

Prolonged Infusion, Is it Worth It?

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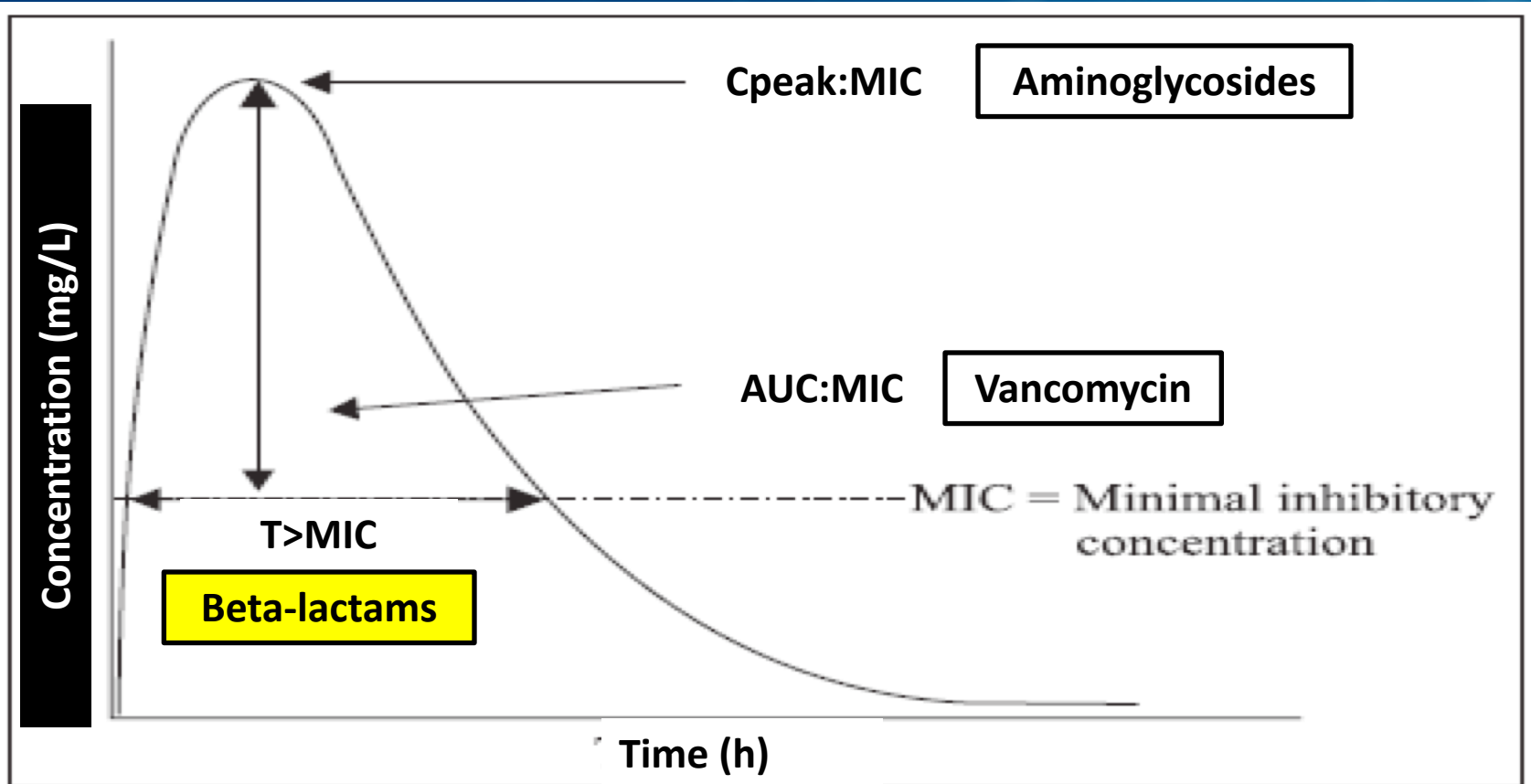
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My institution doses piperacillin/tazobactam by prolonged (3 hour) infusion

- Yes
- No
- Not sure

Rationale for Prolonged Infusion (PK/PD)



