

Sepsis

the clinical syndrome



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Systemic Inflammatory Response

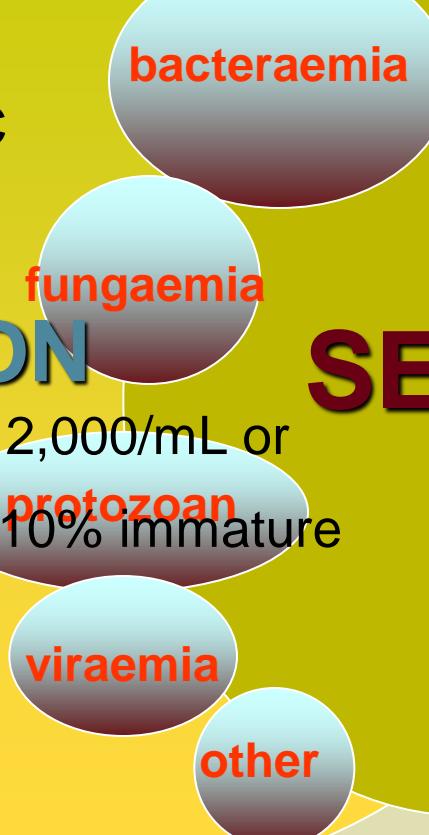
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- Temperature $\geq 38^{\circ}\text{C}$ or $\leq 36^{\circ}\text{C}$
- HR $\geq 90/\text{min}$
- RR $\geq 20/\text{min}$
- Leucocytes $\geq 12,000/\text{mL}$ or $\leq 4,000/\text{mL}$ or $>10\%$ immature

INFECTION

SEPSIS

SIRS



Definitions (ACCP/SCCM)

- **Infection**

- A microbial phenomenon characterized by an inflammatory response to the presence of microorganisms or the invasion of normally sterile host tissue by those organisms.

- **Bacteremia**

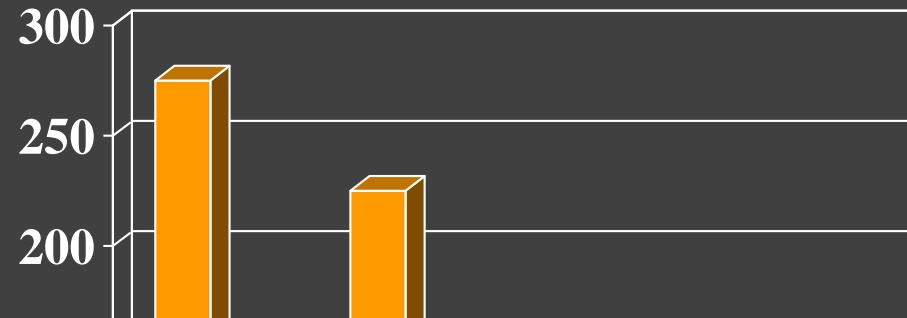
- **Sepsis**
 - The presence of viable bacteria in the blood.

Known or suspected infection, plus >2 SIRS Criteria

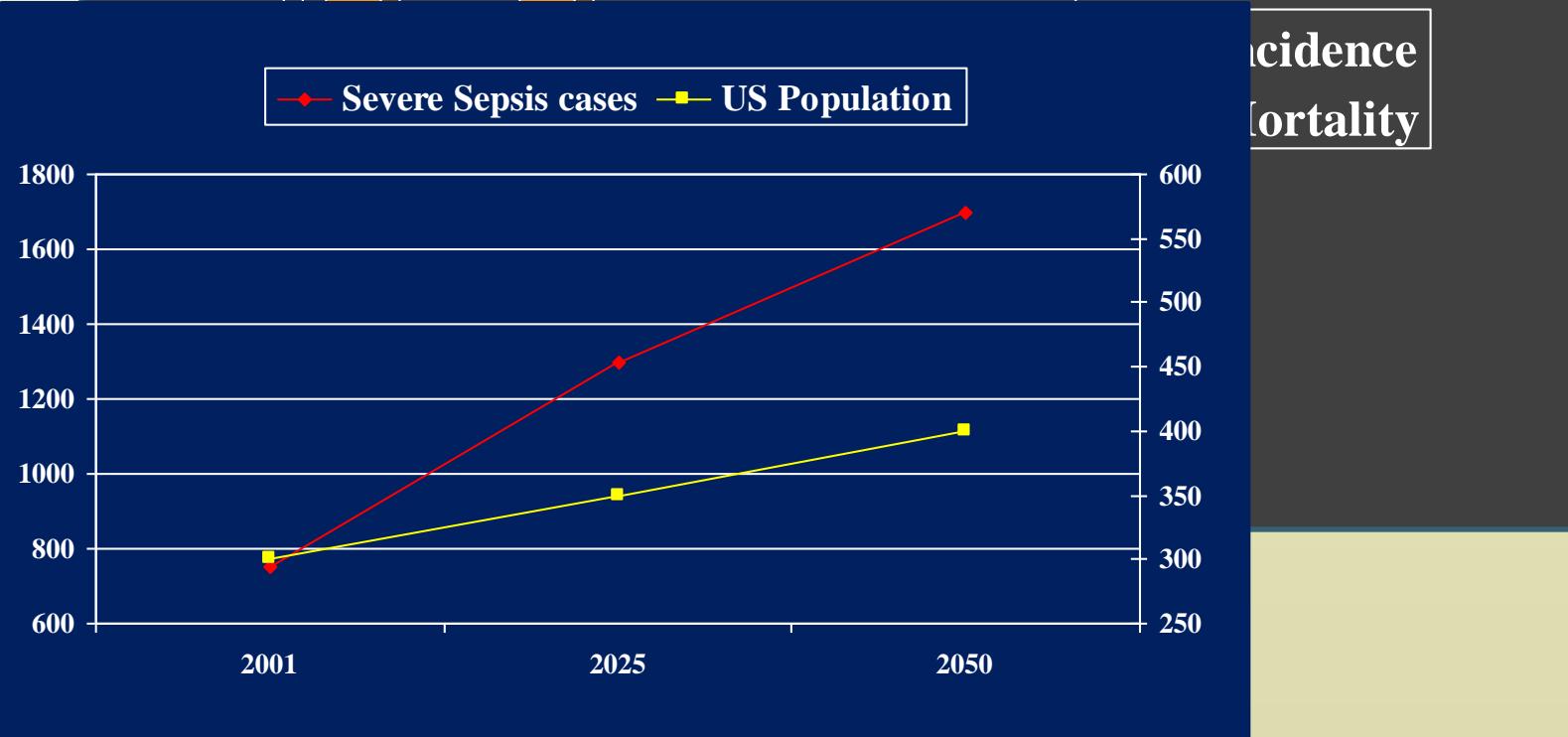
- **Severe Sepsis**

- Sepsis plus >1 organ dysfunction.

