

# Antibiotic Stewardship in Times of War

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# Improving the Probability of Positive Outcomes

## IMPROVING THE ODDS



### Civilians

- Varied ages
- Co-morbid conditions

### Military personnel

- Generally young
- Healthy
- Enhanced drug clearance → Low Exposures

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### Gram+ Pathogens

- Staphylococcus including Methicillin-Resistant strains (MRSA)

### Gram-Negative

- *E. coli*
- *Klebsiella pneumoniae*
- *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*
- *Acinetobacter* spp.

# Problematic Gram-Negatives and Mechanisms of Resistance

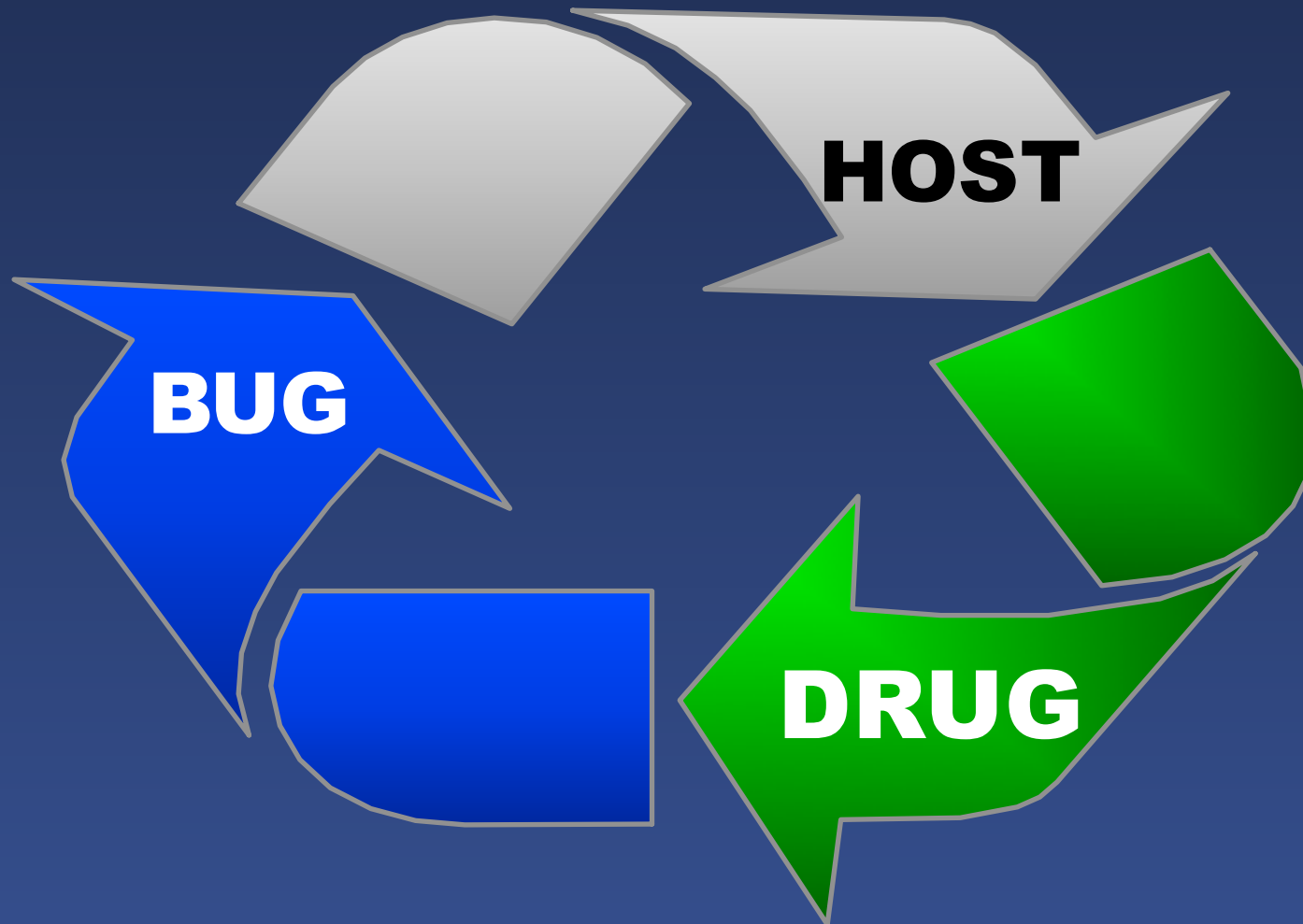
- *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*
  - AmpC production, efflux pumps (MexAB-OprM, etc), outer membrane porin changes (i.e., loss of OprD), Metallo-Beta-Lactamase production (e.g., *bla*<sub>VIM</sub>, *bla*<sub>IMP</sub>), *gyrA/parC* mutations, aminoglycoside-modifying enzymes (AME), ESBL/KPC production
- Enterobacteriaceae (*Klebsiella* species, *E. coli*, *Enterobacter* species)
  - **ESBL**, Klebsiella-producing-carbapenemase (KPC-2, -3, -4, etc.) production, **New Delhi Metallo-Beta-Lactamase (NDM-1, -2)**, AmpC, outer membrane porin changes, plasmid mediated quinolone resistance gene (*qnrA*)
- *Acinetobacter* species
  - AmpC, ESBL (TEM-1, SHV-type, CTX-M-type), and serine (*bla*<sub>OXA</sub>) and metallo (*bla*<sub>VIM</sub>, *bla*<sub>IMP</sub>) carbapenemase production, outer membrane porin changes, AME, *gyrA/parC* mutations, efflux pumps
- **Other multidrug resistant, non-fermentative bacteria**
  - *Stenotrophomonas maltophilia*, *Burkholderia cepacia* complex

