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Appropriatezza del percorso analitico ed interpretativo

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WHY ETIOLOGIC DIAGNOSIS?



MICROBIOLOGICAL APPROPRIATENESS



CURRENT DIAGNOSTIC METHODS



ALTERNATIVE DIAGNOSTICS



PROSPECTIVES

WHY AN ETIOLOGIC DIAGNOSIS?

At present there is still a great deficit in the etiologic diagnosis of community-acquired lower respiratory tract infections (LRTI); in most studies more than 50% of cases remain without an etiologic diagnosis resulting in unnecessary or inappropriate antibiotic prescribing.

MINIREVIEW

Optimal Sampling Sites and Methods for Detection of Pathogens Possibly Causing Community-Acquired Lower Respiratory Tract Infections^{∇†}

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Acute respiratory tract infections (RTIs), both upper (URTIs) and lower respiratory tract infections (LRTIs), are the most common reason for consultation with a general practitioner. RTIs result in about 180 million antibiotic prescriptions per year in the EU-27 member states (ESAC website, 2008; www.esac.ua.ac.be), and 6.4 million antibiotic prescriptions were prescribed for acute bronchitis and cough in 2003 in adults between 16 and 64 years old in the United States (65).

The number of pathogens involved in LRTI, with various susceptibilities to antimicrobials, is large constituting an enormous challenge for diagnostic microbiology. In general, in only 50% of cases is an etiologic agent detected. Documented infection is uncommon in community-managed infection and is usually only defined in 25 to 50% of hospital-managed infections.

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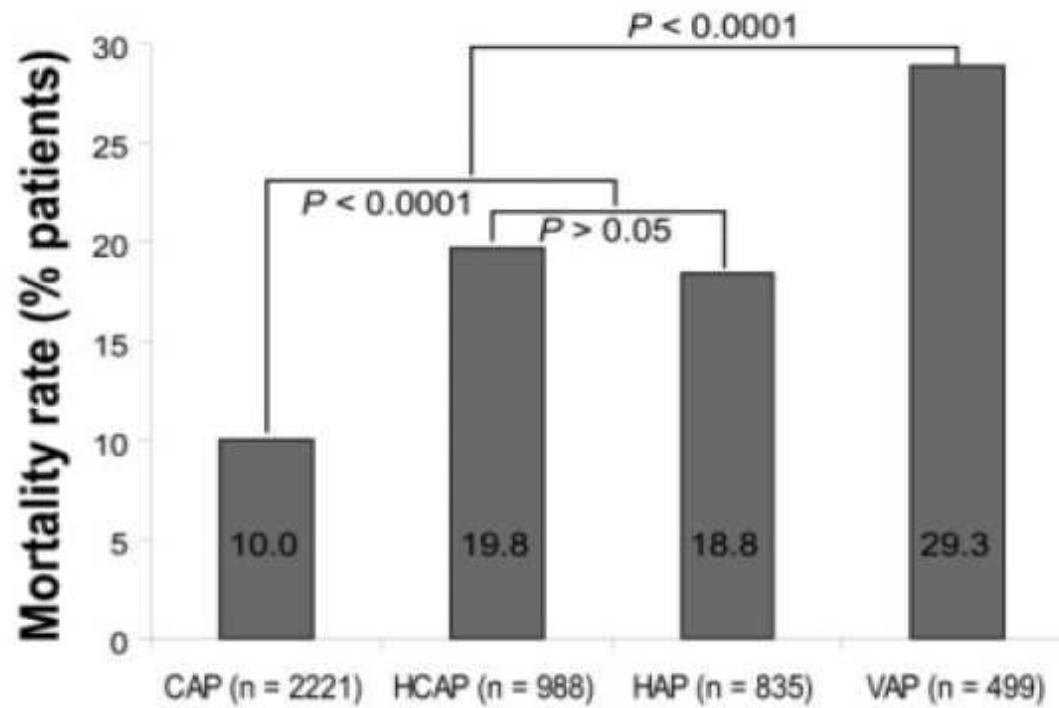
Microbiological diagnosis is crucial in the management of hospital-acquired pneumonia (HAP) and ventilator-associated pneumonia (VAP) [1,2]. Many studies argue that an early appropriate pathogen-directed antimicrobial therapy improves outcomes [3–5]. The episodes of bacterial cause in HAP/VAP due to the characteristics of prevailing bacteria and emerging drug resistance require a rapid and reliable diagnosis to help establish the most suitable treatment [6].