Severe Sepsis

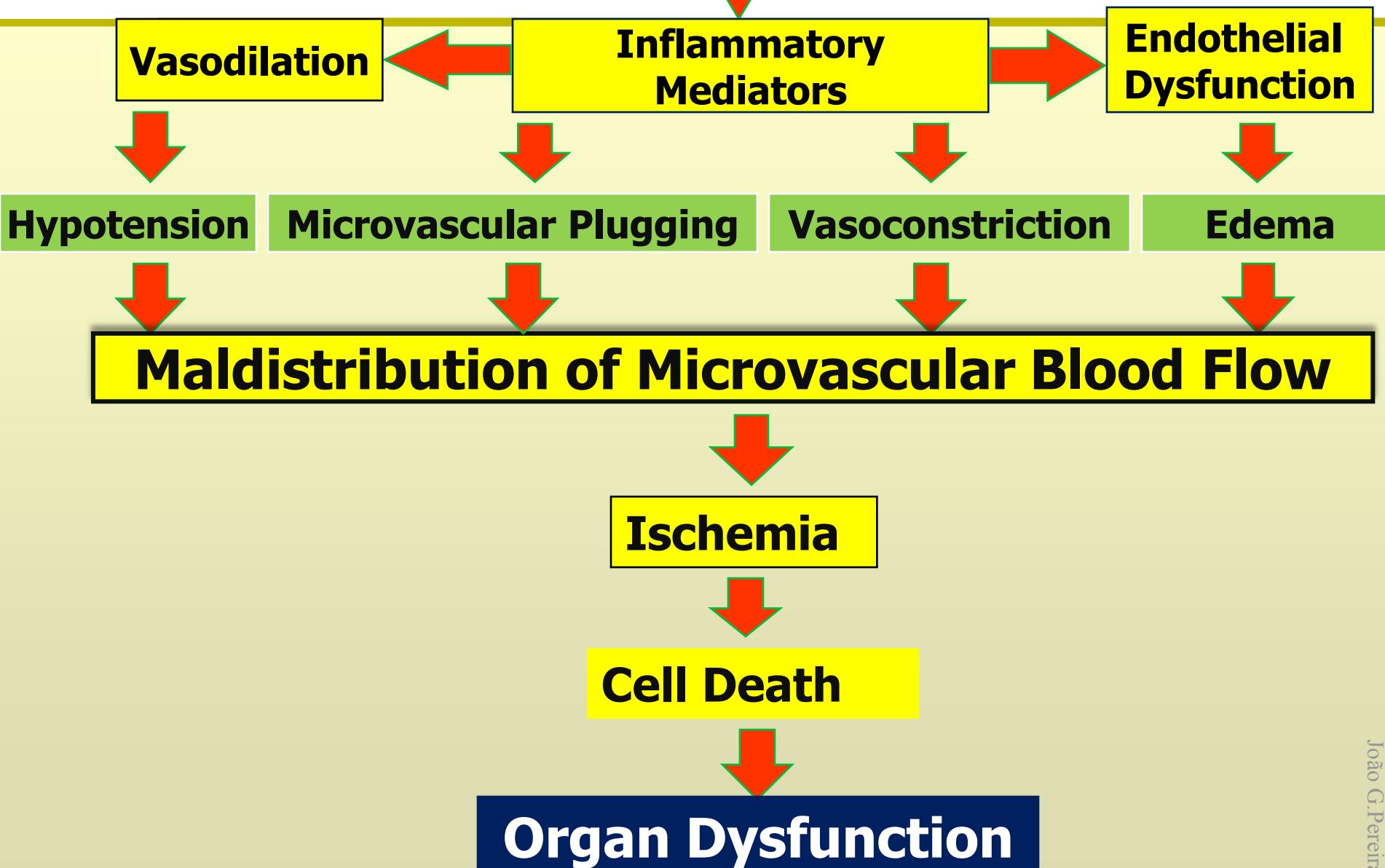


Severe Sepsis cases US Population



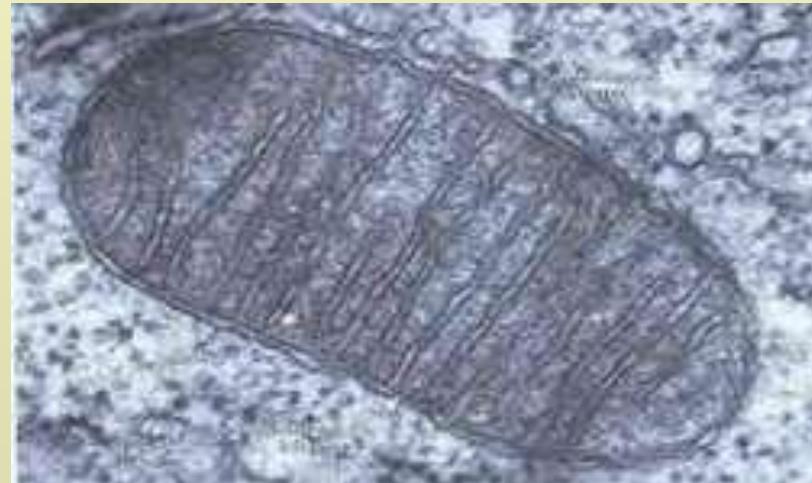


Infection



Clinical Signs of Severe Sepsis

- Myocardial Depression.
- Altered Vasculature.
- Altered Organ Perfusion.
- Imbalance of O₂ delivery and Consumption.
- Metabolic (Lactic) Acidosis.



Mytocondrial failure

Organ System Involvement

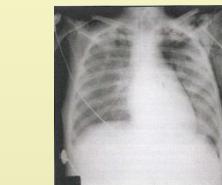
➤ Circulation

- Hypotension,
- increases in microvascular permeability
- Shock



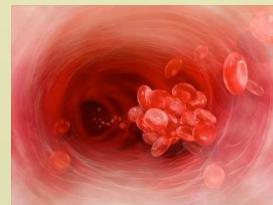
➤ Lung

- Pulmonary Edema,
- hypoxemia,
- ARDS



➤ Hematologic

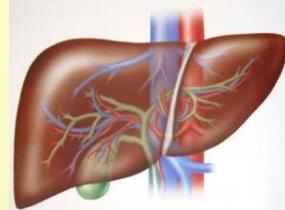
- DIC, coagulopathy
- (DVT)



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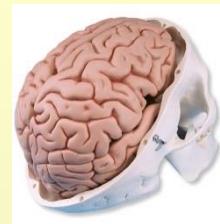
➤ GI tract

- Stress ulcer
- Translocation of bacteria,
- Liver Failure,
- Gastroparesis and ileus



➤ Nervous System

- Encephalopathy



➤ Skeletal Muscle

Table 4. Risk of death according to number of evolving organ dysfunctions after bacteremic sepsis

| No. of Organ Dysfunctions | 1984–1988 | | | 1994–1997 | | |
|---------------------------|--------------|-----------|---------|--------------|----------|---------|
| | Hazard Ratio | 95% CI | p Value | Hazard Ratio | 95% CI | p Value |
| 1 | 2.51 | 0.5–13.7 | .28 | 1.46 | 0.3–8.0 | .663 |
| 2 | 6.40 | 1.4–30.1 | .019 | 3.05 | 0.7–14.2 | .154 |
| 3 | 23.49 | 5.4–101.9 | <.001 | 6.23 | 1.4–28.1 | .017 |
| ≥4 | 36.04 | 8.7–150 | <.001 | 11.07 | 2.5–48.2 | .001 |

Hugonnet, Crit Care Med, 31:2003:390-394

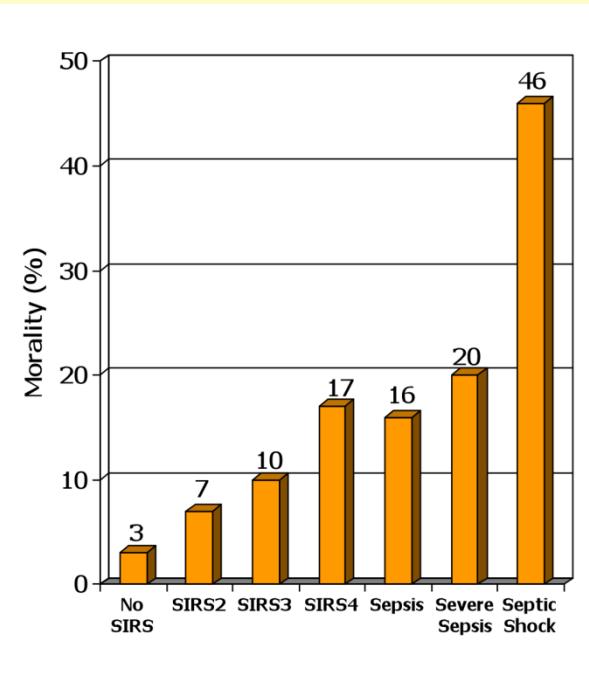
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• **Septic Shock**

