

Infectious Disease in the ER

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Objectives

- Antibiotic choices
 - Minimizing inpatient burden
 - Making wise choices in the face of resistance
- A Review of the up to date recommendations in treating common ER infections
- The many twists and turns of cellulitis
- Viruses: Why not to treat? When to prevent?



Antibiotics

- Why all the fuss?
- 1/3 of all ED visits are ID related
- #1 or 2 prescriber of PCN's and Cephalosporins
- 142,000 visits per year in the U.S 2nd to adverse effects of abx
- Only 5 new abx have been approved by the FDA in the last 5 years

Antibiotics: Bioavailability

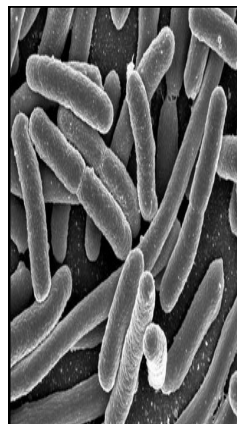
- Bioavailability: percentage of the drug that is absorbed
- One of the key determinants of selecting a PO abx
- High bioavailability allows for outpt treatment
- Divided into 3 categories

Antibiotics: Bioavailability

- Low: not well absorbed
 - A PO agent not for serious infection → nitrofurantoin
- Good: [blood and tissue] < than if given IV
 - [Therapeutic] in excess of [effective] i.e. cephalixin
- High: > 90% absorption orally
 - Ideal to treat serious infections
 - Quinolones, TMP/SMX, linezolid, doxycycline, metronidazole, clindamycin

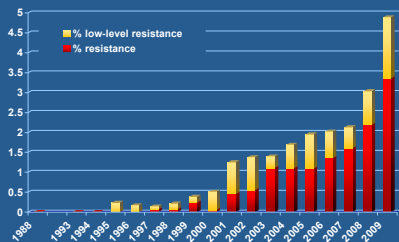
Antibiotics: PO vs IV

- Old habits die hard
- Oral abx with good or high bioavailability achieve [blood/target] in an hour in those with a functioning mouth and gut
- IM injections lead to lower but prolonged [serum]
- The envelope is being pushed for PO ABX
 - outpatient PO febrile neutropenic treatment guidelines



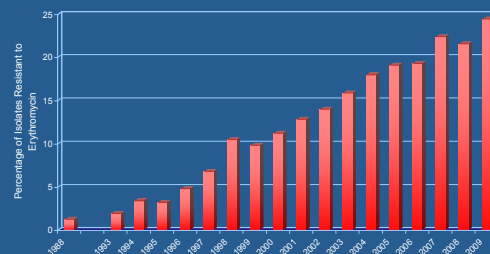
THE BUGS

Percentage of Amoxicillin Non-Susceptible *S. pneumoniae* in Canada: 1988-2009



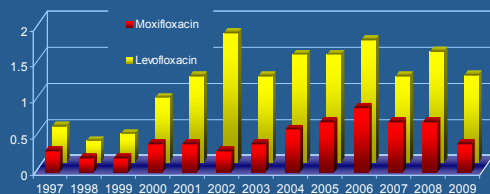
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Macrolide-Resistant Pneumococci: Canadian Bacterial Surveillance Network, 1988-2009



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Fluoroquinolone-Resistant Pneumococci: Canadian Bacterial Surveillance Network, 1997-2009



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Antibiotic resistance: keep treating viruses

- Pharyngitis 80-90% viral
 - If strep score $\geq 4 \rightarrow$ + Strep in 51%
- AOM \rightarrow 80-90% resolve in 48-72 hours
- Sinusitis is viral 98% of the time
- Bronchitis & whiplash- I hate these terms
 - 90% viral
 - stop smoking
- Why are wait times correlated to patient entitlement to antibiotics?

