

La stewardship antimicrobica in ospedale ed in comunità

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A history of resistance

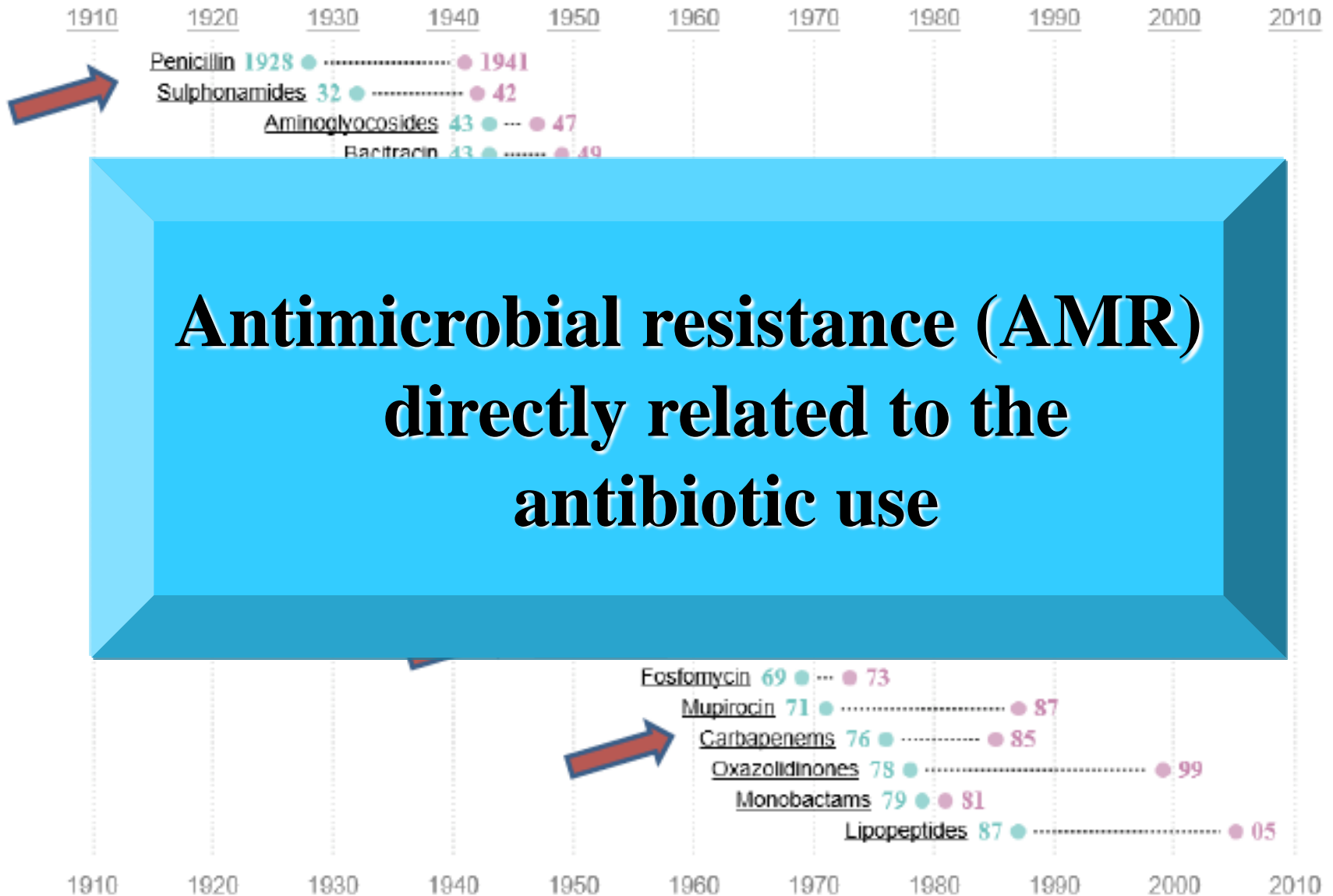
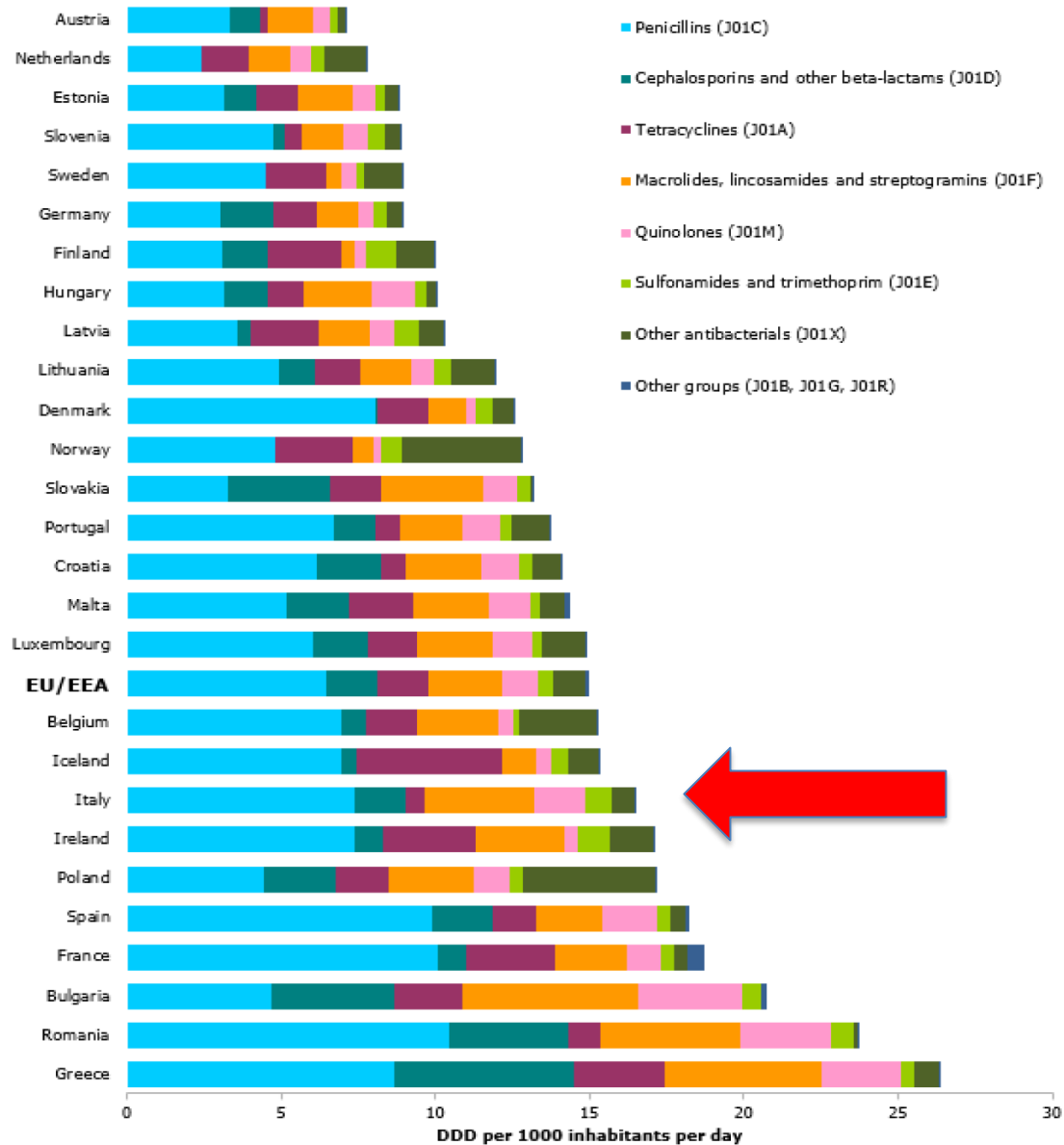
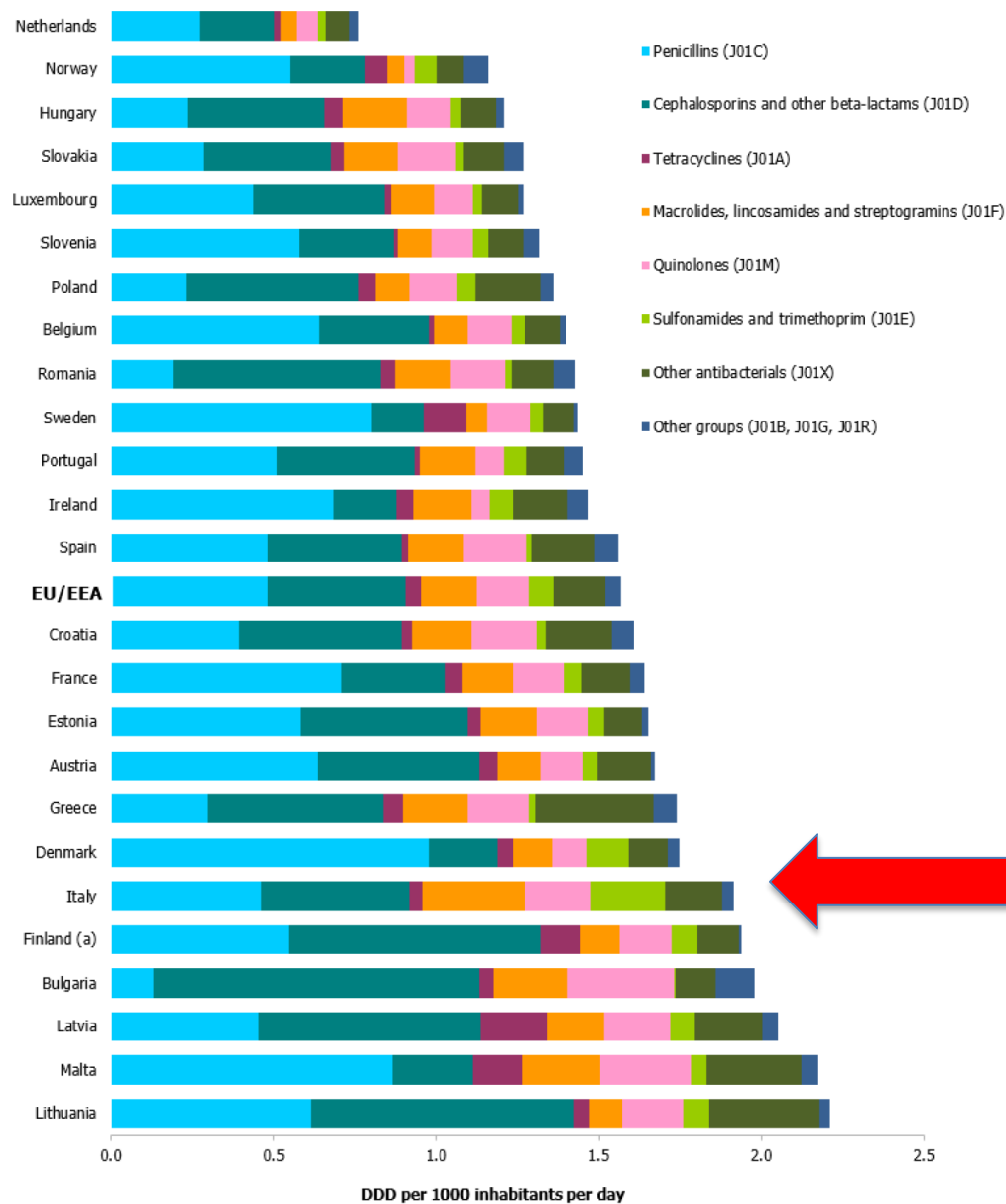


