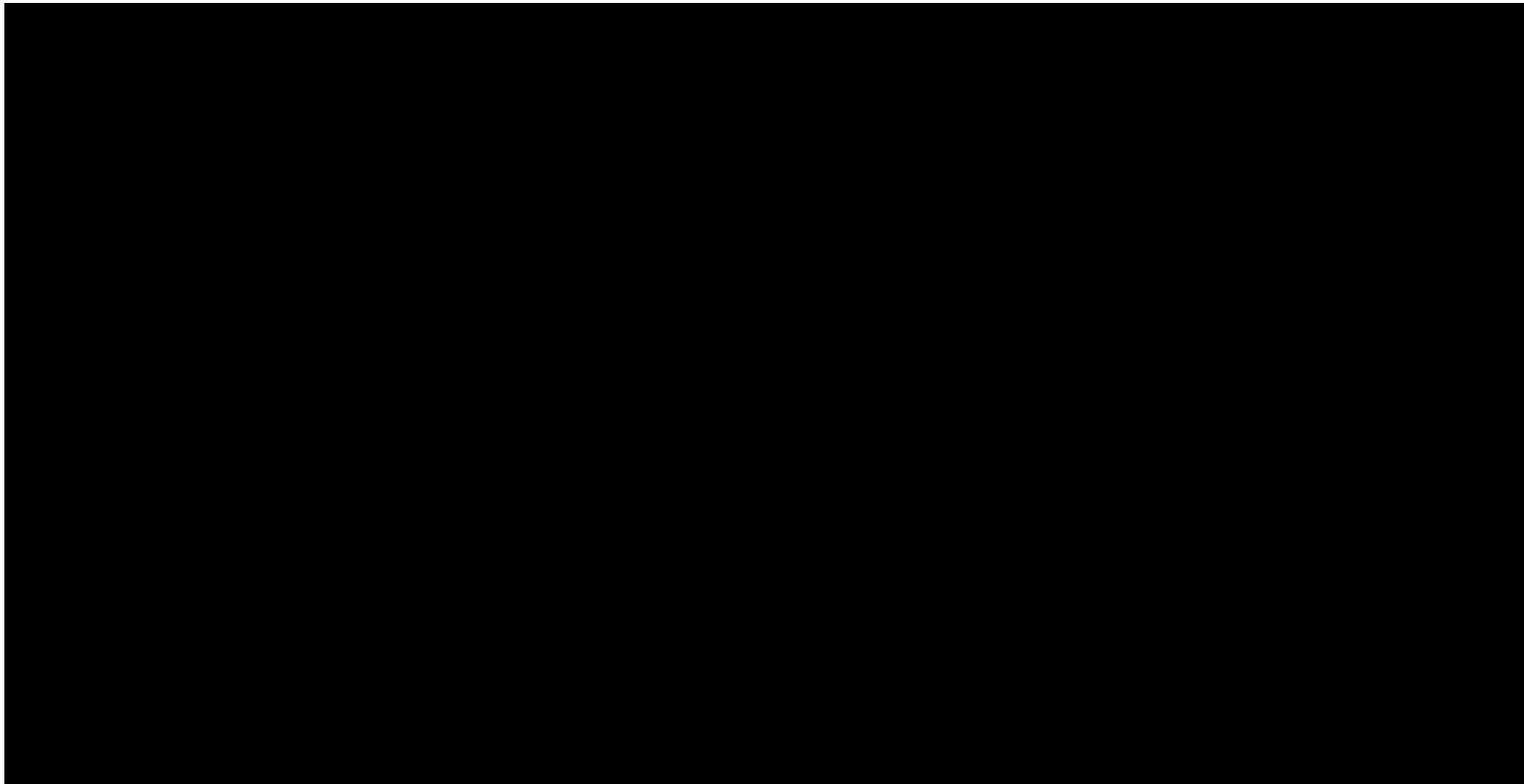
- Know why your patients are on antibiotics, and ask MDs if they are necessary
  - Antibiotic “Time Out”
    - Ensure all orders for antimicrobials include:
      - Dose
      - Duration (stop date)
      - Indication
- Obtain cultures
  - Ideally before starting or changing antibiotics
  - Once the culture data comes back, take an antibiotic “time out” and *re-assess therapy*

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# What can I do?

- Lead by example!
  - Avoid seeking antibiotics for viral URI's



# Questions?