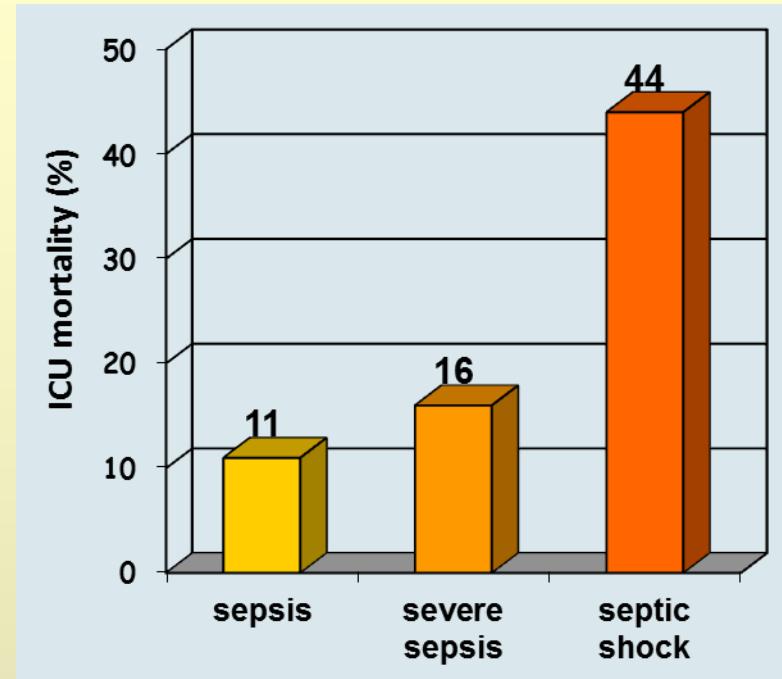
- **Sepsis induced with hypotension despite adequate resuscitation along with the presence of perfusion abnormalities which may include, but are not limited to lactic acidosis, oliguria, or an acute alteration in mental status.**

Sepsis & Mortality

Bone CCM 1992;20:864



Rangel-Frausto JAMA 1995;273:117



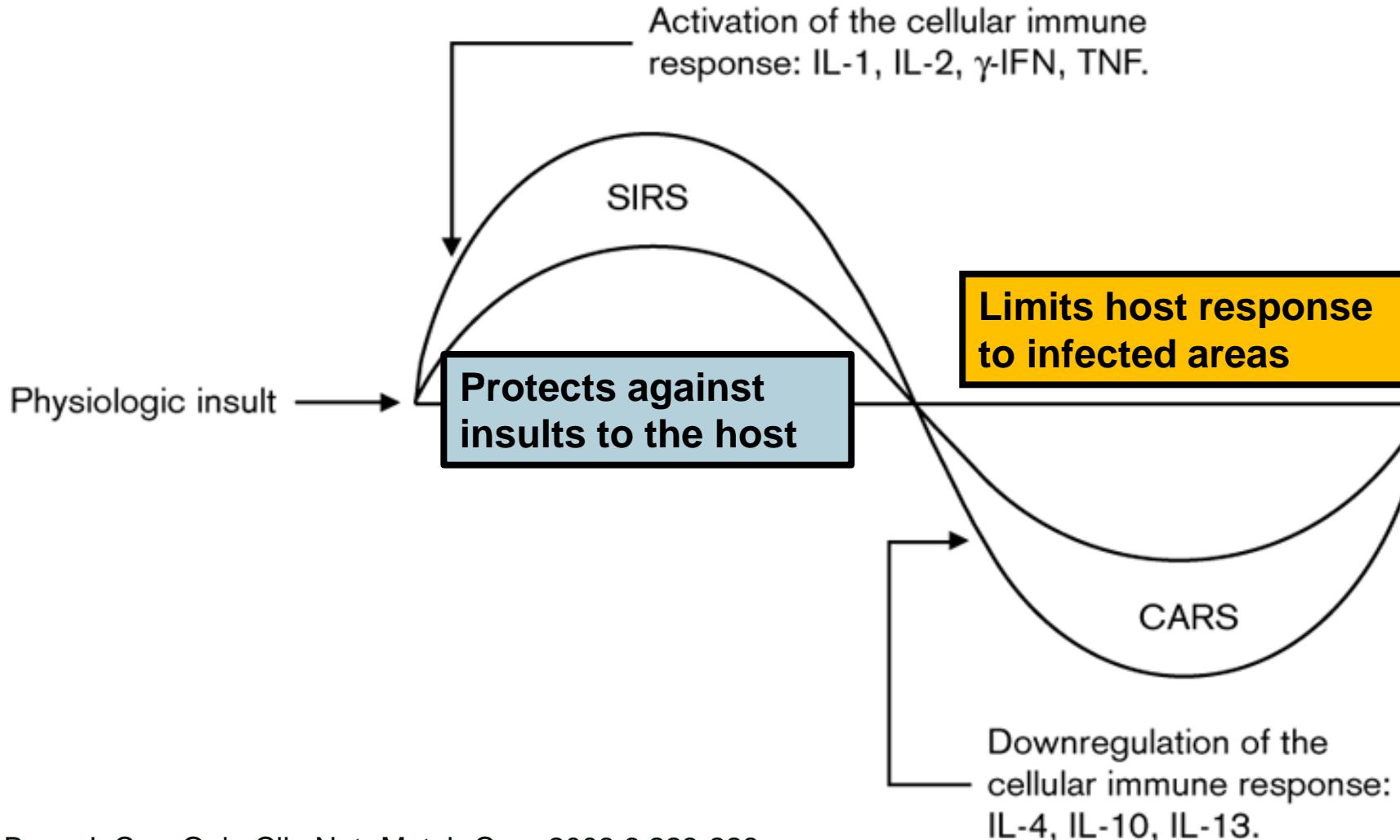
Povoa CCM 2009;37:410



Increasing of inflammatory activity and mortality!



Immune response in Sepsis



Therapeutic Strategies in Sepsis

➤ Early Detection

- Obtain serum lactate level.

➤ Early Blood Cx/Antibiotics

- within 3 hours of presentation.
- Source control

➤ Early EGDT:

- Hypotension (SBP < 90, MAP < 65) or lactate > 4 mmol/L:
- initial fluid bolus 20-40 ml of crystalloid (or colloid equivalent) per kg of body weight.

- **Vasopressors:**

- Hypotension not responding to fluid
- Titrate to MAP > 65 mmHg.

- **Septic shock or lactate > 4 mmol/L:**

- CVP and ScvO₂ measured.
- CVP maintained > 8 mmHg.
- MAP maintain > 65 mmHg.

