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IDWeek 2023 Highlights

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Clinical Trials that may change your practice

JAMA Internal Medicine | [Original Investigation](#)

Efficacy of a Clinical Decision Rule to Enable Direct Oral Challenge in Patients With Low-Risk Penicillin Allergy The PALACE Randomized Clinical Trial

- Open-label RCT, noninferiority margin 5%
- Patients with low-penicillin allergy (PEN-FAST score 0-2)
- Direct oral challenge with penicillin (n=187) vs skin testing followed by oral challenge with penicillin (n=190)
- Primary outcome: positive oral challenge within 1-hour postintervention; consistent with immune-mediated reaction
 - Occurred in 1/187 in direct oral challenge group (0.5%) and 1/190 in oral challenge (0.5%). Risk difference, 0.0084 (90% CI, -1.22 to 1.24).
- No difference between immediate or delayed adverse events reported by day 5
- Delabeling in 186 of 187 patients in direct oral challenge group



PEN-FAST penicillin allergy clinical decision rule

PEN	Penicillin allergy reported by patient	<input type="checkbox"/> If yes, proceed with assessment
F	Five years or less since reaction ^a	<input type="checkbox"/> 2 points
A	Anaphylaxis or angioedema	<input type="checkbox"/> 2 points
S	Severe cutaneous adverse reaction ^b	
T	Treatment required for reaction ^a	<input type="checkbox"/> 1 point
		<input type="checkbox"/> Total points

Interpretation	
Points	
<input type="checkbox"/> 0	Very low risk of positive penicillin allergy test <1% (<1 in 100 patients reporting penicillin allergy)
<input type="checkbox"/> 1-2	Low risk of positive penicillin allergy test 5% (1 in 20 patients)
<input type="checkbox"/> 3	Moderate risk of positive penicillin allergy test 20% (1 in 5 patients)
<input type="checkbox"/> 4-5	High risk of positive penicillin allergy test 50% (1 in 2 patients)



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The NEW ENGLAND
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ORIGINAL ARTICLE

Ceftobiprole for Treatment of Complicated *Staphylococcus aureus* Bacteremia

- RCT, noninferiority margin 15%
- Ceftobiprole 500 mg IV q6h x 8 days, then q8h after (n=189) vs daptomycin 6-10 mg/kg IV q24h +/- aztreonam (n=198) for complicated *S. aureus* bacteremia
- Primary outcome: overall treatment success at 70 days
 - Occurred in 132/189 ceftobiprole group (69.8%) and 136/198 in daptomycin group (68.7%). Adjusted difference, 2% (95% CI, -7.1 to 11.1).
- Below noninferiority margin
- Considerations: main source soft-tissue infection (61%), MRSA 24.3%, dapto dose >7mg/kg in 11.1%, median DOT 21 days
- Where to use? FDA decision is pending. Likely utilized for MRSA, in those for whom vanco/dapto is problematic.



Spoiler alert! Preview of clinical practice guideline updates

- Clinical practice guidelines for the:

- 1) Treatment of complicated urinary tract infections (cUTI)

