



## Early antibiotics in septic shock: is it that important?

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János (Hans) Selye  
1907-1982

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NATURE

JULY 4, 1936

## A Syndrome produced by Diverse Nocuous Agents

EXPERIMENTS on rats show that if the organism is severely damaged by acute non-specific nocuous agents such as exposure to cold, surgical injury, production of spinal shock (transcision of the cord), excessive muscular exercise, or intoxications with sublethal doses of diverse drugs (adrenaline, atropine, morphine, formaldehyde, etc.), a typical syndrome appears, the symptoms of which are independent of the nature of the damaging agent or the pharmacological type of the drug employed, and represent rather a response to damage as such.

# Injury: DAMP or PAMP

## DAMP

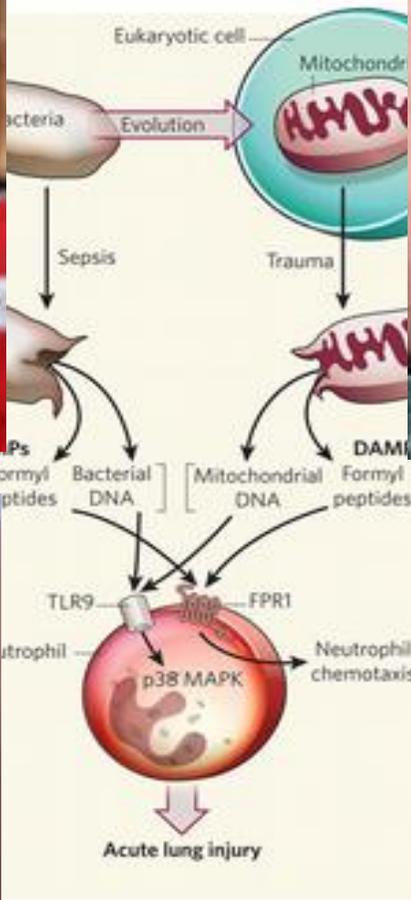
Damage Associated Molecular Pattern



Trauma, crystal



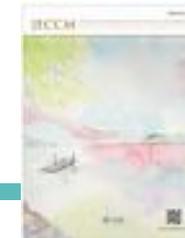
Sepsis



## PAMP

Pathogen Associated Molecular Pattern





Acid

Pro-  
coagulation

Oxidants

Pro-  
inflammation



Base

Anti-  
coagulation

Anti-oxidants

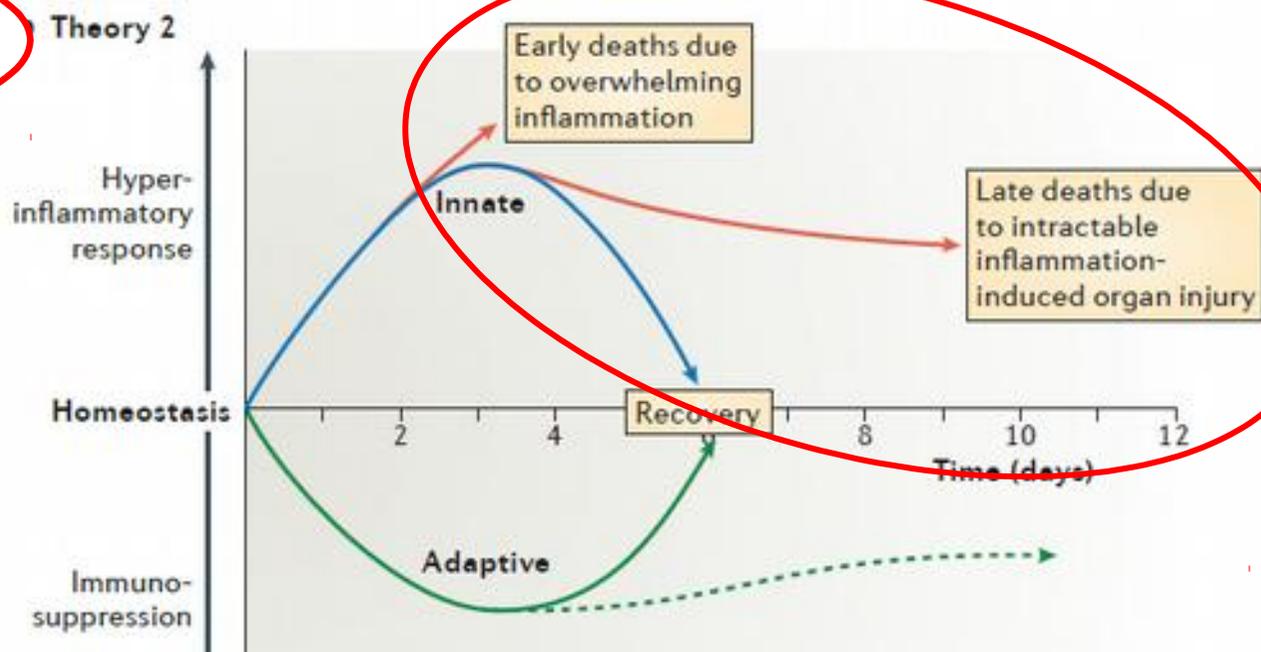
Anti-  
inflammation

# Sepsis-induced immunosuppression: from cellular dysfunctions to immunotherapy

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Pro-  
inflammation



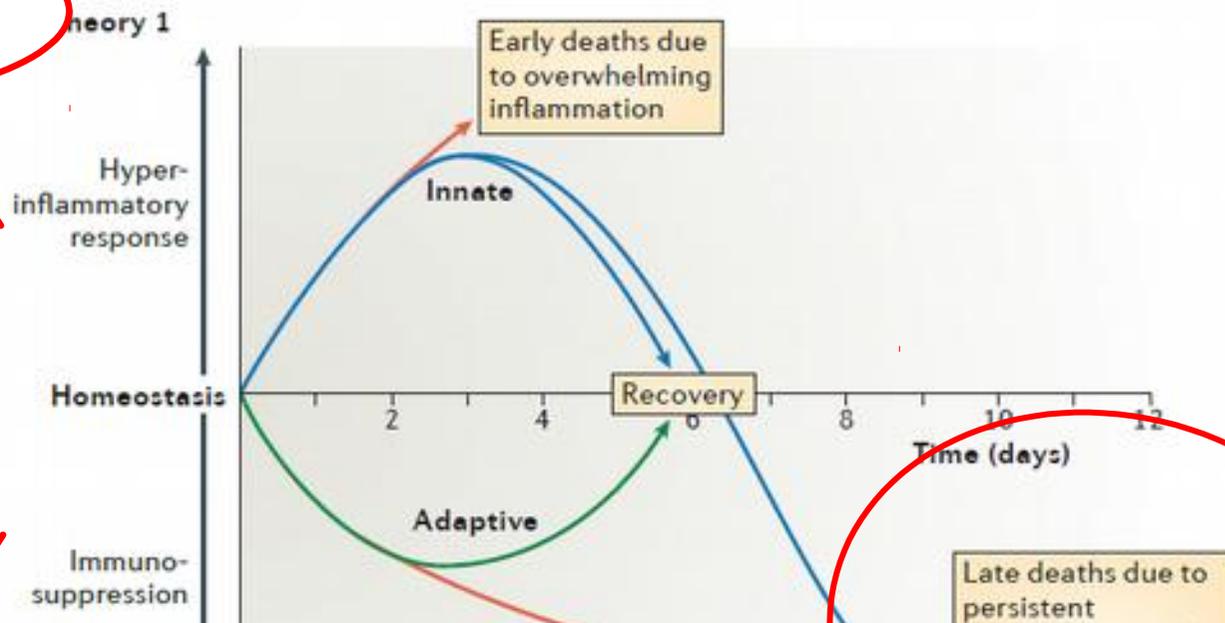
This is why SIRS was a wrong concept

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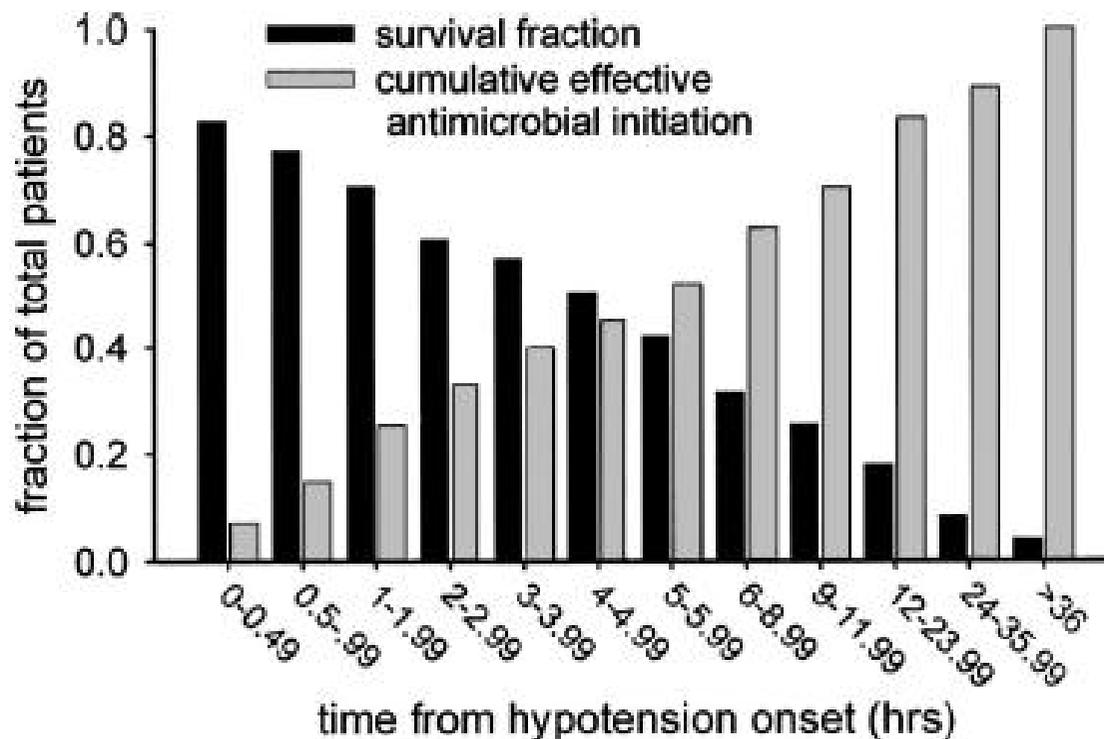
Immunosuppression is (one of) the answers for  
MDRPs

