

# Update on the Management and Prevention of MRSA

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# Case Study Skin Infections

- 20-year-old wrestler presented to the ER with a “spider bite” on his arm. He developed a stinging feeling the previous day and now has pain in a golf ball-sized area
- Temperature, 38.7° C
- Fluctuant area on arm that is warm, red, tender, and 5 × 7 cm
- WBC, 12,800/ $\mu$ L
- Gram stain of aspirate showed gram-positive cocci

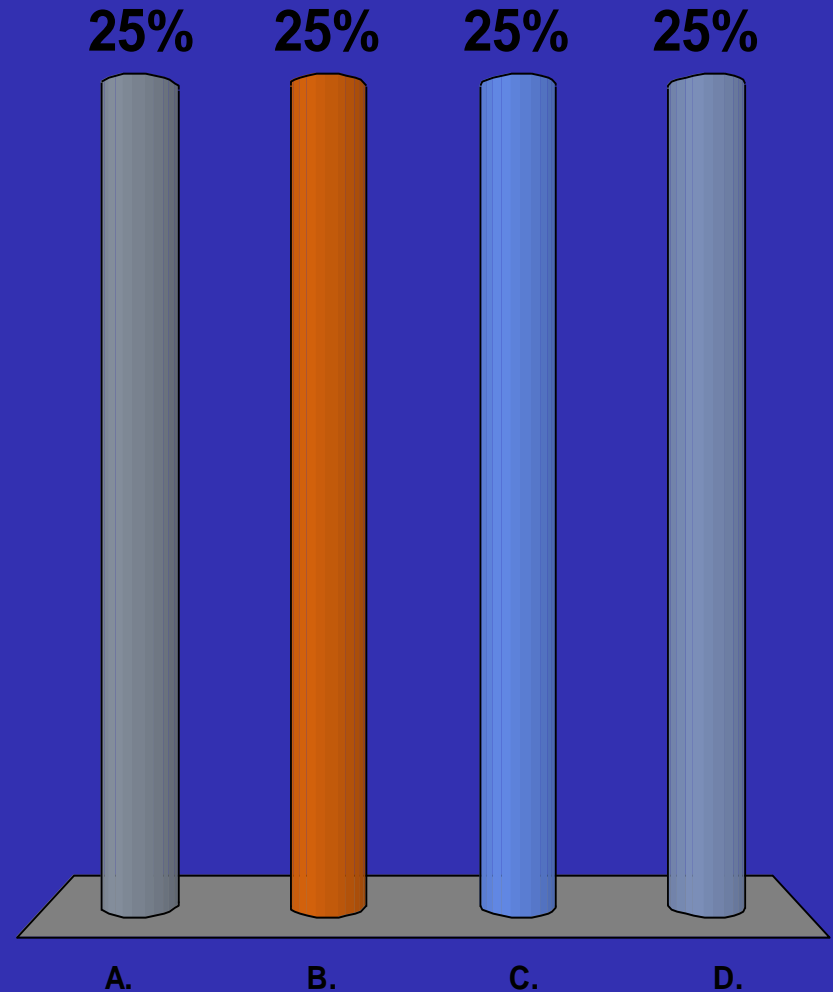
# What is the most likely organism?