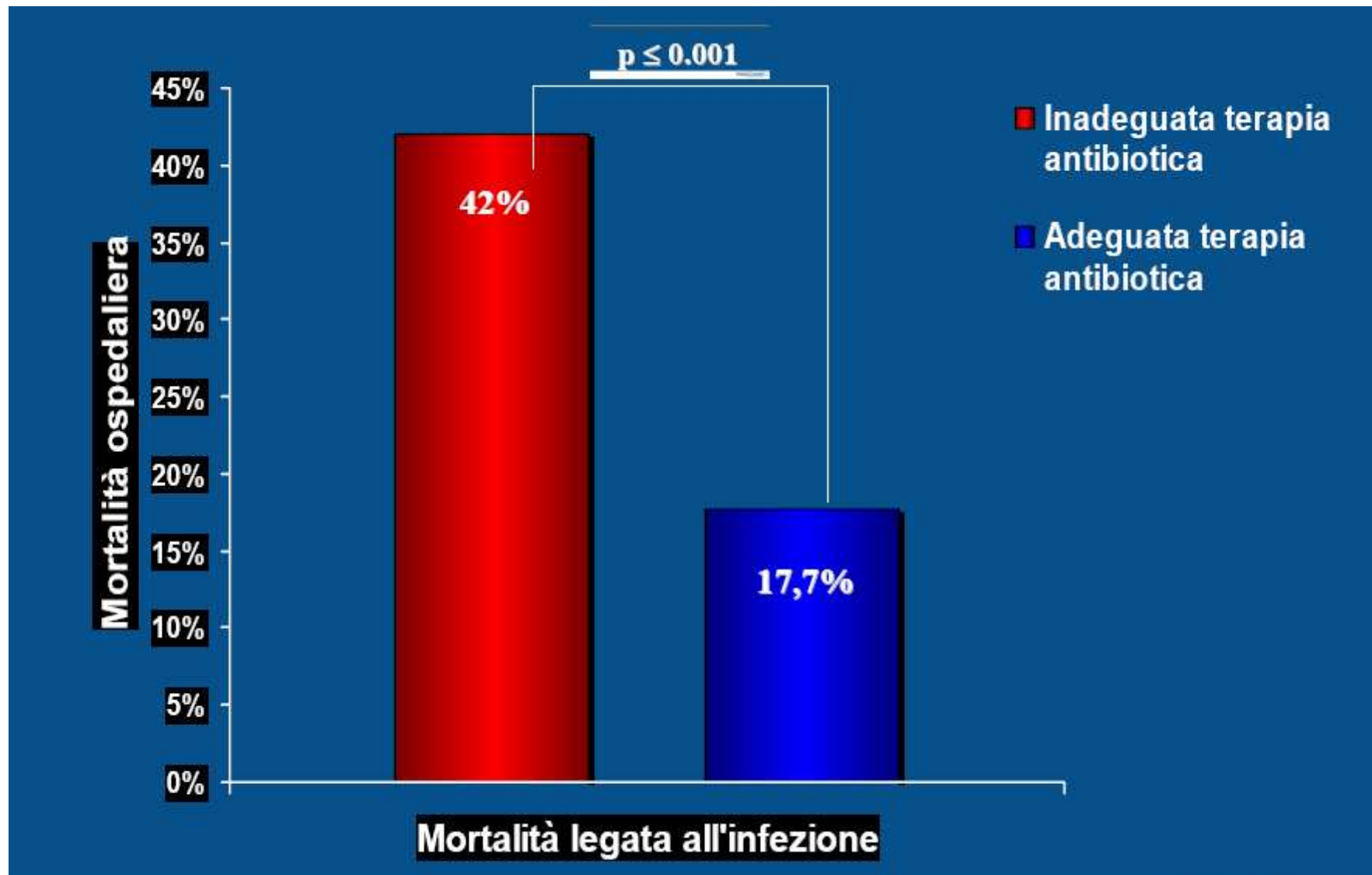
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LRTI MORTALITY





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WHY AN ETIOLOGIC DIAGNOSIS?

THE DIFFICULTIES OF TREATING HOSPITAL-ACQUIRED PNEUMONIA

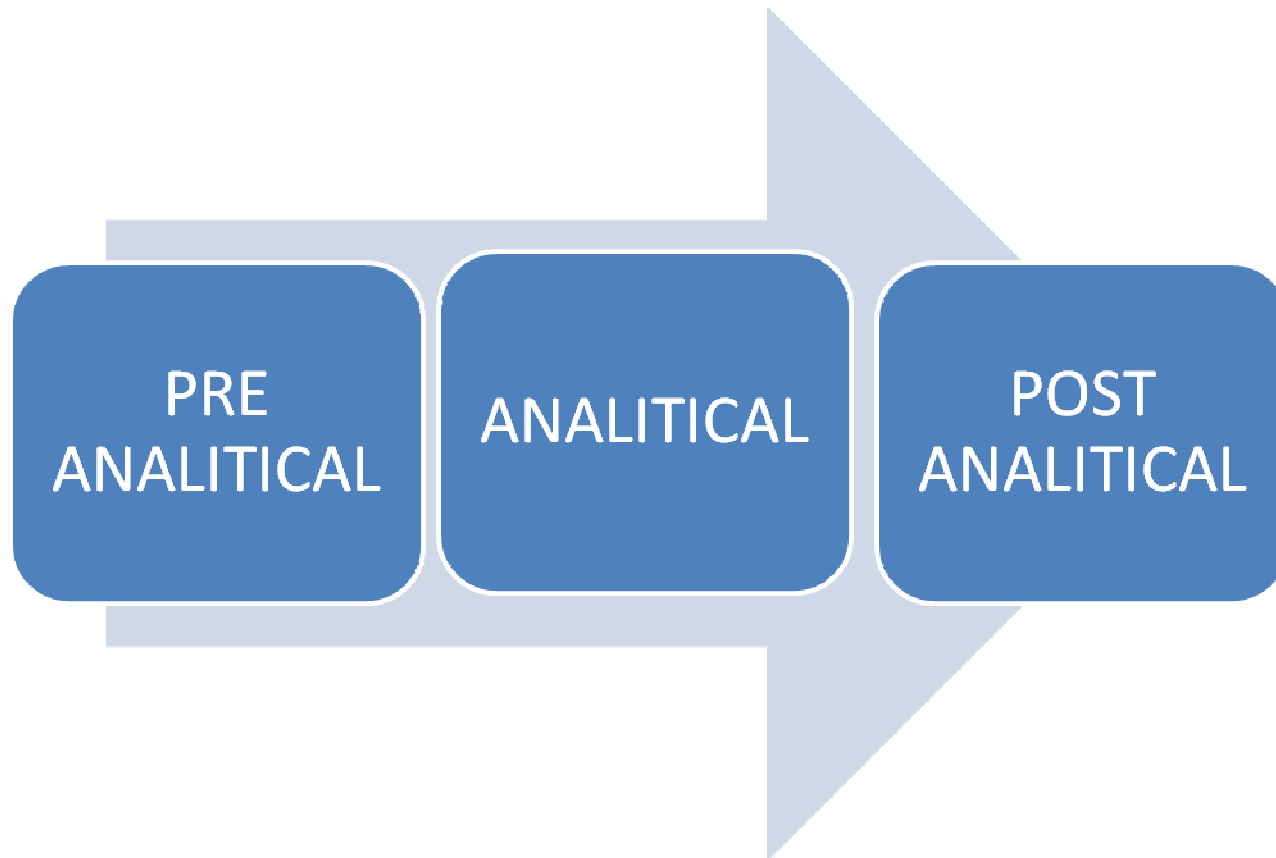
Acute bacterial pneumonia in hospitalized patients remains one of the most serious infections that physicians treat. Hospital-acquired pneumonia (HAP) is the second most common nosocomial infection and accounts for ~25% of all infections in the intensive care unit. According to the American Thoracic Society (ATS) and Infectious Diseases Society of America (IDSA), HAP occurs at a rate of 5–10 cases per 1,000 hospital admissions, with the incidence increasing by as much as 6–

