



# Long-term Care Syndromic Antimicrobial Stewardship Session #3

## Focused Initiatives for Upper and Lower Respiratory Infections and Immunizations

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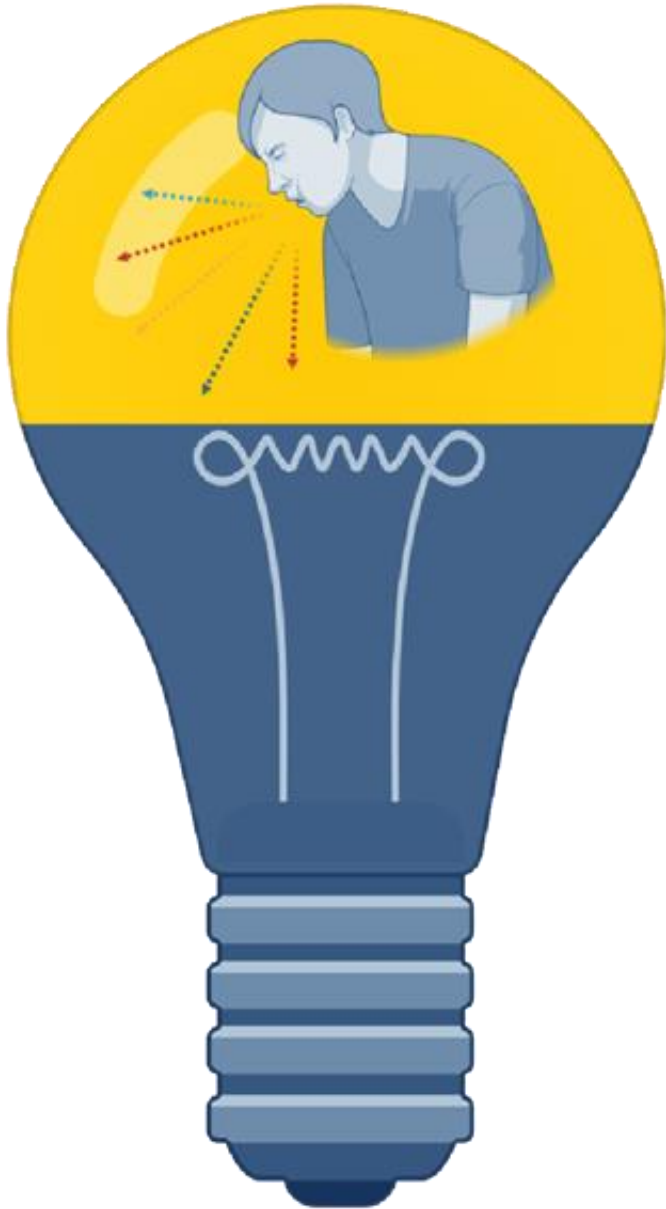
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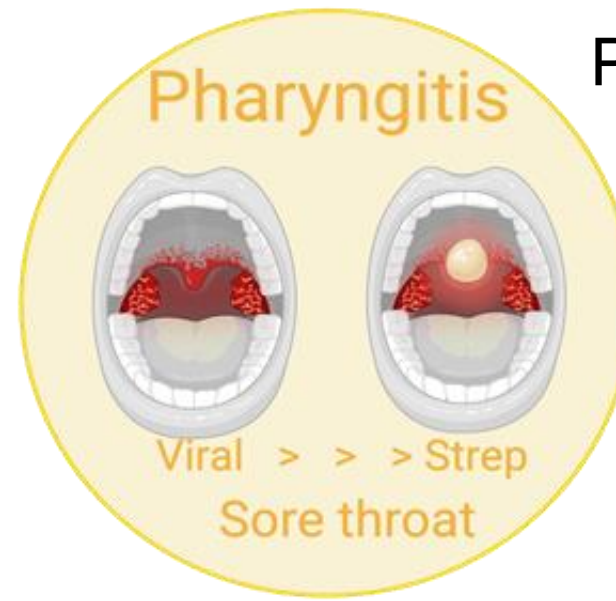
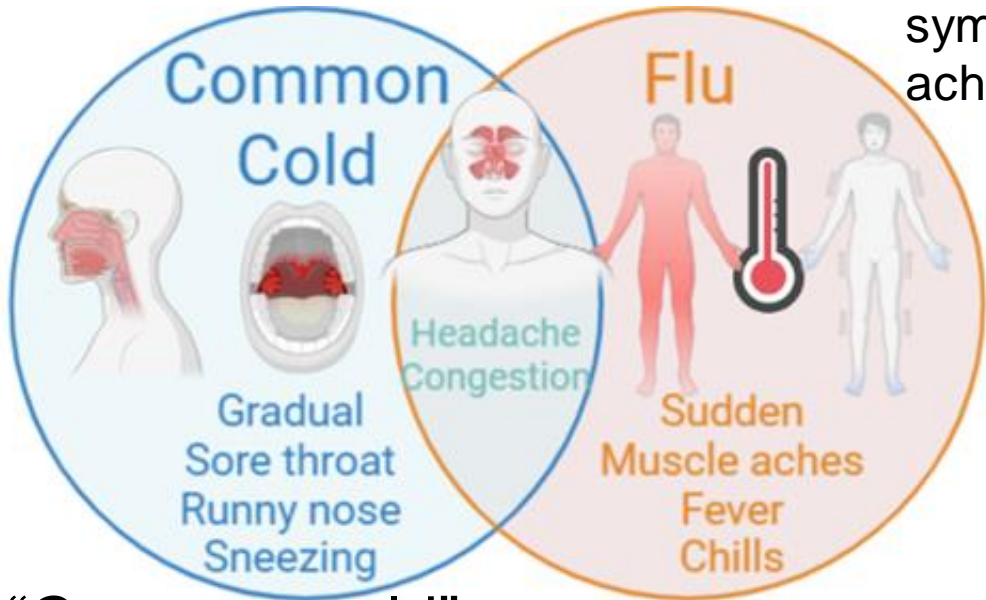
# Objectives

- Evaluate the epidemiology and background of upper and lower respiratory infections
- Develop facility-specific treatment guidelines for bronchitis, sinusitis, otitis media and community acquired pneumonia
- Describe effective communication strategies to reduce antimicrobial use for viral upper respiratory infections
- Compare statewide vaccine preventable disease trends
- Discuss vaccine recommendations in the elderly and long-term care populations
- Identify ways to incorporate vaccines into your stewardship and infection prevention and control programs

# Terminology

## Influenza

- i.e., flu
- Mostly systemic symptoms (muscle aches, fevers, chills)



## Pharyngitis

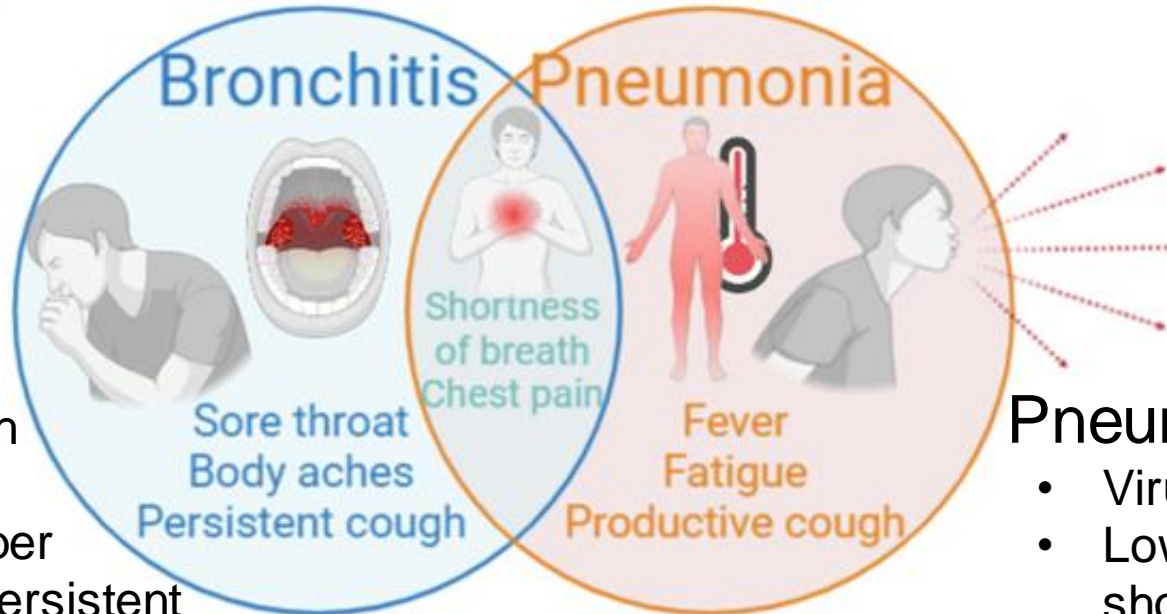
- i.e., sore throat
- Pharyngeal inflammation, generally not systemic symptoms

## “Common cold”

- i.e., viral upper respiratory infection (URI)
- Mostly sinus/throat symptoms

## Bronchitis

- e.g., cough
- Viruses
- Mostly upper airways, persistent
- cough, tracheal irritation



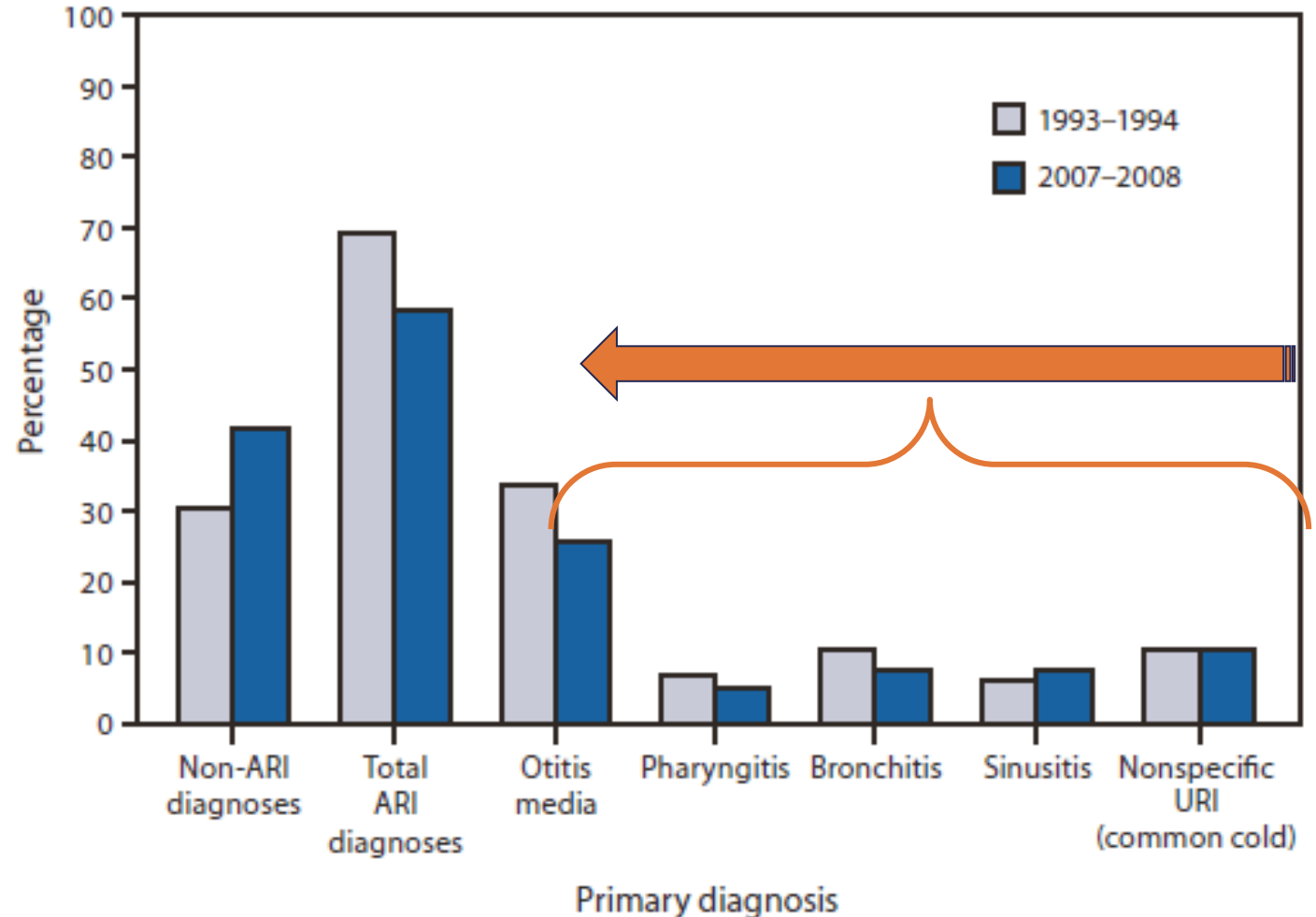
## Pneumonia

- Viruses + Bacteria
- Lower airways, shortness of breath, systemic symptoms

# Epidemiology

- 50-60% of all antibiotic prescriptions written are for acute upper respiratory infections (ARIs)
- Prescribing is highest for children and adults >65

