

Antibiotics

Vancomycin

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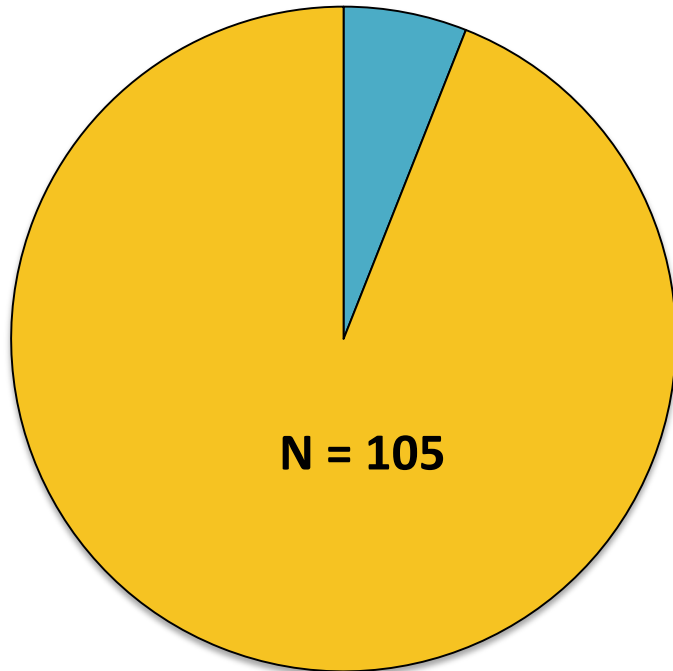
What Percent of Patients Treated with Vancomycin in your Hospital have Confirmed MRSA infection?

