

# Online Only Lectures – Other Antibacterial Drugs

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**Other Antibacterial Drugs (Macrolides, TMP, SMX, etc)**

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## PLAN

- Review testable facets of activity of Polymyxins, Tetracyclines, TMP/SMX, Nitrofurantoin, and Fosfomycin vs gram-negative bacilli
- Dr. Boucher will touch on same drugs as their activity relates to clinical use vs Gram-Positive bacterial infections
- Embedded audience response questions (ARQs) for your interest without any polling

## IDSA AMR Guidance – Sep 20, Nov 21

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Focus on infections caused by

- Version 1.0
  - Extended-spectrum  $\beta$ -lactamase-producing Enterobacterales (ESBL-E)
  - Carbapenem-resistant Enterobacterales (CRE)
  - *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* with difficult-to-treat resistance (DTR-*P. aeruginosa*)
- Version 2.0
  - AmpC  $\beta$ -lactamase-producing Enterobacterales (AmpC-E)
  - Carbapenem-resistant *Acinetobacter baumannii* (CRAB),
  - *Stenotrophomonas maltophilia*

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## Polymyxin Family

- Polymyxin B
- Polymyxin E (Colistin)
- Clinical indication:
  - Alternative salvage therapy for susceptible MDR aerobic GNB

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### Polymyxins: Mechanisms of action and Resistance

- Mechanism:
  - Binds to LPS (lipid A) & Phospholipids of cell walls of susceptible GNB
  - Displaces divalent cations; resulting membrane disruption, and bactericidal activity
- Acquired Cross Resistance is increasing, esp. among Carbapenemase producing GNBs
  - “R” Due to LPS target change and efflux pumps
  - Plasmid spread of *mcr-1* gene
- Guideline reference: Pharmacotherapy 2019;39: 10

### Activity vs Aerobic GNB

- Susceptible: *Enterobacterales*, *ESBLs*, *KPCs*, *non-fermenters* (*Acinetobacter*, *Stenotrophas*, *Ps. aeruginosa*)
- Intrinsic Resistance:
  - M---*Morganella sp.*
  - A---*Anaerobes*
  - P---*Proteus sp.*
  - P---*Providencia sp.*
  - S---*Serratia sp.*
- All gram + bacteria are “Resistant”

### Polymyxin Pharmacology

- Polymyxin B
  - Uncomplicated dosing
  - Non-renal clearance
  - Drug of choice except for UTI (low/absent urine concentrations)
- Colistin (pro-drug): Colistimethate
  - Complicated dosing
  - Renal excretion
    - Use for UTIs (high urine concentrations)
    - Adjust dose for renal insufficiency
- Often used as part of combination therapy (combination with meropenem failed)

### Polymyxins: Reversible Adverse Effects

- Nephrotoxicity (20-60%). Lower risk with polymyxin B
- Neurotoxicity (7-68%). Wide range of problems:
  - Dizziness
  - Paresthesias (circumoral)
  - Vertigo
  - Confusion
  - Ataxia
  - Neuromuscular blockade

### The Bottom Line

- Potential salvage therapy for infections due to susceptible aerobic GNB “R” to all beta-lactams, FQs, and AGs
  - Prefer Polymyxin B, over Colistin, except for UTIs
- Mixed results with combination therapy
- Mixed results when used as adjuvant therapy: e.g.
  - Airway nebulization of colistin in patients with pneumonia
  - Intrathecal polymyxin B in patients with meningitis
- Reversible renal and neurotoxicity

### Tetracyclines: The Family

- Doxycycline (Many indications)
- Minocycline (Many indications)
- Tigecycline (Don't use)
- Omadacycline (SSTIs, CABP)
- Eravacycline (cIAIs)

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## Tetracyclines: Mechanisms

- Mechanism of Action:
  - Bacteriostatic: Inhibits protein synthesis
  - Don't combine with bacteriocidal drug
- Major mechanisms of Resistance:
  - Efflux pumps
  - Target protective proteins

## Tetracycline Spectrum of Activity

- Aerobic Gram-positive bacteria
- Aerobic Gram-negative bacteria
- Atypical bacteria
- Spirochetes
- New tetracyclines (**Eravacycline**-a fluorocycline- & **Omadacycline**- an aminomethylcycline) expand the spectrum of antibacterial activity