The mantra goes as:  
„Give antibiotic(s) within the 1st hour!”

## Duration of hypotension before initiation of effective antimicrobial therapy is the critical determinant of survival in human septic shock\*

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(Crit Care Med 2006; 34:1589–1596)



Each hour of delay in antimicrobial administration over the ensuing 6 hrs was associated with an average decrease in survival of 7.6%.

### Surviving Sepsis Campaign guidelines for management of severe sepsis and septic shock

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### CONFERENCE REPORTS AND EXPERT PANEL

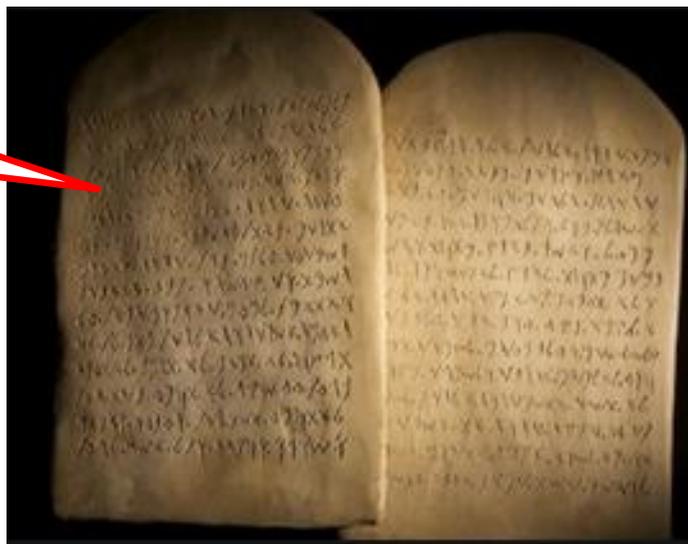
### Surviving Sepsis Campaign: International Guidelines for Management of Sepsis and Septic Shock: 2016

## C. Antibiotic Therapy

1. Intravenous antibiotic therapy should be started within the first hour of recognition of severe sepsis, after appropriate cultures have been obtained.

Grade E

Give AB ASAP!!



## D. ANTIMICROBIAL THERAPY

1. We recommend that administration of IV antimicrobials be initiated as soon as possible after recognition and within 1 h for both sepsis and septic shock (strong recommendation, moderate quality of evidence; grade applies to both conditions).

## Antibiotics for Sepsis: Does Each Hour Really Count, or Is It Incestuous Amplification?



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“Each hour’s delay in initiating antibiotics costs lives” is a doctrine that has attained quasireligious status. Like most (quasi) religions, this is founded more on faith and hope than hard fact.”

“The “each hour delay” mantra is, however, being drummed into healthcare providers, hospital administrators, funders, and governmental bodies. Quality-improvement programs are being driven by financial penalty.”

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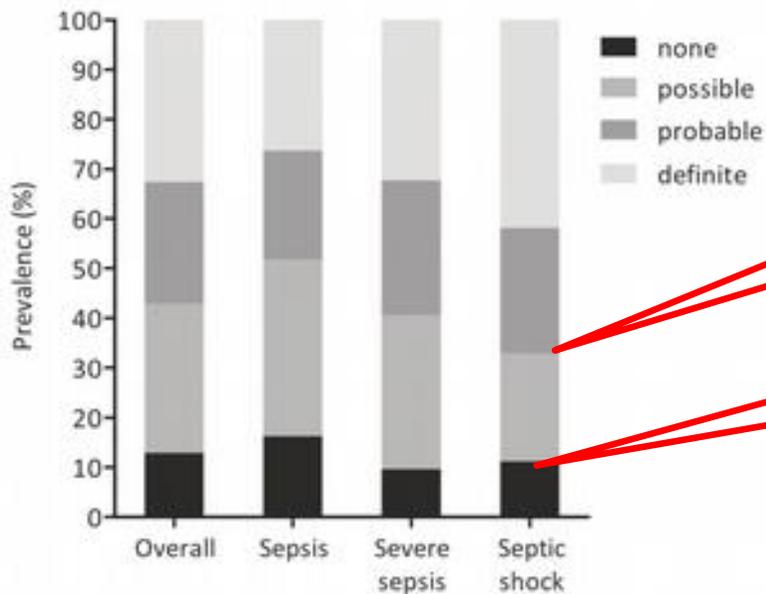
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## Likelihood of infection in patients with presumed sepsis at the time of intensive care unit admission: a cohort study