- 5 - 10%
- 11 - 25%
- 26 - 50%
- 51 - 75%
- 76 - 100%

Confirmed MRSA infection among inpatients on Vancomycin

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MRSA infection, 6%

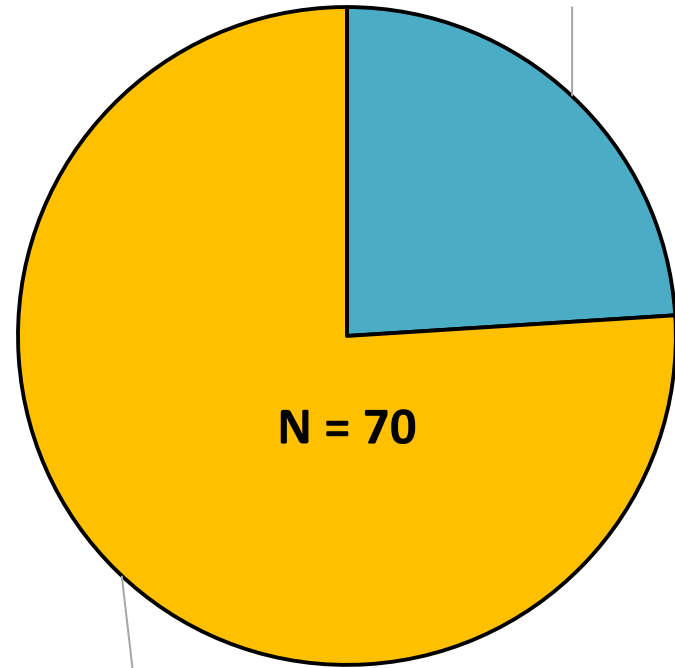


N = 105

No MRSA infection, 94%

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MRSA Infection, 24%



N = 70

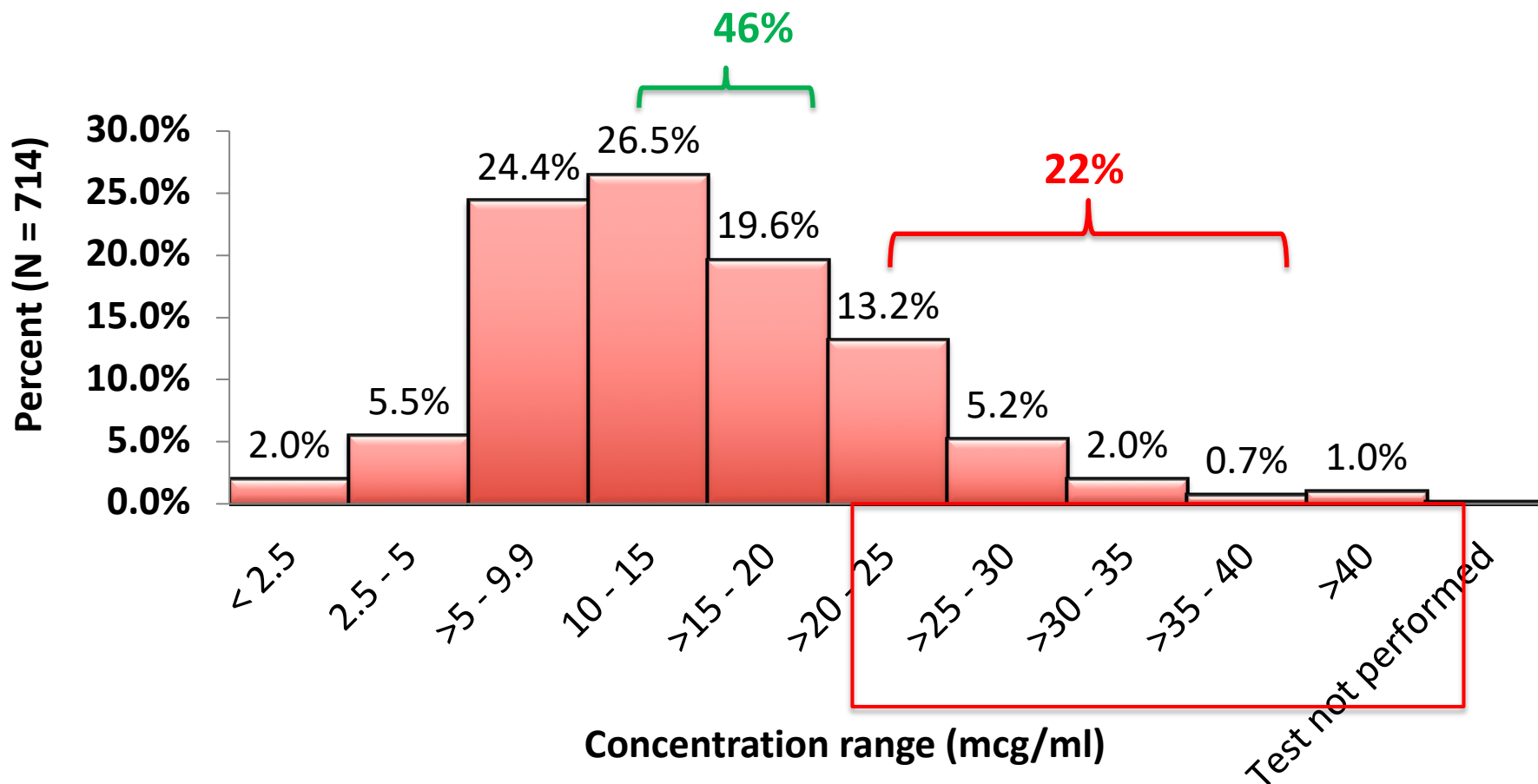
No MRSA Infection, 76%

Conclusions of this Presentation

- 1. Vancomycin troughs may not be accurate**
- 2. Time spent monitoring serum vancomycin concentrations is often unwarranted**
- 3. Alternate anti-MRSA therapies may be cost-effective in some scenarios**

Vancomycin monitoring requires high resource utilization & we get it wrong half the time

