



Rational Use of Antimicrobials in the Emergency Room

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History

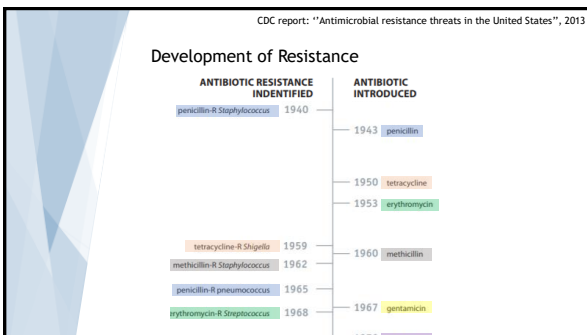
"It is not difficult to make microbes resistant to penicillin in the laboratory; in the body, however, this is not so easy. There are many factors that have to be considered, and the happy coincidence of a large quantity of the drug making them resistant."

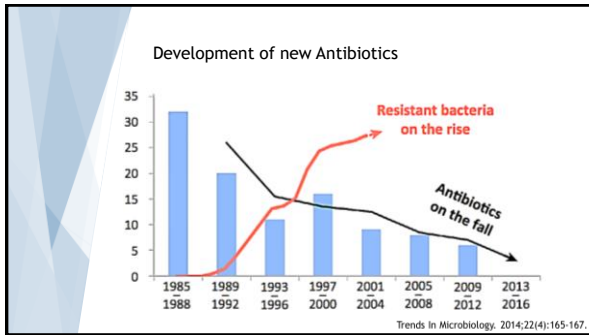


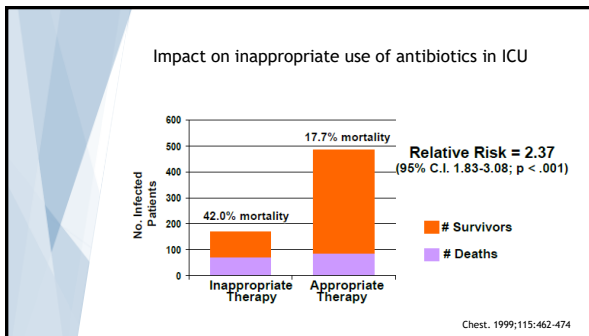


"The thoughtless person playing with penicillin"











Identify infection

Indications for antibiotics

- Clinical picture
- Fever and leukocytosis = infection
- Cytology, gram stain



NCBI

Retrospective study of fever in dogs: laboratory testing, diagnoses and (J Small Anim Pract. 2006)

Objectives The diagnostic approach to fever of unknown origin (J Comp Contin Educ Vet. 2009)

Fever of unknown origin: discrimination between infectious and non-infect (Eur J Intern Med. 2010)

Diagnostic investigations in 101 dogs with pyrexia of unknown or (J Small Anim Pract. 1998)

Causes, diagnostic signs, and the utility of investigations of fever in dogs. (J Can Vet J. 2012)

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Non-indications for antibiotics

- Feline URI
- Pancreatitis
- Snake bite
- Cat abscess
- Diarrhea
- Mild aspiration pneumonitis
- Prophylaxis in clean surgeries



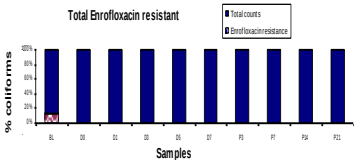
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Impact of Routine Antimicrobial Therapy on Canine fecal *Escherichia coli* Antimicrobial Resistance: A Pilot Study

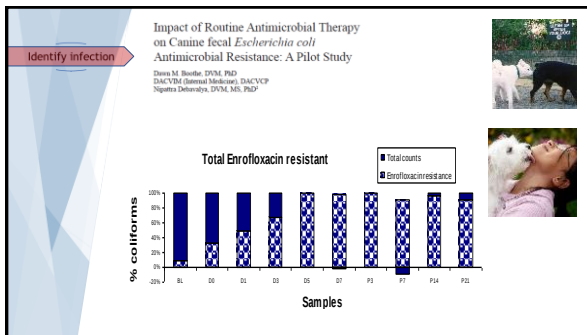
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Total Enrofloxacin resistant



Samples	Total counts (%)	Enrofloxacin resistance (%)
BL	100	10
D1	100	10
D2	100	10
D3	100	10
D4	100	10
D5	100	10
D6	100	10
D7	100	10
F1	100	10
F2	100	10
F3	100	10
F4	100	10



Identify infection

Identify target microbe

Source of infection

Site of infection

Gram stain

Culture

- Before empirical antibiotics
- Should NOT delay the care
- Deep tissue biopsy, cystocentesis, post-lavage effusion, ...

Identify infection

Identify target microbe

Identify target tissue

Debridement / Control of the source!

