

**YOUR FRIENDS IN THE LAB:  
HOW MICROBIOLOGY CAN HELP  
IN THE FIGHT AGAINST ANTIMICROBIAL RESISTANCE**

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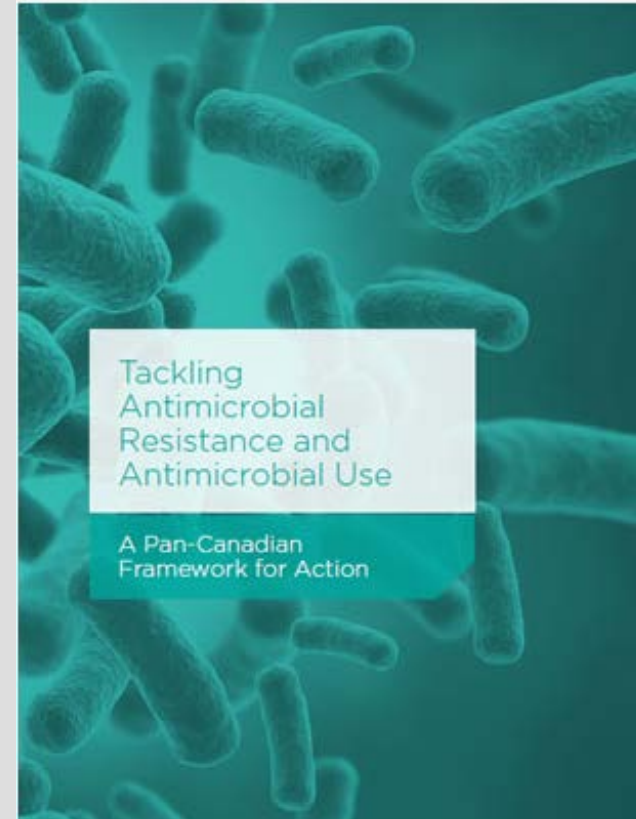
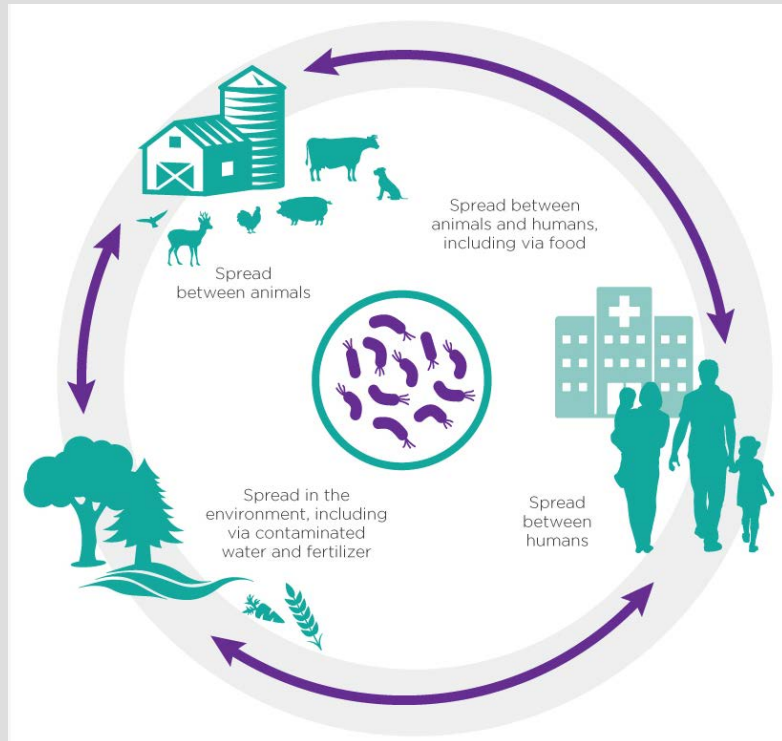
# OBJECTIVES

- Beyond Screening: what is the role of microbiology in the fight against antimicrobial resistance?
- Antibiograms & Resistance
- Interventions based in the Lab

# DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

- none

# PAN-CANADIAN FRAMEWORK ON AMR



# PAN-CANADIAN FRAMEWORK ON AMR

	Surveillance	Stewardship	Infection Prevention & Control	Innovation
MICROBIOLOGY	Antibiograms Defining Resistance	Communication Selective Reporting New Diagnostics	Detection Outbreaks Transmission	POCT CRISPR Metagenomics

# KEY FEATURES OF ANTIBIOGRAMS

- Cumulative Susceptibility Report, for a given population over a specific period of time.
- Report of prior laboratory results, often used to predict future results
- Used for:
  - Empiric treatment decisions
  - Monitoring trends in resistance
  - Targeting antimicrobial stewardship initiatives & monitoring the effectiveness of interventions whose goal is to reduce antimicrobial resistance
  - Analysis of subgroups to determine drivers of resistance in your community

# WHAT GOES INTO AN ANTIBIOGRAM?

Last Word	Include only final, verified test results
Trustworthy	Include only species with testing data for at least 30 isolates overall
Relevance	Include only diagnostic (not surveillance) isolates
Duplicity	Eliminate duplicates by including only the first isolate of a species per patient per analysis period irrespective of body site or antimicrobial profile
Include	Include only antimicrobial agents routinely tested, not supplemental agents selectively tested on resistant isolates only
Combine	Reports %S; Intermediate and Resistant interpretations are combined

# WHAT CAN INFLUENCE YOUR ANTIBIOGRAM RESULTS?

- AntibioGrams will be affected by:
  - Patient population served
  - Lab utilization patterns
  - Lab protocols and policies
  - Temporal outbreaks



# PRACTICAL EXAMPLES

## MS. D

- 70 yr old woman, living in long term care in Regina
- Diagnosed with lower UTI, urine specimen sent to lab
- Started on Ciprofloxacin
  
- Next day, lab reports culture +  $10^8$  *E.coli*
- Susceptibility to follow
  
- Treatment OK?



## MR. J

- 48 yr old man on chemotherapy for ALL
- Diagnosed with sepsis, blood cultures sent to lab
- Started on PipTazo
  
- Next day lab reports culture + GPC clusters, 2 hours later presumptive ID = *Staphylococcus epidermidis*
- Susceptibility to follow
  
- Treatment OK?