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2,579 pts



30%:  
possible

13%: none

**Fig. 1** Plausibility of infection stratified by clinical severity upon presentation in patients with presumed sepsis. Comparison between the clinical diagnosis of infection at the time of ICU admission and the actual presence of infection as determined by post-hoc evaluation

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## Impact of compliance with infection management guidelines on outcome in patients with severe sepsis: a prospective observational multi-center study

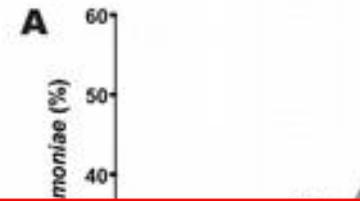
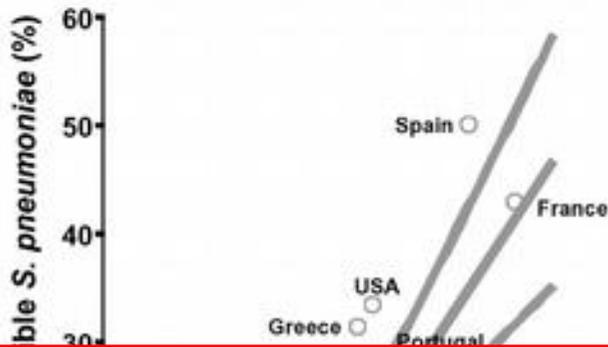
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### Surgical source control required (n = 234)<sup>f</sup>

Time to antimicrobial therapy >1 hour <sup>b</sup>	0.80 (0.38 to 1.72)	0.552
Initial SOFA score <sup>c</sup>	1.19 (1.08 to 1.31)	<0.001
Age <sup>d</sup>	1.06 (1.03 to 1.08)	<0.001
Maximum lactate (day 1) <sup>e</sup>	1.08 (1.00 to 1.13)	0.046
Time to source control >6 hours	2.36 (1.22 to 4.71)	0.012
Intra-abdominal focus	1.08 (0.54 to 2.18)	0.822
Urogenital focus	0.43 (0.12 to 1.34)	0.165
Unknown focus <sup>g</sup>	–	–
Community-acquired infection	1.08 (0.58 to 2.04)	0.800
Inadequate empiric antimicrobial therapy	1.17 (0.61 to 2.24)	0.646
No de-escalation of antimicrobials within 5 days	0.94 (0.33 to 2.81)	0.909

# Antibiotic Selection Pressure and Resistance in *Streptococcus pneumoniae* and *Streptococcus pyogenes*

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Antibiotics are overused/abused worldwide

MDR pathogens – „global crisis”

# Rationalizing antimicrobial therapy in the ICU: a narrative review

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**Table 1 Determinants of increased risk of MDRB infection at ICU admission and during the ICU stay**

Predictors of MDRB infection	At ICU admission	During the ICU stay
Patient features	Co-morbid illness/immunosuppression/recent hospital and/or ICU stay	Higher severity of acute illness/Invasive interventions
Type of infection	Hospital-acquired > healthcare-associated > community-acquired	ICU-acquired > others
Antimicrobial selection pressure	Prior antibiotics*/antifungals	Antibiotics*/antifungals in the ICU
Colonization status	Previously documented colonization with MDRB	In-ICU acquisition of MDRB

**3 times more AB on ICU then on wards**

MDRB multidrug-resistant bacteria, ICU intensive care unit

\*Especially if agents with broad-spectrum and/or potent activity against intestinal anaerobes

**70% of patients receive ABs**

# ABs are potentially harmful

## Organ injury

Wright J, Paauw DS. Complications of antibiotic therapy. *Med Clin North Am* 2013;97:667–679, xi.

## Mitochondrial dysfunction

Singh R, Sripada L, Singh R. Side effects of antibiotics during bacterial infection: mitochondria, the main target in host cell. *Mitochondrion* 2014;16:50–54.

## Microbiome, Fungal infections

Alverdy JC, Krezalek MA. Collapse of the microbiome, emergence of the pathobiome, and the immunopathology of sepsis. *Crit Care Med* 2017;45:337–347.