9/1/2014 - 9/30/2014 = 390 unique patients and 714 vancomycin lab results

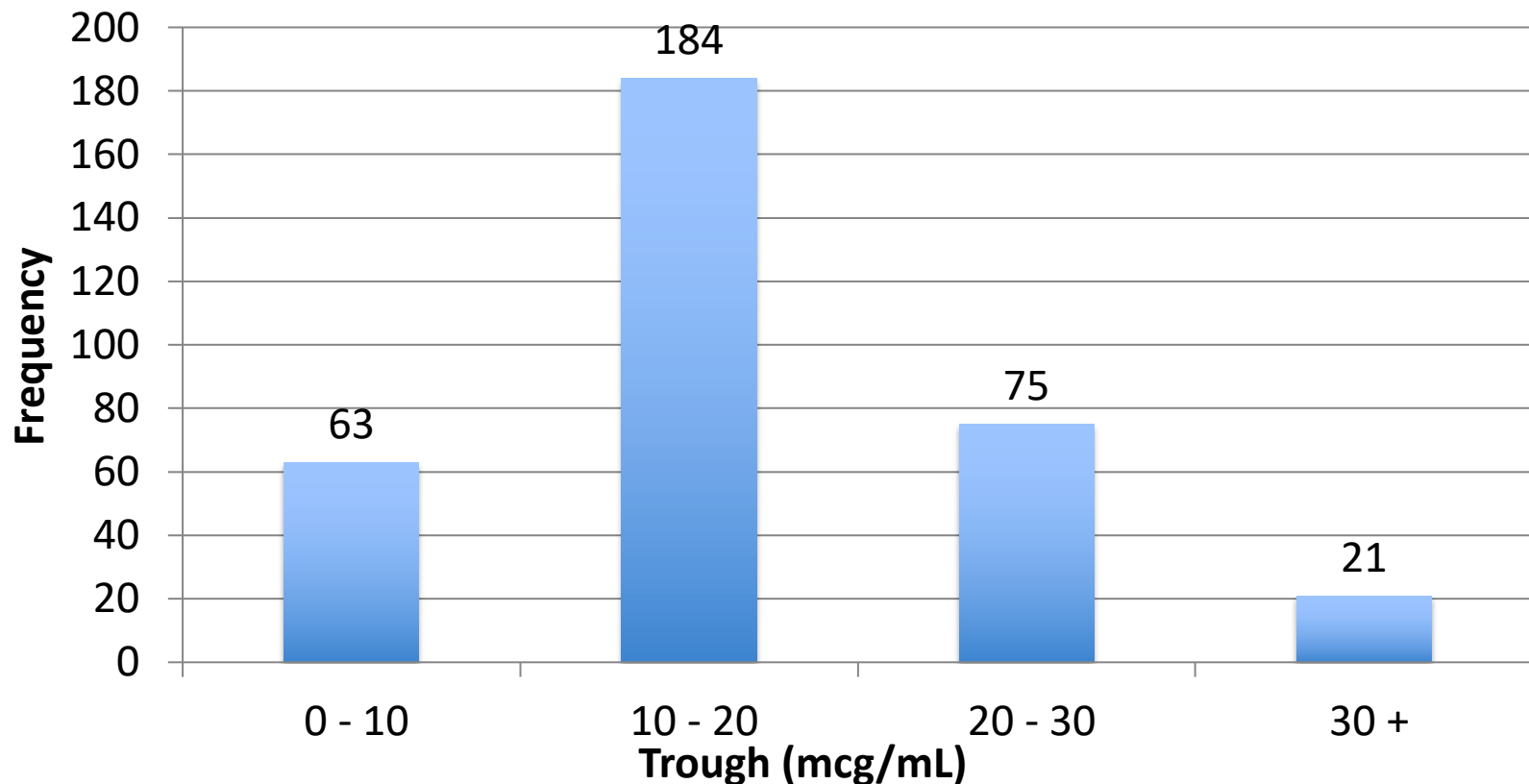


My institution has a pharmacy-driven vancomycin dosing protocol

- Yes
- No
- Not sure

Trough Frequencies in a Vancomycin Per Pharmacy Protocol

Vancomycin Trough Level Frequencies



Distribution of vancomycin levels over a 3-month period (7/1/15 - 9/28/15)

Expert Panel Recommendations for Vancomycin Therapeutic Drug Monitoring

2009

Variable

Recommendation

Level of Evidence

Recommended TDM Parameters
Optimal monitoring parameter

Trough serum vancomycin concentrations are the most accurate and practical method for monitoring efficacy.

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Therapeutic vancomycin drug monitoring, Peak versus trough concentrations

Timing of monitoring

Troughs should be obtained just prior to the next dose at

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Therapeutic vancomycin drug monitoring, Peak versus trough concentrations
Therapeutic vancomycin drug monitoring, Optimal trough concentrations

Optimal trough concentrations

For a pathogen with an MIC of 1 mg/L, the minimum trough concentration would have to be at least 15 mg/L to generate the target AUC/MIC of 400.

Optimal trough concentration—
complicated infections (bacteremia,
endocarditis, osteomyelitis, meningitis
and hospital-acquired pneumonia
caused by *Staphylococcus aureus*)

Therapeutic vancomycin drug
monitoring, Optimal trough
concentrations

Dosing Regimen

Dosing to achieve optimal
trough concentrations

Doses of 15–20 mg/kg (as actual body weight) given every 8–12 hr are recommended for most patients with normal renal function to achieve the suggested serum concentrations when the MIC is ≤ 1 mg/L. In patients with normal renal function, the targeted AUC:MIC of >400 is not achievable with conventional dosing methods if the MIC is ≥ 2 mg/L in a patient with normal renal function.

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Therapeutic vancomycin drug
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Loading doses—complicated
infections

In seriously ill patients, a loading dose of 25–30 mg/kg (based on actual body weight) can be used to facilitate rapid attainment of target trough serum vancomycin concentration.

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Therapeutic vancomycin drug
monitoring, Optimal trough
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Continuous vs. intermittent
dosing

Continuous infusion regimens are unlikely to substantially improve patient outcome when compared to intermittent dosing.