- 2) Diagnosis and management of intravascular catheter-related infections

- 3) Community-acquired pneumonia (CAP) in infants and children



New cUTI guidelines summary

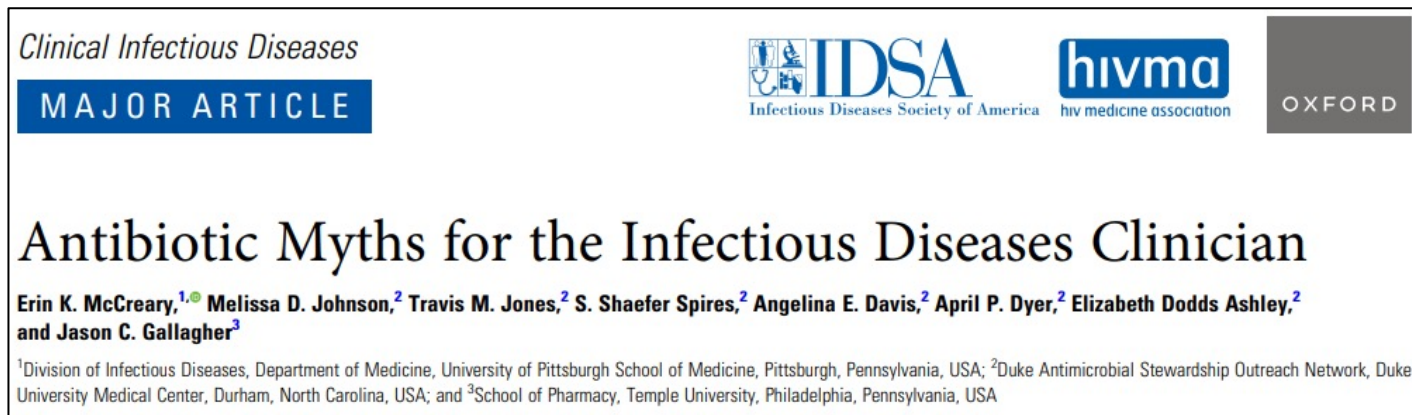
- **New definitions of uUTI and cUTI**

OLD definition		NEW definition
Uncomplicated UTI Acute cystitis in healthy, nonpregnant, afebrile women with no diabetes and no urologic abnormalities	➔	Complicated UTI (infection beyond bladder) Pyelonephritis CAUTI Febrile or bacteremic UTI
Acute pyelonephritis		Uncomplicated UTI (not extending bladder)
Complicated UTI		<u>Everything else (in women <u>OR</u> MEN)</u>

- **Duration of antibiotic therapy: 7 days**
- **Route of antibiotic therapy: oral switch recommended versus continuing IV**



Treatment Conundrums: Not Always Black and White



- Clinicians are presented with:
 - Medical statements that are based on opinion > robust evidence
 - Evidence that has evolved yet perception remains unchanged
- Highlights the need for vigilance as evidence bases evolve



Inspiring quote about diagnostic stewardship

- "Remember, ordering a diagnostic test is like picking your nose in public. You must first consider what you will do if you find something."

Dr. Catherine DeAngelis, 1994

First woman Editor of JAMA



Speaking of diagnostic stewardship...



182 - Diagnostic Errors & Diagnostic Stewardship in Infectious Disease

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Defining Diagnostic Error



[Original Investigation](#) | Health Care Reform

November 9, 2009

Diagnostic Error in Medicine Analysis of 583 Physician-Reported Errors

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- **Established the concept of diagnostic errors being broken down into:**
 - **Misdiagnosis (wrong diagnosis)**
 - **Missed diagnosis (a patient's medical concerns which are never explained)**
 - **Delayed diagnosis (diagnosis should have been made earlier)**
 - **Leading example in this category is cancer diagnosis**



How Common is the problem? ~7%

Estimates of frequency of diagnostic errors in hospitalized patients using medical records

- **Harvard Medical Practice Study (1991): 17% of adverse events in hospitalized patients**
- **Subsequent study of inpatient-record review of patients from Utah and Colorado (2000): 7% of adverse events**
- **Study from the Netherlands (2010):**
 - 6.4% of all adverse events
 - 0.4% of all hospital admissions

Diagnostic delays for ID are common



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Classic signs and symptoms of an infection are not always present