Figure 2. Community consumption of antibacterials for systemic use (ATC group J01) at ATC group level 3, by country, EU/EEA, 2020 (expressed as DDD per 1 000 inhabitants per day)



EU/EEA refers to the corresponding population-weighted mean consumption based on the reported community data for 2020 (27 countries).

Figure 4. Hospital sector consumption of antibacterials for systemic use (ATC group J01), by country and ATC group, EU/EEA, 2020 (expressed as DDD per 1 000 inhabitants per day)



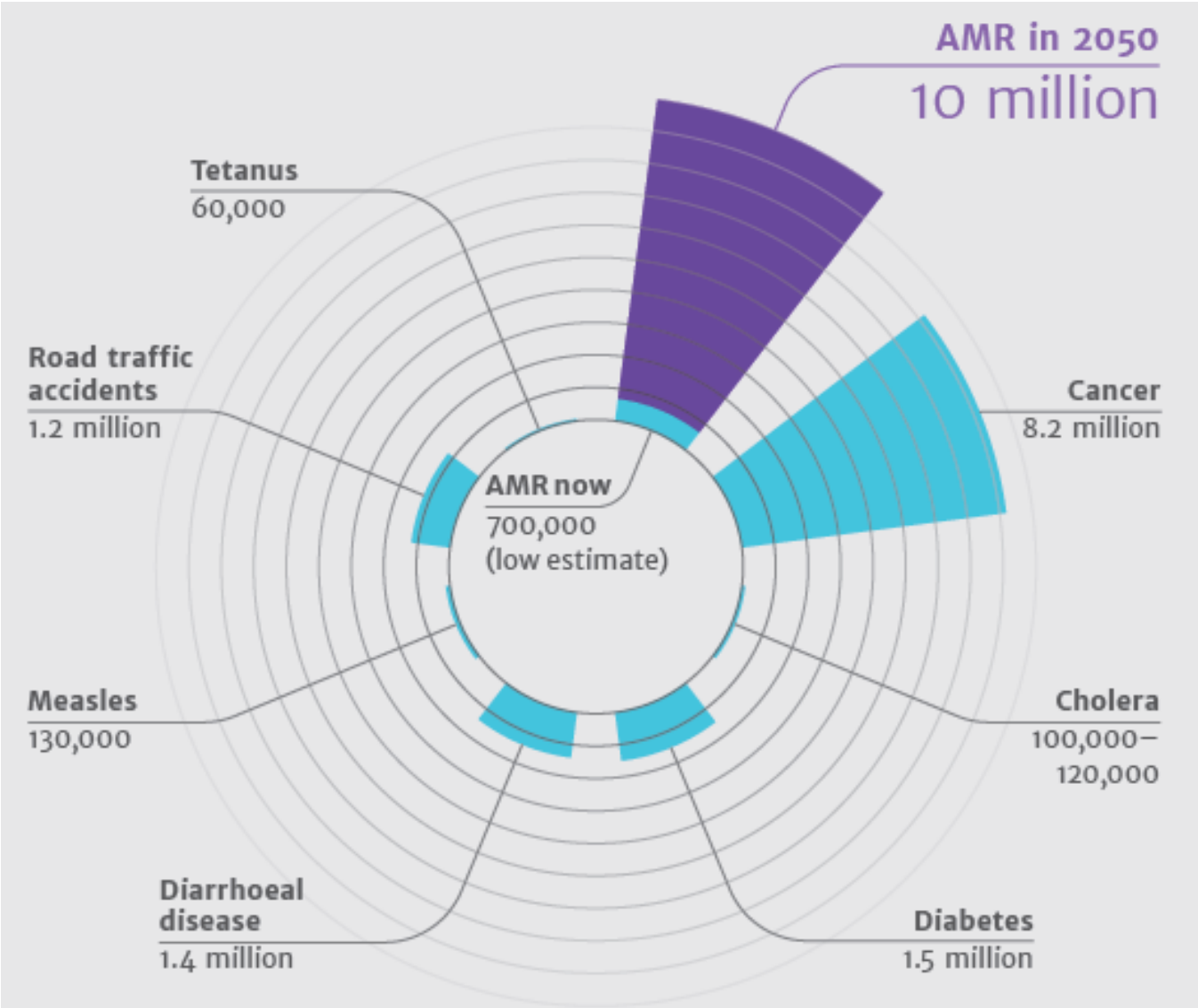
(a) Finland: data include consumption in remote primary healthcare centres and nursing homes.

EU/EEA refers to the corresponding population-weighted mean consumption based on countries that provided hospital sector data for 2020 (25 countries).

AMR, Europe



Stima della mortalità correlata alla AMR



Consumo di antibiotici in Italia e ASP

- Il 90% del consumo di antibiotici è territoriale
- La genesi di germi MDR è prevalentemente ospedaliera
- La riduzione dell'uso degli antibiotici riduce l'emergenza di germi MDR
- La **diagnostic stewardship** ne riduce l'uso inutile e contiene la durata delle terapie
- **L'infection control** riduce le infezioni e la trasmissione di germi MDR
- Programmi di stewardship antimicrobica con infection control e diagnostic stewardship sono centrali in ospedale
- Nel territorio campagne di contenimento dei consumi sono possibili ed utili

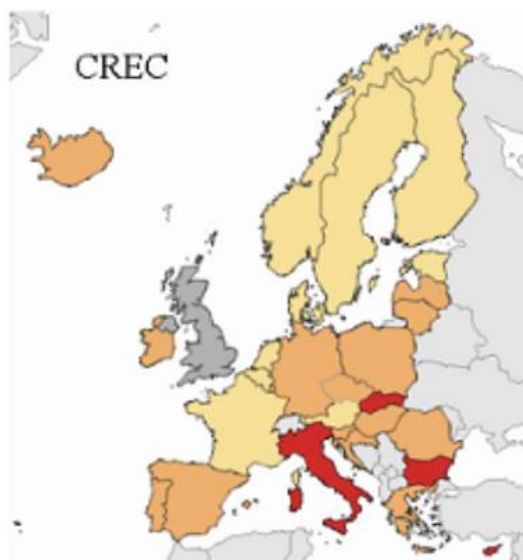
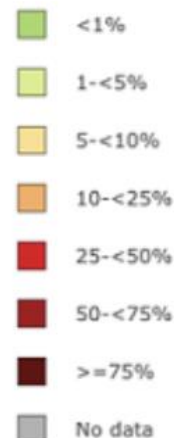
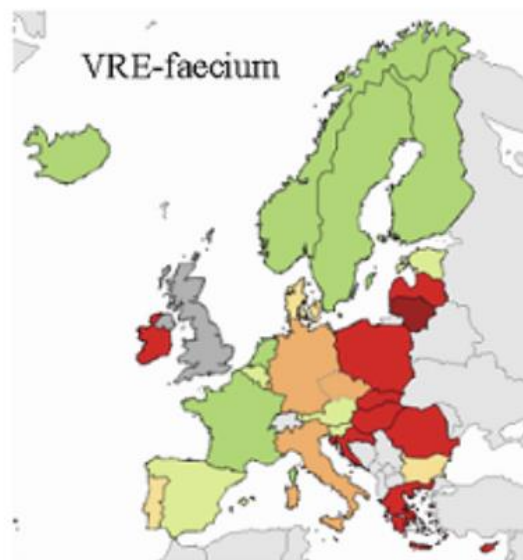
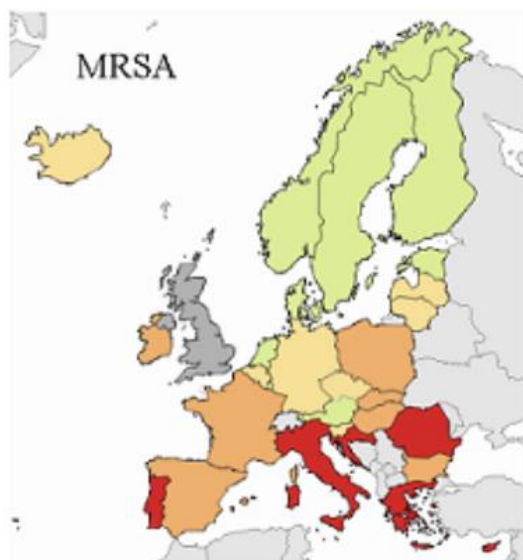
Emocolture: ARS-Rete SMART, Toscana

