



January 17, 2023

## Agenda

- Title: *CAP Guidelines*

# CAP Guidelines: a lung time coming

Guidelines last updated: 2007

Will not cover:

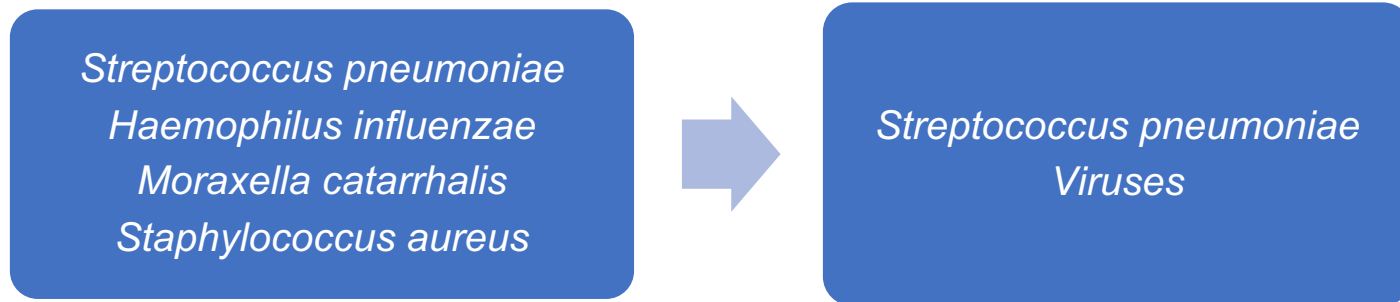
- Immunocompromised patients
  - Refer to 2019 Pneumonia in Solid Organ Transplantation: Guidelines from ATS Infectious Diseases
- Patients with history of foreign travel

Refer to:

- HAP/VAP guidelines 2016



# CAP pathogens: do we really know?



ORIGINAL ARTICLE

## Community-Acquired Pneumonia Requiring Hospitalization among U.S. Adults

Seema Jain, M.D., Wesley H. Self, M.D., M.P.H., Richard G. Wunderink, M.D., Sherene Fakhraan, M.D., M.P.H., Robert Balk, M.D., Anna M. Bramley, M.P.H., Carrie Reed, Ph.D., Carlos G. Grijalva, M.D., M.P.H., Evan J. Anderson, M.D., D. Mark Courtney, M.D., James D. Chappell, M.D., Ph.D., Chao Qi, Ph.D., et al., for the CDC EPIC Study Team\*

