

LUNG INFECTIONS IN THE HOSPITALIZED PATIENT

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MANAGEMENT OF THE
HOSPITALIZED PATIENT

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ROAD MAP

- Community acquired pneumonia (new IDSA guidelines!)
- Hospital acquired pneumonia (updates)
- Aspiration pneumonia (antibiotics)
- Influenza (diagnosis and treatment)



LEARNING OBJECTIVES

By the end of this talk, you will be able to:

1. List the major updates to the new IDSA CAP guidelines
2. Recognize the appropriate antibiotic regimens and duration of therapy for hospital-acquired pneumonia
3. Construct an antibiotic plan to treat aspiration pneumonia
4. Describe the key principles in diagnosing and managing influenza in hospitalized patients

CASE #1

75 year old man with diabetes, CAD, COPD, and ESRD on hemodialysis is admitted from an assisted living facility in June for fever and cough. His last hospitalization was for a hip fracture 6 months ago.

Temp 38.4°C, RR 20, SaO₂ 92% 2L.

WBC 18, other labs normal.

CXR shows RLL consolidation.



WHAT ANTIBIOTICS WOULD YOU START?

1. Ceftriaxone + levofloxacin
2. Ceftriaxone + azithromycin
3. Vancomycin + ceftriaxone
4. Vancomycin + pip/tazo

WHAT WAS THE KEY FACTOR IN CHOOSING HIS ANTIBIOTICS?

1. Lives in an assisted living facility
2. On dialysis
3. Hip fracture 6 months ago
4. Lack of risk factors for MRSA or Pseudomonas

NEW IDSA CAP GUIDELINES – FINALLY!

AMERICAN THORACIC SOCIETY DOCUMENTS

Diagnosis and Treatment of Adults with Community-acquired Pneumonia

An Official Clinical Practice Guideline of the American Thoracic Society and
Infectious Diseases Society of America

Am J Respir Crit Care Med Vol 200, Iss 7, pp e45–e67, Oct 1, 2019

WHAT'S NEW?

4 major changes from 2007 Guidelines:

1. Indication for sputum culture and blood cultures
2. Use of procalcitonin
3. Use of corticosteroids
4. HCAP classification

FIRST, SOME DEFINITIONS

CAP

PNA acquired outside of the hospital

- NO immunocompromise
- NO recent foreign travel

Severe CAP

1 major or ≥ 3 minor criteria:

Major:

- Septic shock requiring pressors
- Resp failure requiring intubation

Minor

- Vitals: RR ≥ 30 , T $< 36^{\circ}\text{C}$, low BP requiring aggressive fluids, P/F ratio ≤ 250
- Multilobar infiltrates
- Confusion
- Labs: BUN ≥ 20 , WBC $< 4,000$, Plts $< 100,000$

WHAT'S NEW? (1): INDICATIONS FOR SPUTUM, BLOOD CULTURES

When should you get these?



Recommendation

- (1) Severe CAP
- (2) **New: Empiric Rx/risk factors for MRSA or Pseudomonas**

- Prior infection
- Hospitalization and IV Abx <90d

(strong rec, very low quality of evidence)

Rationale

Recognize cultures are:

- Low yield
- Don't change outcomes
- Risk of false (+)

So why recommend?

- Improve Abx use (↓ or ↑)
- Delay in appropriate Abx in severe CAP can be bad
- Understand local epi

WHAT'S NEW? (2): USE OF PROCALCITONIN IN CAP

Should PCT be used to decide if it is safe to withhold empiric antibiotics in a patient with CAP (i.e., can it distinguish viral vs bacterial CAP)?



Recommendation

NO, if a patient has confirmed CAP you should start antibiotics irrespective of the PCT result


(strong rec, moderate quality of evidence)

Rationale

- Many of the PCT studies looked at CAP vs URI (not viral vs bacterial CAP)
- No PCT cut-off can sufficiently distinguish viral vs bacterial (cut-off of ≥ 0.1 , PCT only ~80% sensitive for bacteria)

WHAT'S NEW? (3): USE OF STEROIDS IN CAP

Should
steroids be
used in any
subset of
patients
with CAP?



Recommendation

**NO, not for
non-severe or
severe CAP**

*(strong rec, high
quality evidence for
non-severe CAP;
conditional rec, mod
quality evidence for
severe CAP)*

Rationale

- Only limited data to support use in severe CAP
- Conflicting results of RCTs and meta-analyses; no consistent definition of severe CAP
- Risk of hyperglycemia, possibly \uparrow 2° infections
- Mortality \uparrow in influenza
- Ok if needed for shock

WHAT'S NEW? (4): HOW TO DECIDE TO EXPAND COVERAGE?

