

# The Role of Carbapenemase Testing in Clinical Practice

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## CPO webinar series

- Sep. 29<sup>th</sup>, 2022: **Carbapenemase-producing Organisms: Guidance for Reporting and Containment**
  - Hosted by CDPH and Los Angeles County DPH
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- Oct. 27<sup>th</sup>, 2022 : **Testing for Carbapenemase Production Among Carbapenem-Resistant Organisms: When and How?**
  - Hosted by Janet Hindler at Los Angeles County DPH
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## Objectives

- Discuss the utility of carbapenemase testing for infection prevention and control
- Describe how carbapenemase testing can be used to inform antibiotic prescribing practices
- Understand how local CPO epidemiology can guide empiric treatment decisions

## Carbapenem-resistant organisms (CRO)

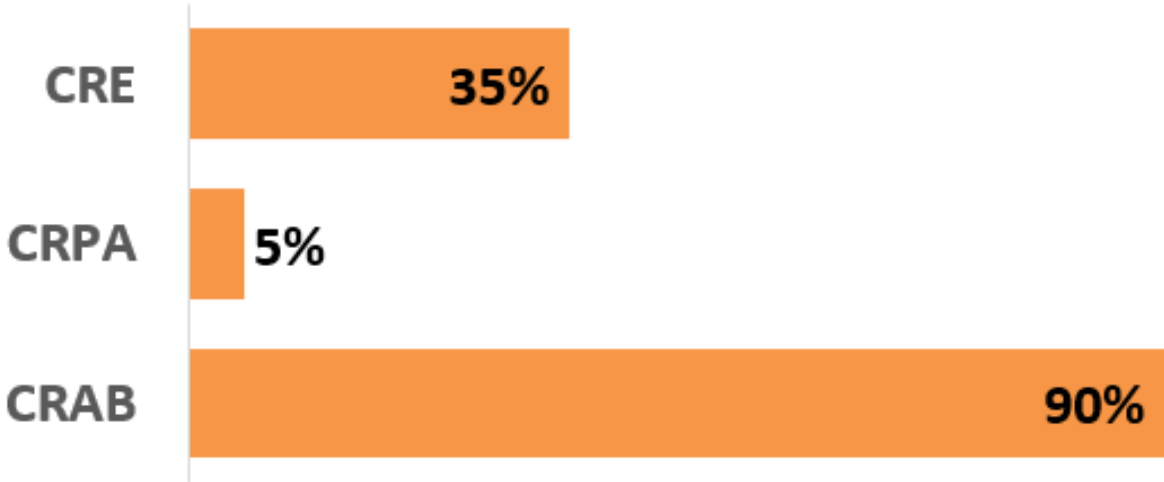
- Gram-negative bacteria, commonly Enterobacterales (CRE), *Acinetobacter baumannii* (CRAB), *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* (CRPA)
- Non-carbapenemase-producing
  - Resistant due to the presence of porin loss, efflux pumps, etc.
- Carbapenemase-producing
  - Carbapenemase enzymes often plasmid-mediated; transmissible between species
  - Urgent public health threat due to their ability to spread rapidly among patients, especially in the environment or via the hands and clothing of healthcare workers
  - Lab reportable as of September 2022 Title 17 update

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- Proportion of CRO that produce carbapenemases varies by organism



Source: [CDC Antibiotic Resistance & Patient Safety Portal \(AR&PSP\) AR Lab Network Data](https://arpsp.cdc.gov/) (arpsp.cdc.gov/)





## CPO and Patient Safety

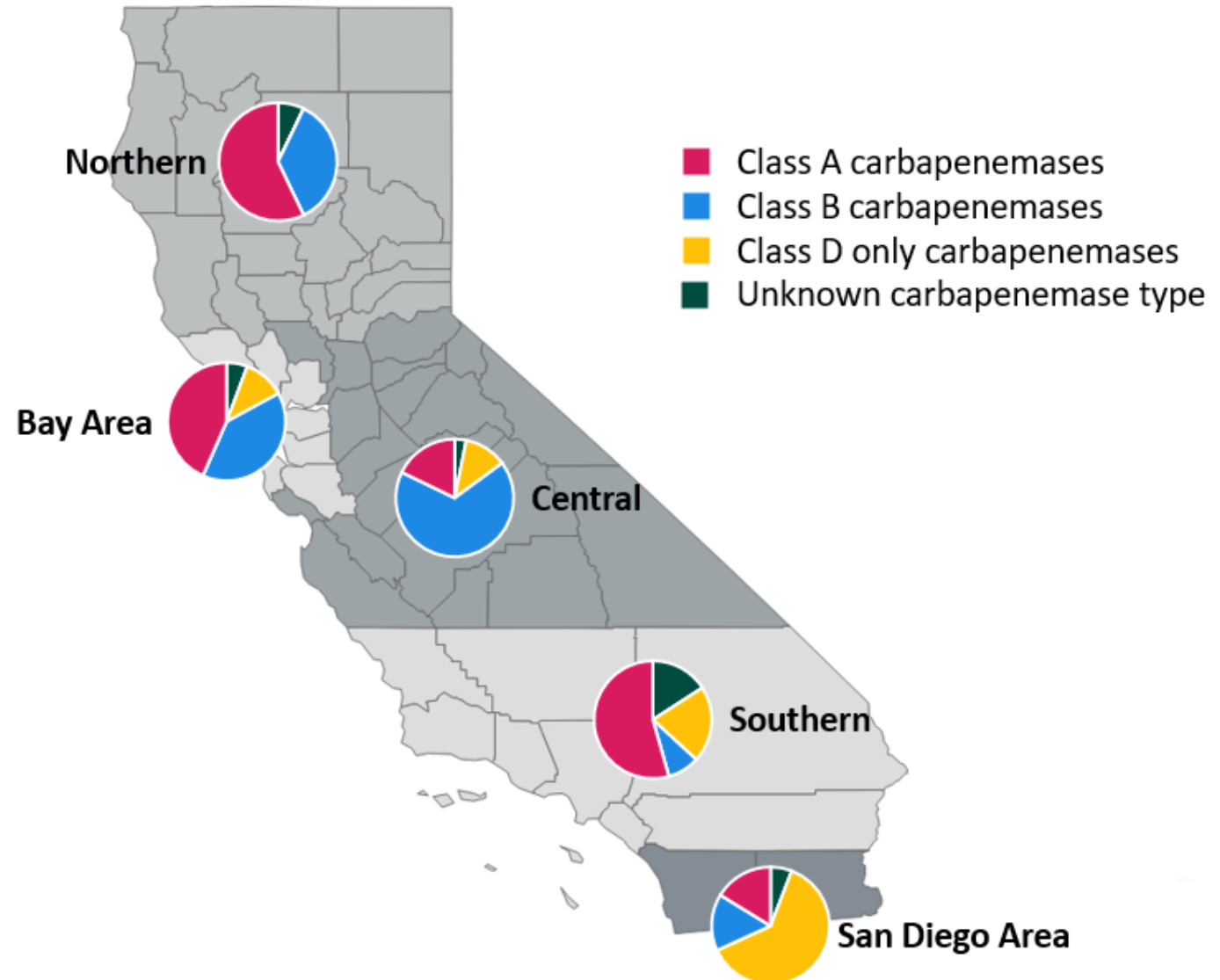
- Knowing a patient's CPO status can improve infection prevention & control
  - Implement Contact Precautions
    - Molecular tests can rapidly detect carbapenemase genetic material days before traditional AST will flag a CRO
  - Identify potential sources of horizontal transmission
    - Epi-linked patients with the same CPO type may indicate the presence of a cluster/outbreak or contaminated device or product
  - Inform patient cohorting strategies
    - Patients with matching carbapenemases can share room/bathroom
  - Promote [antimicrobial stewardship](http://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CHCQ/HAI/Pages/AntimicrobialStewardshipLandingPage.aspx)  
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    - Right **D**iagnosis, **D**rug, **D**ose, **D**uration, and **D**e-escalation

## CRE Treatment Guidelines – IDSA\*

Carbapenemase Test	Ertapenem	Meropenem	Recommended Therapy	
			1 <sup>st</sup> line	2 <sup>nd</sup> line
Negative or not done	R	S	Extended infusion meropenem	Ceftazidime-avibactam
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Class A (KPC)	-	-	Ceftazidime-avibactam Imipenem-relebactam Meropenem-vaborbactam	Cefiderocol Tigecycline Eravacycline
Class B (NDM, VIM, IMP)	-	-	Ceftazidime-avibactam + Aztreonam Cefiderocol	Tigecycline Eravacycline
Class D (OXA-48-like)	-	-	Ceftazidime-avibactam	Cefiderocol Tigecycline Eravacycline

