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- Didactic: *Skin and Soft Tissue Infections*
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Skin and Soft Tissue Infections Part 1

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Skin and Soft Tissue Infections (SSTI)

- 2nd most common reason for hospitalization
- >700,000 hospitalizations per year
- ~65% increase since 1999
- Inappropriately broad and lengthy abx are common
- Appropriate therapy associate with improved outcomes
- Novel therapies are....unknown
- Best plan is optimizing the use of known therapies, including antimicrobials



Appropriateness of antibiotic management of uncomplicated skin and soft tissue infections in hospitalized adult patients

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Background: Skin and soft tissue infections (SSTIs) are a leading cause for hospitalizations in the United States. Few studies have addressed the appropriateness of antibiotic therapy in the management of SSTIs without complicating factors. We aimed to determine the appropriateness of antibiotic treatment duration for hospitalized adult patients with uncomplicated SSTIs.

Methods: This was a retrospective analysis performed at two academic medical centers in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania on patients aged 18 years and older with primary ICD-9 code for SSTIs admitted August 1st, 2014–March 31st, 2015. The primary outcome was the appropriateness of antibiotic treatment duration for uncomplicated SSTIs. Secondary objectives included the appropriateness of antibiotic agent spectrum, duration of inpatient length of stay (LOS), utilization of blood cultures and advanced imaging modalities, and re-hospitalization for SSTI within 30 days of discharge from the index admission.

Results: A total of 163 episodes were included in the cohort. The mean duration of total antibiotic therapy was 12.6 days. Appropriate duration was defined as receipt of total antibiotic duration of less than 10 days and occurred in 20.2% of patients. Twenty eight percent of patients received antibiotics for greater than 14 days. Seventy three (44.8%) patients received greater than 24 h of inappropriate extended spectrum gram-negative coverage; 65 (39.9%) received anaerobic coverage.

Conclusions: In the majority of patients, treatment duration was excessive. Inappropriate broad spectrum antibiotic selection was utilized with regularity for SSTIs without complicating factors. The management of uncomplicated SSTIs represents a significant opportunity for antimicrobial stewardship.

Avoidable Antibiotic Exposure for Uncomplicated Skin and Soft Tissue Infections in the Ambulatory Care Setting

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CLINICAL SIGNIFICANCE

- Approximately half of uncomplicated skin infections were associated with avoidable antibiotic exposure, defined as the use of antibiotics with broad gram-negative activity, combination antibiotic therapy, or treatment for 10 or more days.
- Use of a short-course, single-antibiotic treatment strategy would reduce total antibiotic exposure by up to 55%.
- Uncomplicated skin infections are an important target for future antimicrobial stewardship interventions.

Table 4 Avoidable Antibiotic Exposure in 292 Cases with Complete Prescribing Data*

	Cellulitis n = 116	Wound Infection n = 33	Abscess n = 143	Total n = 292
Total cases with avoidable antibiotic exposure	60 (52)	17 (52)	58 (41)	135 (46)
Antibiotics with a broad spectrum of gram-negative activity	5 (4)	3 (9)	3 (2)	11 (4)
Combination antibiotic therapy	15 (13)	8 (24)	12 (8)	35 (12)
Treatment for ≥10 d	54 (47)	12 (36)	56 (39)	122 (42)

*Analysis excludes 72 cases where an antibiotic was prescribed but the duration of therapy could not be determined.



