

Antimicrobial Stewardship: Concepts & Applications

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Objectives

- Explain trends in antimicrobial resistance
- Describe the goals of antimicrobial stewardship programs (ASPs)
- Evaluate strategies used in achieving a successful ASP
- Recognize opportunities to apply antimicrobial stewardship concepts

Audience Survey

- How many of you have an Antimicrobial Stewardship program at your institution?
- How many are in the process of implementing Antimicrobial Stewardship at your institution?

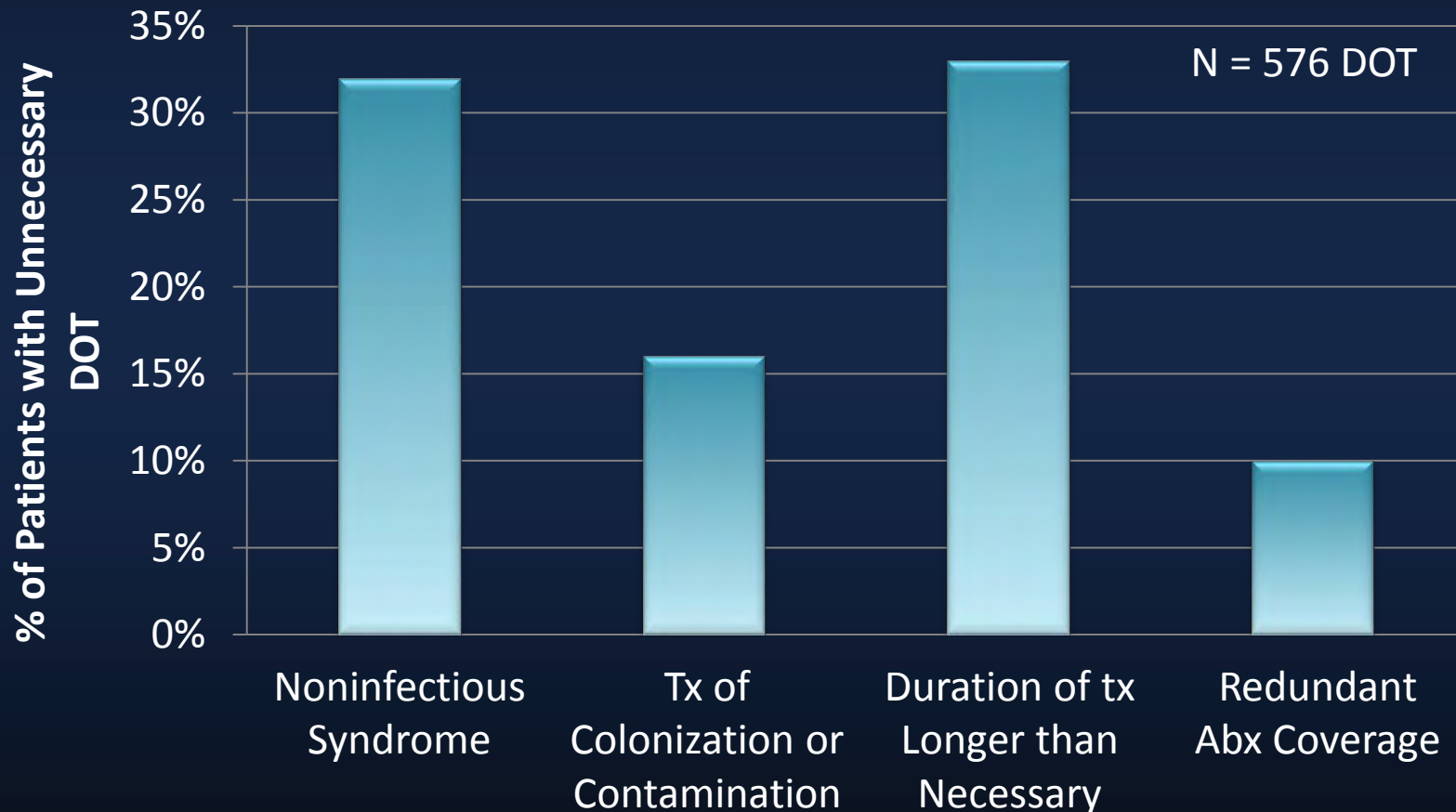
Era of Untreatable Infections

New York, NY: A 56 yo septic man in the ICU with blood culture positive for *Acinetobacter baumannii* complex

•Pip/tazo	>128/4	Resistant
•Ceftazidime	> 64	Resistant
•Cefepime	> 64	Resistant
•Imipenem	>16	Resistant
•Gentamicin	>16	Resistant
•Amp/sulb	16	Intermediate
•Ciprofloxacin	>4	Resistant
•Amikacin	96	Resistant
•Levofloxacin	>8	Resistant
•SMX/TMP	40	Susceptible
•Polymyxin B	24	Resistant
•Tigecycline	24	Resistant

“50% of antimicrobial use is either unnecessary or inappropriate.”