20-fold among mechanically ventilated patients [1]. Although the incidence of HAP varies depending on how each study defines this entity, ATS estimates that HAP accounts for >50% of the antibiotics prescribed [1–4]. Despite significant advances in antimicrobial chemotherapy (ie, the introduction of very potent antibiotics), patient support services, and radiological imaging, HAP still carries considerable morbidity and mortality (range, 25%–50%), and approximately one-half of all HAP-related deaths are directly attributable to pneumonia [2–4]. The microbiological identification of the pathogen lies at the center of this problem.

WHY A RAPID ETIOLOGIC DIAGNOSIS?

one key to reducing unnecessary or inappropriate antimicrobial use is the **rapid identification of causative pathogens.**

MICROBIOLOGICAL APPROPRIATENESS



UN REFERTO CLINICAMENTE EFFICACE

- **Identificare** l'agente eziologico e saggiare la sensibilità agli antibiotici per indirizzare il clinico verso la terapia ottimale.
- **Limitare** l'eccessivo uso di antibiotici qualora la diagnosi non venga confermata
- **Riconoscere** i germi resistenti per i quali vi sono pochi nuovi antibiotici efficaci
- **Monitorare** il trend eziologico e la sensibilità agli antibiotici



Clinical microbiology services involvement in AMS

The clinical microbiology service is an **essential and integral part** of a wide range of organisational initiatives that underpin antimicrobial stewardship efforts.

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Antimicrobial Stewardship
in Australian Hospitals

2011

Editors: Margaret Duguid
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The Clinical Microbiology Services participate in a range of clinical AMS activities

- Establish guidelines to **limit unnecessary susceptibility testing** and to relate results to the **site of infection**;
- **Update local antibiograms** with pathogen-specific susceptibility data at least annually;
- Implement **new technologies** to enable **rapid analysis** of specimens to either rule out or rule in infection.
- **Use selective reporting** of antimicrobial susceptibilities;

SCELTA DELLE MOLECOLE, EQUIVALENZA E REFERTAZIONE

1. microrganismi, meccanismi di resistenza attesi, sede di infezione.
2. non è possibile testare tutti gli antibiotici su tutti i ceppi.
3. sarebbe auspicabile seguire una logica sequenziale (secondo i criteri CLSI/EUCAST) refertando solo gli antibiotici testati come “marker” di equivalenza.
4. Refertare molecole equivalenti e farmaci di ultima generazione solo quando strettamente necessario

Rapid Diagnostics and Appropriate Antibiotic Use

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antibiotic choices

The first questionable assumption is that physicians and other antibiotic prescribers (the majority of whom lack fellowship training in infectious diseases) are interested in and moved by laboratory results that inform antibiotic choices. As a way of exploring this assump-

As noted above, the mere availability of a test will not change physician practices when it comes to antibiotic prescribing. Educational programs will be required to convince physicians of the reliability of the test and of the potential deleterious consequences (legal and otherwise) of continued antimicrobial therapy when data are available that suggest it is not necessary. As such, research

deleterious consequences

THE CHALLENGE IS A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF



the relationship between use and resistance, to be able to adjust regimens in a way that will minimize resistance



Availability of rapid and reliable tests



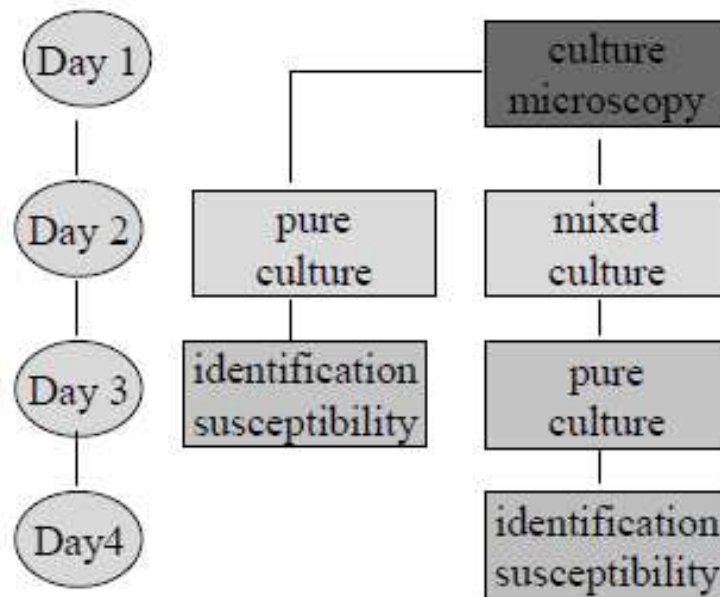
How to use molecular and microbiological data to inform therapeutic choices.



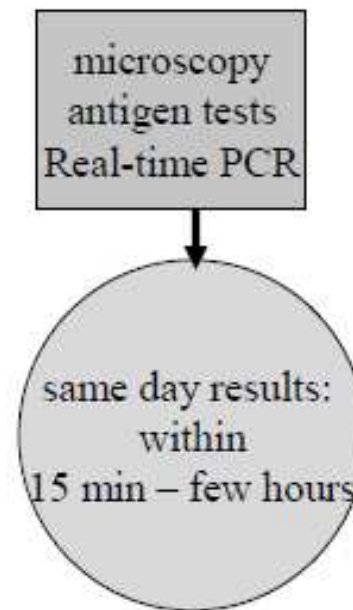
**KNOWLEDGE AND SELECTION OF THE
MOST APPROPRIATE METHODS OF
INVESTIGATION AMONG STANDARD
OR ALTERNATIVE**