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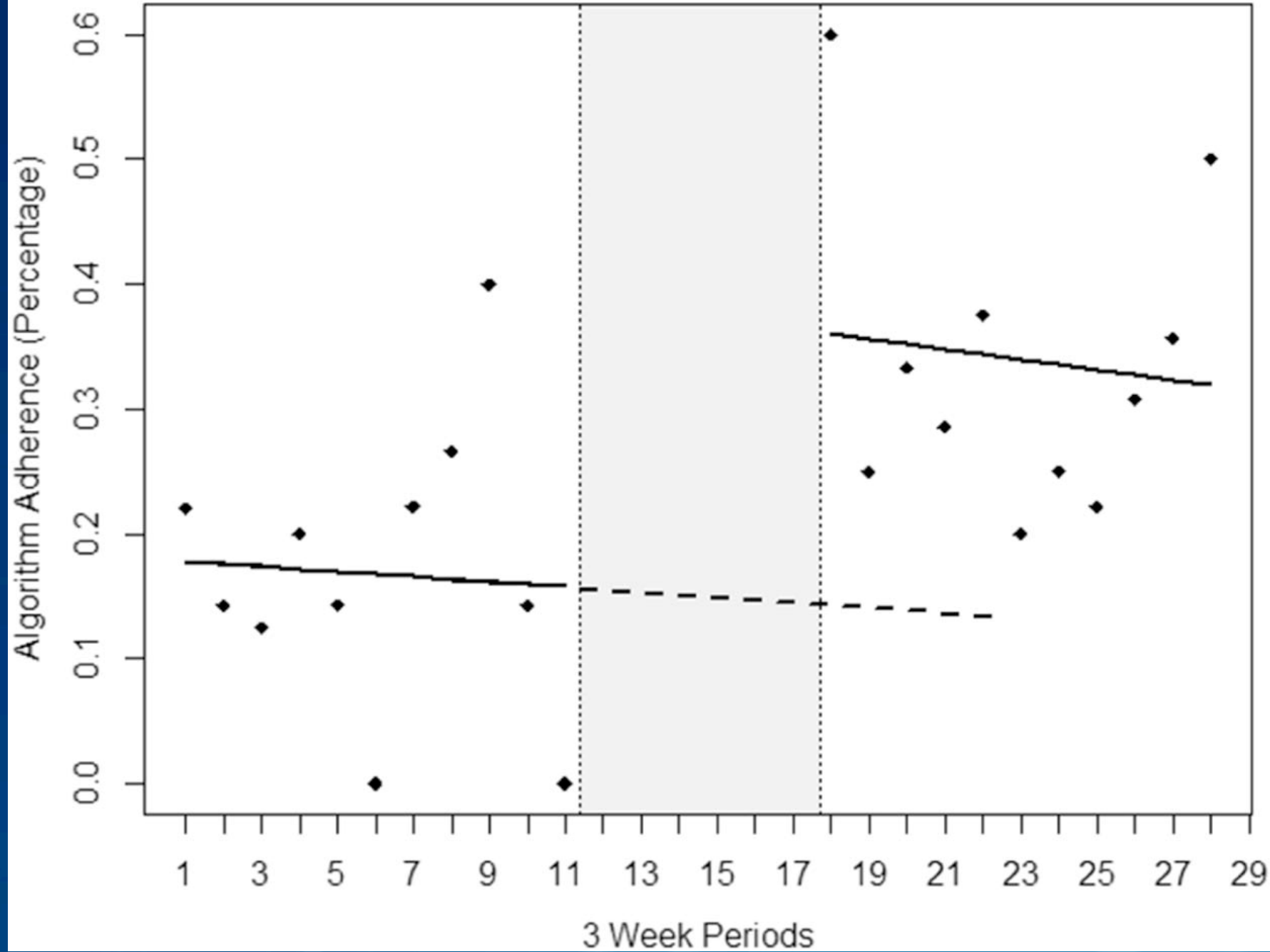
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The study intervention was initiated at the beginning of the prospective period. The intervention phase included an initial presentation to internal medicine staff physicians and residents by a national SSTI guest speaker, followed by the implementation of a new SSTI evidence-based treatment algorithm (supplementary fig S1). Additionally, just in time provider education was conducted, which included phone calls and paper-electronic medical record notes targeted at physicians not adhering to the treatment algorithm. Passive provider education about the treatment algorithm was used via hospital newsletters, handouts, and displayed posters throughout breakrooms and messaging boards. The study team included an internal medicine resident, pharmacy resident, nurse epidemiologist, graduate medicine faculty (infectious disease physician), residency program director, and epidemiology trained researcher.



Types of SSTI

- Erysipelas
- Impetigo
- Cellulitis
- Necrotizing skin and soft tissue infection (and Fournier's gangrene)
- Furuncle and carbuncle (diff than folliculitis)
- Cutaneous abscess
- Pyomyositis
- Gas gangrene
- Wound infections....

