

Daily Question Preview: Day 1

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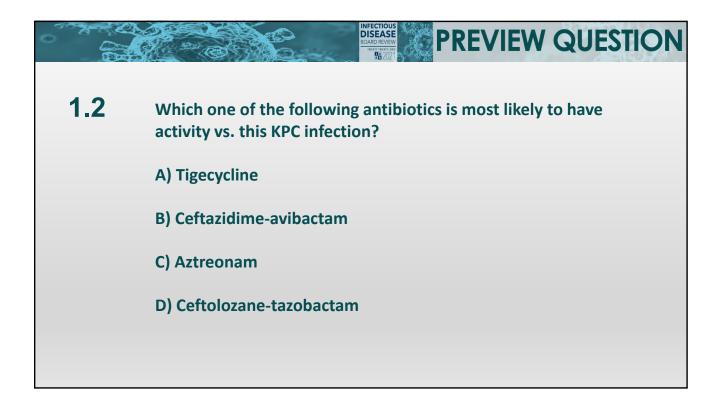
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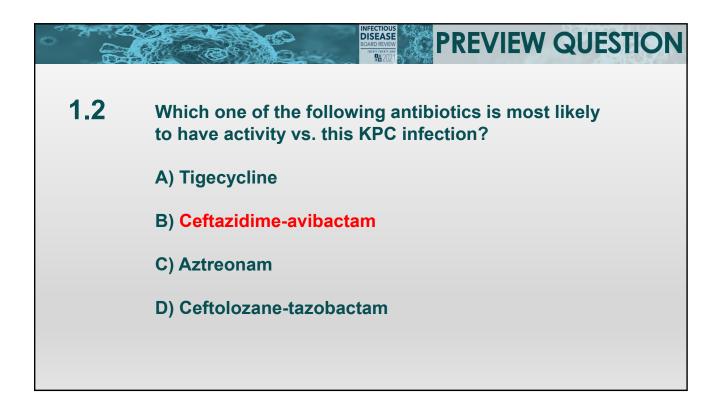
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- **1.2** 60-year-old female smoker, admitted, intubated, and ventilated due to severe COPD with Acute Respiratory Failure.
 - Chest X-Ray: New bibasilar infiltrates and Emphysema
 - Empiric ceftriaxone and azithromycin
 - Sputum positive for both rhinovirus and Klebsiella pneumoniae resistant to both ceftriaxone and azithromycin
 - Also "Resistant" to: all fluoroquinolones, aminoglycosides, pip/tazo, and all carbapenems





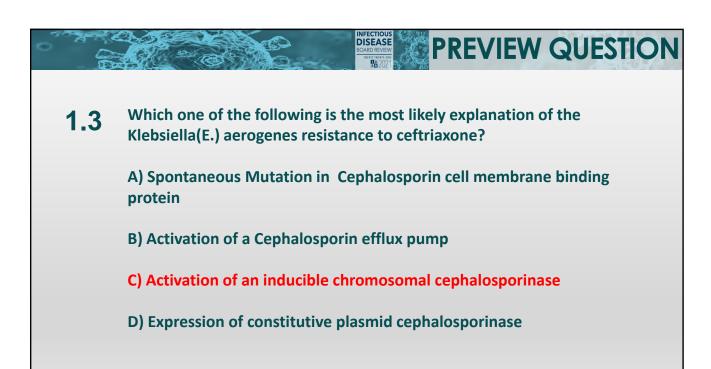


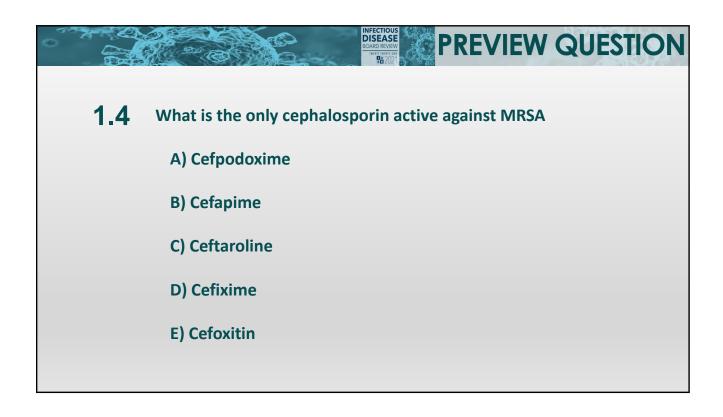
- 40-year-old surgeon has surgical repair of torn anterior cruciate ligament of his knee. A single dose of cefazolin was given as a prophylactic antibiotic.
 - Three days post-op: Purulent knee exudate. GNB on gram stain. Ceftriaxone (CTX) started
 - Five days post-op: Growing Klebsiella (Enterobacter) aerogenes suscept.