\*For infections outside the urinary tract. Adapted from [IDSA Antimicrobial Resistant Treatment Guidance: Gram-Negative Bacterial Infections](http://www.idsociety.org/globalassets/idsa/practice-guidelines/amr-guidance/idsa-amr-guidance.pdf) (PDF) (www.idsociety.org/globalassets/idsa/practice-guidelines/amr-guidance/idsa-amr-guidance.pdf) Slide courtesy of Romney M. Humphries, PhD, D(ABMM), Vanderbilt University Medical Center

# Carbapenemase Prevalence by Region, 2020-2022



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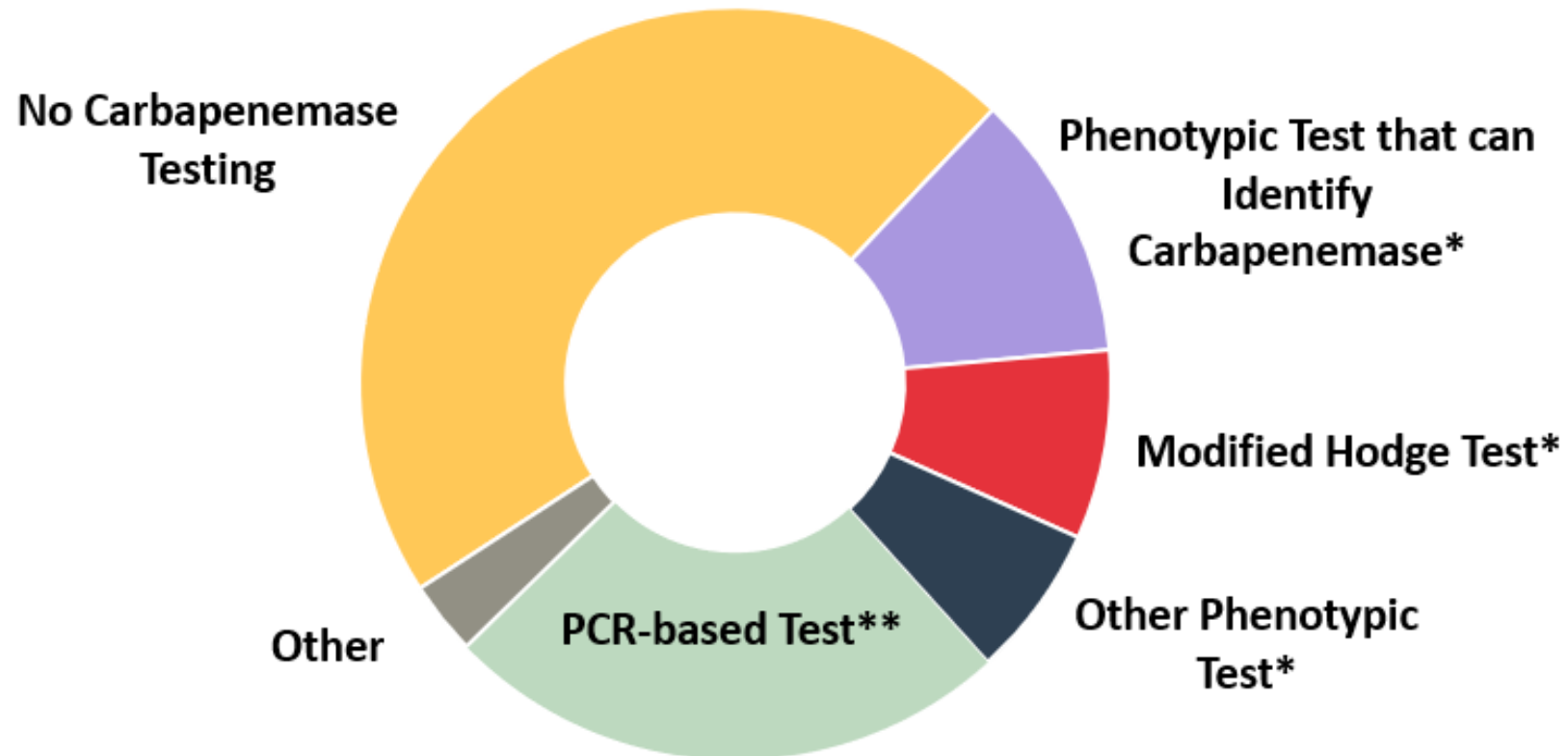
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    - Many public health labs in California perform phenotypic and molecular carbapenemase testing; contact your local health department to learn more about submission criteria

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# Access to Carbapenemase Testing Among 380 Short Stay & Long-Term Acute Care Hospitals, NHSN 2021



\*Facilities report using a lab with phenotypic test only

\*\*Facilities report using a lab with PCR and/or a commercial molecular test

# Carbapenemase Testing Recommendations

- Patient characteristics
  - Patients at high risk of acquiring a CPO, see [CDPH CRE Quicksheet](http://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CHCQ/HAI/CDPH%20Document%20Library/CRE_QuicksheetOct2019.pdf) (PDF) ([www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CHCQ/HAI/CDPH%20Document%20Library/CRE\\_QuicksheetOct2019.pdf](http://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CHCQ/HAI/CDPH%20Document%20Library/CRE_QuicksheetOct2019.pdf))
- Microbiological characteristics
  - Any CRE identified using old carbapenem breakpoints\*
  - Isolates from sterile sites (e.g., blood)
  - Pan-nonsusceptible Gram-negative bacteria (I or R to all antibiotics tested)
  - *A. baumannii* resistant to >1 carbapenem
  - *P. aeruginosa* resistant to >1 carbapenem and either I or R to cefepime, ceftazidime, or ceftolozane-tazobactam

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\* [CLSI: When Should Clinical Microbiology Laboratories Perform Carbapenemase Detection Tests?](http://clsi.org/media/2046/burning-question-when-should-clinical-microbiology-laboratories-perform-carbapenemase-detection-tests.pdf) (PDF) ([clsi.org/media/2046/burning-question-when-should-clinical-microbiology-laboratories-perform-carbapenemase-detection-tests.pdf](http://clsi.org/media/2046/burning-question-when-should-clinical-microbiology-laboratories-perform-carbapenemase-detection-tests.pdf))



# Carbapenemase testing: A clinical experience

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# Resistance Mechanisms

- Bacteria harbor diverse and often greater than one mechanism of resistance
- **Enzyme-mediated:**
  - **Beta-lactamases, including carbapenemases:** enzymes which mediate antibiotic inactivation
- Other mechanisms:
  - Efflux pumps
  - Porin mutations
  - Target site modification

Many carbapenemases are mediated by genes located on **mobile genetic elements** → **transferrable between bacteria**

**Bacteria can harbor more than 1 mechanism!**

NDM		Positive
OXA-48-LIKE		Positive

# CDC Definitions

- CDC's 2015 definition for CRE changed to have higher **sensitivity** for detection
- Carbapenemase identification via molecular testing then allows for enhanced **specificity** of detection

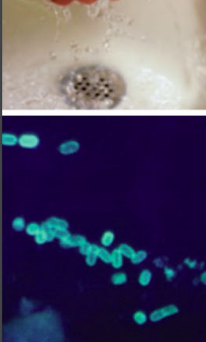
## 2012 CRE Definition:

- Nonsusceptibility to imipenem, meropenem or doripenem
- AND resistance to all third-generation cephalosporins



## 2015 CRE Definition:

- Resistance to **any** carbapenem



**Facility Guidance for Control of Carbapenem-resistant *Enterobacteriaceae* (CRE)**

November 2015 Update - CRE Toolkit

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Amoxicillin/Clavulanic Acid	>=32 ug/mL	Resistant
ASP InBasket trigger	100 ug/mL	Don't Send *
Cefoxitin	>=64 ug/mL	Resistant
Ceftazidime	16 ug/mL	Resistant
Ceftriaxone	>=64 ug/mL	Resistant
Ciprofloxacin	<=0.25 ug/mL	Susceptible <sup>1</sup>
Ertapenem	4 ug/mL	Resistant *
Gentamicin	<=1 ug/mL	Susceptible
Levofloxacin	<=0.12 ug/mL	Susceptible
Meropenem	<=0.25 ug/mL	Susceptible *
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Carbapenemase not detected