Average annual percentage of physician office visits by persons aged  $\leq 14$  years where an antibiotic was prescribed, by primary diagnosis - National Ambulatory Medical Care Survey, United States, 1993-1994 and 2007-2008



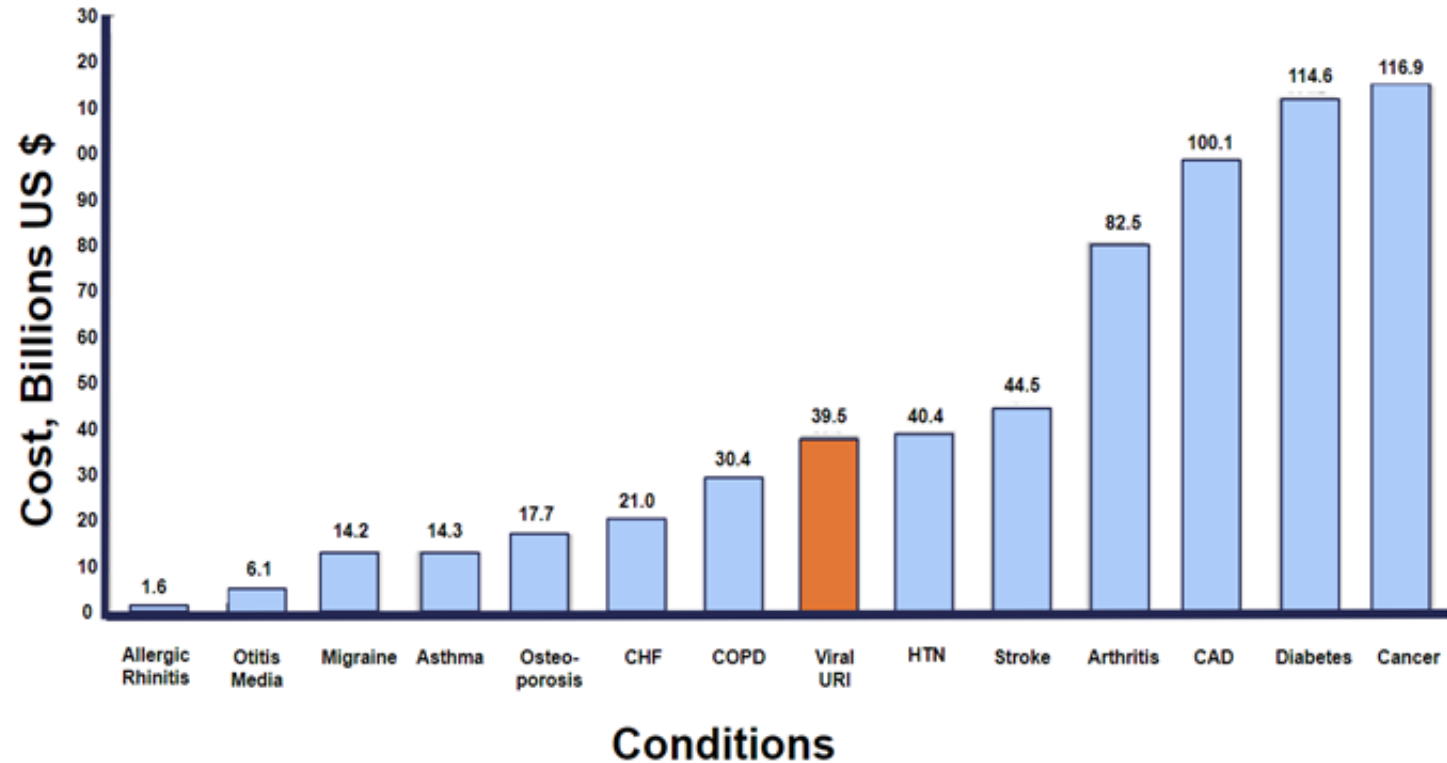
Source: Hicks L, et al. MMWR 2011; 60(34):1153-56. Shapiro D., et al. J Antimicrob Chemo 2014;69:234-40.

# Epidemiology

Economic burden of the common cold is greater hypertension, heart failure, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease

- \$40 billion annually (2001 USD)
- \$2 billion worth of OTC cough and cold meds (1997 USD)

Cost of illness for selected diseases in the US (2001)



Source: Fendrick A., et al. Arch Intern Med. 2003;163 (4):487-94. Turner R., Ann Allergy Asthma & Imm 1997;78(6): 531-40.

# Epidemiology

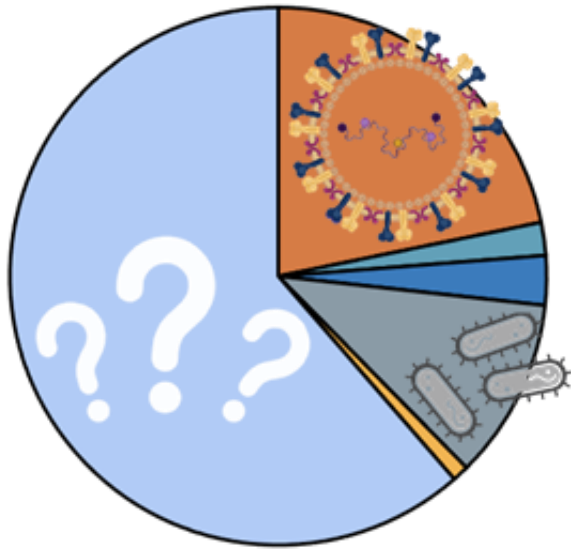
500 million episodes of common colds annually associated with:

- 22.0% office visits (95% CI 20.2%-23.8%)
- 1.2% ED visits (95% CI 0.7% - 1.6%)
- 8.2% Antibiotic Rx (95% CI 7.4%-9.0%)



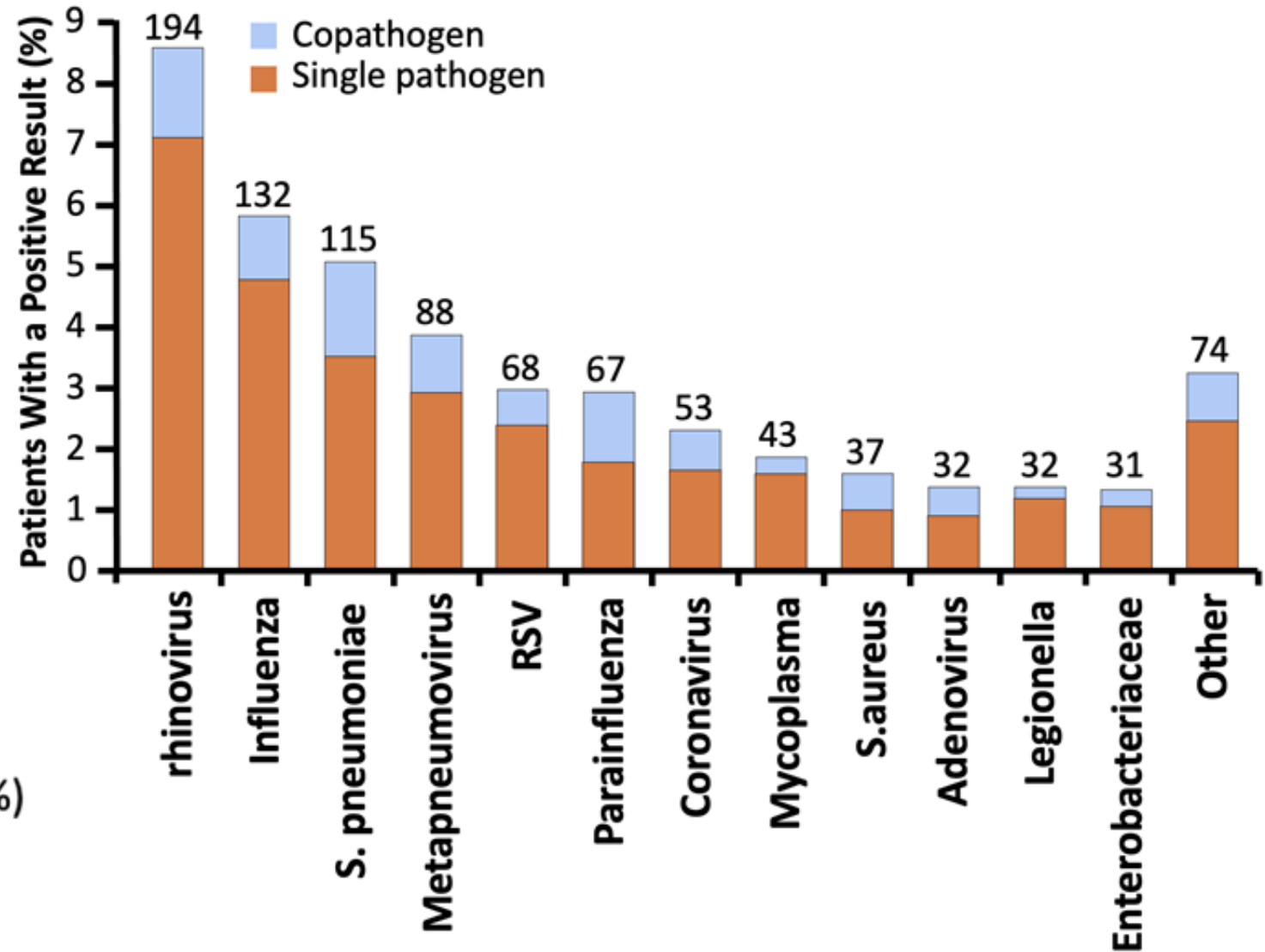
Virus	Estimated annual proportion of cases
Rhinovirus	30-50%
Coronavirus	10-15%
Influenza viruses	5-15%
Respiratory syncytial virus	5%
Parainfluenza virus	5%
Adenovirus	<5%
Enterovirus	<5%
Metapneumovirus	Unknown
Unknown	20-30%

# Epidemiology



- Viral pathogen only (22%)
- Viral-viral detection (2%)
- Bacterial-viral codetection (3%)
- Bacterial pathogen only (11%)
- Fungal or mycobacterial detection (1%)
- No pathogen detected (62%)

## Leading causes of Community Acquired Pneumonia Requiring Hospitalization



Source: Jain S., et al. NEJM 2015;373:415.



# Guidelines

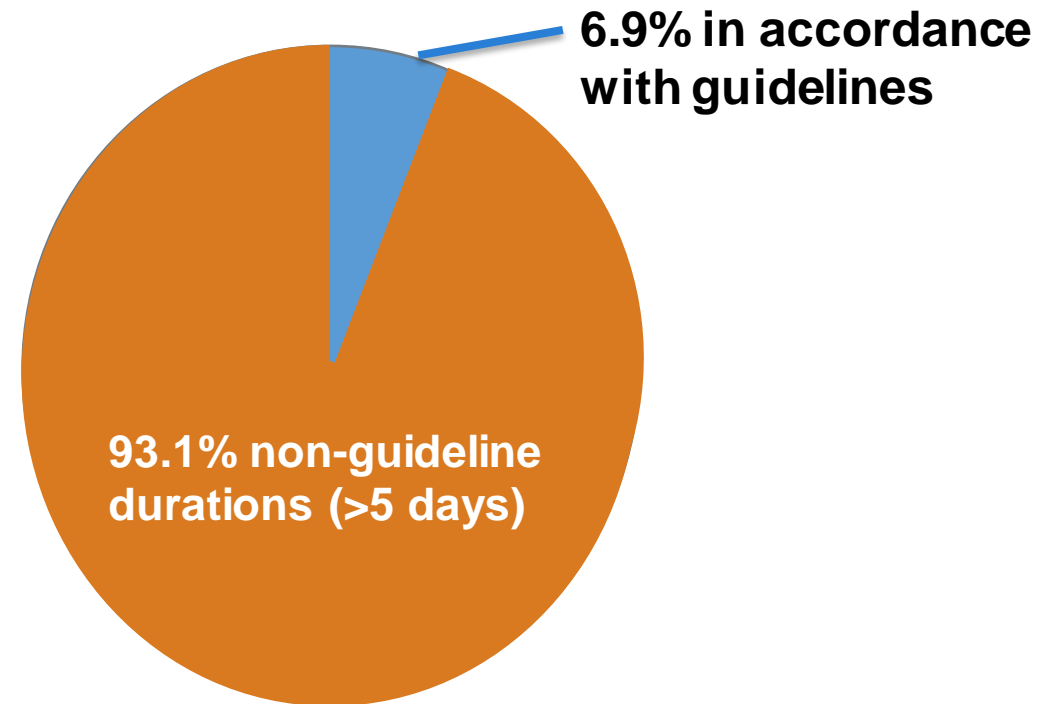
Example Guidelines					
Condition	Common Pathogens	Treatment		Duration	
Community Acquired Pneumonia	<i>S. pneumonia</i> <i>H. influenzae</i> <i>M. catarrhalis</i>	No comorbidities	Amox/clav 875 mg PO BID OR Doxycycline	<b>Penicillin allergic</b> Cefuroxime mg 500 BID	5 days
	<i>S. pneumonia</i> <i>H. influenzae</i> <i>M. catarrhalis</i> <i>S. aureus</i> <i>M. pneumoniae</i> <i>C. pneumoniae</i> <i>Legionella spp</i> Gram negative rods	Comorbidities (heart, lung, liver, renal disease, diabetes, alcoholism, malignancy, asplenia)	Amox/clav 875 mg BID AND Doxycycline 100 mg BID or Azithro 500 mg x1 - > 250 mg q24	<b>Penicillin allergic</b> Cefuroxime mg 500 BID AND doxy or azithro  <b>Penicillin and cephalosporin allergic</b> Levofloxacin 750 mg q24	