# Regina Qu'Appelle Health Region ANTIBIOGRAM

## All Patients

January 1, 2016 - December 31, 2016

### All Specimens – % Susceptible

# Isolates tested	Penicillin PO	Penicillin IV M	Penicillin IV NM	Ampicillin/Amoxicillin	Amoxicillin-Clavulanic acid	Piperacillin-Tazobactam	Cephalexin <sup>4</sup>	Cefazolin	Cloxacillin	Ceftriaxone	Ceftriaxone IV M	Ceftriaxone IV NM	Ceftazidime	Ertapenem	Meropenem	Clindamycin	Erythromycin	Tetracycline/Doxycycline	Ciprofloxacin	Levofloxacin	Trimethoprim-sulfamethoxazole	Nitrofurantoin (urine only)	Gentamicin <sup>5</sup>	Tobramycin	Vancomycin	
<b>GRAM-POSITIVE BACTERIA</b>																										
<i>Staphylococcus aureus</i> , all	1881						72	72	72								82	67	98			96	100			100
- methicillin-susceptible	1379						100	100	100								84	80	98			95	100			100
- methicillin-resistant (MRSA)	546			R	R	R	R	R	R	R			R	R	R		78	36	98			96	100			100
<i>Staphylococcus epidermidis</i>	153						30	30	30								65	39	88			56	100			100
Viridans group streptococci	35	69								97							76	38								100
<i>Enterococcus</i> species (urine) <sup>2</sup>	555			91			R	R	R	R				R	R	R		23	78		R	95			100	
<i>Enterococcus faecalis</i> <sup>2</sup>	160			86			R	R	R	R				R	R	R		20	81		R	100	76		100	
<i>Enterococcus faecium</i> <sup>2</sup>	141			11			R	R	R	R				R	R	R		69	9		R	34	86		45	
<i>Streptococcus pneumoniae</i>	162	83	83	100							97	100					75	94		98	85				100	
Group B Streptococcus	54	100					100	100		100							70	61							100	
Group A Streptococcus	46	100					100	100		100							91	89							100	
<i>Streptococcus anginosus</i> group	94	98								99							75	75							100	

- *Staphylococcus epidermidis* cumulative susceptibility to beta-lactams in RQHR:

- Overall: 30% (n=153)
- Blood: 25% (n=45)

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## All Patients

January 1, 2016 - December 31, 2016

### Blood Culture Isolates – % Susceptible

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- Other options?
- Vancomycin 100%

But PipTazo isn't on the Antibiogram!?

# BABY G

- 3 month old female
- Diagnosed with pneumonia, respiratory specimen sent to lab
- Started on azithromycin
  
- Lab reports Gram:
  - 4+ Polymorphonuclear cells
  - 2+ Squamous epithelial cells
  - 4+ Gram positive diplococci
  - 1+ mixed morphotypes
  
- Treatment OK? Need to change?

But Azithromycin  
isn't on the  
Antibiogram!?

What is the  
likely organism?

# Regina Qu'Appelle Health Region ANTIBIOGRAM

## All Patients

January 1, 2016 - December 31, 2016

- *Streptococcus pneumoniae* cumulative susceptibility to macrolides in RQHR:

- Overall: 75% (n=162)
- Pediatrics: 70% (n=114)

### All Specimens – % Susceptible

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# Regina Qu'Appelle Health Region ANTIBIOGRAM

## Pediatrics (≤17 years)

January 1, 2014 - December 31, 2016

### All Specimens – % Susceptible

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<i>Staphylococcus aureus</i> , all	857							78	78	78								86	76	97			94	99	99	100	
- methicillin-susceptible	681							100	100	100								85	83	97			94	99	100	100	
- methicillin-resistant (MRSA)	194				R	R	R	R	R	R	R			R	R	R	R	88	52	100			93	100	96	100	
<i>Staphylococcus epidermidis</i>	37							46	46	46								57	35	95			73	100	87	100	
Viridans group streptococci																											
<i>Enterococcus</i> species (urine) <sup>2</sup>	116				99		R	R	R	R				R	R	R	R		18	97		R	99	88		100	
<i>Enterococcus faecalis</i> <sup>2</sup>	*19				90		R	R	R	R				R	R	R	R		16	100		R	100	74		100	
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- Other options?

- Septra 85-90%
- Beta-lactams?

	Penicillin PO	Penicillin IV M	Penicillin IV NM	Ceftriaxone IV M	Ceftriaxone IV NM	
<i>Streptococcus pneumoniae</i>	114	80	80	100	93	100

# CAN I USE SOMEONE ELSE'S ANTIBIOGRAM?

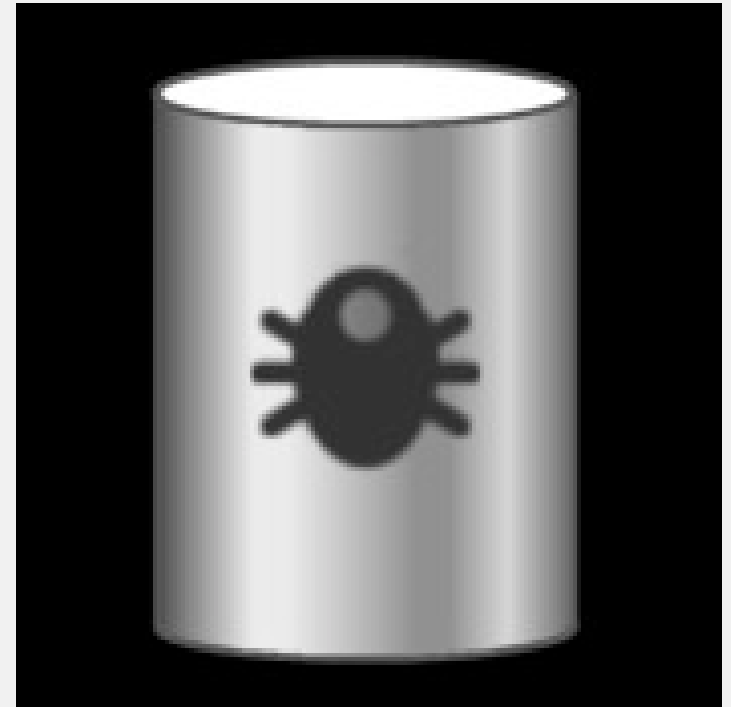
- Can you walk in your friend's shoes?
- You \*CAN\* ... but you shouldn't if you don't have to
- Variability in microbial populations can be significant in different geographic locations
- Just like any infectious disease!
- Added variability in ordering practices, transmission dynamics, lab protocols
- Consider patient characteristics/demographics