## In vitro Activity of Eravacycline and Omadacycline vs. Mostly Enteric GNB

- Aerobic Gram-negative bacilli to include:
  - *Enterobacteriales*
    - To include ESBL and CPE producers
    - Not active vs *Morganella*, *Proteus*, and *Providencia sp.*
- Non-Fermenters
  - Active vs *Acinetobacter baumannii* and *Stenotrophomonas*
  - No activity vs *Ps. aeruginosa*
- Activity vs ANAEROBIC GNB: e.g. *Bacteroides sp*

## New Tetracyclines: In Vitro Activity versus MDR GNB

Bacteria	Minocycline	Omadacycline* (FDA: SSTI,CABP)	Eravacycline* (FDA:IAIs, UTI-NOI)
ESBL producers	0	+	+
KPCs	0	+	+
Metallo-Carbapen.	0	+	+
<i>Acinetobacter</i>	Variable	+	+
<i>Stenotropho.</i>	+	+	+
<i>Pseudomonas</i>	-	-	-
<i>Bacteroides</i>	-	+	+

\*Resistant to expulsion by efflux pumps

## Tetracycline Pharmacology

- Oral absorption impaired by multivalent cations
- Distribution largest with minocycline (greatest lipid solubility)
- Distribution and **Tigecycline**:
  - High intracellular levels; very low extracellular concentrations
  - FDA review found increased mortality( CAP, IAI, SSTI)
  - "Only use when no other option"

## Women and Children

- Avoid tetracyclines during pregnancy for fear of :
  - Hepatotoxicity
  - In utero damage to dentition and bones due to calcium chelation
  - Breast feeding OK as calcium in the milk chelates the tetracycline
- Children and tetracyclines:
  - Try to avoid in children <= 8 y.o. to avoid dental staining and bone damage
  - If needed for critical illness, Amer. Acad. Peds considers DOXYCYCLINE safe for up to 21 days of therapy

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### Tetracycline Adverse Effects

- *Clostridioides difficile* colitis
- Photosensitivity
- Hepatotoxicity: minocycline; pregnancy
- **Treatment of Spirochetal\* infections can precipitate Jarisch-Herxheimer reaction**
- Vertigo: Minocycline most often

\*Pertinent spirochets: *Treponema pallidum* (80%), Tick-borne & Louse-borne Relapsing fever (54%),

### ARQ 1

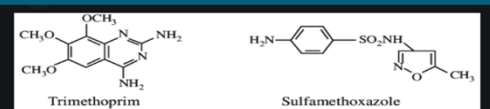
- A 25 y.o pregnant female (2<sup>nd</sup> trimester) is admitted with fever, hypotension, nausea, vomiting, and diarrhea.
- She just returned from a week camping with family and pet dog in a heavily forested area of northern California. While camping she dutifully picked ticks off the dog !
- After blood cultures , empiric therapy was started with piperacillin-tazobactam and vancomycin.
- After one week , she is clinically still "septic".
- Now, the lab reports the presence of *Francisella tularensis* in her admitting blood cultures.
- There is a family history of drug-induced deafness

- Which one of the following treatments do you recommend ?

- A. Gentamicin
- B. Doxycycline
- C. Ceftriaxone
- D. Chloramphenicol

### Typhoidal Tularemia

- Doxycycline is now deemed non-teratogenic and is the best option of those offered.
  - Systematic reviews demonstrate no correlation between the use of doxycycline during pregnancy and teratogenic effects or dental staining.
  - This conclusion applies only to doxycycline and not the other tetracyclines.
- None of the beta-lactam antibiotics are active vs *F. tularensis*
- *Even though active, Need to avoid the potential toxicities of the aminoglycosides and chloramphenicol*



### TMP-SMX: Mechanism

- TMP and SMX act in sequence to inhibit bacterial synthesis of tetrahydrofolic acid (THF)
- THF needed for thymidine synthesis
- Thymidine synthesis needed for DNA synthesis

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### TMP-SMX Spectrum of Activity vs. Gram Negative Bacilli