60% with no pathogen detected in sputum

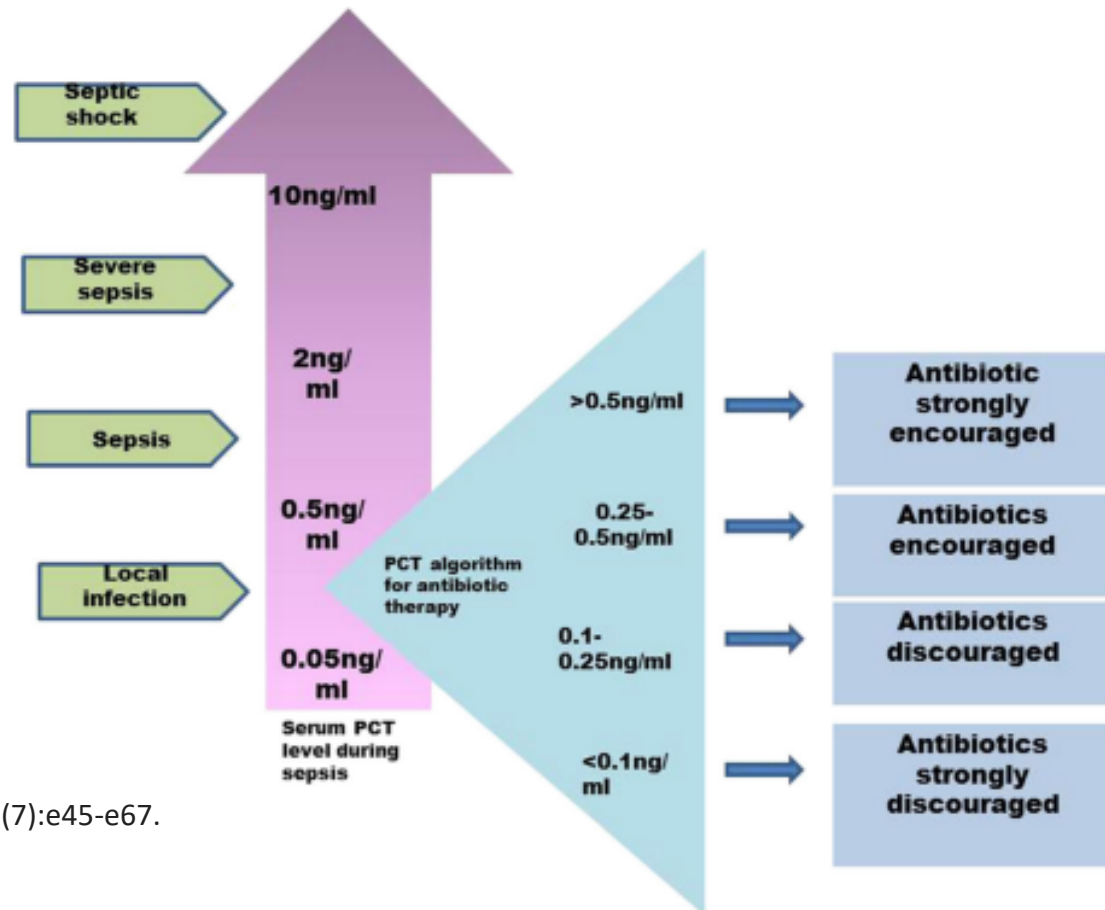


# Use PCT to stop, not start antibiotics



“We recommend that empiric antibiotic therapy should be initiated in adults with clinically suspected and radiographically confirmed CAP regardless of initial serum procalcitonin level”

Increased PCT =  