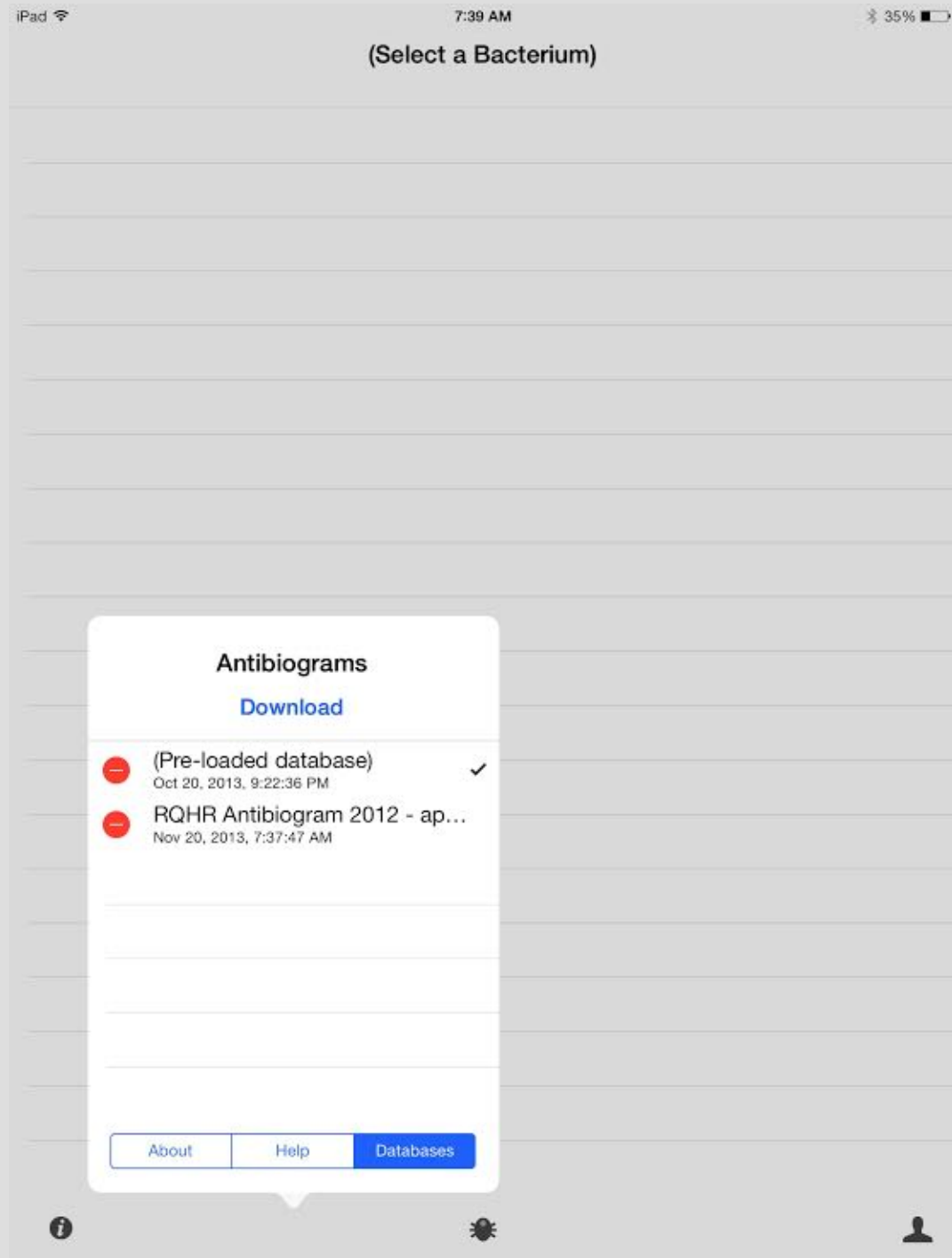
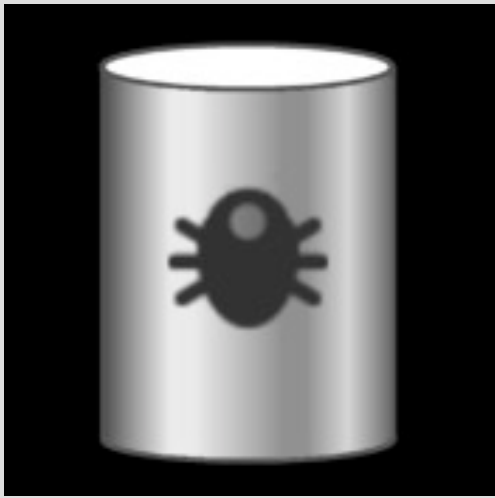




## INFORMATION AT THE POINT OF CARE

- Antibiograms app – available FREE for iPhone and Android devices
- Search app store for “Antibiograms” and download onto mobile device
- Open database file (.db) from email/website
  - ‘What program do you want to open this with?’
- Requires your lab to create a .db file
  - LABS! Call me if you need help creating your database file





Amoxicillin-Clavulanic acid	87% susceptible
Ampicillin/Amoxicillin	58% susceptible
Cefazolin	94% susceptible
Ceftriaxone	96% susceptible
Cephalexin	60% susceptible
Ciprofloxacin	85% susceptible
Ertapenem	100% susceptible
Gentamicin	93% susceptible
Meropenem	100% susceptible
Nitrofurantoin (urine only)	94% susceptible
Piperacillin-Tazobactam	97% susceptible
Tobramycin	92% susceptible
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- Bacteria
- Citrobacter freundii
- Citrobacter koseri
- Enterobacter aerogenes
- Enterobacter cloacae
- Enterococcus faecalis
- Enterococcus faecium
- Enterococcus species...
- Escherichia coli
- Group A Streptococcus
- Group B Streptococcus
- Haemophilus influenzae
- Klebsiella oxytoca
- Klebsiella pneumoniae
- Methicillin Resistant St...
- Methicillin Susceptible...
- Morganella morganii
- Proteus mirabilis
- Pseudomonas aerugin...
- Serratia marcescens
- Staphylococcus aureu...