Clinical Syndrome	Susceptible Pathogens	Resistant Pathogens
UTIs	<i>Enterobacterales</i>	<i>ESBL producers</i>
RTIs	<i>COPD Big 3</i> ; <i>Pneumocystis</i>	<i>Mycoplasma</i>
Diarrhea	<i>Shigella</i> , <i>Salmonella</i> , <i>ETEC</i>	<i>Campylobacter</i>
Misc.	<i>Listeria</i> , <i>Nocardia</i>	
Non-fermenters	<i>Stenotrophomonas</i> , <i>Burkholderia</i>	<i>Pseudomonas aeruginosa</i> , <i>Acineto.</i>
Anaerobic bacteria	None	<i>Bacteroides fragilis</i>

\*Big 3= *S.pneumoniae*, *Haemophilous influenza*, *Moraxella catarrhalis*

### Multiple Mechanisms of Resistance; Varies with organism

- Mutation of target enzymes
- Decrease in cell wall permeability
- Efflux pumps
- Excess thymidine in the environment

### TMP-SMX for *S.pyogenes* Infections

- Failures in treatment of Streptococcal pharyngitis in clinical trials: both IV and PO (JID 1973(supplement) 1973;S693.
- Theorized mechanism: ability of streptococci to utilize exogenous thymidine for DNA synthesis and thereby bypass the inhibitory activities of the sulfamethoxazole and trimethoprim

### TMP/SMX: Pharmacology

- Widely distributed to include CSF and Prostate
- Renal excretion by both tubular secretion and glomerular filtration
- Lots of Drug-Drug interactions: e.g.
  - Oral anticoagulants (warfarin)
  - Rifampin
  - Phenytoin
  - ACE inhibitors and ARBs

### TMP/SMX: Adverse Effects

- Hemolysis if G6PD deficient
- Promotes folate deficiency;
  - Dangerous in early pregnancy----neural tube defects
  - Low folate associated with pancytopenia
- Derm.: Stevens Johnson syndrome; toxic epidermal necrolysis (TEN), erythema multiforme, photosensitivity
  - More common in elderly and HIV patients
- Aseptic meningitis

### TMP-SMX & Proximal Convolved Tubules

- TMP and creatinine compete for tubular secretion of creatinine by proximal convoluted tubules
  - Creatinine used as surrogate marker of GFR
  - Hence, the calculated Creatinine Clearance falls with TMP therapy due to competition for secretion but no effect on directly measured GFR

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### More TMP and Distal Renal Tubules

- TMP blocks reabsorption of Na<sup>+</sup> in distal convoluted tubules, less exchange for K<sup>+</sup>, and serum K<sup>+</sup> increases.
- Elevated K<sup>+</sup> exaggerated by concomitant ACE Inhibitors or ARB due to reduced serum aldosterone

### IV TMP-SMX: Association with Lactic Acidosis

- Possible association of lactic acidosis.
- Hypothesis: caused by propylene glycol in IV formulation Of TMP-SMX

### TMP-SMX: Pregnancy and Breastfeeding

- Pregnancy:
  - Avoid in first trimester: risk of neural tube defects
  - Avoid in last trimester: SMX displaces bilirubin bound to albumin; increases unconjugated bilirubin levels with risk of neonatal kernicterus
- Breastfeeding:
  - TMP-SMX is in breast milk; avoid use in G6PD deficient infants
  - "Mothers taking TMP-SMX can breast feed healthy, full-term infants who are at least one month old". AAPs

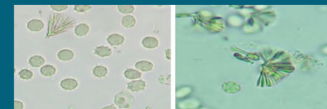
### Many Adverse Drug-drug interactions

- Examples:
  - Warfarin
  - Cyclosporin
  - Rifampin
  - ACE inhibitors
  - ARB drugs
  - Many others
- Where available: Therapeutic Drug Monitoring (serum levels)

### ARQ 2: Recurrent *E.coli* Cystitis

- 55 y.o. female complains of dysuria and suprapubic tenderness
  - She has a known neurogenic bladder secondary to multiple sclerosis
  - In addition, she is taking an ACE inhibitor and low dose furosemide for hypertension
- Baseline renal function is normal
- Started on TMP-SMX via telemedicine
  - Two days later she presents with fatigue and nausea

Vital signs normal.  
U/A: WBCs, RBCs, and Crystals  
WBC: 11,000  
Serum creatinine: 1.6 mg/dl  
Serum Potassium: 5.8 meq/ml  
Renal ultrasound: No hydronephrosis



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## What explains the elevated K+ and Creatinine concentrations ?