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Impact of dosing strategies
on pharmacokinetic and
pharmacodynamic parameters

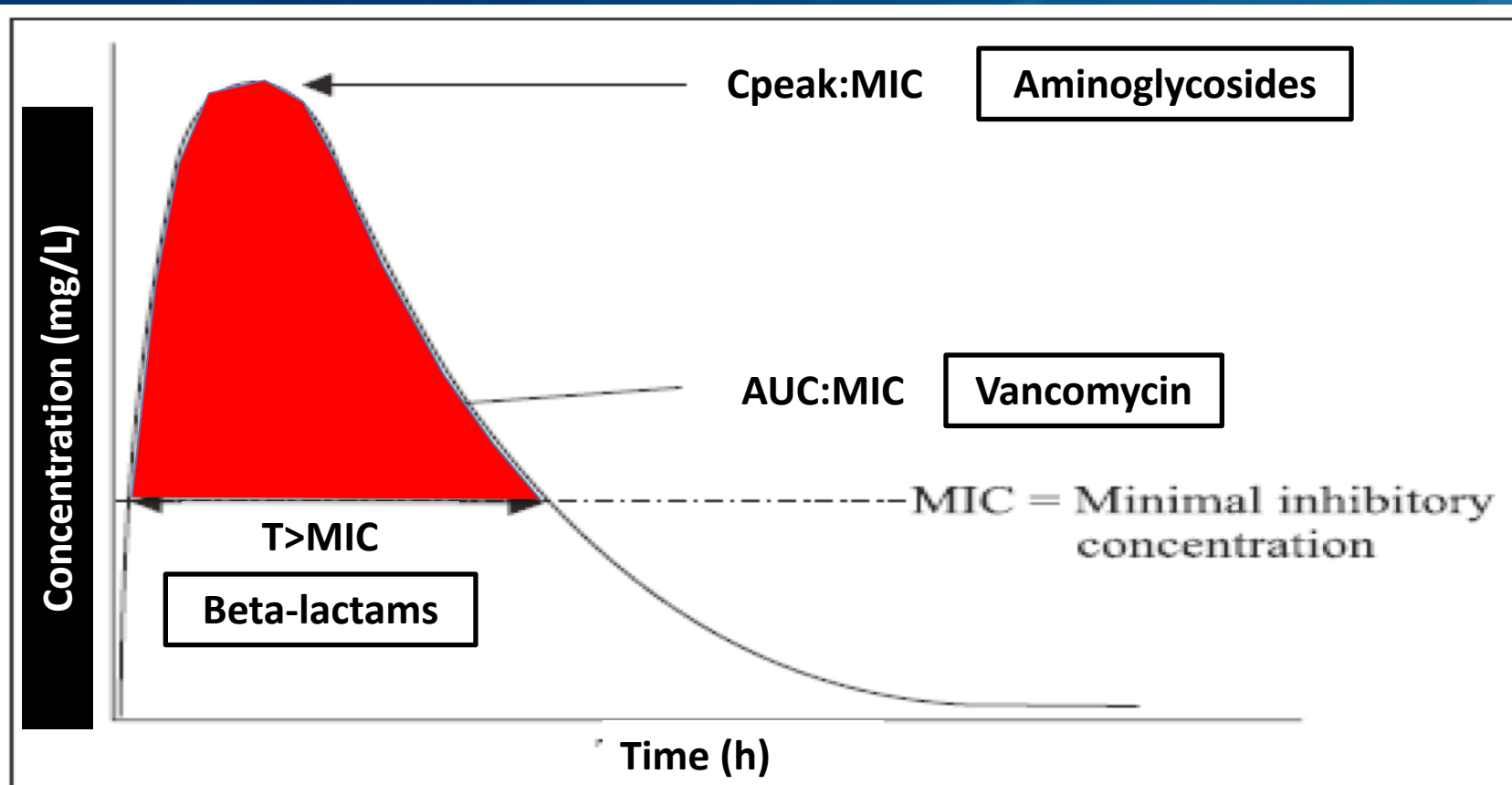
TDM for Vancomycin-Induced Nephrotoxicity
Definition

A minimum of two or three consecutive documented increases in serum creatinine concentrations (defined as an increase of 0.5 mg/dL or a $\geq 50\%$ increase from baseline, whichever is greater) after several days of vancomycin therapy.