Time requirements for Microbiological Diagnostic Results

Conventional Methods



Alternative Methods



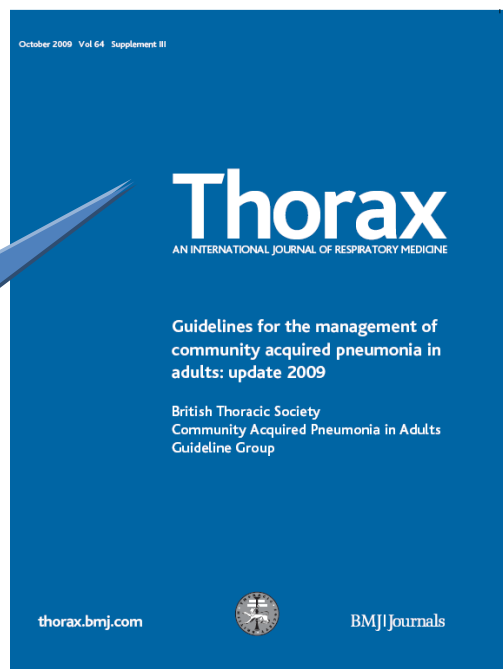
American Thoracic Society Documents

Guidelines for the Management of Adults with Hospital-acquired, Ventilator-associated, and Healthcare-associated Pneumonia

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Infectious Diseases Society of America/American Thoracic Society Consensus Guidelines on the Management of Community-Acquired Pneumonia in Adults

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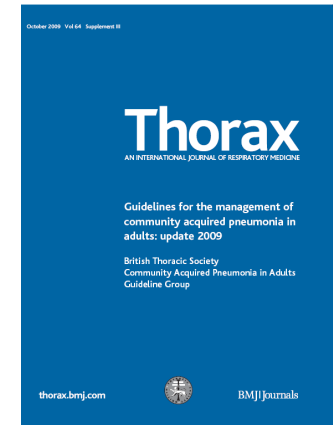
Guidelines for the management of adult lower respiratory tract infections - Summary

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COMMUNITY MANAGED CAP

What microbiological investigations should be performed in the community?

13. For patients managed in the community, microbiological investigations are not recommended routinely. [D]
14. Examination of sputum should be considered for patients who do not respond to empirical antibiotic therapy. [D]
15. Examination of sputum for *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* should be considered for patients with a persistent productive cough, especially if malaise, weight loss or night sweats, or risk factors for tuberculosis (eg, ethnic origin, social deprivation, elderly) are present. [D]
16. Urine antigen investigations, PCR of upper (eg, nose and throat swabs) or lower (eg, sputum) respiratory tract samples or serological investigations may be considered during outbreaks (eg, Legionnaires' disease) or epidemic mycoplasma years, or when there is a particular clinical or epidemiological reason. [D]





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TABLE 9

Microbiological investigations in hospitalised patients with severe community-acquired pneumonia

Microbiological investigations

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Urinary antigen test for *Legionella* spp. and *Streptococcus pneumoniae*

Respiratory samples for direct immunofluorescence for influenza and respiratory syncytial virus in winter months

Respiratory samples for culture or PCR for *Mycoplasma pneumoniae*, *Chlamydia pneumoniae* and *Legionella* spp. if well validated test available

Initial and follow-up serology for *Legionella* spp. and atypical pathogens if no PCR available; retrospective results

HOSPITAL MANAGED CAP

BLOOD CULTURE

Advantages

- Highly specific in determining the microbial aetiology
- Identify the causative agent including unexpected or antibiotic resistant pathogens
- Possibility to execute antimicrobial testing

Disadvantages

- Prior to exposure to antibiotics
- Poor sensitivity (in pneumococcal pneumonia only 25%)

HOSPITAL MANAGED CAP

SPUTUM GRAM STAIN

Advantages

- Quick and inexpensive
- Can assess quality of samples
- Can aid the interpretation of culture result
- Occasionally gives an early indication of possible aetiology

Disadvantages

- Validity of results operator-dependant
- Correlates poorly with culture results
- Lack availability (reflects the opinion that sputum examination is rarely helpful)

HOSPITAL MANAGED CAP

SPUTUM CULTURES

Advantages

- Identify the causative agent including unexpected or antibiotic resistant pathogens
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Disadvantages

- Prior to exposure to antibiotics
- The inability of patient to produce good specimen
- Difficulty in interpretation due to contamination by upper respiratory tract flora

Other tests for Streptococcus pneumoniae

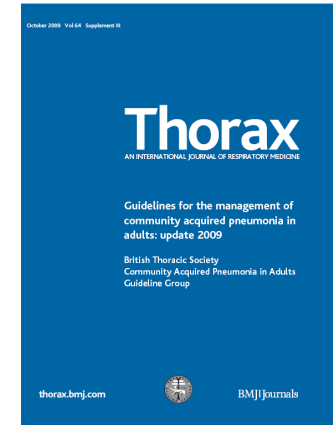
25. Pneumococcal urine antigen tests should be performed for all patients with moderate or high severity CAP. [A-]
26. A rapid testing and reporting service for pneumococcal urine antigen should be available to all hospitals admitting patients with CAP. [B+]

97% specificità; 80% di sensibilità rispetto alla batteriemia da pneumococco, e 52 % rispetto alla coltura dell'espettorato

Tests for Legionnaires' disease

27. Investigations for legionella pneumonia are recommended for all patients with high severity CAP, for other patients with specific risk factors and for all patients with CAP during outbreaks. [D]
28. Legionella urine antigen tests should be performed for all patients with high severity CAP. [B+]
29. A rapid testing and reporting service for legionella urine antigen should be available to all hospitals admitting patients with CAP. [B+]
30. As the culture of legionella is very important for clinical reasons and source identification, specimens of respiratory secretions, including sputum, should be sent from patients with high severity CAP or where Legionnaires' disease is suspected on epidemiological or clinical grounds. [D] The clinician should specifically request legionella culture on laboratory request forms.
31. Legionella cultures should be routinely performed on invasive respiratory samples (eg, obtained by bronchoscopy) from patients with CAP. [D]
32. For all patients who are legionella urine antigen positive, clinicians should send respiratory specimens such as sputum and request legionella culture [D]. This is to aid outbreak and source investigation with the aim of preventing further cases.