### Escherichia coli \*

All

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- Patient Group
- All
- Inpatients
- Non-Urine Isolates
- Outpatients
- Urine Isolates

# Escherichia coli \*

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Ertapenem

100% susceptible

Gentamicin

93% susceptible

Meropenem

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Nitrofurantoin (urine only)

94% susceptible

Piperacillin-Tazobactam

97% susceptible

Tobramycin

92% susceptible

Trimethoprim-Sulfamethoxazole

78% susceptible

**Escherichia coli**  
2.2% of E.coli (n=123) were +ESBL  
(extended spectrum beta-lactamase)

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# Enterobacter cloacae \*

All

Ciprofloxacin

99% susceptible

Ertapenem

99% susceptible

Gentamicin

99% susceptible

Meropenem

99% susceptible

Nitrofurantoin (urine only)

15% susceptible

Tobramycin

99% susceptible

Trimethoprim-Sulfamethoxazole

92% susceptible

**Enterobacter cloacae**  
This organism may produce an inducible beta-lactamase. Treatment with a penicillin or cephalosporin can result in clinical failure despite in vitro susceptibility.

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# SUBGROUPS

- Patient Type Subgroups

- Inpatient
- Outpatient
- LTC
- Emergency
- ICU
- Pediatric, Adult, Senior
- Length of Stay?

- Specimen Type Subgroups

- Blood
- Urine
- Excluding Urine

- Specialty Organisms

- Anaerobes
- Yeast

# CONTINGENT ANTIBIOGRAMS

- The likelihood of at least one antibiotic being susceptible when given in combinations
- E.g. Hypothetical *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* susceptibility:
  - PipTazo 85%
  - Ceftazidime 80%
  - Cipro 75%
- What 2 drug regimen will yield the highest coverage rates?
  - Given PipTazo=R, what is ceftaz %S?
  - Given Ceftaz=R, what is Cipro %S?
  - etc

# WEIGHTED INCIDENCE SYNDROMIC CONTINGENT ANTIBIOGRAM (WISCA)

- Takes into account the site of isolation and provides a weighted susceptibility of all organisms causing a specific infectious syndrome

- E.g. Hypothetical Urinary Tract Infections

- 80% caused by E.coli
- 10% caused by Enterococcus
- 7% caused by other GNB
- 3% caused by other GPC

## Ampicillin Susceptibility

- E.coli 50% S
- Enterococcus 90% S
- Other GNB 85% S
- Other GPC 95% S

## Weighted Susceptibility

- $0.8 * 50 = 40$
- $0.1 * 90 = 9$
- $0.07 * 85 = 5.95$
- $0.03 * 95 = 2.85$
- Sum = 57.8%

# DEFINING RESISTANCE



# NO LACK OF DEFINITIONS

INTRINSIC vs. ACQUIRED?

MUTATIONS vs.  
HORIZONTAL GENE  
TRANSFER?

PHENOTYPIC vs.  
GENOTYPIC?

MECHANISM OF ACTIVITY?

Target modification vs.  
Antibiotic alteration vs.  
Restricted target access vs.  
Global adaptive processes

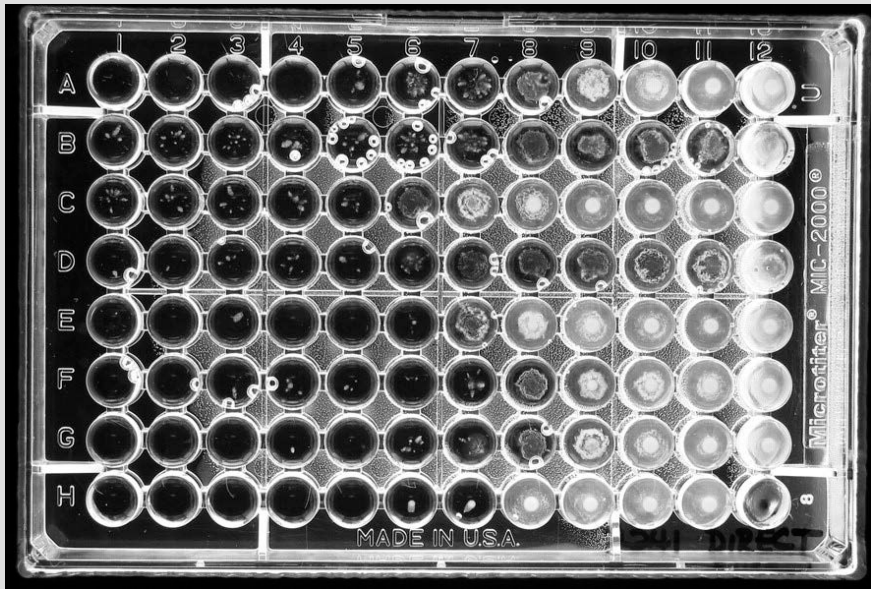
# DETERMINING SUSCEPTIBILITY

## PHENOTYPIC

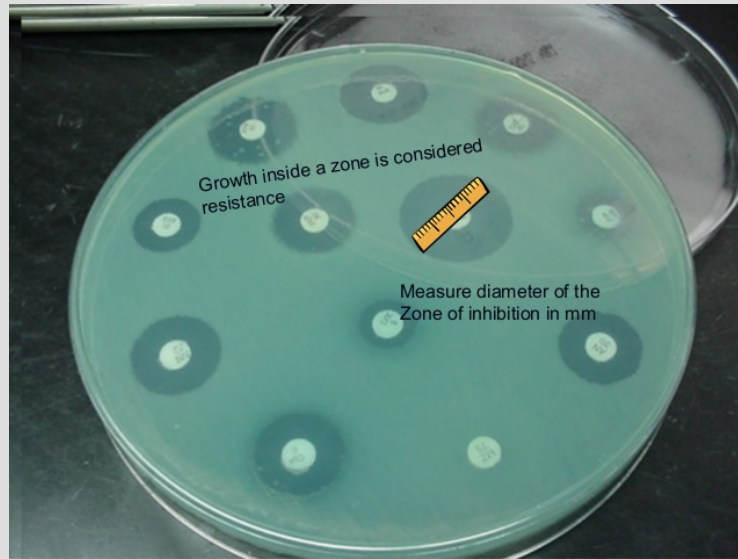
- How well does bug grow in presence of drug in vitro
- Yields MIC – “the lowest concentration of antimicrobial that will inhibit the visible growth of a microorganism after overnight incubation”
- Requires minimum 24 hrs
- Interpretation requires breakpoints
- E.g. microdilution, E-tests, Kirby-Bauer, automated methods