# Multidrug Resistant Gram-Negatives in Deployment-Related Trauma Patients

- **2,699 military personnel with deployment-related trauma (2009-2014)**
  - 33% ≥ 1 infection event → 27% of these had MDR Gr- infection
  - 7 day median time to infection, 75% within 13 days post-trauma
  - **SSSI > Pneumonia > BSI > Osteo > UTI > Intra-abdominal**
  - Acinetobacter spp. > *E. coli* > Klebsiella spp. > *P. aeruginosa*
  - MDR Gr- infection more frequent in:
    - » Blast injuries, Traumatic amputations, Higher injury severity
  - MDR Gr- patients:
    - » More frequently admitted to ICU
    - » More frequently colonized with MDR Gr- pathogens
    - » Higher antibiotic exposures before MDR infection
- **High rate of MDR Gram-negative pathogens in ↑↑ injury severity population → prolonged hospitalizations**

# Improving the Probability of Positive Outcomes

## IMPROVING THE ODDS



Care  
Setting:

- Field based
- Hospital

# Antimicrobial Stewardship: Part of the Solution?

Infectious Diseases Society of America and the  
Society for Healthcare Epidemiology of America  
Guidelines for Developing an Institutional Program  
to Enhance Antimicrobial Stewardship

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**The Primary Goal of Antimicrobial Stewardship:**  
“Optimize clinical outcomes while minimizing  
unintended consequences of antimicrobial use”

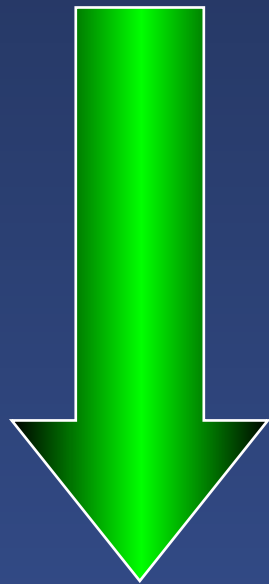


# Appropriate Antimicrobial Therapy

- Matches antibiotic susceptibilities of the organism to the antibiotic used

**“S” = Success**

## Improved Outcomes = Reductions in:



Hospital and infection-related mortality

Infection-related morbidity

Length of hospital stay

Days of antimicrobial therapy

Cost of hospitalization

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# Antimicrobial Stewardship Programs: Interventional Opportunities