Tabella 1.3

Emocolture, numerosità delle specie sorvegliate, Toscana 2018 - 2021 – Fonte ARS-SMART

| SPECIE n | 2021 | | 2020 | | 2019 | | 2018 | | |
|---------------|---------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| | % | n | % | n | % | n | % | | |
| Gram + | <i>Staphylococcus aureus</i> | 1572 | 18,3% | 1295 | 17% | 1312 | 18% | 1315 | 17% |
| | <i>Enterococcus faecalis</i> | 917 | 10,7% | 805 | 11% | 696 | 9% | 740 | 10% |
| | <i>Enterococcus faecium</i> | 560 | 6,5% | 457 | 6% | 389 | 5% | 370 | 5% |
| | <i>Streptococcus pneumoniae</i> | 72 | 0,8% | 82 | 1% | 192 | 3% | 177 | 2% |
| Gram - | <i>Escherichia coli</i> | 2450 | 28,5% | 2234 | 30% | 2503 | 33% | 2570 | 34% |
| | <i>Klebsiella pneumoniae</i> | 1389 | 16,1% | 1168 | 16% | 1172 | 16% | 1050 | 14% |
| | <i>Pseudomonas aeruginosa</i> | 663 | 7,7% | 621 | 8% | 511 | 7% | 516 | 7% |
| | <i>Acinetobacter spp.</i> | 281 | 3,3% | 195 | 3% | 170 | 2% | 232 | 3% |
| Miceti | <i>Candida spp.</i> | 700 | 8,1% | 642 | 8,6% | 541 | 7% | 654 | 9% |
| Totale | | 8604 | 100% | 7499 | 100% | 7486 | 100% | 7624 | 100% |

Percentuale di isolati resistenti nelle 4 combinazioni patogeno/antibiotico principali sotto osservazione (2020)



MRSA: *S. aureus* resistente alla meticillina

VRE-faecium: *E. faecium* resistente alla vancomicina

CREC: *E. coli* resistente alle cefalosporine di terza generazione

CRKP: *K. pneumoniae* resistente ai carbapenemi

Fonte dati e immagini: ECDC Surveillance Atlas of Infectious Disease

<https://www.ecdc.europa.eu/en/antimicrobial-resistance/surveillance-and-disease-data/data-ecdc>

CAUSES OF ANTIBIOTIC RESISTANCE



Over-prescribing
of antibiotics



Patients
not taking
antibiotics as
prescribed



Unnecessary
antibiotics used
in agriculture



Poor infection
control in hospitals
and clinics



Poor hygiene
and sanitation
practices



Lack of rapid
laboratory tests

Le direttrici principali e le criticità * della resistenza antimicrobica (AMR)

| Determinanti/criticità * | Obiettivo | Strumenti |
|--|---------------------------------|---|
| Pressione selettiva antibiotici | Ridurre uso improprio | Antimicrobial & Diagnostic Stewardship |
| Diffusione crociata microrg. resistenti | Contenimento | Infection Control |
| Carenza nuovi farmaci * | Rilancio ricerca IF | Nuove regole, fast-track, incentivi economici |
| Carenza strategie terapeutiche validate* | Acquisire evidenze scientifiche | Fondi per la ricerca indipendente |

Contenere la pressione selettiva degli antibiotici

Contrastare l'uso empirico:

- Raccomandazioni per la profilassi in chirurgia
- Protocolli condivisi di terapia ABT per gruppi di pazienti/patologie basati sulla epidemiologia locale
- Diagnosi microbiologica rapida ed accurata
- **Programmi di Stewardship Antimicrobica (ASP)**

What is Antimicrobial Stewardship?

- Institution-wide comprehensive antimicrobial management program intended to **improve patient outcomes from infection while minimizing negative consequences such as healthcare associated infections, and limiting the development of bacterial resistance**
- A multidisciplinary approach
- Focuses on: through the **optimal diagnosis, drug selection, dosage, de-escalation** and **duration** (the so called 5 “Ds” of antimicrobial stewardship)

Antimicrobial Stewardship

***AS: the governance of
antimicrobial therapy***

Antimicrobial Stewardship Program Goals

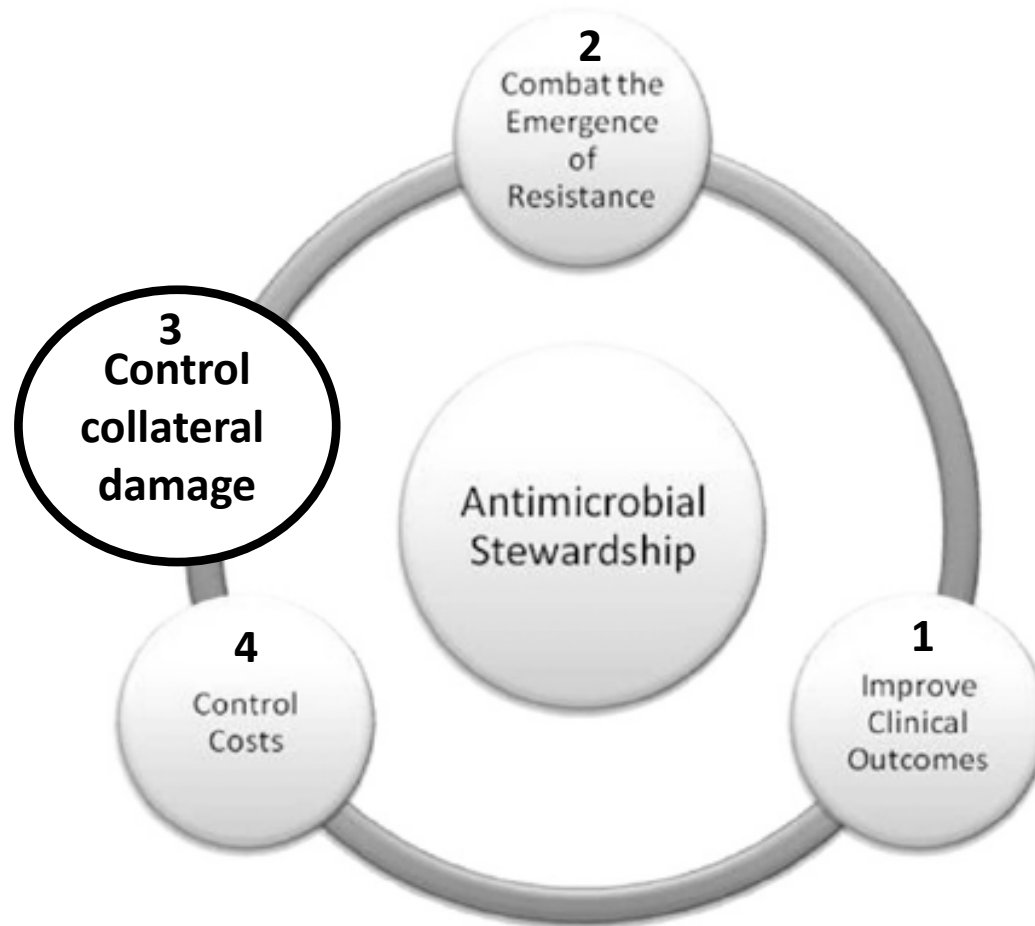







Figure 1. Goals that antimicrobial stewardship strives to achieve.

ASP rationale

- The need to balance two conflicting goals:
 1. the **provision of therapy that is adequate to treat documented or presumed infection, and**
 2. the **minimization of antimicrobial use to avoid adverse drug events (e.g., *Clostridium difficile* infection and allergy) and the emergence of antimicrobial resistance, and to reduce costs.**

List of interventions considered as part of antimicrobial stewardship

Table 1. List of interventions considered as part of antimicrobial stewardship^{9,11,12}

| Intervention* | Description/comment | Healthcare setting |
|--|--|----------------------|
| Formulary restriction  | Antibiotics may be prescribed only: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For certain approved clinical indications • By certain physicians (i.e., infectious diseases specialists) | Inpatient/outpatient |
| Drug preauthorization | Permission (from ASP team member or infectious diseases specialist) required for release of certain antibiotics. Often implemented together with formulary restriction. | Inpatient/outpatient |
| Prospective audit and feedback | Case review by trained ASP team member and feedback of recommendations if reviewed antibiotics are deemed to be inappropriately prescribed. Labor-intensive. | Inpatient |
| Prescriber education  | More effective as a supplementary strategy to other interventions. | Inpatient/outpatient |
| Patient education | Usually focus groups or mass media campaigns. | Outpatient |
| Clinical guidelines  | Treatment protocols for various infections – may be institution-specific | Inpatient/outpatient |
| Clinical decision support systems | Information technology systems for improving antibiotic prescription. Requires existing electronic records and electronic prescribing system to be effective. | Inpatient/outpatient |
| Point of care diagnostic tests  | Mostly undergoing research evaluation. Diagnosis of non-bacterial etiologies may help reduce antibiotic prescription. | Inpatient/outpatient |
| Microbiology laboratory susceptibility reporting  | Selective reporting of susceptibility profiles for positive cultures may dramatically alter prescribing patterns of physicians. | Inpatient/outpatient |
| Antimicrobial cycling | Substitution of selected antibiotics over pre-defined periods. Little clear evidence for efficacy. ¹² | Inpatient |

Strategies To Improve Antimicrobial Prescribing



Restrictive strategy uses interventions that either prevent or provide a 'barrier' to prescribing or administering an antibiotic



Persuasive strategy uses interventions that attempt to persuade healthcare professionals to prescribe appropriately by addressing underlying knowledge deficiencies and/or attitudes and/or behavior's

ASP: Process & Outcome Measures

Process Measures

Outcome Measures

Excess days of therapy (ie, unnecessary days of therapy avoided based on accepted targets and benchmarks)^a

Duration of therapy

Proportion of patients compliant with facility-based guideline or treatment algorithm^a

Proportion of patients with revision of antibiotics based on microbiology data

Proportion of patients converted to oral therapy

Hospital length of stay

30-day mortality

Unplanned hospital readmission within 30 d

Proportion of patients diagnosed with hospital-acquired *Clostridium difficile* infection or other adverse event(s) related to antibiotic treatment^a

Proportion of patients with clinical failure (eg, need to broaden therapy, recurrence of infection)