Should HCAP guide decisions to expand antibiotic coverage?



Recommendation
No More HCAP!



*(strong rec,
moderate quality
evidence)*

Recommendation

Instead, use risk factors
for MRSA, Pseudomonas

Empiric Rx if:

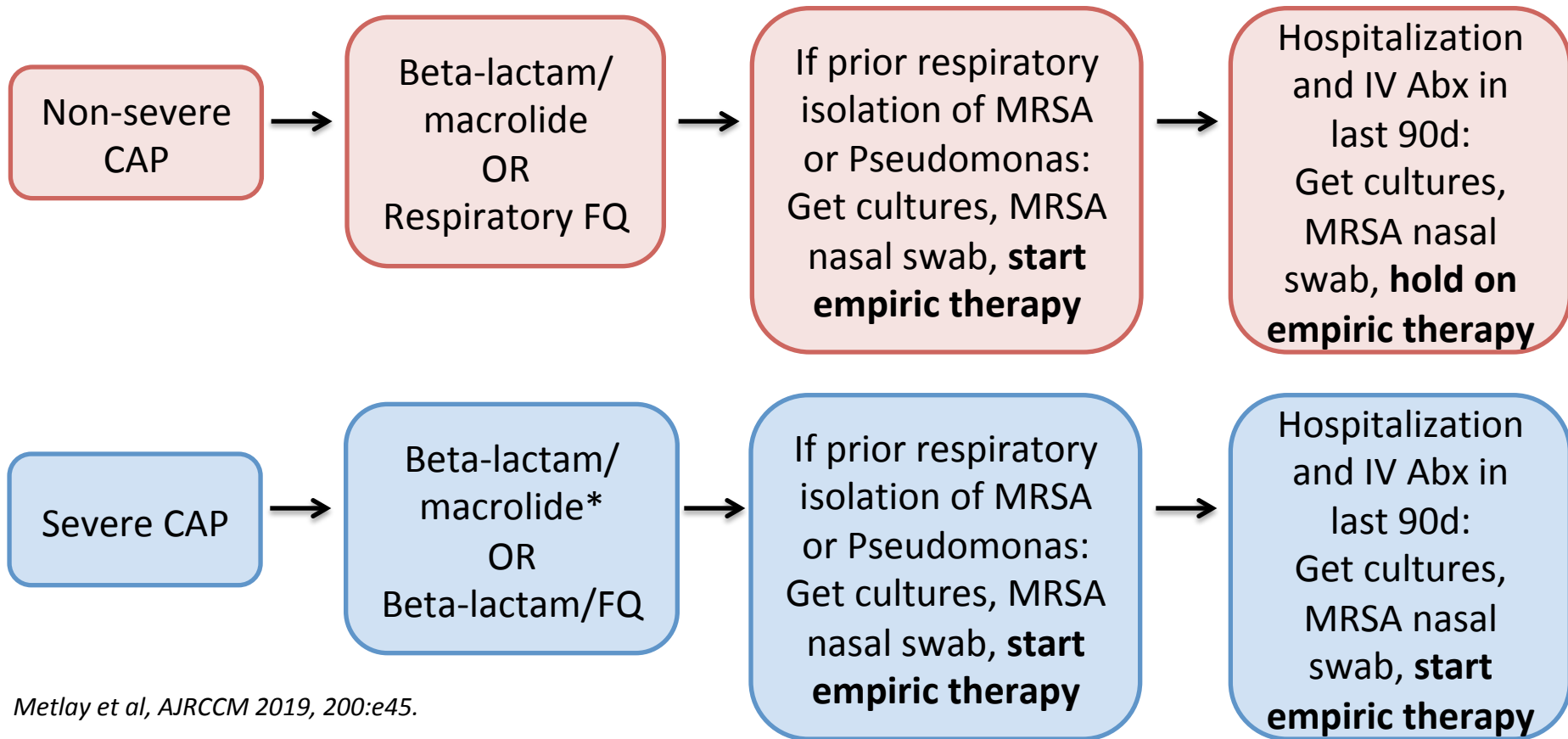
- **Prior respiratory infection (1yr)
- Hospitalized and IV Abx in last 90d (empiric Rx in severe CAP only)
- Use local data