For all patient with high severity of CAP





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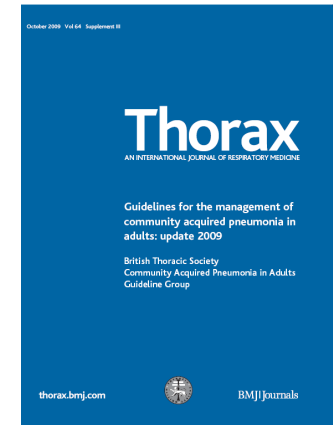
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PCR and serological tests for other respiratory pathogens

38. Where PCR for respiratory viruses and atypical pathogens is readily available or obtainable locally, this is preferred to serological investigations. [D]
39. Where available, paired serology tests can be considered for patients with high severity CAP where no particular microbiological diagnosis has been made by other means (eg, culture, urine antigen, PCR) and who fail to improve, and/or where there are particular epidemiological risk factors. [D] The date of onset of symptoms should be clearly indicated on all serological request forms. [D]
40. Serological tests may be extended to all patients admitted to hospital with CAP during outbreaks and when needed for the purposes of surveillance. The criteria for performing serology tests in these circumstances should be agreed locally between clinicians, laboratories and public health. [D]



HCAP/HAP/VAP

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Major Points and Recommendations for Diagnosis

3. Purulent tracheobronchitis may mimic many of the clinical signs of HAP and VAP, and may require antibiotic therapy, but prospective, randomized trials are needed (**Level III**) (180). Tracheal colonization is common in intubated patients, but in the absence of clinical findings is not a sign of infection, and does not require therapy or diagnostic evaluation (**Level II**) (40, 107).



Problema della colonizzazione della trachea nei pazienti intubati

5. All patients with suspected VAP should have blood cultures collected, recognizing that a positive result can indi-



Sempre emocolture

7. Samples of lower respiratory tract secretions should be obtained from all patients with suspected HAP, and should be collected before antibiotic changes. Samples can include an endotracheal aspirate, bronchoalveolar lavage sample, or protected specimen brush sample



Campioni respiratori: (TRASP, BAL,PSB)



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Review

Currently used nucleic acid amplification tests for the detection of viruses and atypicals in acute respiratory infections

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The availability and use of these new diagnostic tools in virology has contributed to a better understanding of the role of respiratory viruses in LRTI. The increasing importance of the viral agents, *Mycoplasma pneumoniae* and *Chlamydia pneumoniae* in ARI is illustrated. A great proportion of ARI are caused by viruses, but their relative importance depends on the spectrum of agents covered by the diagnostic techniques and on the populations studied, the geographical location and the season. The discovery of new viruses is ongoing; examples are the hMPV and the increasing number of coronaviruses. Indications for the use of these rapid techniques in different clinical situations are discussed.

BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THE ROLE OF RESPIRATORY VIRUSES IN LRTI

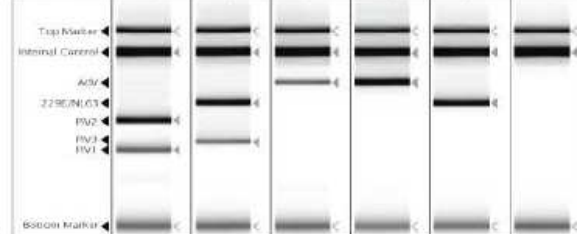
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Parainfluenza virus 2
Parainfluenza virus 3
Adenovirus A/B/C/D/E
Coronavirus 229E/NL63

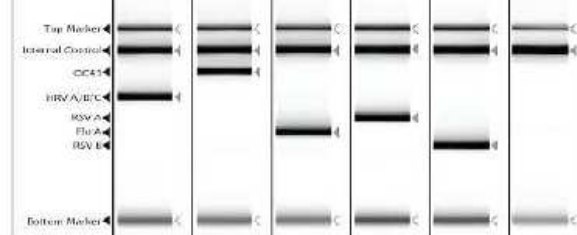
Coronavirus OC43
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Influenza A virus
RSV A
RSV B

Bocavirus 1/2/3/4
Influenza B virus
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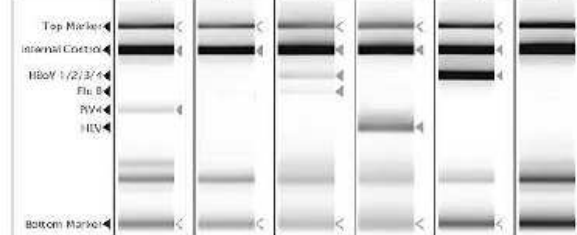
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AdV	-	-	+	100	+	100
229E/NL63	-	-	+	101	-	-
PIV2	+	100	-	-	-	-
PIV3	-	-	+	62	-	-
PIV1	+	64	-	-	-	-
Unidentified	-	-	-	-	-	-



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Internal Control	+	101	+	101	+	100
OC43	-	-	+	104	-	-
HRV A/B/C	+	101	-	-	-	-
RSV A	-	-	-	-	+	100
Flu A	-	-	-	+	101	-
RSV B	-	-	-	-	+	99
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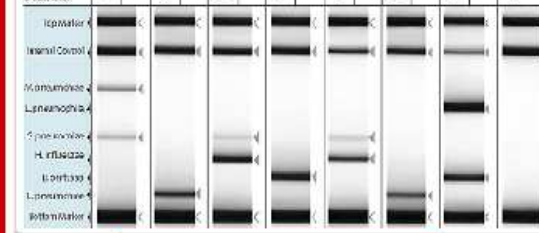


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Internal Control	+	110	+	108	+	105
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Flu B	-	-	-	+	10	-
PIV4	+	16	-	-	-	-
HEV	-	-	-	+	63	-
Unidentified	-	-	-	-	-	-



Dual Priming
Oligonucleotide
technology
(Seegene)