Ruolo del Laboratorio di Microbiologia

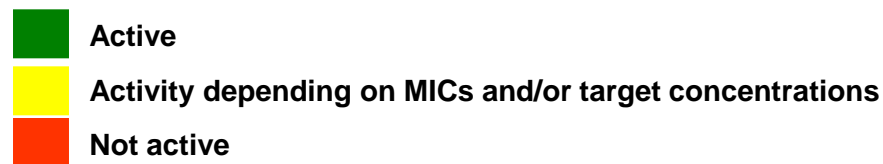
- Nuove tecnologie: «fast microbiology»
- Riduzione tempi di identificazione ed ABG
- **ABG genotipico vs. fenotipico**
- Report per paziente vs. report per campione
- Sorveglianza epidemiologica (ARS-SMART, Toscana)
- Alert system

Molecular genotyping

| Molecular ATBG | Species | Report |
|--|--------------------|--|
| KPC + NDM – VIM – OXA – CTX-M - | Enterobacteriaceae | <i>Presence of the KPC carbapenemases gene: high probability of resistance to ALL BETALACTAM ANTIBIOTICS except: CEFTAZIDIME/AVIBACTAM</i> |
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Antibiotic choice for MDR Enterobacteriaceae and non-fermenting GNB depending on genotype

| | Enterobacteriaceae | | | | | <i>P. aeruginosa</i> (except for MBL) | <i>A. baumannii</i> |
|-------------------------|--------------------|--------|--------|--------|-------------|--|---------------------|
| | ESBL | AmpC | KPC | OXA-48 | IMP/VMP/NDM | | |
| Piperacillin-tazobactam | Yellow | Red | Red | Red | Red | Red | Red |
| Imipenem/meropenem | Green | Green | Yellow | Yellow | Red | Red | Red |
| Cefepime | Green | Green | Red | Red | Red | Red | Red |
| Ceftazidime | Yellow | Yellow | Red | Red | Red | Red | Red |
| Aztreonam | Yellow | Yellow | Yellow | Yellow | Green | Green | Red |
| Colistin | Green | Green | Yellow | Yellow | Yellow | Yellow | Yellow |
| Tigecycline | Green | Green | Yellow | Yellow | Yellow | Red | Yellow |
| Aminoglycosides | Green | Green | Yellow | Yellow | Yellow | Yellow | Yellow |



Enterobacteriaceae

P. aeruginosa

A. baumannii

ESBL AmpC KPC MBL OXA-48

AmpC Efflux Porin MBL

OXA-23
OXA-40
AmpC OXA-50 MBL

CEFT/TAZ

CAZ/AVI

MER/VAB

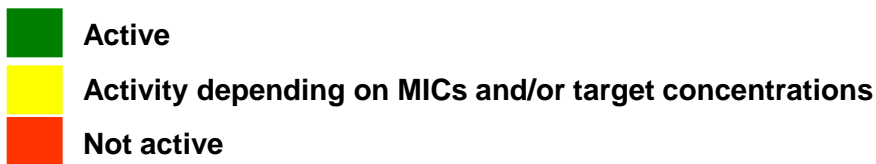
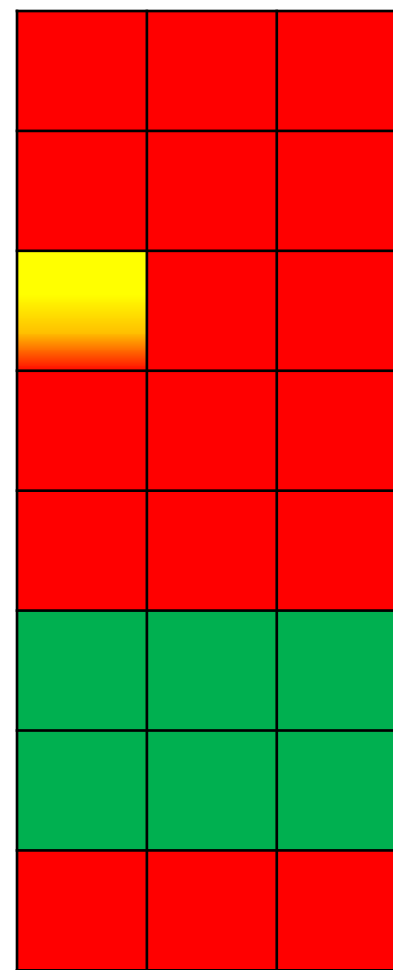
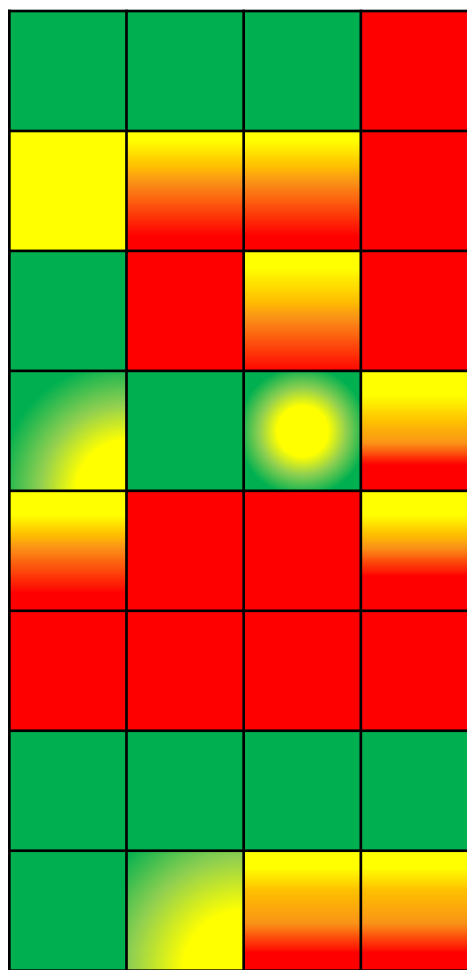
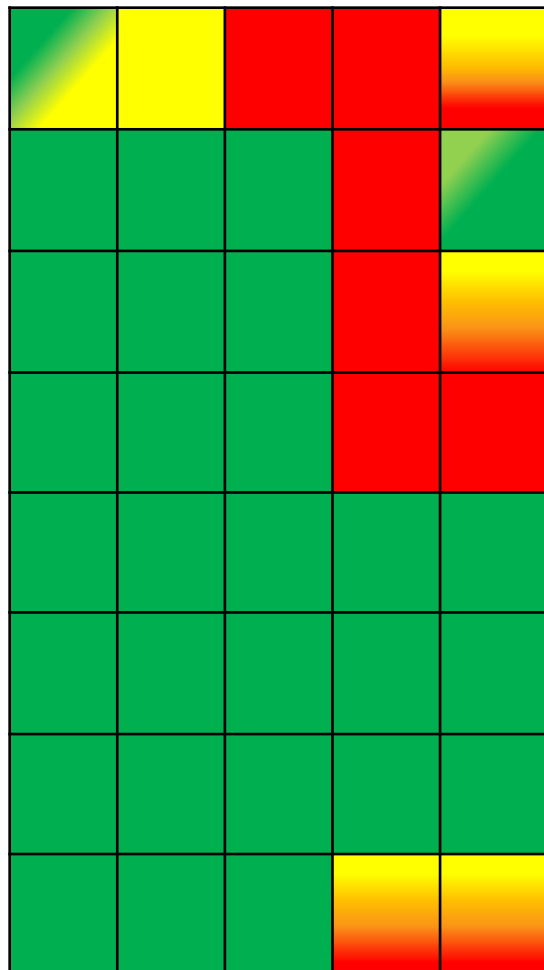
IMI/REL

AZT/AVI

Eravacycline

Cefiderocol

Plazomicin



Antibiotic choice for MDR Enterobacteriaceae and non-fermenting GNB depending on genotype

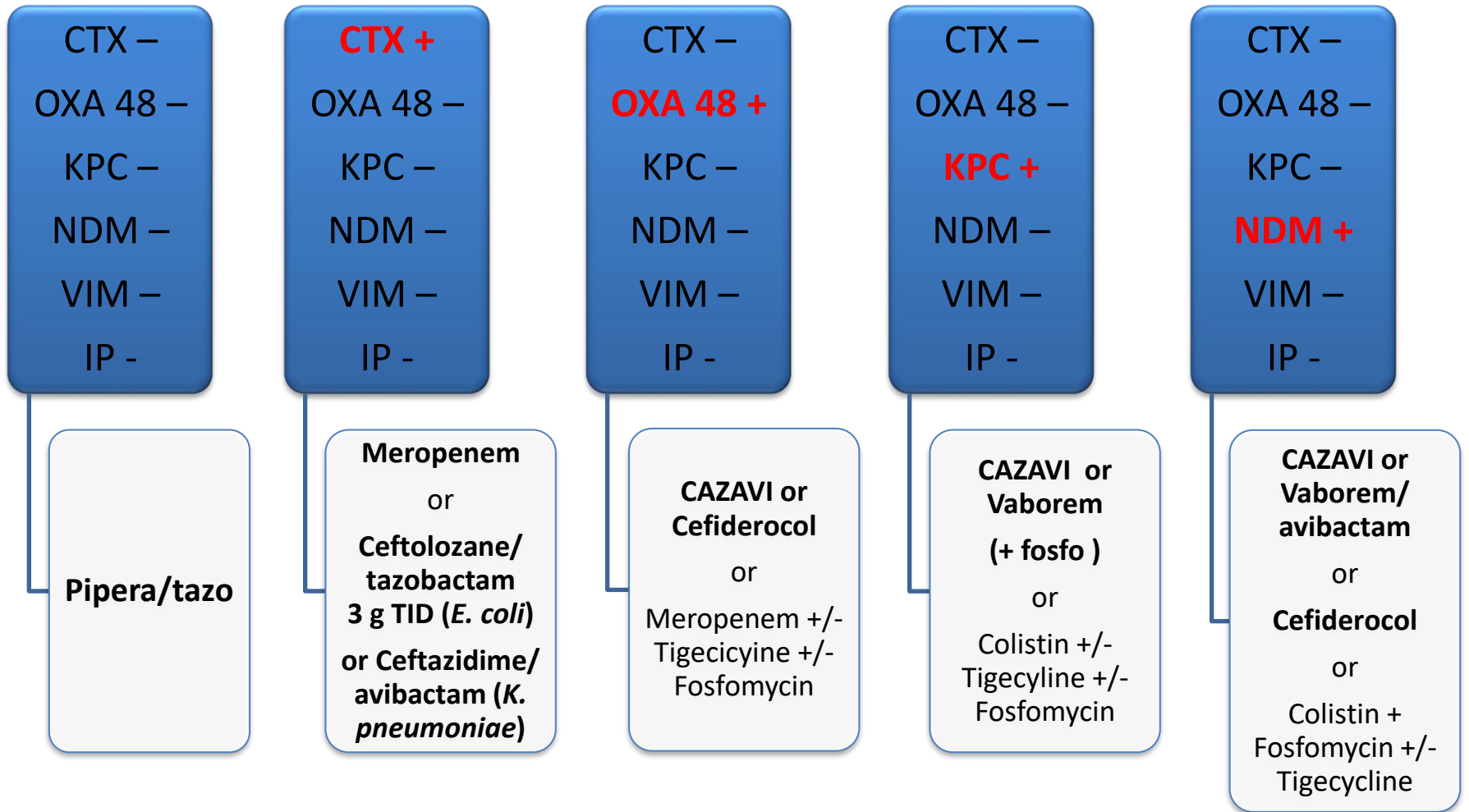
Table 1. Microbiological targets.