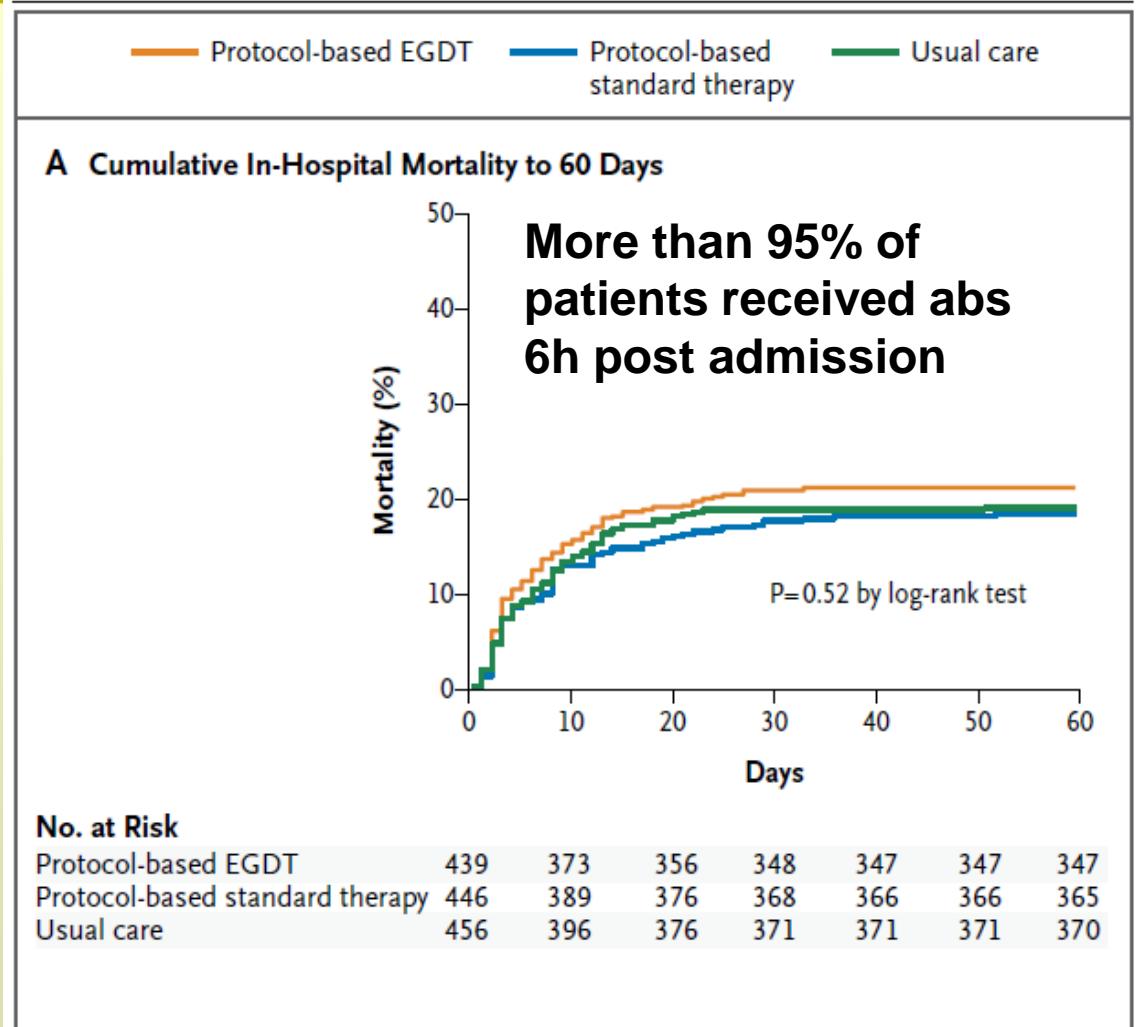
- **ScvO₂<70% CVP > 8 mmHg, MAP > 65 mmHg:**

- PRBCs if hematocrit < 30%.
- Inotropes.

Severe sepsis at the emergency department

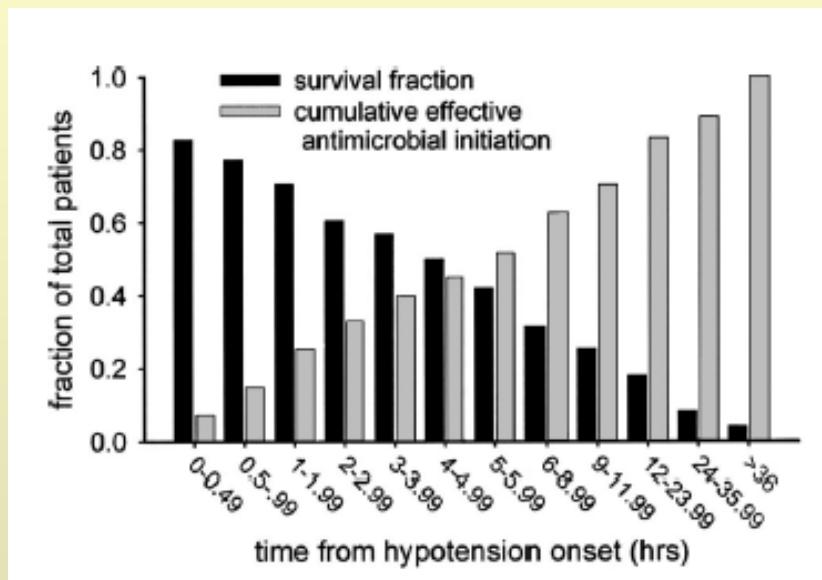
- Usual care

90 day mortality 18.9%



Diagnosis of infection

➤ AB delay → poor outcome ➤ BUT, AB are not benign!



Kumar CCM 2006;34:1589

Only 50% receive ab until 6h after admission

↓AB → ↓ mortality
→ ↓ MDR
Singh AJRCCM 2000;162:505

↓AB → ↓ mortality
→ ↓ LOS
Weiss AJRCCM 2011;164:680

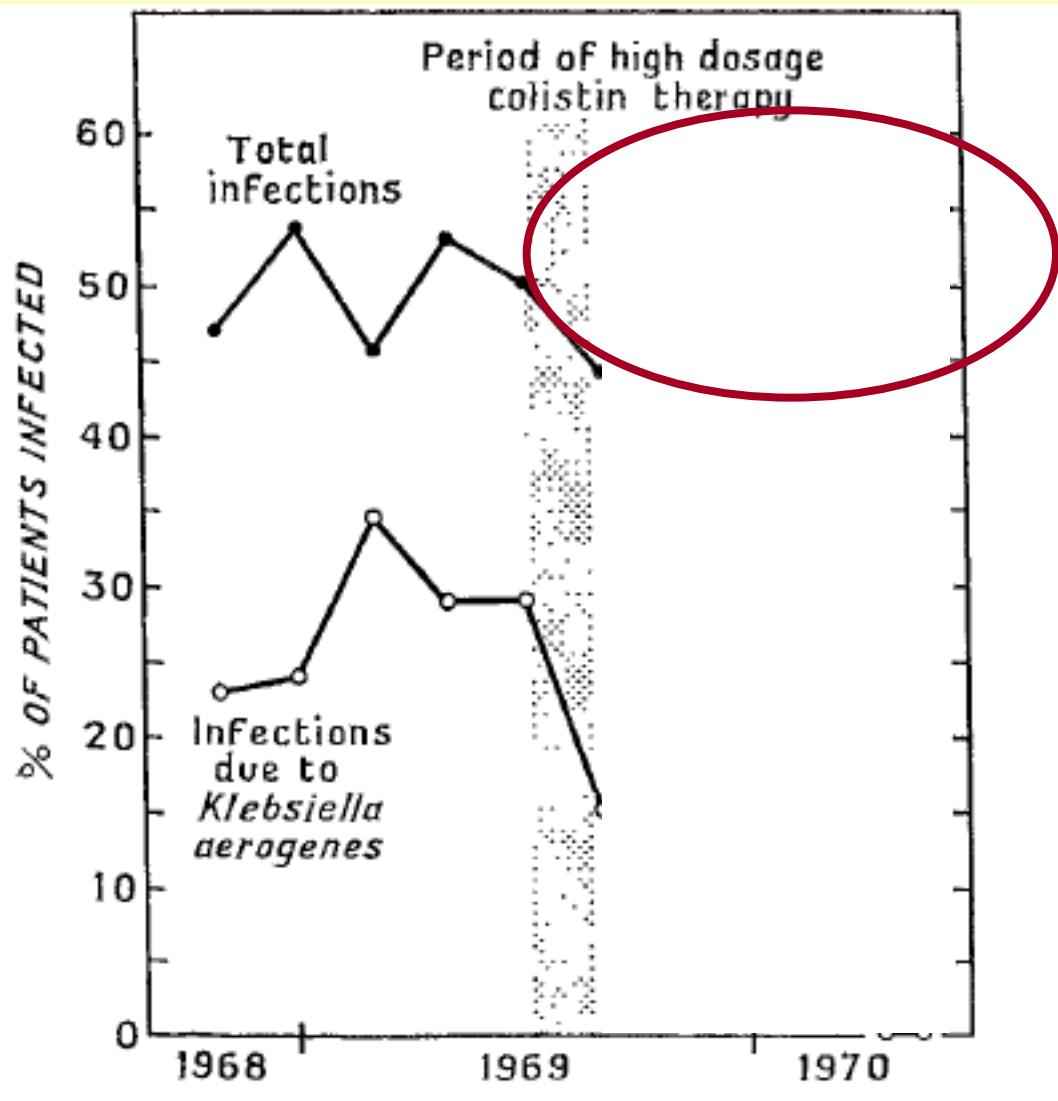
Antibiotic detrimental effects?