Fevers (and other symptoms) may also be a symptom of non-infectious diseases

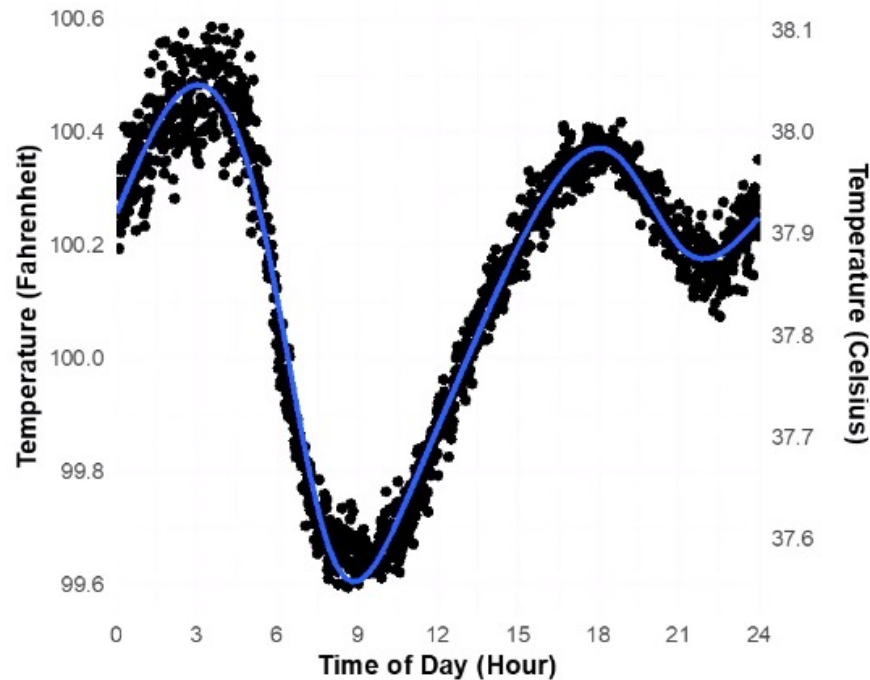
Test results may not be available until days after the test is performed



Diurnal temperature variation

Data collated from 10 million thermometer readings around the US

Temperatures during a febrile episode vary throughout the day



Miller AC, Koeneman SH, Suneja M, Cavanaugh JE, Polgreen PM. Diurnal temperature variation and the implications for diagnosis and infectious disease screening: a population-based study. *Diagnosis (Berl)*. 2023 Sep 13.

Depending on the time of day the patient presents, you may have a higher or lower probability of catching the fever

The probability of detecting a fever during a febrile episode varies substantially



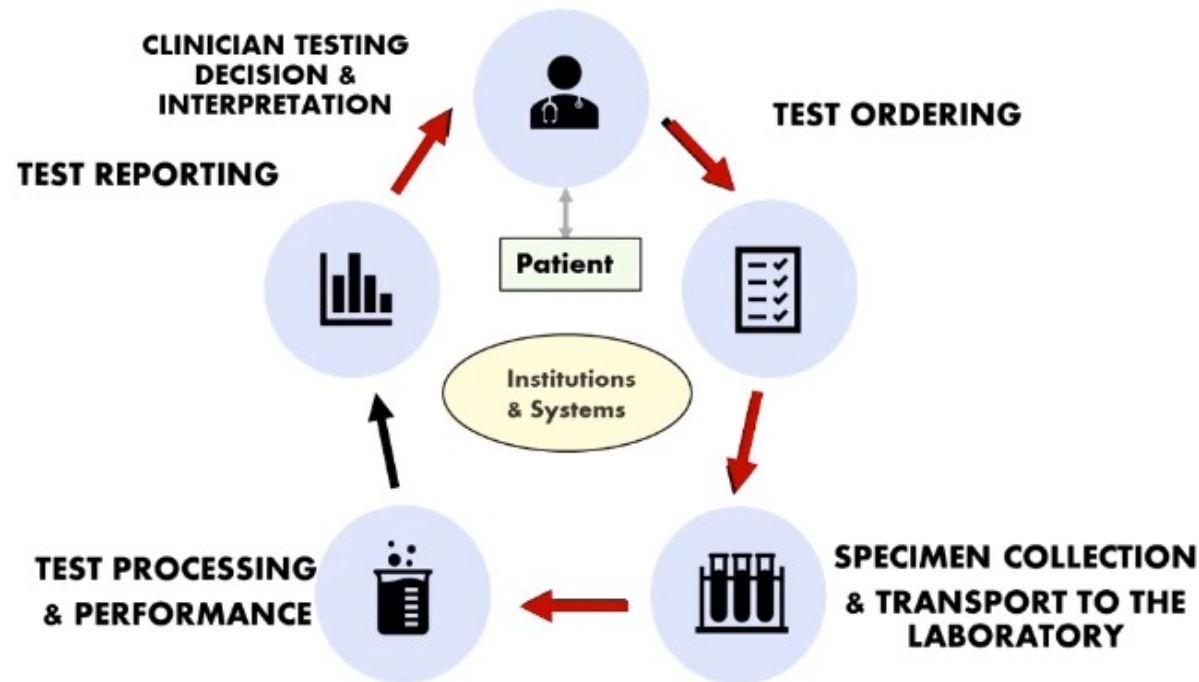
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Diagnostic Stewardship in Infectious Diseases