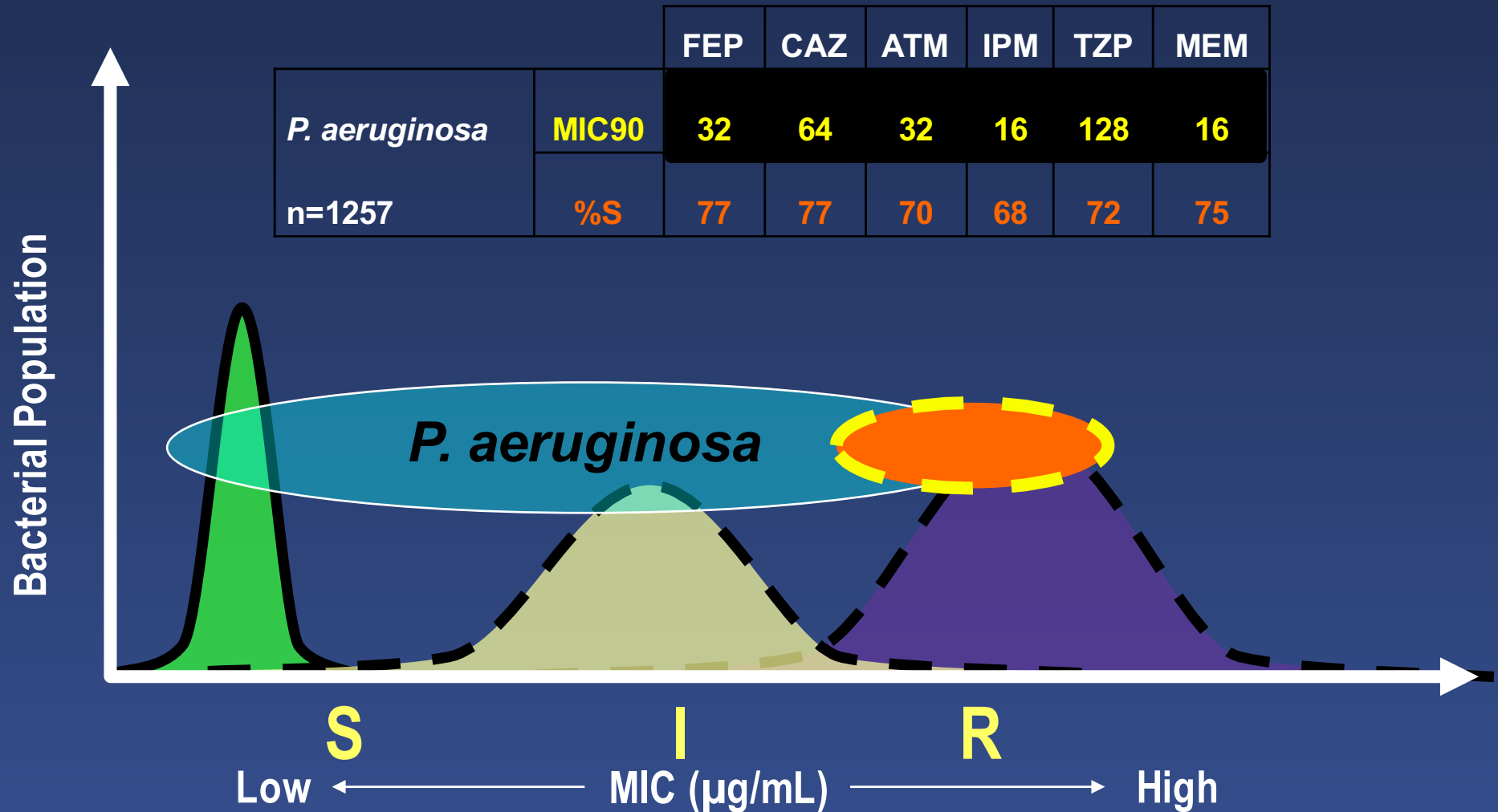
- **Intervention**

- Avoidance of discordant therapy (i.e., **inappropriate** therapy based on *in vitro* susceptibility)

- » Prescribe → BROAD SPECTRUM EMPIRIC

- » Interventions → Appropriate USE

# Impact of Resistance Mechanism on *In Vitro* Potency → MIC Distributions



# Implementing Antibiotic Stewardship

## Microbiology and Laboratory Diagnostics

- Advocate for:
  - » **Stratified** antibiograms (i.e., location, age)
- Increasing need to have pathogen specific MICs for pharmacodynamic optimization

# Implementing Antibiotic Stewardship

## Microbiology and Laboratory Diagnostics

- Advocate for:
  - » **Stratified** antibiograms (i.e., location, age)
  - » **Selective** or **Cascade** reporting of AST results
- Laboratory provides susceptibility information suggestive of using the most narrow spectrum antibiotic(s) and provides information on broad spectrum agents only for more resistant pathogens