Neurosurgical patients

Klebsiella aerogenes

High LOS

Increase Mortality





“as the physicians say it happens in hectic fever (sepsis), that **in the beginning of the malady it is easy to cure but difficult to detect**, but in the course of time, not having been either detected or treated in the beginning, **it becomes easy to detect but difficult to cure”**

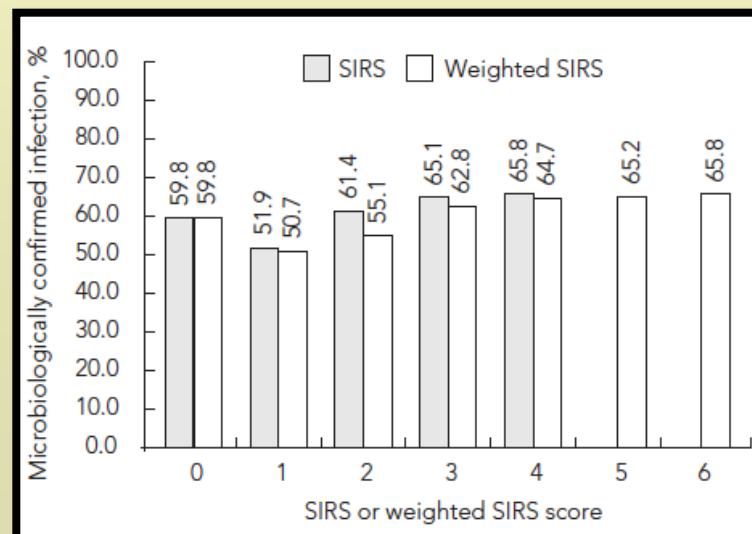
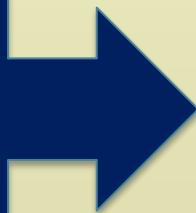
Niccolò Machiavelli, The Prince

SIRS criteria - criticisms

Table 1. SIRS criteria and weighted SIRS scores in predicting microbiologically confirmed infection

| | Sensitivity | Specificity | Positive predictive value | Negative predictive value | Positive likelihood ratio | Negative likelihood ratio |
|-------------------------------|-------------|-------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| WCC | 52.5% | 52.8% | 63.3% | 41.7% | 1.11 | 0.90 |
| Temperature | 46.6% | 59.0% | 63.8% | 41.6% | 1.13 | 0.90 |
| Tachycardia | 65.2% | 41.0% | 63.2% | 43.2% | 1.11 | 0.85 |
| Tachypnoea | 49.4% | 51.9% | 61.5% | 39.8% | 1.03 | 0.97 |
| Traditional (≥ 2) SIRS | 70.6% | 37.5% | 63.7% | 45.1% | 1.13 | 0.79 |
| Weighted SIRS ≥ 3 | 63.5% | 45.7% | 64.5% | 44.6% | 1.17 | 0.80 |
| Both temp and WCC present | 27.3% | 77.5% | 65.3% | 40.7% | 1.21 | 0.94 |

Number of SIRS criteria and the likelihood of documented infection



Identification of septic focus

- history and physical examination
- imaging
- cultures: Blood, urine, sputum, abscess.



- Lab results are poorly sensitive and have low specificity for the diagnosis of sepsis
- Microbiological cultures usually take 24-48h

Biomarkers and Diagnosis of Infection

| | Sensitivity (%) | Specificity (%) | AUC |
|-----|-----------------|-----------------|-----------|
| PCT | 70-91 | 68-92 | 0.64-0.95 |
| CRP | 10-98 | 44-99 | 0.68-0.82 |

Simon CID 2004;39:206. Erratum: CID 2005;40:1386
van der Meer BMJ 2005;331:26
Uzzan CCM 2006;34:1996
Tang Lancet Infect Dis 2007;7:210

Why use biomarkers?

For the early diagnosis of infection,

1. Heterogeneity assessment
2. ACCP/SCCM Consensus Conference criteria to define the absence of sepsis (assessing degrees of clinical severity)
3. **Gold standard, that is presence of documented infection and no antibiotic therapy (Cohen CCM 2003)**

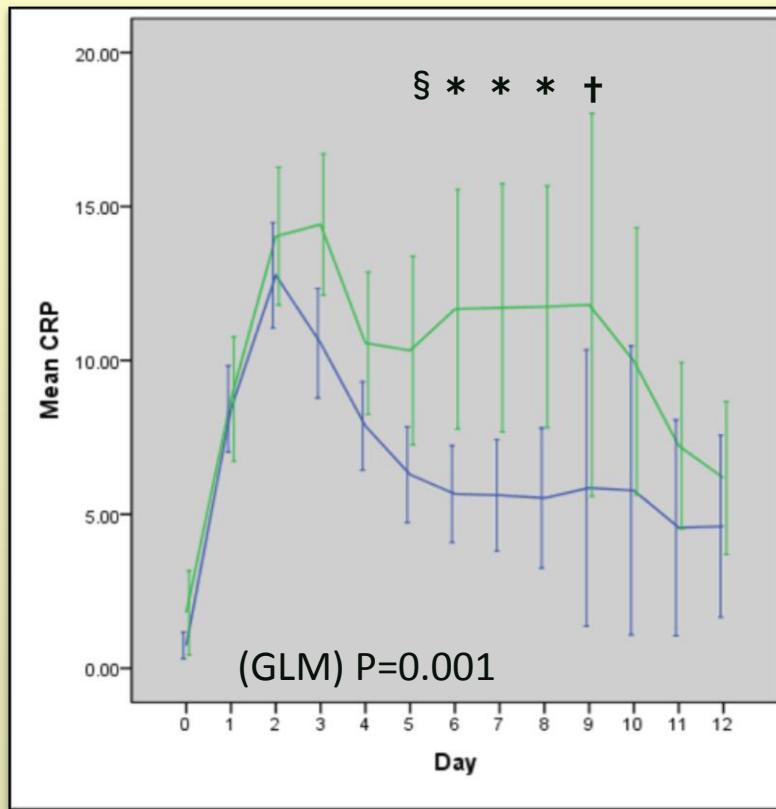


PCT and CRP Post operative infections in elective colonic surgery

N=50 pts

Infections 21 (16 surgical site infection)

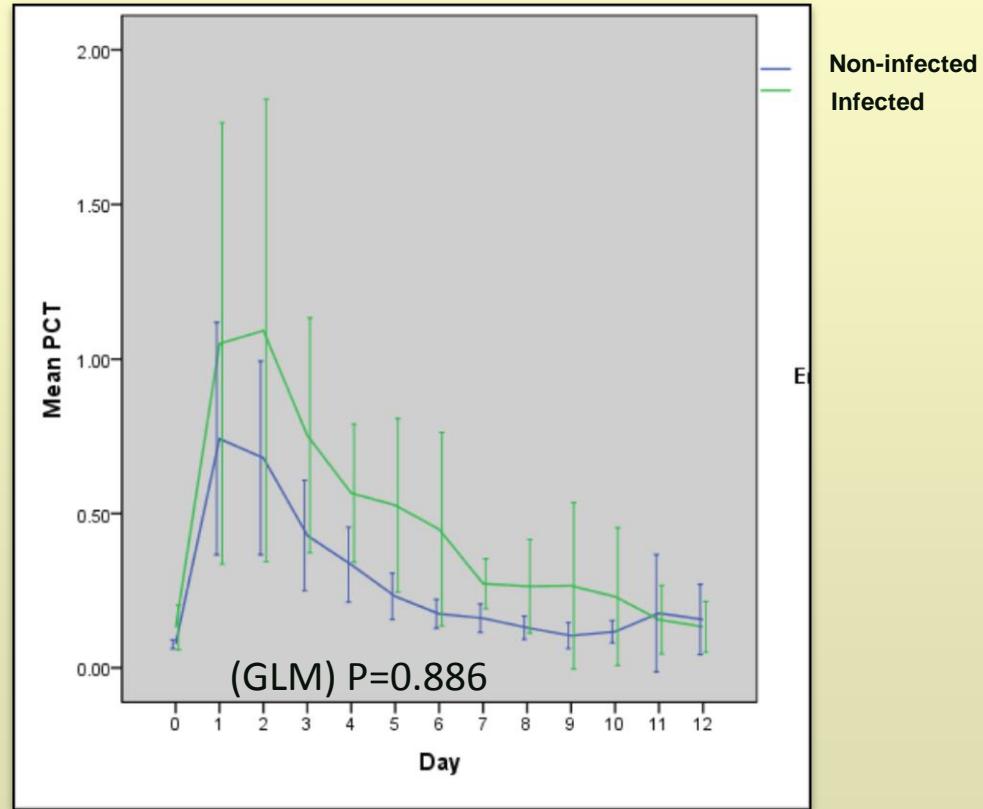
Time of infection – day 7 (median)