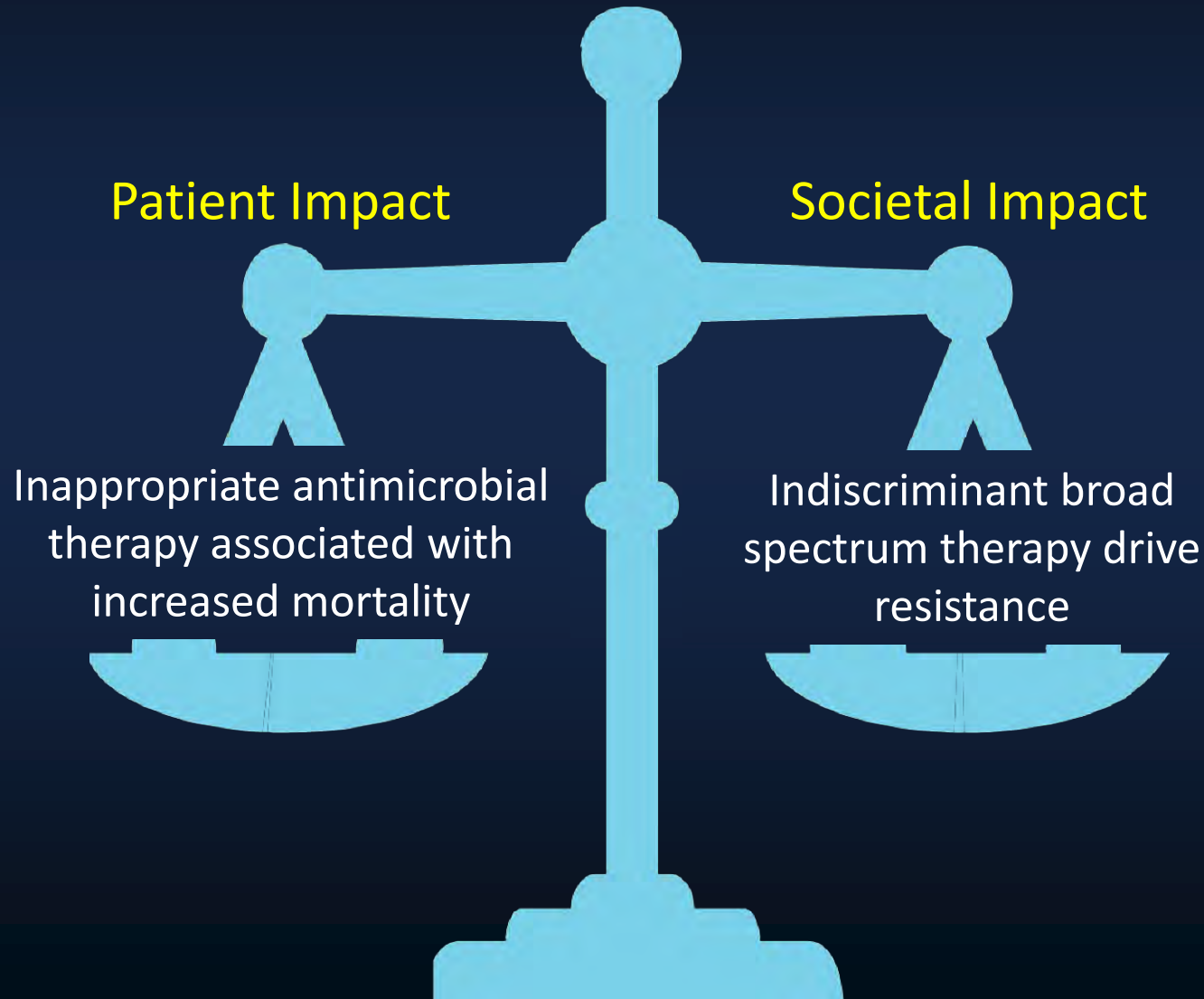
Most Common Reasons for Unnecessary Therapy



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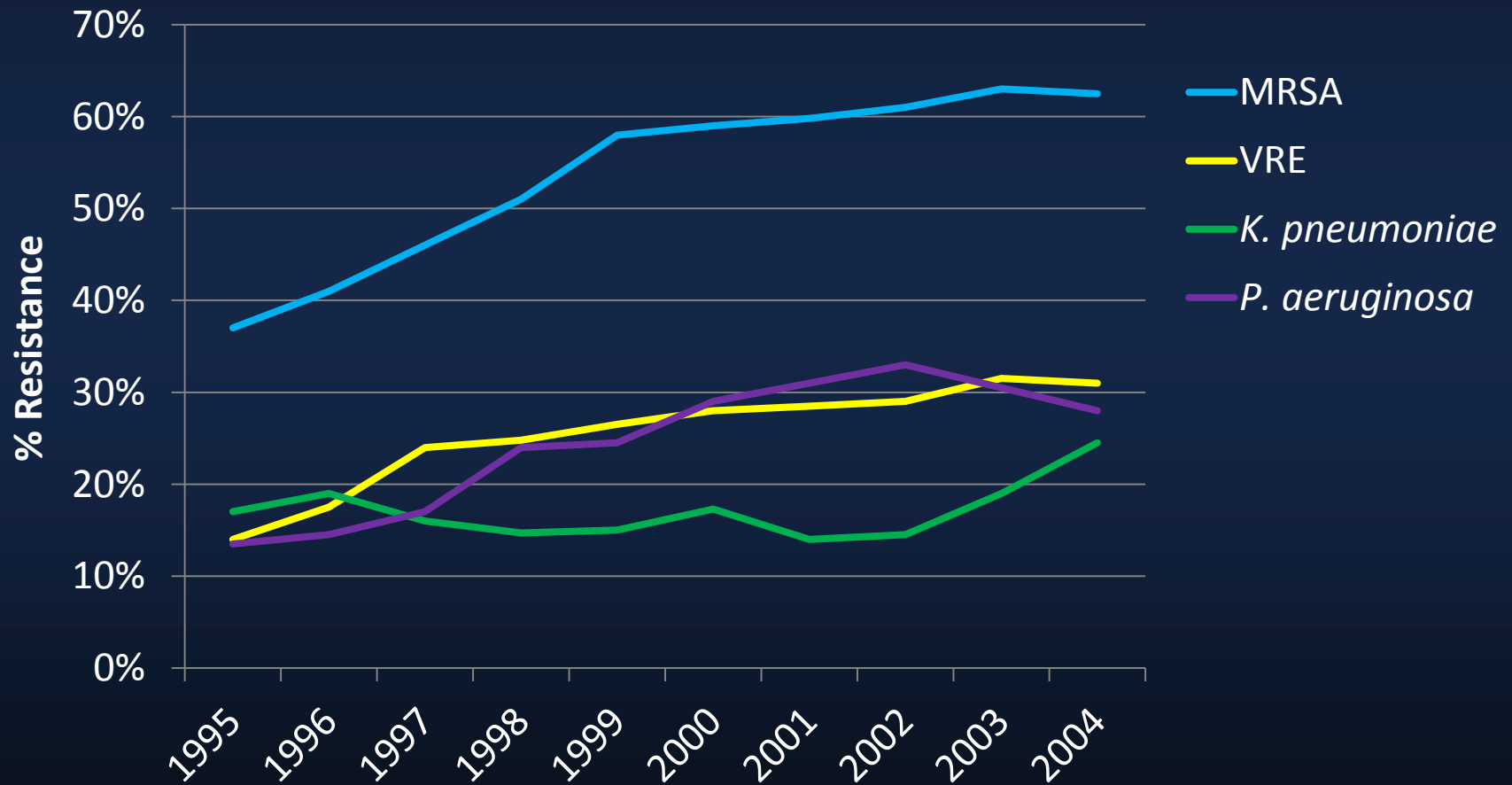
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Balancing the Antimicrobial Impact