## *Clostridium difficile* infections

Kalghatgi S, Spina CS, Costello JC, Liesa M, Morones-Ramirez JR, Slomovic S, Molina A, Shirihai OS, Collins JJ. Bactericidal antibiotics induce mitochondrial dysfunction and oxidative damage in mammalian cells. *Sci Transl Med* 2013;5:192ra85.

## Empirical use of antibiotics and adjustment of empirical antibiotic therapies in a university hospital: a prospective observational study

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*BMC Infectious Diseases 2007, 7:21*

**Table 4: Characteristics of patients receiving adequate or inadequate empirical antibiotic treatment (univariate analysis).**

Characteristic	Patients (n) receiving adequate empirical antibiotic treatment	Patients (n) receiving inadequate empirical antibiotic treatment	p-value	OR (95% CI) for adequate therapy
Number of patients	418 (77.6%)	121 (22.4%)		
Women	170 (70.2%)	72 (29.8%)	< 0.001	0.47 (0.31–0.70)
<b>Age</b>				
Median age and range (years)	67 [18–100]	72 [17–97]	0.038*	
< 40 years	74 (77.1%)	22 (22.9%)	0.904	0.97 (0.57–1.64)
41 – 60 yr.	91 (87.5%)	13 (12.5%)	0.007	2.31 (1.12–4.30)
> 60 years	253 (74.6%)	86 (25.4%)	0.034	0.62 (0.40–0.97)
<b>Ward:</b>				
Medicine/Geriatrics	281 (78.3%)	78 (21.7%)	0.399	1.19 (0.80–1.76)
Surgery	135 (78.9%)	36 (21.1%)	0.733	1.09 (0.70–1.65)
Medical and surgical intensive care	25 (71.4%)	10 (28.6%)	0.408	0.73 (0.34–1.55)
Neurology	1 (25.0%)	3 (75.0%)	0.040†	0.10 (0.01–0.94)
Died in hospital	25 (80.6%)	6 (19.4%)	0.671	1.22 (0.49–3.04)

28%

So, what to do?!

## American Thoracic Society Documents

Clinical Practice Guidelines for the Diagnosis and Management of Intravascular Catheter-Related Infection: 2009 Update by the Infectious Diseases

Is there infection for a start?!

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Does the patient have **infection** or not?

Infection = ABs

No infection = No ABs

# Signs of infection

- Clinical signs:
  - Most important
- Fever ( $>38^{\circ}\text{C}$ ), WBC ( $>12\ 000$ ):
  - Low sensitivity ( $\sim 50\%$ )
- Microbiology:
  - Results: 24 hours or more

Not good  
enough

Pooooor!

Very late!

*Galicier L and Richet H. Infect Control Hosp Epidemiol 2004; 29: 1000-1001*

# We need biomarkers!

Pierrakos and Vincent *Critical Care* 2010, 14:R15  
<http://ccforum.com/content/14/1/R15>



**WARNING!**  
Using biomarkers is not easy





Research Article

# Delta Procalcitonin Is a Better Indicator of Infection Than Absolute Procalcitonin Values in Critically Ill Patients: A Prospective Observational Study

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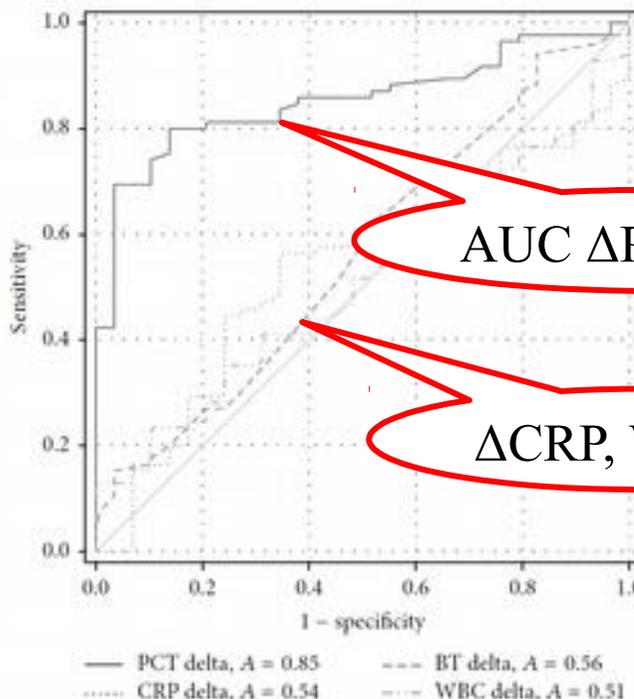
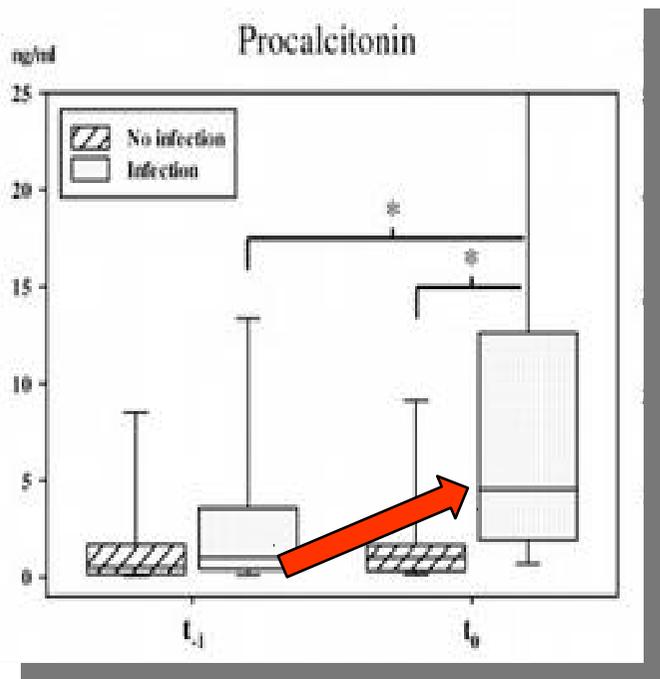
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Patients with suspected infection = 209