CRE but not CPO



**Case #2:** 54 year-old male presents with fever and hypotension. Blood cultures grow:

Susceptibility		Escherichia coli MIC
Amikacin	> 32 mcg/mL	Resistant
Amox + clavulanate	> 16 mcg/mL	Resistant
Amp/sulbactam	> 16 mcg/mL	Resistant
Ampicillin	> 16 mcg/mL	Resistant
Aztreonam	> 16 mcg/mL	Resistant <sup>1</sup>
Cefazolin	> 16 mcg/mL	Resistant <sup>2</sup>
Cefepime	> 16 mcg/mL	Resistant <sup>3</sup>
Cefotax/clavulanate	> 4 mcg/mL *	
Cefotaxime	> 32 mcg/mL	Resistant *
Cefoxitin	> 16 mcg/mL	Resistant <sup>4</sup>
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Ceftriaxone	> 32 mcg/mL	Resistant <sup>5</sup>
Cefuroxime	> 16 mcg/mL	Resistant <sup>6</sup>
Ciprofloxacin	> 2 mcg/mL	Resistant <sup>7</sup>
Ertapenem	> 1 mcg/mL	Resistant <sup>5</sup>
Gentamicin	> 8 mcg/mL	Resistant
Imipenem	> 8 mcg/mL	Resistant <sup>1</sup>
Levofloxacin	2 mcg/mL	Resistant <sup>7</sup>
Meropenem	> 8 mcg/mL	Resistant <sup>1</sup>

- Patient is started on **ceftazidime-avibactam**
- Molecular testing results **positive** for presence of NDM
- How do you change management?

Not all **carbapenemases** are the same!  
Different spectrum of activity

Similarly, new **beta-lactam/beta-lactamase inhibitors** have their own spectrum of activity

# Treatment of metallocarbapenemases

- Metallocarbapenemases retain susceptibility to **aztreonam**
- But, bacteria can harbor other beta-lactamases which inactivate aztreonam (ex. ESBL)
- Avibactam retains activity against these other enzymes

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**Ceftazidime/avibactam + aztreonam** is then one option for treatment

# Cefiderocol

- Siderophore cephalosporin
  - Part of the antibiotic binds iron which enhances uptake into bacterial cell
  - Overcomes resistance mechanisms involving porin mutations and efflux pumps
  - Stable against all classes of carbapenemases, including metallocarbapenemases
- Additional activity against *Acinetobacter* and *Stenotrophomonas maltophilia*



# Type of carbapenemase impacts therapy

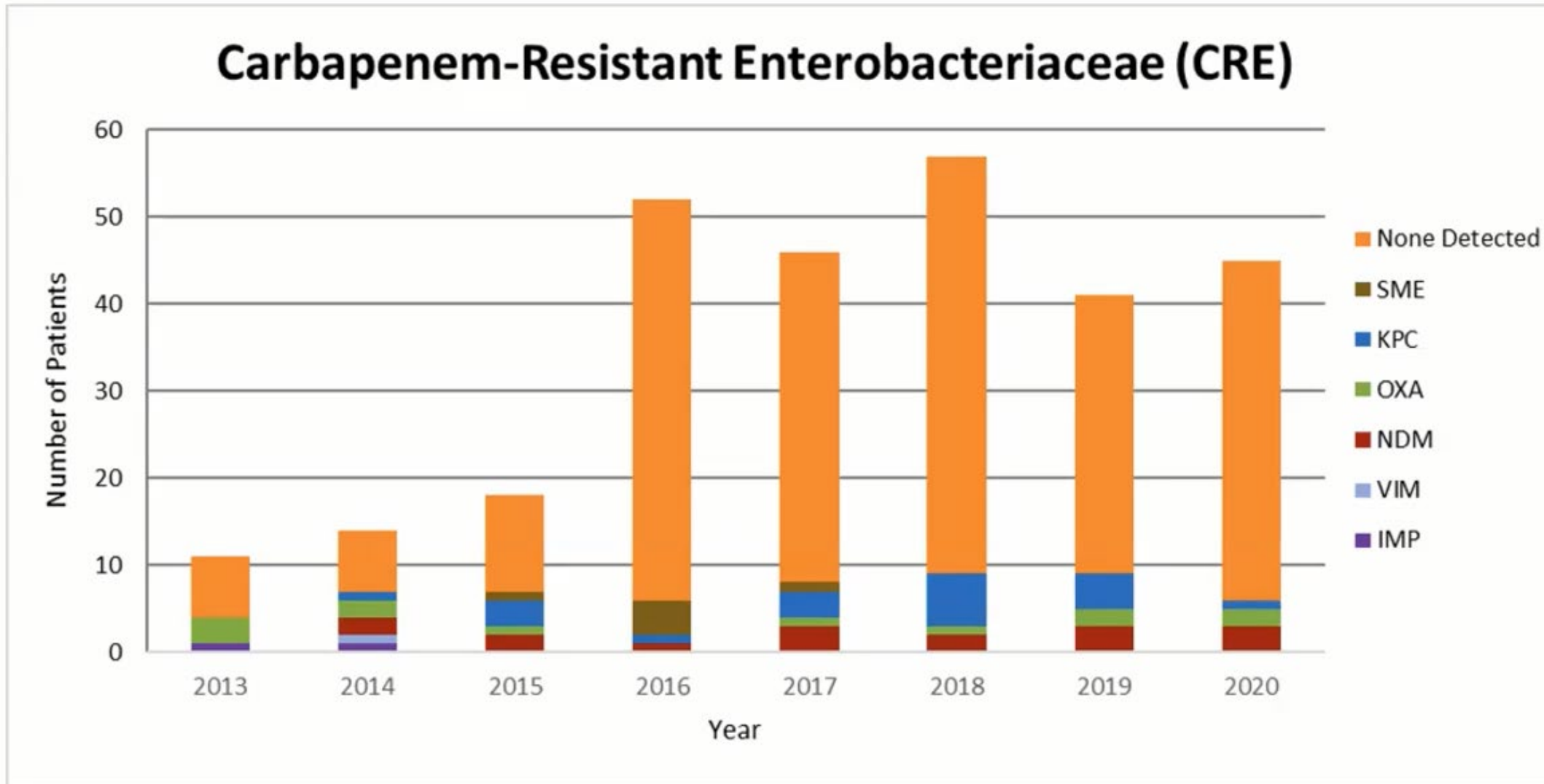
## Serine carbapenemases

- KPC
  - Ceftazidime-avibactam
  - Meropenem-vaborbactam
  - Imipenem-relebactam
- **OXA-48-like:**
  - Ceftazidime-avibactam
  - Cefiderocol

## Metallocarbapenemases

- NDM
  - Ceftazidime-avibactam + aztreonam
  - Cefiderocol

# Stanford Experience



# Case #3

- A 65-year-old has been in the ICU and intubated for 14 days
- He is afebrile, but noted to have increased respiratory secretions. Chest x-ray is normal and unchanged.
- Respiratory culture is sent growing *Klebsiella pneumoniae*, resistant to Meropenem. Gene testing is positive for **KPC**.
  
- Primary team is asking for treatment options. What are your recommendations?

# Antimicrobial stewardship: Verify the indication for antibiotics

Even in the setting of MDROs, microbiology results can represent....

Commensal bacteria colonize body sites without causing actual infection

Colonization

Contamination

Exogenous microorganisms unintentionally introduced into a clinical specimen

“True infection”

Contact infection prevention, but no antibiotic therapy is needed  
Reserve antimicrobials for when they are truly needed!