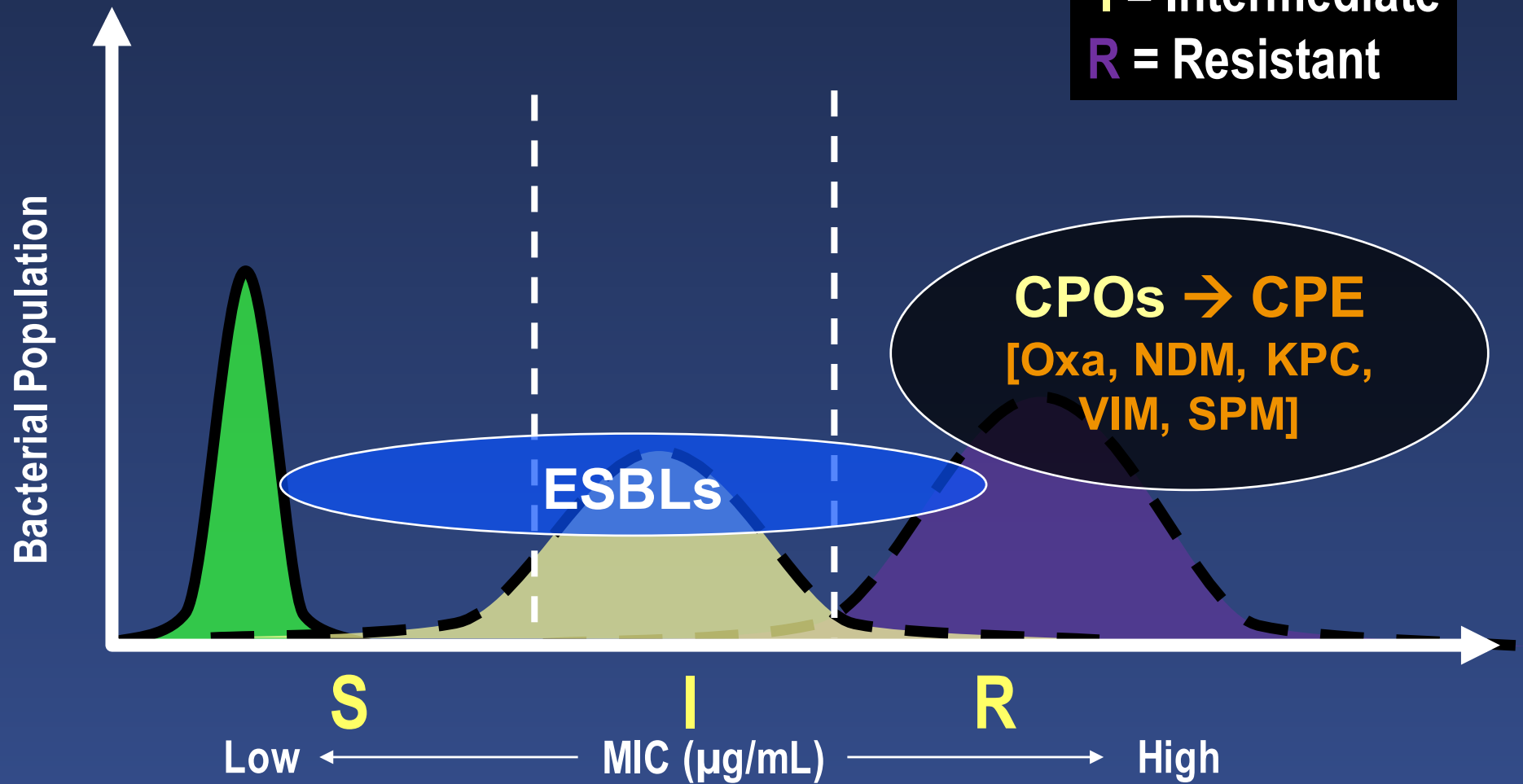
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  - » **Selective** or **Cascade** reporting of AST results
  - » **Rapid viral testing** for respiratory pathogens
  - » **Rapid diagnostic testing** on **Blood** specimens
  - » **Nonculture-based fungal markers** in **hematology malignancy** patients at risk for invasive fungal disease