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Vancomycin toxicity; Incidence,
mechanism, and definition of
nephrotoxicity

Vancomycin AUC Monitoring



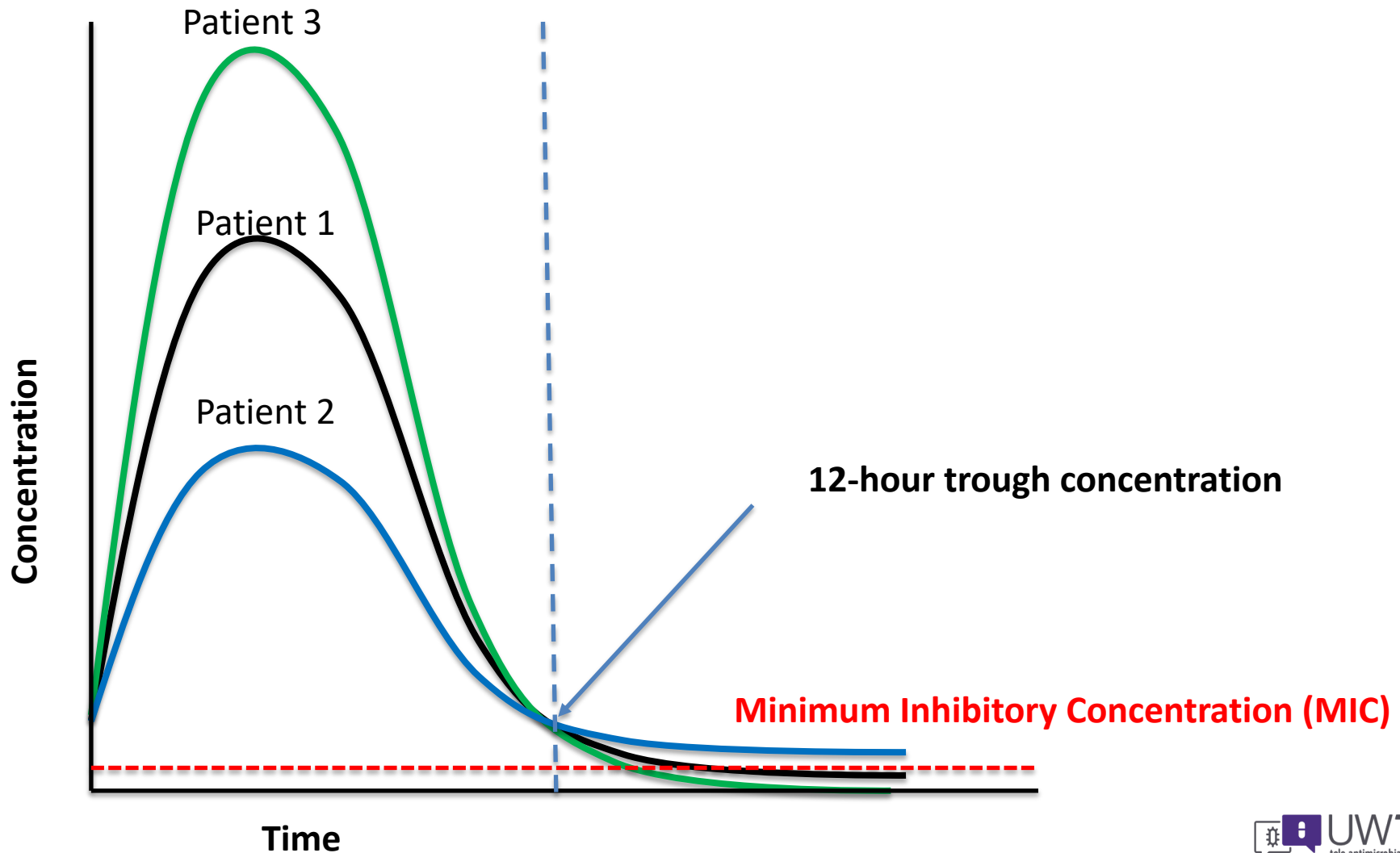
AUC = Area under the curve, MIC = Minimal inhibitory concentration

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Do Troughs Predict the AUC:MIC Target?

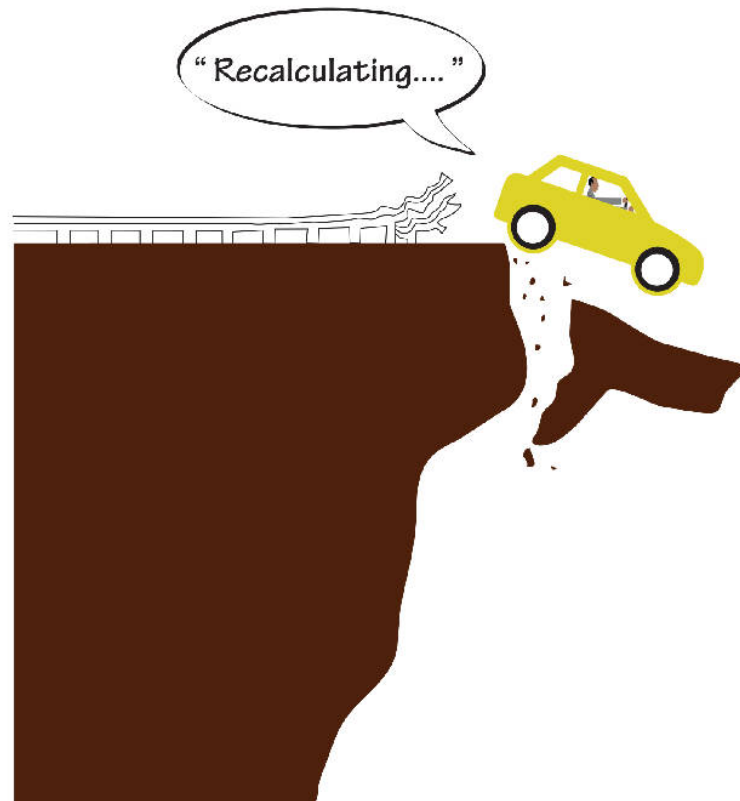
“50 to 60% of adults who have an AUC of ≥ 400 mg*h/L, are not expected to have a trough concentration of > 15 mg/liter”