Antibiotic Therapeutic Principles

- **Collateral damage**
 - The adverse effect of antibiotics →
 - Selection of drug resistant organisms (VRE/ESBL/MRSA)
 - Colonization with an alternate infection (Cdiff)
 - Take an antibiotic history from the past 3/12
 - Avoid the broad spectrum big guns



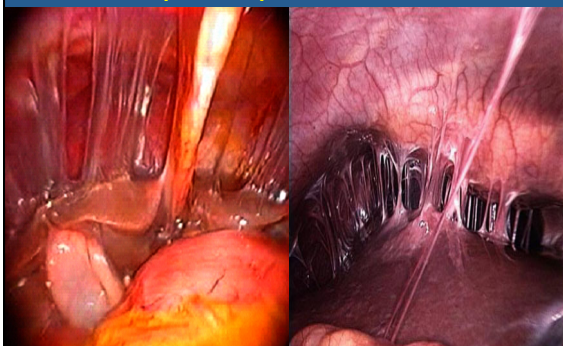
Case 1: Handover

- 32 y.o female RUQ pain
 - T 38 BP 120/80 HR 88
 - WBC 12 AST/ALT ~50 BHCG negative
 - Awaiting US
 - Handover instructions:
 - Refer to surgery if cholecystitis
 - D/c home if US normal

Case 1: Handover

- US:
 - No evidence of gallstones
 - Thickened fluid filled fallopian tubes and minimal free fluid
- Re-examine patient
 - New sexual partner/ hx STI in the past
 - CMT/adnexal tenderness
 - Endocervical swab + Chlamydia
- Diagnosis: Fitz-Hugh Curtis syndrome/PID

FHC: perihepatic adhesions



PID: The facts

- Affects 11% of women of reproductive age
- 2/3 go unrecognized
- Scandinavian Cohort 1960-1985
- In patients with ≥ 1 episode of PID:
 - 1/5 had infertility
 - 1/4 had a recurrence
 - 1/10 – 1st pregnancy after episode of PID was ectopic
 - 1/4 have chronic pelvic pain
- This is a bad disease

PID: Definition

CDC definition

- Abdo or pelvic pain in sexually active women/no other cause identified with ≥ 1 of the following:
 - Adnexal tenderness
 - CMT
 - Uterine tenderness
- Additional criteria
 - Elevated temperature (1/3), ESR/CRP, + swabs and US
- Low threshold to treat and dx

Design of the PID Evaluation and Clinical Health (PEACH) Study Effectiveness of Treatment Strategies of Some Women With Pelvic Inflammatory Disease

A Randomized Trial

831 women with PID multicenter RCT: 7 years follow up
 Inpatients: IV cefoxitin + doxy
 Outpatients: IM Cefoxitin/ po probenacid + doxy

RESULTS:

No difference in pregnancy rates, infertility, chronic pelvic pain or ectopic pregnancies
 No outcome difference in patients with fever, severe pain or increased WBC

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Infection Type	Recommended Regimen	Pregnancy	Penicillin Allergy
Chlamydia (uncomplicated)	Azithromycin 1g po single dose or Doxycycline 100mg po bid X 7	Amoxicillin 500mg po tid X 7days Or Azithromycin 1g po Or Erythromycin 2g/day po X 7d	Azithromycin 1g po single dose or Doxycycline 100mg po bid X 7

Canadian Guidelines on Sexually Transmitted Infections 2010

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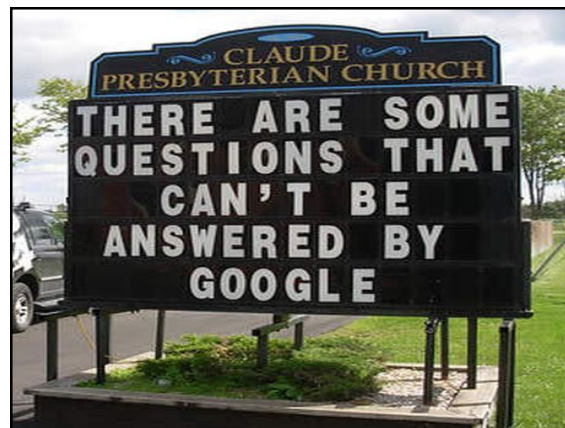
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PID (outpatient) -/u in 48-72 hr if no improvement- parenteral therapy	Ceftriaxone 250-500mg IM or Cefixime 800 mg PLUS Doxy 100mg bid X 14 d +/- Metronidazole	Consider inpatient treatment?	Spectinomycin 2g IM + Doxy 100mg po bid X 14d +/- metro 500 mg po bid X 14 d