## GENOTYPIC

- Detect presence of genes associated with mechanism of resistance
- Needs robust association with phenotype for interpretation
- Rapid
- Interpretation = present/absent
- E.g. PCR, genetic sequencing



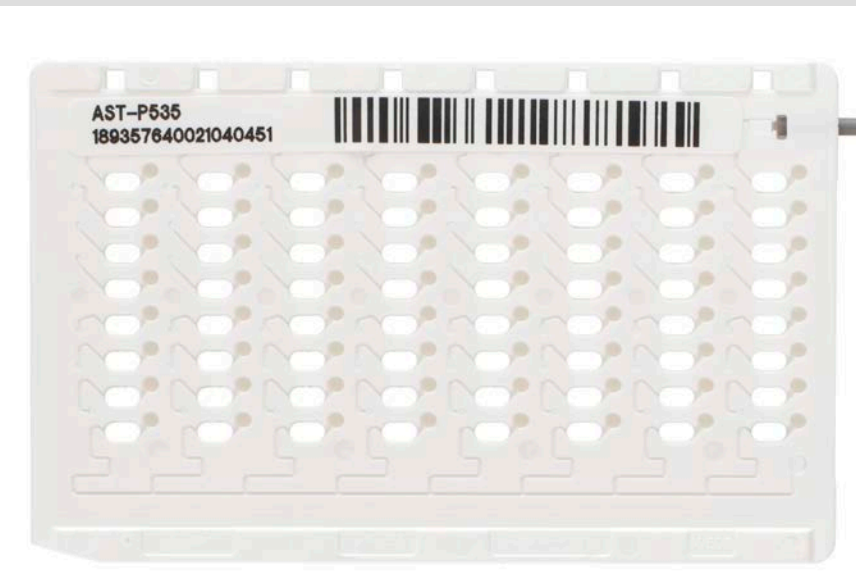
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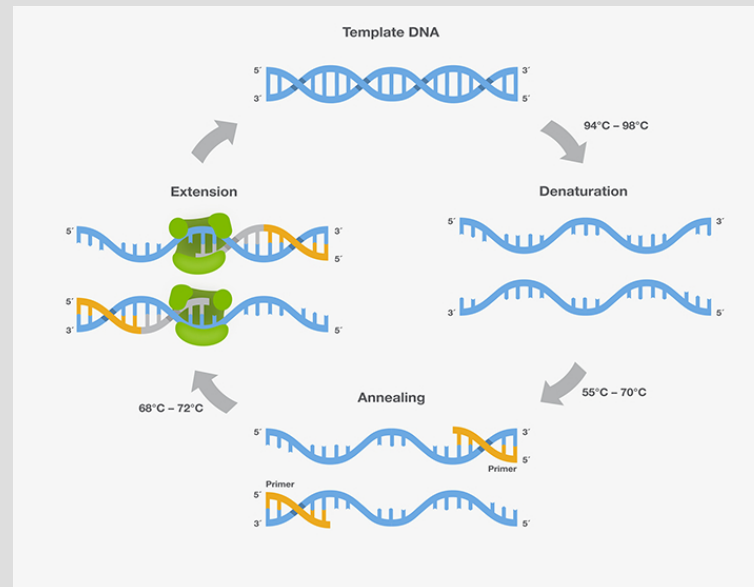
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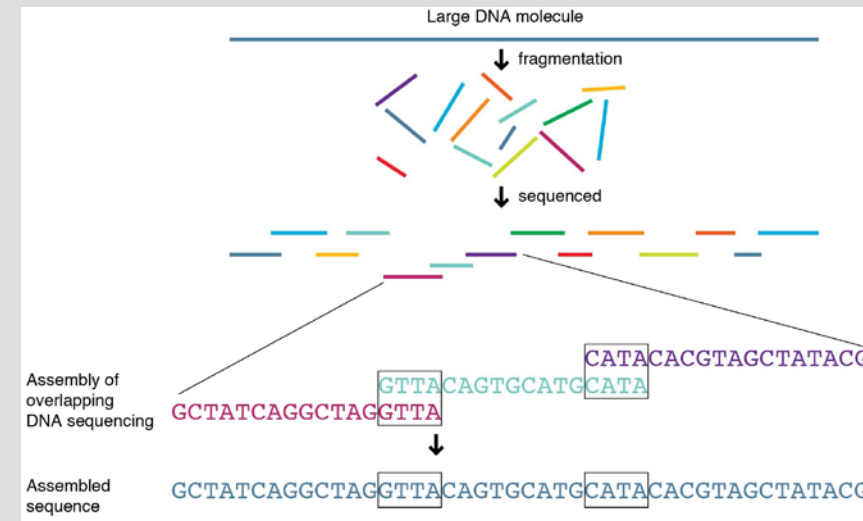
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PCR



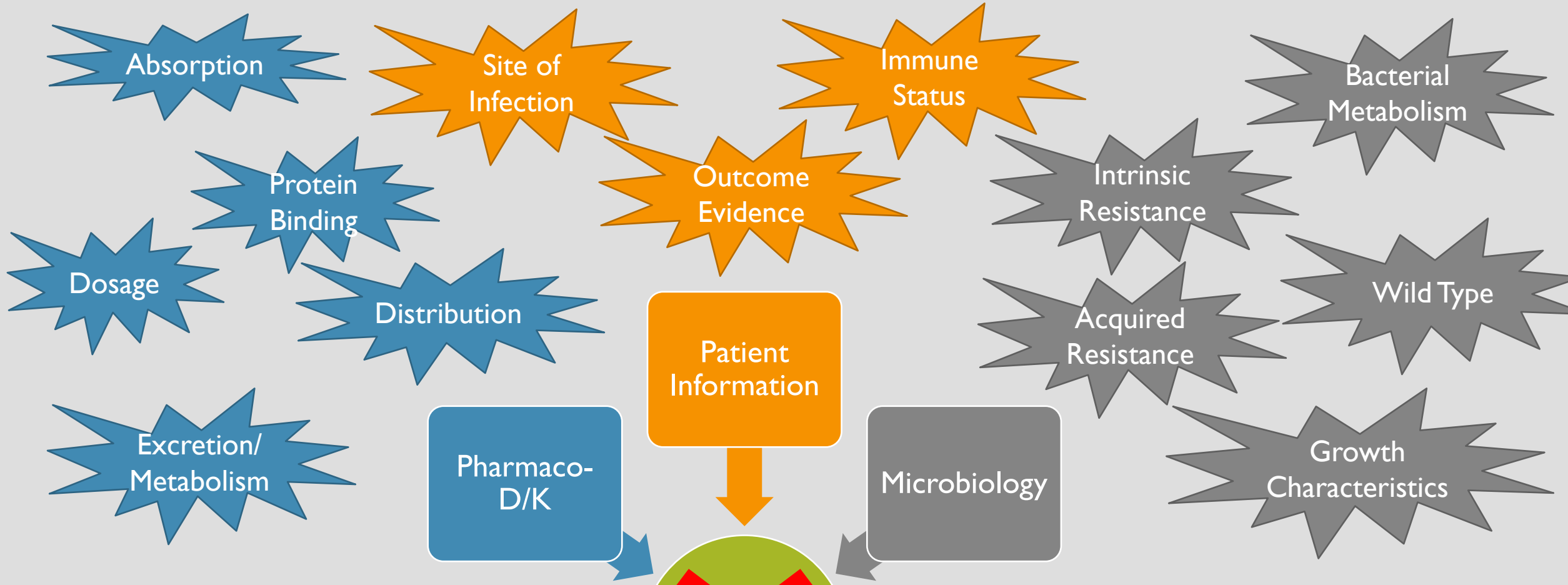
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# DETERMINING SUSCEPTIBILITY

