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# Antibiotic Harms

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# Recap



What if I miss something?



What will cause more harm?

## IDSA ASB Guidelines

"We make a strong recommendation because there is high certainty for harm and low certainty of any benefit from treatment of ASB in older adults"



# Antibiotic Harms

## Estimating Daily Antibiotic Harms


Umbrella Review and Meta-Analysis

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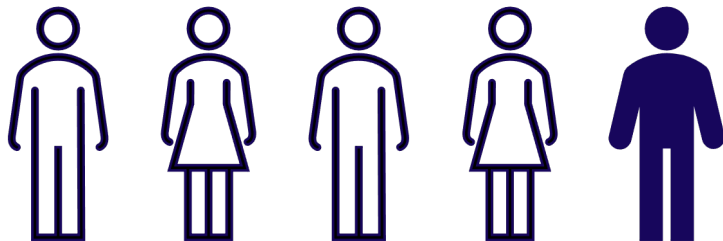
 **35** Systematic Reviews

 **71** Short vs. Long Antibiotic Duration Trials

 **92%** studies evaluated respiratory tract and urinary tract infections

 **23,174** patients evaluated

4,565 Harm events = **19.6%**



### Each Additional Day Can Cause Harm

**5 vs 3 Days**   **9%↑** odds ratio  
Of adverse events

**7 vs 3 Days**   **19%↑** odds ratio  
Of adverse events



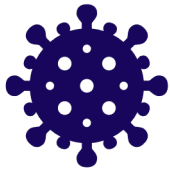
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1) Adverse drug events



2) Super infections



3) Antimicrobial resistance



4) Drug interactions



# Adverse Drug Events (ADE) by Setting

## Hospital, Community, Mixed

- 20% of patients
- Most common:
  - 1) Central nervous system
  - 2) Gastrointestinal
  - 3) Hepatic
- Dermatologic: 13% increased odds with each additional day

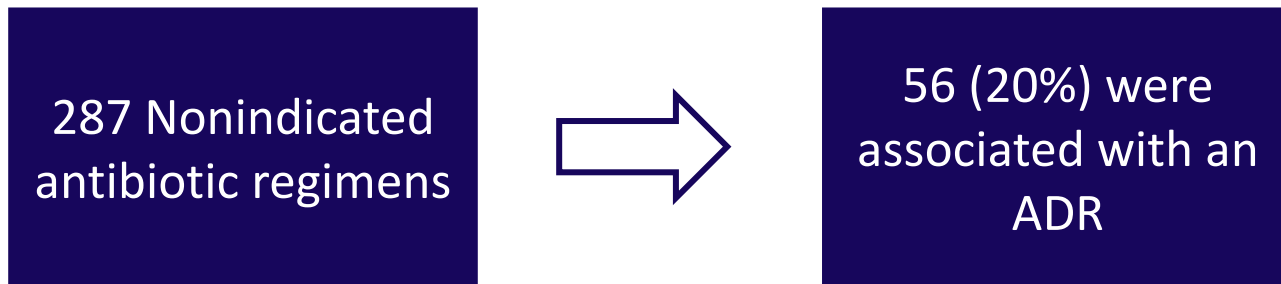
## Hospital

- 16% of patients
- Most common:
  - Gastrointestinal
  - Renal
  - Hematologic abnormalities



# ADE in Nonindicated Antibiotics

- "The study investigators determined that **287 (19%) of antibiotic regimens were not clinically indicated**, most commonly because of treatment of **asymptomatic bacteriuria** or treatment of noninfectious lower respiratory tract conditions"