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

Optimize dosing of Piperacillin/tazobactam

- Time of unbound drug concentration remain above MIC ($fT > MIC$) predicts efficacy for beta-lactams
- Near maximal killing (bactericidal) achieved when $fT > MIC$ is 50% of the dosing interval or longer
- Intermittent infusion may not always achieve this where as extended infusion (EI) will.
- Prolonging the infusion ensures more consistent serum concentrations

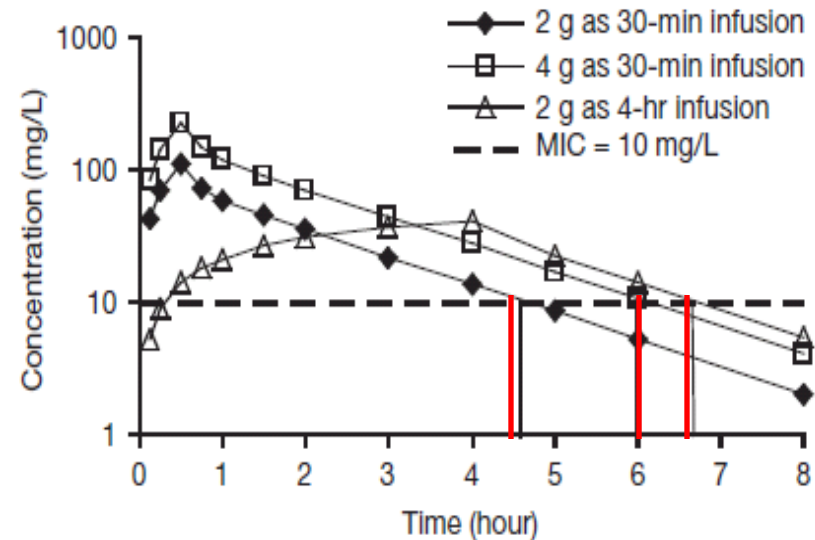


Figure 3. Comparison of time above the MIC (minimum inhibitory concentration; 10 mg/L) for three dosing regimens: piperacillin 2 g as a 30-minute infusion, piperacillin 4 g as a 30-minute infusion, and piperacillin 2 g as a 4-hour infusion.

Clinical Outcomes: prolonged piperacillin/tazobactam infusion

- Among patients with *Pseudomonas* infections (APACHE II score ≥ 17), hospital length of stay (21 vs. 38 days, $p=0.02$) and **14-day mortality (12.2% vs. 31.6%, $p=0.04$) was significantly lower** in those who received prolonged infusion than intermittent infusion.
- Recent meta-analysis comprised mostly of observational studies found **mortality to be significantly lower among those who received prolonged infusion** than intermittent infusion (RR= 0.55, 95% CI: 0.34-0.89).

Lodise TP, et al. CID 2007;44:357-63.

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Hospital Length of Stay Among Patients Receiving Intermittent Versus Prolonged Piperacillin/Tazobactam Infusion in the Intensive Care Units

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Table 3. Hospital Length of Stay Among Patients Receiving PIP/TAZ Intermittent Versus Prolonged Infusion.

Study Population	Mean (SD), Days	Unadjusted Mean Difference in Days (95% CI)	Adjusted Mean Difference in Days ^a (95% CI)
All patients			
Intermittent infusion	26.3 (22.8)	Referent	Referent
Prolonged infusion	20.4 (16.1)	5.9 ± 2.2 (1.7-10.2)	5.6 ± 2.1 (1.4-9.7)
Survivors at discharge			
Intermittent (n = 105)	27.5 (22.3)	Referent	Referent
Prolonged (n = 355)	21.5 (16.9)	6.0 ± 2.4 (1.4-10.6)	5.7 ± 2.3 (1.3-10.2)

Clinical Justification for Prolonged Infusion

Who benefits from prolonged infusion?