Canadian Guidelines on Sexually Transmitted Infections 2010



PID: Treatment

- Quinolone resistance in Ontario: Cipro is out
- Higher Ceftriaxone and Cefixime doses
- No single dose azithromycin for PID
- PID Inpatient:
 - IV cefoxitin 2 g q6h /doxycycline 100mg q12
 - IV clindamycin 900mg q8h + IV gentamycin
- Treat partners in past 60 days regardless of symptoms/test results
 - and no sex for 7 days



Case 2: Pyelonephritis

- 24 y.o female dysuria and frequency x 3days
 - Now c/o right flank pain/nausea/vomit X1
 - Lying down on a fast track stretcher
 - Looks unwell
 - T 38.8 HR 110 BP 124/83
 - Right CVA tenderness
- Can we send her home on oral antibiotics?

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Antibiotic resistance in *Escherichia coli* outpatient urinary isolates: final results from the North American Urinary Tract Infection Collaborative Alliance (NAUTICA)

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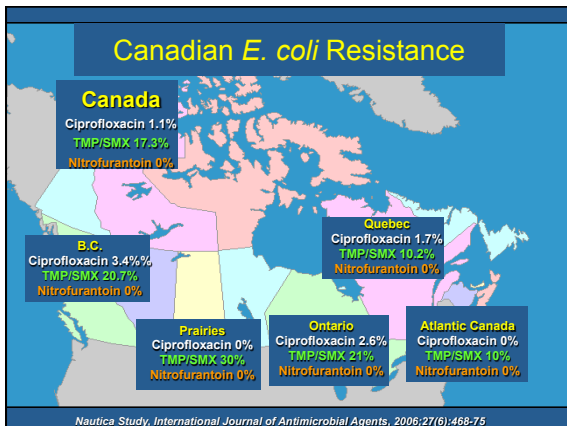
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Abstract

The North American Urinary Tract Infection Collaborative Alliance (NAUTICA) study determined the antibiotic susceptibility to commonly used agents for urinary tract infections of outpatient *Escherichia coli* urinary isolates obtained from various geographic regions in the USA and Canada. NAUTICA involved 40 medical centres (30 from the USA and 10 from Canada). From April 2001 to June 2004 inclusive, each centre submitted up to 50 consecutive outpatient midstream urine isolates. All isolates were identified to species level by each laboratory's existing protocol. Susceptibility testing was determined using the Clinical and Laboratory Standards Institute (CLSI) microdilution method. Ampicillin resistance $\geq 32 \mu\text{g/ml}$, trimethoprim-azithromycin (SME/TMP) resistance $\geq 1 \mu\text{g/ml}$, nitrofurantoin resistance $\geq 128 \mu\text{g/ml}$, ciprofloxacin resistance $\geq 1 \mu\text{g/ml}$, and levofloxacin resistance $\geq 8 \mu\text{g/ml}$ resistance breakpoints used were those published by the CLSI. Of the 1142 *E. coli* collected, 75.5% (862) were collected from the USA and 280 (24.5%) were from Canada. Patient demographics revealed a mean age of 48.1 years (range, 2 months to 99 years), with female patients representing 79.4% of patients and males representing 20.6%. Overall, resistance to ampicillin was 37.7%, followed by SME/TMP (21.2%), nitrofurantoin (11.1%), ciprofloxacin (5.5%) and levofloxacin (5.1%). Resistance rates for all antimicrobials were higher in US medical centres compared with Canadian centres ($P < 0.05$). Fluoroquinolone resistance was highest in patients ≥ 65 years of age ($P < 0.05$). Resistance rates demonstrated considerable geographic variability both in the USA and Canada. This study reports higher rates of antibiotic resistance in US versus Canadian outpatient urinary isolates of *E. coli* and documents the continuing evolution of resistance to antimicrobial agents.