Lane	L2	L3	L4	L5	L6	L7	L8	L9
Sample ID	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Internal Control	+	97	-	93	+	97	+	91
M.pneumoniae	+	48	-	-	-	-	-	-
L.pneumophila	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+
S.pneumoniae	+	20	-	+	8	-	+	11
Influenza	-	-	-	+	55	-	+	87
B.pertussis	-	-	-	-	+	26	-	-
C.pneumoniae	-	-	+	73	-	-	+	76
Unidentified	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-



~~M.pneumoniae
C.pneumoniae
L.pneumophila
S.pneumoniae
H.influenzae
B.pertussis~~

Molecular diagnosis in HAP/VAP

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KEY POINTS

- The molecular diagnosis in hospital-acquired pneumonia (HAP)/ventilator-associated pneumonia (VAP) must provide accuracy and rapidity in the detection of pathogens in order to be considered as a valid tool to lead the antibiotic therapy.
- Significant advances have been made in the past years in the design of molecular diagnosis platforms based on respiratory infections. These platforms have become an additional option of diagnosis and sometimes have surpassed conventional methods.
- Potential applications have multiplex molecular methods in the detection of *Staphylococcus aureus*, nonfermenter Gram-negative bacilli, *Enterobacteriaceae* and antimicrobial resistance genes and/or virulence factors.
- It is still to be determined, on the basis of their performance characteristics, the most appropriate molecular methods for the microbiological diagnosis regarding the identification of potential pathogens in HAP/VAP.

DIRECT DETECTION OF MULTIPLE ORGANISMS IN RESPIRATORY TRACT SAMPLES BY SYNDROME

Table 1. Potential Targets for Multiplex or Individual Molecular Amplification Assays by Syndrome [2, 4, 6, 8, 41]

CAP/exacerbations of COPD	HAP/VAP	Individual organisms
<i>Streptococcus pneumoniae</i>	<i>Staphylococcus aureus</i>	<i>Mycobacterium tuberculosis</i>
<i>Haemophilus influenzae</i>	<i>mecA</i> gene ^a	<i>Bordetella pertussis</i>
<i>bla</i> _{TEM} gene ^b	<i>Pseudomonas aeruginosa</i>	...
<i>Moraxella catarrhalis</i>	<i>bla</i> _{VIM} , <i>bla</i> _{IMP} genes ^c	...
<i>Staphylococcus aureus</i>	<i>Acinetobacter</i> spp	...
<i>mecA</i> gene ^a	<i>bla</i> _{OXA} genes ^d	...
<i>Mycoplasma pneumoniae</i>	Enterobacteriaceae	...
<i>Chlamydomphila pneumoniae</i>	<i>bla</i> _{KPC} gene ^c	...
<i>Chlamydomphila psittaci</i>	<i>Stenotrophomonas maltophilia</i>	...
<i>Legionella pneumophila</i>

NOTE. CAP, community-acquired pneumonia; COPD, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease; HAP, hospital-acquired pneumonia; VAP, ventilator-associated pneumonia.

^a Mediates resistance to all β -lactam agents with the exception of the novel anti-methicillin-resistant *S. aureus* cephalosporins.

^b Mediates resistance to penicillins and first-generation cephalosporins.

^c Mediates resistance to cephalosporins and carbapenems; metallo- β -lactamases, such as VIM and IMP, typically do not mediate resistance to monobactams.

^d Some OXA β -lactamases can mediate resistance to carbapenems.

Table 2. Summary of Selected Molecular Diagnostic Tests Discussed Here and Their Applications

Commercial kit/molecular assay (manufacturer)	Advantages	Application to bacterial pneumonia and/or point-of-care testing
GeneXpert System (Cepheid)	Detects MRSA in 1 h in blood cultures and wound swabs	Undetermined
AccuProbe (Gen-Probe)	Detects <i>Staphylococcus aureus</i> , <i>Streptococcus pneumoniae</i> , <i>Mycoplasma pneumoniae</i> , and <i>Legionella pneumophila</i>	Mostly for point-of-care <i>L. pneumophila</i> testing
GeneOhm (Becton-Dickinson)	Detects MRSA, MSSA, and CoNS	Undetermined
ResPlex and StaphPlex (Qiagen)	Detects <i>S. pneumoniae</i> , <i>Neisseria meningitidis</i> , <i>Haemophilus influenzae</i> , <i>L. pneumophila</i> , <i>M. pneumoniae</i> , <i>Chlamydomydia pneumoniae</i> , and <i>S.aureus</i>	Yes, but large clinical trials are needed for point-of-care <i>S. aureus</i> testing
Light Cycler (Roche)	Detects MRSA	Undetermined
MALDI-TOF MS/Autoflex II (Bruker Daltonic)	Protein-based assays with broad microbiological applicability	Undetermined
FilmArray systems (Idaho Technologies)	Detects <i>Bordetella pertussis</i> , <i>L. pneumophila</i> , <i>C. pneumoniae</i> , and <i>M. pneumoniae</i>	Undetermined
Check KPC/ESBL microarray (Check-Points)	Detects β -lactamase resistance genes conferring resistance to cephalosporins and carbapenems in 7–8 h	Undetermined
T5000 and PLEX-ID PCR/ESI-MS Biosensors (Abbott Molecular, Inc.)	Multiple species detected and typed and resistance genes mapped (<i>gyrA</i> , <i>parC</i> , <i>mecA</i> , and <i>bla_{KPC}</i>)	Undetermined

LRTI: NEW PLATFORM FOR MOLECULAR BACTERIAL IDENTIFICATION

- GeneXpert (Cepheid), BD GeneOhm (Becton Dickinson): MRSA directly from nasal swab, blood, wound infections (1-2h).
- LightCycler (Roche): MRSA directly from blood (1-2h); 25 bacterial and fungal pathogens in blood (6h)
- Multiplex PCR FilmArray (Idaho Technologies): 17 respiratory viruses and Bordetella pertussis, Chlamydia pneumoniae, Mycoplasma pneumoniae: directly from unprocessed clinical samples (1h)
- MALDI-TOF MS Autoflex II (Bruker Daltonic): results in 1-2 min from nude bacteria or directly from some types of clinical samples.