1. Critically ill patients with risks for more resistant Gram negative bacteria

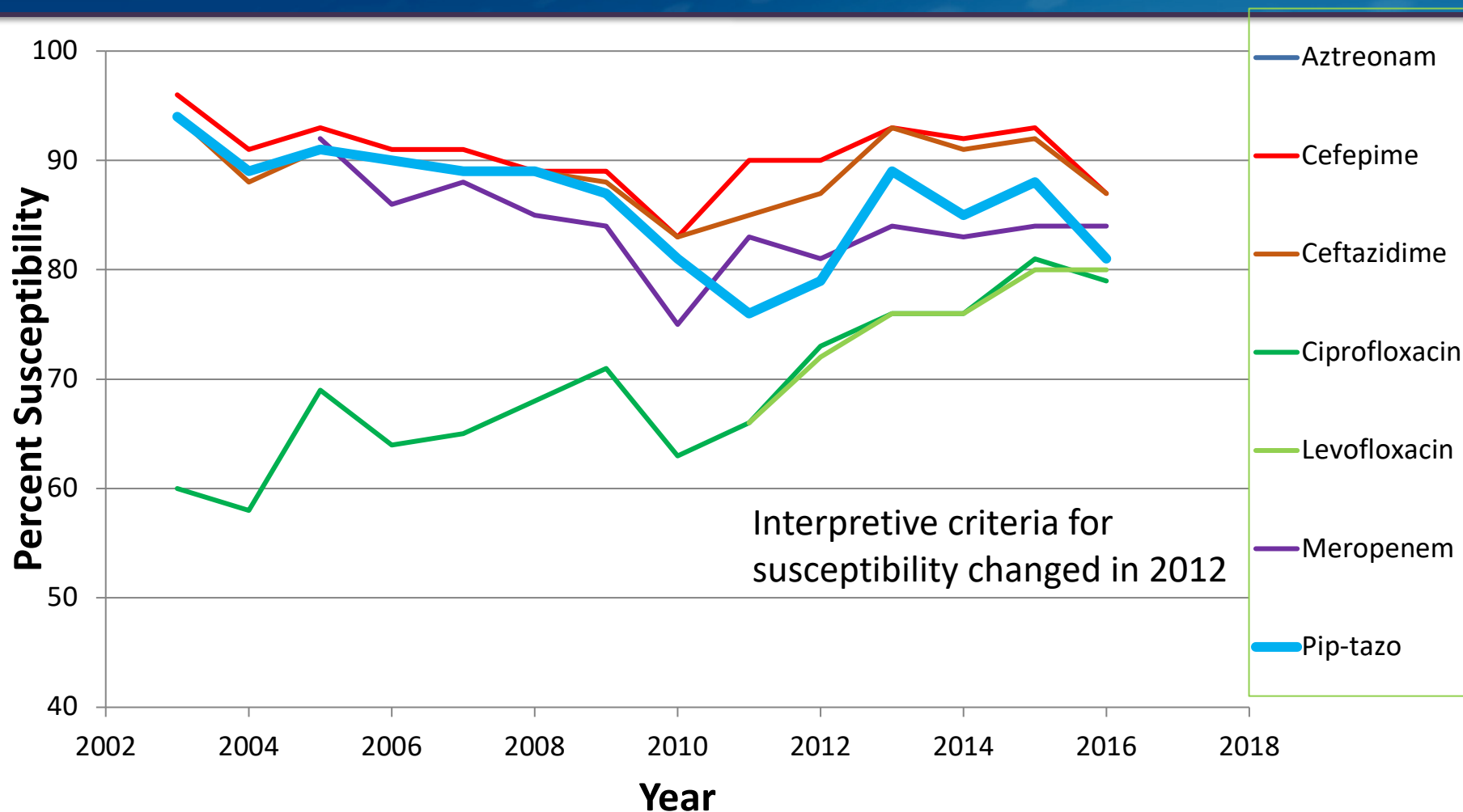
- immunosuppressed
- significant healthcare exposure (HD, recurrently readmitted, etc)
- recent antibiotics