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“Evaluation for the outpt treatment of uncomplicated pyelonephritis”

- **RULE OF TWO's**
 - 2 L of IV Fluids
 - 2 g of ceftriaxone IV or 2X/day cipro or TMP/SMX
 - 2 Tylenol #3
 - 2 glasses of water
 - 2 hours of observation
 - 2 days- follow up within

IDSA GUIDELINES

International Clinical Practice Guidelines for the Treatment of Acute Uncomplicated Cystitis and Pyelonephritis in Women: A 2010 Update by the Infectious Diseases Society of America and the European Society for Microbiology and Infectious Diseases

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UTI: **Macrobid 100 mg BID x 5 day**
 Septra 1 T DS BID x 3 days
 2nd line Cipro 250 mg BID x 3days

Pyelonephritis: Cipro 500 mg BID x 7 days
Levofloxacin 750 mg X 5 days
 Septra 1 T DS BID X 14 d (< 20% resist)

Inpatient Pyelo: IV FQ, IV 3rd gen ceph or IV Gent +/- amp



Case 3: Cellulitis

- 32 y.o healthy male presents with left leg redness X 3 days
 - Seen at WIC 2 days ago put on cephalexin 500mg qid
 - Returns because redness has increased up leg
 - Apparent cellulitis without abscess on exam

Case 3: Cellulitis

- Treatment Options?
 - Keep on going with the cephalexin?
 - Switch to a different PO abx?
 - Probenacid + Ancef + CCAC
 - Do we need a big gun abx?

Case 4: Cellulitis

- What is the most underrated non pharmacologic treatment for cellulitis?



Once-Daily Intravenous Cefazolin Plus Oral Probenecid Is Equivalent to Once-Daily Intravenous Ceftriaxone Plus Oral Placebo for the Treatment of Moderate-to-Severe Cellulitis in Adults

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Randomized Double blind trial: 60 patients in each group
 Follow up at end of treatment and 1/12
 Similar rates of clinical cure with similar # of doses
Conclusion: use of less expensive option is appropriate for mod-severe cellulitis and it avoids need for 3rd generation cephalosporin

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Case 4: The Hockey Player

- 22 y.o hockey player notices redness around left wrist a few hours after finishing a hockey game
 – Are you concerned?
- Given a script for cephalexin 500 mg po QID and told to return to the ER the next day for f/u
- Returns the following day with a weeping cellulitis with abscess formation
- Diagnosis: MRSA infection

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A Menace In the Locker Room

MRSA, a strain of antibiotic-resistant staphylococcus once confined to hospitals, is striking athletes at an alarming rate and with dire consequences

By Phil Taylor

It was just a tiny red mark on Chris Bettine's right calf -- a bug bite, he thought, when he noticed it in January of last year, or maybe an ingrown hair. He had endured far nastier welts than that during his high school and college wrestling career, and even during his two seasons as an assistant coach at Pendleton (Ore.) High he had often come away with worse scrapes and scratches after getting down on the mat with the kids at practice. A gingivitis on his calf? Hardly worth a second thought.

But a couple of days later at a Pendleton meet, he noticed that the mark had grown bigger and a bit painful, and by the time he went to bed that Saturday night, it was about the circumference of a baseball and starting to throb. Still, he waited until Monday morning to see a doctor, who



Case 5: The new millennium

- 33 y.o female presents to the ER with a suprapatellar abscess around her L knee
- PMHX: Nil Meds Nil NKDA
- O/E small fluctuant abscess from a "bite"
 - ? Secondary cellulitis
- Treated with I and D + 2g Ancef
- 2 days later she returned because worsening redness
 - Put on Septra 1 tab DS BID x 7d and swab obtained

Case 5: The new millennium

- Culture: MRSA + (R) TMP/SMX Clinda(S) RN to call PT and change script?
- Patient advised to return to ER as she had a severe headache, neck pain
- O/E: Looks horrible
- Meningismus, jolt, severe distress
- Temp 36.6 123/82 18 95 100%
- Knee "much better" No redness, abscess, no signs septic joint
- What next?

Bacterial Meningitis Treatment

- Dexamethasone: 0.15 mg/kg (10 mg) q6h x 2 -4 d
- Vancomycin 2 g iv q12h
 - plus
 - Ceftriaxone 2 g iv q12h
- Add ampicillin 2g iv q4h if possible Listeria: elderly, alcoholic, immunocompromised

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Case 5: Back to Our patient

- CT head Normal
- Labs WBC 3.8 Lactate 1.0 lytes cr, coags N
- LP : 100 WBC (87% lymph's)
- Gram stain neg Blood cultures neg X 2
- Diagnosis: Aseptic Meningitis?
- Patient discharged from 2 days later prompt recovery
- Why?