*p<0.01 (Bonferroni correction)

§ - p=0.012

+ - p=0.02



Rebanda Critical Care 2012;16:S10



Sources of Sepsis

The International Cohort Study



| | Severe Sepsis | Septic Shock |
|-------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| Respiratory | 66 | 53 |
| Abdomen | 9 | 20 |
| Bacteremia | 14 | 16 |
| Urinary | 11 | 11 |
| Multiple | - | - |

35% mortality



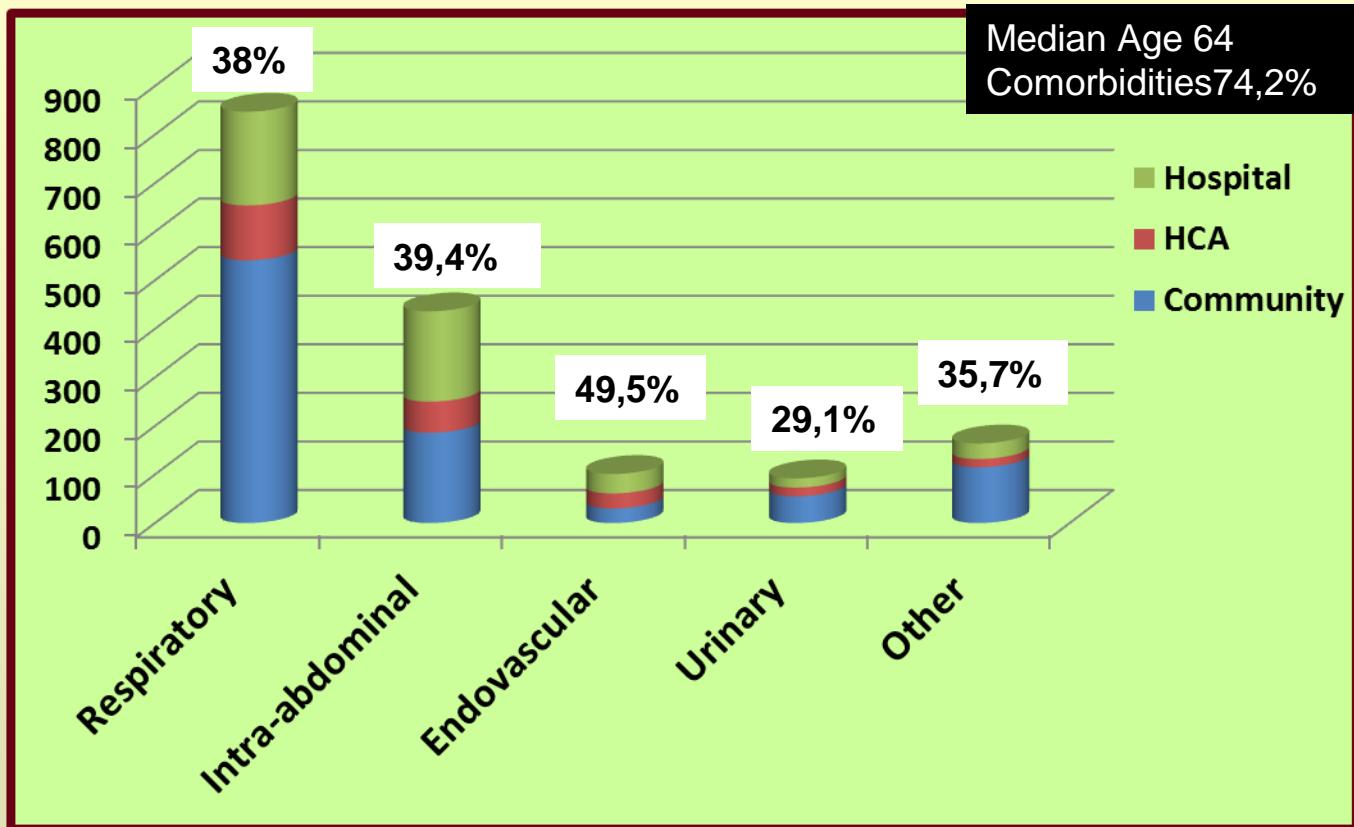
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Hospital mortality 38,2%

Infection on admission to the ICU. Submitted



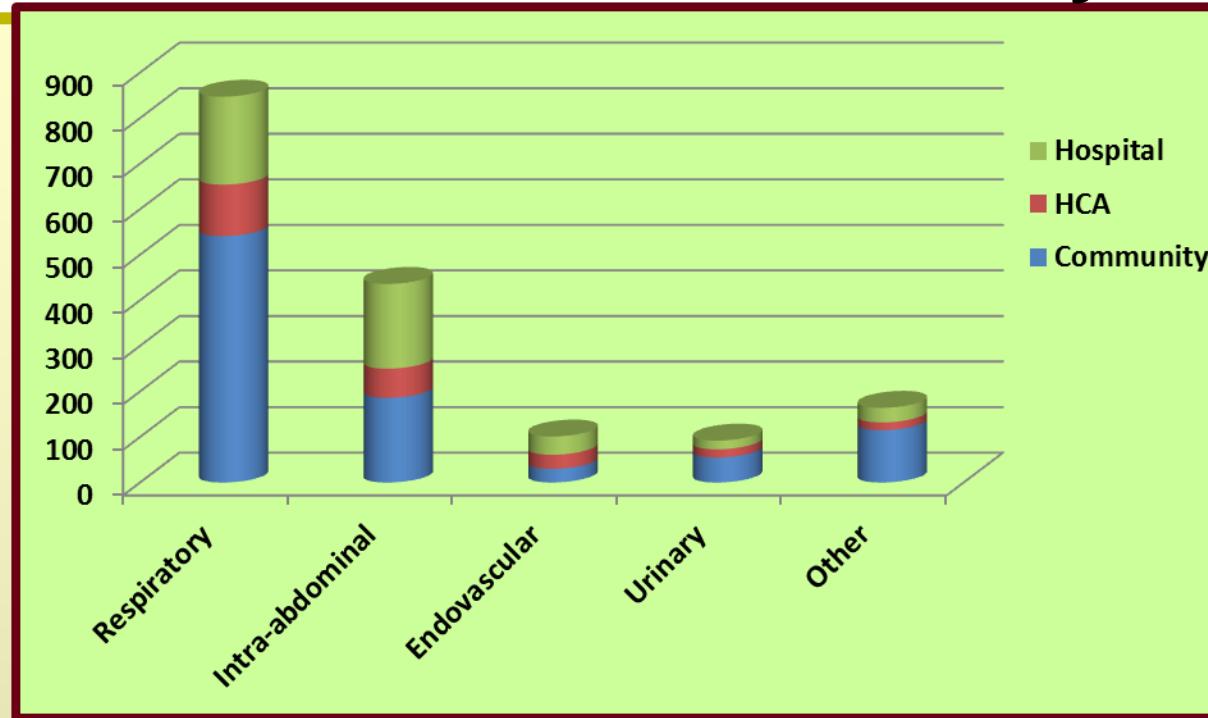
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|---|--------------------------------------|
| Hospital mortality | 38,2% |
| Septic Shock | 51,8% |
| Positive Microbiology | 48,3% (comm 39,9% vs H 57,5%) |
| Adequate antibiotics | 74,4% (comm 83% vs H 62,8%) |
| Mortality after ICU discharge | (inf 14,2% vs n inf 9,6%) |
| Late ICU admission (comm infections) | 35,9% vs 35,1% |