PRO: PROLONGED INFUSION

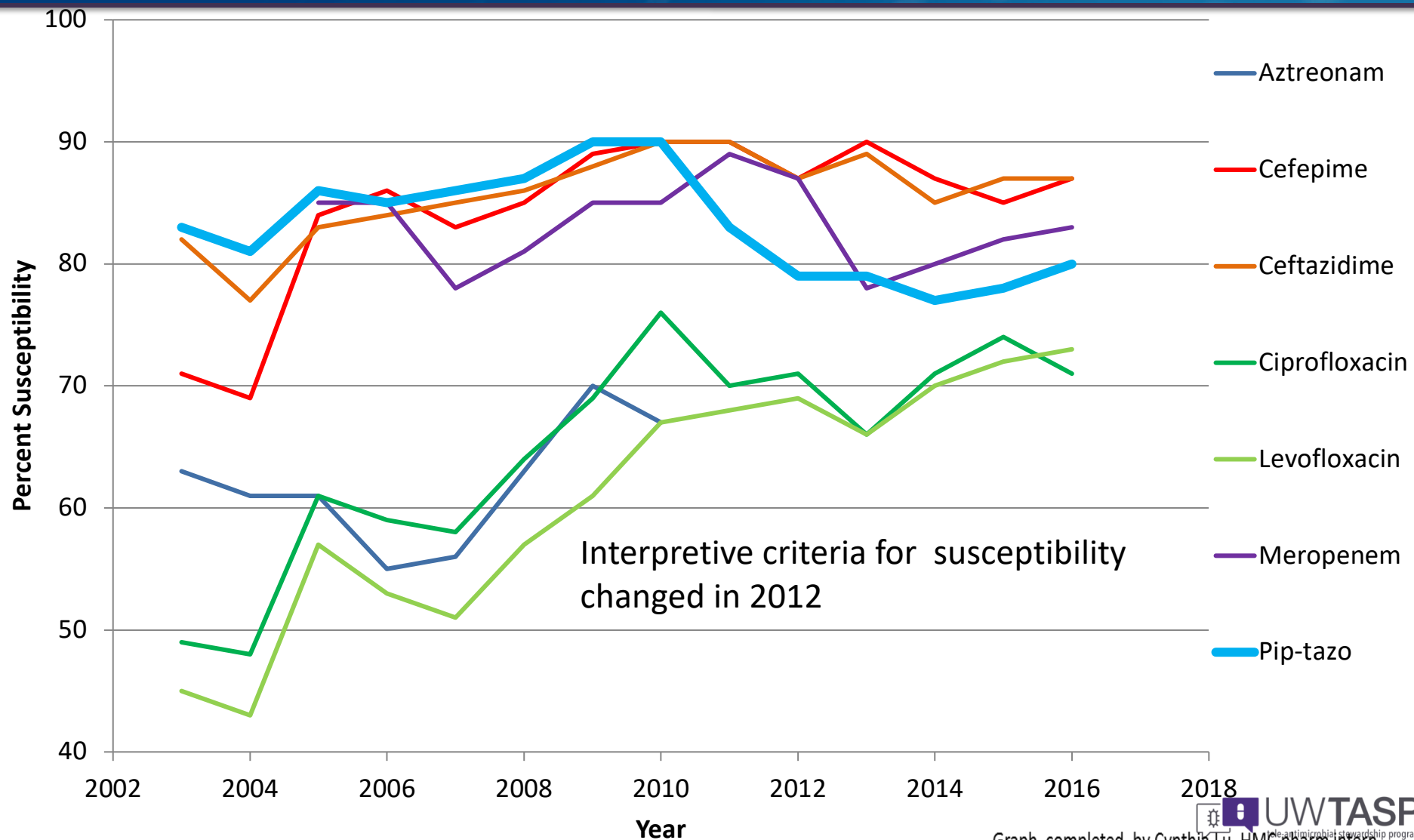
- Second most prescribed antibiotic at UWMedicine
- Increased resistance at UW Medicine and nationwide --- we are losing the battle!
- Prolonged infusion of piperacillin-tazobactam has been associated with improved clinical outcomes compared to intermittent infusion.

Pre-Implementation FY2011			Post-Implementation FY2012		Total Savings	Doses Savings
	Cost	Doses	Cost	Doses		
HMC	\$267,519	16,743	\$113,703	14,068	\$153,816	2675
UWMC	\$252,602	17,004	\$87,517	11,872	\$165,085	5132
Combined					\$318, 901	

HMC *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* (non-CF) Susceptibility



UW Pseudomonas aeruginosa (non-CF) Susceptibility



UWMC / HMC: Piperacillin-tazobactam

All piperacillin-tazobactam 3.375gm orders (excludes neonates) are administered as prolonged infusion over 4 hours.