*(strong rec, moderate
quality evidence)*

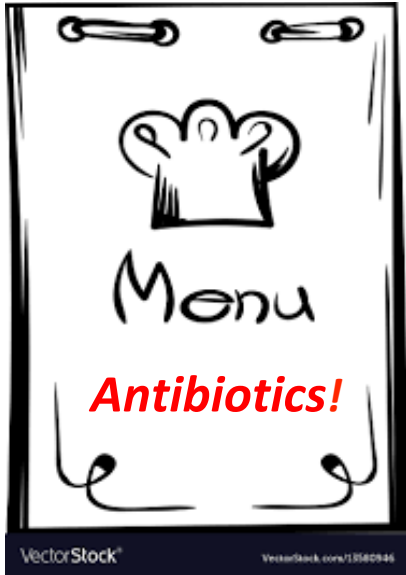
Rationale

- HCAP \neq \uparrow MDR risk
- HCAP led to \uparrow Abx without better outcomes

INITIAL TREATMENT ALGORITHM



ANTIBIOTIC OPTIONS



Beta-lactams

Amp/sulbactam
Cefotaxime
Ceftriaxone
(Ceftaroline)

Macrolides

Azithro
Clarithro

Respiratory FQ

Levofloxacin
Moxifloxacin

MRSA

Linezolid
Vancomycin

Pseudomonas

Pip/tazo
Cefepime
Ceftazidime
Meropenem
Imipenem
Aztreonam

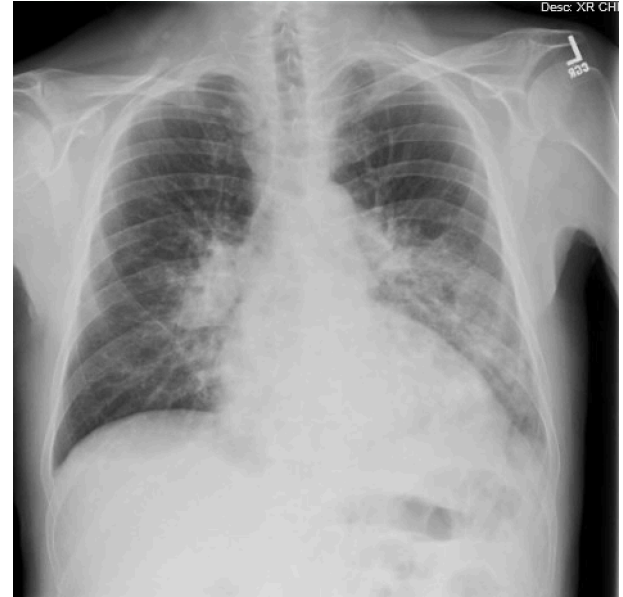
NEW CAP GUIDELINES: TAKE HOME POINTS

1. Get sputum culture and blood cultures for severe CAP or if risk for MRSA/Pseudomonas
2. Give empiric antibiotics in confirmed CAP irrespective of the PCT level
3. Do not use steroids for treatment of CAP (ok for other indications such as shock)
4. Use risk factors for MRSA and Pseudomonas (not HCAP) to guide when to expand empiric antibiotic coverage

CASE #2

65 y/o man with cirrhosis is admitted for SBP and is slowly improving. Over the last few days he begins to have fevers to 38.4 with new production of thick secretions. He has had no recent antibiotics. He is sitting well on RA.

- Blood cultures: negative
- CXR: new LLL infiltrate
- MRSA nasal swab from admission: negative



WHAT EMPIRIC ANTIBIOTICS WOULD YOU START?

1. Pip/tazo
2. Pip/tazo plus vancomycin
3. Pip/tazo plus ciprofloxacin
4. Amp/sulbactam

PNEUMONIA IN THE HOSPITAL

- **Hospital-Acquired PNA (HAP)** = PNA acquired after 48h in the hospital and not incubating at admission
- **Ventilator-Associated PNA (VAP)** = PNA acquired after 48h of intubation (subset of HAP)
- Microbiology overall is similar:
 - Gram (+): *S. aureus*, particularly MRSA
 - Gram (-): *Pseudomonas*, *E. coli*, *Klebsiella*
 - *Pseudomonas*, *Stenotrophomonas*, *Acinetobacter* more common in VAP

HAP/VAP IDSA GUIDELINES 2016: WHAT CHANGED?