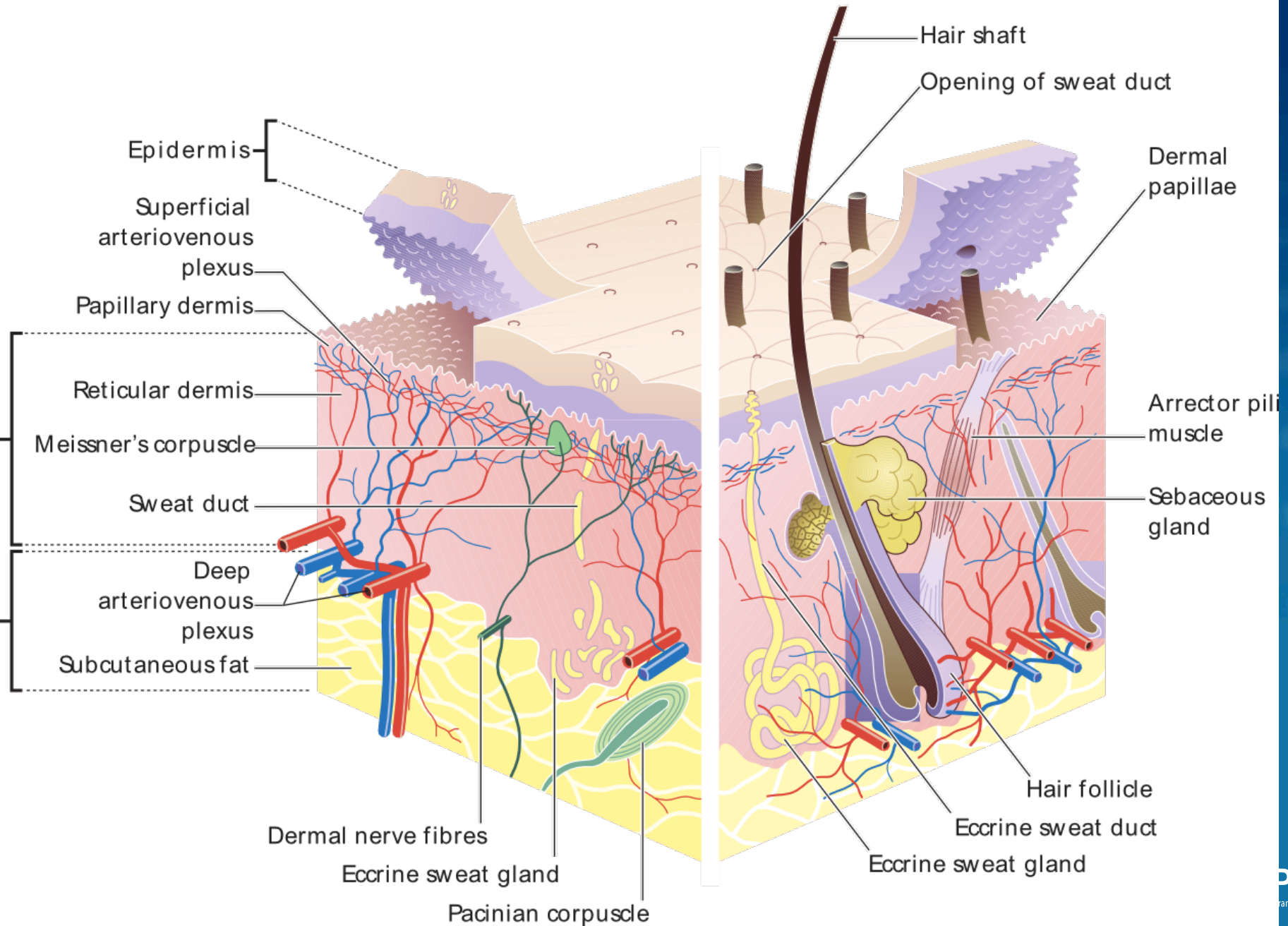
SSTI: Most Common Organisms

- Aerobic Gram-positive bacteria
- *Staphylococcus aureus* (MSSA and MRSA)
 - Purulent SSTI like abscesses and wound infections
- *Streptococcus pyogenes* (aka Group A strep)
 - Non-purulent SSTIs like cellulitis
- *Vibrio vulnificis*, aeromonas, peptostreptococcus, clostridia species
- Polymicrobial infections

Thick (hairless) skin

Thin (hairy) skin

Subcutis/hypodermis Dermis



Erysipelas

- Legs, toes, arms, face
- Upper dermis and lymphatics
- More superficial than cellulitis, well demarcated
- Usually GAS, sometimes Group B strep (*S. agalactiae*)
- Can recur
- TX: penicillin/1st gen ceph



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- Upper dermis and lymphatics
- More superficial than cellulitis, well demarcated
- Usually GAS



Impetigo

- Superficial skin
- More common in children
- Usually a sore near mouth or nose
- Honey-colored scab
- *S. aureus* or *S. pyogenes*
- Contagious
- TX: cephalexin or dicloxacillin



Cellulitis

- Involves dermis and subcutaneous fat
- Area of redness usually not sharp
- Usually painful
- Can be edematous
- May involve lymphatics
- Micro diagnosis usually not possible
- Hospitalized pts: eval for NSTI



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36 yo healthy woman with area of tender, erythema on right forearm. Afebrile, no other symptoms, no other PMH.