PCT available at T<sub>-1</sub> = 114

Infection = 85

No-infection = 29



AUC ΔPCT: 0.85

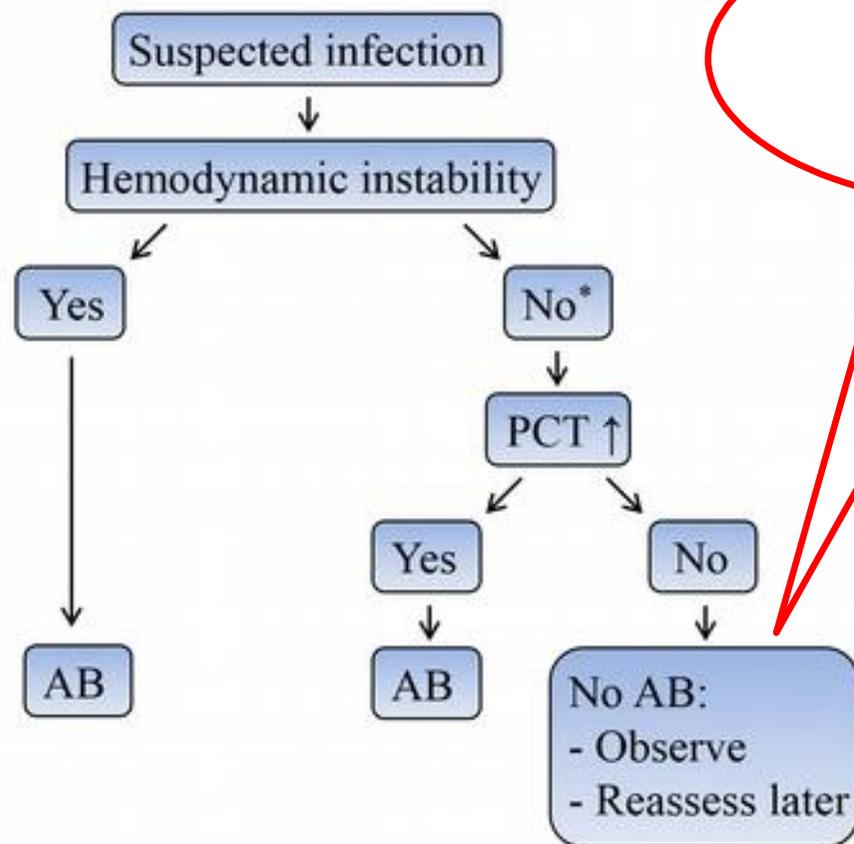
ΔCRP, WBC, T

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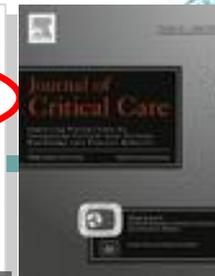
Dare not to give AB

Early procalcitonin kinetics and appropriateness of empirical antimicrobial therapy in critically ill patients  
A prospective observational study

EProK-study

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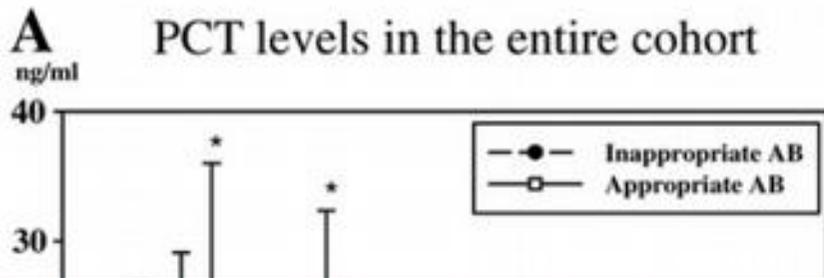
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Patients with  
suspected infection = 209