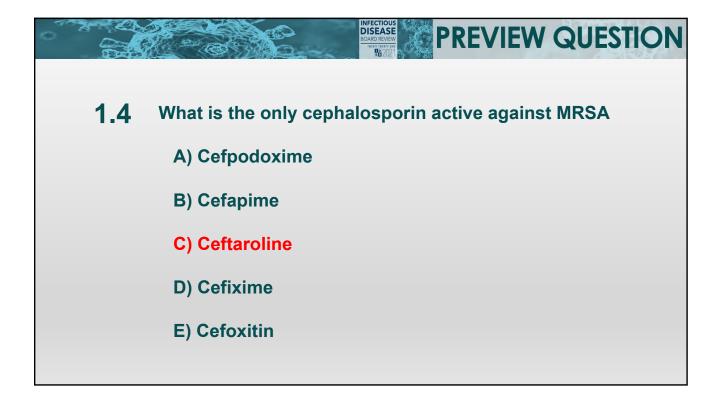
 To CTX
 - Ten days post-op: Knee still inflamed. Repeat culture: K.(E.) aerogenes resistant to CTX

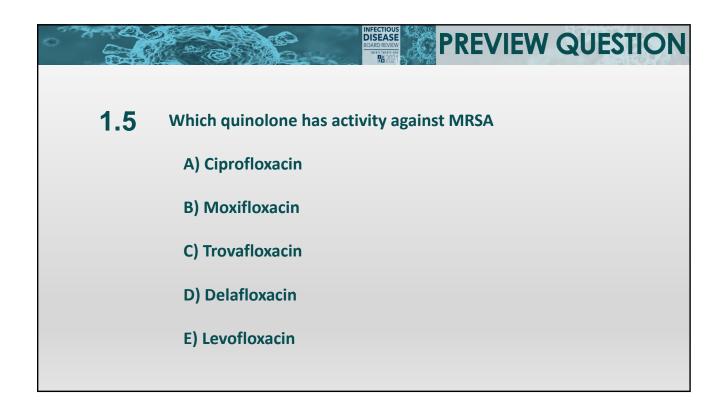


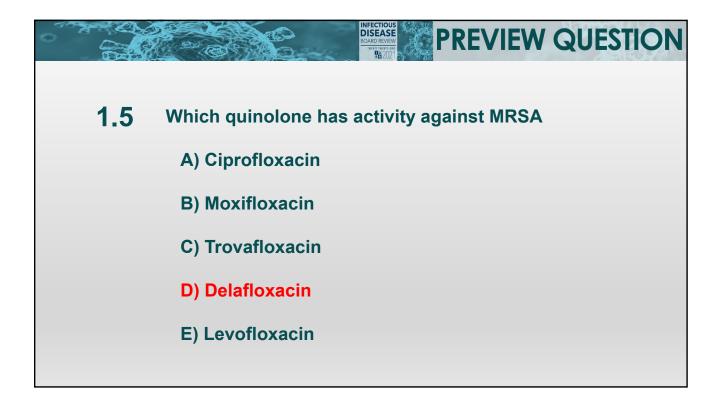
- 1.3 Which one of the following is the most likely explanation of the Klebsiella(E.) aerogenes resistance to ceftriaxone?
 - A) Spontaneous Mutation in Cephalosporin cell membrane binding protein
 - B) Activation of a Cephalosporin efflux pump
 - C) Activation of an inducible chromosomal cephalosporinase
 - D) Expression of constitutive plasmid cephalosporinase