Case 5: DIAM

- Diagnosis of exclusion → treat infectious causes
- Signs and symptoms begin 24-48hrs after initiation of the medication
- The clinical recovery should be rapid after cessation of the drug (24-48hr)
- Repeat reactions are likely and symptoms are more severe and have shorter latency period
- Can occur in pt's who previously tolerated the medication

Case 5: DIAM

- Classes of Drugs
 - ABX: **Septra** (most common), Cephalosporins, pcn, clinda, flagly, INH
 - NSAIDS "motrin meningitis" (2nd most common)
 - Vaccines: IVIG, Hep B, MMR
 - Others Carbamazepine, Azathioprine, intrathecal agents
- Often there is an underlying autoimmune condition associated with the patient ie SLE



Case 6: Summer time blues

- 18 y.o healthy male up at the cottage
 - Stung by a bee on his right thigh
 - Visits a WIC 8 hrs later→ script for cephalixin
 - Increased redness at 24hrs return to WIC
 - Sent to ER for IV antibiotics
 - Given cefazolin /probenacid for 2 days
 - No improvement, 4th MD assessment
 - What do you do?
 - What if it was a mammalian bite?

Do Mammalian Bites Require Antibiotic Prophylaxis?

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SYSTEMATIC REVIEW SOURCE
This is a systematic review abstract, a regular feature of the *Annals' Evidence-Based Emergency Medicine (EBEM) series. Each feature is an abstract of a systematic review.*

STUDY SELECTION
Published and unpublished manuscripts, letters, and abstracts were considered for inclusion. Studies were selected for randomized clinical trials or quasirandomized trials of antibiotics versus placebo or no intervention, started within 24 hours of injury with no clinical signs of infection. Included trials produced data including overall incidence of infection (presumed or microbiologically confirmed); some studies also included information on site of wound, aggressor species, and type of wound.

DATA EXTRACTION
Two investigators extracted data independently.

OBJECTIVE
To antibiotic use, duration of antibiotic use, site effects, assessment of patient compliance, infection rates in both groups of patients, assessment of the outcomes, local care (before and after the visit to emergency departments), suturing of the injury, time of follow-up, drop out, and cost analysis.

Review of the Cochrane meta analysis of 8 RCT's of 674 patients with mammalian bites. Antibiotics prophylaxis associated with statistically significant reduction of infection in wounds of human bites BUT not dog or cat bites. Antibiotics useful for all hand bites. NNT 4 to prevent 1 hand bite infection 95% CI (2-50)

Bites

Criteria	Dog Bites
Organism	P. multocida C. capnocytophagia S. Aureus
Infection rate	Similar to non bite lacerations ~ 5% Police dogs worse
Treatment	Amox/clav 500 TID Ceftriaxone or Pipp/Tazo Rabies?
Notes	No evidence to treat empirically Treat hand bites/IC only Can close most lacerations

Bites

Criteria	Cat Bites
Organism	P. multocida S. aureus
Infection rate	80 % get infected
Treatment	Amox/clav 500 TID Ceftriaxone 1m/IV
Notes	Prophylactic treatment for all P. mult occurs early with 24 hrs

Bites

Criteria	Human Bites
Organism	Strep viridans S. epidermidis E. corrodens Cornebacterium
Infection rate	"Bacterial load of mouth is similar to feces" > 10 %
Treatment	Amox/clav Ceftriaxone + metronidazole HBIG
Notes	Treat through/through lacerations Clean/Irrigate X-ray: CFI 38% fight bite patient's lie about the mechanism



Case 7: The referral note

- Please assess the 20 y.o male who had an I & D of a sebaceous cyst of the neck one year ago
- Not been seen in 1 year
- Apparently the wound has not healed and worse
- He needs another I & D of the opposite site and possibly a plastics referral for a skin graft
- My thoughts.....



Case 7: The referral note

- What else do you want to know?