- What you want to know: “Is my patient’s infection likely to respond to treatment with this antibiotic?”
- What an MIC tells you: “This concentration of antibiotic inhibits visible growth on a plate after 24 hours.”



**Breakpoints**



- Set by organizations with various funding mechanisms
- Can be lengthy, complicated, often controversial processes
- CLSI, FDA, EUCAST

**Committees**

**MIC Interpretations**

## MULTI-DRUG RESISTANCE / EXTENSIVE DRUG RESISTANCE

Considers resistance to categories of  
antimicrobials

More patient-oriented

Resistance vs. Non-susceptibility

Phenotypic definitions

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## 4 PILLARS OF ANTIMICROBIAL STEWARDSHIP

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MICROBIOLOGY	Antibigrams Defining Resistance 	Communication Selective Reporting Improved Diagnostics	Detection Outbreaks Transmission 	POCT CRISPR Metagenomics

# WHAT'S INSIDE THE BLACK BOX

You collect & send specimen to lab

More info – more help

Based on info we have, gets processed and inoculated onto agar

Up to weeks

24hrs+ bacterial growth is detected

'Subs'

Need to get isolated colony to do identification, set up for susceptibility testing

"Garbage in, Garbage out"

Smear

Earlier results = more impact

CFU – single cell



# DIAGNOSTICS & STEWARDSHIP

## BETTER TURNAROUND TIME

- ID & Susceptibility

## BETTER DIAGNOSTICS

- Biomarkers of Infection

# SPEED IT UP!

- Decreasing TAT in micro lab can result in:
  - decreased antibiotic use
  - decreased inappropriate antibiotic use
  - decreased time to initiating appropriate antibiotic therapy
  - decreased length of stay
  - decreased ICU stay
  - fewer days of antimicrobial therapy,
  - decreased drug costs
  - decreased hospital costs
  - mortality

Rapid Gram stain communication alone decreases mortality due to blood stream infections!

<1hr (ave 0.1 hr) – 10.1% mortality  
>1hr (ave 3.3 hr) – 19.2% mortality

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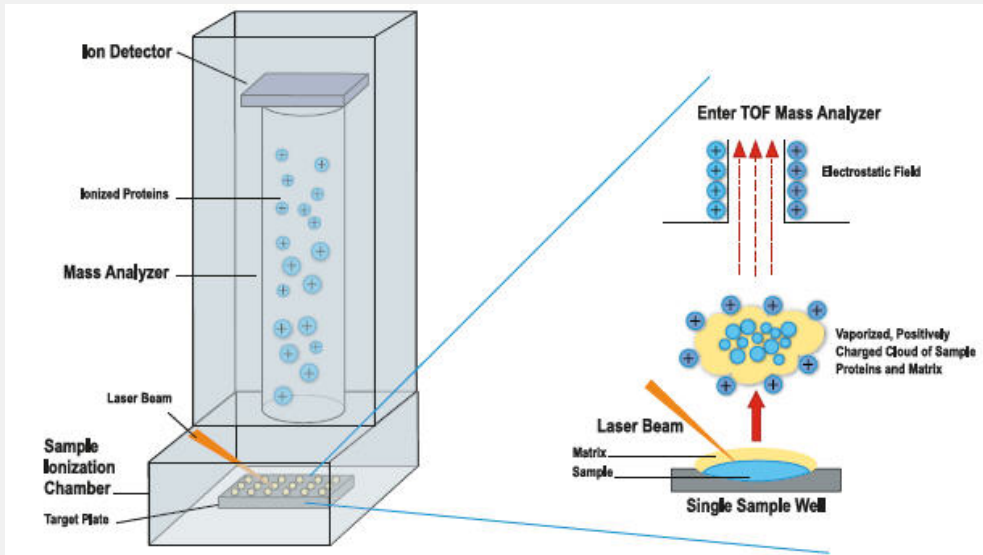
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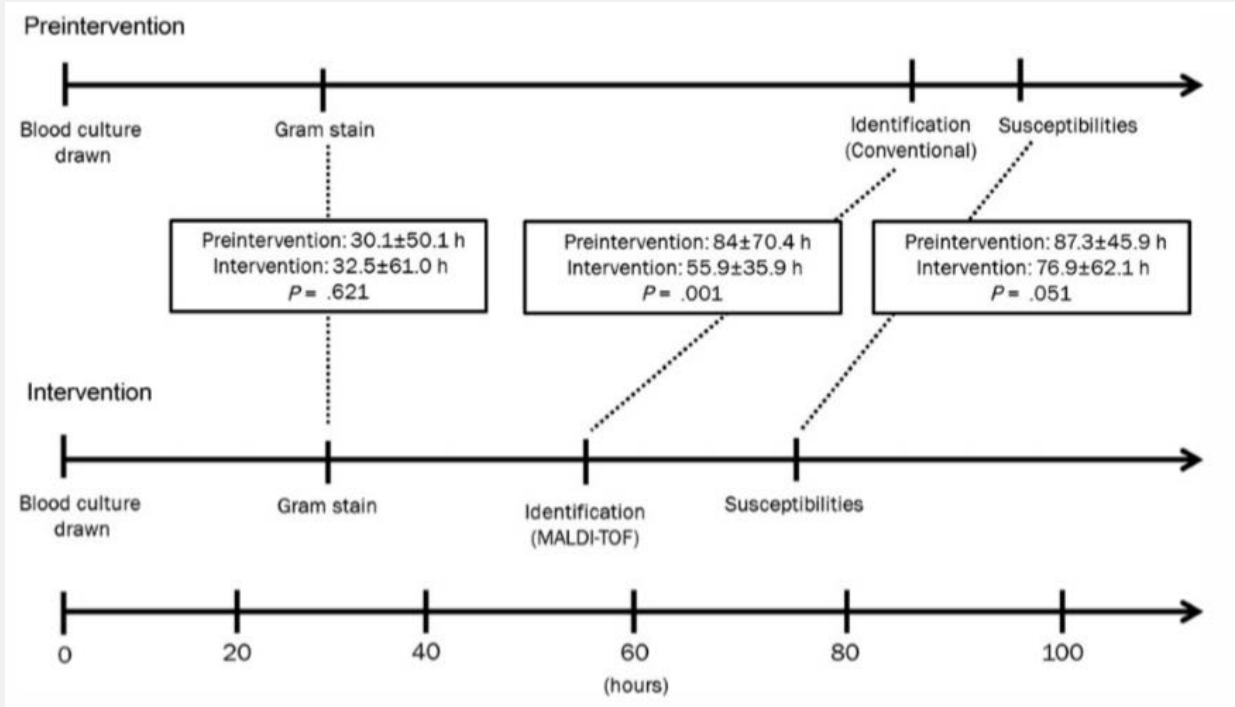
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I stopped collecting evidence in 2013...