★ A. MRSA

B. MSSA

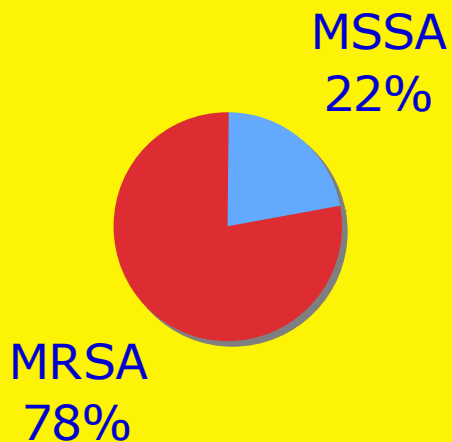
C. group A Streptococci

D. group B Streptococci

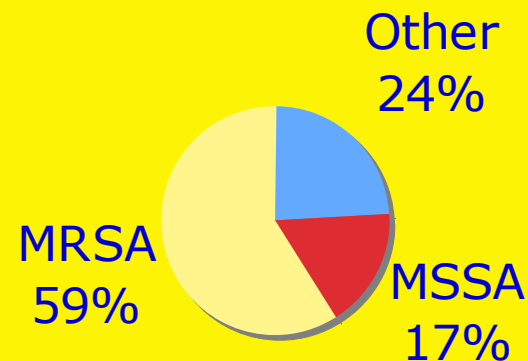


# MRSA in U.S. EDs, August 2004

- 73% with MRSA had no risk factor for HCA infection



S. aureus  
N=320

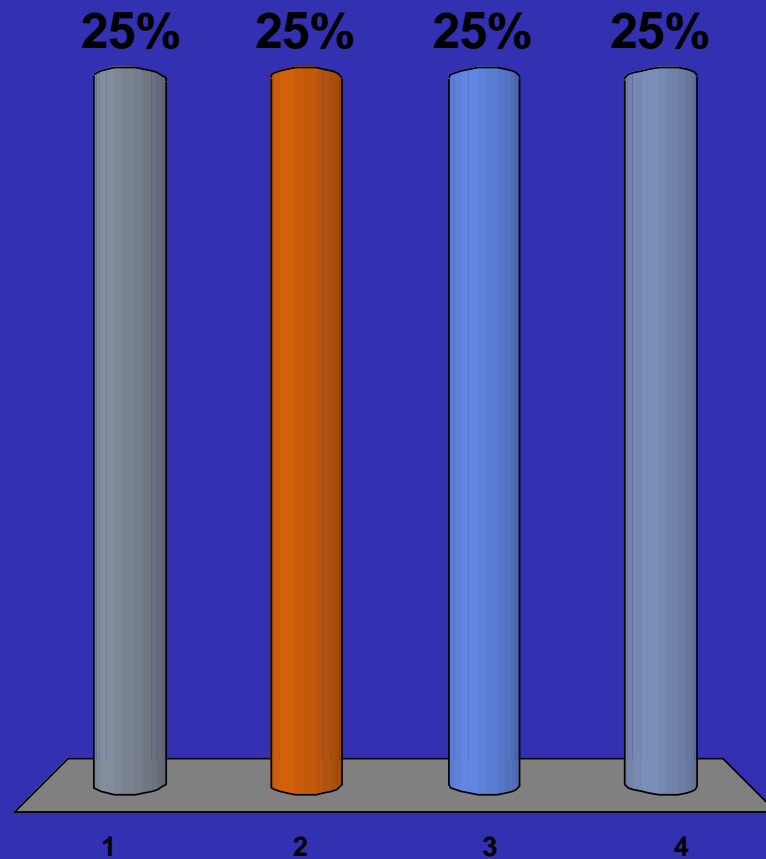


Total Isolates  
N=422

NEJM 2006;  
355:666-74.

# What is the rate of penicillin resistance for group A streptococci at your hospital?

- ★ 1. 0%
- 2. 25%
- 3. 65%
- 4. 100%



# Epidemiology of *S aureus* Infections

- Organism usually spread by direct person-to-person contact
- Spread from inanimate objects can occur and has been seen in outbreaks among football players, fencers, river raft guides, etc.
- Common denominators: Crowding, Contact, Cleanliness, Compromise of skin

Sheagren. *N Engl J Med.* 1984;310:1368-1373.

Rimland et al. *J Clin Microbiol.* 1986;24:137-138.

Centers for Disease Control (CDC). *MMWR Morb Mortal Wkly Rep.* 1982;31:605-607.

# Epidemiology of *S aureus* Infections

- Predominant reservoir of organisms = human beings
- Approximately 15% – 35% of normal people harbor *S aureus* in nares or pharynx at a given point. Longitudinal view of carriage:
  - 30% prolonged, 50% intermittent, 20% never
  - Vaginal carriage in ~10% of premenopausal women
  - Rectal and perineal carriage also occur especially in CAMRSA
  - Oral pharyngeal colonization is higher for CAMRSA
- Patients with MRSA infections may have high prevalence (60%) of gastrointestinal colonization or carriage