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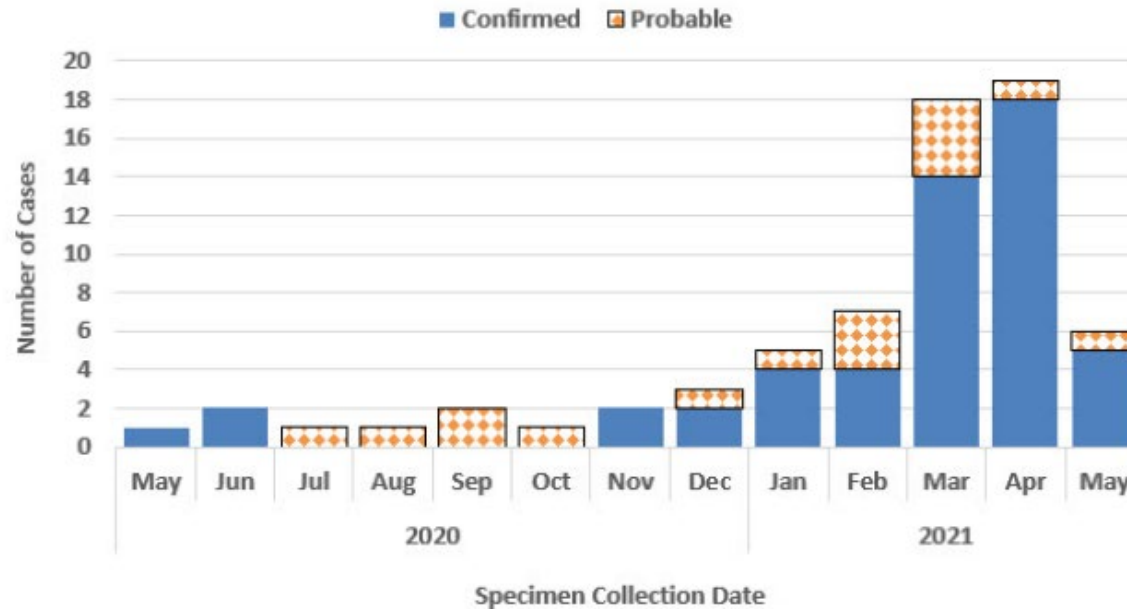
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# CARBAPENEMASE TESTING FOR INFECTION CONTROL

## [Acinetobacter baumannii CAHAN May 2021](http://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CHCQ/HAI/Pages/CAHAN.aspx)

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Figure 1. Confirmed and Probable NDM CRAB Cases Identified in California through May 10, 2021



- Regional Outbreak in Northern California involving acute care hospitals, SNF, and LTACH
- 79% OXA-23
- 85% NDM

# CP-CRAB Outbreak Stanislaus County

Most patients were from Stanislaus County

Involved contiguous and non-contiguous counties

Large Sutter Health hospital initially seeing majority of identified patients

Worked with CDPH and LHD on identification and interfacility transfers

Involvement of quality, infection prevention, infectious diseases, risk and pharmacy

Worked with Sutter Health laboratory to establish process for CP testing



# CP-CRAB Outbreak Stanislaus County

System-wide screening process established

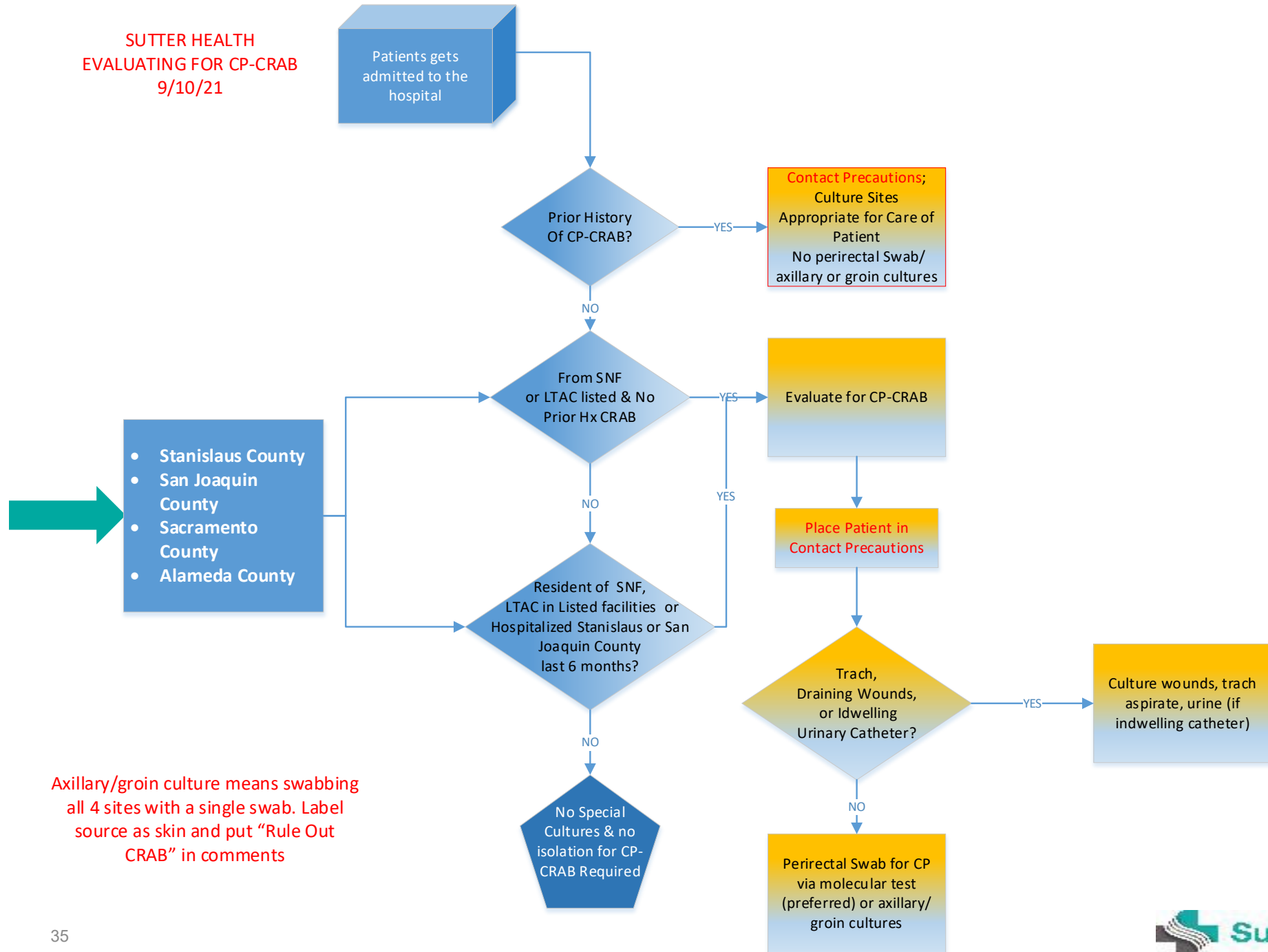
- Identify
- Isolate
- Inform

Patients transferred to counties more than 100 miles away

Many locations were in areas serviced by Sutter Health

Facilities worked with LHD in receiving counties

**SUTTER HEALTH  
EVALUATING FOR CP-CRAB  
9/10/21**



# CP-CRAB Outbreak Stanislaus County



Coordination between CDPH, LHD, and Sutter Health led to control of outbreak.



Major Thank You to everyone that helped.

# LOCAL EPIDEMIOLOGY

## Know your patient population

- SNF
- LTACH
- Sub-Acute

## Any known outbreaks

- Past or Present
- Involvement of health department for mitigation
- Ongoing facility screening

## Organisms

- Ambler Class
- Non-CP CRO
- Known Resistance Patterns

# Examples of Empiric Therapy

## CP Enterobacterales

- Ceftazidime/avibactam
- If commonly used in community, consider Imipenem/relebactam or cefiderocol
- Add aztreonam if NDM likely

## CP-CRAB

- High dose ampicillin/sulbactam plus
  - Minocycline or tigecycline
- Cefiderocol plus
  - high-dose ampicillin/sulbactam, minocycline or tigecycline

## Non-CPPA

- Ceftolozane/tazobactam

Prior CPO Does Not Always Mean Cover for a CPO

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# CPO STEWARDSHIP

# Do You Always Need to Cover for a Prior CPO?

If a patient no longer has evidence of a CPO, empiric antibiotics might not need to include coverage for the prior CPO