# Adverse Drug Events (ADE) Increases with Duration

4%↑  
Odds ratio/day

Adverse drug events

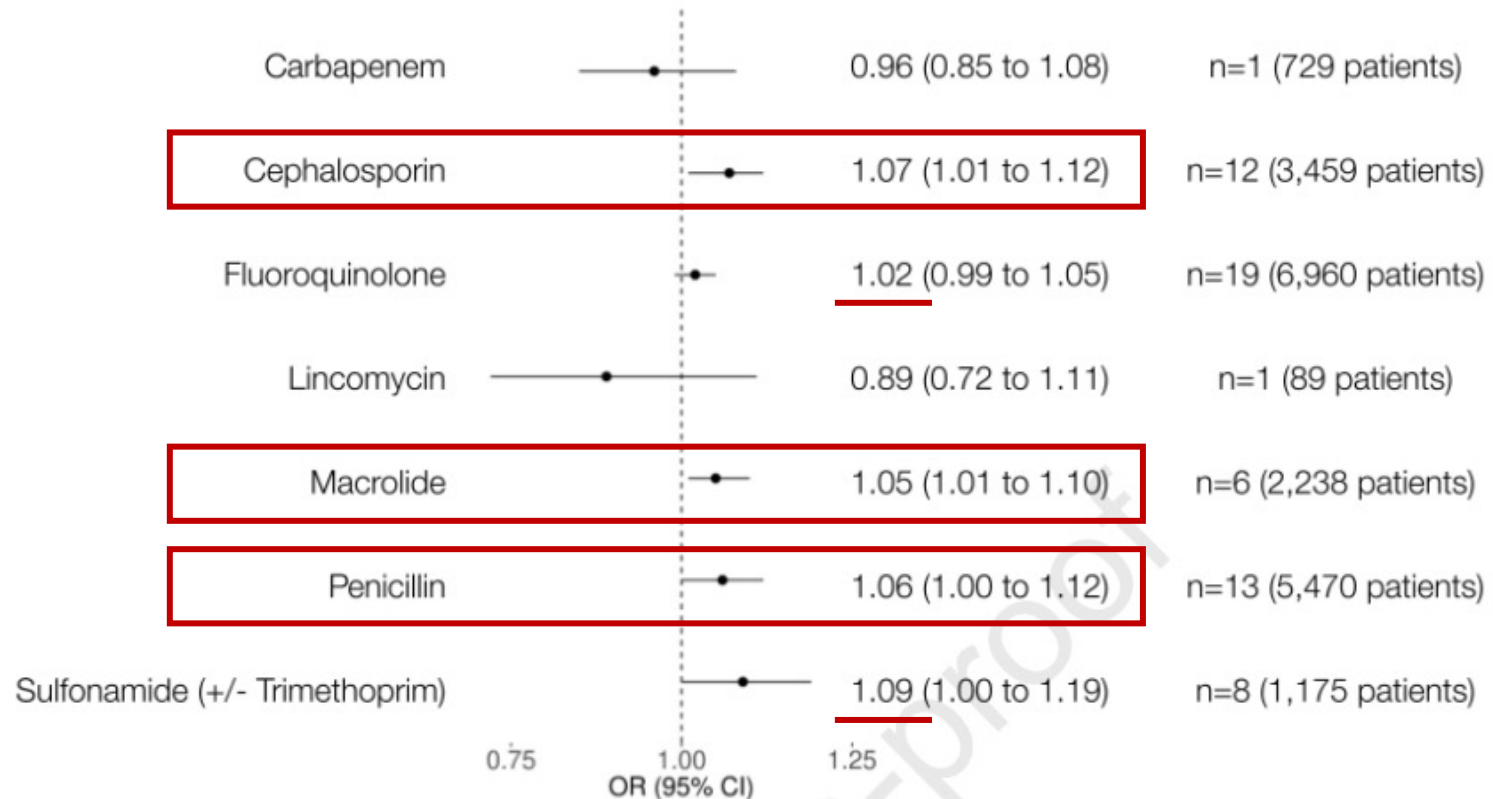
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**Severe** adverse drug  
events



# ADEs Vary by Antibiotic Class

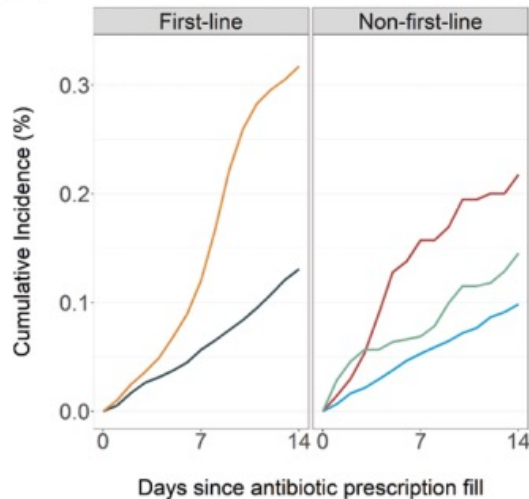
Odds ratios of adverse events by antibiotic class