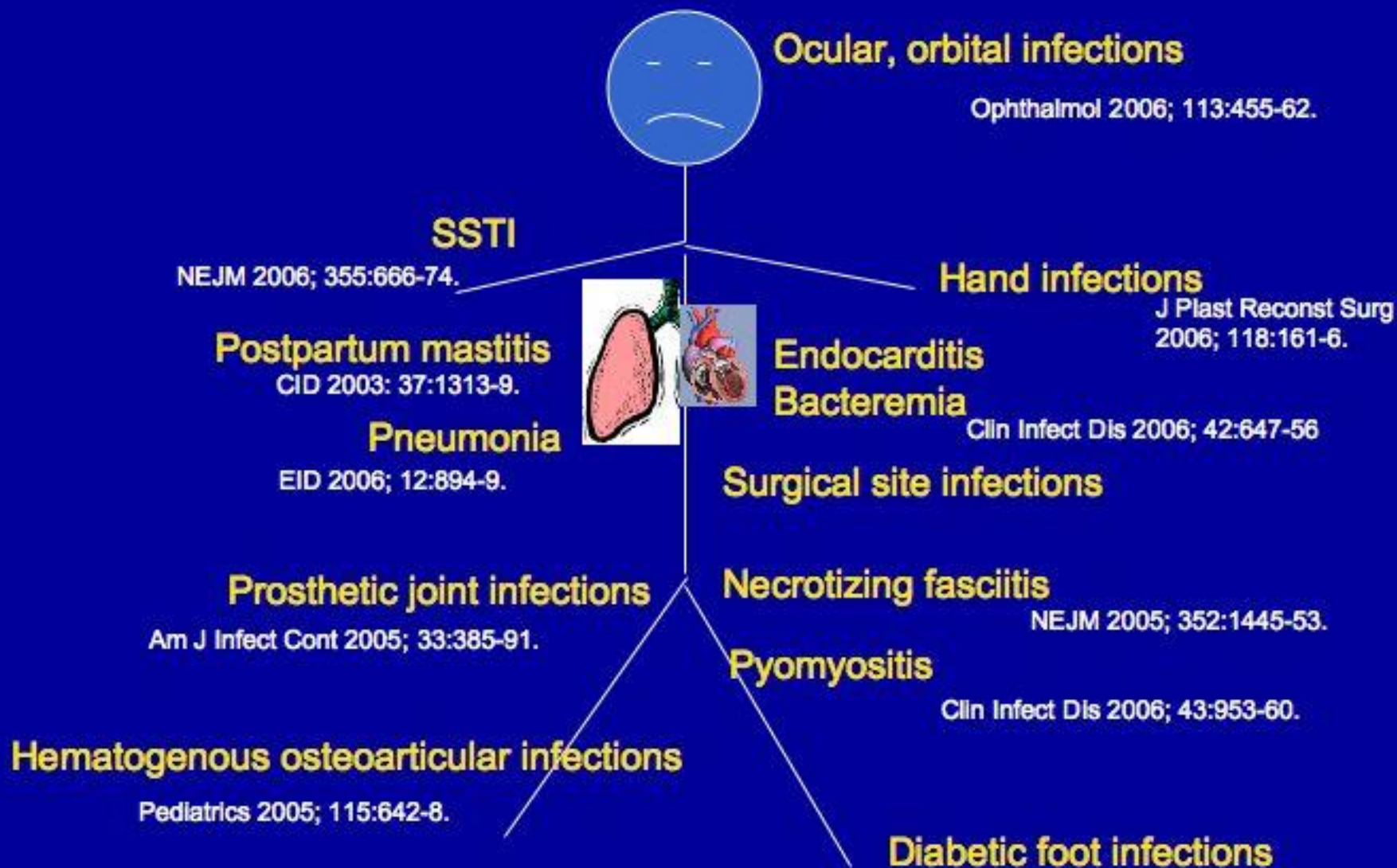


# Methicillin Resistant *S. aureus*

Healthcare and community associated

Invasive infections: 80,000      Deaths: 11,000

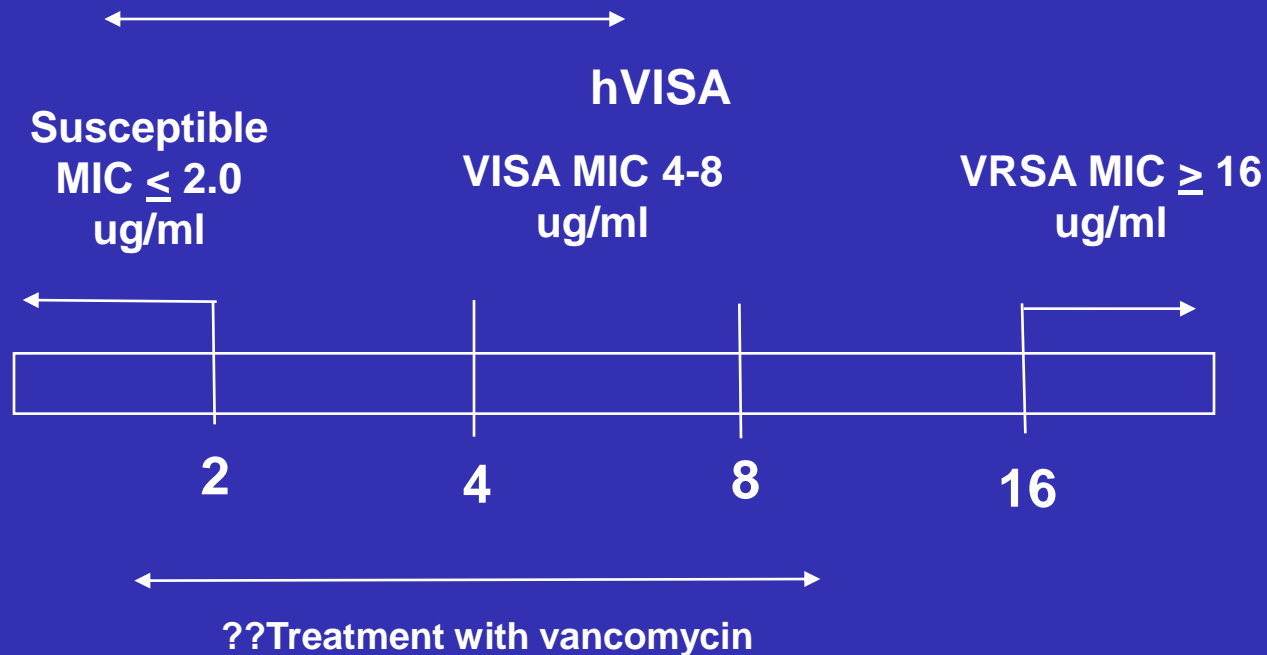
# CA-MRSA Infections



# S.aureus Susceptibility– Detroit and Akron

	N	Oxa	Levo	CL	Vanc	T/S
St John	865	42	-	67	100	96
Det Rec	380	34	-	82	100	99
Summa	1594	53	68	67	100	98.1
Sinai-Grace	698	31	-	77	100	99