1. HCAP no longer included (not at high risk for MDR)
2. Recommendation for semi-quantitative endotracheal aspirate over invasive methods for VAP (BAL, mini-BAL)
3. Slightly less emphasis on using 2 antibiotics against *Pseudomonas* for empiric coverage
4. Duration of therapy = 7 days for all pathogens

VAP: MICROBIOLOGIC DIAGNOSTICS

- Get blood cultures (~15% are positive)
- 2016 guidelines recommend semi-quantitative endotracheal aspirate over invasive sampling (mini-BAL, BAL) (weak recommendation, low quality evidence)
- Why?
 - No difference in outcomes (mortality, ICU days, ventilation)
 - Requires less resources
 - Both ~75% sensitive but mini-BAL/BAL more specific (80% vs 50%)



HAP/VAP: EMPIRIC ABX

- Cover for *S. aureus*, *Pseudomonas*, GNRs
- Do you need MRSA coverage?
 - Yes if MDR risk, >20% local *S. aureus* isolates are MRSA, high risk of mortality
- Do you need 2 drugs for *Pseudomonas*?
 - Yes if MDR risk, >10% local GNRs resistant to monotherapy Abx, high risk mortality
 - But use clinical judgment

Risk of MDR VAP

- Prior IV Abx in 90 d
- Septic shock
- ARDS
- ≥5 d in hospital
- Acute HD/CRRT

Risk of MDR HAP

- Prior IV Abx in 90 d

HAP/VAP: ABX MENU

MRSA

Vancomycin
Linezolid

+

Anti-pseudomonal β -lactam

Piperacillin/tazobactam
Cefepime/ceftazidime
Meropenem/imipenem
Aztreonam
HAP only: levo/ciprofloxacin

+/-

2nd Anti-pseudomonal

Levo/ciprofloxacin
Aminoglycosides

*Use local resistance patterns to help guide therapy

DURATION OF ANTIBIOTICS IN VAP (8 vs 15 DAYS)

- RTC of 400 patients with VAP randomized to 8 vs. 15 days of ABx
- 8-day group had:
 - No difference in mortality, recurrent infections, ICU LOS
 - More ABx-free days and less MDR organisms if recurrent
 - But...higher pulmonary reinfection rate (41 vs 25%) if had a glucose nonfermenter (*Pseudomonas*, *Acinetobacter*, or *Stenotrophomonas*)
- This led to the recommendation for 15 days for glucose nonfermenters and 8 days for everyone else

NEW IDSA GUIDELINES: DURATION OF ABX IN VAP

- Systematic reviews of 6 RCTs comparing short (7-8 days) vs long (10-15 days) course therapy:
 - Confirmed benefit of short course Rx (more Abx free days, less recurrences with MDRO) and no difference in cure, mortality
 - Glucose-nonfermenter subgroup: no difference in recurrence, mortality
- **Bottom line:**
 - 7d treatment course, even for glucose non-fermenters
 - Extrapolate data to HAP
 - Note MRSA IDSA guidelines recommend 7-21d for MRSA PNA

HAP/VAP: WHEN TO STOP EMPIRIC VANCO?

- Clinical factors which make MRSA less likely:
 - Low clinical suspicion based on disease severity
 - Negative respiratory cultures (before antibiotics)
 - Note: negative blood cultures alone are not sufficient as these are positive in only 5-10% of MRSA PNA



The MRSA nasal swab:

- A negative MRSA nasal swab with a low prevalence of MRSA PNA has a NPV of 95% for VAP, 98% for CAP
- Can also avoid starting vanco in the first place in stable patients if you have a negative nasal swab within the last 7 days

HAP/VAP: TAKE HOME POINTS

- Think about risk factors for MDR pathogens and local resistance patterns to guide empiric therapy
- Duration of therapy = 7 days in most cases
- MRSA nasal swab can be helpful to avoid starting or for stopping vancomycin

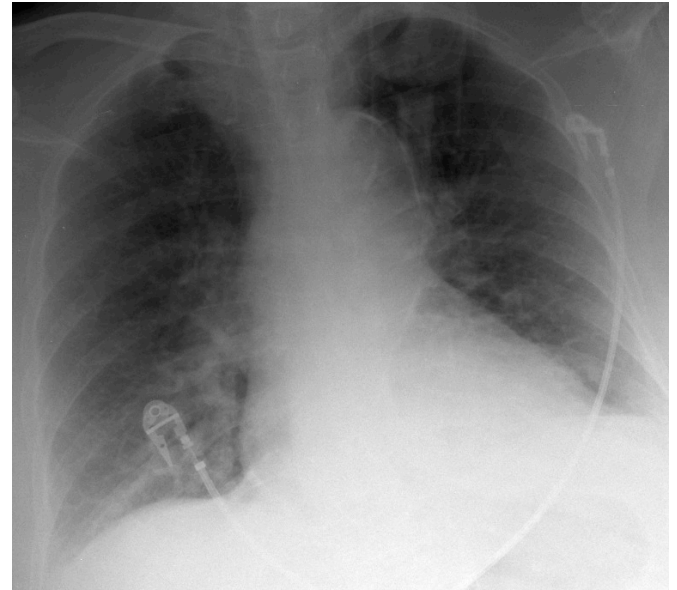
CASE #3

An 89 year-old man with dementia is admitted from home with 2 days of SOB, productive cough. Family reports he has been coughing a lot while eating. He has not been hospitalized or received antibiotics recently.