WHAT DOES THIS ALL MEAN FOR US?

Right now, clinical trials are desperately needed to provide evidence to help us decide which methods are the best and how to apply this knowledge. Notwithstanding, we must also accept that

Prospects

Where available, PCR tests are **an extremely useful addition** to the diagnostic armamentarium and have the advantage of being **rapid** (relevant on occasions **for both clinical and infection control purposes**) and sensitive, and so are to be preferred over serological tests.

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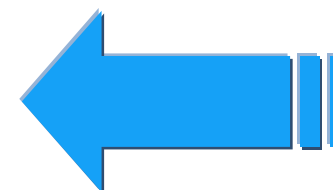
Optimization of laboratory strategy

Strategies will have to be developed **adapting** the evolution of the **technology** of the NAATs, the **population** of patients served (children, elderly, and immunocompromised patients) the **resources** available (infrastructure, staff, full-time service or service limited during some hours of the day, or some days of the week), the **number and nature of the agents** that can be covered.

An Antibiotic Care Bundle Approach Based on Results of Rapid Molecular Screening for Nasal Carriage of Methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* in the Intensive Care Unit

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concomitant bacterial infection (16). We found a significantly increased risk (RR=107.7, $p<0.0001$) of MRSA infection in patients with MRSA colonization, despite the relatively small population screened. Taken together, our results could underscore the importance of using the rapid molecular nasal screening for improving management and outcome of ICU patients. In fact, the real-time PCR assay is highly sensitive and quickly provides results to clinicians, leading to the better treatment of underlying infections (14).



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Gram (-)	Gram (+)	Miceti
<i>Escherichia coli</i>	<i>Staphylococcus aureus</i>	<i>Candida</i> spp. (<i>albicans</i> , <i>tropicalis</i> , <i>parapsilosis</i> , <i>glabrata</i> , <i>krusei</i>)
<i>Klebsiella pneumoniae /oxytoca</i>	CoNS (stafilococchi coagulasi neg)	<i>Aspergillus fumigatus</i>
<i>Serratia marcescens</i>	<i>Streptococcus pneumoniae</i>	
<i>Enterobacter cloacae/aerogenes</i>	<i>Streptococcus</i> spp	
<i>Proteus mirabilis</i>	<i>Enterococcus faecium</i>	
<i>Pseudomonas aeruginosa</i>	<i>Enterococcus faecalis</i>	
<i>Acinetobacter baumannii</i>		
<i>Stenotrophomonas maltophila</i>		

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Fig. 1.
DNAemia in patients with strong clinical suspect of sepsis.

Microorganism- DNA detected	N°	(SeptiFast+/BC+)	(SeptiFast+/BC-)	(BC not requested)
<i>Asper.fumigatus</i>	2	1	1	0
<i>Candida albicans</i>	7	1	1	5
<i>Candida tropicalis</i>	3	0	0	3
Coagulase Negative Staphylococci	2	1	0	1
<i>Escherichia coli</i>	67	41	16	10
<i>Klebsiella pneumoniae/oxytoca</i>	11	4	4	3
<i>Enterobacter cloacae/aerogenes</i>	6	3	1	2
<i>Enterococcus faecalis</i>	4	0	4	0
<i>Proteus mirabilis</i>	2	1	1	0
<i>Pseudomonas aeruginosa</i>	7	4	0	3
<i>Serratia marcescens</i>	1	0	0	1
<i>Staphylococcus aureus</i>	20	9	5	6
<i>Streptococcus spp.</i>	11	5	1	5
<i>Sinetrophomonas maltophilia</i>	1	1	0	0
<i>Streptococcus pneumoniae</i>	15	7	5	3
Staph.aureus/Kleb.spp	1	0	0	1
Staph.aureus/Str.pneum.	1	0	0	1
Staph.aureus/Ps.aeruginosa	1	0	0	1
Kleb.spp/Enterobacter spp.	1	0	0	1
E.coli/ Kleb.spp	3	1	1	1
E.coli/ Ent.faecium	1	1	0	0
E.coli/Ps.aeruginosa	1	1	0	0
E.coli/Serr. marcescens	1	1	0	0
E.coli/Str.spp	1	1	0	0
tot	170	83	40	47