Source: Metlay J., et al. Am J Resp and Crit Care. 2019; 200(7): e45-67

# Clinical Practice Guidelines

## Retrospective review of inpatient CAP treatment duration

Community Acquired Pneumonia Durations (Adults)		
Outcome Mild, Mod and Severe CAP	3 days	8 days
Clinical cure at 10 days	93%	88%
Clinical cure at 28 days	90%	88%
Adverse events	11%	21%

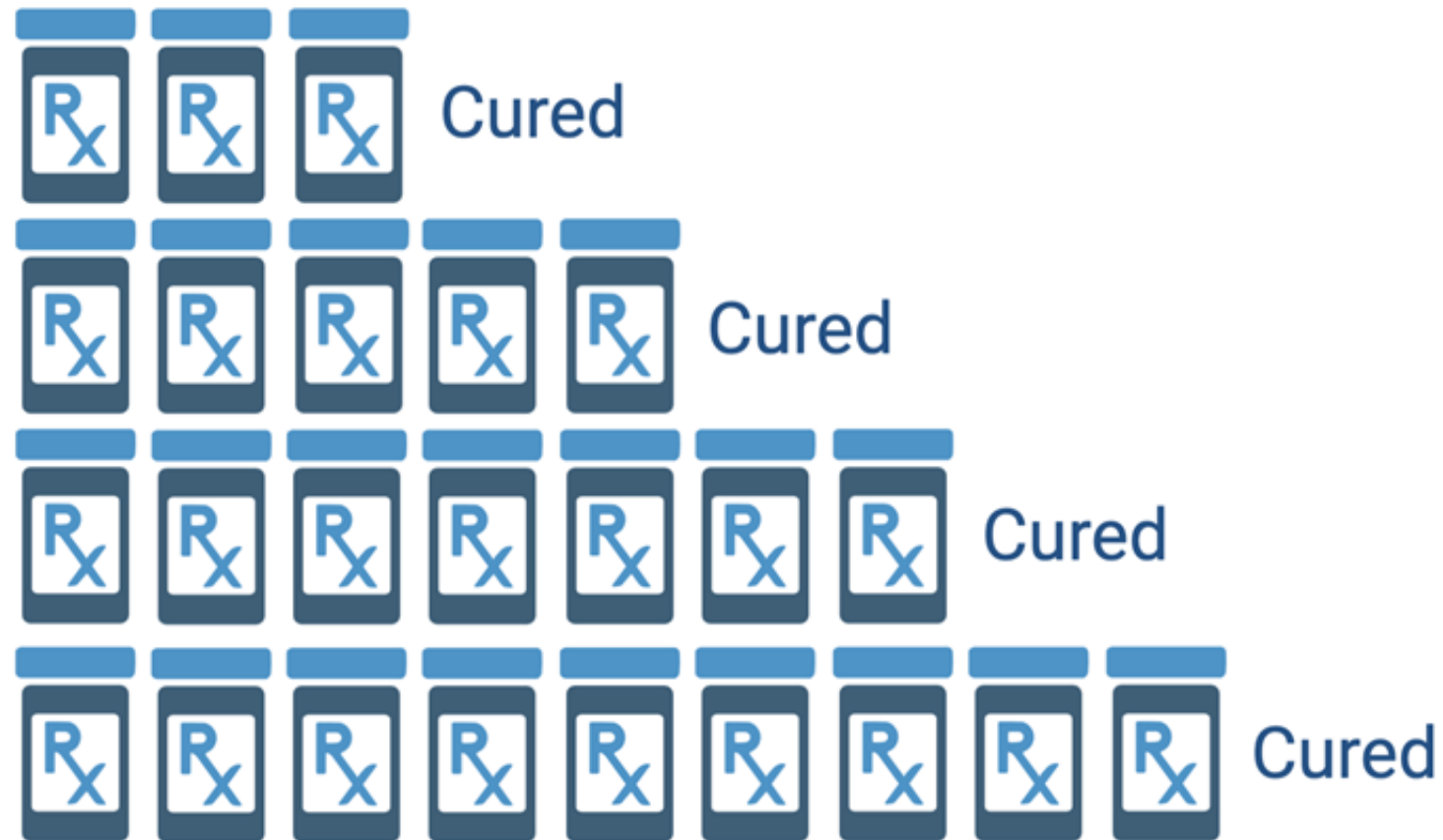


Sources: Stevens D, et al CID; 2014; 59:e10. Moussaoui R, et al BMJ 2006;332:1355. Jenkins T., et al Infect Control Hosp Epidemiol 2014;35(10).

# Shorter is Better: Pneumonia

## Adults + Pediatrics

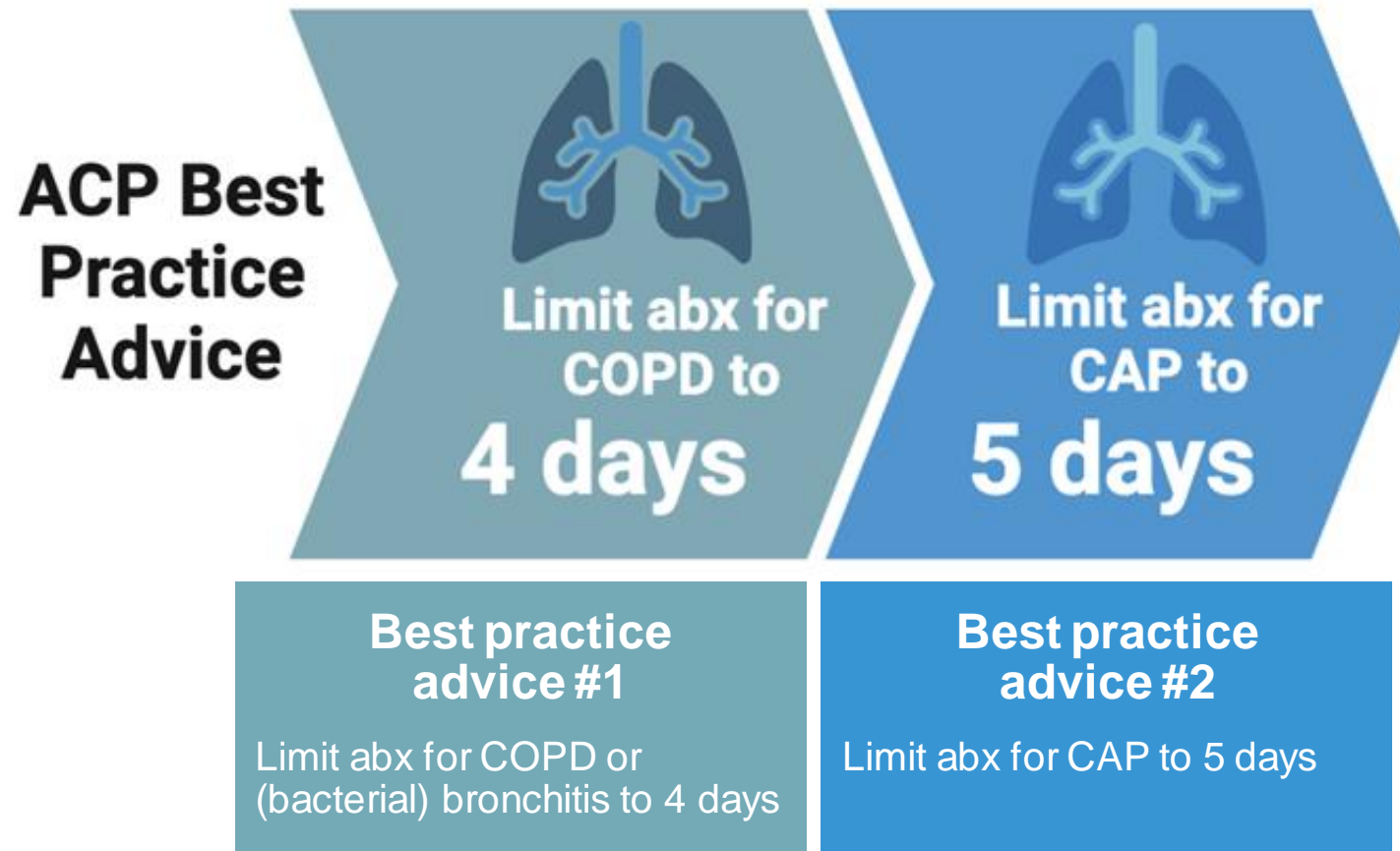
- 14 randomized controlled trials of >8,000 patients
- Three or 5 days antibiotics non-inferior to 5 to 14 days for treatment of pneumonia



Source: Wunderink R et al. NEJM; 2014; 370: 543-51  
Wald-Dickler N & Spellberg B. CID 2019;69:1476  
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# Clinical Guideline

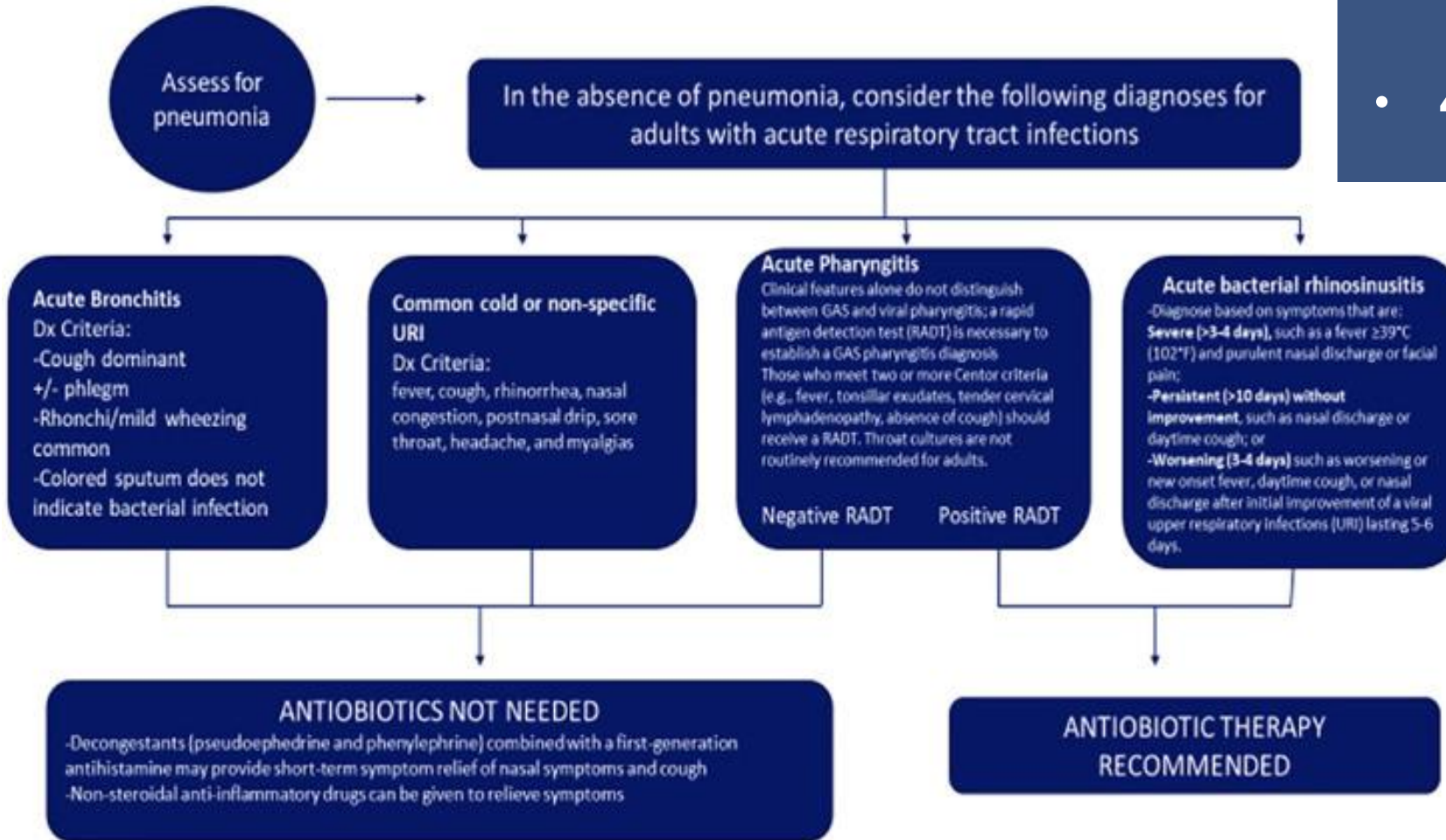
## Appropriate Use of Short-Course Antibiotics in Common Infections: Best Practice Advice From the American College of Physicians



Source: Lee R., et al. Annals of Int Med. 2021; 174(6): 822-27.