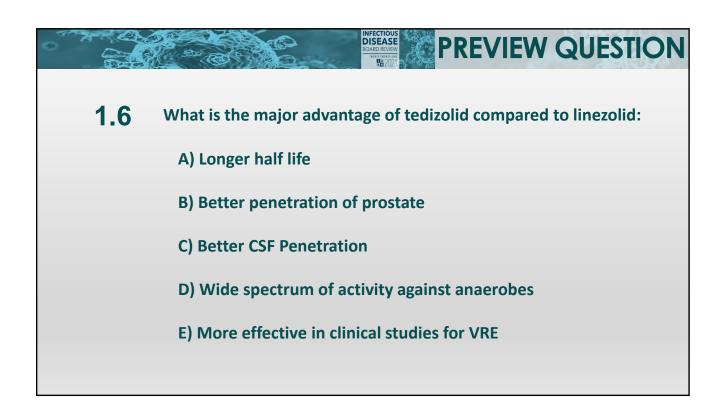


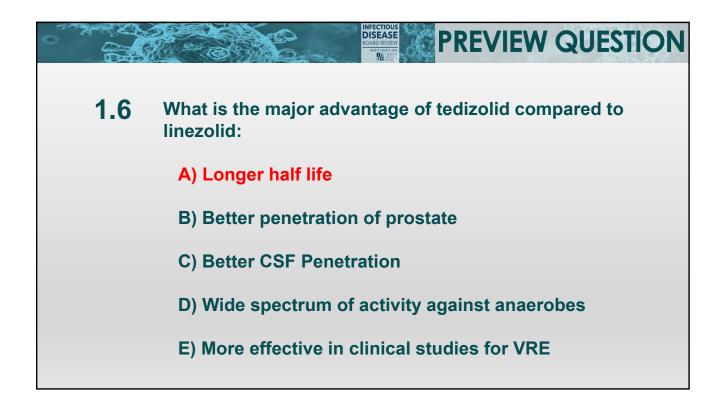


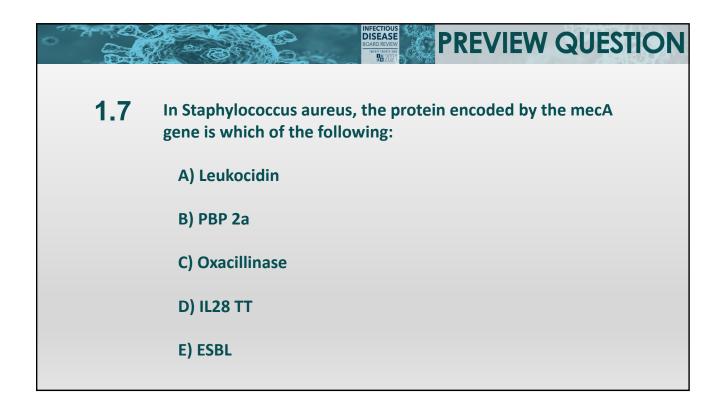


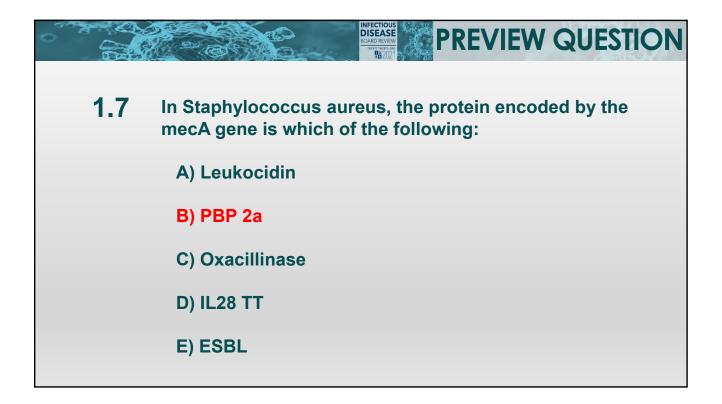


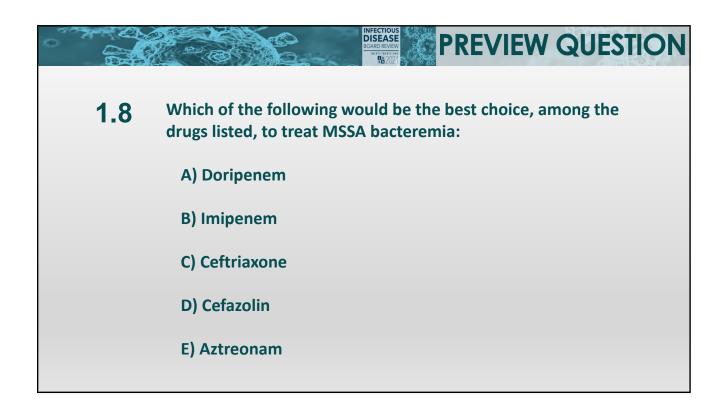


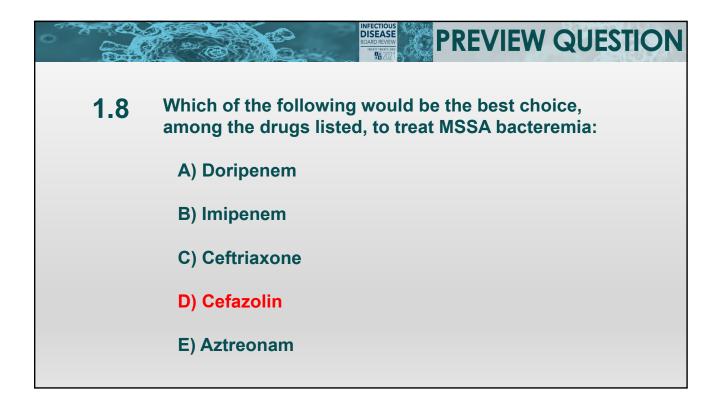


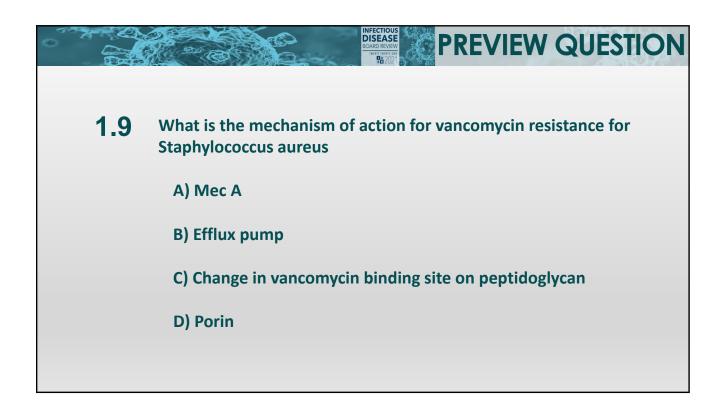


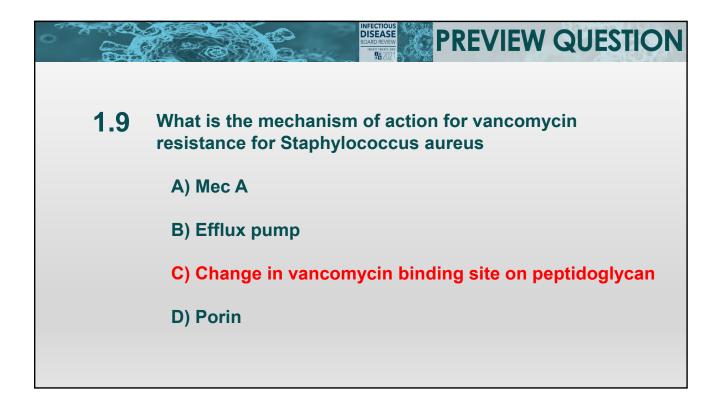


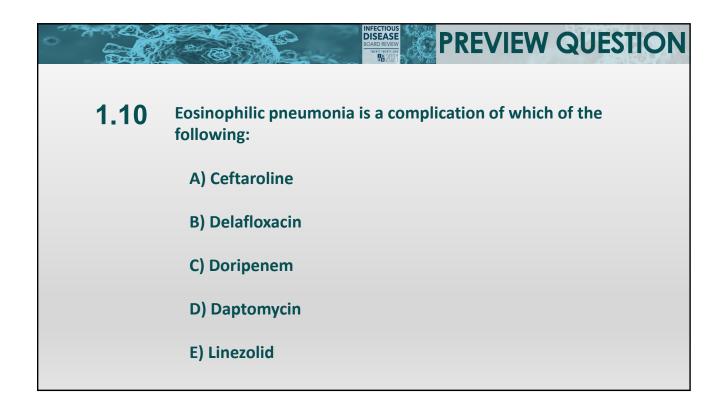


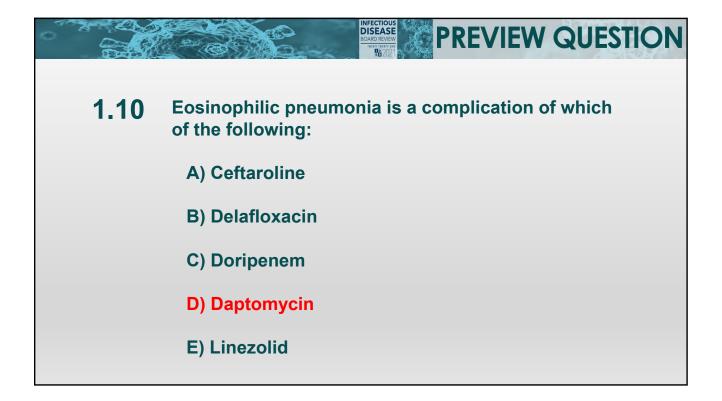


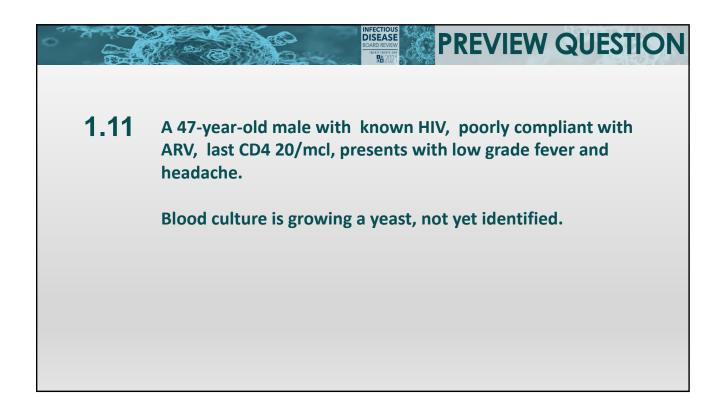