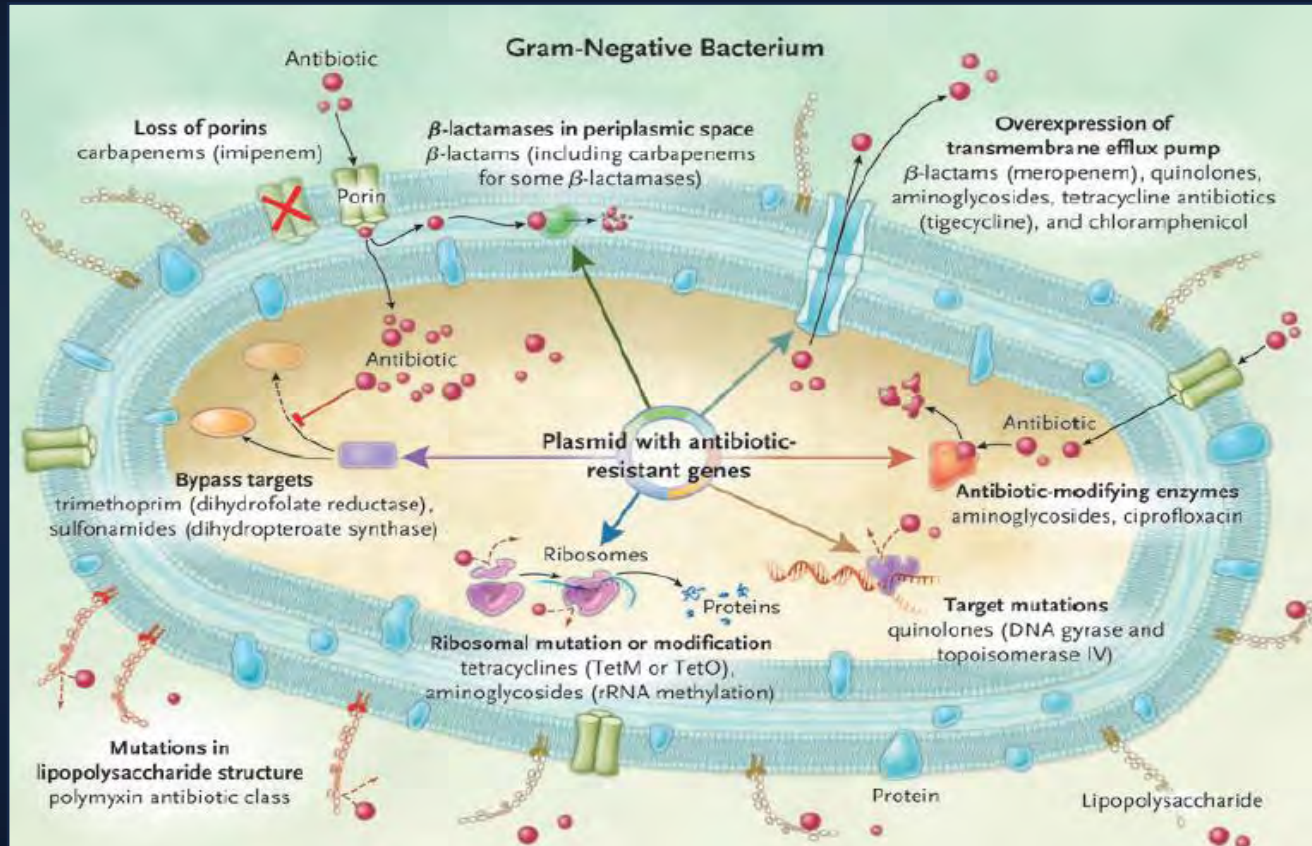


Resistance is on the Rise

Resistance Among ICU Patients



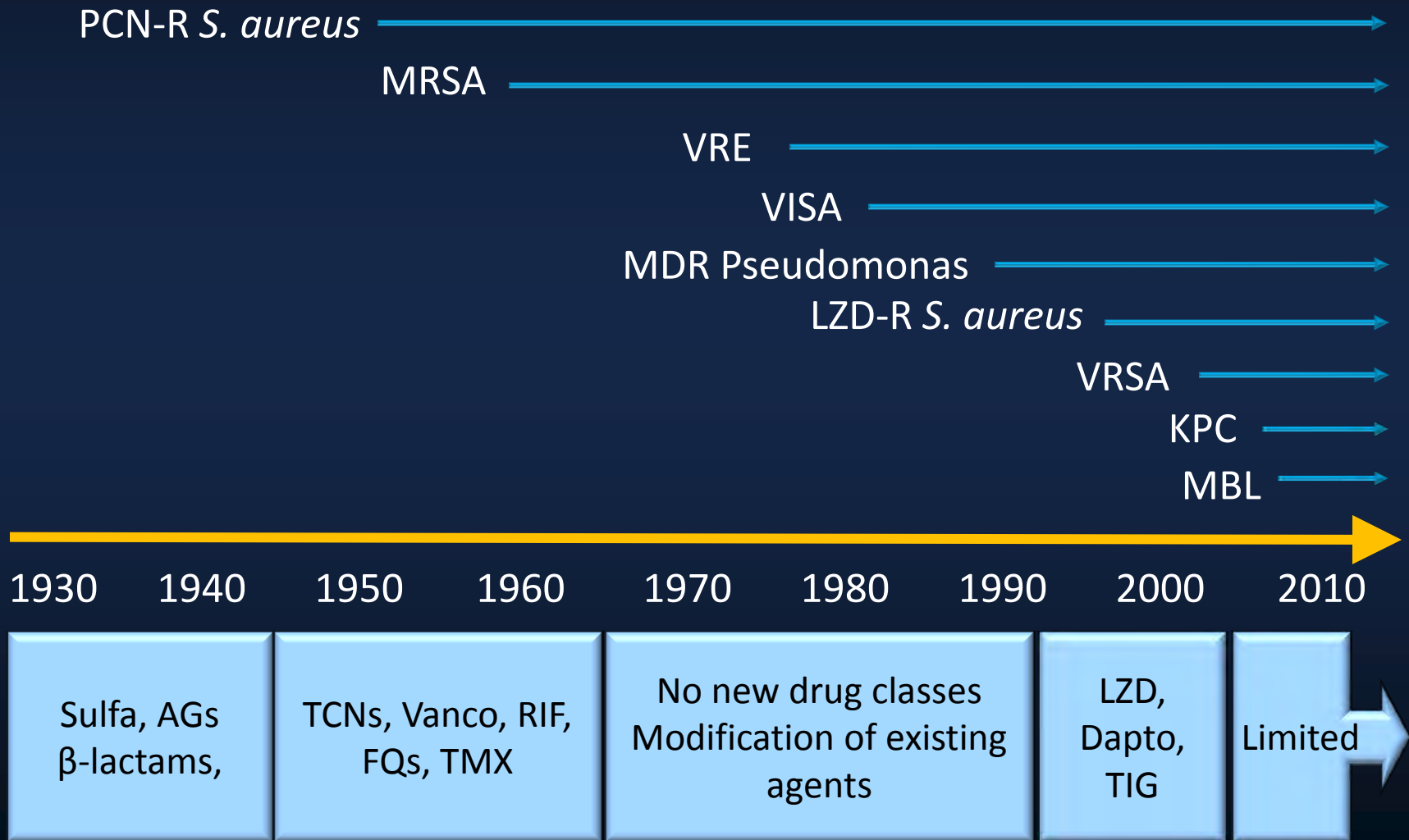
Mechanisms of Resistance



“You must not fight too often with one