# Definitions of VISA, hVISA and VRSA



CLSI M100-S16 16<sup>th</sup> suppl 2006;  
Jones RN CID 2006;42:S13-24

# Detection of Isolates with vanco MIC $\leq 2$ ; Broth Microdilution vs E test

<u>MIC</u>	<u>BMD</u>	<u>E Test</u>
1	97%	10%
1.5	0	58%
2	3%	32%

Sader, AAC, 2009

# Detection of VISA by different susceptibility testing methods

- Swenson, JCM 2008, compared to CLSI broth microdilution for detection of VISA
  - Phoenix, Microscan, E test overcalled some susceptible strains as VISA
  - Sensititre, Vitek 2 under called some VISA strains as susceptible
  - Vitek legacy, under called some VISA as susceptible, overcalled some VISA as resistant
- Acceptable variability for MIC methods is +/-1 doubling dilution

# Vancomycin MIC's and Outcome

- Probability of achieving  $AUC/MIC \geq 400$  is 0% if  $MIC = 2$
- Elevated MIC (1.5-2mcg/ml) is associated with vancomycin treatment failures
- The presence or absence of “MIC creep” is controversial
  - Observation in some centers but not others
  - ?technical artifact related to test method used.

# MRSA: Treatment Options

- FDA-approved
  - Vancomycin
  - Linezolid
  - Daptomycin
  - Tigecycline
  - Telavancin
  - Ceftaroline
  - Dalbavancin
  - Oritavancin
  - Tedizolid
- Not FDA-approved, but frequently used
  - TMP-SMX
  - Clindamycin
  - Tetracyclines
- Investigational agents
  - PBP-2a–targeted  $\beta$ -lactams (eg, ceftobiprole)
  - Synthetic antimicrobial polypeptides (SAMPS)
  - FtsZ targets



# Daptomycin

Microbiology: gram positive: MRSA, MSSA enterococci (VRE)

Action: cidal

Indications: Not pneumonia, bacteremia and right sided endocarditis, skin infections, prosthetic joint and septic arthritis

Dose: 4mg/kg IV q 24h soft tissue, 6mg/kg q 24h for bacteremia (8-10mg/kg q24h off label) osteomyelitis 6mg/kg q 24h (off label)

Adverse Events: diarrhea (5-12%), vomiting (3-12%) anemia (2-13%), elevated CPK (3-9%), renal failure (2-3%), pneumonia (3%)

Drug interactions: avoid with BCG, typhoid vaccine, caution with statins

# Daptomycin vs Standard Therapy for Bacteremia and Endocarditis Caused by *S. aureus*

N=124

Daptomycin 6mg/kg

Outcome: 53/120 D vs 48/115

44.2% vs 41.7% (Delta=2.4, - 10.2 to 15.1%)

Microbiologic failure = 19 D vs 11

Reduced D susceptibility in 11/19

Renal dysfunction = 11% D vs 26.3%

# Telavancin

Microbiology: gram positive, MRSA, VISA, MSSA, enterococci ampicillin sensitive

Action: cidal, dual mechanism

Indications: skin, skin structure, pneumonia (MRSA) HAP, VAP

Dose: 10mg/kg IV q 24h (reduce in renal disease)

Adverse Events: metallic taste (33%), nausea (5-27%), vomiting (14%), serum creatinine rise (8%), fetal risk in animals, interferes with reagents for coagulation assays

Pregnancy category: C

# Ceftaroline

Microbiology: gram positives, MRSA, MSSA,  
not enterococci, gram negatives but less than  
3<sup>rd</sup> generation cephalosporins

Action: cidal, cell wall PBP2A

Indication: skin, skin structure infections  
pneumonia (not MRSA)

Dose: 600 mg q12h

Adverse events: (+) Coombs test without hemolysis (11%)  
pruritus (4%), rash (3%), diarrhea (5%)  
Increased transaminases (2%),  
*C. difficile* (<2%), cross reactivity  
with cephalosporins

## Ceftaroline Heteroresistant *S. aureus*

Definition: subpopulations of lesser susceptibility within larger population of fully susceptible microorganisms

Isolates: N=57 MRSA(20), *h*VISA(4), VISA (20), DNSSA (7), LNSSA(6)

Methods: PAP (triplicate)  
Resistance stability testing performed

Results: 21% isolates were heteroresistant  
Occurred among strains with reduced susceptibility to vanco, dapto, and linezolid  
did not occur in USA 300  
resistance was unstable