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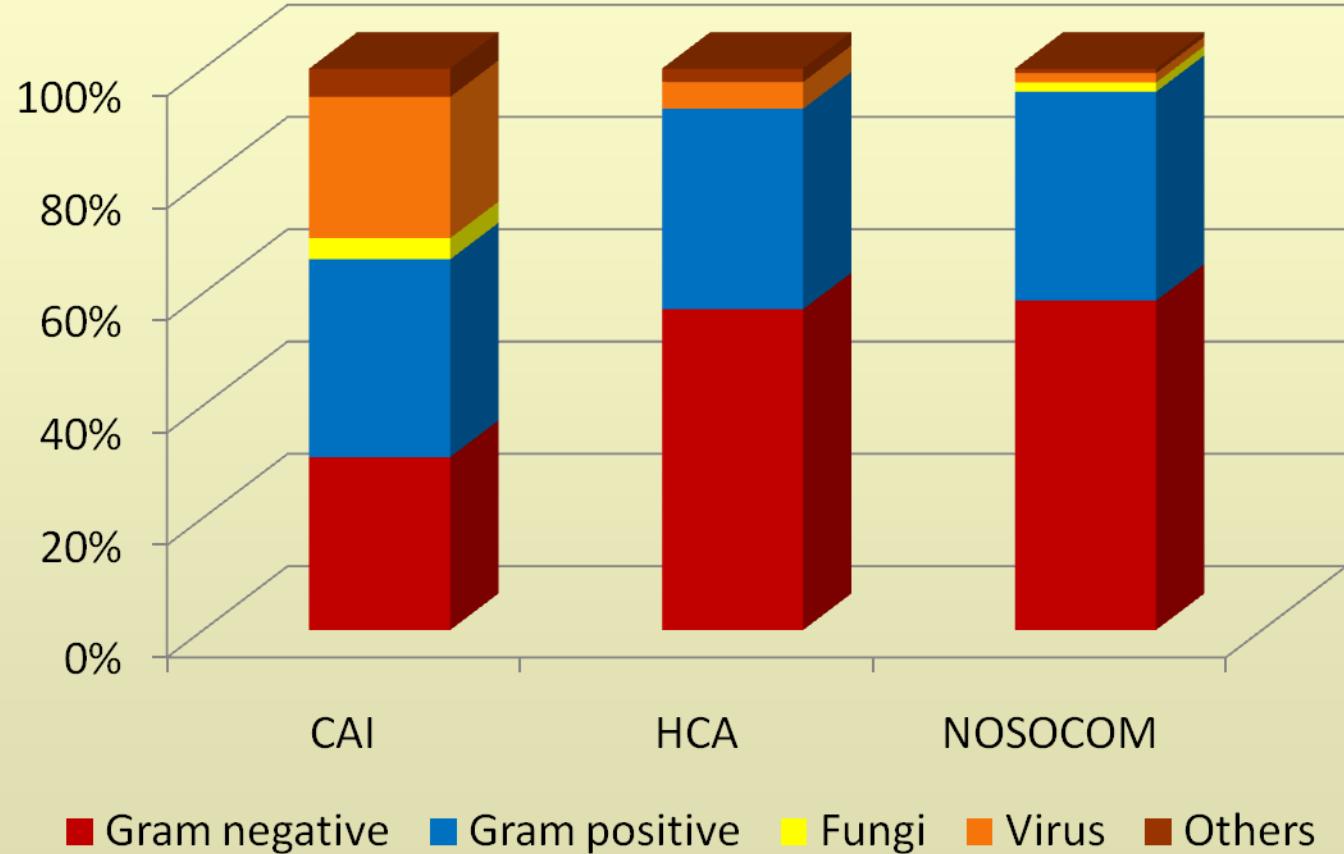


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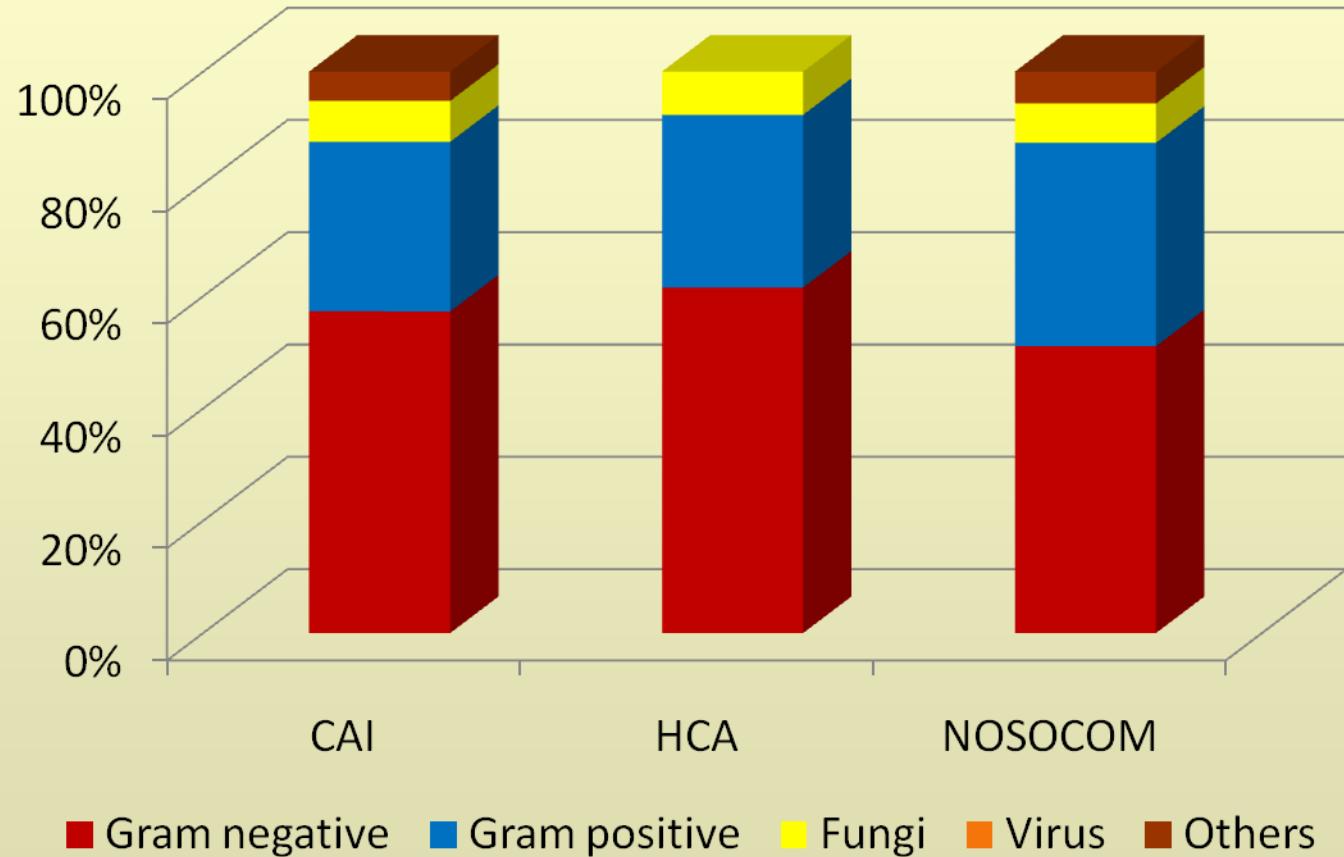