enemy or you will teach him all your art of war.”

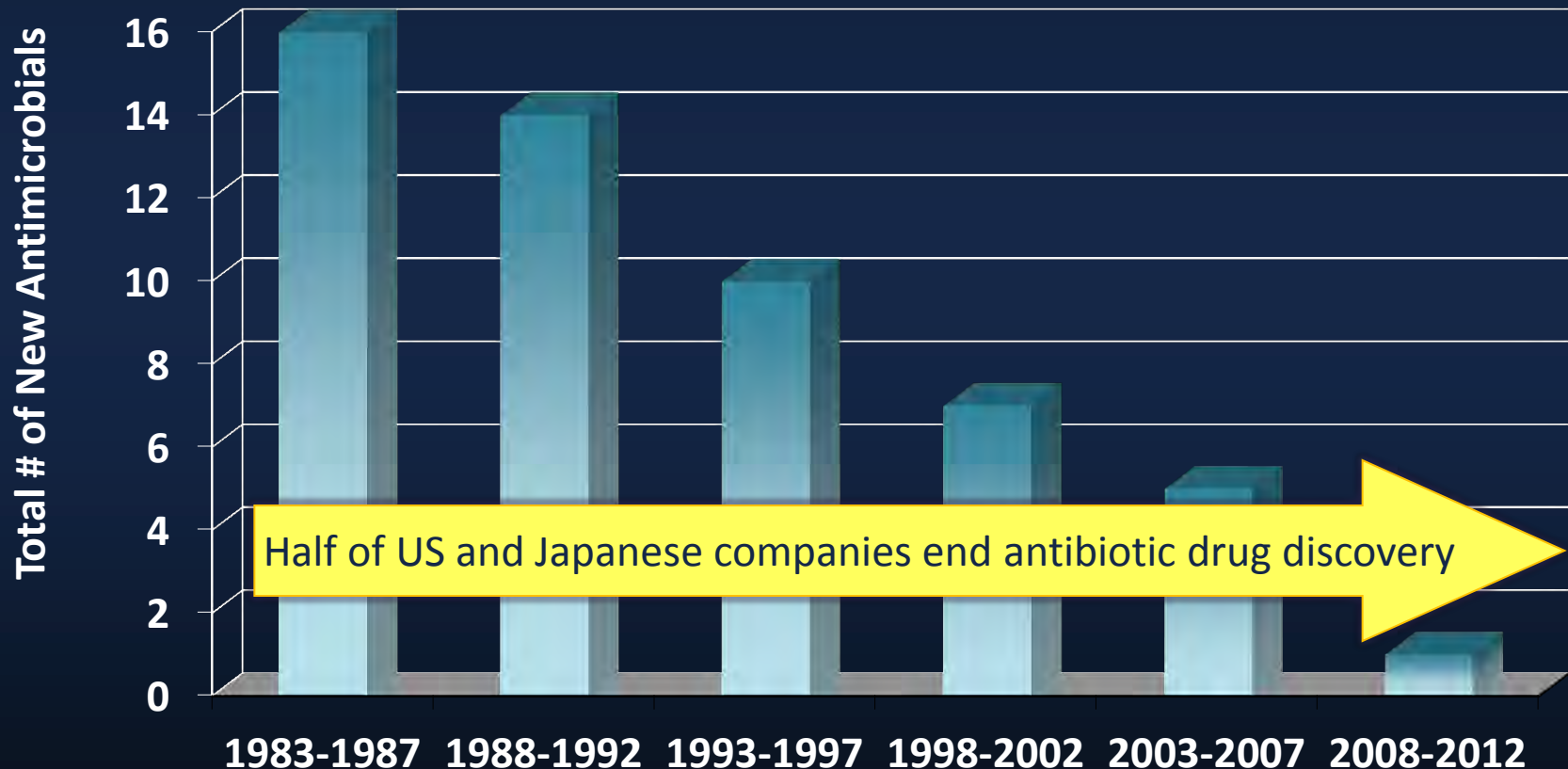
-- Napoleon Bonaparte

Antimicrobial Resistance Has Surpassed Antibiotic Development



And Then There Were None...