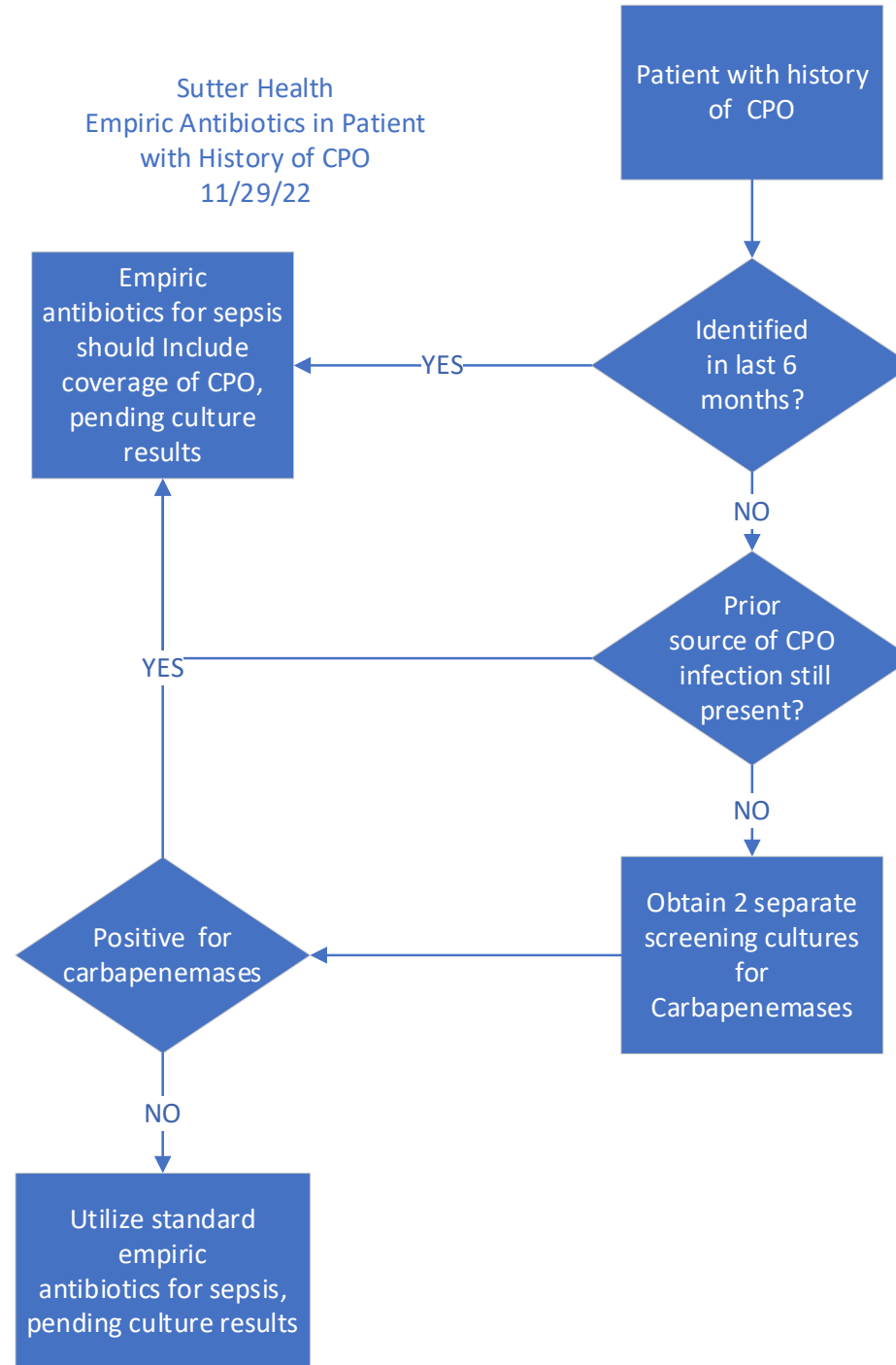
No Specific Written Guidance

Prior CPO identified in prior 6 months

- Treat as CPO still present

More than 6 months use we have an algorithm being developed

Sutter Health  
Empiric Antibiotics in Patient  
with History of CPO  
11/29/22





## Value of Carbapenemase Testing in Empiric Antimicrobial Selection

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# Disclosures

- I have served as a consultant for Thermo Fisher
- I am on the Speaker's Bureau for Abbvie
- I am the president of Expert Stewardship
- The opinions presented here today are my own and do not reflect those of the California Department of Public Health, the Infectious Disease Association of California, or the Orange County Healthcare Association.

# Objectives

- Discuss challenging cases from a clinical and laboratory perspective
- Understand how accurate antimicrobial testing and carbapenemase resistance mechanism testing can improve patient outcomes and identify potential cost-saving alternative therapeutic options

# Case Presentation

- The following descriptions are of a real cases that I or my colleagues have managed
- I will discuss use of antibiotics that may not follow FDA approved indications, but do follow generally accepted clinical practice
- Identifying information has been changed

# Lucy

**65 year old female**

**PMH:** COPD, Bronchiectasis, Diastolic CHF, Recurrent Pneumonia (prior pathogen history unknown)

- **2 Months:** Admitted OSH for pneumonia transferred to LTAC, prior antimicrobial therapy unknown
- **2 Weeks:** Transferred to SNF
- **2 Days:** Cough and Sputum
- **2 Hours:** Fever and SOB. Immediately intubated



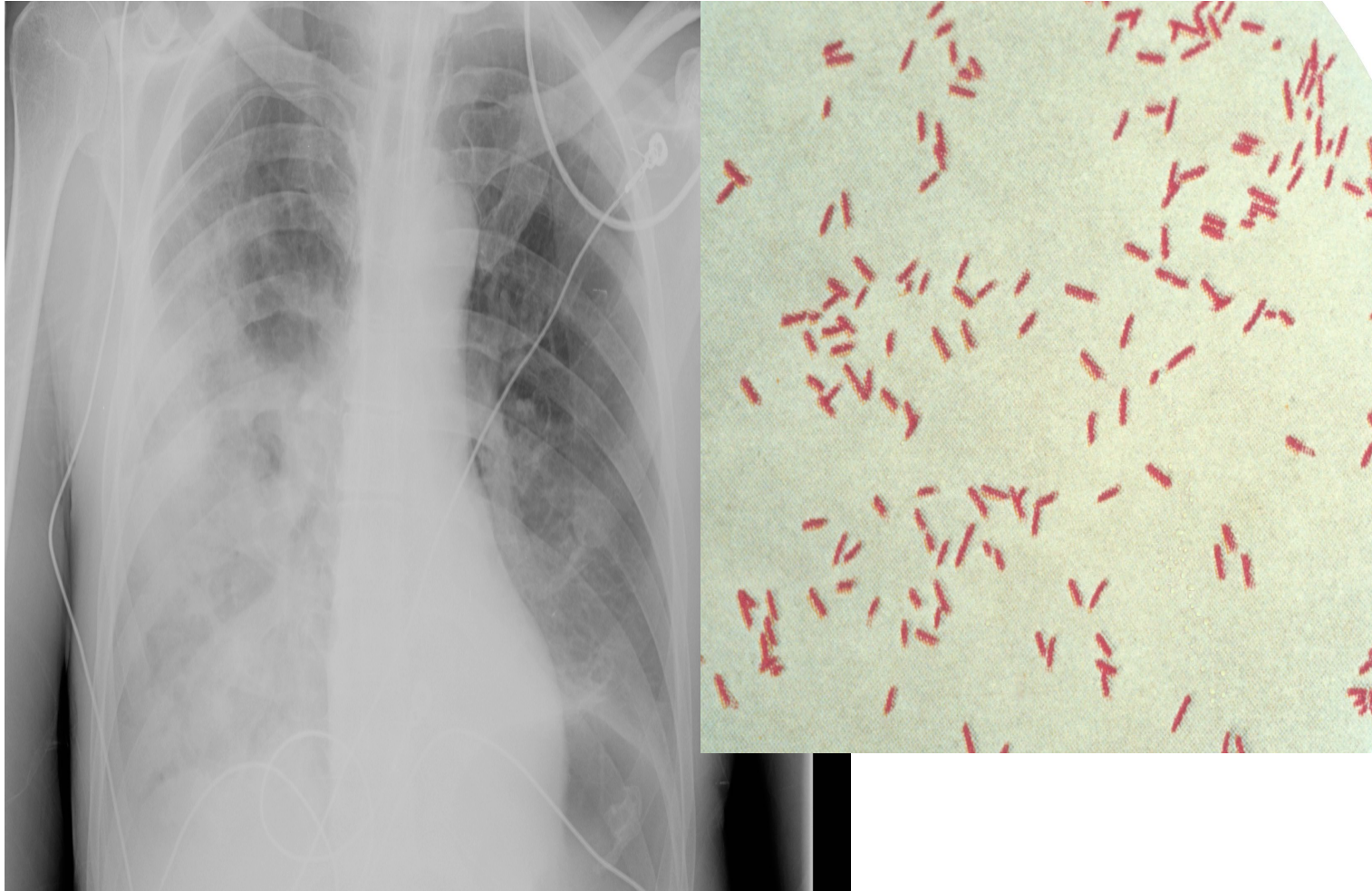
# Lucy: Admission Exam

T: 101.2 RR: 22 BP: 104/62 HR: 125  
FiO<sub>2</sub>: 92%

- Intubated, Sedated
  - Frail with slight temporal wasting
  - JVD was Flat
  - Tachycardic, No MRG
  - RLL Rhonchi
  - Decreased muscle mass
  - No Skin Rash
- 
- **PEEP of 8 cm H<sub>2</sub>O and 80% FiO<sub>2</sub>**
  - **Currently on norepinephrine at 6 mcg/min**
- 
- **Labs: WBC: 13K, GFR>80, LFTs WNL**