Case 7: Scrofula

- TB is the oldest documented Infectious disease ever documented
- King's evil: Scrofula could be cured by the touch of a monarch
- Scrofula is TB of the cervical lymph nodes and adjacent skin
- Most cases in N. America are pulmonary
- 50 % of cases are from immunocompromised hosts

Case 7: Scrofula

- Firm, rubbery node that is matted "cold abscess"
- Non tender slightly fluctuant with purple hue
- Drains infrequently and 1/3 bilateral
- DDX:
 - sebaceous cyst, TGDC or brachial cleft cyst, malignancy (lymphoma, mets)
 - Infectious: cat scratch, viral, fungal

Scrofula: Diagnosis and Treatment

- PPD + in 85%
- Pulmonary TB in 10-24% → Do CXR
- FNA
- Standard precautions
- Treat like pulmonary TB
 - INH, Rifampin, Ethambutol, Pyrazinamide
- Responds very well to treatment
- But he did not travel

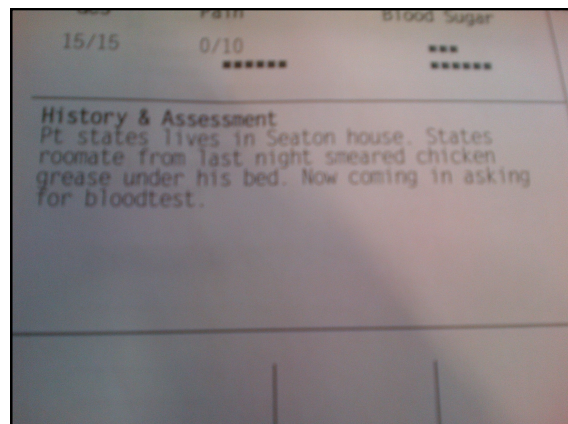
Case 7: Travel Related Illness

- You do not have to travel to get a "travellers related" disease
 - They come to you
- Ethnically profile your patients
- Consider domestic causes of fever
- Never forget malaria: most common febrile TRI
- Remember SARS
 - When in doubt isolate



"Don't Get Bit,
Don't Do It,
Don't Get Lit,
Don't Eat @#&%!"

Dr Jay Keystone's travel wisdom



Case 8: The Needlestick

- 27 y.o PGY 2 sustained an injury while injecting a wound on an homeless substance abuser
- He washes it out thoroughly
- What else do you want to know?
 - HIV status? Risk factors?
 - Needle type?
 - How deep was the puncture?
- Would you recommend HIV PEP?
 - Would you take it?

Case 8: The Needlestick

- Only one documented and two possible occupation exposures in Canada (2003)
- Feces, saliva, mucous, tears, vomit, urine all low risk unless blood tainted
- Long term adverse outcome with triple therapy 1:5000 and death in 1:15,000-50,000
- Build a Bayeseian model to quantify risk in the context of everyday life
- What are your chances of dying in the next 365 days?

Table 1. Risks in everyday life

Risk of dying in the next 12 months

Overall risk of dying in the next 12 months (all causes) 1/3 000

Specific causes of death in the next 12 months

- from a lightning strike 1/2 000 000
- in an accident in your bathtub or shower 1/1 000 000
- from a previously unknown allergy to a prescribed drug 1/1 000 000
- by choking to death on food 1/160 000
- in a bicycle accident (if you own a bicycle) ~~1/90 000~~ 1/100 000
- from toxic shock if you use tampons 1/100 000
- by drowning 1/50 000
- from a fire 1/50 000
- as a pedestrian hit by a car or truck 1/40 000
- in a work-related accident (office workers) 1/37 000
- from a fall 1/20 000
- in a work-related accident (overall) 1/11 000
- by being murdered 1/11 000
- while jogging (average 2 h/wk) 1/10 000
- in a road accident 1/6 000
- from any kind of accident 1/3 000

Other risks

- risk of dying on your next commercial jet flight 1/5 000 000
- lifetime risk of being on a bridge when it collapses 1/4 600 000
- risk of dying if you get influenza 1/5 000
- risk of being diagnosed with cancer in the next 12 months (overall death rate 50%) 1/3 600
- risk of being diagnosed with lung cancer in the next 12 months if you are (or were) a smoker (overall death rate about 90%) 1/250
- risk of having a heart attack in the next 12 months if you are over 35 years of age 1/77

Adapted from: Gordon L. The Book of Risks: Fascinating Facts About the Chances We Take Every Day; John Wiley & Sons Inc.; 1994.