United States, 1983-2012



Antimicrobial Stewardship Goals

- Primary Goal:
 - Optimize clinical outcomes while minimizing the unintended consequences of antimicrobial use
- Secondary Goals:
 - Reduce antimicrobial resistance
 - Reduce mortality and length of stay
 - Reduce associated healthcare costs

Antimicrobial Stewardship Components



ASP Core Strategies

Core Strategies

Advantages

Disadvantages

Prospective audit with direct intervention and feedback

- May reduce inappropriate antimicrobial use
- Educate to modify future prescribing
- Allows prescribers to maintain autonomy

- Difficulty identifying patients with inappropriate therapy and communicating with prescribers

Formulary restriction and preauthorization requirements

- May result in immediate and substantial reduction in antimicrobial use and costs

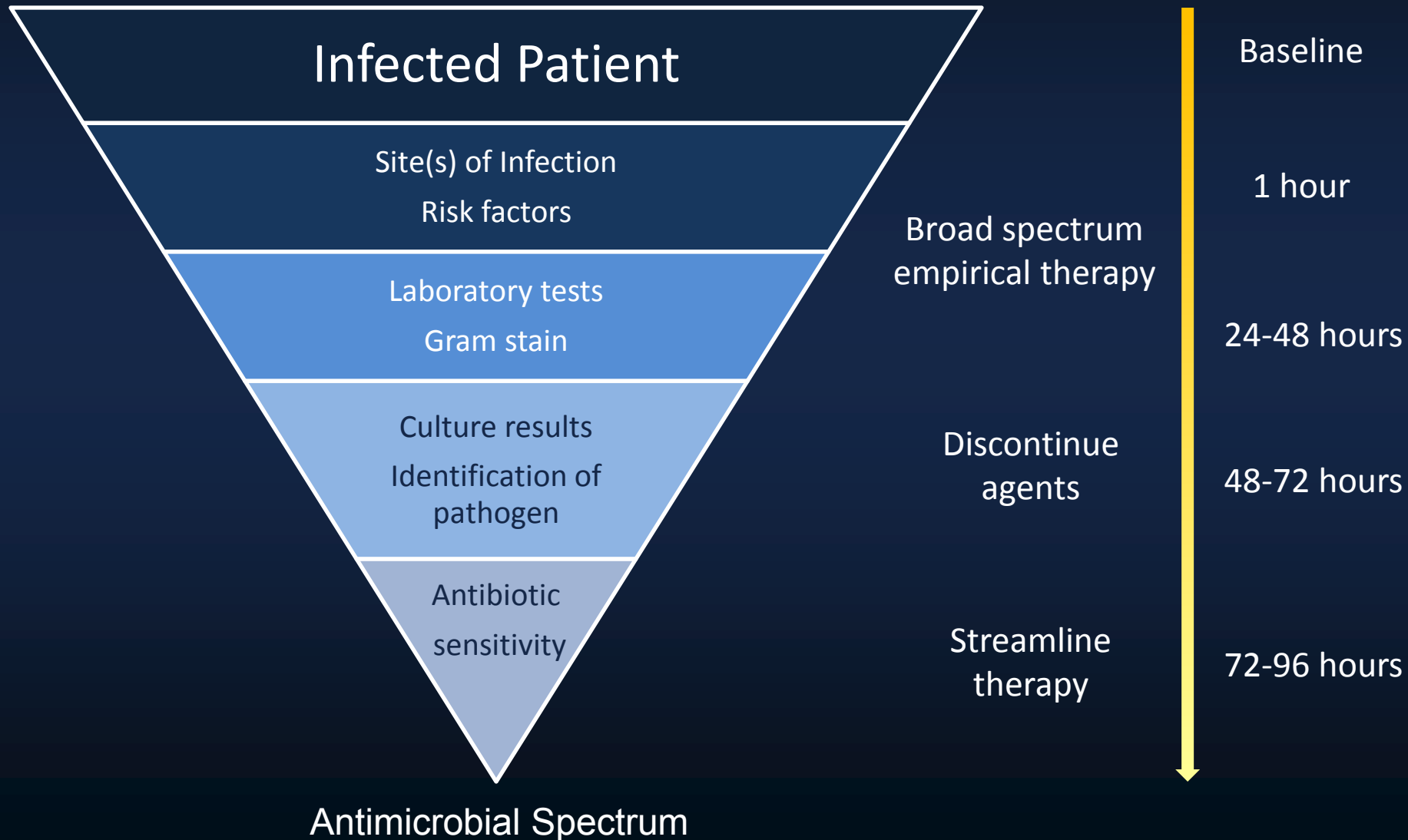
- May increase staffing requirements
- May delay order implementation with potential adverse patient outcomes
- May increase use of and resistance to alternative antimicrobial agents
- Perceived loss of prescriber autonomy

ASP Supplemental Strategies

Supplemental Elements	Advantages	Disadvantages
Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• May influence prescribing behavior	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Marginally effective when used without active intervention
Evidence based guidelines and clinical pathways	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• May improve antimicrobial use and practice variations	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Poor adherence
Streamlining or de-escalation therapy	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Reduces antimicrobial exposure, selection of resistant pathogens, and health care costs	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Prescriber reluctance to de-escalate when cultures are negative and clinical improvement observed
Dose optimization	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tailors therapy to patient characteristics, pathogen, and PK/PD of antimicrobial	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Nursing concerns regarding incompatibilities and administration
IV to PO conversion	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• May decrease length of hospital stay and costs• May reduce complications associated with IV access	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Difficulty identifying patients in whom conversion is appropriate

Antimicrobial De-escalation

Antimicrobial Treatment Strategy



De-escalating Therapy

- Anticipated Benefits
 - Treatment outcomes are unaltered
 - Beneficial impact on antimicrobial resistance for the institution
 - Decrease in antibiotic related adverse events
 - Reduction in overall antimicrobial costs