# TMP/SMX vs Vancomycin against S. aureus

N=101 IVDU's Hospitalized

Bacteremia (65) Endovascular (49)

No difference in defervescence, WBC drop,  
hospital stay

Overall cure 37/43 (TS) vs 57/58 (V)  $P \leq 0.02$

Bacteremia duration

MSSA(N=54) 7.8d (TS) vs. 3.5d (V)  $P=0.05$

MRSA(N=47) 5.2d (TS) vs. 5.6d (V)  $P \geq 0.2$

Comparable rates for toxicities

Markowitz, Quinn, Saravolatz

Ann Intern Med 1992; 117; 390-398

# TMP/SMX vs Vancomycin for MRSA

- Objectives:** Non inferiority of TMP/SX vs Vancomycin for severe MRSA infections
- Methods:** Open label, randomized controlled trial of TMP/SMX IV 320/1600 BID vs Vanco 1g q 12 h  
Primary outcome= death, treatment failure at 7 days, persistence of bacteremia, and persisting organ failure
- Results:** N=252 (91 bacteremias- 36%)  
Failure: 38% (TMP/SMX) v 27%, (V), RR= 1.38, 0.96, 1.99  
Non inferiority difference 10.4%
- Conclusion:** High dose TMP/SMX did not achieve non inferiority compared to vancomycin

# Clindamycin vs TMP-SMX for Uncomplicated Skin Infections

N= 524 patients with abscesses (30.5%), cellulitis (53.9%) and mixed infections (15.6%)

Clindamycin 300 mg T.I.D. vs SMX/TMP 2 SS B.I.D

Culture: N=296, *S. aureus* =41.4%, MRSA=77%

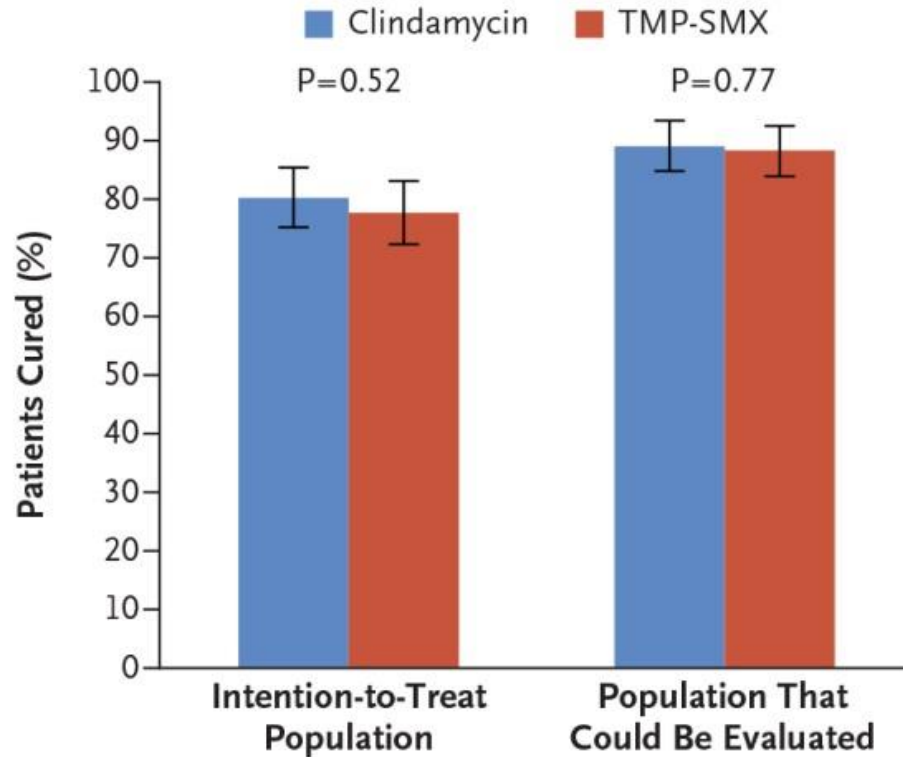
Clindamycin Resistant =12.4%,

SMX/TMP Resistant =0.5%

Cure rates = 89.5% (C) vs 88.2% (SMX/TMP)

Cure rates similar for abscesses and cellulitis





**Figure 2.** Comparison of the Efficacy of Clindamycin and TMP-SMX in Patients with Uncomplicated Skin Infection.

The graph shows the proportion of patients cured by the time of the test-of-cure visit in the intention-to-treat population and the population that could be evaluated. The actual confidence level was 95.60% after adjustment for interim analyses.