# RLL Pneumonia Gram-Negative Rods



X-Ray Image courtesy of James McKinnell, MD case files  
Gram Stain image: CDC Public Health Image Library

# Lucy Assessment and Plan

- **What is this clinical syndrome?**



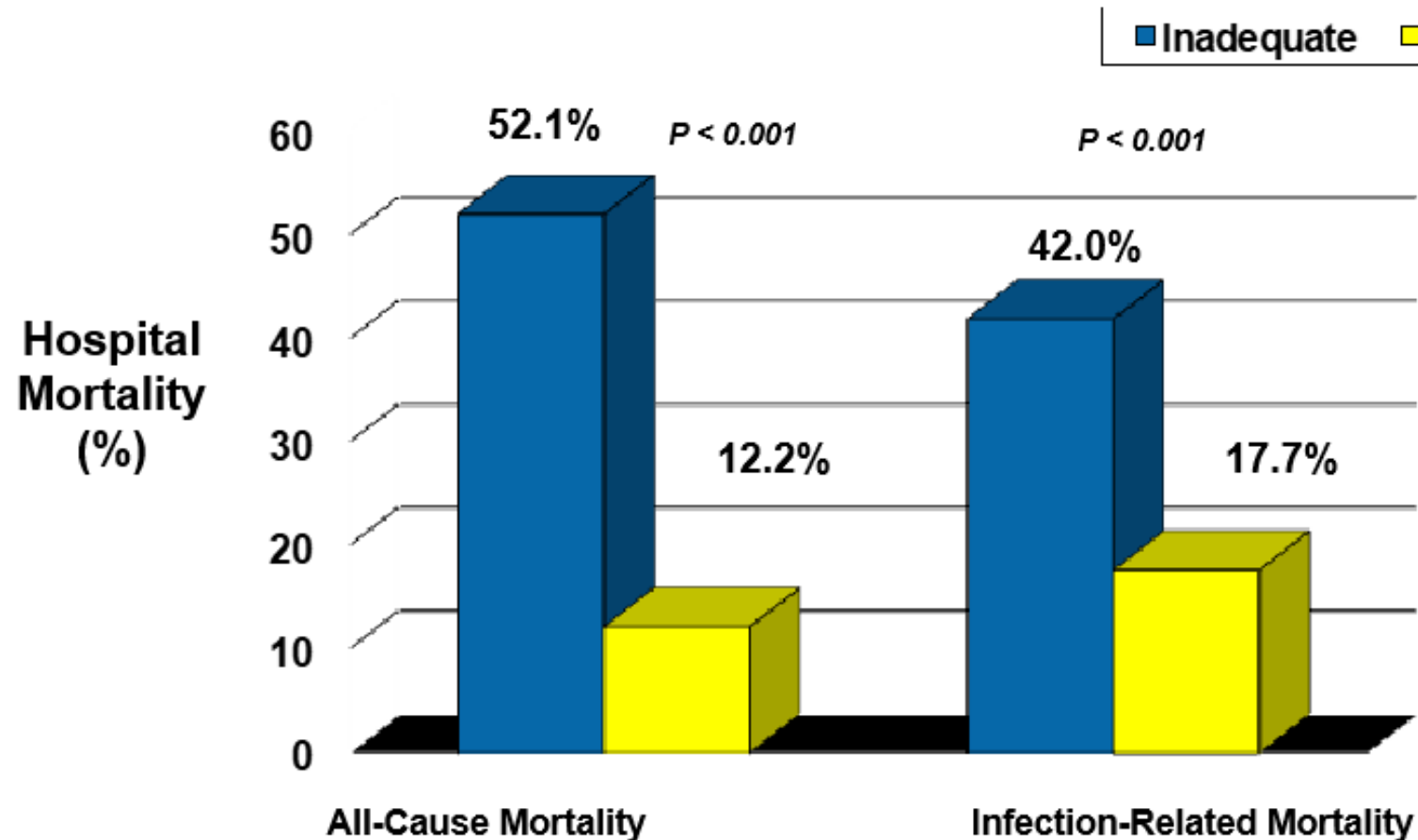


# Lucy Assessment and Plan

- 65 yo with **SEPSIS**, RLL pneumonia due Gram-negative rods, respiratory failure, retained organ function on vasopressor therapy.

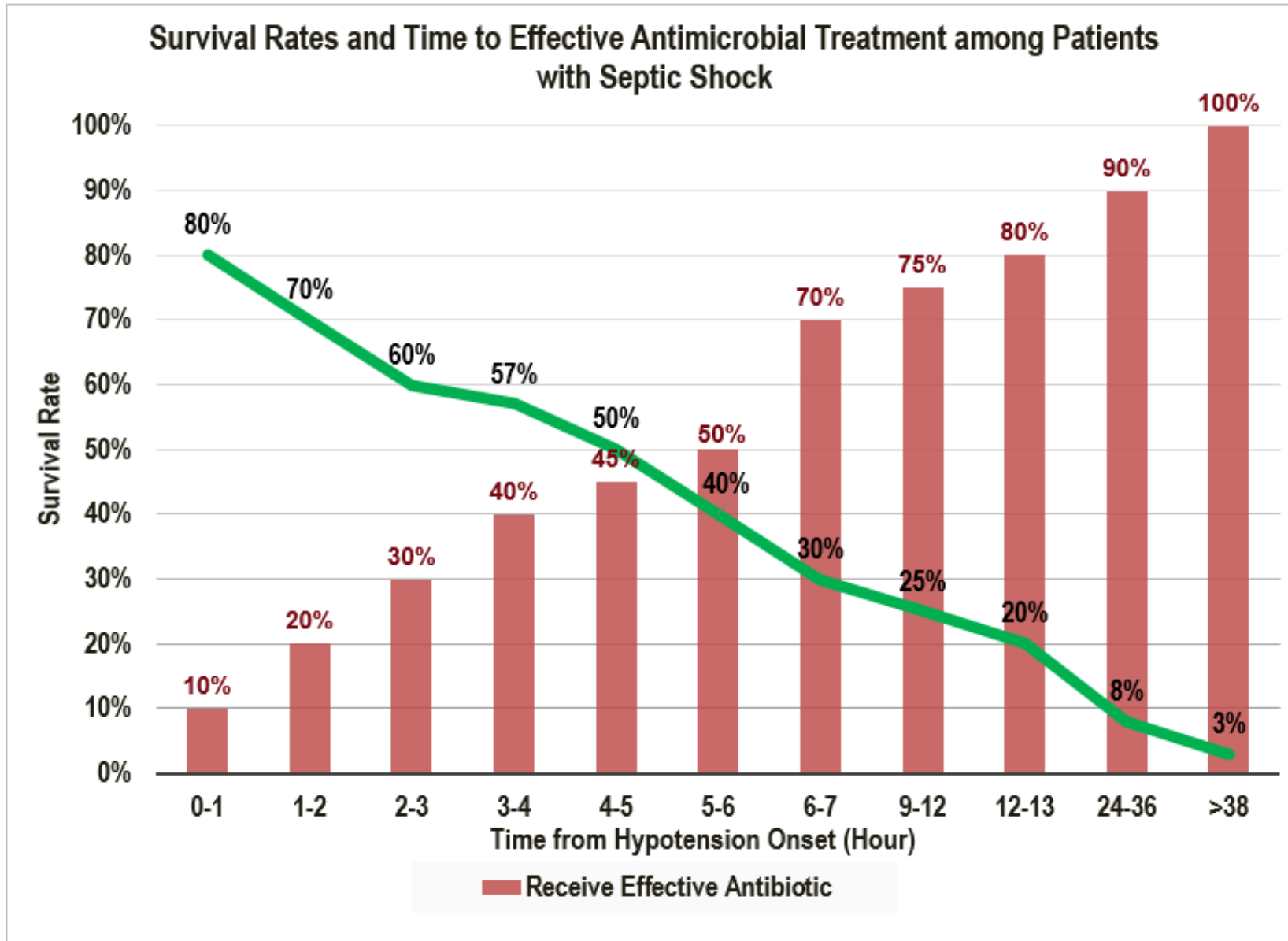


## Inadequate antimicrobial therapy associated with higher mortality



Prospective study (n=2000: 655 with infections)  
25% of patients received inadequate treatment