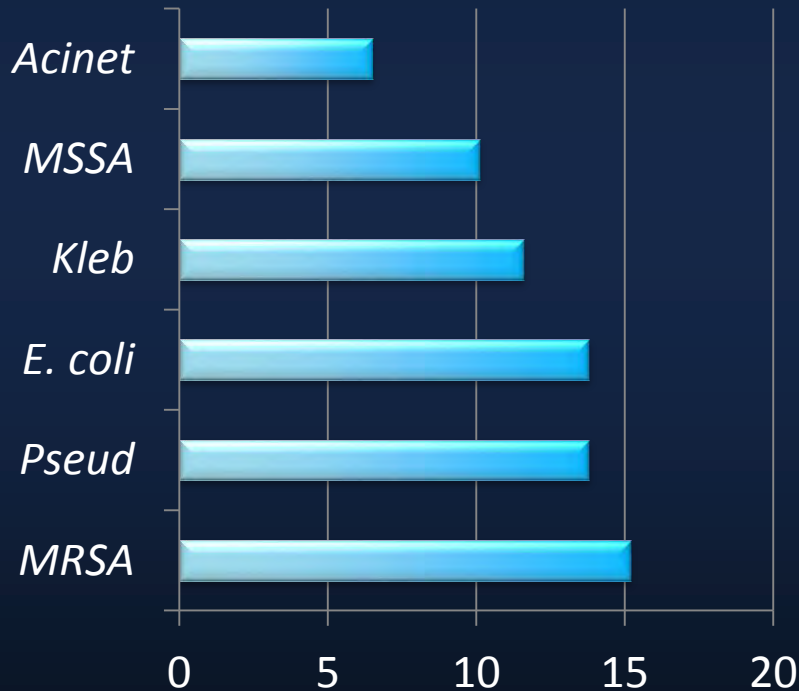
De-escalating Ventilator Associated Pneumonia (VAP) Therapy

- Prospective study in the surgical care ICU at New York Presbyterian Hospital, Weill Cornell Medical Center between 2005-2007
- VAP diagnosed by quantitative bronchoalveolar lavage (BAL) with $>10,000$ cfu/mL
- Hypothesis
 - De-escalation therapy not associated with increased rates of recurrent pneumonia or mortality

VAP De-escalation Outcomes

VAP Pathogens Isolated

% of Total Pathogens



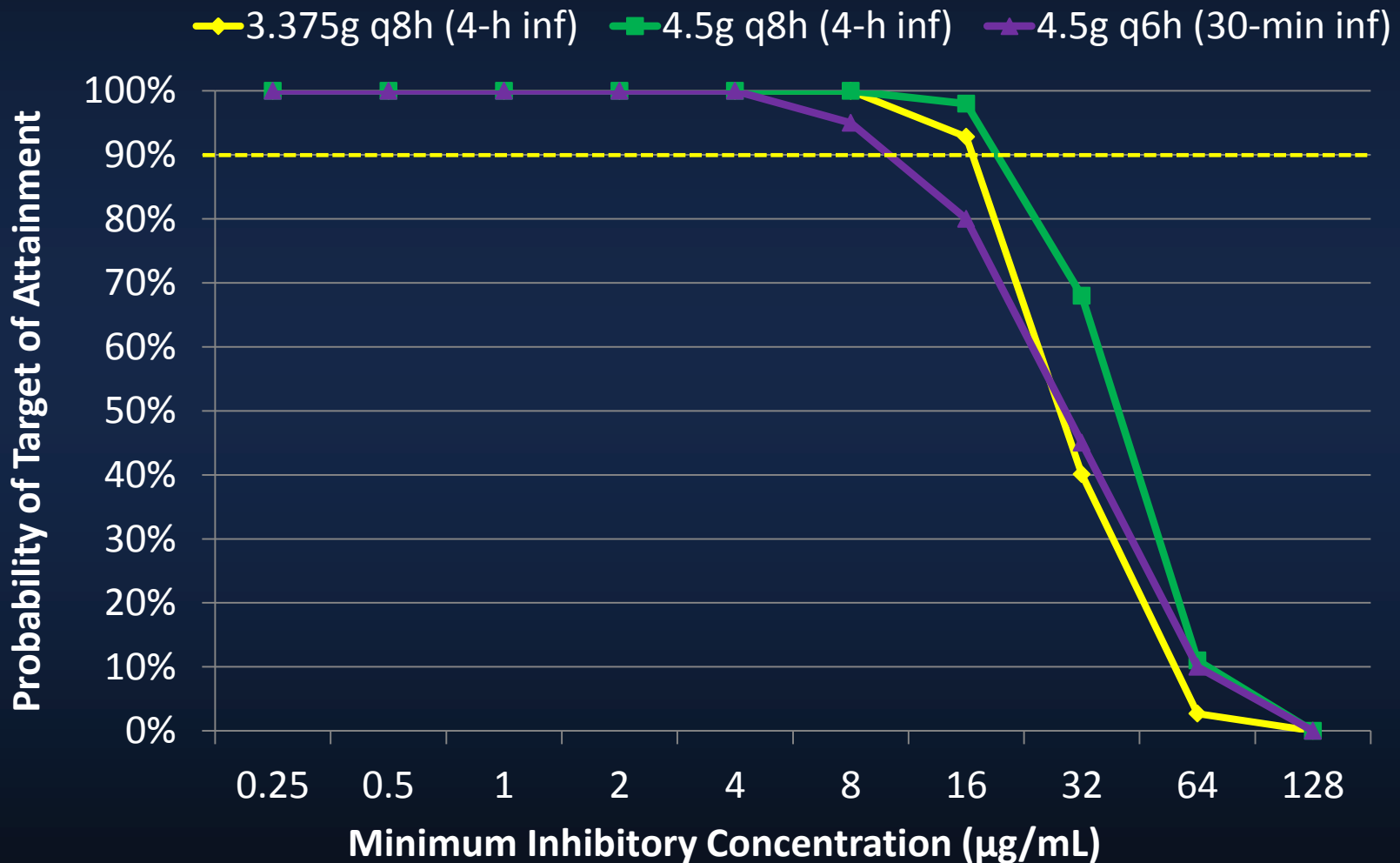
De-escalation Outcomes

	De-escalation (N = 77)	Non De-escalation (N = 57)	P-value
Age	64.1 ± 2.2	63.4 ± 2.6	0.81
APACHE III	79.8 ± 3.2	85.5 ± 3.1	0.22
RP	27.3%	35.1%	0.35
Mortality	33.8%	42.1%	0.32