increased  
probability of a  
bacterial infection



Metlay JP et al. Am J Respir Crit Care Med. 2019 Oct 1;200(7):e45-e67.

Vijayan A, et al. Journal of Intensive Care. 2017;5:51.

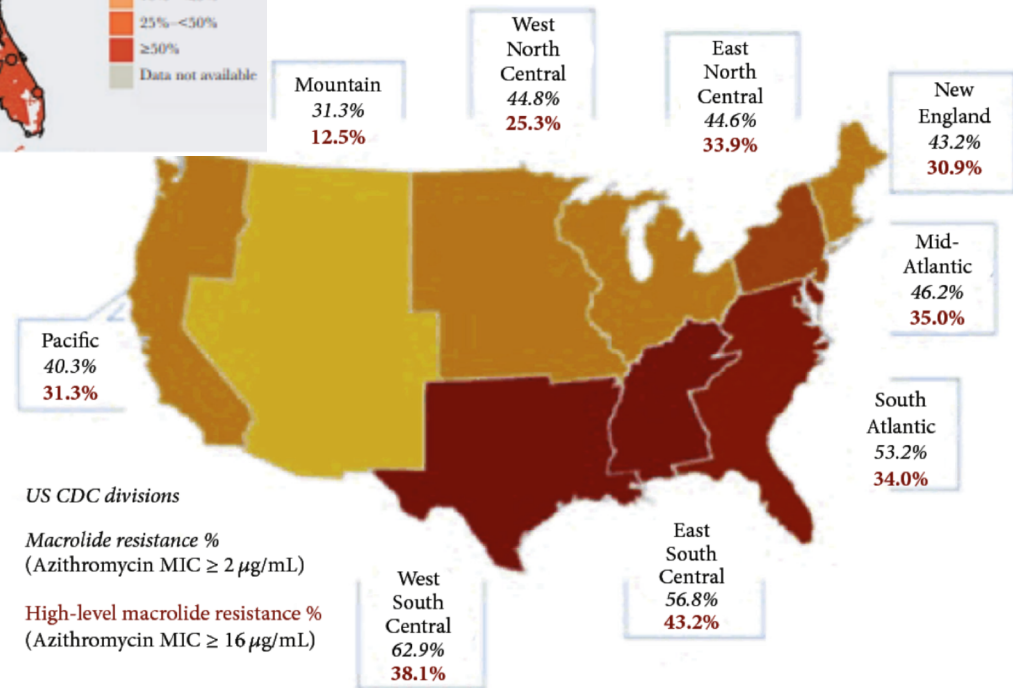
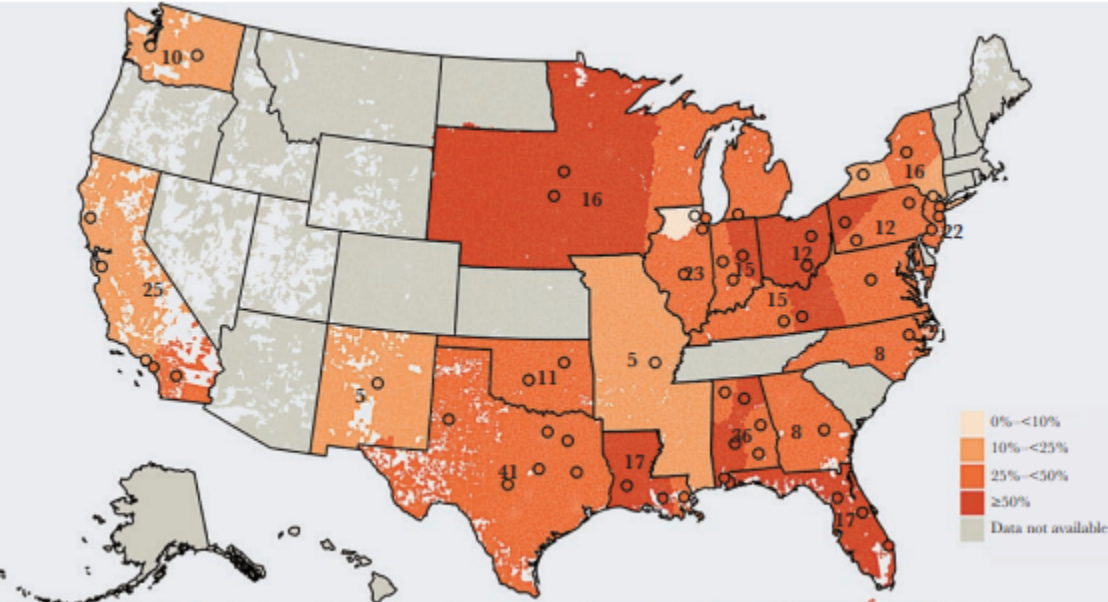
Covington E, et al. Pharmacotherapy. 2018;38(5):569-581.