Antimicrobial treatment?

- A. Yes, TMP-SMX
- B. No, nothing
- C. Yes, amoxicillin-clavulanate
- D. Yes, TMP-SMX and cephalexin
- E. Yes, cephalexin

Effect of Cephalexin Plus Trimethoprim-Sulfamethoxazole vs Cephalexin Alone on Clinical Cure of Uncomplicated Cellulitis

A Randomized Clinical Trial

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DESIGN, SETTING, AND PARTICIPANTS Multicenter, double-blind, randomized superiority trial in 5 US emergency departments among outpatients older than 12 years with cellulitis and no wound, purulent drainage, or abscess enrolled from April 2009 through June 2012. All participants had soft tissue ultrasound performed at the time of enrollment to exclude abscess. Final follow-up was August 2012.

INTERVENTIONS Cephalexin, 500 mg 4 times daily, plus trimethoprim-sulfamethoxazole, 320 mg/1600 mg twice daily, for 7 days (n = 248 participants) or cephalexin plus placebo for 7 days (n = 248 participants).

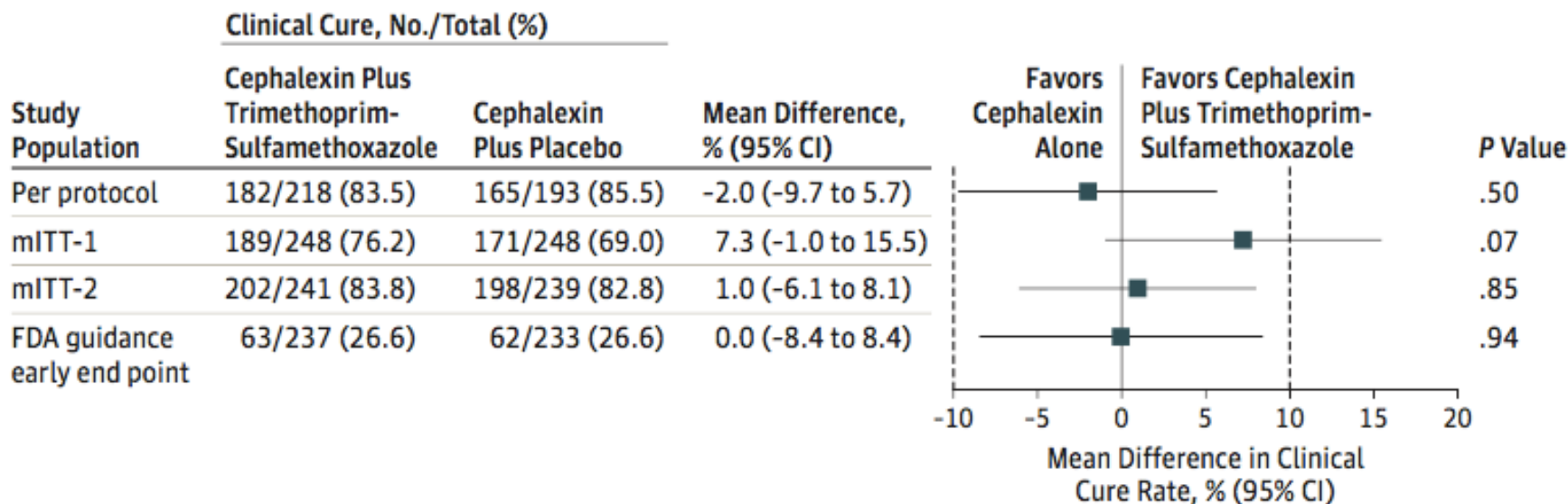
MAIN OUTCOMES AND MEASURES The primary outcome determined a priori in the per-protocol group was clinical cure, defined as absence of these clinical failure criteria at follow-up visits: fever; increase in erythema (>25%), swelling, or tenderness (days 3-4); no decrease in erythema, swelling, or tenderness (days 8-10); and more than minimal erythema, swelling, or tenderness (days 14-21). A clinically significant difference was defined as greater than 10%.