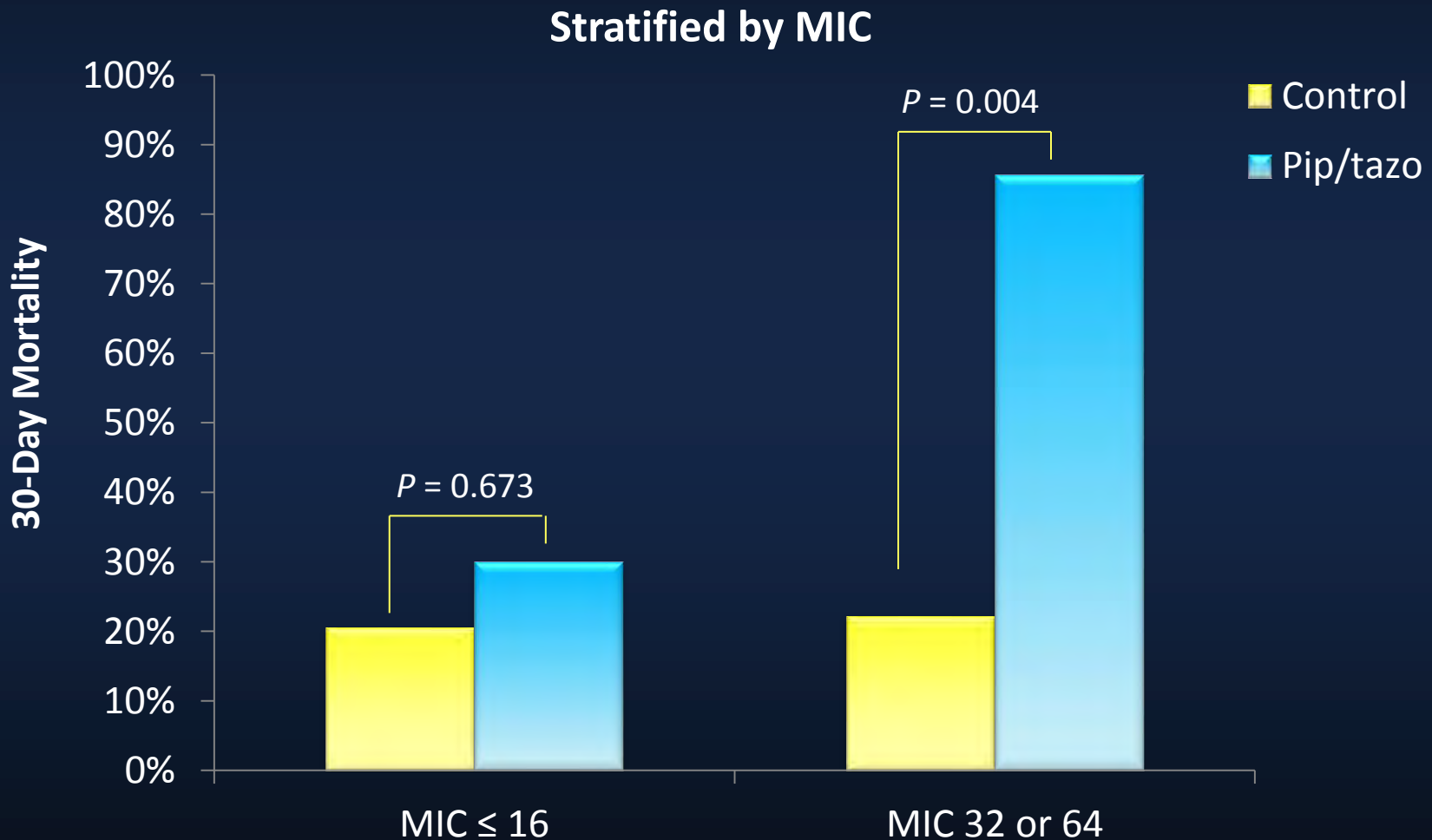
RP = Recurrent pneumonia

Dose Optimization

Probability of Bactericidal Exposure for Pip/tazo



30-Day Mortality Among Patients with *P. aeruginosa* Bacteremia



Clinical Implementation of Extended Infusion Piperacillin/tazo

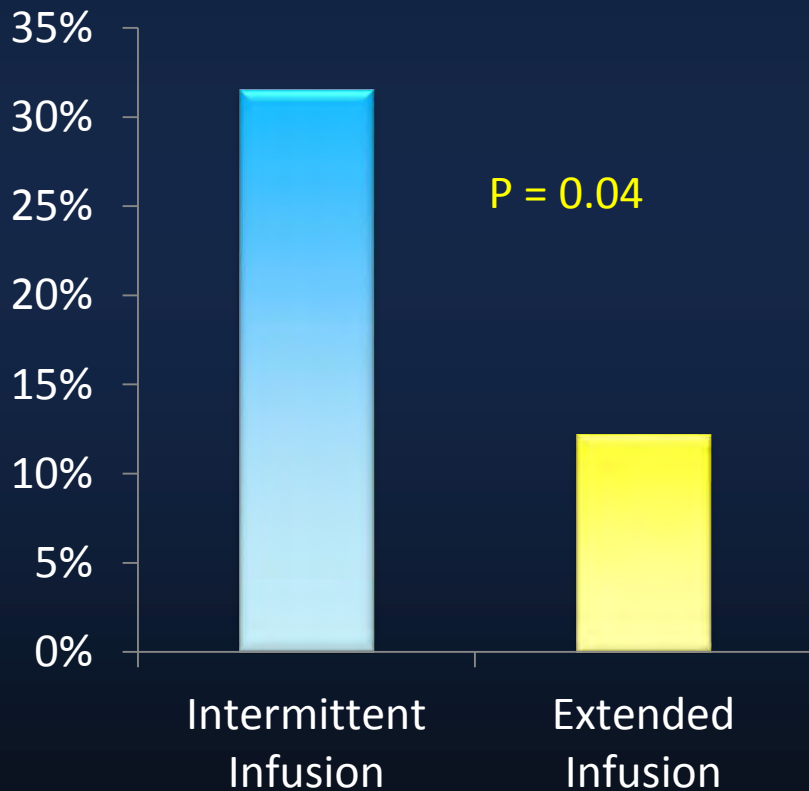
- In 2002, an automatic hospital-wide substitution of pip/tazo was implemented at Albany Medical Center
 - Pip/tazo 3.375 g IV q8h, infused over 4-hours
 - Replaced traditional intermittent infusions of 3.375 g IV q4-6h, infused over 30 min
- Measured pre- and post-implementation outcomes
 - 14-day mortality
 - Length of hospital stay (LOS)