Renal function	Dosing
CrCl > 20 ml/min	Piperacillin-tazobactam 4.5 g x1 over 30 minutes, then 3.375 g over 4 hours given every 8 hours, (started 4 hours after the bolus)
CrCl < 20ml/min, or HD	Piperacillin-tazobactam 3.375 g infused over 4 hours given q12 hours

CON: Prolonged Infusion

Is the juice worth the squeeze?

1.) Clinical impact

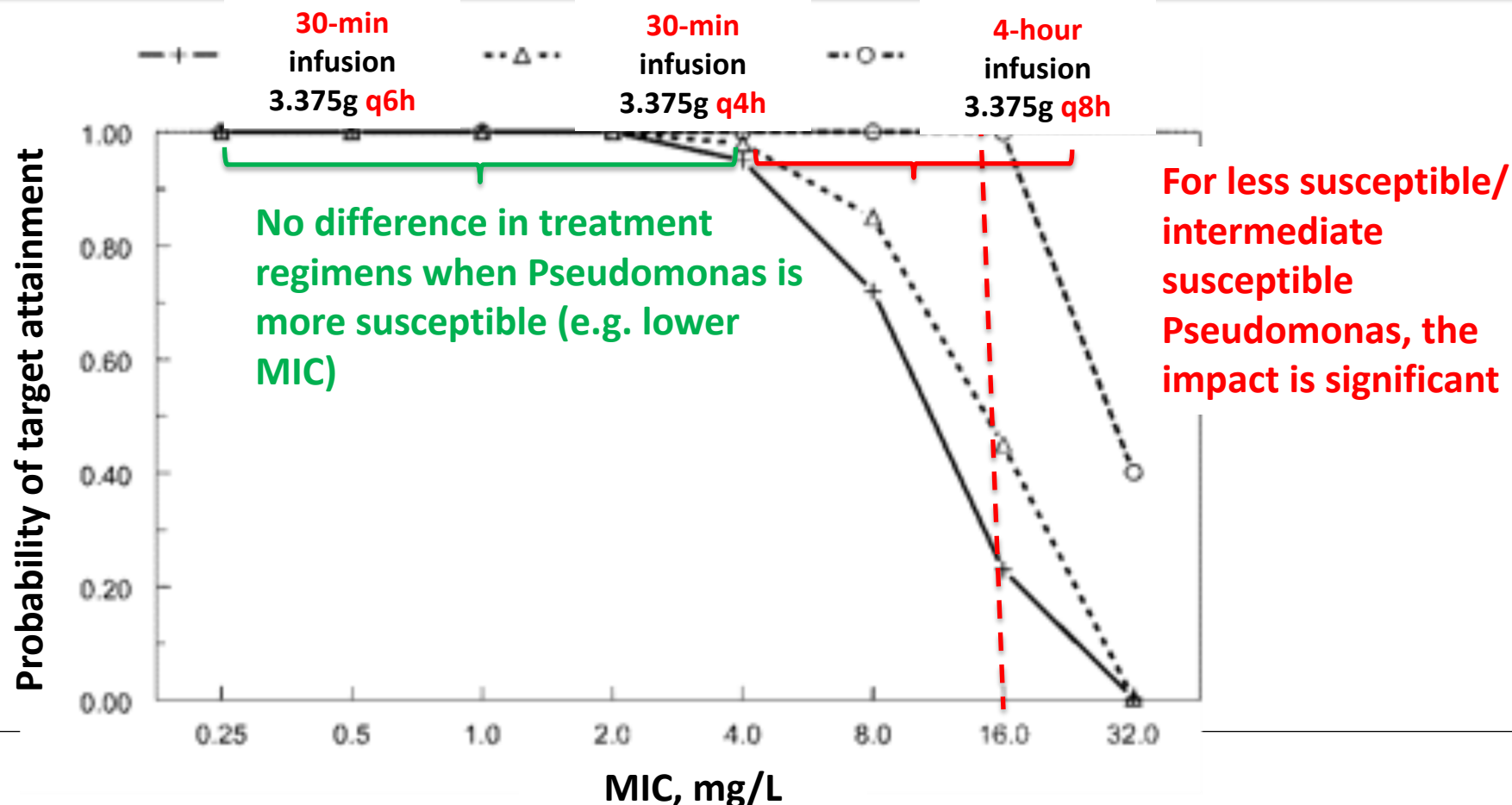
-- local level of resistance to pip/tazo