# BETTER TURNAROUND TIME

- Can be achieved through process improvement, staffing changes, laboratory policies
- New testing technology:
  - Peptide Nucleic Acid-Fluorescence In Situ Hybridization (FISH)
  - Real-time Polymerase Chain Reaction Assays (RT-PCR)
  - Matrix-assisted Laser Desorption Ionization Time-of-Flight Mass Spectrometry (MALDI-TOF)
  - Broad-based Multiplexed Nucleic Acid Assays for Blood Cultures (Arrays, Panels)
- New laboratory automation



# MALDI-TOF



- Decreased time to identification 84.0 vs 55.9 hrs
- Improved time to effective Abx therapy 30.1 vs. 20.4 hrs
- Time to optimal antibiotic therapy 90.3 vs. 47.3 hrs
- Mortality 20.3% vs. 14.5%
- Length of ICU stay 14.9 vs. 8.3 days
- Recurrent bacteremia 5.9% vs. 2.0%

# DIRECT PCR

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## GRAM POSITIVE COCCI IN CLUSTERS

POSITIVE for *S. aureus* (SA) DNA by real time PCR.

POSITIVE for METHICILLIN RESISTANT *S. aureus* (MRSA) DNA by real time PCR

## GRAM POSITIVE COCCI IN CLUSTERS

POSITIVE for *S. aureus* (SA) DNA by real time PCR.

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**NOTE.** The rapid PCR methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus*/*S. aureus* blood culture test is approved by the Food and Drug Administration for MRSA or SA identification.

- ID Pharmacist contacted with results
- Time to switch from empiric vancomycin to cefazolin in patients with MSSA 1.7 days shorter
- Length of stay 6.2 days shorter
- Mean hospital costs \$21,387 less

# TOTAL LAB AUTOMATION

- Robotics can now automate:
  - Culture plate inoculation and streaking
  - Gram smears and staining
  - “Smart Incubators” decrease time to result
  - Image Analysis of culture growth
  - Hands-free discard of negative cultures
  - Digital selection of isolates for work-up
  - Performance of ID and Susceptibility testing



Copan WASP™ Lab:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AFQBPoQZZ9Y>

# CAUTION

- Benefits often are not realized if implemented by lab alone
  - Synergy when implemented in partnership with Antimicrobial Stewardship Programs, to ensure translation of decreased TAT of results to action
- We need your help!
  - Laboratory interventions and new diagnostics usually COST more money in the lab, while SAVING money outside the lab
  - We can achieve net savings for health system by investing in lab, if done properly.
  - Joint Business Cases which estimate/demonstrate return on investment in clinical area
- **WARNING!** Buyer beware! Diagnostics market is not well controlled...
  - Do not engage with sales reps who want to bypass your lab personnel
  - Ignore claims of performance made in product inserts
  - I've never met a distributor who doesn't sell "The Best" brand of test X
  - Lab personnel – be skeptical, check references and literature, verify verify verify! RFPs can be your friend.