- A. Drug induced decrease in the Glomerular Filtration Rate (GFR)
- B. Crystalluria with obstructive uropathy
- C. Impaired distal tubular absorption of sodium
- D. TMP Decreased tubular secretion of creatinine plus impaired distal tubular sodium absorption

## ARQ 2 answer

- The correct answer is **D**:
  - A. Serum creatinine and TMP compete for the proximal tubular secretion of creatinine.
  - B. In addition, the ACE inhibitor impairs the aldosterone-mediated distal tubular absorption of sodium in exchange for the tubular secretion of potassium.
  - C. The result is elevation of the serum levels of both creatinine and potassium.
  - D. The elevated creatinine does not reflect a decrease in the GFR
- Sulfamethoxazole crystals are in the urine but they are soluble enough to not cause obstruction of flow.

## ARQ 3

- Which one of the following drugs does not achieve therapeutic concentrations in urine ?
  - A. Colistin (Polymyxin E)
  - B. Nitrofurantoin (Macrobid)
  - C. Moxifloxacin
  - D. Fosfomycin

## ARQ 3 Answer

- C is the correct answer.
  - The renal excretion of **moxifloxacin** is low and hence, moxifloxacin is not recommended for the treatment of UTIs.
- **Colistin (Polymyxin E)** is a prodrug. Both the prodrug (colistimethate) and active constituent, colistin, reach therapeutic urine concentrations.
  - In distinction, polymyxin B is excreted by the GI tract and does not achieve therapeutic urine concentrations.
- **Nitrofurantoin** has high urine concentrations but low concentrations in the renal parenchyma.
- **Fosfomycin** reaches therapeutic concentrations in urine with FDA approved oral regimen. Higher parenteral doses, not available in the US, are needed to achieve adequate renal tissue concentrations.

## Nitrofurantoin (Macrobid): Spectrum of Activity

	Susceptible	Resistant
Gram-Positive	<i>Staph. saprophyticus</i>	Other Coag neg staph
	<i>E. faecalis</i> ; <i>E. faecium</i>	
		<i>S. aureus (MRSA/MSSA)</i>
	<i>Strep. agalactiae</i> , GpB	
Gram-Negative	<i>E. coli</i>	<i>Proteus species</i>
	<i>Klebsiella sp</i>	<i>Serratia species</i>
		<i>Pseudomonas species</i>

## Nitrofurantoin: Mechanisms

- Bactericidal via multiple antibacterial inhibitory mechanisms:
  - Inhibits protein synthesis
  - Blocks aerobic metabolism of susceptible bacteria
  - Inhibits both RNA and DNA synthesis
  - Blocks cell wall synthesis
- FDA licensed in 1953; Resistance remains minimal, perhaps due to multiple antibacterial mechanisms

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### Warnings

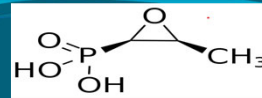
- Avoid in late stage pregnancy and neonates due to risk of hemolytic anemia
- **With months of therapy, insidious pulmonary fibrosis**
- Risk of hepatic toxicity (often cholestatic)
- Associated with:
  - Peripheral neuropathy
  - Hemolytic anemia in those with G6PD deficiency
- DRESS syndrome: drug rash, eosinophilia, & systemic symptoms

### Can you name 4 antibacterials that cause hepatotoxicity ?

- N: for Nitrofurantoin (cholestatic)
- A: for Amoxicillin-clavulanate (cholestatic)
- F: for Fluoroquinolones
- T: for Tetracyclines (in pregnancy)
- A: needed an "A" for NAFTA

### Nitrofurantoin dose

- For uncomplicated cystitis:
  - One 100 mg capsule PO with meals BID x 7 days
  - Due to low serum and tissue concentrations, Package Insert recommends **pre- and post-treatment urine cultures (rarely done) if worried about associated pyelonephritis**
- Nitrofurantoin is **Not recommended** if CrCl is < 30 ml/min