Afebrile, SaO₂ 94% on RA, WBC 10.

Poor dentition, bibasilar crackles.

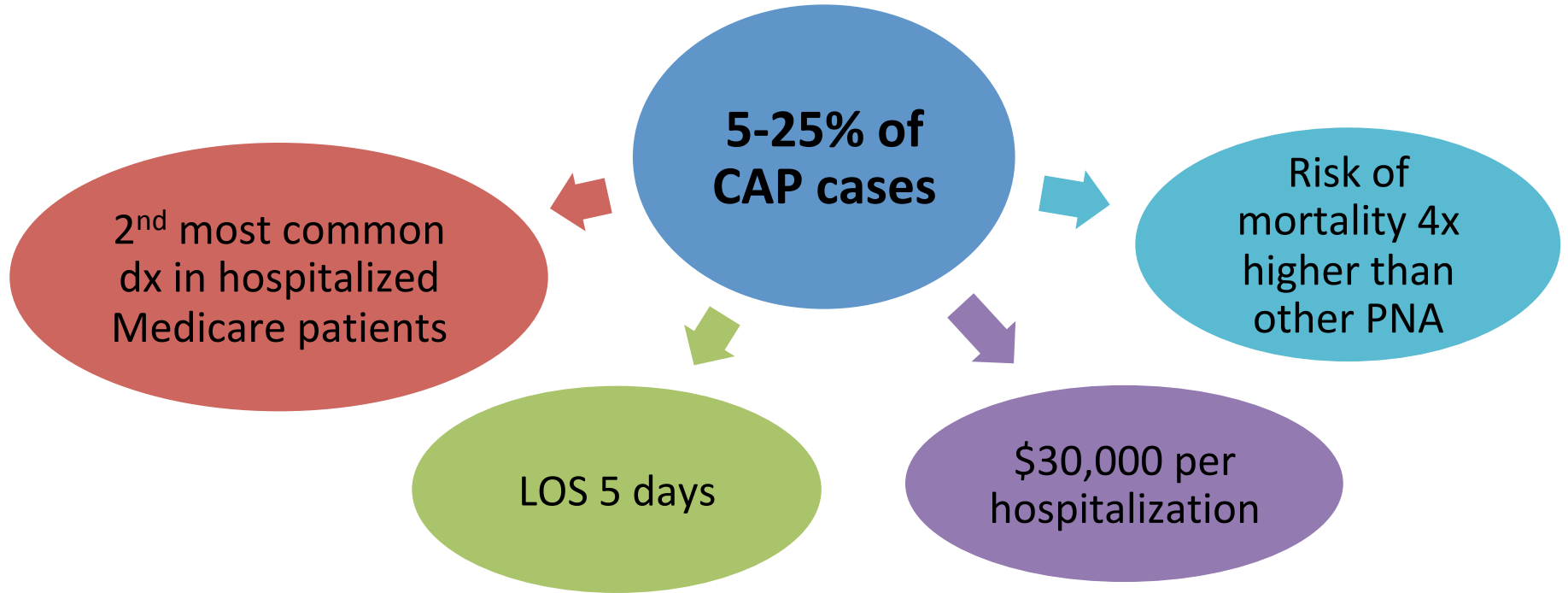
CXR: streaky bibasilar infiltrates



WHAT ANTIBIOTICS WOULD YOU START?

1. No antibiotics
2. Ampicillin/sulbactam
3. Piperacillin/tazobactam
4. Levofloxacin

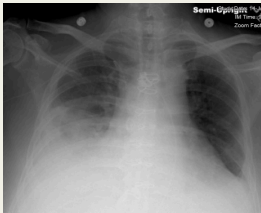
ASPIRATION PNEUMONIA: A MAJOR ISSUE IN HOSPITAL MEDICINE



HISTORY OF ASPIRATION PNA



“Aspiration PNA” likely originally referred to **anaerobic pleuropneumonia** (cavitary PNA, empyema)



Subacute cough, purulent foul-smelling sputum, recent LOC, gingivitis

Micro studies in the 1970s via invasive procedures: >90% involved anaerobes

This syndrome is now rare

Anaerobes are now isolated in aspiration PNA in **<20%**

ASPIRATION PNEUMONIA VS PNEUMONITIS

Aspiration Pneumonia

Frequent aspiration of oral/upper GI contents (colonized w/bacteria), rarely witnessed