| | ESBL | KPC | MBL | AmpC | OXA-48 | <i>P. aeruginosa</i> (MDR/XDR) | <i>Acinetobacter</i> (MDR/XDR) | <i>S. maltophilia</i> |
|-------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Aztreonam/avibactam | Green | Green | Green | Green | Green | Yellow | Red | Green |
| Cefepime/enmetazobactam | Green | Red | Green | Green | Red | Red | Red | Red |
| Cefepime/taniborbactam | Green | Green | Green | Green | Green | Green | Red | Green |
| Cefepime/zidebactam | Green | Red | Green | Green | Green | Green | Red | Green |
| Cefiderocol | Green | Green | Green | Green | Green | Green | Green | Green |
| Ceftaroline/avibactam | Green | Red | Green | Green | Green | Red | Red | Red |
| Ceftolozane/tazobactam | Green | Red | Green | Green | Red | Green | Red | Red |
| Ceftazidime/avibactam | Green | Red | Green | Green | Green | Green | Red | Red |
| Imipenem/relebactam | Green | Red | Green | Green | Red | Green | Red | Red |
| Meropenem/nacubactam | Green | Red | Green | Green | Grey | Green | Red | Grey |
| Meropenem/vaborbactam | Green | Red | Green | Green | Red | Red | Red | Red |

Green = antimicrobial activity, red = no antimicrobial activity, yellow = partial antimicrobial activity, grey = not available. ESBL = extended-spectrum β -lactamase, Ambler Class A β -lactamases; KPC = *Klebsiella pneumoniae* carbapenemase, Ambler Class A β -lactamases; MBL = metallo- β -lactamases, Ambler Class B β -lactamases; AmpC = cephalosporinase, Ambler Class C β -lactamases; OXA-48 = oxacillinase-48, Ambler Class D β -lactamases; MDR = multidrug resistant; XDR = extended drug resistant.

Gene-oriented antibiotic therapy for Enterobacterales

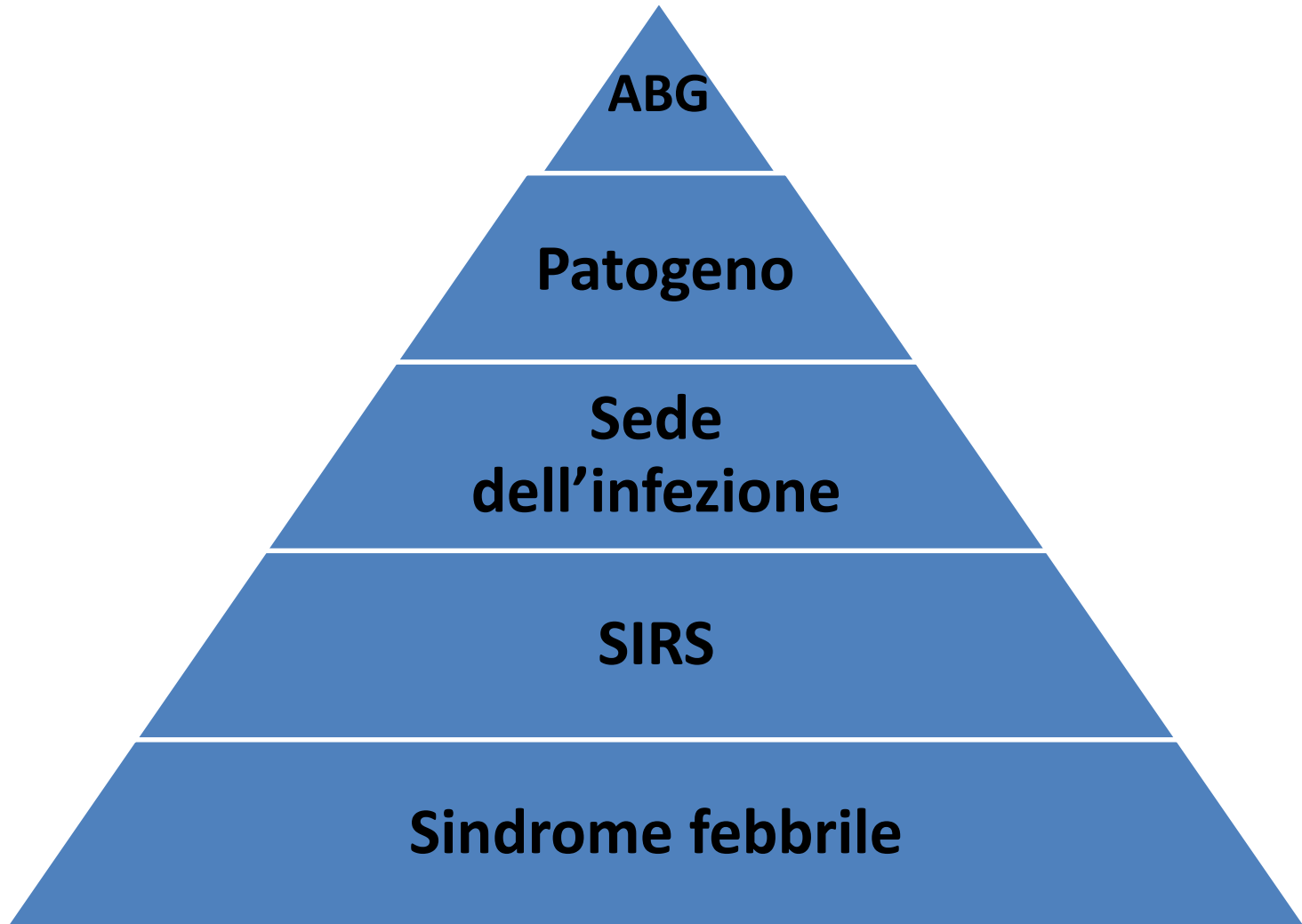
Molecular ATBG



Appropriatezza della terapia antimicrobica

1. **Livello di evidenza diagnostica**
2. **Modalità prescrittiva della terapia antibiotica**
3. **Scelta dell'antibiotico** (LG, raccomandazioni locali, Sanford Guide, altro)
4. **Dosaggio** (età, peso, funzione renale, etc.)
5. **Via di somministrazione** (parenterale, orale)
6. **Modalità di somministrazione** (bolo, infusione estesa, infusione continua)
7. **Durata della terapia** (predefinita, variabile)
8. **Outcome del paziente** (sopravvivenza, cura, recidiva)

1. Livello di evidenza diagnostica



2. Modalità di scelta ATBT

- Tera
- Tera
- Tera
- Profi
- Altro

*Larga prevalenza di
terapie empiriche, per
febbre.....*

**30% quota stimata di
ATBT inappropriata**

3. Scelta dell'antibiotico

- Profilo di **efficacia e tollerabilità**
- Congrua con le indicazioni di Linee-guida validate ed aggiornate (SNLG)
- Ispirata a “raccomandazioni locali”, divise dal gruppo per l'ASP, su base epidemiologica
- Scelta del professionista (Sanford Guide, altro)
- Scelta della molecola a minor costo nell'ambito della stessa classe o delle stesse indicazioni
- **Scelta della molecola che offra la durata più breve del ciclo terapeutico**

Antibiotics: Acces-Watch-Reserve (AWARE)

[1 WHO Priority Pathogens List](#)

| Antibiotic | Class | ATC code | Category | Listed on EML 2021 |
|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|----------|----------|--------------------|
| Aztreonam | Monobactams | J01DF01 | Reserve | No |
| Carumonam | Monobactams | J01DF02 | Reserve | No |
| Cefiderocol | Other-cephalosporins | J01DI04 | Reserve | Yes |
| Ceftaroline-fosamil | Fifth-generation cephalosporins | J01DI02 | Reserve | No |
| Ceftazidime/avibactam | Third-generation-cephalosporins | J01DD52 | Reserve | Yes |
| Ceftobiprole-medocaril | Fifth-generation cephalosporins | J01DI01 | Reserve | No |
| Ceftolozane/tazobactam | Fifth-generation cephalosporins | J01DI54 | Reserve | No |
| Colistin_IV | Polymyxins | J01XB01 | Reserve | Yes |
| Colistin_oral | Polymyxins | A07AA10 | Reserve | No |
| Dalbavancin | Glycopeptides | J01XA04 | Reserve | No |
| Dalfopristin/quinupristin | Streptogramins | J01FG02 | Reserve | No |
| Daptomycin | Lipopeptides | J01XX09 | Reserve | No |
| Eravacycline | Tetracyclines | J01AA13 | Reserve | No |
| Faropenem | Penems | J01DI03 | Reserve | No |
| Fosfomycin_IV | Phosphonics | J01XX01 | Reserve | Yes |
| Iclaprim | Trimethoprim-derivatives | J01EA03 | Reserve | No |
| Imipenem/cilastatin/relebactam | Carbapenems | J01DH56 | Reserve | No |
| Lefamulin | Pleuromutilin | J01XX12 | Reserve | No |
| Linezolid | Oxazolidinones | J01XX08 | Reserve | Yes |
| Meropenem/vaborbactam | Carbapenems | J01DH52 | Reserve | Yes |
| Minocycline_IV | Tetracyclines | J01AA08 | Reserve | No |
| Omadacycline | Tetracyclines | J01AA15 | Reserve | No |
| Oritavancin | Glycopeptides | J01XA05 | Reserve | No |
| Plazomicin | Aminoglycosides | J01GB14 | Reserve | Yes |
| Polymyxin-B_IV | Polymyxins | J01XB02 | Reserve | Yes |
| Polymyxin-B_oral | Polymyxins | A07AA05 | Reserve | No |
| Tedizolid | Oxazolidinones | J01XX11 | Reserve | No |
| Telavancin | Glycopeptides | J01XA03 | Reserve | No |
| Tigecycline | Glycylcyclines | J01AA12 | Reserve | No |