No barrier to penetration → water-soluble

Barriers to penetration → lipid-soluble

Sanctuaries → dose X 50-500%

Urine

O₂ tension

Purulent material

Identify infection

Identify target microbe

Identify target tissue

Assess host status

Previous exposure (< 90 days)

Chronic infection

Immunosuppression

Increased volume of distribution

Clearance



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Assess host status

Select drug

Spectrum of activity (**de-escalation for severe sepsis**)

Distribution and penetration

Toxicity

Combination (synergy / antagonism)

Some potential advantages and disadvantages of using combination empiric therapy versus monotherapy

Advantages	Disadvantages
Broader coverage that includes non-susceptible strains	Possible antagonism
Anti bacterial synergy	Possible superinfection
Prevents emergence of resistance	May increase resistance
	Increased toxicity
	Increased costs

Crit Care. 2016; 20:133-145.

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Are you **PROTECTing** your antibacterials?

Orthopaedic infections

Discoepiphyseitis/Osteomyelitis: amoxicillin/clavulanate OR 1st generation cephalosporin OR clindamycin. Long courses (6-8 wk) may be needed.

Practice Policy:

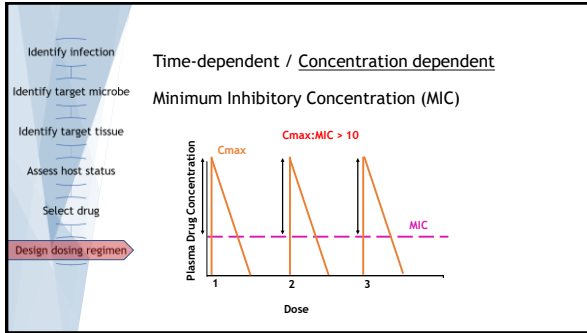
Septic arthritis: amoxicillin/clavulanate OR 1st generation cephalosporin.

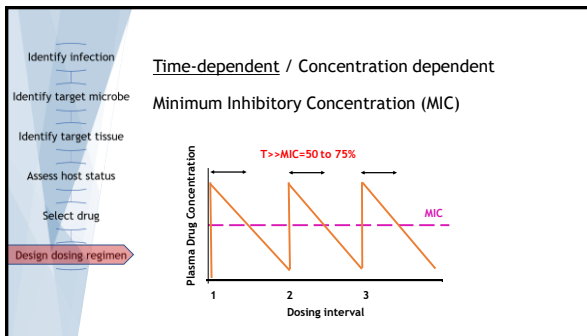
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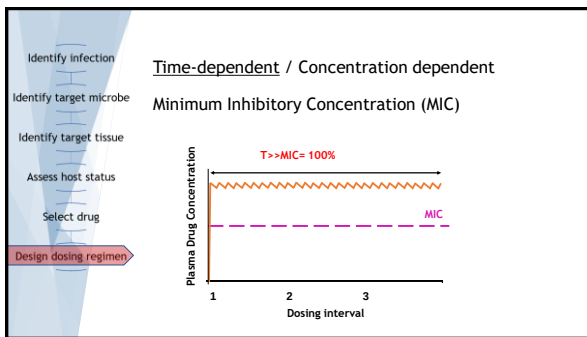


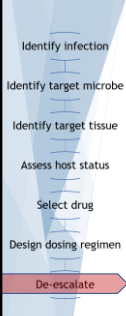
PROTECT

https://www.bates.com/Portals/10/resources/documents/ProtectOpen_2017.pdf









Duration - When do we stop?

- Re-evaluate within 48-72 hours (Antibiotic Timeout)
- 7-10 days?
- Until resolution of the clinical signs?
- Until negative culture?
- Prolonged therapy = resistance

Evaluation of the Efficacy and Safety of High Dose Short Duration Enrofloxacin Treatment Regimen for Uncomplicated Urinary Tract Infections in Dogs
A. Vezzani, J.C. Salas, S. Jones, J.D. Carruth, A. Smith, C. Cook, T. Sartin, Y. Wang, W.H. Gilchrist

USE HIGH DOSES AND SHORT DURATION

Conclusion

- M**icrobiology guides therapy
- I**ndications should be evidence based
- N**arrowest spectrum required
- D**osage appropriate
- M**inimize duration of therapy
- E**nsure monotherapy in most cases



Useful links

BASVA PROTECT:
<https://www.bsava.com/Resources/Veterinary-resources/PROTECT>

The Antimicrobial Reference Guide to Effective Treatment:
<https://target.naccvp.com/?e=9736acda32cbd1c0932969eb79d4cd8ez23>

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention:
<https://www.cdc.gov/antibiotic-use/index.html>

Federation of European Companion Animal Veterinary Associations:
<https://www.fecava.org/en/policies-actions/guidelines>






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