Aspiration risk (age, dysphagia, tube feeds, ↓consciousness), poor dental health

Acute onset, normal signs/symptoms of PNA, (classic findings of anaerobic PNA are rare)

CXR: infiltrates in gravity-dependent areas, more commonly on right



Aspiration Pneumonitis

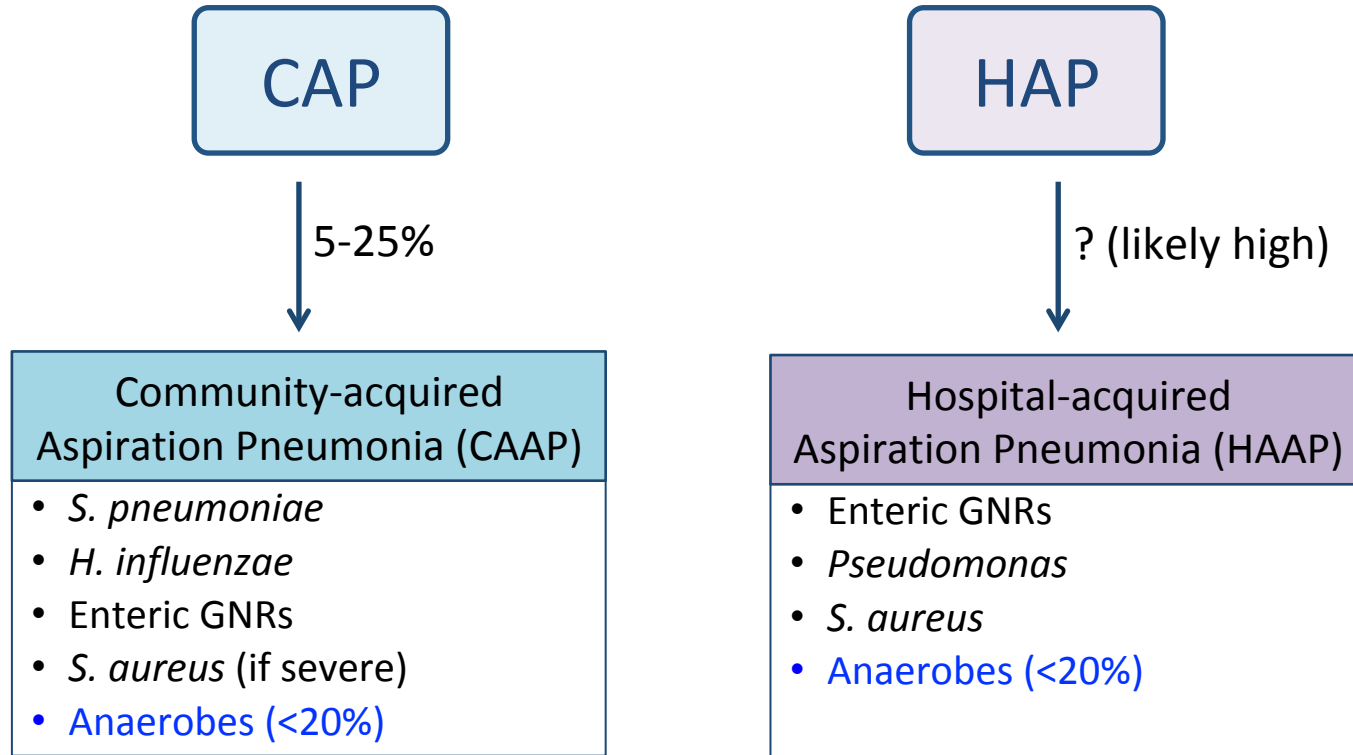
Aspiration of large volume, low pH gastric contents (sterile), usually witnessed

Anesthesia, reduced LOC, usually younger patients

Sudden onset (within hours) of SOB, hypoxia, diffuse wheeze/crackles, +/- ARDS

+/- Abnormal CXR

ASPIRATION PNEUMONIA: PART OF BOTH CAP AND HAP



TREATMENT: IS ANAEROBIC COVERAGE NEEDED?