# The Evolution of Enterobacteriaceae

**S** = Susceptible  
**I** = Intermediate  
**R** = Resistant



**CPOs** = Carbapenemase producing organisms

# Handling and Interpretation Issues with CarbaNP

CarbaNP Test, based on hydrolysis, used for detecting the presence or absence of carbapenemases

## Benefits

- Accessible to most labs
- Low reagent cost
- Fast results

## Potential sources for ambiguous or erroneous results

- Hands on, multi-step testing procedure
- Visually reading of color based results can be subjective
- CarbaNP cannot differentiate between various carbapenemases
- Reproducibility of results is an issue due to variable levels of carbapenemase activity, especially OXA-48 like carbapenemases.
- Results must be manually entered and communicated to clinical and infection control staff



# Molecular Testing for Carbapenemase

Test Name/ Manufacturer	Approved Specimens	Key Advantages	Disadvantages
FilmArray® BCID Panel Biofire Dx	Blood Culture	<b>Detects the most prevalent CP in US – KPC</b> Comprehensive 27 target panel for most common causes of blood stream infections	<b>Does not detect NDM, VIM, OXA-48, IMP</b> Not cost effective for carbapenemase detection and routine use Limited in sample throughput
Verigene® System Nanosphere, Inc.	Blood Culture	Comprehensive panel <b>detects most common carbapenemases and CTX-M ESBL</b>	<b>Limited in sample throughput</b> Not cost effective for routine use
Xpert CarbaR Cepheid, Inc.	Resistant culture isolates from <b>blood, urine, sputum, rectal/peri-rectal swabs</b>	<b>Rapid – 48 min. to result</b> Comprehensive – 91 gene targets for carbapenemase producing organisms - <b>KPC, NDM, VIM, IMP, OXA-48</b>	Higher cost than culture / phenotypic methods. Specific for carbapenemases <b>Does not detect ESBLs</b>

# Double Carbapenem Therapy for Carbapenemase-Producing *K. pneumoniae*

## *Mechanism of Action*

- Ertapenem preferentially hydrolyzed by **KPC** carbapenemases & since only so many units of enzyme produced per unit time this effectively neutralized hydrolysis of 2<sup>nd</sup> compound → thus effective activity

➤ Bulik and Nicolau. Antimicrob Agents Chemother 2011;55(6):3002-3004

- Characterization of Porin Expression in *Klebsiella pneumoniae* Carbapenemase (**KPC**)-Producing *K. pneumoniae* Identifies Isolates Most Susceptible to the Combination of Colistin and Carbapenems