2.) Fiscal impact

-- 25-33% cost reduction in drug acquisition costs for pip/tazo



Prolonged Infusion Benefits Patients with More Resistant Bacteria



From: Piperacillin-Tazobactam for *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* Infection: Clinical Implications of an Extended-Infusion Dosing Strategy

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VMC: Piperacillin/Tazobactam Sensitivities

Organism	No. of Isolates	Piperacillin/tazo
Acinetobacter species	68	82
Citrobacter freundii	118	82
Citrobacter koseri	79	100
Enterobacter aerogenes	144	77
Enterobacter cloacae complex	226	80
Escherichia coli	7032	97
Klebsiella oxytoca	137	87
Klebsiella pneumoniae	1005	96
Morganella morganii	126	98
Proteus mirabilis	801	100
Providencia rettgeri	35	100
Providencia stuartii	18	100
Pseudomonas aeruginosa	706	86
Raoultella planticola	19	100
Serratia marcescens	119	99
Stenotrophomonas maltophilia	42	

Organisms with antibiotic susceptibility < 90%

Most frequently isolated pathogen

VMC: *P. aeruginosa* sensitivities

Gram Negative Isolates
Percent susceptible

Organism	No. of Isolates	Ampicillin	Ampicillin/Sulbactam	Aztreonam	Cefazolin	Ceftriaxone	Gentamicin	Levofloxacin	Nitrofurantoin	Piperacillin/tazo	Trimethoprim/Sulfa	Cefepime	Ertapenem	Meropenem	Minocycline
<i>Pseudomonas aeruginosa</i>	706			84			94	74		86		94		92	

Alternative option

Prolonged Infusion Benefits Critically Ill Patients

When stratified by APACHE II score, the clinical benefit of extended infusion was statistically significant among patients with an APACHE II score ≥ 17 ; both 14-day mortality ($P = .04$) and median LOS ($P = .02$) were lower for the patients who received extended infusion than for patients who received intermittent infusion. No differences in 14-day mortality and hospital LOS were noted for patients with an APACHE II score < 17 .

Prolonged Infusion / Fiscal Impact

<u>Antibiotic</u>	<u>Total Days of Use¹</u>	<u>12 month costs²</u>
Piperacillin/tazobactam	66,692 [827/1000pt-days]	\$46,488

¹ Calendar Year 2017

² 12-year expenses as of 3/31/17

Bottom Line Cost Savings: ~ \$12,000

Summary: Pro/Con

Prolonged Infusion Piperacillin/tazobactam

- **Win-Win dosing strategy that is:**
 - (a) Better for patients
 - (b) Better for the pocket book
- **HOW much better it is for your institution depends upon:**
 - (a) Your patient population (critically ill/resistant GNR)
 - (b) How much you spend on piperacillin/tazobactam
- **Which in turn justifies:**
 - (a) Tying up an IV line for 3 hours
 - (b) Implementation pains
 - updating inventory, IV pump library, educating staff, re-educating, & re-educating again)

What about prolonged infusion for other antibiotics?

Antibiotic	Clinical Rationale	Fiscal impact
Cefepime	For MDRO	0 Dose-neutral
Ceftazidime	For MDRO	0 Dose-neutral
Meropenem	For MDRO	+ Dose reduction
Nafcillin/Oxacillin	Convenience	+/- Less RN time
Penicillin	Convenience	+/- Less RN time
Vancomycin	Convenience PK Target attainment	+/- Less drug monitoring IV compatibility issues

MDRO: Multiple-drug resistant organism