4. Dosaggio

- **Dose congrua** per età, peso, funzione renale, insufficienza epatica, sede dell'infezione
- **Età:** dosaggio pediatrico
- **Peso:** dosi "fisse" o mg/Kg
- **Funzione renale:** dose singola ed intervallo delle somministrazioni variabili
- **CAPD, CRRT**
- **Insufficienza epatica**
- **Sede dell'infezione:** meningite, ascesso etc.

4. Via di somministrazione

- Orale
- Parenterale IV, CVC o altra linea IV
- Parenterale-orale sequenziale
- **Orale in alternativa alla parenterale**
- Aerosolica (device)
- Congrua con caratteristiche del paziente e della sede d'infezione
- Considera la compliance ed i rischi del CVC

5. Modalità di somministrazione

- Congruo con le caratteristiche PK/PD del farmaco (tempo-dipendente, concentrazione-dipendente, misto)
- Dose da carico
- Bolo
- Infusione estesa
- Infusione continua (ICU)

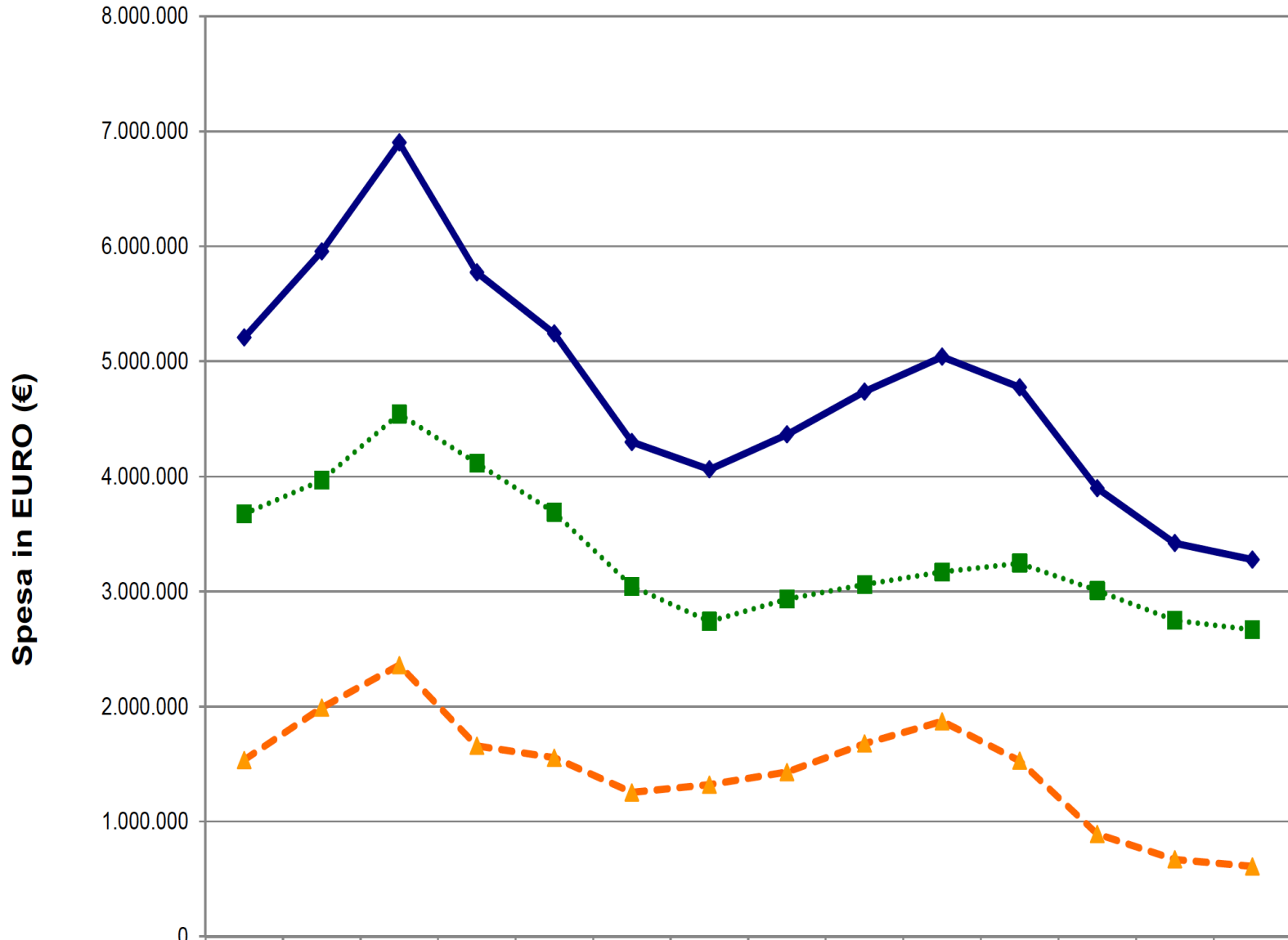
6. Durata della ATBT

- Uno dei campi più inesplorati dalla ricerca clinica
- LG indicano durate estese e “fisse” (ad es.: per endocarditi, infezioni osteo-articolari, etc)
- Prevale giudizio clinico sul singolo paziente (defervescenza per 3-5 giorni, miglioramento clinico)
- **Terapie di più breve durata: meno impatto sulla flora intestinale (microbioma) e degenza più breve**
- Iniziali evidenze cliniche
- Metanalisi

Primary ASP metrics

- Antimicrobial use & cost
- Impact on microbiological resistance
- Clinical outcomes (cure, mortality)
- Adverse events of antibiotic therapy (*C.difficile.*)
- **Duration of antibiotic therapy**
- Length of hospital stay (LOS)

Spesa AOUP



| | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 |
|--------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| ●■●● ANTIBATTERICI | 3.672.537 | 3.966.235 | 4.542.638 | 4.115.305 | 3.687.452 | 3.045.357 | 2.740.177 | 2.934.397 | 3.059.482 | 3.169.055 | 3.245.952 | 3.007.073 | 2.749.823 | 2.667.595 |
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Length of hospital stay (LOS)

- Outcome measure
- Easy to obtain metric
- Suffers from many of the same problems as mortality (secular trends in developed countries where an emphasis has been placed on early discharges)
- **Attempts to discontinue or transition to oral antimicrobial therapy from parenteral therapy has, perhaps, the strongest relationship to length of stay**

Partial Oral versus Intravenous Antibiotic Treatment of Endocarditis

Table 2. Distribution of the Four Components of the Primary Composite Outcome.*

| Component | Intravenous Treatment (N=199) | Oral Treatment (N=201) | Difference | Hazard Ratio (95% CI) |
|--|----------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| | <i>number (percent)</i> | | <i>percentage points (95% CI)</i> | |
| All-cause mortality | 13 (6.5) | 7 (3.5) | 3.0 (-1.4 to 7.7) | 0.53 (0.21 to 1.32) |
| Unplanned cardiac surgery | 6 (3.0) | 6 (3.0) | 0 (-3.3 to 3.4) | 0.99 (0.32 to 3.07) |
| Embolic event | 3 (1.5) | 3 (1.5) | 0 (-2.4 to 2.4) | 0.97 (0.20 to 4.82) |
| Relapse of the positive blood culture† | 5 (2.5) | 5 (2.5) | 0 (-3.1 to 3.1) | 0.97 (0.28 to 3.33) |

CONCLUSIONS

In patients with endocarditis on the left side of the heart who were in stable condition, changing to oral antibiotic treatment was noninferior to continued intravenous antibiotic treatment. (Funded by the Danish Heart Foundation and others; POET ClinicalTrials.gov number, NCT01375257.)

The POET trial: length of hospital stay

- After randomization, pts were treated according to the assigned regimen for a median of 19 days (interquartile range, 14 to 25) in the IV treated group and 17 days (interquartile range, 14 to 25) in the orally treated group.
- In the orally treated group, 160 patients (80%) were partially or completely treated as outpatients.
- After randomization, the **median length of stay** in the hospital (not a prespecified outcome) was 19 days (interquartile range, 14 to 25) in the IV treated group and 3 days (interquartile range, 1 to 10) in the orally treated group ($P < 0.001$).

Endocarditis

Oral vs. IV Abx for Endocarditis

| Author | Yr | N | Regimen (Oral vs. IV) | Success |
|-----------------------------------|-----|--------------|---|--------------------------------------|
| Stamboulian | '91 | 30 | Amox 1 gm qid vs. CTX— <i>Strep</i> | 100% (15/15) v 100% (15/15) |
| Heldman | '96 | 93 | Cipro + Rif vs. std IV— <i>Staph</i> | 95% (18/19) v 88% (22/25) |
| Iversen/ Bungaard [‡] | '19 | 400 | Std oral vs. std IV—GPC | 74% (146/199) v 62% (125/201) |
| <i>Tissot-Dupont*</i> | '19 | 341 | <i>TMP-SMX+clinda vs. std IV--Staph</i> | <i>81% (138/171) v 70% (119/170)</i> |
| Totals (N=3 RCTs) | | 523 | | 77% (179/233) v 70% (162/241) |
| (+ 1 quasi expt*) | | (864) | | 78% (317/404) v 68% (281/411) |

*Quasi-experimental, pre-post study. Italicized totals include the quasi-experimental data.