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Should emergency departments offer postexposure prophylaxis for non-occupational exposure to HIV?

Editorials / Commentaries

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Table 1. Estimated risk of infection after exposure to an HIV positive source

Type of exposure	Per-contact risk	Reference
Receptive anal intercourse, asymptomatic source	0.008-0.032	<7*
Receptive anal intercourse (1+ HIV infection)	0.1-0.3	<8*
Invasive anal intercourse	0.0003	<9*
Receptive vaginal intercourse	0.0005-0.002	<4, 10-13*
Invasive vaginal intercourse	0.0003-0.0009	<10-13*
Oral intercourse*	Not quantified, low risk. Increased risk if lesions or sores in mouth	<3, 14*
Needle sharing	0.0007 (mathematical modelling data)	<15*
Occupational percutaneous exposure	0.003	<1*
Bite	No contact with blood — low risk	<3, 11, 15*

* Case reports in literature. Identified as an independent risk factor in 3 of 24 epidemiologic studies.

Case 8: The Needlestick

- 27 y.o PGY 2 sustained an injury while injecting a wound on an homeless substance abuser
- He washes it out thoroughly
- What else do you want to know?
 - HIV status? Risk factors- LOTS
 - 25 gauge needle
 - Pierced glove, no obvious bleeding
- What are his odds of contracting HIV?

Step A. Identify source population (choose one):

Source	
Known HIV carrier: Acute AIDS illness*	1
Asymptomatic	10
Unknown HIV status: High-risk situation	100
Low-risk situation (other)	1000

A value = _____

Step B. Identify inoculum type (choose one):

Inoculum	
Fresh blood	1
Bulk blood at risk (e.g., serrat)	10
Dried old blood	100
Low-risk scenarios (tears, saliva, urine)	1000

B value = _____

Step C. Identify method of transmission (choose one):

Transmission	
Intravenous	1
Deep intramuscular	10
Deep intramuscular with visible bleeding at site	100
Superficial intramuscular with no visible bleeding	200
Mucosal contact only	1000
Intact skin	10000

C value = _____

Total score (Z) = A x B x C = _____ AND Basic risk = 1 / Z = _____

Step D. Estimate volume of inoculum (choose one):

Modifier	
Massive (e.g., transfusion)	100
Massive (1-1 mL)	10
Moderate (large bore hollow needle > 22 g)	5
Small (small bore hollow needle < 22 g)	3
Trace surface only (e.g., suture needle)	1

Total risk = Basic risk x Modifier (D) = _____

A = 100
B = 1
C = 200
BASIC RISK = 1/A x B x C = 1/20,000
D (MODIFIER) = 3
TOTAL RISK = 3/20,000

*This stage AIDS, hospitalised, known high viral load, diagnosed HIV, HIV(1) RNA(+) test, unknown result, etc. high level prevalence of HIV

Fig 1. Risk Assessment Identification Protocol (RAIP) for possible HIV exposure

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Risk Assessment Stratification Protocol (RASP) to help patients decide on the use of postexposure prophylaxis for HIV exposure

Editorials / Commentaries

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Table 2. Risk level and treatment recommendation

Risk level	Suggested treatment
< 1/1000	Definitely indicated
1/1000-1/10 000	Recommended but optional
1/10 000-1/100 000	Optional but not recommended
> 1/100 000	Not indicated



- ### Summary
- Choose your outpatient antibiotics wisely
 - Know your bioavailability of the drug
 - Know your target organism and resistance patterns
 - Know your infection
 - PID is mostly an outpatient problem
 - Quinolones are out for STD's
 - Err on the side of caution: over treat PID
 - Pyelonephritis often is an outpatient problem
 - Be weary of local resistance patterns to TMP/SMX
 - Rule of two's: Not violated → D/C

- ### Summary
- SSTI are evolving
 - Re-think the impulse to write cephalexin X 7d
 - MRSA has to be considered for every SSTI
 - Treat abscesses properly
 - Septra: as if SJS wasn't enough
 - You don't have to travel to get a TRI
 - Ethnically profile your patients
 - Consider a new approach to HIV PEP
 - Empower patients to aid in the decision process