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# Beta-Lactams and Escalation of Therapy

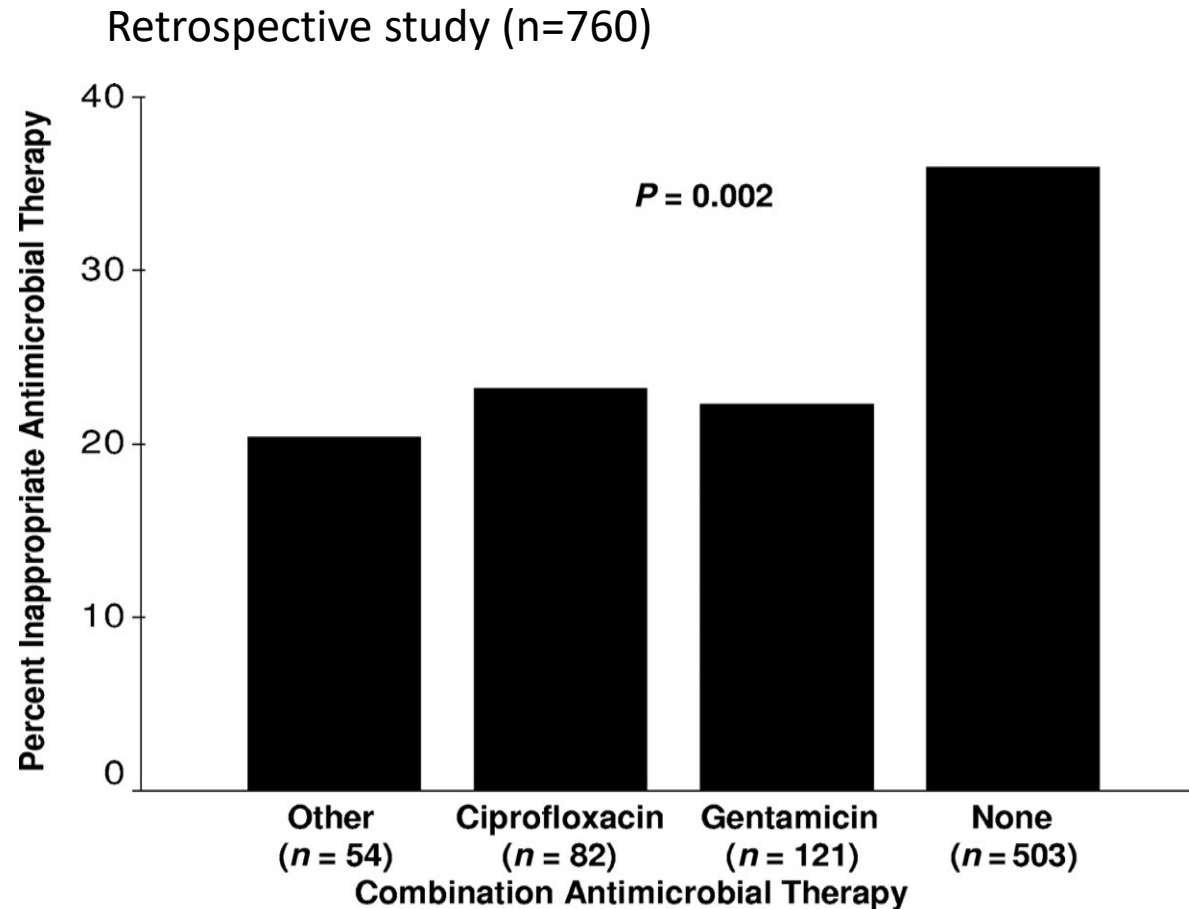
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**Table 2. Adults (>21 y.o.) Gram-negative Bacteria – Non-Urine Isolates, % Susceptible**

Organism	No. Isolates	Penicillins			Cephalosporins				Carbapenems			Aminoglycosides			Fluoro-quinolone	Other	
		Ampicillin <sup>6</sup>	Ampicillin-Sulbactam <sup>6</sup>	Piperacillin-tazobactam	Cefazolin	Cefepime	Ceftazidime	Ceftriaxone <sup>1</sup>	Ertapenem	Imipenem	Meropenem	Amikacin	Gentamicin	Tobramycin	Ciprofloxacin	Trimethoprim-sulfamethoxazole	Colistin <sup>7</sup>
<i>Citrobacter freundii</i>	37	R <sup>2</sup>	R	76	R	89	– <sup>4</sup>	– <sup>4</sup>	97	99	99	99	89	92	92	81	99
<i>Enterobacter aerogenes</i>	94	R	R	88	R	98	– <sup>4</sup>	– <sup>4</sup>	99	97	99	99	99	99	99	98	98
<i>Enterobacter cloacae</i>	209	R	R	81	R	92	– <sup>4</sup>	– <sup>4</sup>	89	99	99	99	99	99	98	94	85
<i>Escherichia coli</i>	752	41	50	94	59	84	83	79	99	99	99	99	82	85	63	60	99
<i>Klebsiella oxytoca</i>	121	R	64	89	23	95	95	87	98	98	98	99	96	96	94	91	99
<i>Klebsiella pneumoniae</i>	399	R	70	87	71	86	85	84	93	94	94	98	92	88	85	81	97
<i>Morganella morganii</i>	60	R	R	97	R	99	– <sup>4</sup>	– <sup>4</sup>	97	–	98	99	87	98	82	68	R
<i>Proteus mirabilis</i>	197	67	80	99	25	95	97	87	99	–	99	99	90	94	68	67	R
<i>Serratia marcescens</i>	127	R	R	96	R	96	– <sup>4</sup>	– <sup>4</sup>	97	94	96	99	99	96	93	98	R
<i>Acinetobacter baumannii</i>	62	R	62	53	R	58	58	–	R	62	60	67	60	66	56	60	95
<i>Pseudomonas aeruginosa</i>	738	R	R	84	R	88	87	R	R	81	85	96	91	94	78	R	99
<i>Stenotrophomonas maltophilia</i>	84	R	R	R	R	–	30	R	R	R	–	R	R	R	–	99	70
<i>Burkholderia cepacia complex</i>	12 <sup>5</sup>	R	R	R	R	R	27	R	R	R	18	R	R	R	36	64	R

<sup>1</sup> Cefotaxime and ceftriaxone have comparable activity against *Enterobacteriaceae*.

Empiric combination therapy is associated with higher rates of early, appropriate therapy for patients with sepsis due to Gram-negatives



# Adjunctive Agents

<b>AG</b>	Plazomicin, Amikacin, Tobramycin, Gentamicin
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<b>Tetracycline</b>	Tigecycline, Eravacycline

# Combination Antibiogram from UCLA

Information provided for two-drug combination does NOT imply synergism, antagonism or likely activity in vivo; 1142 patients, includes the most resistant

	Amikacin (97) <sup>1</sup>	Gentamicin (92)	Tobramycin (95)	Ciprofloxacin (80)
Cefepime (90)	99 <sup>2</sup>	97	97	95
Meropenem (87)	98	96	97	92
Piperacillin- tazobactam (86)	99	97	97	93
Ciprofloxacin (80)	98	95	96	-

\*Includes pediatrics and adults

1. Percent susceptible for individual drug in parenthesis
2. Percent susceptible for either or both drugs (eg, %S to amikacin and/or cefepime)

Adapted from antibiogram data source: UCLA Health Infectious Disease



# **GNR: Meropenem/Tobramycin**

# Assessment and Plan

- 65 yo with sepsis, RLL pneumonia, respiratory failure, but retained organ function.
- Meropenem 1 q8 Hours (over 3H)
- Tobramycin 350mg IV q24