# Dalbavancin – Therapy for SSTI

Dalbavancin – a lipoglycopeptide, half life=2 weeks, 53% protein bound,

Microbiology: MIC 90 =0.06 mcg/ml

Action: cidal

FDA approval: SSTI only

Clinical trial: Dalbavancin day 1(1500mg) vs 1 (1000mg)& 8(500mg)  
Clinical outcomes on day 14 were 84% v 84.8% ( n=698)

Adverse events: SAE D=2.6%, V-L= 4.0% NS

Any events D 1 dose=20.1%, 2 dose=19.9%

Headache, nausea ,vomiting, diarrhea <3%

Drug discontinuation 1.7% vs 1.4%

Dunne et al, CID: 2016

Boucher et al NEJM, 2014 Showed non inferiority to Vancomycin

# Oritavancin- Therapy for SSTI

Oritavancin – Lipoglycopeptide, prolonged half life 2 weeks

FDA approval: SSTI

Clinical Trial: Oritavancin 1200 mgx1(3h) vs Vanco 7-10d

Cure O=79.6% vs. V= 80.0%

Adverse events: SAE O=7.4% vs. V= 7.3%

Drug discontinuation O=2.3% vs V=2.7%

	DRTX Estimates			MD estimates		Saravolatz
Drug	Dalbavacin	Vancomycin	Daptomycin	Oritavancin	Vancomycin	SMX/TMP
Inpatient days	NA	5d	5d	NA	4d	NA
Outpatient days	1,8	9d	9d	1d	6d	10d
\$ Drug inpatient	NA	100	1400	NA	180	NA
\$ Drug outpatient	3,000	200	2500	2900	270	18
Inpatient Medical	NA	9700	9700	NA	6173	NA
Outpatient Med	900	3000	2500	415	<b>1128</b>	<b>120</b>
Total Costs	\$3,896	\$13,022	\$16,083	\$3,315	\$7,751	\$138

Equity Research, Credit Suisse, January 2014

# Prolonged Half Life Drugs

## PRO

Administration frequency  
Fewer compliance issues  
Adverse events  
No long term access  
May be helpful in chronic  
Infections (osteomyelitis)

## Con

Limited clinical experience/indications  
Allergy/adverse event exposure time  
Infusion time (0), 2 doses (D)  
Less closely monitored  
Most patients in trial were not MRSA  
Drug cost  
Resistance with overuse

# Efficacy of Chlorhexidine on Hospital-Acquired Infections

Background: Chlorhexidine baths have been shown to reduce hospital-acquired infection and acquisition of multidrug resistant organisms

Methods: A multicenter, cluster-randomized, non-blinded crossover trial (9ICUs, 6 BMT programs) chlorhexidine wash cloths versus non-antimicrobial washcloths for 6 months followed by a crossover for 6 months

Results: N=7727 patients; MDRO= 5.10(C) vs. 6.6/1000 patient days,  $p=0.03$ , Hospital acquired bacteria= 4.78 (C) vs 6.6/1000 patient days,  $p=0.007$ .

Conclusions: Chlorhexidine washcloths reduced the rate of acquisition of MDR O's and reduced the rate of hospital-acquired bacteremias.

Climo et al, NEJM, Feb, 2013

# Retapamulin and Mupirocin Resistance

Isolates: 155 MRSA

Results: Retapamulin 2.6%,  
Mupirocin 10.3%  
Mupirocin High level ,10/155,6.5%  
Low level 6/155, 3.9%

## Decreased Susceptibility – Retapamulin, Mupirocin and Chlorhexidine

Isolates: 200 (I-SSTI), 200 ( $\leq 3$  SSTI) *S. aureus*

Results: Retapamulin resistance 38/400(9.5%)

Mupirocin resistance 39/400 (9.8%)

Chlorhexidine resistance 14%



# LTX – 109 against *S. aureus*

LTX -109 SAMP – cidal via cell membrane disruption

Isolates: MRSA (96), VISA (33), VRSA (13), LNSSA (6), DNSSA (7)