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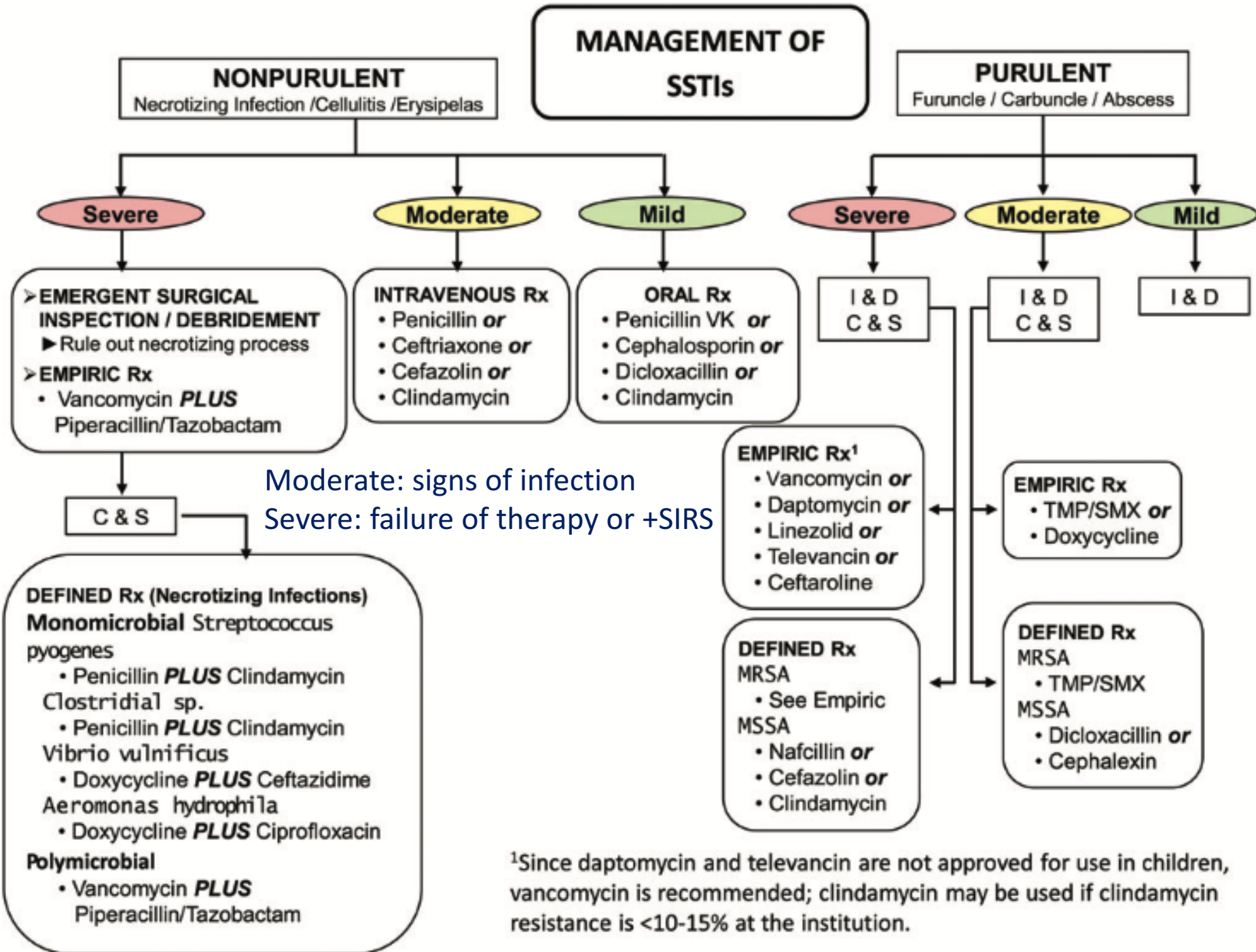
Figure 2. Clinical Cure Rates Among Participants With Cellulitis Treated With Cephalexin Plus Trimethoprim-Sulfamethoxazole or Cephalexin Plus Placebo in the Modified Intention-to-Treat, Per-Protocol, and FDA Guidance Early End-Point Populations



Practice Guidelines for the Diagnosis and Management of Skin and Soft Tissue Infections: 2014 Update by the Infectious Diseases Society of America

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Moderate: signs of infection
Severe: failure of therapy or +SIRS

¹Since daptomycin and televancin are not approved for use in children, vancomycin is recommended; clindamycin may be used if clindamycin resistance is <10-15% at the institution.