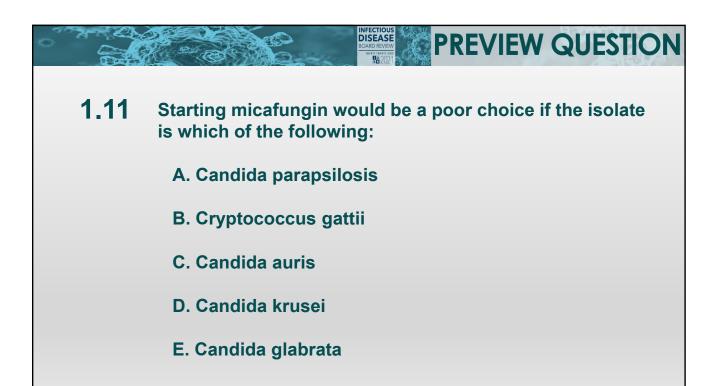


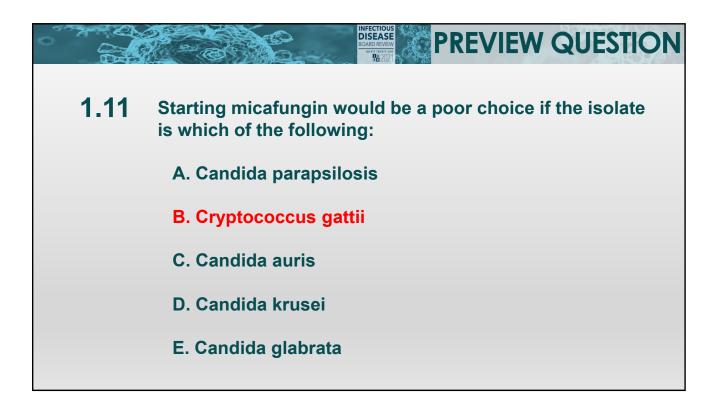


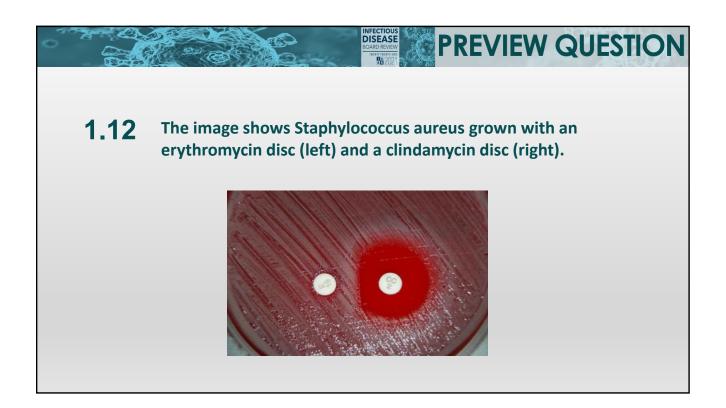


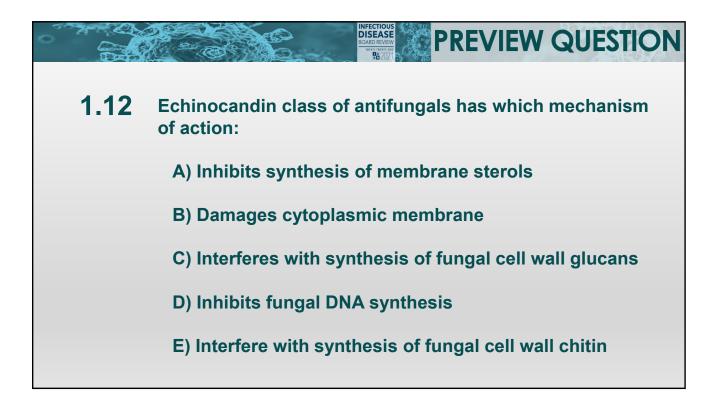














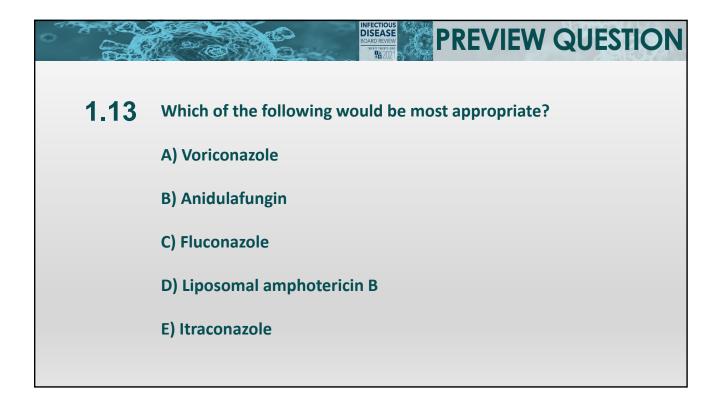
- **1.12** Echinocandin class of antifungals has which mechanism of action:
 - A) Inhibits synthesis of membrane sterols
 - B) Damages cytoplasmic membrane
 - C) Interferes with synthesis of fungal cell wall glucans
 - D) Inhibits fungal DNA synthesis