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The right test for the right patient to prompt the right action



How to steward diagnostics

Education

Electronic interventions that impact ordering (behavior)

Interventions targeting testing and reporting

Behavior

Strategy	Description
Improving knowledge and decreasing cognitive bias	Strengthen understanding of testing principles as well as result interpretation across roles and disciplines
Diagnostic/risk assessment tools	Clinical decision support tools or algorithms for selection of patients to be tested. Best if available at point of care (eg, criteria for ordering urine cultures or criteria to defer)
Nudges (comments)	Behavioral interventions to guide decision making in a predictable way without forbidding options (eg, "respiratory flora, no MRSA" for respiratory cultures to encourage stopping anti-MRSA antibiotics)
Framing	Intervention to guide decision making by highlighting information in a positive or a negative way (eg, 75% of <i>Pseudomonas</i> spp are susceptible to ciprofloxacin and 25% of <i>Pseudomonas</i> spp are resistant to ciprofloxacin).
Best practice alerts	Reminders that a test is likely not indicated (eg, an alert to evaluate for symptoms of UTI when ordering urine cultures)
Ease of ordering	Changing ease of access to specific tests in the electronic health record to encourage or discourage use (eg removing urine cultures from preoperative order sets or requiring expert consultation for complex diagnostic tests)
Removal of test	Removing a low-value test from routine use in the electronic health record (eg, West Nile virus nucleic acid amplification test in cerebrospinal fluid.)
Inclusion of test	Including a test in an order set (eg, blood cultures in sepsis order sets)
Stops	Not allowing testing (eg, stopping <i>Clostridioides difficile</i> test for patients on laxatives). Can be soft stops (allow clinician override) or hard stops (do not allow)
Reflex testing	Strategy in which tests are only performed after prespecified criteria are met. For example, urine cultures are only performed if urinalysis indicates the presence of pyuria or bacteriuria.
Selective testing	Antimicrobial susceptibility for a particular bug-drug combination is not tested on bacteria suspected of being contaminant, eg, "mixed flora, no further work-up" in urine cultures.
Selective reporting	Only reporting some part of results (eg, suppressing daptomycin susceptibility for respiratory culture).
Cascade reporting	Antibiotic susceptibility is reported in a stepwise fashion; antibiotic susceptibility results for a particular pathogen-drug combination are obtained but suppressed for broader-spectrum agents (eg, meropenem) unless the bug is resistant to narrow-spectrum agents (eg, ceftriaxone).
Results suppression	Strategies of reporting only some (or none) of the available result information. For example, not releasing organism identification if multiple organisms present in a urine culture
Monitoring adherence to best practices	Monitor utilization rates, quality indicators (eg, blood culture contamination rates)
Provide feedback	Report utilization rates to clinicians either as aggregate unit or individual performance.

The most effective intervention depends on what you're trying to accomplish

- 15 hospitals (academic and community) in the US implemented a variety of best practice alerts including hard stop, soft stop, ASP-based discussion with team after test ordered (“human BPA”) to optimize *C. diff* testing.
- All interventions resulted in a significant **reduction in test ordering** compared to no intervention.
 - **The hard stop was the most effective** (33% reduction) vs. the soft stop or the human BPA.
- All interventions resulted in a **reduction in *C diff*-antibiotic use** compared to no intervention.
 - **The “human BPA” was the most effective** (20% reduction) vs. soft stop or hard stop.



Targets for diagnostic stewardship in ID



Impact (lack of) on patient management



Testing volume



Cost of test/financial implications

QUESTIONS?