Proven infection = 141  
Appropriate AB = 108 (77%)  
Inappropriate AB = 33 (23%)  
No infection/micro = 68



Pattern of PCT kinetics – could be used early for individualizing treatment: timing, monitoring

PCT <sub>t<sub>0</sub>-t<sub>16</sub></sub>	0.73	0.63-0.83	<0.001
PCT <sub>t<sub>0</sub>-t<sub>24</sub></sub>	0.86	0.77-0.94	<0.001

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## A prospective observational study

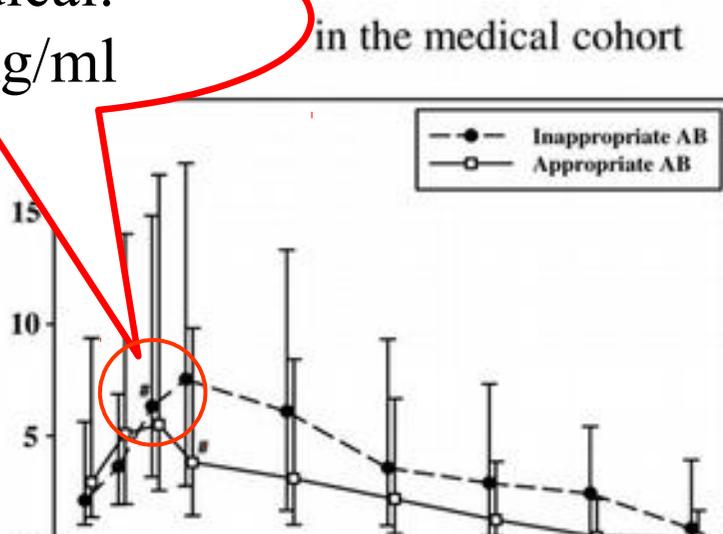


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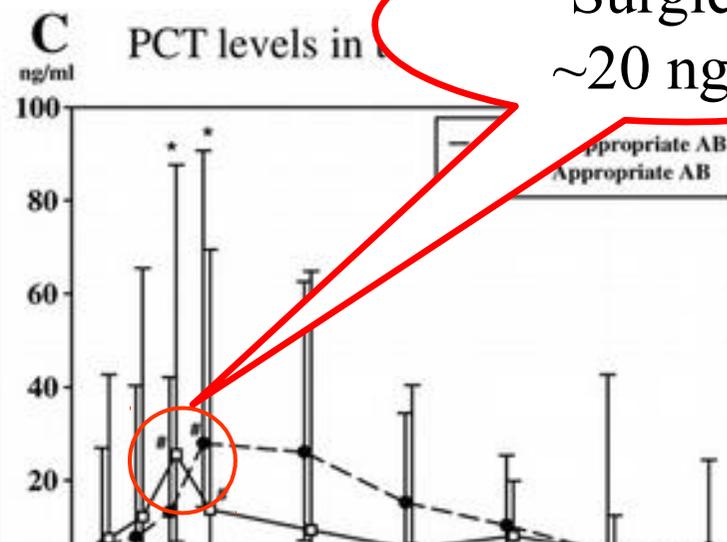
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Medical:  
~ 5ng/ml



Surgical:  
~20 ng/ml



Preference of kinetics over absolute values!