# CAP treatments – outpatient

- No comorbidities:
  - High dose amoxicillin or doxycycline
- Comorbidities:
  - amoxicillin/clavulanate or cephalosporin + macrolide or doxycycline
  - Fluoroquinolone monotherapy



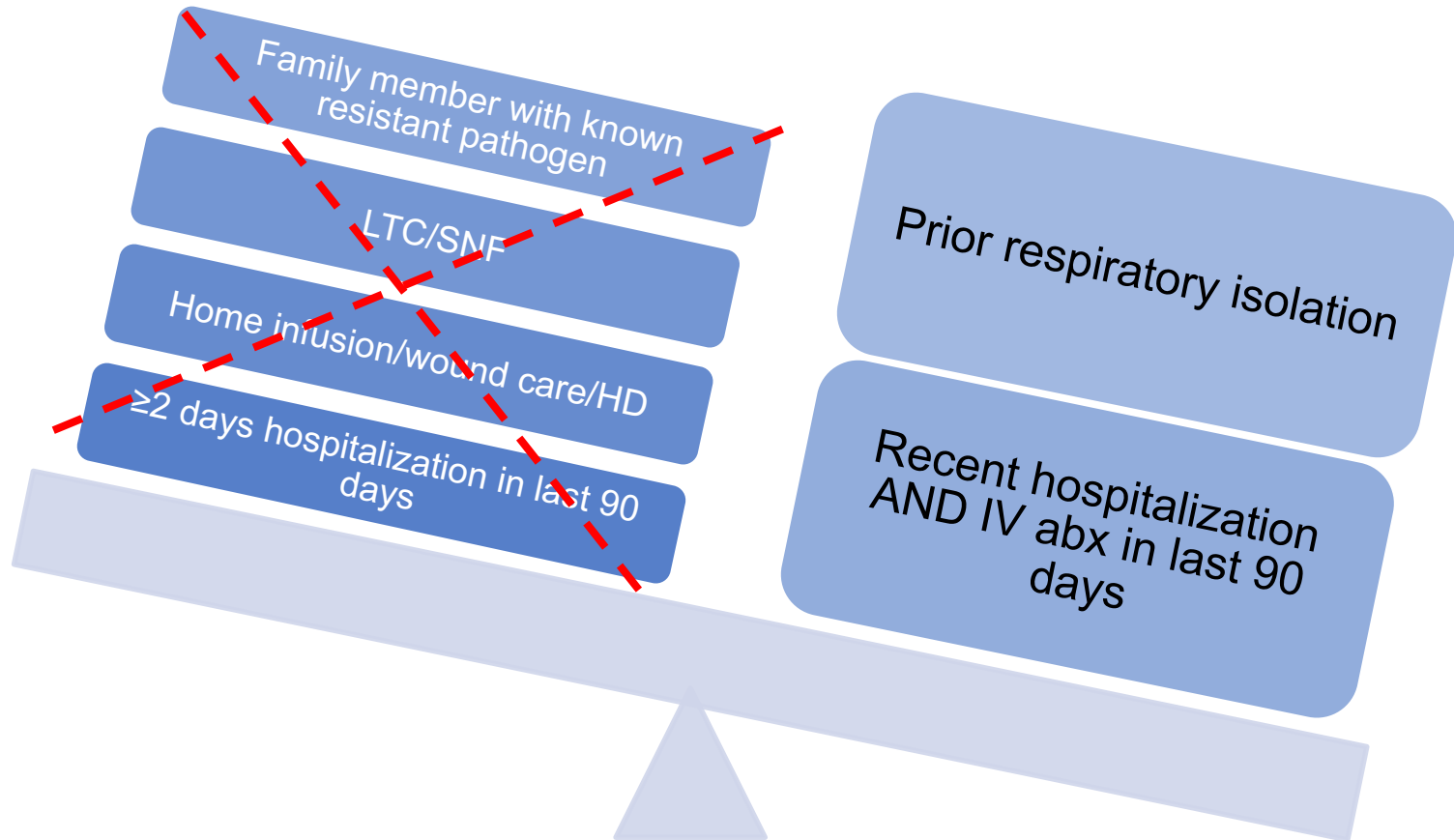
# Macrolide resistant S. pneumo



Blondeau JM, et al. J Infect Dis Ther. 2017;5:313.  
Gupta V, et al. OFID. 2021.

# No more HCAP

“We recommend abandoning use of the prior categorization of healthcare-associated pneumonia (HCAP) to guide selection of extended antibiotic coverage in adults with CAP”



# CAP treatments – inpatients

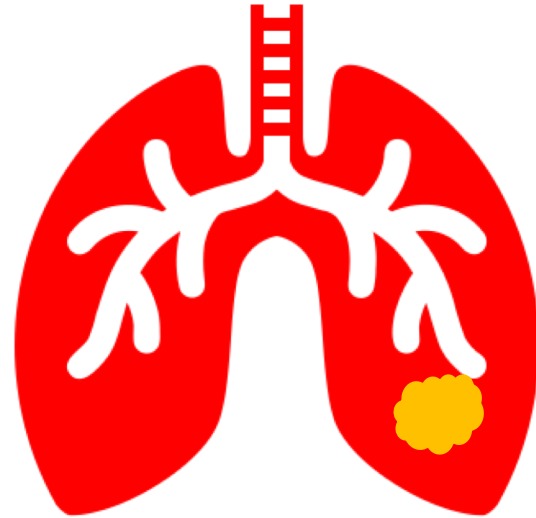
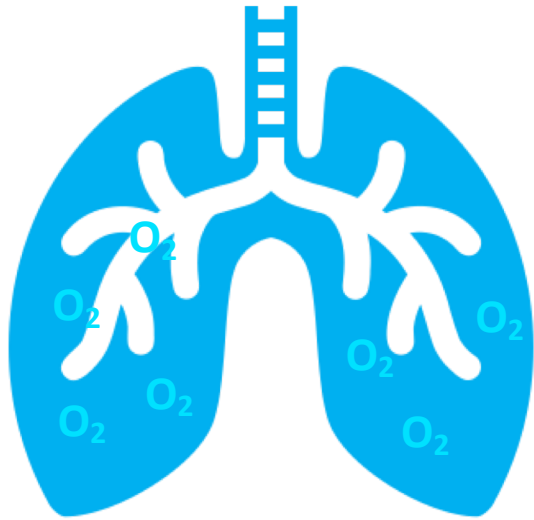
- Non-severe or severe:
  - Ceftriaxone + azithromycin
- History of prior cultures for MRSA or Pseudomonas:
  - Add appropriate coverage
- Severe pneumonia with recent hospitalization + exposure to IV antibiotics in the last 90 days:
  - Add appropriate coverage

➡ Focus on de-escalation/duration at 48h



# Aspiration pneumonia

“We suggest not routinely adding anaerobic coverage for suspected aspiration pneumonia unless lung abscess or empyema is suspected”