# Clinical Practice Guidelines

Evidenced-based management of Acute Respiratory Tract Infections



## Antibiotic Use

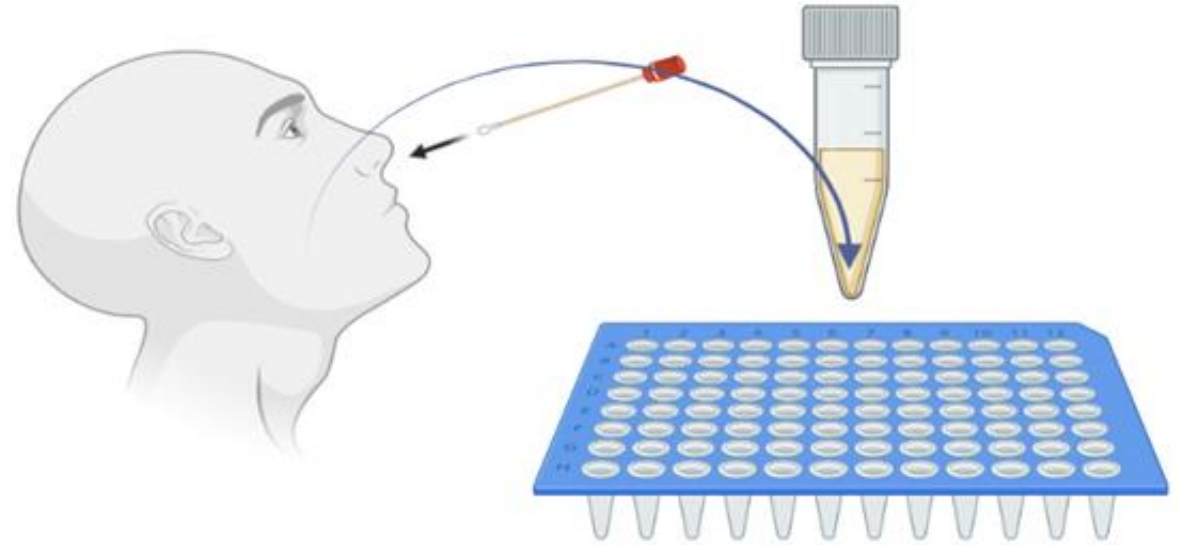
- **10% decreased abx URI**  
(33.3% to 22.9%)
- **14% decrease nasopharyngitis**  
(14.3% to 0%)
- **4% acute bronchitis**  
(40% to 36.1%)

- URI management protocol
- Educational emails detailing project
- Laminated protocols distributed during educational meetings

Source: Aplin-Snider C., et al. J Prim Care Comm Health 2020;11:2150132720966811.

# Diagnostics

- Rapid diagnostics have the potential to
  - Reduce unnecessary antibiotics
  - Improve antiviral prescribing
  - Limit additional imaging
  - Shorten hospital or ED lengths of stay
  - Optimize infection-control practices
- May be associated with
  - Higher costs
  - Over-diagnosis



# Respiratory Diagnostic Stewardship

## Question 1: To Test or Not to Test

- Severity of illness
  - Duration of symptoms
  - Availability of other studies
  - Turnaround time of results
  - Test results change management
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- American Society for Clinical Pathology recommends **against** broad respiratory viral PCR panels and instead use specific rapid molecular tests that impact management (e.g. flu, RSV)

## Question 2: If I Test, Which is Best

- CDC and IDSA both favor molecular (PCR) testing for flu instead of antigen testing
- Multiplex viral and bacteria PCRs for immunocompromised and critically ill
  - Consider prolonged shedding
  - Specimen source (e.g., lower respiratory tract RSV vs nasal swab)

Method	Test Time
Rapid molecular (flu RNA or NAAT)	15-30 min
RT-PCR (singleplex and multiplex)	1-8 hours
Rapid influenza (antigen)	<15 min
Immunofluorescence direct (DFA) or indirect fluorescent antibody (IFA)	1-4 hours

# Respiratory Diagnostic Stewardship

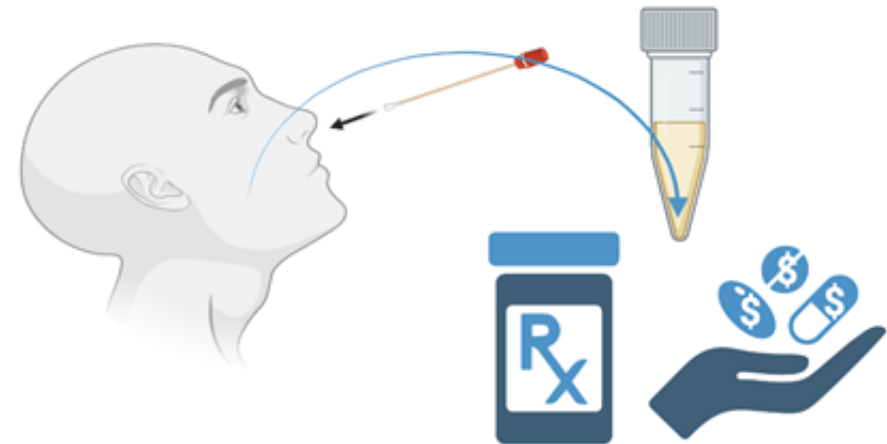
## Question 3: What is the Significance of Bacterial DNA

- Potential detection of dead, colonization or metabolically impaired organisms of unclear clinical significance
- Semi-quantitative PCRs may be helpful
- Concern that over-detection may paradoxically increase abx

## Antibiotic Use

Cochrane review - 3 trials of rapid viral diagnostics

- **Little or no effect on antibiotic prescribing** (RR 0.86, 95% CI 0.61 - 1.22)
- **No difference on repeat visit** (RR 0.86, 95% CI 0.59 - 1.25)

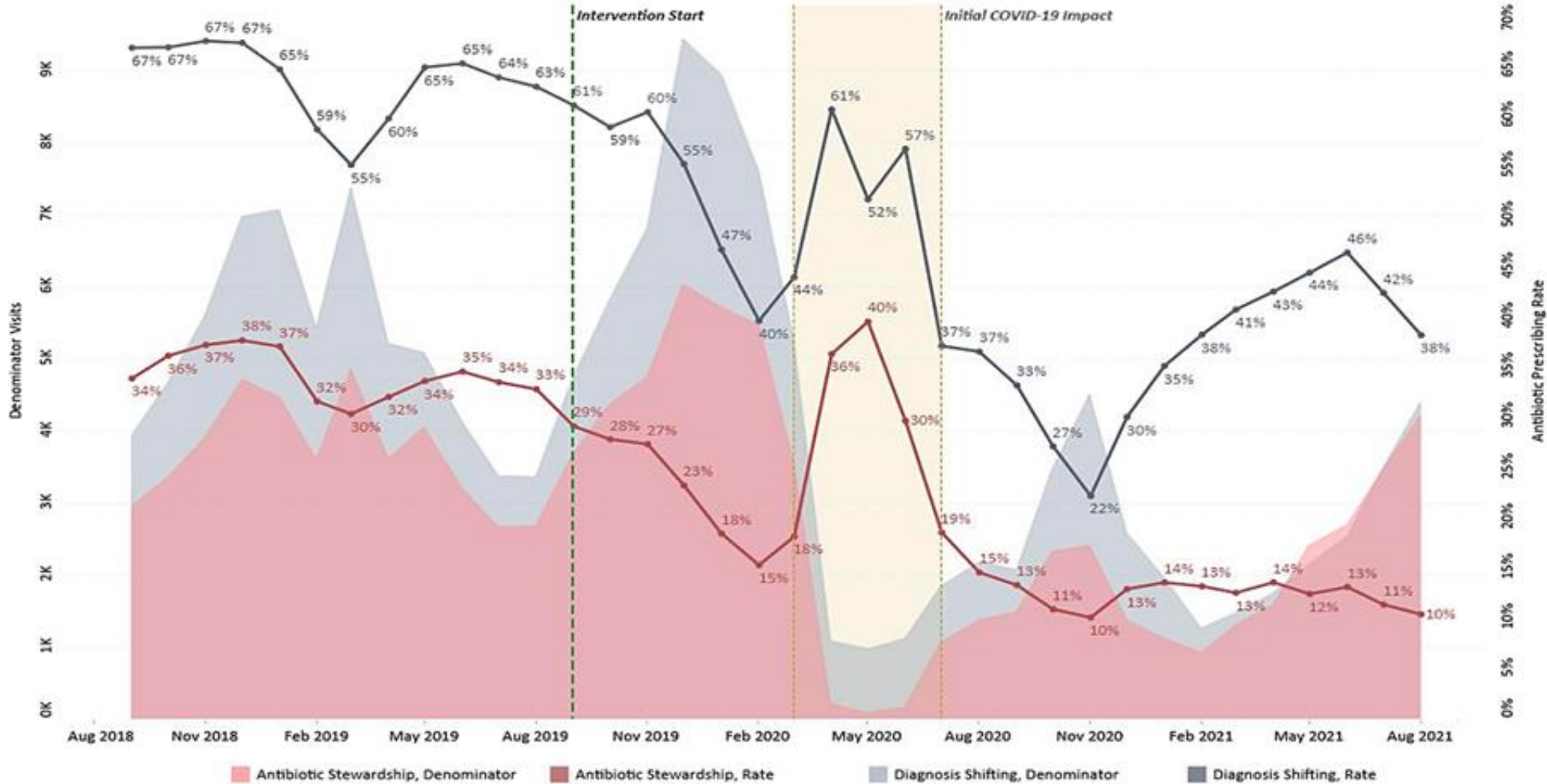




# Audit and Feedback: Harness Local Champions

## Antibiotic Use

- 22% reduction antibiotics (34% 2019 to 12% 2021)
- 6% increase in patient satisfaction (83%->89%)



- 17 urgent care clinics
- Clinician and patient education
- Reports with individual, regional Rx
- Shared leadership through regional and quality committee meetings
- Regional medical directors reviewed report with individual prescribers annually, discussed barriers and opportunities

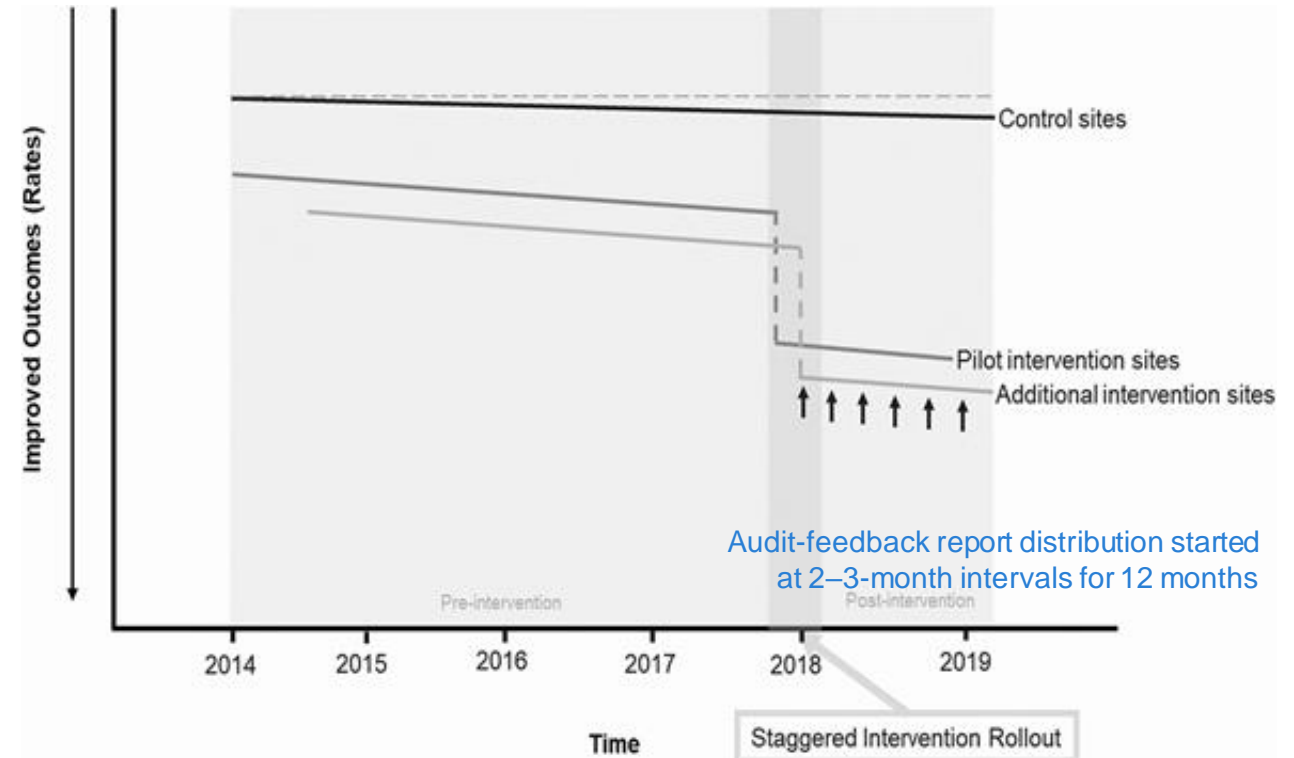
Source: Patel D., et al. ICHE 2022; 1-10