[‡]Iversen reported early follow up, Bungaard 3 year follow up from the same study.

Refs at <https://www.bradspellberg.com/oral-antibiotics>

Oral versus Intravenous Antibiotics for Bone and Joint Infection

Among the 1054 participants, treatment failure occurred in 74 of 506 participants (14.6%) in the intravenous group and 67 of 509 participants (13.2%) in the oral group.

The intention-to-treat analysis showed a difference in the risk of definitive treatment failure (oral group vs. intravenous group) of -1.4 percentage points (90% confidence interval [CI], -4.9 to 2.2; 95% CI, -5.6 to 2.9), indicating noninferiority.

Complete-case, per-protocol, and sensitivity analyses supported this result.

CONCLUSIONS

Oral antibiotic therapy was noninferior to intravenous antibiotic therapy when used during the first 6 weeks for complex orthopedic infection, as assessed by treatment failure at 1 year

The OVIVA trial: length of hospital stay

- We found that appropriately selected oral antibiotic therapy was noninferior to intravenous therapy when used during the first 6 weeks in the management of bone and joint infection, as assessed by treatment failure within 1 year.
- **Oral antibiotic therapy was associated with a shorter length of hospital stay and with fewer complications than intravenous therapy.**

Oral Is the New IV. Challenging Decades of Blood and Bone Infection Dogma: A Systematic Review

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Oral vs. IV Abx for Osteomyelitis

| Author | Yr | N | Regimen (Oral vs. IV) | Success |
|-------------------------|-----|--------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Greenberg | '87 | 30 | Ciprofloxacin vs. std IV | 50% (7/14) v 65% (11/16) |
| Gentry | '90 | 59 | Ciprofloxacin vs. βL+aminoglyc | 77% (24/31) v 79% (22/28) |
| Mader | '90 | 26 | Ciproflox vs. βL/clinda+aminoglyc | 79% (11/14) v 83% (10/12) |
| Gentry | '91 | 33 | Ofloxacin vs. cephalosporin | 74% (14/19) v 86% (12/14) |
| Gomis | '99 | 32 | Ofloxacin vs. imipenem | 69% (11/16) v 50% (8/16) |
| Schrenzel | '04 | 39 | Fleroxacin+rifampin v βL/vanco | 82% (18/22) v 65% (11/17) |
| Euba | '09 | 48 | TMP-SMX+rifampin vs. cloxacillin | 81% (17/21) v 77% (21/27) |
| Li | '19 | 1054 | Std oral vs. std IV | 87% (457/527) v 85% (450/527) |
| Manning | '22 | 60 | PJI/DAIR: IV/Oral vs. IV only | 71% (22/31) v 76% (22/29) |
| Total (N=9 RCTs) | | 1,381 | | 84% (581/695) v 83% (567/686) |

Success = absence of osteo at long term follow up (most studies >1 year); std = standard of care, protocol specified; all RCTs comparing oral to IV-only are in adults, however there are also 9 other adult and 8 pediatric RCTs or quasi-experimental studies comparing mostly oral vs. mostly oral, with high cure rates; refs at <https://www.bradspellberg.com/oral-antibiotics>

Partial Oral Therapy for Osteomyelitis and Endocarditis — Is It Time?

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- Surveillance and stewardship through the use of narrow-spectrum therapy, **shorter durations of therapy, and oral rather than parenteral therapy**, as well as the development of new medicines and diagnostics and improvements in infection prevention through a “One Health” approach — with connections among human patients, animals, and the environment taken into account — **are key strategies for combating antimicrobial resistance**

Bacteremia

Oral vs. IV Abx for Bacteremia

| Author | Yr | N | Regimen (Oral vs. IV) | Success |
|--------------------------|-----|------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Amodio-Groton | '96 | 50 | Ciprofloxacin oral vs. IV—GNB | 83% (20/24) v 77% (20/26) |
| San Pedro | '02 | 51 | Linezolid vs. ceph— <i>S. pneumo</i> | 93% (27/29) v 68% (15/22) |
| Deville | '03 | 36 | Linezolid vs. vanco—GPC (peds) | 80% (20/25) v 64% (7/11) |
| Jantausch | '03 | 103 | Linezolid vs. vanco—GPC (peds) | 72% (54/75) v 64% (18/28) |
| Kaplan | '03 | 80 | Linezolid vs. vanco—GPC (peds) | 82% (47/57) v 74% (17/23) |
| Schrenzel | '04 | 67 | FQ + rif vs. βL/vanco— <i>Staph</i> | 87% (34/39) v 89% (25/28) |
| Wilcox | '04 | 56 | Linezolid vs. teicoplanin—GPC | 89% (23/26) v 57% (17/30) |
| Wilcox | '09 | 166 | Linezolid vs. vancomycin—GPC | 75% (70/93) v 81% (59/73) |
| Monmaturpaj* | '12 | 17 | Cefditoren vs. ceftriaxone—GNB | 100% (6/6) v 91% (10/11) |
| Park | '14 | 59 | Ciprofloxacin vs. std IV—GNB | 93% (27/29) v 93% (28/30) |
| Total (N=10 RCTs) | | 685 | | 81% (328/403) v 77% (216/282) |

*N = 82 pts with pyelonephritis of whom 17 were bacteremic with *E. coli*, patients were randomized to continue ceftriaxone or switch to oral cefditoren at day 3. Refs at <https://www.bradspellberg.com/oral-antibiotics>

Intra-abdominal infections

Oral vs. IV Abx for Intra-Abdominal

| Author | Yr | N | Regimen (Oral vs. IV) | Success |
|---|-----|-------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Liver Abscesses | | | | |
| Chen | '02 | 31 | Fleroxacin vs. cefazolin/gent | 70% (14/20) v 82% (18/22) |
| Molton | '20 | 152 | Ciprofloxacin vs. ceftriaxone | 96% (71/74) v 93% (72/78) |
| Total (N=2) | | 183 | | 90% (85/94) v 90% (90/100) |
| cIAI* | | | | |
| Solomkin | '96 | 671 | Cipro/metro vs. Cipro/metro or Imipen | 84% (183/219) v 82% (371/452) |
| Cohn | '00 | 250 | Cipro/metro vs. pip-tazo | 74% (99/134) v 63% (73/116) |
| Wacha | '06 | 475 | Cipro/metro vs. CTX/metro | 91% (213/235) v 88% (211/240) |
| Fraser | '10 | 102 | Augmentin vs. CTX/metro (peds)** | 60% (30/50) v 63% (33/52) |
| Arnold | '18 | 82 | Augmentin vs. Ertapenem (peds)** | 71% (27/38) v 73% (32/44) |
| Total (N=5) | | 1580 | | 82% (552/676) v 80% (720/904) |
| *Patients stepped down to the oral option when tolerating POs | | | | |
| **Both peds studies of perforated appendicitis | | | | |
| Refs at https://www.bradspellberg.com/oral-antibiotics | | | | |

Early discontinuation of antibiotics for febrile neutropenia versus continuation until neutropenia resolution (Protocol)

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MAIN RESULTS:

- 8 RCTs, a total of 662 febrile neutropenia episodes with FUO
- No significant difference between the short-antibiotic therapy arm and the long-antibiotic therapy arm for all-cause mortality.
- **Total antibiotic days were fewer in the intervention arm by three to seven days compared to the long antibiotic therapy.**
- No significant differences in the rates of clinical failure
- No difference in the incidence of bacteraemia occurring after randomisation
- No significant difference in the incidence of invasive fungal infection and development of antibiotic resistance

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Table 2. Enterobacteriaceae Isolated in the Bloodstream of Hospitalized Adult Patients Between 2008 and 2014

| Enterobacteriaceae | Entire Cohort (N = 1769) | Duration of Therapy in Matched Cohort | |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------|
| | | 6–10 d (n = 385) | 11–16 d (n = 385) |
| <i>Escherichia coli</i> | 841 (47.5) | 177 (46.0) | 184 (47.8) |
| <i>Klebsiella</i> species | 557 (31.5) | 137 (35.6) | 114 (29.6) |
| <i>Enterobacter</i> species | 200 (11.3) | 36 (9.4) | 54 (14.0) |
| <i>Serratia</i> species | 58 (3.3) | 13 (3.4) | 9 (2.3) |
| <i>Proteus</i> species | 81 (4.6) | 13 (3.4) | 14 (3.6) |
| <i>Citrobacter</i> species | 32 (1.8) | 9 (2.3) | 10 (2.6) |

Data are presented as No. (%).

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Table 3. Thirty-Day All-Cause Mortality for Hospitalized Adult Patients With Enterobacteriaceae Bacteremia in a Propensity Score–Matched Cohort

| Variable | Unadjusted HR (95% CI) | PValue | Adjusted HR ^a (95% CI) | PValue |
|-------------------------------|------------------------|--------|-----------------------------------|--------|
| Short-course therapy (6–10 d) | 1.12 (.70–1.80) | .64 | 1.00 (.62–1.63) | .97 |
| Urinary source | 0.36 (.19–.67) | .001 | 0.49 (.26–.94) | .03 |
| Pneumonia | 3.06 (1.73–5.42) | <.001 | 1.60 (.85–3.02) | .15 |
| Pitt bacteremia score | 1.31 (1.21–1.42) | <.001 | 1.29 (1.17–1.43) | <.001 |
| ICU on day 1 of bacteremia | 2.38 (1.48–3.81) | <.001 | 0.99 (.56–1.76) | .98 |
| End-stage liver disease | 3.58 (2.05–6.06) | <.001 | 4.12 (2.30–7.39) | <.001 |
| Immunocompromised status | 1.03 (.63–1.70) | .89 | 1.40 (.83–2.36) | .21 |

Abbreviations: CI, confidence interval; HR, hazard ratio; ICU, intensive care unit.