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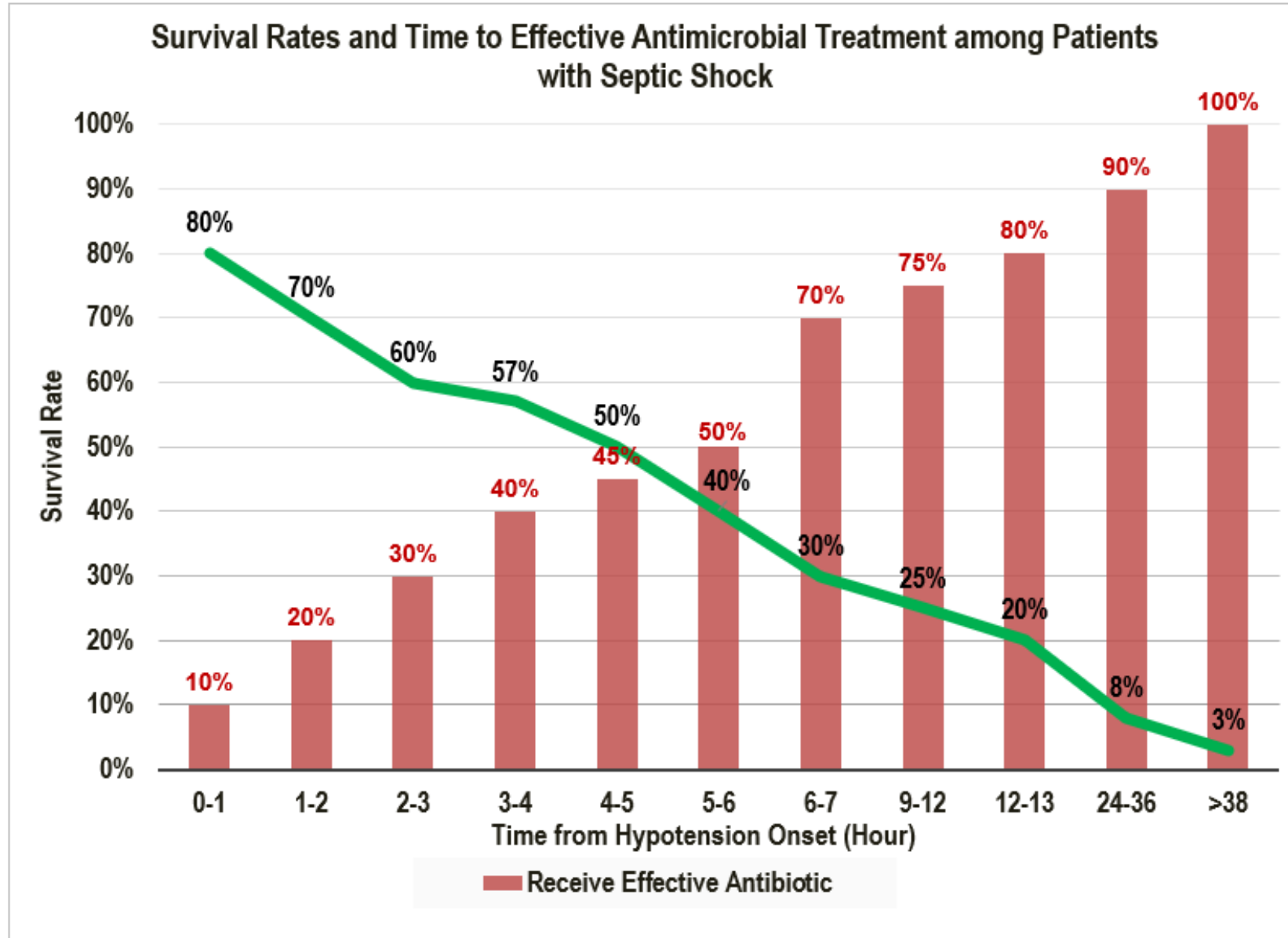
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**Tigecycline has a black box warning from FDA for increased mortality in severe infections!!**



## Colistin Versus Ceftazidime-Avibactam in the Treatment of Infections Due to Carbapenem-Resistant Enterobacteriaceae

David van Duin,<sup>1</sup> Judith J. Lok,<sup>2</sup> Michelle Earley,<sup>2</sup> Eric Cober,<sup>3</sup> Sandra S. Richter,<sup>4</sup> Federico Perez,<sup>5,6</sup> Robert A. Salata,<sup>6</sup> Robert C. Kalayjian,<sup>7</sup> Richard R. Watkins,<sup>8,9</sup> Yohei Doi,<sup>10</sup> Keith S. Kaye,<sup>11</sup> Vance G. Fowler Jr.,<sup>12,13</sup> David L. Paterson,<sup>14</sup> Robert A. Bonomo,<sup>5,6,15,16</sup> and Scott Evans<sup>2</sup>; for the Antibacterial Resistance Leadership Group

- Ceftazidime-Avibactam 9% Mortality
- Colistin 32% Mortality
- “Uniform Superiority of Ceftazidime-Avibactam”
- **LIMITATION: Small <140 patients Observational Study**

## Evidence to improve the treatment of infections caused by carbapenem-resistant Gram-negative bacteria

- “The high patient mortality rate (44% at 28 days)... is sobering – considering that infection with bacteria susceptible to colistin was a criterion for inclusion and that colistin dosing was carefully controlled – but is not surprising.”
- “...low Charlson and SOFA scores...”
- “...colistin, either as monotherapy or combined with a carbapenem, is not that effective.”

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- **Recommendation for Novel BLI or Novel Cephalosporin**
- **\$1,000/day!!!**



# Two Forms of Carbapenem-Resistant Enterobacteriaceae

**Carbapenemase producing (CP-CRE)**

**Sub-type**

**KPC**

NDM, IMP, VIM

OXA 23, 48

**Non-carbapenemase producing (Non-CP-CRE)**

**Additional mechanism**

Porin mutation

Efflux pump

**+**

**Sub-type**

AMP-C, ESBL

**KPC=K. pneumoniae carbapenemase, NDM=New Delhi metallo-beta-lactamase, IMP=Imipenemase, VIM=Verona integrin-encoded metallo-beta-lactamase, OXA=oxacillinase**

# Novel BL/BLI Not Always the Answer

<b>CP-CRE</b>	<b>Sub-type</b>	<b>Novel BL/BLI</b>
<b>Carbapenemase</b>	<b>KPC</b>	<b>YES</b>
<b>Metallo-carbapenemase</b>	<b>NDM, IMP, VIM</b>	<b>NO</b>
<b>Carbapenemase</b>	<b>OXA 23, 48</b>	<b>Variable</b>
<b>Non CP-CRE</b>		
<b>Beta-lactamase + additional mechanisms</b>	<b>AMP-C + ESBL Porin mutation Efflux pump</b>	<b>Variable</b>

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- **Now What?**
  
- Cepheid Gene Xpert Carba-R: KPC, NDM, VIM, OXA-48, and IMP not detected
  
- **Recommendation to Continue Meropenem/Tobramycin**

*Note: Cepheid Gene Xpert is what my hospital uses, this is not a specific product endorsement*





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- **Recommendation to Start Expensive Novel Agent**

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Empiric Antimicrobial Selection is by nature a partial information game with decisions based on patient's prior antimicrobial exposure, healthcare exposure and risk of death.

**If the Microbiology Laboratory can Give Me a Peak at The Next Card, I Will Play My Hand Better.**

# Summary

- Dealing with MDRO infections is challenging and complex
- Carbapenemase testing can improve care, particularly for critically ill patients, and may have impact on pharmacy budgets

## Resources

- [CDPH CPO Webpage](http://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CHCQ/HAI/Pages/CRE_InfectionPreventionStrategies.aspx)  
(www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CHCQ/HAI/Pages/CRE\_InfectionPreventionStrategies.aspx)
- [CDPH CPO Reporting FAQ \(PDF\)](#)  
(www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CHCQ/HAI/CDPH%20Document%20Library/CPOReportingFAQ.pdf)
- [CDPH Algorithm for Prioritizing Carbapenemase Testing \(PDF\)](#)  
(www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CHCQ/HAI/CDPH%20Document%20Library/CPTestingPrioritizationAlgorithm.pdf)
- [CDPH CPO and \*C. auris\* Screening Decision Tree \(PDF\)](#)  
(www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CHCQ/HAI/CDPH%20Document%20Library/Tier2\_Pathogen\_Screening\_Decision\_Tree\_Oct2020.pdf)
- [MDL Submission Instructions and Forms](#)  
(www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/MDLSubmissionInstructionsandForms.aspx)
- [MDL Carbapenemase Testing Services FAQ \(PDF\)](#)  
(www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/CDPH%20Document%20Library/MDL\_Expanded-Carbapenemase\_Testing\_FAQ-Sheet.pdf)
- [CDPH California Health Alert Network \(CAHAN\) AR-related Advisories](#)  
(www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CHCQ/HAI/Pages/CAHAN.aspx)



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