Troughs are not useful for efficacy

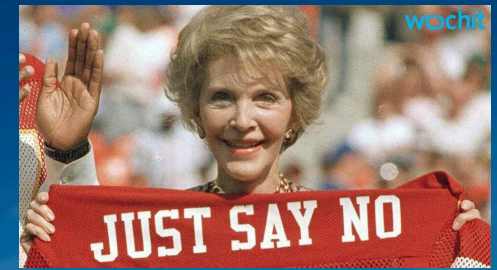


What to do in the Guideline Gap

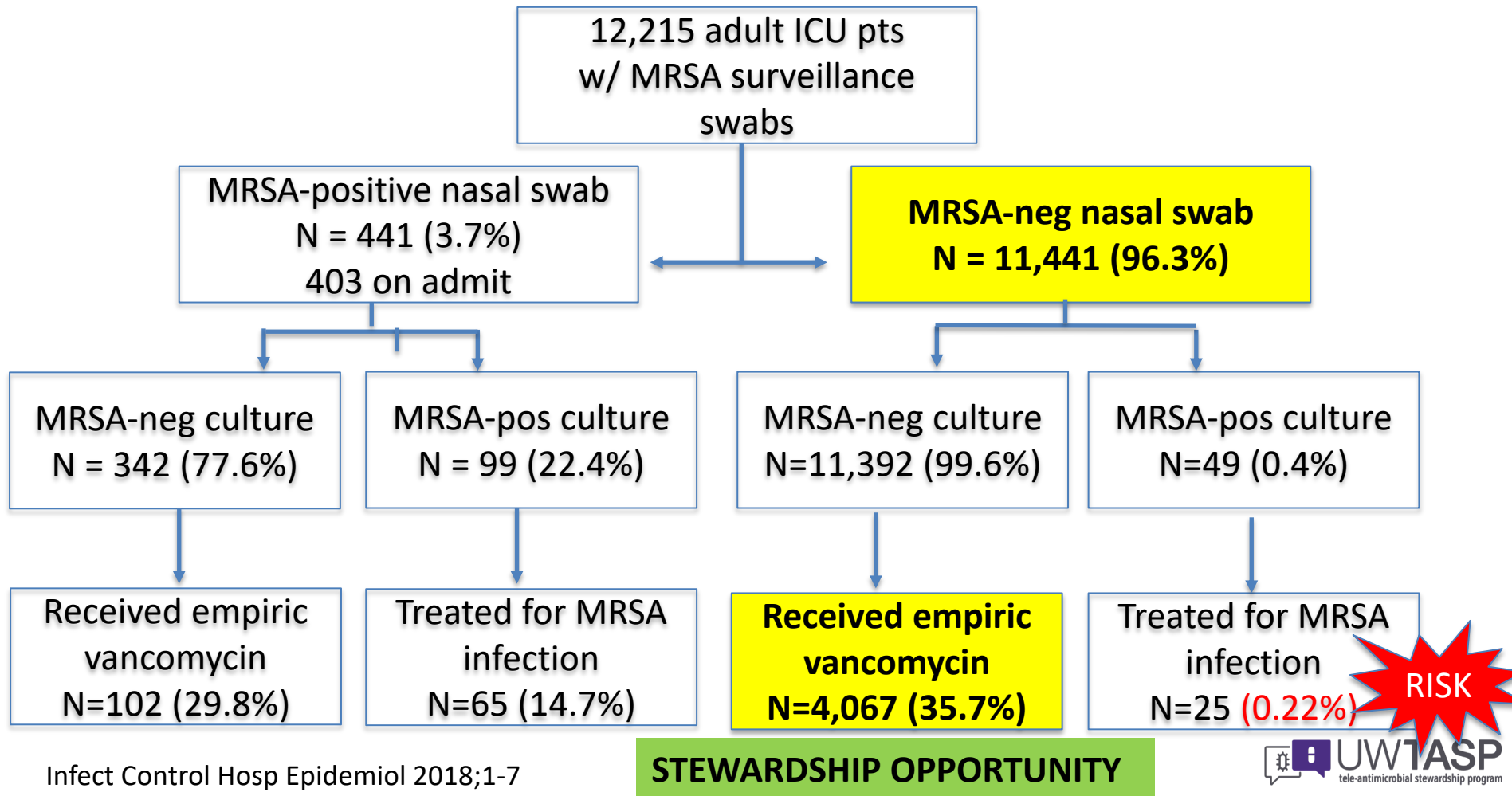
1. Stop vancomycin when not indicated
2. Treat the patient, not the trough