 - E) Interfere with synthesis of fungal cell wall chitin

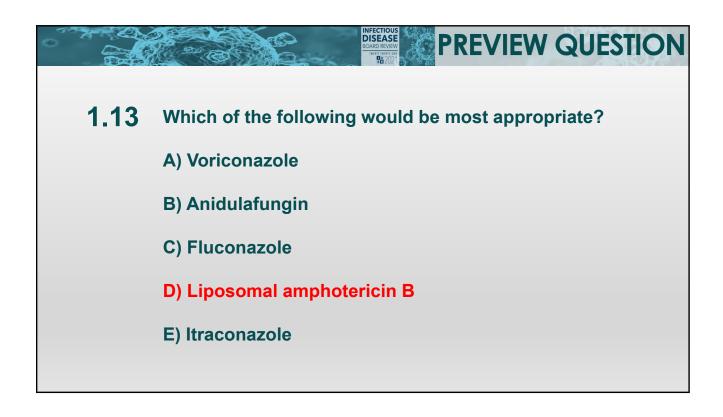


1.13 A 37-year-old female with diabetes mellitus is admitted for ketoacidosis, fever and sinus pain.

Biopsy of a necrotic area of the middle turbinate shows wide, branching nonseptate hyphae.

Serum creatinine is 2.5 mg/dl.







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1.15 A 50-year-old female alcoholic suffered a provoked dog bite. Bite was cleansed, tetanus toxoid given, and the dog placed under observation.

Patient is post-elective splenectomy for ITP; she received pneumococcal vaccine one year ago.

One day later, the patient is admitted to the ICU in septic shock with severe DIC and peripheral symmetric gangrene of the tips of her fingers/toes.



- **1.15** Which one of the following is the most likely etiologic bacteria?
 - A) Pasteurella canis
 - B) Capnocytophaga canimorsus
 - C) Fusobacterium sp.
 - D) Bartonella henselae