# Audit and Feedback: Harness Peers

- ED + outpatient (VA)
- Site champions recruited to promote and participate
  - Peer-to-peer communication and strategies with vignettes, reinforcement techniques
  - Reports every 2-3 months “throughout ARI season”
  - In-person or emailed aggregate antibiotic, abx by total ARI diagnosed, proportions of acute sinusitis, cases treated appropriately and ARI mgmt compared to top 20% in their groups

## Antibiotic Use

- - 22% abx for bronchitis (+ 5.9% for control,  $p > 0.001$ )
- -7.7% abx for sinusitis (-1.7% control,  $p = 0.02$ )
- 1.7-fold increase in appropriate antibiotics (53.8% → 69.1%, OR 1.67, 95% CI 1.31-2.14)



# Audit and Feedback

- Auditing easier with mandatory antibiotic indications in the EMR
- Auditing targets
  - Conditions (e.g., CAP, viral URI)
  - Antibiotics
  - Guideline adherence
  - Duration of therapy
  - Pharmacist-led audit and feedback (inpatient)
  - Frequency

## Highlights of Antimicrobial Stewardship Program (ASP) Initiatives in 20xx

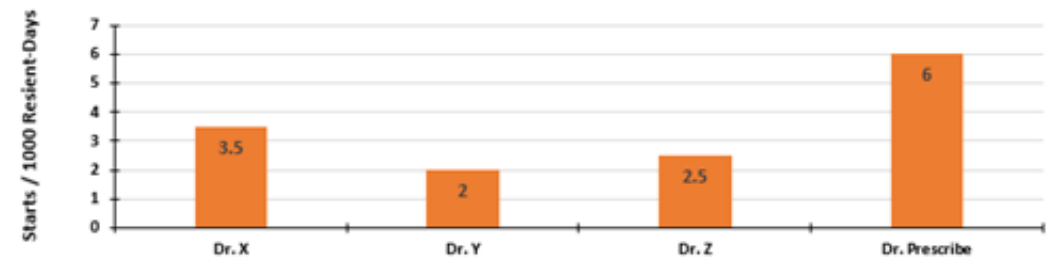
- Implemented use of SBAR tool for suspected UTI (*completed*)
- Revised contract with laboratory to include production of facility-specific antibiogram (*completed*)
- Revised contract with consultant pharmacy to review all antimicrobial use (*completed*)
- Provided mandatory antimicrobial stewardship education to all facility staff (*completed*)
- Successfully surveyed by CMS on IPCP and ASP without receiving an F-tag (*completed*)
- Implementing use of SBAR tool for suspected respiratory tract infections (*ongoing*)
- Collaborating with Nebraska ASAP to further augment ASP (*ongoing*)

## Antimicrobial Stewardship Program-Related Outcomes in 20xx

- A. *Process Measures: Compliance to Antimicrobial Prescribing Documentations*
- Total Number of Antimicrobial Prescribed: 250
  - Missing ≥1 required elements: 50 (20%)
    - Dose: 5 (2%)
    - Duration: 20 (8%)
    - Indication: 40 (16%)
- B. *Antimicrobial Use Measures*
- Antimicrobial starts/1000 resident-day is 5% lower compared to 20ww
  - Antimicrobial days of therapy/1000 resident-day is by 7% lower compared to 20ww
  - Antimicrobial appropriateness decreased by 10% compared to 20ww

	Antibiotic Starts / 1000 Resident-Day		Days of Therapy / 1000 Resident-Day	
	20xx	20ww	20xx	20ww
All antimicrobials	14.17	14.88	121.68	130.20
<b>Most frequently prescribed antimicrobials</b>				
<i>Levofloxacin</i>	1.96	1.98	32.54	31.00
<i>Ciprofloxacin</i>	1.59	1.57	12.88	12.90
<i>Cephalexin</i>	1.38	1.40	13.62	11.05

Comparison of Antimicrobial Starts by Prescribers



Sample Report LTCF providers: [asap.nebraskamed.com/wp-content/uploads/sites/3/2018/08/Annual-ASP-Activity-Report-for-LTCF-Prescribers-081418.docx](https://asap.nebraskamed.com/wp-content/uploads/sites/3/2018/08/Annual-ASP-Activity-Report-for-LTCF-Prescribers-081418.docx)

# Nudging

## Commitment Posters

- Accountability when faced with pressure during visit
- 20% reduction in inappropriate abx (5 clinics, 2 RCTs)

English customizable poster: [khconline.org/files/POSTER-UseAntibioticsWisely11x17.pdf](http://khconline.org/files/POSTER-UseAntibioticsWisely11x17.pdf)  
Spanish poster: [khconline.org/files/POSTER-UseAntibioticsWisely24x36\\_SPANISH.pdf](http://khconline.org/files/POSTER-UseAntibioticsWisely24x36_SPANISH.pdf)



Source: Meeker D et al. JAMA 2014;174(3):425-31;  
Kufel W., Open Forum Infect Dis 2018;5(suppl 1):S527)

# Communication Training

## Nurse-clinician communications

- Nurses are the frontline clinicians assessing and caring for residents and are the principal communicators among prescribers, residents and their family members
- Online education: free, 30 min, interactive modules
  - Differentiating UTI from asymptomatic bacteriuria
  - Recognition and evaluation of URIs bronchitis, pneumonia
  - Proper application transmission-based precautions
  - Proper collection for sampling cultures

# Communication Training

## Post-education participation

- Greater awareness of their role as abx stewards in the nursing home
- Increased agreement their own knowledge of resident's baseline status, assessment and communication with providers and families influenced whether a resident received abx



# Communication Training

**Negative treatment** recommendations that “rule out” the need for antibiotics

- “this infection is viral, so antibiotics won’t help”
- May increase questions of the treatment plan
- Shift to provider-patient negotiation
- Extends visit length
- Forces providers to re-explain why abx aren’t needed

**Positive treatment** recommendations for symptom relief

- “drink hot tea with a teaspoon of honey to help with the sore throat”
- “use an extra pillow at night to reduce the drainage and resulting cough”



When **combined**, negative treatment recommendations when followed by a positive one resulted in:

- Lowest association with unwarranted prescribing
- Strongest association with satisfaction with the quality of care

# Communication Training

## Type of Communication

Communication training (10 peds clinics, 2 years)

- **85% reduction antibiotics Rx when negative followed positive recs** (RR 0.15 CI 0.06-0.4,  $p < 0.01$ )
- 52% reduction of abx if positive only (RR 0.48, 95% CI 0.24-0.95,  $p = 0.04$ )
- No difference if negative only (RR 0.18, 95% CI 0.02 - 1.43,  $p = 0.11$ )

## Sustained Effects

Communication training (228 adult + peds clinics, 1 year, randomized with c-reactive protein)

- **Decreased compared to no-intervention but abx Rx with c-reactive protein at 1 year**
- **29% decreased abx Rx, maintained at 1 year** (RR 0.71, 95% CI 0.45-0.99)



# Reporting Nudges

## Leverage the laboratory to improve antibiotic use

### **Result** text interpretation

- “commensal respiratory flora”
- “normal upper respiratory flora”

How to translate into a **NUDGE**?

Work with micro lab on selective reporting protocol using accepted American Society of Microbiology guidelines.

Take it a step further, if already reporting interpretation, does more specificity help?

- **“commensal flora only” nudged to**
- **“commensal flora only, no *S. aureus*/MRSA or *P. aeruginosa*”**

# Reporting Nudges

“commensal flora only, no *S. aureus*/MRSA or *P. aeruginosa*”

## Musgrove et al, 2018

- **Greater reduction de-escalation or discontinuation** (39% vs 73%,  $p > 0.001$ )
- **5.5-fold increased odds de-escalation** (aOR 5.5, 95% CI 2.8 to 10.7)
- **Anti-MRSA & anti-pseudomonal antibiotics decreased 7-day median to 5 day**
- **No difference in all-cause mortality** (30% vs 18%,  $p = 0.52$ ), *C. diff*, or ICU LOS
- **Reduced AKI** (31% → 14%,  $p = 0.03$ )

## McBride et al 2015

### 2-year inpatient period

- **Total abx decreased** 2.31 → 1.87 ( $p = 0.009$ )
- **Broad-spectrum abx decreased** 1.94 → 1.44 ( $p = 0.004$ )
- **Anti-MRSA agents decreased** 0.71 → 0.49 ( $p = 0.008$ )
- **Anti-pseudomonal decreased** 1.24 → 0.94 ( $p = 0.02$ )
- **IV antibiotic decreased** 1.51 → 1.16 ( $p = 0.009$ )

**Highlights importance of clear, persuasive communication of diagnostic testing in improving abx prescribing behaviors**

Sources: Musgrove M., et al OFID 2018;5(7).  
Mcbride J., et al. ORID 2015;2(1).

# Delayed Prescribing

- Patient-led (immediate Rx at time of visit with instructions not to till until specified day or symptom)
- Post-visit (instructed will receive abx at specified day if symptoms unimproved)

## Adult - ARIs

Immediate abx vs delayed vs no abx (23 clinics tracked 1 year)

- **Patient-led 58% reduced abx use**
- **Delayed Rx associated with 68% reduced abx use**
- **No difference in patient satisfaction**
- **No difference in duration of symptoms**
- **No difference in severity of symptoms**



# Delayed Prescribing

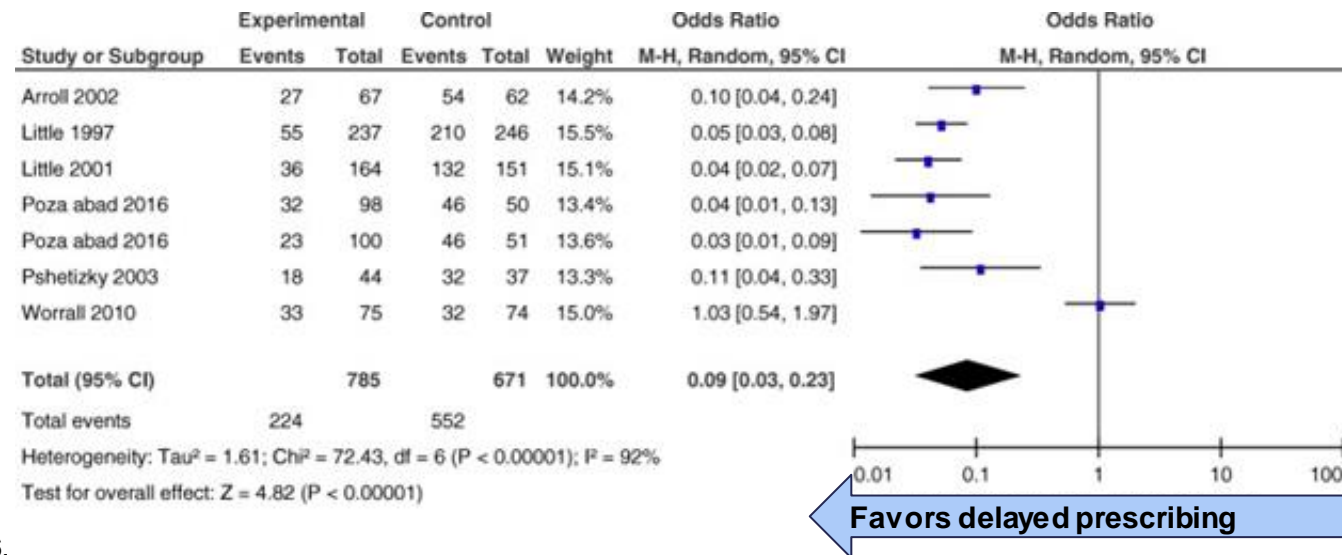
Meta-analysis of RCTs - delayed prescribing for reducing ARI antibiotics

## Antibiotic Use

- **Greater odds of not requiring antibiotics for ARIs (OR=0.09, CI 0.03 to 0.23)**
- **Subgroup analysis - no difference when Rx were given at index visit or at a later time**

## Secondary Outcomes

**No difference in satisfaction** (5 studies: 1 UK trial did have statistically significant lower satisfaction, 1 New Zealand trial had higher satisfaction)  
**No difference in re-consultation** (2 studies: non-statistically significant repeat visits in delayed groups)



Sources: Mortazhejri S., et al. Syst Rev 2020; 9(1):106.