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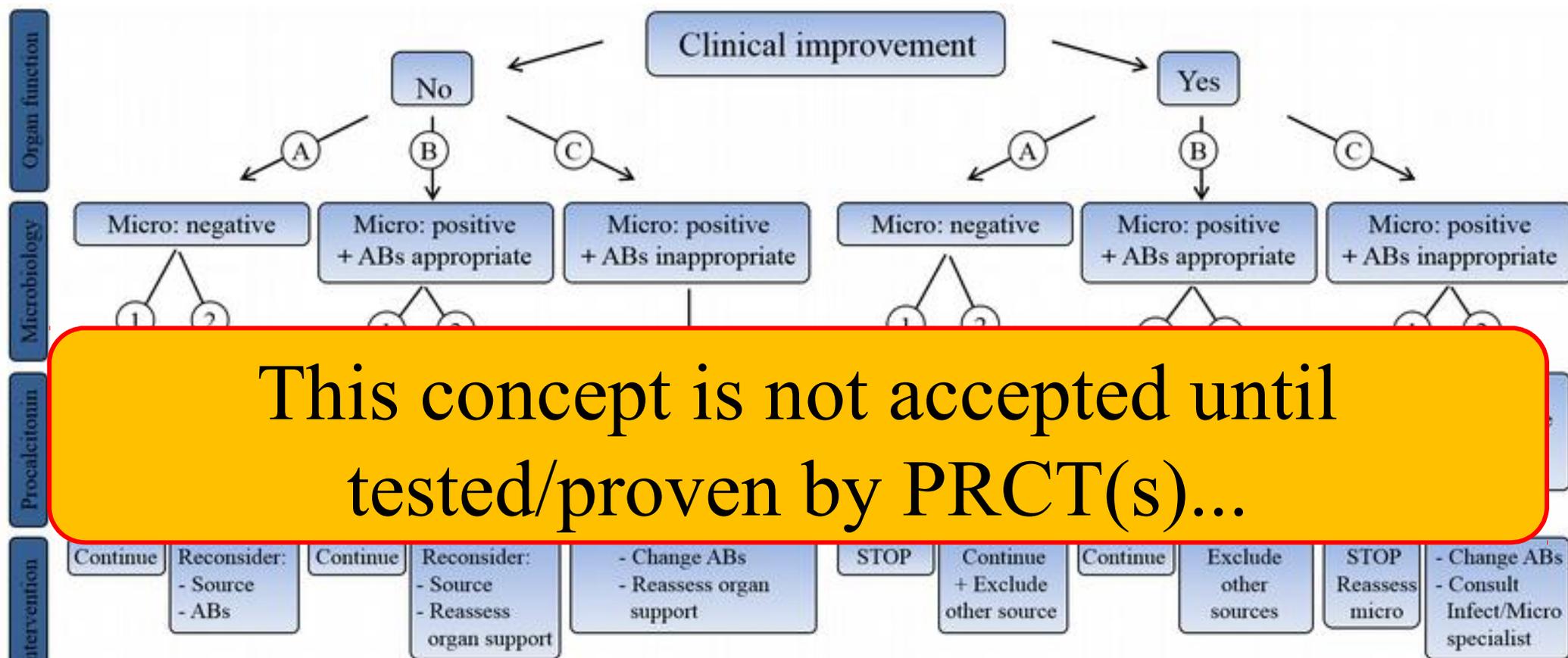
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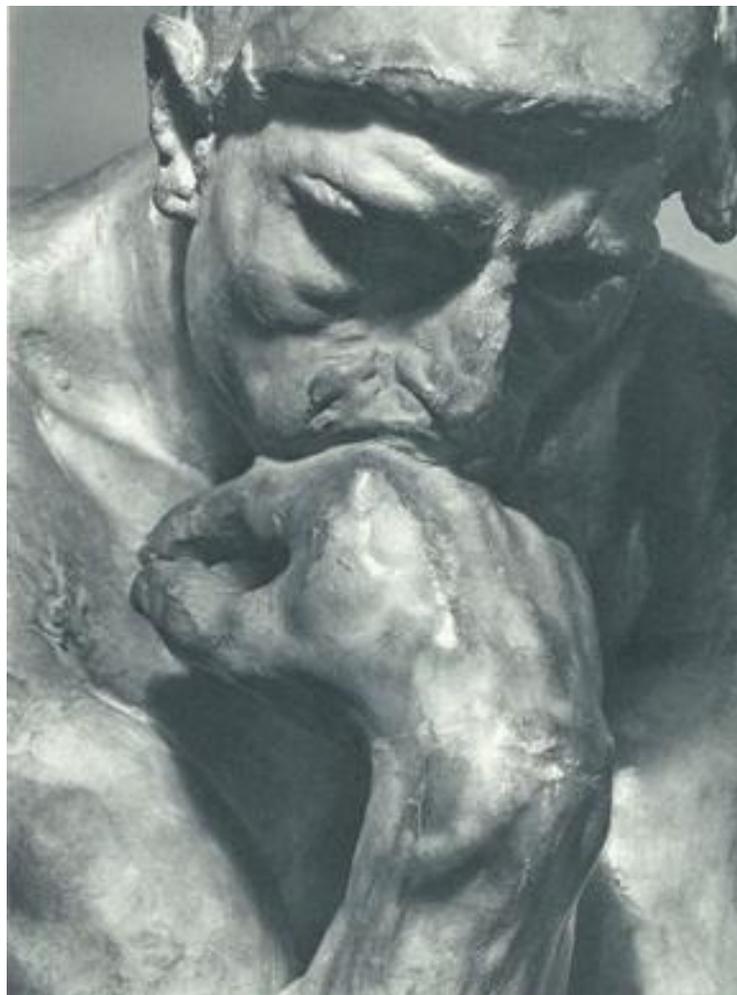
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Auguste Rodin: The Thinker (1880)

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*500 participants  
From 30 countries!*

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