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Decrease in sepsis mortality in the XXIth century

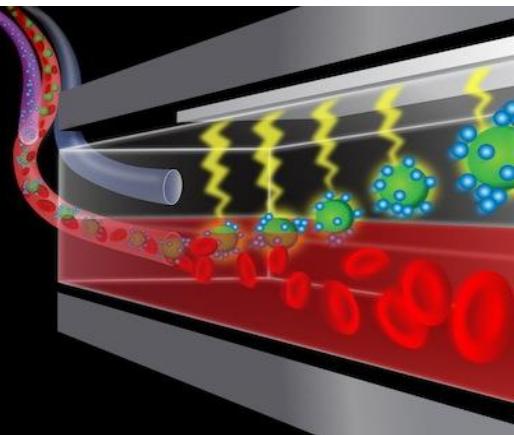
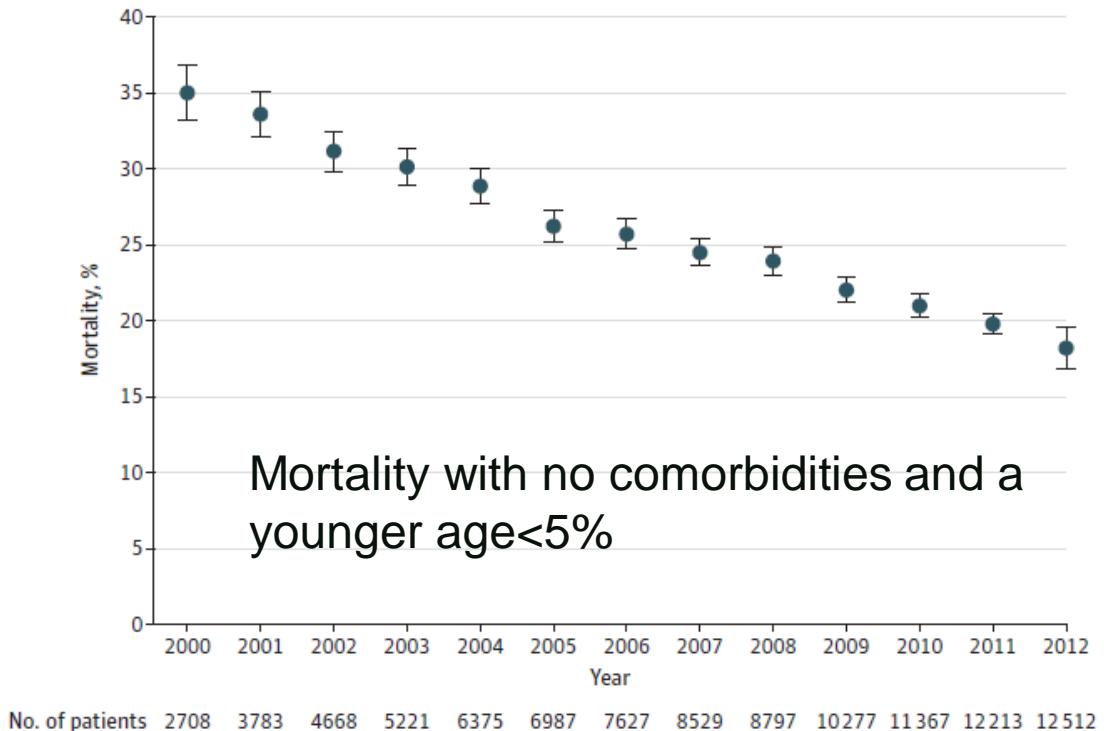
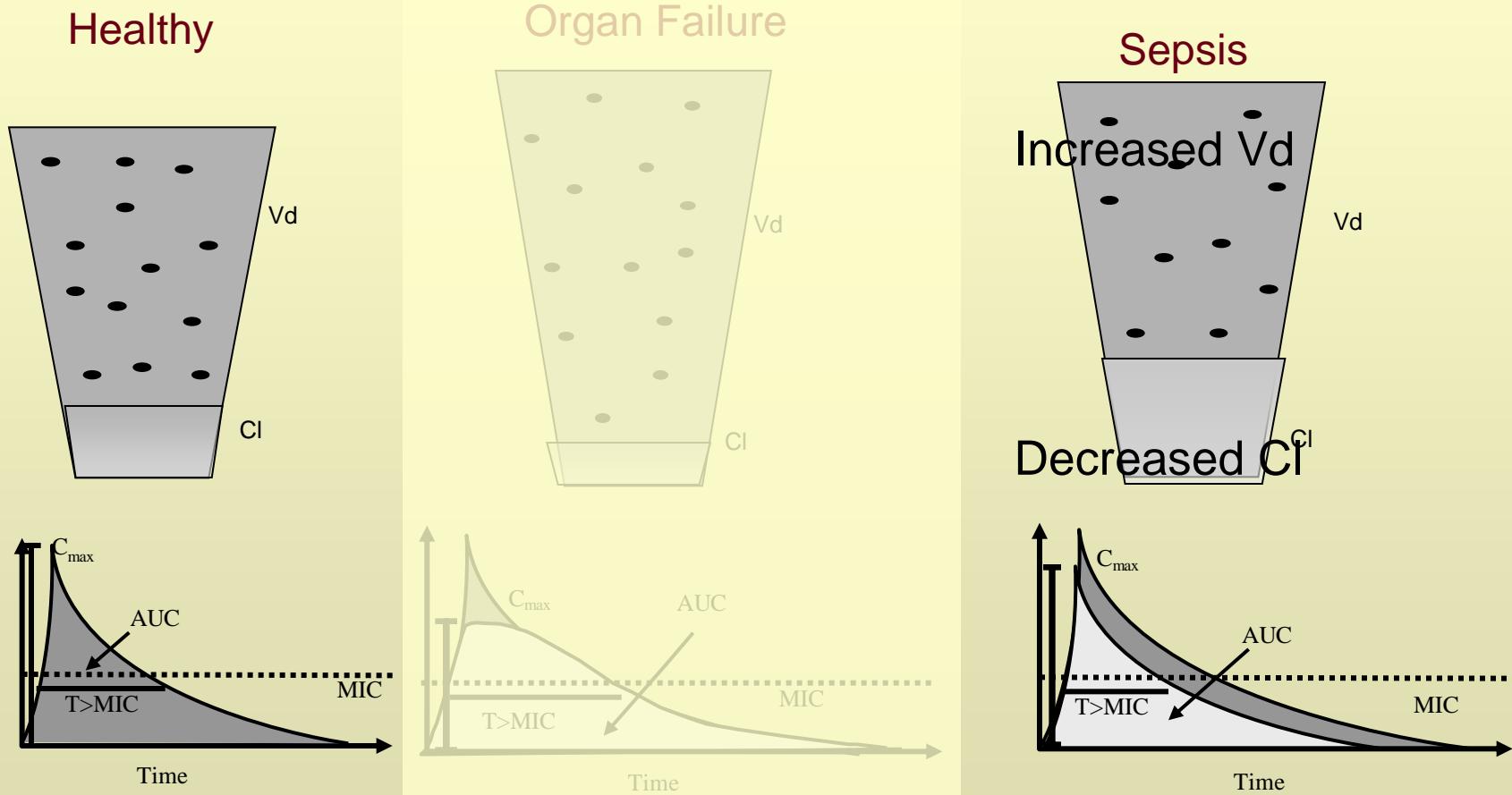


Figure 1. Mean Annual Mortality in Patients With Severe Sepsis



Kaukonen JAMA. doi:10.1001/jama.2014.2637

Antibiotics Pharmacokinetics



The Process of Care

Improvements in Sepsis outcome with carefull process of care

- ➡ Early diagnosis (including adequate microbiological samples)
- ➡ Adequate and early referentiation to ICU or ward
- ➡ Early and adequate antibiotics
- ➡ Avoid nosocomial infections
- ➡ Careful post ICU care



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SECOND OPINION

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