- **Expert opinion:** varies
- **New IDSA CAP guidelines:** only if suspect lung abscess, empyema
- **IDSA HAP guidelines:** not discussed
- **Most studies** compare anaerobic Abx: no diff (eg moxi vs amp/sulb)
- **Studies suggesting broad anaerobic coverage not needed:**
 - Small prospective study of azithro (n=36) vs amp/sulb (n=81): no difference
 - Recent RCT of cefepime (n=101) vs meropenem (n=86): no difference
 - Both azithro and cefepime cover oral but not gut anaerobes

Bottom line: Choose antibiotics with oral anaerobic coverage → escalate to cover gut anaerobes if ↑ suspicion for anaerobic PNA or severe illness

EMPIRIC RX FOR ASPIRATION PNA IN HOSPITALIZED PATIENTS

Community-acquired Aspiration Pneumonia

- Ceftriaxone (gets oral anaerobes)
- Amp/sulbactam
- Moxifloxacin
- Ertapenem
- Add vanco if severe
- If risk for MDR: see HAAP

Hospital-acquired Aspiration Pneumonia

- GNR coverage as per HAP guidelines:
 - Pip/tazo
 - Cefepime
 - Meropenem
- Vanco (if +MRSA swab)

Aspiration Pneumonitis

- Supportive care
- No benefit of prophylactic antibiotics to prevent development of PNA

Duration 5-7 days based on other PNA studies

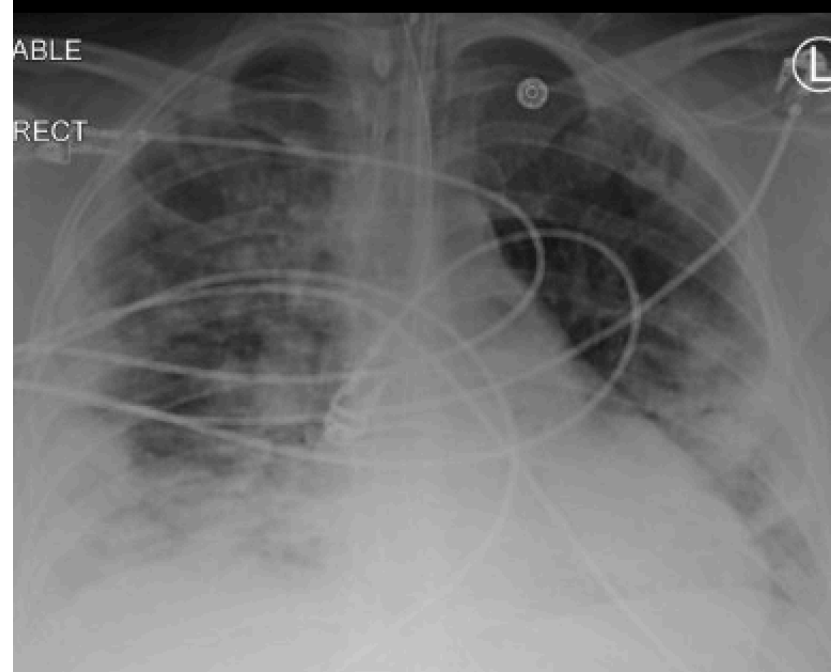
ASPIRATION PNEUMONIA: TAKE-HOME POINTS

- Aspiration PNA is common, especially in the elderly
- Anaerobes are not a major pathogen in most cases
- For CAAP: can use regular CAP antibiotics with oral anaerobic coverage → escalate to cover gut anaerobes if high suspicion for anaerobic PNA or severe illness
- Treat HAAP as per normal HAP guidelines

CASE #4

A 75 year old woman is admitted in January with 5 days of fever, cough, SOB and now has hypoxemic respiratory failure requiring intubation. She had received the influenza vaccine.

- 37.6°C, WBC 15
- Nasopharyngeal swab for influenza PCR is negative



WOULD YOU START EMPIRIC OSELTAMIVIR?

1. No
2. Yes

NEW IDSA GUIDELINES FOR INFLUENZA

Clinical Infectious Diseases

IDSA GUIDELINE



Clinical Practice Guidelines by the Infectious Diseases Society of America: 2018 Update on Diagnosis, Treatment, Chemoprophylaxis, and Institutional Outbreak Management of Seasonal Influenza^a

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MAKING A CLINICAL DIAGNOSIS IS HARD!

- Abrupt onset of fever + cough is >70% sensitive for flu but signs/sx of flu are variable in different populations

	All	Elderly	Immunocompromised
Fever	75%	35%	35-70%
Cough	90%	70%	50-90%

- In ER/inpatient, sensitivity of a provider's clinical diagnosis for flu is **only 30-35%**



BUT SHE GOT THE VACCINE!