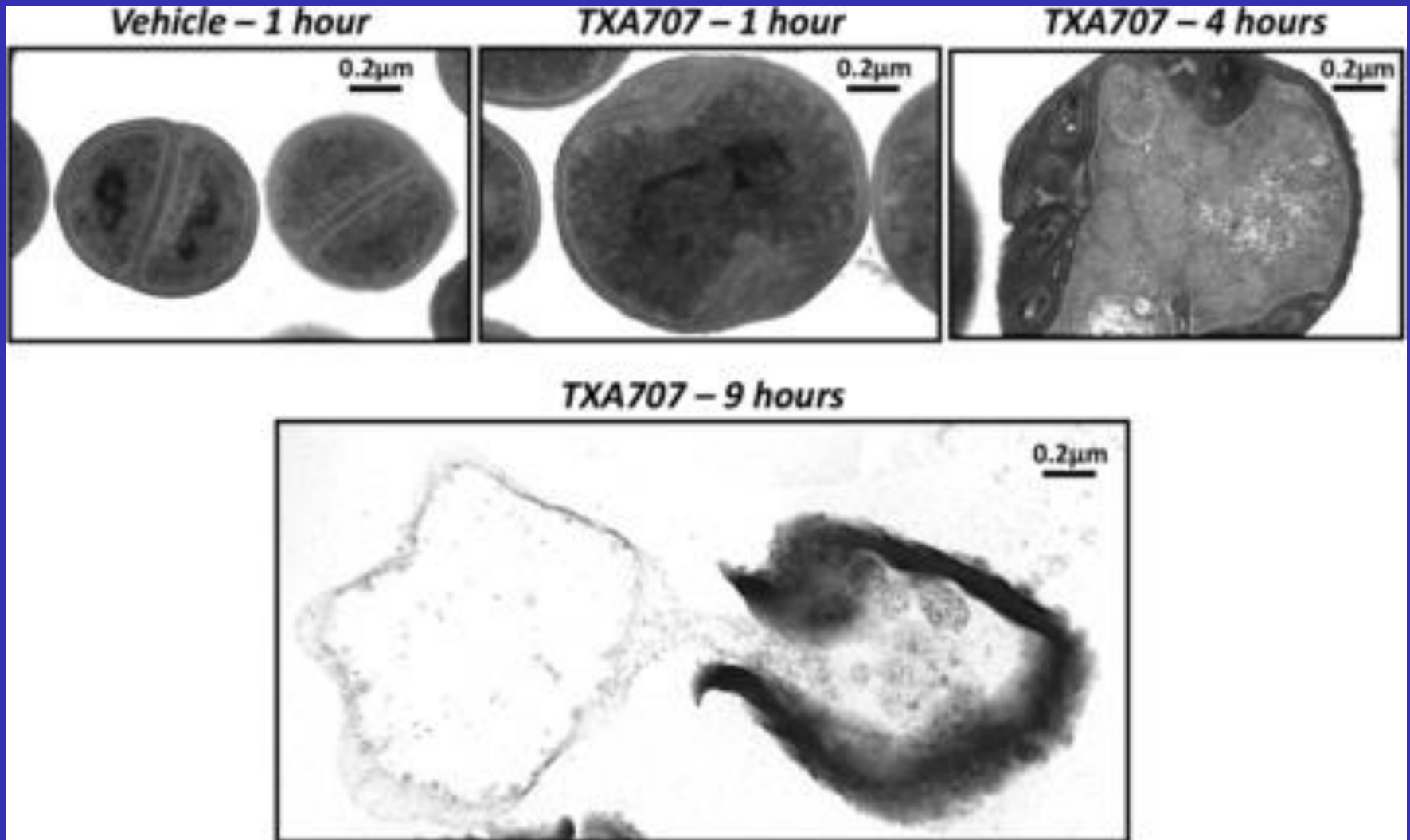
Results:

- MIC range = 2-4 mcg/ml
- MBC range 2-8 mcg/ml
- Not influenced by resistance to other agents
- Formulation concentration =20,000 mcg/ml
- Rapidly kills *S.aureus* in < 1 hour
- Post antibiotic effect may be up to 8 hours.

# FtsZ Targets

- Bacterial cell division protein FtsZ- a new drug target.
- Critical role in cell division. If disrupted leads to cell death
- Active against *S. aureus* resistant to various antimicrobial agents.

# FtsZ Targeting Drugs inhibiting Bacterial Replicase



# Recurrent MRSA SSTI: Decolonization Regiments

- Mupirocin twice daily x 5-10 days (CIII)
  - Raz – Arch Int Med 1996, RCT of pts with recurrent MSSA furunculosis: mup vs placebo: decrease nasal colonization (P<0.001), decrease recurrent SST (P<0.002)
  - Ellis AAC 2007, Cluster RCT decrease nasal colonization but not 1<sup>st</sup> time SSTI
- Mupirocin twice daily x 5-10 days AND topical skin antiseptic (e.g.chlorhexidine or dilute bleach baths) x 5-14 days (CIII)
  - Whitman ICAAC 2008, cluster RCT:CHG wipes no decrease in SSTI's
  - Bode NEJM 2010 RCT combo decreased surgical site infection rates by 60%
  - Kaplan – bleach baths: (¼ cup, ¼ tub water or 1 tsp per gallon for 15 min, 2x/week x 3M

# Recurrent MRSA SSTI: Decolonization Regimens

- Oral antimicrobials not routinely recommended (A III)  
Consider oral agent in combination with rifampin only if other measures fail (CIII)
  - Cochran Review 2003, No benefit in HA-MRSA eradication or reduction in infection rates
  - Falagas AJIC 2007, systematic review of rifampin – based combination regimens vs monotherapy with other antibiotics improved eradication of *S.aureus*, no assessment of infection rates
  - Watch for rifampin resistance, drug interactions, side effects

# Bleach Baths

Study Design: Randomized, single-blinded controlled trial of bleach baths BIWx3 months + routine hygienic measures (RHM) vs RHM alone. 5ml bleach/ 1 gallon H<sub>2</sub>O