# Micro vs Macroaspiration

## MICROASPIRATION

Recurrent small volume aspiration of oral or pharyngeal contents into trachea

Aspiration pneumonia

## MACROASPIRATION

Visible aspiration of food, gastric contents

Contributors to pathophysiology of aspiration pneumonia:  
volume of inoculum, pH, and chronicity/frequency of event



# Pneumonitis does not improve with antibiotics

*Clinical Infectious Diseases*

MAJOR ARTICLE



## Prophylactic Antimicrobial Therapy for Acute Aspiration Pneumonitis

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Prophylactic antibiotics  
DO NOT:

Decrease 30-day  
mortality  
Decrease ICU transfers

Prophylactic antibiotics  
MAY:

Generate selective  
antibiotic pressure  
Lead to abx escalation



# Pneumonitis ≠ Pneumonia

- Aspiration of gastric contents – aspiration pneumonitis
  - Supportive care only
  - Symptom resolution 24-48h
- Can suspect secondary pneumonia if symptoms persist >48h after macro-aspiration
- Do not need additional anaerobic coverage – most pulmonary infections do not involve anaerobes
- (Most CAP antibiotics cover PO anaerobes already)



# De-escalation

De-escalation of antibiotic therapy at 48 hours is appropriate if microbiological results do not yield drug-resistant pathogens or are negative and patient is improving

- MRSA nasal swabs
  - High specificity and sensitivity
  - High negative predictive value
  - Lower sensitivity and positive predictive value, especially for more severe pneumonia

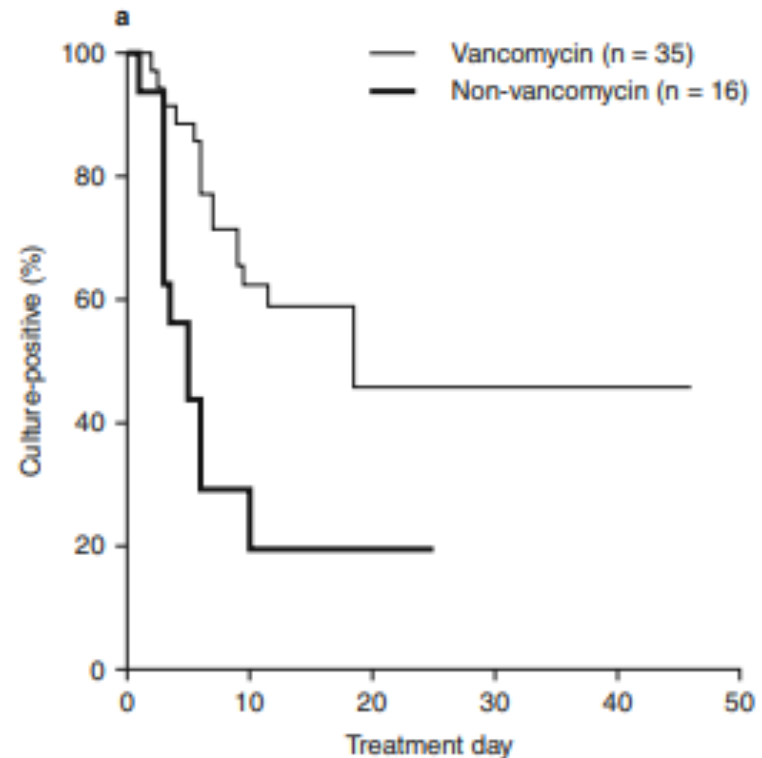
PNA	Sensitivity	Specificity	PPV	NPV
CAP	85%	92%	57%	98%
VAP	40%	94%	36%	95%



# Timing of MRSA swab

- Antibiotics are ineffective at clearing nasal colonization
- Culture or PCR MRSA swab should remain reliable if obtained after antibiotics