➤ Hong et al. Antimicrob. Agents Chemother. 2013, 57(5):2147-2153

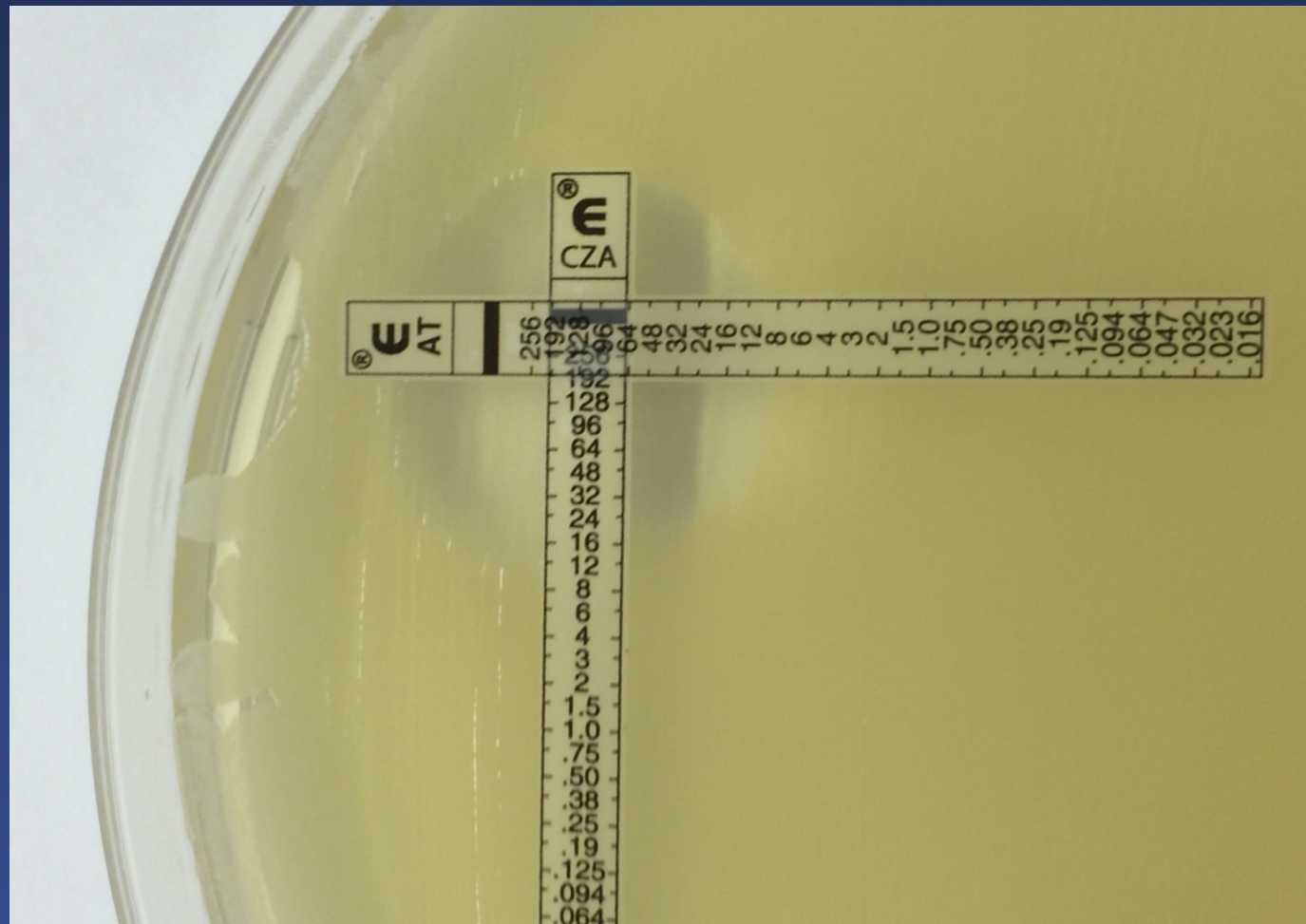
# Double-Carbapenem Regimen for Carbapenemase-producing Pandrug-resistant *Klebsiella pneumoniae* Infections: *Is it really effective in humans?*

- Three patients suffering from PDR 16 **KPC-2** positive *Klebsiella pneumoniae* bacteremia (2) and UTI (1).
- Failed conventional therapy including colistin
- Ertapenem plus doripenem or meropenem administered for 10-20 days
- *All patients responded with out relapse*

# XDR *K. pneumoniae*

NDM, Oxa-48, CTX-M

CAZ/AVI >128; ATM >64, MER >64; CST > 16, Tig 1



# Changing the Paradigm of How We Steward: Syndrome-Based Stewardship

## “Disease State Management”

- Don't focus on components of care (i.e, medicines or a test) and lose sight on the process of care → Quality
  - » Process measure: DDD or days of therapy
  - » Outcome measure: length of stay, overall cost of care
- Can broaden impact of interventions to **appropriate diagnostics**, imaging, time to therapy, etc.
- Easier to provide education and gather meaningful evidence for a specific infectious indication
- **Focused message facilitates provider learning**
  - Intervention seen as educational compared with broader stewardship methods
  - Learning = sustainable change

# Hartford Hospital: VAP Pathway

## Diagnostic and Treatment Algorithm

- **Syndrome Based Approach**

- Derived from 1 yr prospective observational period with microbiology, ABX use & patient outcomes
- Program implementation included pathway process:
  - » **Diagnosis**
  - » **Initial antimicrobial therapy**
    - **Appropriate agent** → “susceptible”
    - **Adequate agents** → “optimal exposures”
  - » **Early assessment – Clinical & BAL culture**
    - **Stop Therapy**
    - **Continue** → Same Regimen, Escalate or De-Escalate
  - » **Duration of therapy**

# Antimicrobial Stewardship: BEST PRACTICE

- **Intervention:**

- **Antibiotic Modification**

- **Clinical Stability** - Discontinue antibiotic therapy if no evidence of infection (bronchoalveolar lavage samples negative)

- Raman K, Nailor MD, Nicolau DP, et al. Early Antibiotic Discontinuation in Patients with Clinically Suspected Ventilator Associated Pneumonia and Negative Quantitative Bronchoscopy Cultures. *Crit Care Med* 2013;41(7):1656-1663