- Vaccine effectiveness usually 40-50%, varies based on predominant subtype
 - Influenza B 54%
 - Seasonal H1N1 67%
 - Pandemic H1N1 61%
 - H3N2 33% (good match), 23% (poor match)
- CDC/IDSA: a **history of vaccination should not be used in decision-making about diagnostics or empiric Rx**



DIAGNOSTIC TESTS FOR INFLUENZA

Rapid Antigen Testing



- POCT in clinics, ERs
- ~50-70% sensitive, >90% specific
- Cannot rule out influenza during flu season

Molecular Assays

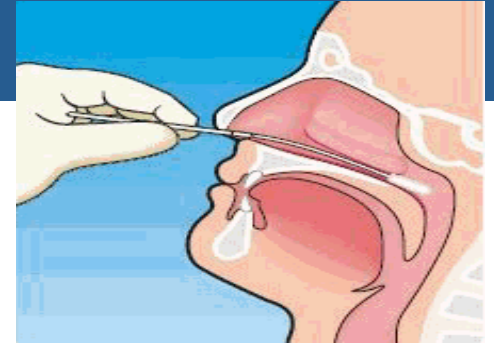


- Most are ~95% sensitive, specific
- Some assays can determine influenza subtypes
- Test of choice (IDSA)

WHICH INPATIENTS SHOULD BE TESTED FOR INFLUENZA? (IDSA)

- All patients admitted with:
 - Acute respiratory illness incl. PNA (**with or without fever**)
 - Acute worsening of a chronic cardiopulmonary disease (COPD, asthma, CAD, CHF)
 - Immunocompromised with undifferentiated fever
- All inpatients who develop an acute respiratory illness *while hospitalized* without an alternative diagnosis

DIAGNOSIS: SAMPLES



- Upper tract samples:
 - NP swab is optimal method
 - Note that shedding ↓ after 3-4 days
 - **Can be negative in up to 40% of critically ill patients** with positive lower tract samples for influenza
- **If critically ill: collect upper and lower tract samples and do not stop empiric therapy until a lower tract sample is negative (IDSA)**

TREATMENT: NEUROMINIDASE INHIBITORS

Drug	Adult dosage	Contraindications	Adverse Effects
Oseltamivir	75mg PO bid x 5 d (renally dose)	None	Nausea/vomiting
Zanamivir	10mg INH bid x 5 d	Respiratory disease (asthma, COPD) Cannot use if intubated	Bronchospasm Cough
Peramivir	600mg IV x 1 (renally dose)	None	Diarrhea

*All given same recommendation in IDSA Guidelines but oseltamivir is the drug of choice

OSELTAMIVIR IN OUTPATIENTS

Efficacy



- Decrease in symptom duration by ~24h
- Decrease in PNA, hospitalizations

Timing



- RCT patients all have symptom duration ≤ 48 h
- The earlier Rx is started \rightarrow the greater the effect

Cost



Cost-effective assuming a benefit in preventing complications, hospitalizations

OSELTAMIVIR IN INPATIENTS



- Treatment of inpatients at <48hrs of symptoms:
 - ↓ mortality by 50-65%
 - But almost 70% of patients hospitalized with influenza present at >48h
- Multiple studies: mortality benefit at >48hrs, even up to 5-7 days
- But earlier is better (emphasis on empiric therapy):
 - Earlier treatment → lower mortality
 - Earlier treatment → shorter LOS
(2.8d if antivirals given <6h from admission vs 3.9d if 6-24h, 5.6d if >24h)

PERAMIVIR (IV)

- FDA approved 2014 for adults with uncomplicated influenza and symptoms <48hrs
- When to use?
 - Any concerns for GI absorption of oseltamivir
 - Note: limited data that oseltamivir is well absorbed in obese and critically ill patients including those on CRRT and ECMO
- How to dose?
 - FDA approved for a single dose in uncomplicated influenza
 - UCSF guidelines: 1-5 days

WHICH INPATIENTS TO TREAT? (IDSA/CDC)

- **All inpatients** with influenza irrespective of duration of symptoms
- For suspected cases, **treat as early as possible** - do not delay while awaiting lab confirmation

INFLUENZA: TAKE HOME POINTS

- Not all patients with influenza have fever - especially elderly, immunocompromised
- PCR testing is the diagnostic method of choice
- In critically ill patients, do not stop empiric therapy until a lower respiratory tract sample is negative
- Treat all inpatients with influenza – treat early, irrespective of symptom duration
- Oseltamivir is the drug of choice for most patients, but remember peramivir is an IV option if needed

ROAD MAP REVISITED: TAKE-HOME POINTS



- CAP: Use risk factors for MRSA and Pseudomonas (rather than HCAP) to guide decisions around expanded Abx
- Hospital acquired pneumonia: treat for 7 days, use the MRSA nasal swab (has high NPV)
- Aspiration pneumonia: usually don't need gut anaerobic coverage
- Influenza: treat all inpatients and treat early and empirically

THANK YOU!

- Questions?