# Delayed Prescribing Support: ARI Script Pads

Print onto 5.5" x 8.5" notepads (50-100 pages per pad)

- Providers reported biggest barrier was lack of tools to aid in promoting conversations with patients and education about ARIs
- 2/3 patients preferred to receive **verbal + printed** information about symptomatic URI management

Rx Name: \_\_\_\_\_

DIAGNOSIS	Symptom duration	SYMPTOM RELIEF MEDICATIONS	
<input type="checkbox"/> Bronchitis (chest cold, cough)	7-21 days	Always use medications according to package instructions Stop the medication when symptoms get better	
<input type="checkbox"/> COVID-19	3-21 days (+)	<input type="checkbox"/> Acetaminophen, 325-650 mg every 4-6 hours as needed	fever and aches
<input type="checkbox"/> Influenza (flu)	7-14 days	<input type="checkbox"/> Ibuprofen, 400-800 mg every 4-6 hours as needed	fever and aches
<input type="checkbox"/> Otitis media (ear infection)	7-10 days	<input type="checkbox"/> Naproxen, 250-500 mg every 12 hours as needed	fever and aches
<input type="checkbox"/> Upper respiratory infection (common cold)	7-10 days	<input type="checkbox"/> Lozenges - benzocaine, dyclonine or zinc acetate	sore throat
<input type="checkbox"/> Viral pharyngitis (sore throat)	3-10 days	<input type="checkbox"/> Saltwater gargle -1 tbsp. salt /1 cup warm water	sore throat
<input type="checkbox"/> Viral sinusitis (sinus infection)	7-14 days	<input type="checkbox"/> Honey - 2 tbsp. /1 cup tea or hot water every 4-6 hours as needed ( <i>do not give honey to babies under 1 year</i> )	sore throat, cough
<p><i>The symptoms you presented with today suggest a VIRAL infection.</i></p> <p>You have not been prescribed antibiotics because <b>antibiotics are not effective for viral infections</b>, cause side effects, and may cause serious harm. Please return or call if symptoms do not improve in ____ day(s), you develop persistent fevers, shortness of breath, or other symptoms:</p>		<input type="checkbox"/> Nasal / sinus saline irrigation (i.e., neti pot, saline squeeze bottle) 1-4 times daily as needed ( <i>do not use irrigations in kids under 6</i> )	nasal congestion
		<input type="checkbox"/> Cool mist humidifier or vaporizer	chest & nasal congestion
		<input type="checkbox"/> Dextromethorphan, 20-30 mg every 6 hours as needed ( <i>do not use cough suppressants in kids under 4</i> )	cough
		If none of above working, you do <b>NOT</b> have heart problems or high blood pressure, may consider:	
		<input type="checkbox"/> Phenylephrine or pseudoephedrine limit 2-3 days ( <i>do not use in kids under 4</i> )	cough & congestion



 Prescriber: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

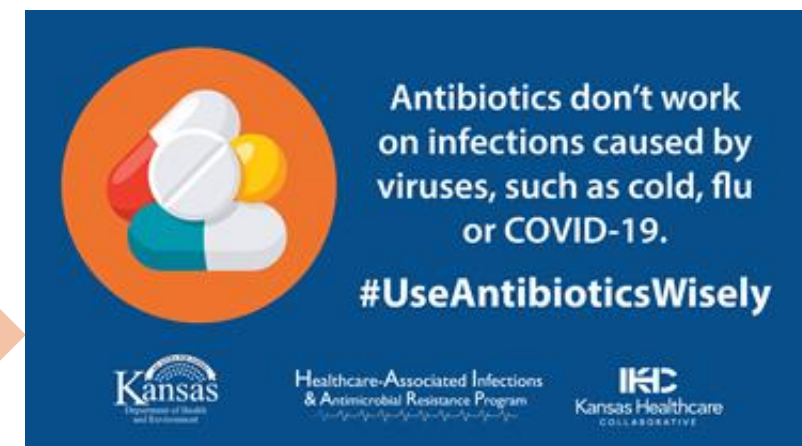
Emailing symptomatic script pads with printing instructions (soon to be added to KDHE HAI/AR website)

# Patient and Public Education

- Easy to understand
- Focus on modifiable risk factors
- Design according to needs
  - Key driver for ARI visits: concern that illness lasted longer than expected
- Pharmacologic and nonpharmacologic treatments
- Passive education (e.g., providing materials but not reviewing) has little to no impact compared to active strategies

Download Social Media Toolkit:  
[khconline.org/files/USAAW-2020-images.zip](https://khconline.org/files/USAAW-2020-images.zip)

Sources: Francis N., et al. Patient Educ & Counseling 2008;73(2):286-93.



# Peer Comparison

## Choosing Metrics

- Antibiotic Use: ARI + Abx
- Antibiotics: NDC codes
- Identify ICD-10 codes: 24
- Time period: 2019-2022
- Rate:  $ARI + Abx / Total\ ARI\ claims$
- Provider: NPI by address
- Provider: AU rates to quartiles

ICD-10 Code	Diagnosis
H65	Non-suppurative otitis media
J00	Acute nasopharyngitis, unspecified
J040	Acute laryngitis
J042	Acute laryngotracheitis
J043	Supraglottis
J050	Acute obstructive laryngitis (croup)
J06	Acute laryngopharyngitis
J09-J11	Influenza A
J12	Viral pneumonia
J203-209	Acute bronchitis due to coxsackie, parainfluenza, RSV, rhinovirus, echovirus, NOS
J21	Acute bronchiolitis
J22	Acute respiratory infection NOS
J30	Vasomotor and allergic rhinitis
J31	Chronic rhinitis
J40	Bronchitis NOS
J45	Asthma

# Reporting

## ARI-AU Heatmap

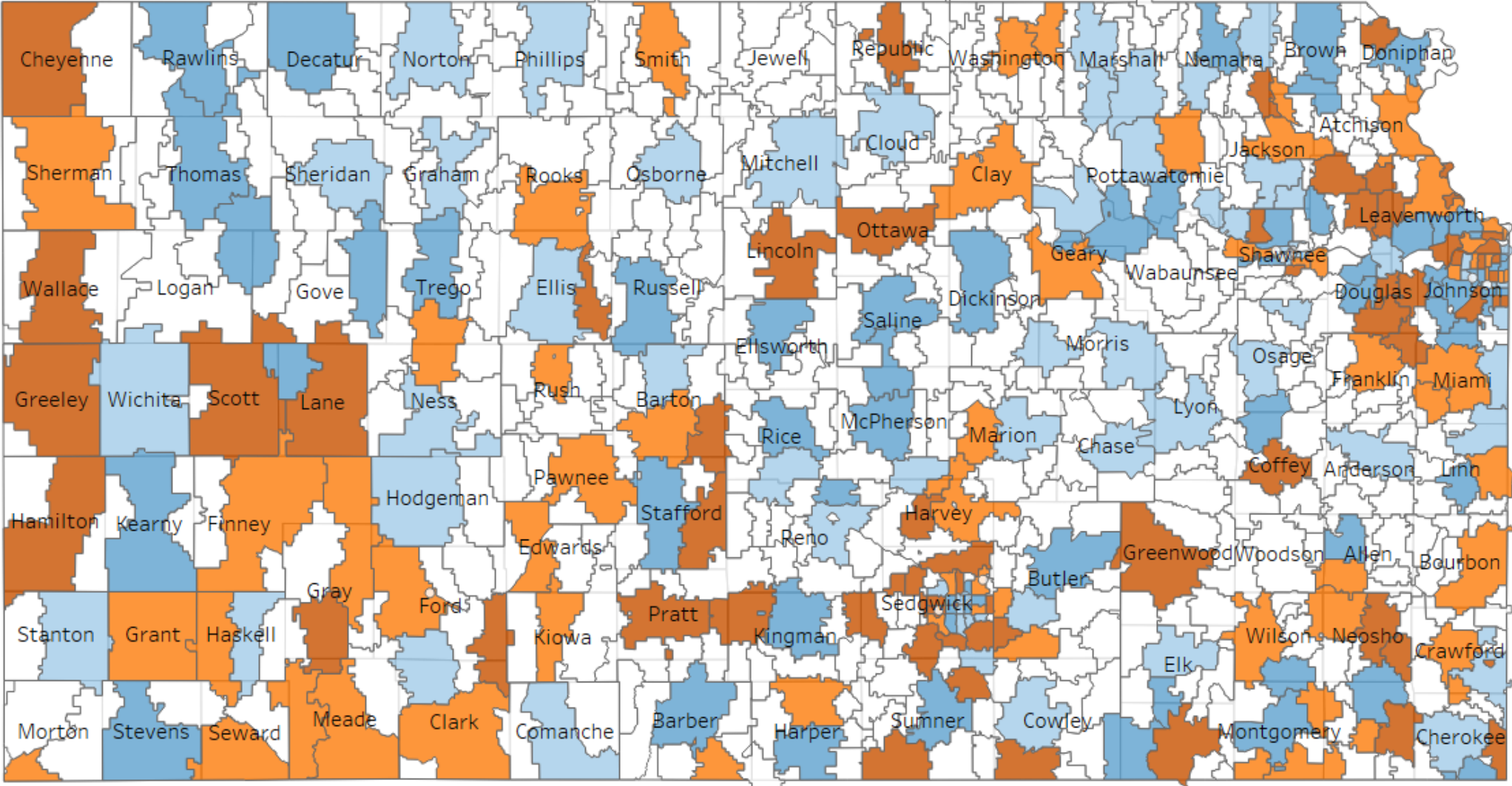
- County/zip code-level rates mapped to identify areas for improvement
- Previous (2017-18) ARI-AU showed no relation b/w rural and urban counties

## Peer Comparison

- Providers ARI-AU rate as percentage, split in quartiles
- Provider specialty vs entirety
- Vetted letters with KS physicians for message framing



# Percent of Potentially Inappropriate Prescribing of Antibiotics for Acute Respiratory Illnesses (ARI) Among Outpatient Prescribers by Zip Code Kansas, 2019-2021



Zip codes with no data
  First Quartile: 0% - 12.0%
  Second Quartile: 12.1% - 18.1%
  Third Quartile: 18.2% - 25.5%
  Fourth Quartile: 25.6% - 100%

# Vaccine Impact on Antibiotic Use

## Flu vaccination each season prevented:

- 3.8% total abx for acute respiratory illness (ARI) (95% CI 3.6 – 4.1%)
- 4.2 million antibiotic courses
- 5.6% total outpatient ARI visits