^aAdjusted for immunocompromised status and variables with $P < .10$ in univariable analysis.

Results. There were 385 well-balanced matched pairs. The median duration of therapy in the short-course group and prolonged-course group was 8 days (interquartile range [IQR], 7–9 days) and 15 days (IQR, 13–15 days), respectively. No difference in mortality between the treatment groups was observed (adjusted hazard ratio [aHR], 1.00; 95% confidence interval [CI], .62–1.63). The odds of recurrent bloodstream infections and CDI were also similar. There was a trend toward a protective effect of short-course antibiotic therapy on the emergence of MDRGN bacteria (odds ratio, 0.59; 95% CI, .32–1.09; $P = .09$).

Conclusions. Short courses of antibiotic therapy yield similar clinical outcomes as prolonged courses of antibiotic therapy for Enterobacteriaceae bacteremia, and may protect against subsequent MDRGN bacteria.

Shorter Is Better

| Diagnosis | Short (d) | Long (d) | Result | #RCT |
|----------------------------|-----------|----------|--------|-----------------|
| CAP | 3-5 | 5-14 | Equal | 14 |
| Atypical CAP | 1 | 3 | Equal | 1 |
| Possible PNA in ICU | 3 | 14-21 | Equal | 1* |
| VAP | 8 | 15 | Equal | 2 |
| cUTI/Pyelonephritis | 5 or 7 | 10 or 14 | Equal | 9** |
| Intra-abdominal Infection | 4 | 10 | Equal | 2 |
| GNB Bacteremia | 7 | 14 | Equal | 3 [†] |
| Cellulitis/Wound/Abscess | 5-6 | 10 | Equal | 4 [‡] |
| Osteomyelitis | 42 | 84 | Equal | 2 |
| Osteo with Removed Implant | 28 | 42 | Equal | 1 |
| Debrided Diabetic Osteo | 10-21 | 42-90 | Equal | 2 [Ⓞ] |
| Septic Arthritis | 14 | 28 | Equal | 1 |
| AECB & Sinusitis | ≤5 | ≥7 | Equal | >25 |
| Neutropenic Fever | AFx72 h | +ANC>500 | Equal | 1 |
| Post Op Prophylaxis | 0-1 | 1-5 | Equal | 56 [Ⓜ] |
| <i>P. vivax</i> Malaria | 7 | 14 | Equal | 1 |

Total: 16 Conditions

>120 RCTs

*Infiltrate on CXR but low CPIS score (≤6), both ventilated and non ventilated, likely CAP, HAP, and VAP combined;

**2 RCT included males, the smaller one found lower 10-18 d f/up cure in males with 7 days of therapy but no difference at longer follow-up, larger exclusive male study found no diff in cure; [†]GNB bacteremia also in UTI/cIAI RCTs; [‡]3 RCTs equal, 1 (low dose oral flucox) [↑]relapses ^{2°} endpoint; [Ⓞ]all patients debrided, in 1 study total bone resection (clean margins); [Ⓜ]Includes meta-analysis of 52 RCTs; refs at <https://www.bradspellberg.com/shorter-is-better>

Shorter Is Better Exceptions

| Diagnosis | Short (d) | Long (d) | Result | #RCT |
|----------------------------|-----------|----------|--------------------|------|
| Prosthetic Joint Infection | 6 wk | 12 wk | Inferior | 1* |
| Early Pros. Joint Infect. | 8 wk | 12-26 wk | Equal | 1* |
| Otitis Media < 2 yr old | 5 | 10 | Inferior | 1 |
| Otitis Media >2 yr old | <10 | 10 | Equal | 49** |
| Strep Throat: Nml PCN | 3-5 | 7-10 | Inferior | 5† |
| Strep Throat: Other Abx | 3-5 | 7-10 | Equal | >20† |
| Strep Throat: QID PCN | 5 | 10 | Equal | 1 |
| Chronic Pulm Aspergillus | 6 mo | 12 mo | Inferior | 1 |
| Total: 4 Diseases | | | >25 RCTs | |

* 6 vs. 12 week inferior for all-comers in largest trial, driven primarily but not entirely by DAIR cohort, but other RCT from Shorter Is Better table demonstrated 4-6 weeks may be non inferior, and small RCT of PJI within 1 month of implant showed non-inferiority of 8 vs. 12-26 wks;

**meta-analysis of 49 trials; 3% increased short term failure, but by 1 month of follow up, no difference;

†meta-analysis of >25 trials.

refs at <https://www.bradspellberg.com/shorter-is-better>

7. Outcome

- Indicatore di esito (il piu' importante)
- Cura
- Miglioramento
- Modifiche ATBT
- LOS
- Sopravvivenza
- Mortalità (generale, attribuibile)

Clinical outcomes

- A biased belief that “better” antimicrobial use must be better for the patient
- Clinical outcomes are useful balancing measures, **to help ensure that patients are not harmed through efforts to better rationalize antimicrobial prescribing.**

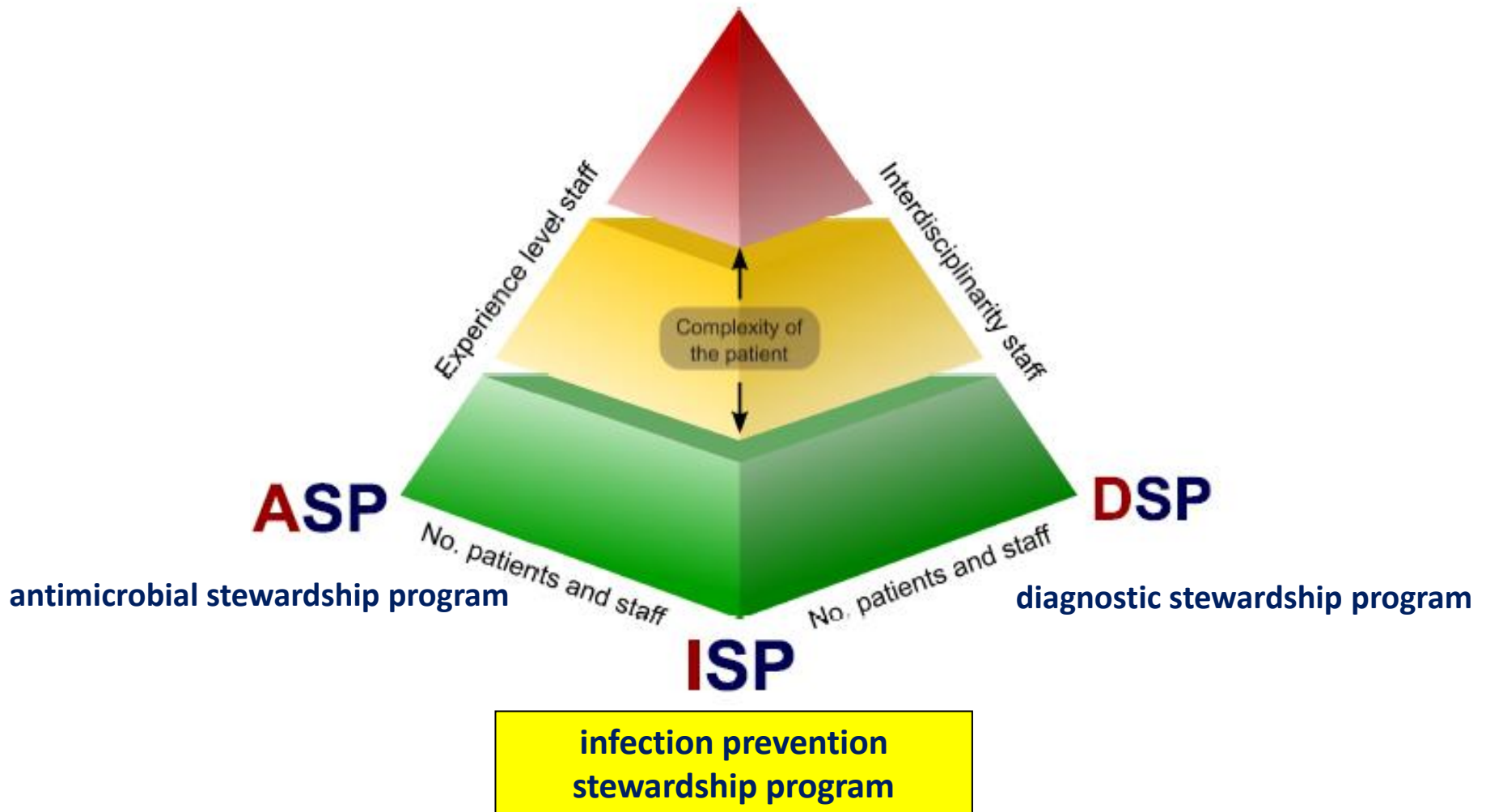
Cure

- There are various ways to measure cure of an infectious disease.
- There is **clinical cure** (whereby the patient is believed to be clinically well after effective treatment of their infection)
- **Microbiological cure** (whereby microbiological cultures or other tests demonstrate that the pathogen is no longer present in a manner capable of causing disease)
- Other forms (e.g., **radiographic cure**).
- These are potentially useful metrics, but are very difficult for programs to reliably measure on a consistent basis.

Mortality

- Most objective clinical outcome for ASPs is mortality.
- Problems with using mortality as an outcome, **especially when ASP evaluate their interventions as before–after studies, rather than randomized controlled interventions**
- *Secular trends in healthcare mortality may result in lower “after” mortality (because of concurrent quality improvement initiatives) or higher “after” mortality (because of a trend to limit hospitalization to sicker and/or older patients).*
- Accordingly, mortality results should be interpreted with caution

Multistakeholder platform of antimicrobial stewardship model



Conclusions

- **ASP require metrics & resources**
- **Build your own local ASP**
- **Clinical governance is warranted**
- **Key role for *infection control & fast microbiology***
- **Decrease LOS: short IV course, shift to oral ATBT**
- **Improve the patient access to the new antibiotics**

AMR control require joining forces