MRSA nasal swabs: *If it doesn't grow, just say no*

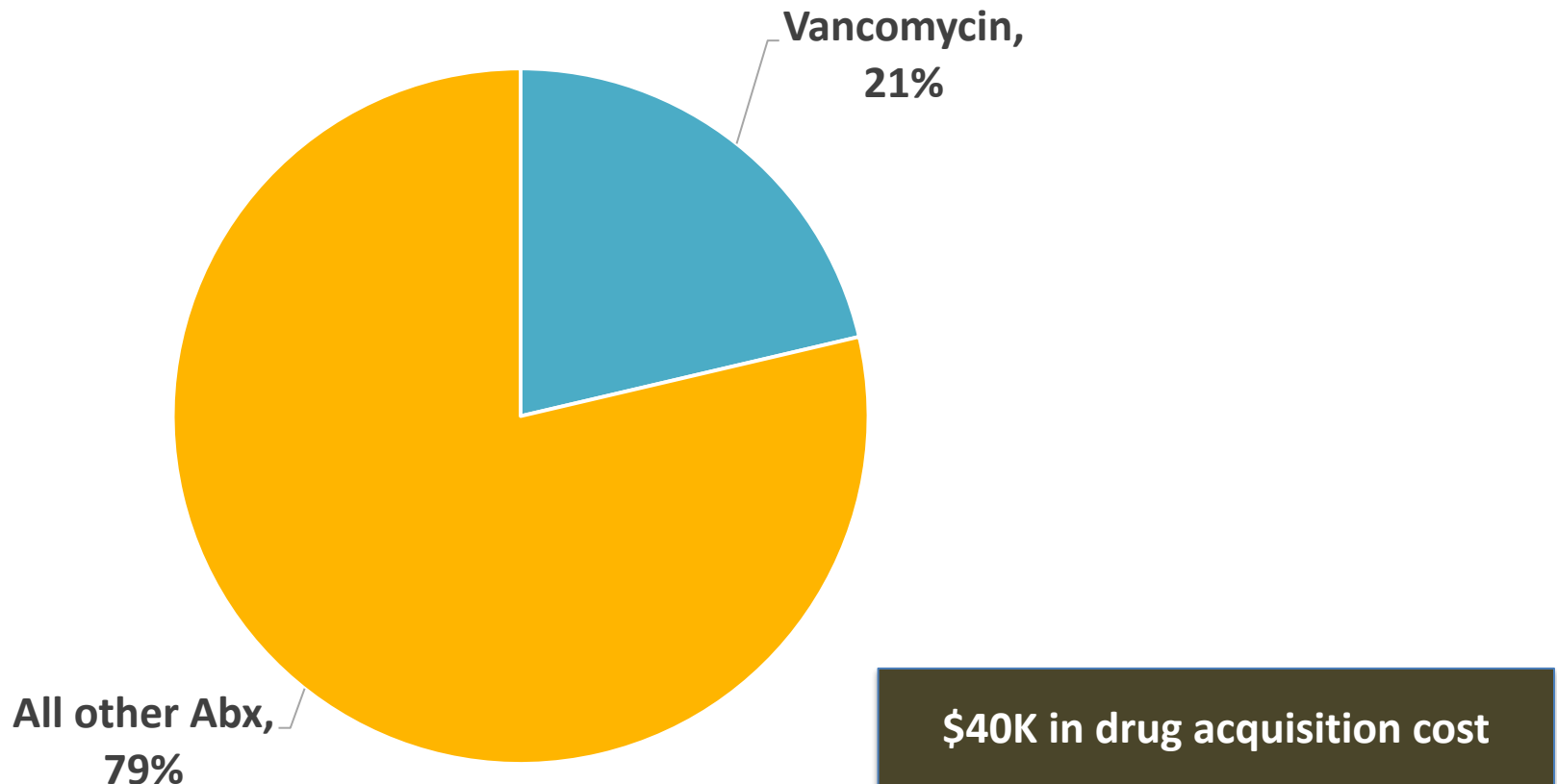


- Retrospective study x2 years, 6 ICUs in a single center



Vancomycin is #3 most highly utilized antibiotic at Valley Medical Center

Antibiotic Days of Use, 2017 Valley Medical Center

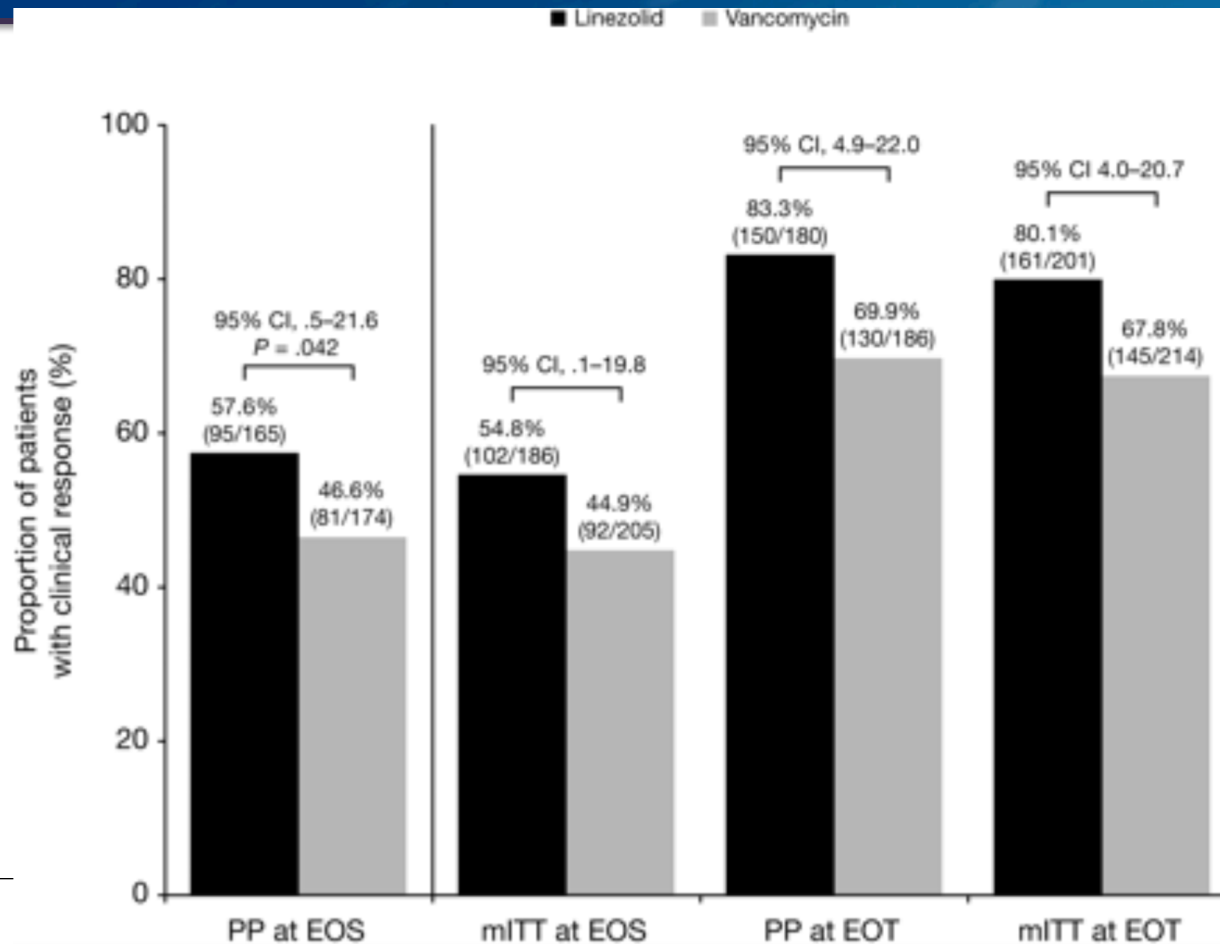


Treat the patient, not the trough

Questions to ask when trough < 10 mg/L

1. Are you treating *S. aureus* infection?
2. Is the patient improving clinically?
3. Is the total daily dose > 40 mg/kg/day (4000 mg)

Alternate options: PO Linezolid for MRSA pneumonia



From: Linezolid in Methicillin-Resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* Nosocomial Pneumonia: A Randomized, Controlled Study

Clin Infect Dis. 2012;54(5):621-629. doi:10.1093/cid/cir895

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