# Antimicrobial Stewardship: BEST PRACTICE

- **Intervention:**

- **Clinical Success** → De-escalation

- » Optimizing choice of agent, dose and dosing interval based on the “S” of the organism

- » **Timely intervention** → 48-96 hrs from start of Tx

- **Added Importance of:**

- » Obtaining culture

- » Rapid susceptibility testing - phenotypic profiling

- » Rapid molecular diagnostics - genotypic profiling

- » **INTERPRET / COMMUNICATE** these data to the clinician



# Antimicrobial Stewardship: BEST PRACTICE

- **Intervention:**

- Antibiotic Modification

- **Clinical Failure** - Re-evaluate

- » Resistant pathogen

- » Source control

- » Non-infectious process

- » Insufficient antibiotic exposure

# Antimicrobial Stewardship Programs: Interventional Opportunities

- **Intervention**

- Avoidance of discordant therapy (i.e., **inadequate** therapy low exposures due to insufficient dose and / or regimen)

- » Increased body weight

- » Augmented renal function

- » Therapeutic interventions (i.e., CRRT, cardiac bypass pump)

- » High MIC organisms

- » Poor penetration to site of infection

# Appropriate Antimicrobial Therapy

## An Increasing Challenge

- Impact of previous ABX therapy on outcomes of Gram-negative sepsis
  - ABX therapy in previous 90 days, patients = 310
  - Organisms
    - » *E. coli* 31%
    - » *Klebsiella pneumoniae* 23%
    - » *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* 18%
  - ABX use: Cefepime > Cipro > imipenem
  - Patients with prior ABX higher RESISTANCE to cefepime, Pip/tazo, carbapenems, Cipro & gentamicin
  - Patients with prior ABX higher INAPPROPRIATE THERAPY and MORTALITY compared with patients without ABX exposure

# Appropriate Antimicrobial Therapy

## An Increasing Challenge

- Impact of ESBLs on Clinical and Economic Outcomes in Patients with Urinary Tract Infection
  - 55 ESBL (cases) & matched controls (non-ESBL UTI)
    - » Failure of initial antibiotic regimen (62% vs. 6%;  $P < 0.001$ ) & time to appropriate therapy (51 vs. 2.5 hours;  $P < 0.001$ ) were greater in ESBLs
    - » Median cost of care was greater (additional \$3,658;  $P = 0.02$ ) and median length of stay (LOS) was prolonged for ESBLs (6 vs. 4 days;  $P = 0.02$ )
    - » Antimicrobials comprised less than 1% of cost of care
  - Cost of care & LOS with ESBLs were 1.5 times those caused by non-ESBL UTIs; this resulted in net hospital loss of \$3,200 per ESBL UTI

# Antimicrobial Stewardship: Does the Name Fit Task

- Focus on “**BEST PRACTICE**” processes  
→ optimal delivery of care
- **Best Practice in.....** Management of UTIs
  - Initial assessment - Colonization v. Infection
  - Need for culture → rapid diagnostics
  - Need for ABX therapy
  - Etiology of disease → Urology consult

# Antimicrobial Stewardship Programs: Interventional Opportunities

- **Intervention**

- Avoidance of unnecessary therapy

- » Excessive duration of therapy

- “Concept of treat to response”

- » Role of Biomarkers

- C-reactive protein (CRP)

- Procalcitonin

# Adverse Ecological Effects

- **“Collateral Damage”**

- a term used to refer to ecological adverse effects of antibiotic therapy:

- » Selection of resistance in **TARGET** organism

- » Unwanted development of colonization or infection with **NEW [RESISTANT] organism**

- Antibiotic classes commonly linked to collateral damage: Cephalosporins, Fluoroquinolones → **Carbapenems**

# Strategies to Optimize Clinical & Microbiologic Outcomes

- **Best Practice .....**

- **Appropriate Use of Cultures**

- **Appropriate Initial Therapy**

- » **Right DRUG(s)**

- **Rapid diagnostics → ID; pheno / geno profile**

- » **Optimize Exposures (PD profile)**

- **De-escalation → Narrow Spectrum**

- **Reduce Duration of Therapy (Biomarkers)**

- **Economic considerations:**

- » **Cost of ABX & Lab tests v. Cost of Care**