P. aeruginosa Bacteremia

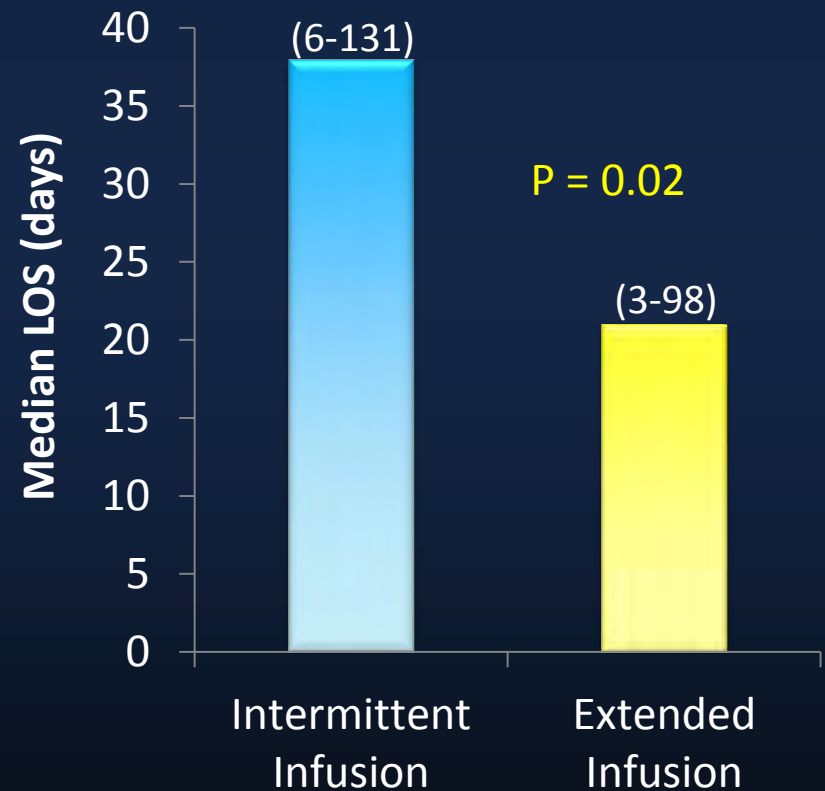
4-h infusion of pip/tazo 3.375 g IV q8h

Patients with APACHE II ≥ 17

14-Day Mortality



Median Length of Stay



Clinical Impact

Clinical & Economical Impact of ASPs

Pharmacist-Managed Antimicrobial Prophylaxis in Surgical Patients

	ASP (N = 162)	No ASP (N = 698)	Increase (%)	P-value
No. of patient days	456,698	1,644,596	10.21	< 0.001
Postoperative Infections (%)	1.13	1.72	34.3	< 0.001
Mean drug charges (\$)	4,029	4.321	7.2	0.005
Mean laboratory charges (\$)	2,721	2,795	2.7	0.0056
Death (%)	2.7	4.1	52.1	< 0.0001

Impact of Non-ID Trained Pharmacists

	Mean \pm SD Expenditure (\$)		Cost Savings (\$)†	
	Baseline	Intervention	Daily	Yearly
Ceftazidime	115 \pm 47	80 \pm 27	35	12,775
Imipenem	299 \pm 84	232 \pm 112	67	24,455
Levofloxacin	497 \pm 35	448 \pm 31	49	17,885
Pip/tazo	2,110 \pm 134	2,037 \pm 11	73	26,645
Vancomycin	1,221 \pm 79	1,008 \pm 9	213	77,745

†Extrapolated savings based on cost data during intervention period

- Grady Memorial Hospital in Atlanta, GA
- Prospective audit with intervention and feedback of non-ICU patients
- Mortality, LOS, and re-admissions were similar for both periods
- Emergence of resistance decreased from 9.5% to 5% ($P = 0.06$)

Future Directions

- Expand antimicrobial stewardship to:
 - Pediatrics
 - Long term care facilities
 - Ambulatory care
 - Rural and community hospitals
 - Education of other healthcare professionals
- Antimicrobial stewardship reimbursement incentives

Healthcare Associated Infections: National Targets & Metrics

Metric	Source	National 5-Year Prevention Target
Bloodstream Infections	NHSN	50% reduction
<i>C. difficile</i> Infections	NHSN	30% reduction
Urinary Tract Infections	NHSN	25% reduction
MRSA bacteremia (hospital)	NHSN	25% reduction
Surgical Site Infections	NHSN	25% reduction

NHSN = National Healthcare Safety Network

Targets may soon be incentives for hospital re-imburement

Barriers to Antimicrobial Stewardship

- Lack of trained personnel
- Medical literature access
- Knowledge of updated guidelines/practices
- Lack of leadership supporting antimicrobial stewardship

Informal Infectious Diseases Educational Opportunities

- Identify a mentor with ID expertise
- Attend rounds with an ID physician
- “Shadow” a clinical microbiologist
- Join ID professional organizations
- Attend ID professional meetings
- Subscribe to ID list serves
- Sign up for electronic table of content alerts to ID journals
- Read basic primers, review articles, and practice guidelines on ID topics

ASP Certificate Programs

- Advances knowledge base of
 - Clinical microbiology
 - Pharmacokinetic/pharmacodynamics
 - Infectious disease state management
- Combination of self-study, webinars, and practice skills components
- Available Programs:
 - Society of Infectious Disease Pharmacists (SIDP)
 - Making a Difference in Infectious Diseases (MAD-ID)

Conclusions

- Inappropriate antimicrobial use drives antimicrobial resistance
 - Affects public health, patient care and safety
- New antimicrobial agents to combat resistance is lacking
- Antimicrobial stewardship is needed to preserve our current antimicrobial agents

Questions?