## Systematic review + Meta analysis of randomized control trials (RCTs) flu vaccine vs placebo, vaccination:

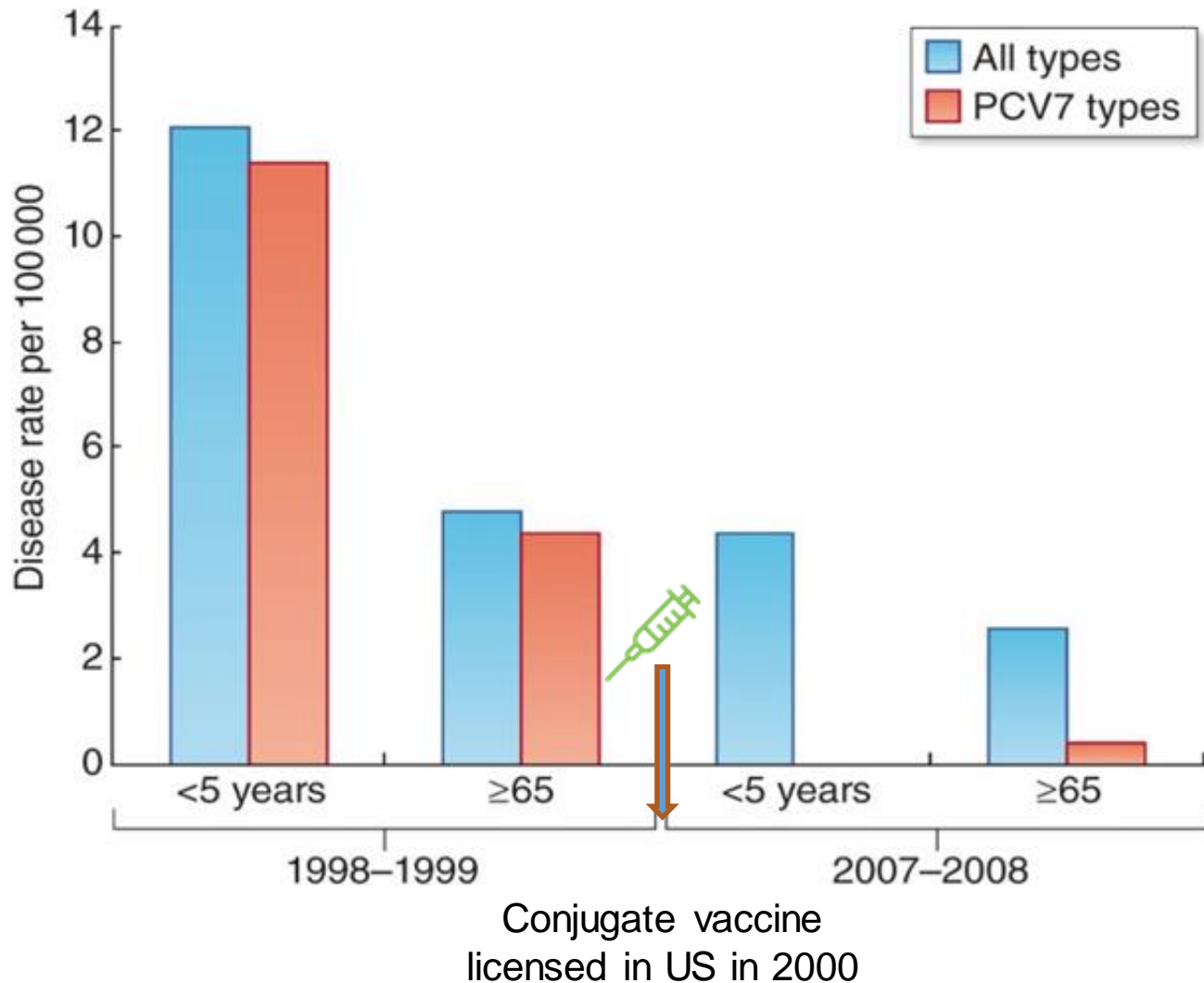


28% in duration antibiotics for febrile-illness



31% in antibiotics for kids

# Vaccine Impact on Antibiotic Resistance



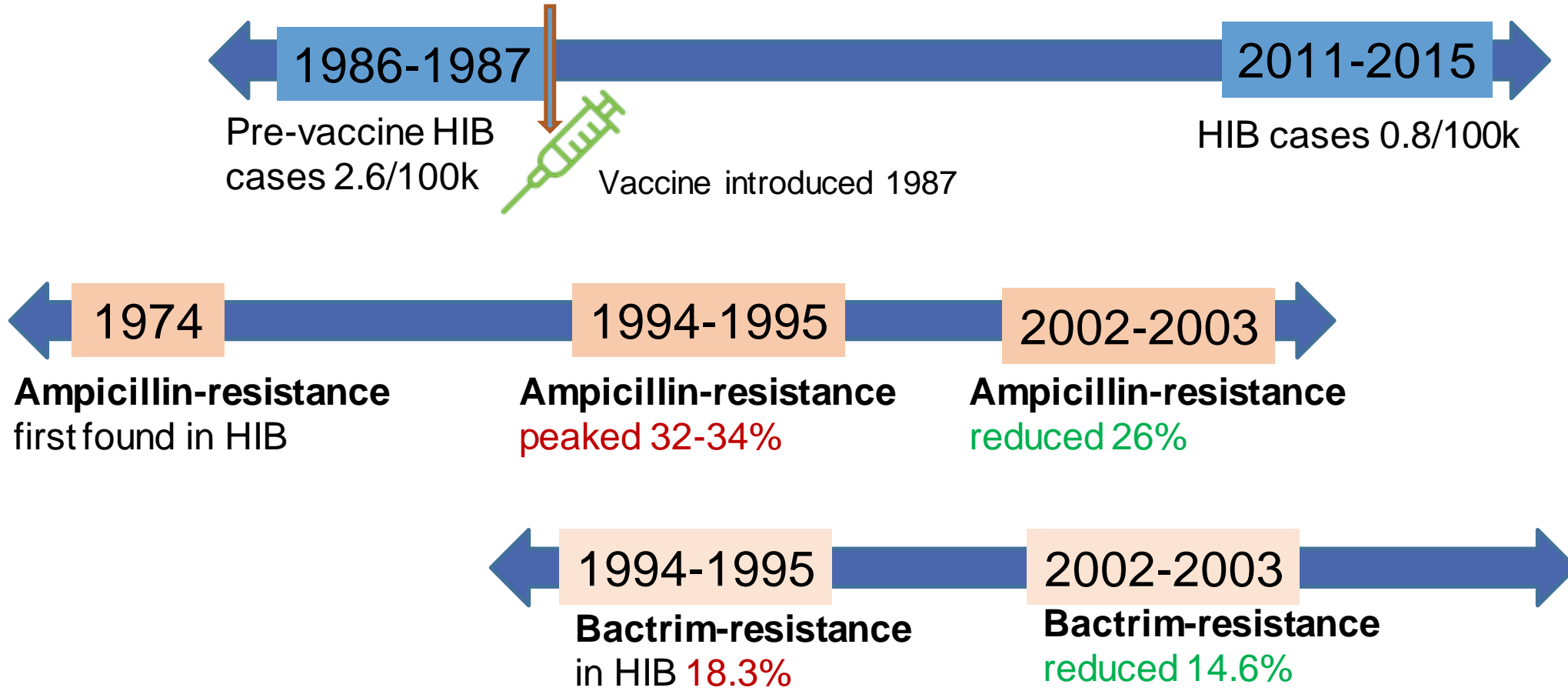
## Pneumococcal vaccination

Penicillin-resistant strains of *S. pneumoniae* (PCV7 types, seen in the orange color in the graph on the left) have virtually disappeared thanks to use of the pneumococcal vaccine.

So, ten years after conjugate vaccination introduced those serotypes (and resistance) have been almost eliminated!

# Vaccine Impact on Antibiotic Resistance

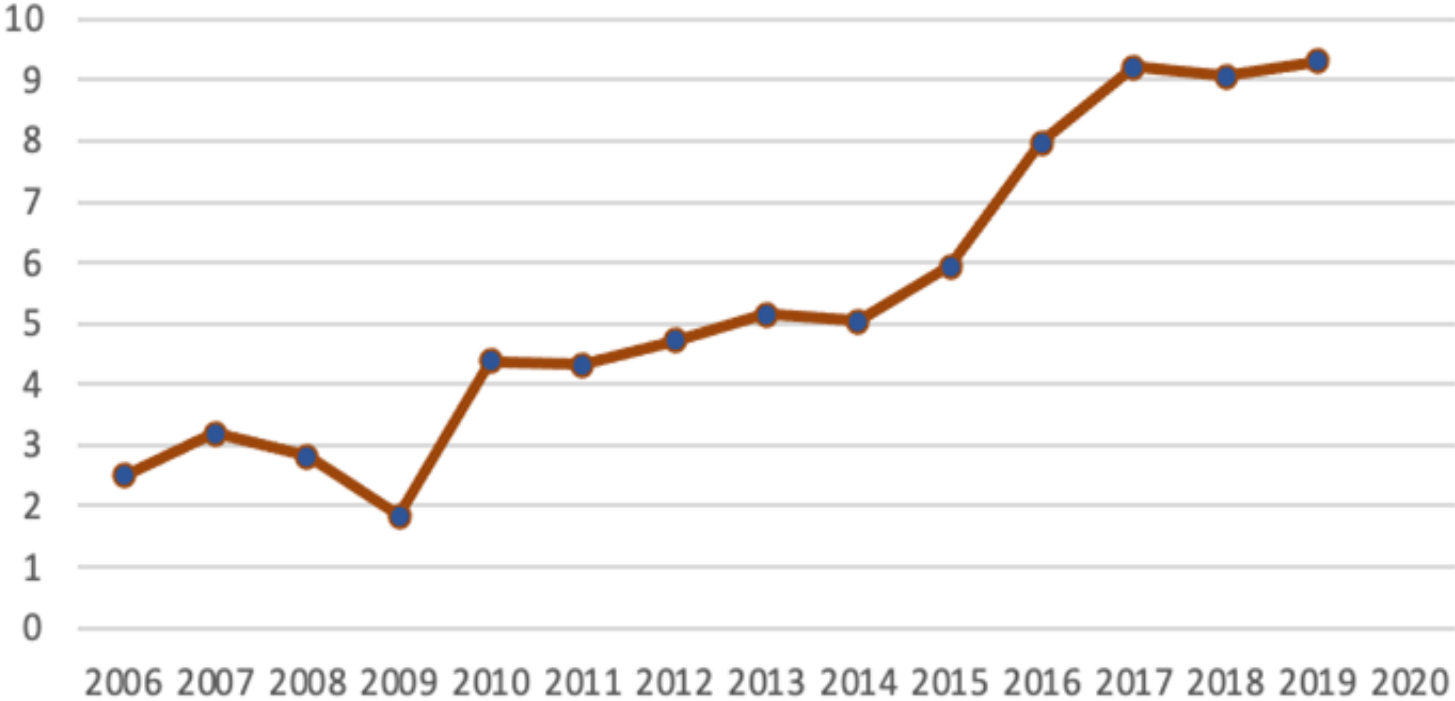
## *H. influenzae b* (HIB) vaccination



Sources: Buchy P, et al. Int J Infect Dis 2020;90:188-196; Jansen K et al. Nat Med. 2018;24(1):10-19; Wasserman M., et al Emerg Infect Dis 2021;27(6):1627-36

# Kansas Invasive Pneumococcal Epidemiology

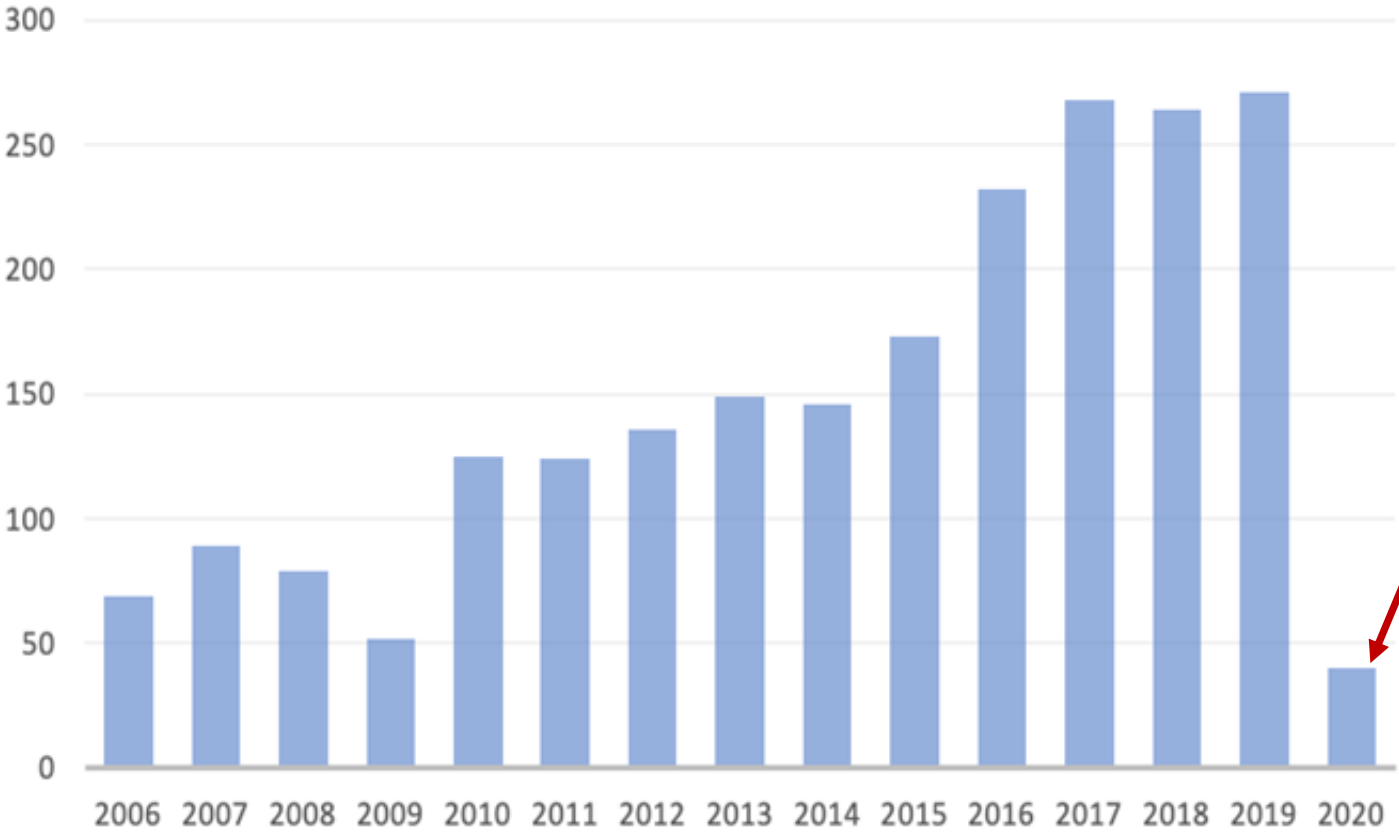
## Invasive Pneumococcal Incidence per 100,000 Population



Source: [kdhe.ks.gov/Archive.aspx](http://kdhe.ks.gov/Archive.aspx)

# Kansas Invasive Pneumococcal Epidemiology

## Invasive Pneumococcal Cases in Kansas, 2006-2020



Data is preliminary due to finalizing data during COVID-19 pandemic.