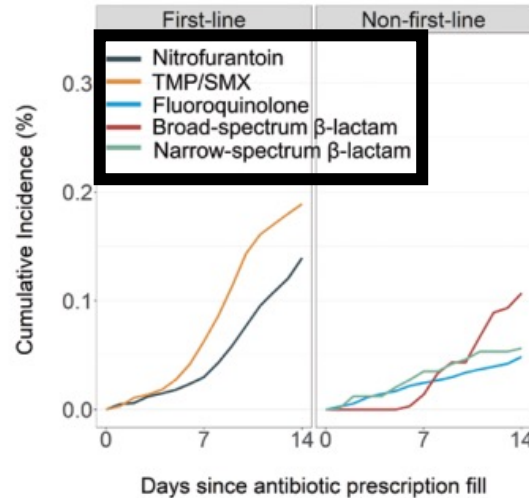


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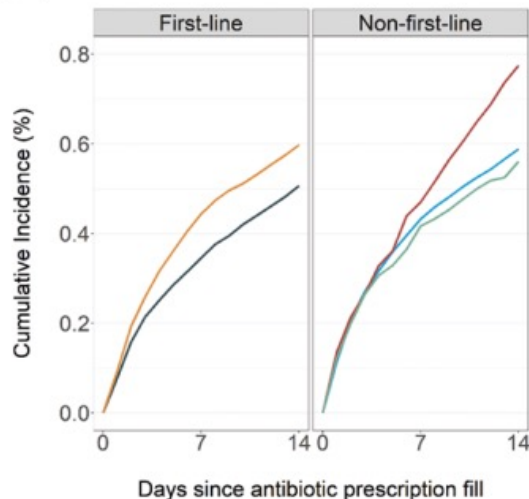
**A** Skin rash



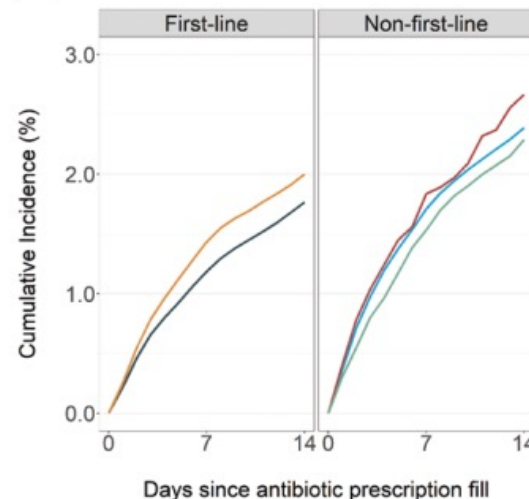
**B** Urticaria



**C** Nausea / vomiting



**D** Abdominal pain



- Increased risks compared to nitrofurantoin
  - **TMP/SMX:** hypersensitivity, acute renal failure, skin rash, urticaria, abdominal pain, N/V
  - **FQ:** acute renal failure, abdominal pain, N/V
  - **B-lactams:** skin rash, abdominal pain, N/V