### • Fosfomicin

- Originally Phosphonomycin
- Alternative oral therapy for uncomplicated cystitis
- Not yet approved for parenteral therapy in the US
- Distribution includes prostate tissue

### Spectrum of activity of oral fosfomicin vs GNBs

- Activity vs Enterobacteriales:
  - *E. coli*, to include ESBL + strains
  - *Klebsiella sp.* To include ESBL + strains
  - *Citrobacter sp.*
  - *Proteus sp.*
  - Carbapenemase producers: **NO ACTIVITY**
- Activity vs Non-fermenters:
  - **NO ACTIVITY**

### Fosfomicin tromethamine (Monurol)

- Uncomplicated cystitis in females
  - Dose: 3.0 gms po X one dose with or without food
- Complicated UTI, but no pyelonephritis
  - Dose: 3 gm po q3d x 3 doses
  - Lower dose in patients with renal insufficiency
- No serious AEs; Diarrhea in 10% of patients
- Bactericidal mechanism:
  - Inhibition of cell wall synthesis
  - Decreased adherence of bacteria to uroepithelial cells



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## Susceptibility of non-fermentative Gram-Negative Bacilli Producing ESBLs, Carbapenemases, & "R" to all FQs and AGs

Drug	<i>Ps.aeruginosa</i>	<i>Burkholderia</i>	<i>Stenotropho-monas</i>	<i>Acinetobacter baumannii</i> com.
Cefiderocol	+	+	+	+
Eravacycline	---	---	+	+
Polymyxins	+	---	+	+
TMP-SMX	---	+	+	---
Other				See footnote*
Adjunctive Phage Rx	+	?	?	+

\*Polymyxin plus minocycline &/or amp-sulbactam (AAC2021; 65:2021.02.17; Aztreonam + Ceftaz-avi (Infection 2020;48:835); Sulbactam+Durlobactam(I): Current Opinion in Infect. Diseases. 2020;33: 214.

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## Tetracycline Activity Spectrum

Bacteria	Doxycycline	Minocycline	Omadacycline	Eravacycline
Aerobic GPCs	+	+	+	+
MRSA	+	+	+	+
Aerobic GNB	+	+	+	+
Rickettsial	+	+	+	+
Spirochetal*	+	+	+	+
Plasmodia	+	?	?	?
<i>Ps.aeruginosa</i>	0	0	0	0
<i>Acineto/Steno.</i>	0	Variable	+	+

\**Borrelia*, *Treponema*, *Leptospira*

dihydropteroate diphosphate + p-aminobenzoic acid (PABA)

dihydropteroate synthetase

↓

dihydropteroic acid

↓

dihydrofolic acid

dihydrofolate reductase

↓

tetrahydrofolic acid

Tetrahydrofolate synthesis pathway

← sulfonamides

← trimethoprim

## TMP-SMX: Beyond CA-MRSA

### Clinical uses

- UTI
- AECB
- *Pneumocystis jiroveci*
- Traveler's diarrhea
- Shigella
- *Coxiella burnetii*
- *Mycobacteria marinum*
- *Tropheryma whipplei*

### More Clinical uses

- Nocardia
- Cholera
- Listeria
- *Stenotrophomonas*
- Cyclospora
- Isospora
- Toxoplasmosis

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### Trimethoprim-Sulfamethoxazole

- Mechanism of action:
  - Sequential blockade of two enzymes needed to synthesize folate
- Broad spectrum---Activity vs. GNB:
  - Enterobacterales
  - Non-Fermentative GNBs: *Burkholderia* and *Stenotrophomonas*.
    - No activity vs *Ps.aeruginosa*
    - Also , no activity vs: *Mycoplasma*, *Francisella tularensis*, and *Bacteroides fragilis*

### Nitrofurantoin for uncomplicated *E.coli* UTI\*

- Pulmonary toxicity with chronic therapy: desquamative interstitial pneumonia with fibrosis
- Intrahepatic cholestasis and hepatitis
- DRESS syndrome: drug rash, eosinophilia, & systemic symptoms

\*Cystitis only