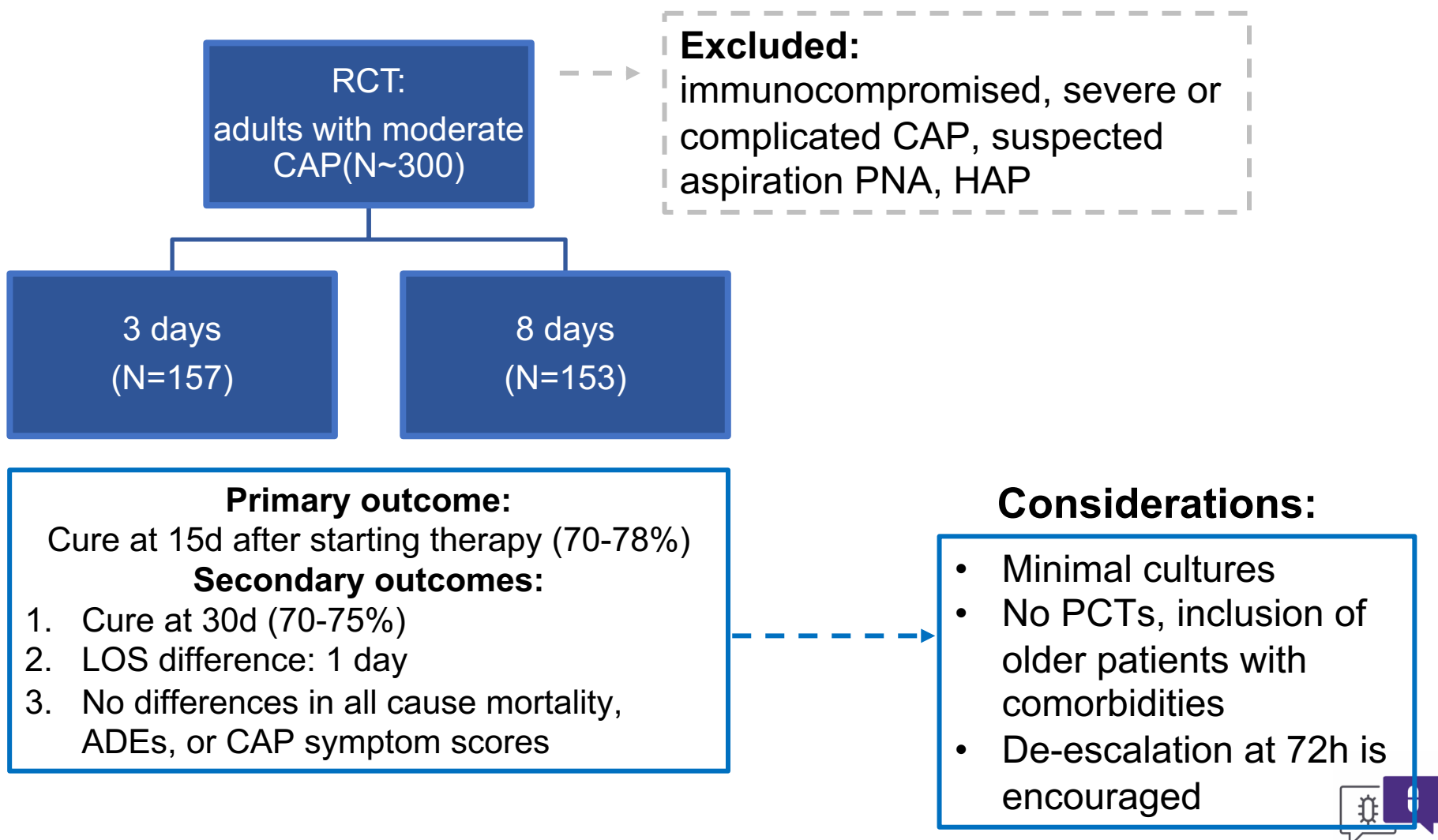
➔ If using reference lab, getting it earlier is key!



# Discontinuing $\beta$ -lactam treatment after 3 days for patients with community-acquired pneumonia in non-critical care wards (PTC): a double-blind, randomised, placebo-controlled, non-inferiority trial

Articles

THE LANCET



# What's the harm in an extra day?

- Overall: 3-5 days adequate
- MRSA, *P. aeruginosa* - 7 days (consistent with HAP/VAP)
- Longer courses recommended for: pneumonia complicated by secondary disease, less common pathogens

4% increased risk for new resistance within 60 days  
with each additional day of an antipseudomonal  
 $\beta$ -lactam



# Setting expectations

- 1 week: resolution of fever
- 4 weeks: reduced chest pain and sputum production
- 8 weeks: reduced cough and breathlessness
- 3 months: fatigue may still be present, however most other symptoms should be resolved
- 6 months: should feel back to normal



# CAP Takeaways

- Treatment
  - High dose amoxicillin
  - Fluoroquinolones remain first line per guidelines; however, should consider using sparingly
  - Consider deescalating at 48 hours
- May use PCTs to de-escalate therapy, not for initiation
- No more HCAP
- No more anaerobic coverage
- 5 days is adequate (7 days for MRSA/*P. aeruginosa*)
  - Clearance of infection may precede improvement in symptoms