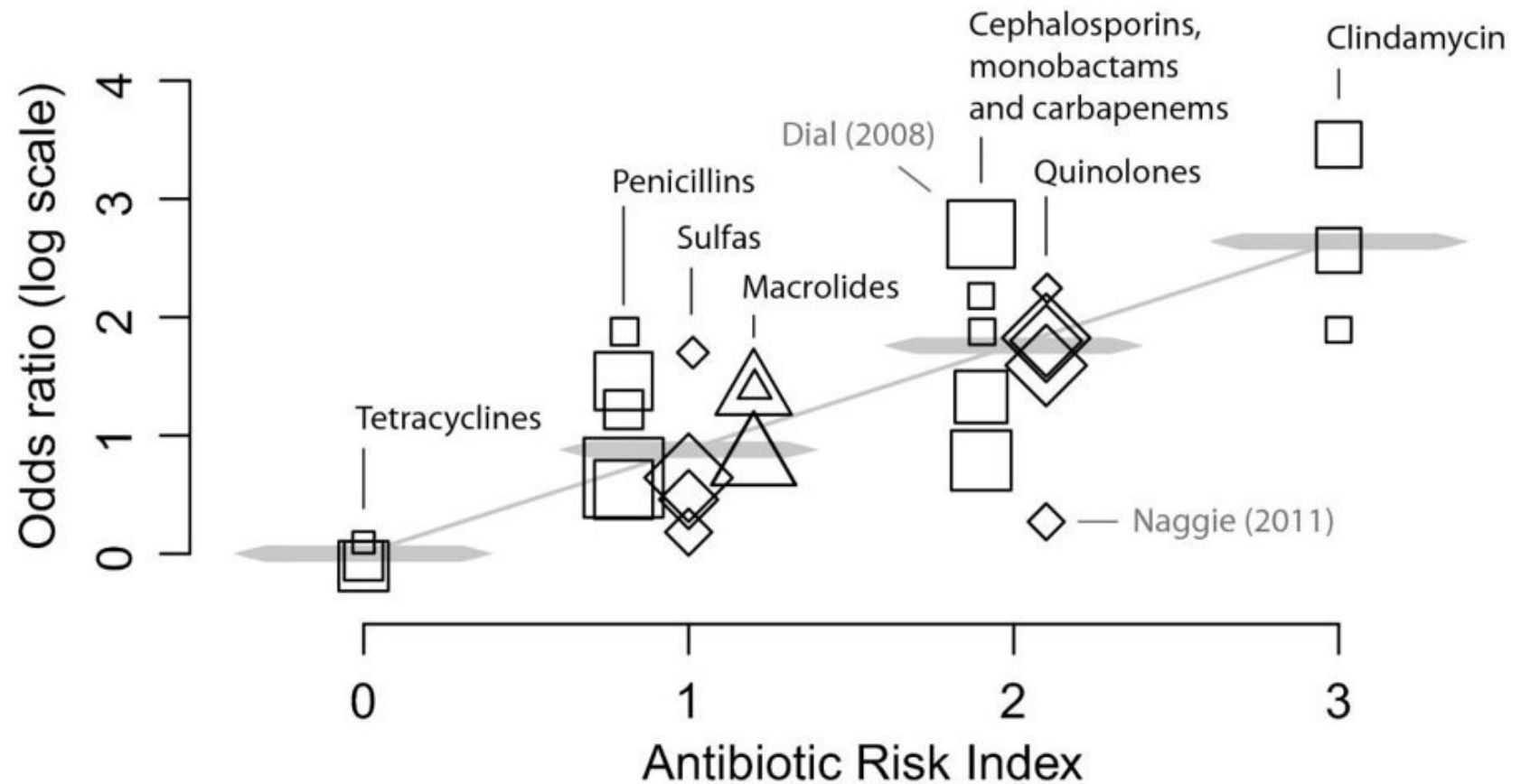
# Super Infections

- *Clostridioides difficile* infection
  - 9-13% increase in relative risk with each additional day of therapy
- Candidiasis (4.4%)
  - OR 1.05, 95% CI [0.93 to 1.17]

Outcome	Follow-up, days	Antibiotic Agent <sup>a</sup>	No. of Events	Person-Time, days	Rate per 10 000 Person-Days	Crude HR (95% CI)	Weighted HR (95% CI)
Vaginitis/vulvovaginal candidiasis	30	Nitrofurantoin	3978	6 639 901	5.99	1 [Reference]	1 [Reference]
		TMP/SMX	4335	7 711 026	5.62	.94 (.90–.98)	.98 (.94–1.03)
		Fluoroquinolone	6839	12 265 099	5.58	.93 (.90–.97)	.98 (.94–1.03)
		Broad-spectrum BL	224	300 178	7.46	1.24 (1.09–1.42)	1.32 (1.26–1.37)
		Narrow-spectrum BL	550	743 141	7.40	1.24 (1.13–1.35)	1.30 (1.25–1.35)
		AMX/AMP	144	172 293	8.36	1.39 (1.18–1.64)	1.59 (1.53–1.65)