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# Pneumococcal Vaccines

## Capsular conjugated (PCV) vs unconjugated polysaccharide (PPSV)

- Conjugated = linked to protein carrier, more immunogenic, invokes memory B cells
- Unconjugated = contains sugar antigens
- Antigen spectrum/quantity provides coverage for different serotypes (>90 serotypes)

## Available pneumococcal vaccines:

- PCV13 (Pneumovax 13; Pfizer)
- PPSV23 (Pneumovax 23; Merck)
- **FDA approved 2021:** PCV15 (Vaxneuvance; Merck)
- **FDA approved 2021:** PCV20 (Pneumovax 20; Pfizer)

# Pneumococcal Serotypes

	Serotypes												
	1, 3-5, 6B, 7F, 9V, 14, 18C, 19A, 19F, 23F	6A	22F	33F	8	10A	11A	12F	15B	2	9N	17F	20
<b>PCV13</b>	X	X											
<b>PCV15</b>	X	X	X	X									
<b>PCV20</b>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
<b>PPSV23</b>	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X

~**30%** of invasive pneumococcal disease caused by non-PCV13 serotypes

**8-12%** of invasive pneumococcal disease remaining 4 serotypes



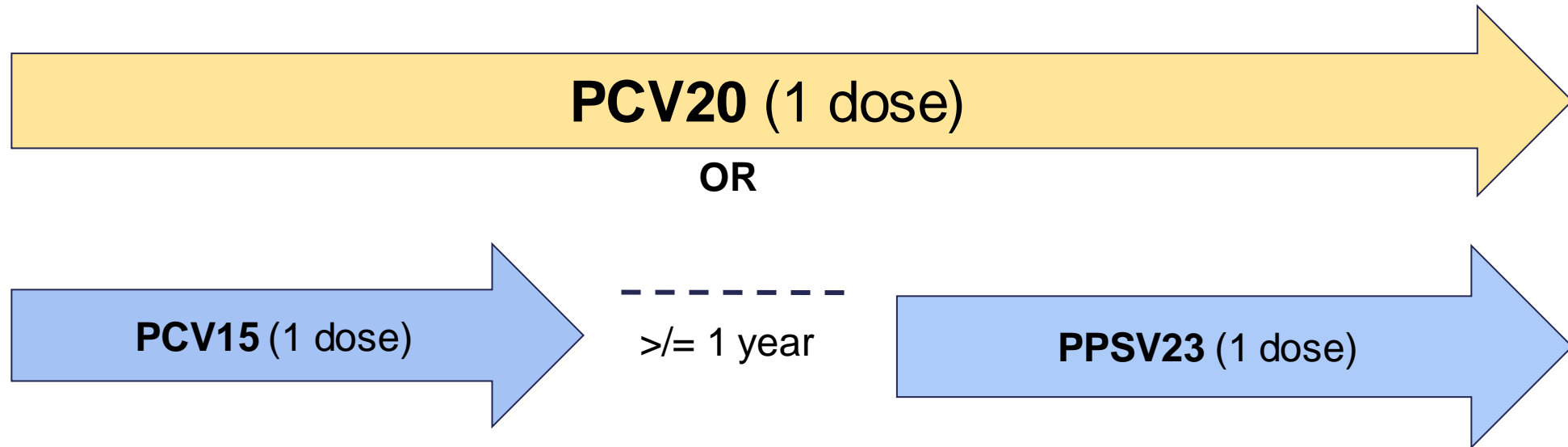
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PCV15	X	X	X	X										
PCV20	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X					
PPSV23	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	

Antibiotic-resistant serotypes

# 2022 ACIP Recommendations

- Age  $\geq 65$  yo *OR*
- Age 19 – 64 yo with underlying medical condition or other risk factor for pneumococcal disease:



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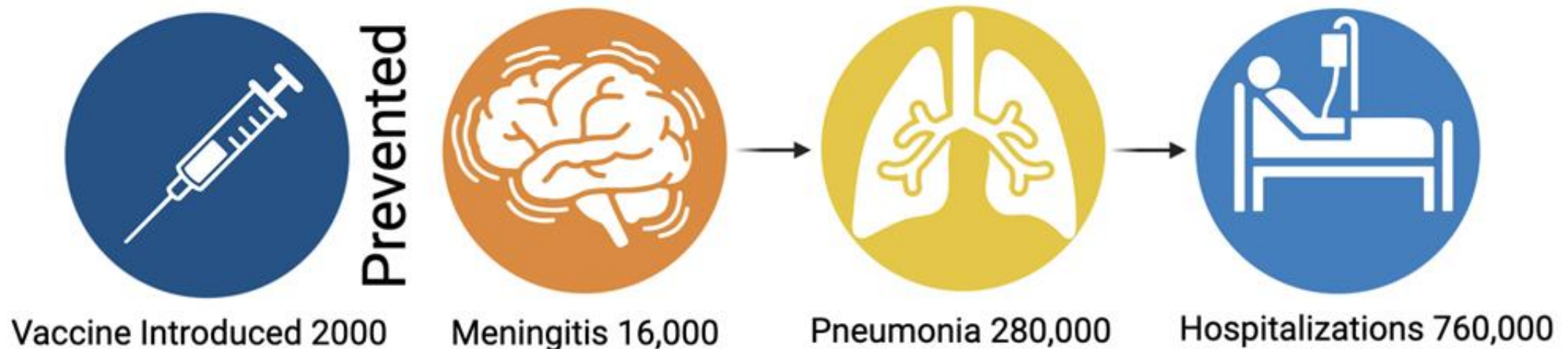
- Recommended interval of **at least 1 year** between PCV15 and PPSV23
  - Minimum of 8 weeks in vulnerable groups
- In those patients who have received a pneumococcal vaccine(s) as an adult in the past:

<b>Previous PPSV23 only</b>	<b>Previous PCV13 only</b>	<b>Previous PCV13 + PPSV23 (completed series)</b>
Administer PCV15 or PCV20 $\geq 1$ year after last PPSV23 dose	Complete series with PPSV23  (may substitute with x1 dose of PCV20)	No additional vaccinations recommended at this time

# Pneumococcal Infections and Deaths Prevented

## Prevented since vaccine introduced

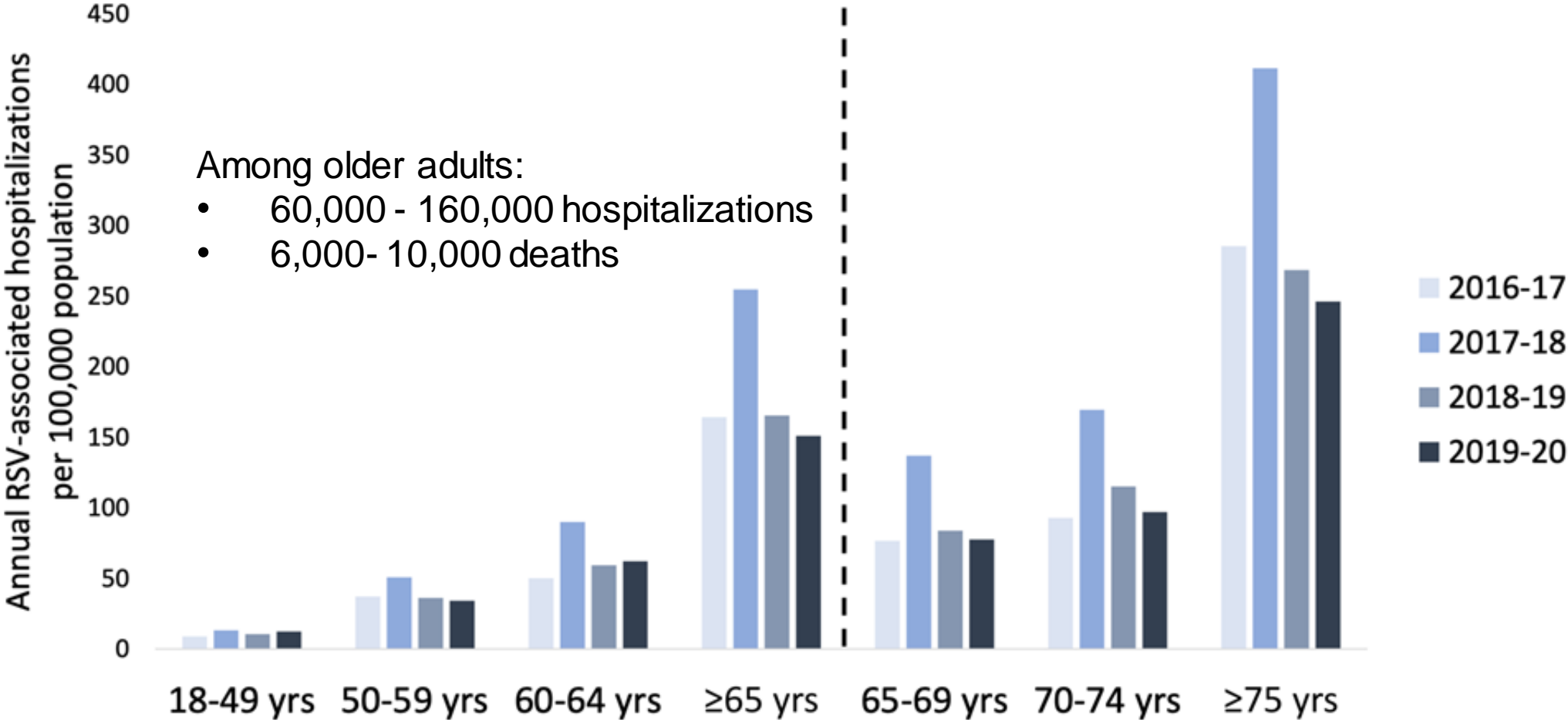
- 282,000 invasive pneumococcal disease cases
- 16,000 cases meningitis
- 172,000 cases bacteremias
- **97 million visits** for otitis media (antibiotics avoided)
- 706,000 hospitalizations
- 2,780 deaths prevented



Sources: [prevnar20.pfizerpro.com/about-prevnar20](https://prevnar20.pfizerpro.com/about-prevnar20) and Wasserman M., et al. Emerg Infect Dis. 2021;27(6):1627-36.

# RSV Infections and Deaths

## RSV-Net estimated annual hospitalizations per 100,000 adults (2016-17, 2019-20)



Source: CDC RSV-NET [cdc.gov/rsv/research/rsv-net/index.html](https://cdc.gov/rsv/research/rsv-net/index.html)

# Respiratory Syncytial Virus Vaccines

## GlaxoSmithKline: Arexvy

- Recombinant pre-fusion RSV antigen
- 5/31/23 FDA approved >60

## Pfizer: Abrysvo

- RSV pre-fusion bivalent (RSV A and B)
- 5/31/23 FDA approved >60

Vaccine Type	Vaccine Efficacy (season-1, LRTD 2+ sx)	Vaccine Efficacy Comorbidities
<p>ABRYSVO Pfizer n=17,215</p>	<p>Overall: <b>67%</b> (29-86%) 60-69: <b>58%</b> (-7 to 85%) 70-79: <b>78%</b> (-19 to 98%) &gt;80: <b>80%</b> (--104 to 100%)</p>	<p>“High-risk”: <b>63%</b> (-8 to 89%) 1+ cardiopulm: <b>33%</b> (-213 to 88%)</p>
<p>AREXVY GSK n=12,466</p>	<p>Overall: <b>83%</b> (58-94%) 60-69: <b>81%</b> (44-95%) 70-79: <b>84%</b> (47-97%) &gt;80: <b>34%</b> (-478 to 94%)</p>	<p>“High-risk”: <b>83%</b> (41-87%) 1+ co-morb: <b>95%</b> (66-100%)</p>

Source: Walsh E., et al. NEJM 2023; 388(16):1465-77.

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# Respiratory Syncytial Virus Vaccines

Vaccine Type	Vaccine Efficacy (ED and hospitalization)	Vaccine-Efficacy (outpatient visit)
ABRYSVO Pfizer n=17,215	Overall: <b>85%</b> (to month 7) 75% (8-14 mos)	Overall: <b>65%</b> (to month 7) 55% (8-14 mos)
AREXVY GSK n=12,466	Overall: <b>88%</b> (to month 7) 53% (8-14 mos)	Overall: <b>79%</b> (to month 7) 28% (8 -14 mos)

Source: ACIP June 21, 2023 RSV Vaccine Meeting

[youtube.com/watch?v=DunxtgBmRxl](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DunxtgBmRxl)

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# Respiratory Syncytial Virus Vaccines

Vaccine Type	Side effects
ABRYSVO Pfizer n=17,215	Site pain: <b>79%</b> Fatigue: <b>46%</b> Site red: <b>31%</b> Headache <b>0.5%</b>
AREXVY GSK n=12,466	Fever: <b>2%</b> Site pain: <b>61%</b> Fatigue: <b>34%</b> Site red: <b>8%</b> Headache <b>27%</b> Myalgias: <b>39%</b>



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# Pertussis

## Pertussis Incidence per 100,000 Population



Image source CDC



Child with broken blood vessels in eyes and bruising on face due to pertussis coughing

# TDaP Vaccine

## **Tetanus toxoid Reduced diphtheria toxoid acellular pertussis**

- Adults not previously having received Tdap:
- Tdap x1 → Td booster q10 y
  - Alt: pertussis immunity wanes at 5-10 years, so with increasing rates in our state, consider Tdap q10y

- Tdap each pregnancy (3rd tri)
- Household contacts, grandparents, care providers

**Regardless of interval  
from last Tdap**

**How can we improve immunization rates?**

# Strategies to improve patient and worker vaccinations

## Facility-Based

- Standing orders (e.g., on admit or discharge) rather than requiring physician's signature
- High-risk patients by diagnoses and age (identified by EHR or physician, nurse, pharmacist or IPC)
- Leadership support (visibly vaccinate institutional leaders)

## Provider-Based

- Practice-based tracking systems ID high-risk adults and remind during visit
- Preventative checklists
- Meta-analysis of 41 studies: reminders improved vaccination rates 80%

## Quality of Care Metric

- IDSA issued Executive Summary on Immunization Coverage, citing need to care and other organization promote immunization as indicator of healthcare quality in managed s

## Occupational Health Partnership

- Offer flexible worksite vaccine delivery (e.g., multiple locations and times, via mobile carts)
- Offer free access w/o out of pocket expense to HCWs
- Monitor and report rates (ID areas/sectors with low coverage for targeted intervention)

# Thank You!



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