# Antimicrobial Stewardship Strategy:

## Cascading microbiology susceptibility reporting

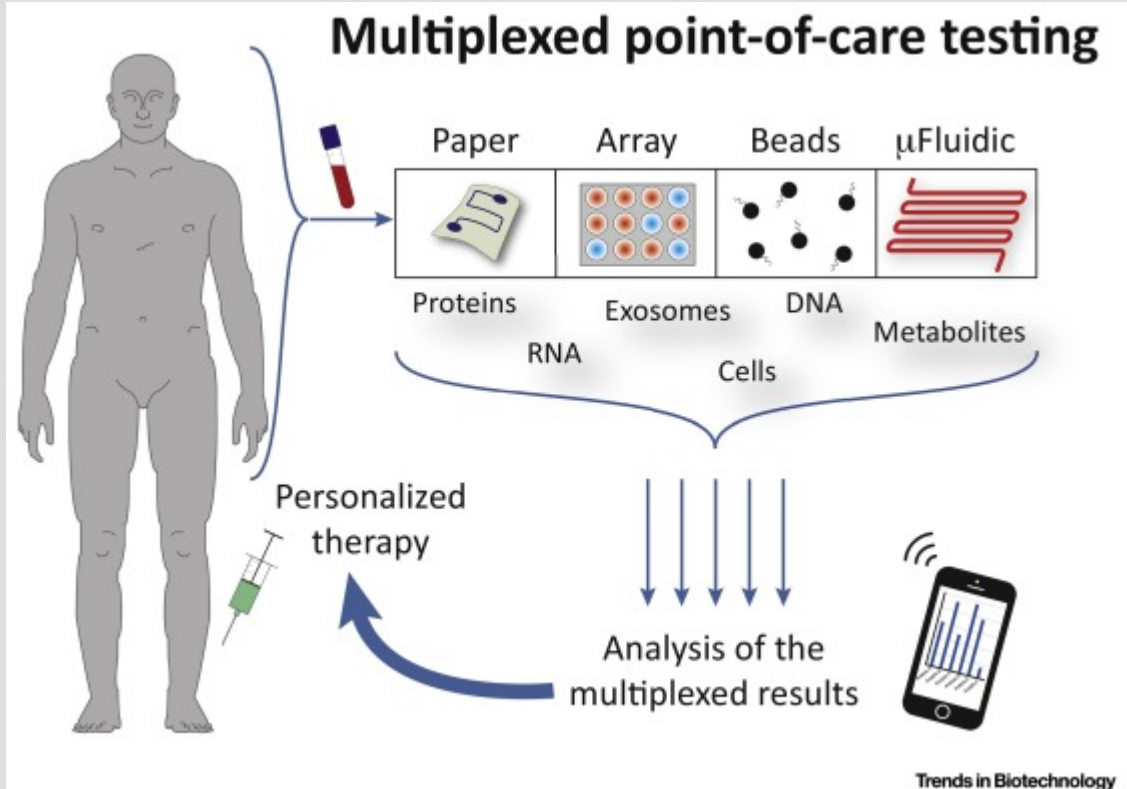
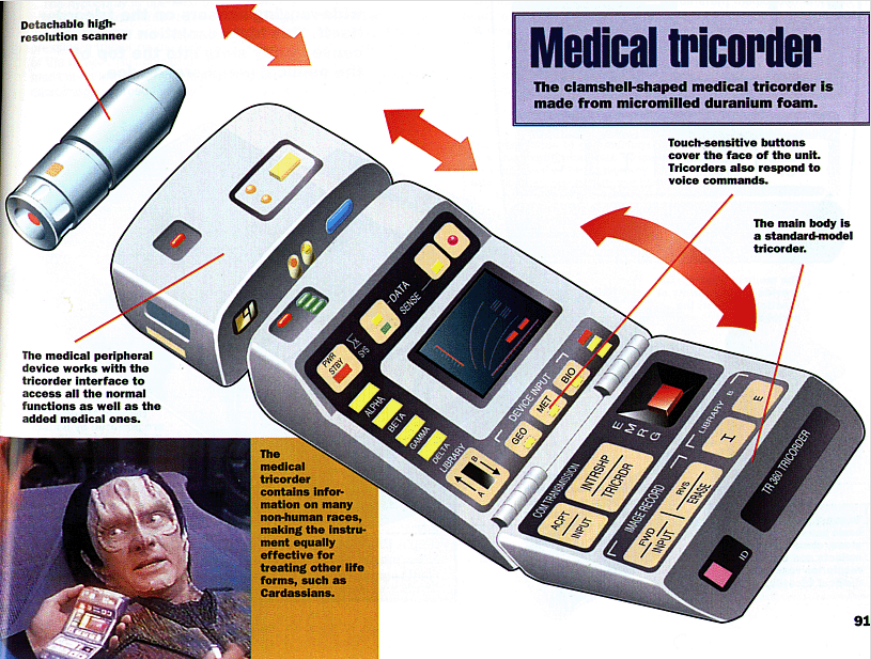
*The selective suppression of an organism's susceptibility to broader-spectrum or more expensive secondary agents when it is susceptible to preferred primary agents.*

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# 4 PILLARS OF ANTIMICROBIAL STEWARDSHIP

	Surveillance	Stewardship	Infection Prevention & Control	Innovation
MICROBIOLOGY	Antibigrams Defining Resistance 	Communication Selective Reporting New Diagnostics 	Detection Outbreaks Transmission 	POCT CRISPR Metagenomics

# POINT OF CARE TESTING



# CRISPR TECHNOLOGY

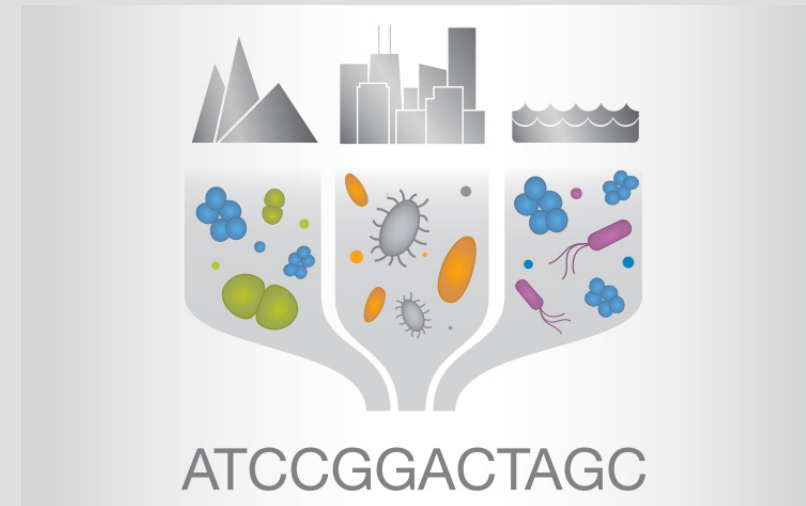
*“Clustered regularly interspaced short palindromic repeats”*

- Programmable, sequence-specific genome modification using the RNA-guided nuclease Cas9, delivered by a bacteriophage
- Based on bacterial immune system enzymes – Cas9
  - Target virulence genes?
  - Target antimicrobial resistance genes?
  - Immunize avirulent strains against acquiring resistance genes or virulence factors?



# METAGENOMICS

- Looks at all the genetic material in a sample
- More accurately reflects how microbes (and host cells) live and exist together
  - Bugs don't live in pure cultures, they live in complex communities
  - Genetic diversity exists within strains, yet we deal with clonal cultures
  - Recognizes the large pool of 'unculturable' organisms
- Characterization of the Microbiome
  - Which microbiome?
  - Disease associations
  - Cause  $\leftrightarrow$  Effect
  - Bug  $\leftrightarrow$  Drug



A white, hand-drawn style speech bubble sticker is centered on a corkboard background. The sticker has a soft, irregular shape with a small tail pointing downwards. Inside the bubble, the words "Thank you!!" are written in a bold, black, sans-serif font. The word "Thank" is on the top line, and "you!!" is on the bottom line, slightly indented to the right. The corkboard background is a warm, textured brown color.

Thank  
you!!