Patients: 3 m-18 years treated for suspected *S. aureus* STI

Outcome: nurse blinded to group contacted families at 2 W, 3,6 and 12m

## Bleach Baths (continued)

Results:            RHM&B            RHM alone  
MA-STI (1y) 84/495(17%) 103/492 (20.9%) P=0.15

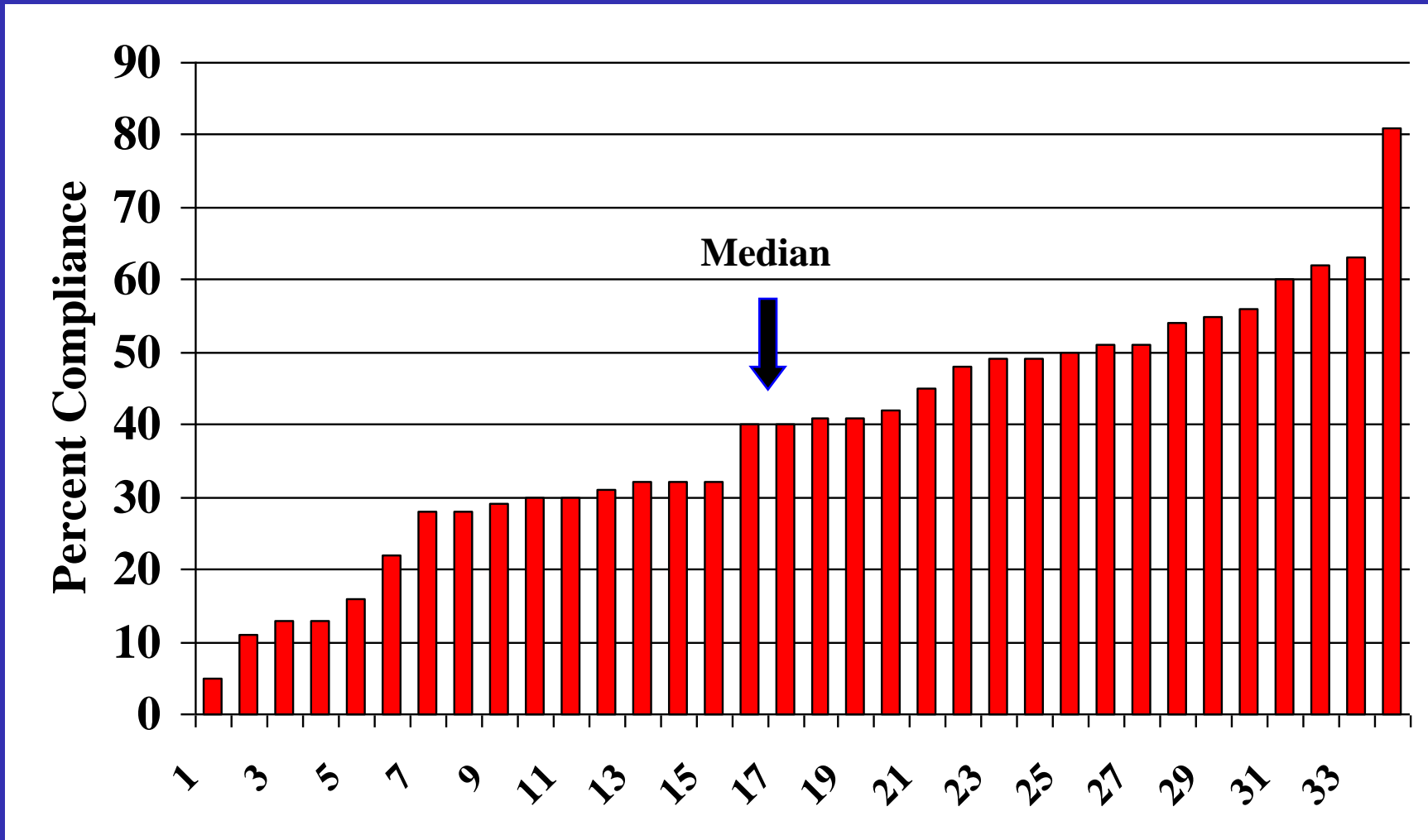
Conclusion: Most infections were MRSA (138/182)  
60% colonized at  $\geq 1$  site.

Colonization sites groin (38%) > nares (22%) > throat (17%)

Colonization decreased with age (6y), 46% v 27% P<0.001

Bleach baths decreased recurrence MA-STI by 20% but  
this was not statistically significant

# Percent Hand Washing Compliance among HCWs in 34 Observational Studies, 1981-2000





# Summary of Take Home Points

- MRSA is the major *S. aureus* pathogen in the hospital and the community
- Treatments in the hospital still favor vancomycin but other options include daptomycin, telavancin, and linezolid
- Oral therapies include SMX/TMP, doxycycline, clindamycin, and linezolid
- Prevention remains a challenge, but handwashing, chlorhexidine, and mupirocin currently should be used.

It's no mystery you feel a  
song coming on... you have  
a staff infection.