# Antibiotics Associated with *C. difficile*



# Greater Days and Number of Antibiotics Increases Risk of CDI

Characteristic	CDI positive n (%)	CDI negative n (%)	Crude hazard ratio <sup>a,b</sup> (95% CI)	Adjusted hazard ratio <sup>a,c,d</sup> (95% CI)
Defined daily doses <sup>e</sup> , median (IQR)	14.8 (21.2)	7.2 (12.3)	—	—
<3.0	18 (7)	1502 (15)	Ref	Ref
3.0 to 7.79	49 (20)	3702 (37)	1.1 (.7, 2.1)	1.2 (.7, 2.1)
7.80 to 21.0	89 (37)	2952 (30)	2.9 (1.8, 4.8)	2.8 (1.7, 4.6)
>21.0	85 (35)	1757 (18)	5.3 (3.2, 8.8)	5.3 (3.1, 9.0)
Antibiotic days, median (IQR) <sup>f</sup>	14.0 (23.0)	7.0 (9.0)	—	—
<4	22 (9)	2208 (22)	Ref	Ref
4 to 7	41 (17)	3071 (31)	1.5 (.9, 2.4)	1.4 (.8, 2.4)
8 to 18	87 (36)	3097 (31)	3.4 (2.1, 5.4)	3.0 (1.9, 5.0)
>18	91 (38)	1537 (16)	9.8 (6.0, 16.0)	7.8 (4.6, 13.4)
Number of antibiotics, median (IQR) <sup>f</sup>	3.0 (4.0)	2.0 (2.0)	—	—
1	31 (13)	3744 (38)	Ref	Ref
2	54 (22)	2507 (25)	2.7 (1.8, 4.3)	2.5 (1.6, 4.0)
3 or 4	70 (29)	2505 (25)	3.7 (2.4, 5.7)	3.3 (2.2, 5.2)
5 or more	86 (36)	1157 (12)	11.6 (7.7, 17.4)	9.6 (6.1, 15.1)

**Conclusion:** CDI patients received greater cumulative doses, numbers, and days of antibiotics relative to non-cases



# Resistance Correlates with Usage

Antibiotic	Year Released	Resistant Germ Identified	Year Identified
Penicillin	1941	Penicillin-resistant <i>Staphylococcus aureus</i>	1942
		Penicillin-resistant <i>Streptococcus pneumoniae</i>	1967
Methicillin	1960	Methicillin-resistant <i>Staphylococcus aureus</i>	1960
Extended-spectrum cephalosporins	1980	Extended-spectrum beta-lactamase producing <i>Escherichia coli</i>	1983
Imipenem	1985	<i>Klebsiella pneumoniae</i> carbapenemase (KPC)-producing <i>Klebsiella pneumoniae</i>	1996
Ciprofloxacin	1987	Ciprofloxacin-resistant <i>Neisseria gonorrhoeae</i>	2007
Ceftazidime-avibactam	2015	Ceftazidime-avibactam-resistant KPC-producing <i>Klebsiella pneumoniae</i>	2015



# Antibiotic Exposure and Development of New Resistance

	Cefepime (n=61)	Meropenem (n=103)	Piperacillin- tazobactam (n=108)
<b>Pathogens, n (%)</b>			
<i>Achromobacter</i> species	6 (9.8)	2 (1.9)	1 (1)
<i>Acinetobacter baumannii</i>	12 (19.7)	11 (10.7)	5 (4.9)
<i>Burkholderia cepacia</i>	0 (0)	2 (1.9)	0 (0)
<i>Citrobacter</i> species	3 (4.9)	0 (0)	8 (7.8)
<i>Enterobacter</i> species	8 (13.1)	9 (8.7)	44 (42.7)
<i>Escherichia coli</i>	14 (23.0)	2 (1.9)	10 (9.7)
<i>Klebsiella oxytoca</i>	2 (3.3)	0 (0)	4 (3.9)
<i>Klebsiella pneumoniae</i>	3 (4.9)	4 (3.9)	14 (13.6)
<i>Morganella morganii</i>	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
<i>Proteus mirabilis</i>	1 (1.6)	1 (1.0)	0 (0)
<i>Providencia</i> species	0 (0)	1 (1.0)	0 (0)
<i>Pseudomonas aeruginosa</i>	11 (18.0)	67 (65.0)	13 (12.6)
<i>Serratia</i> species	0 (0)	0 (0)	8 (7.8)
<i>Stenotrophomonas maltophilia</i>	1 (1.6)	3 (2.9)	0 (0)
Other rare gram-negative pathogen	0 (0)	0 (0)	1 (1.0)

- Bacterial pathogens that developed new resistance
- Urine source = 38%

**4% increased risk of new resistance for each additional day of any antipseudomonal beta-lactam exposure**



# Drug Interactions

- Warfarin
  - Most significantly: trimethoprim/sulfamethoxazole<sup>\*\*</sup>, metronidazole, fluconazole
  - Variable and patient specific: fluoroquinolones, macrolides
- Combination of drugs that prolong QTc interval
- Anti-seizure medications
- Statins
- **AND MORE!**



# Conclusions

- Each additional day of antibiotic therapy is associated with **significant antibiotic harm**
- Antimicrobial-associated ADEs should be considered when **weighing decisions to initiate or discontinue** antibiotic therapy



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