Severe LRTI

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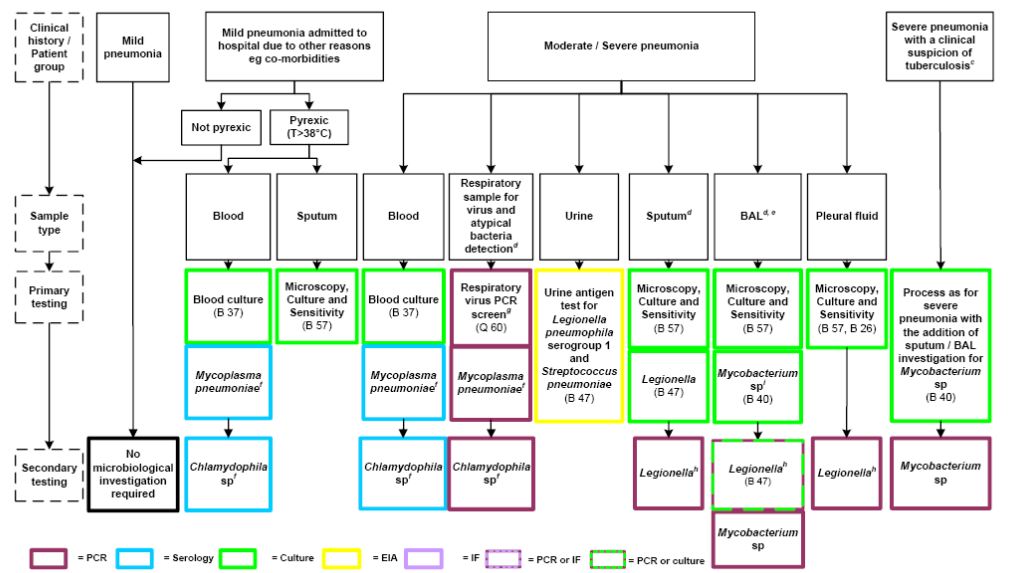
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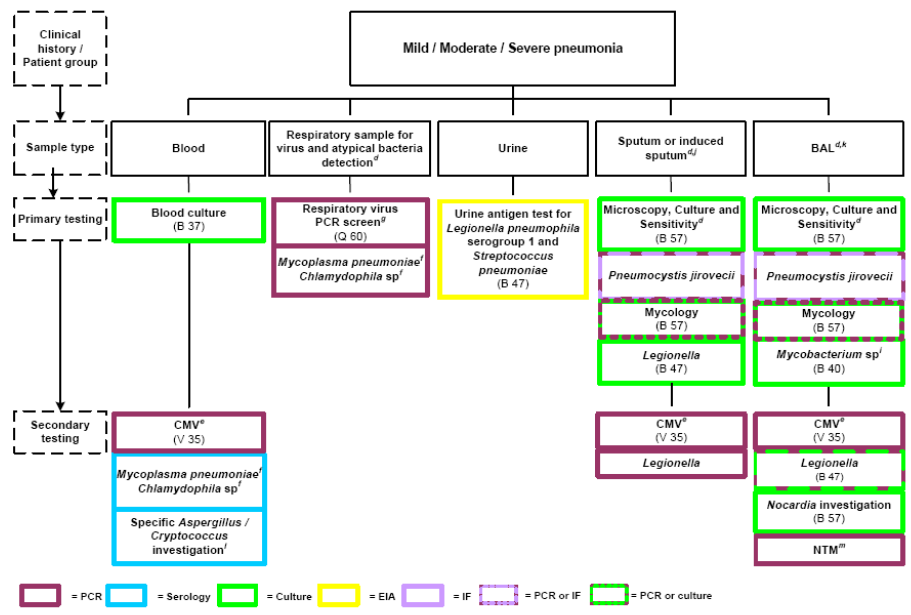
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Pneumonia in immunocompetent adults^{1-8, b}



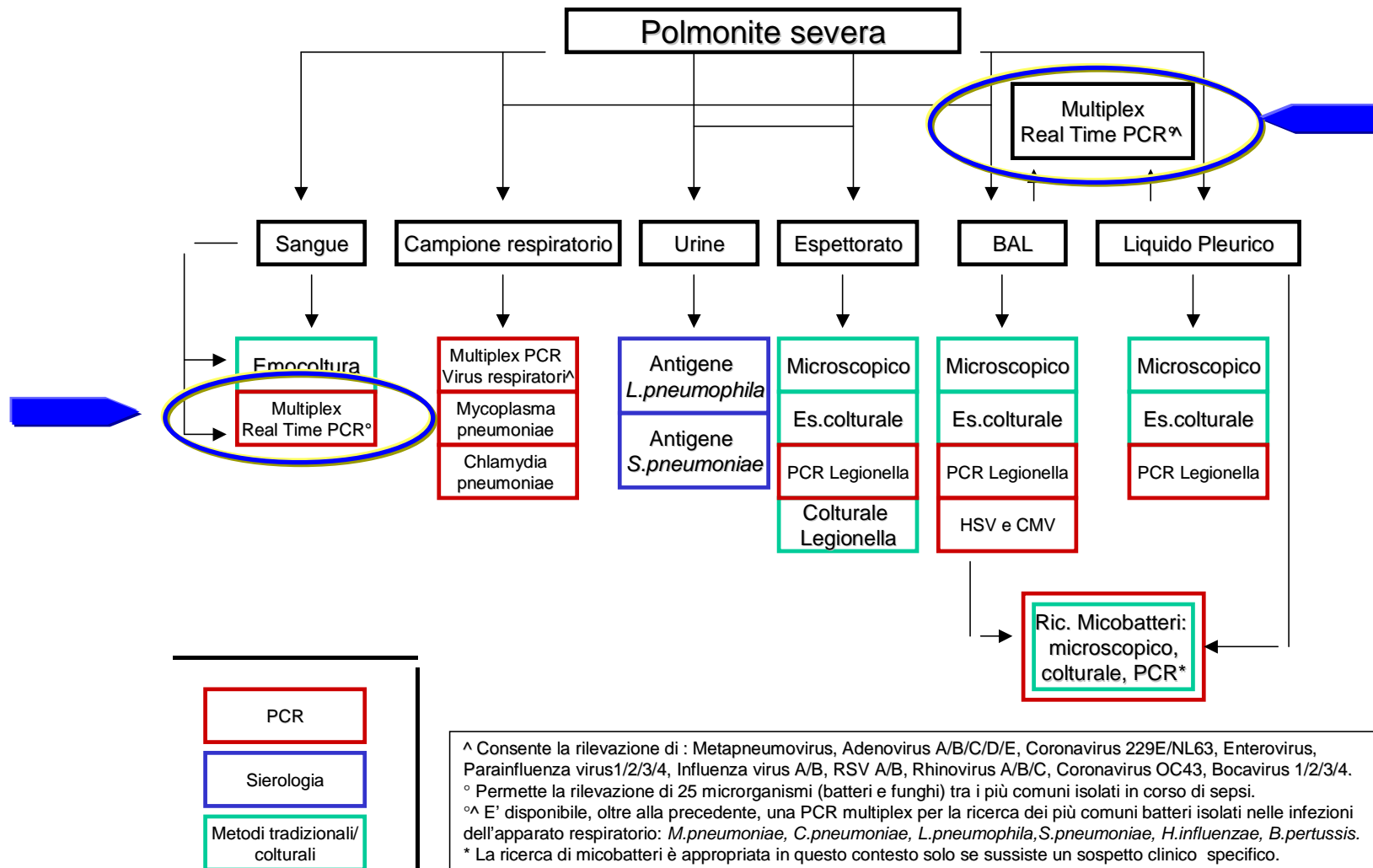
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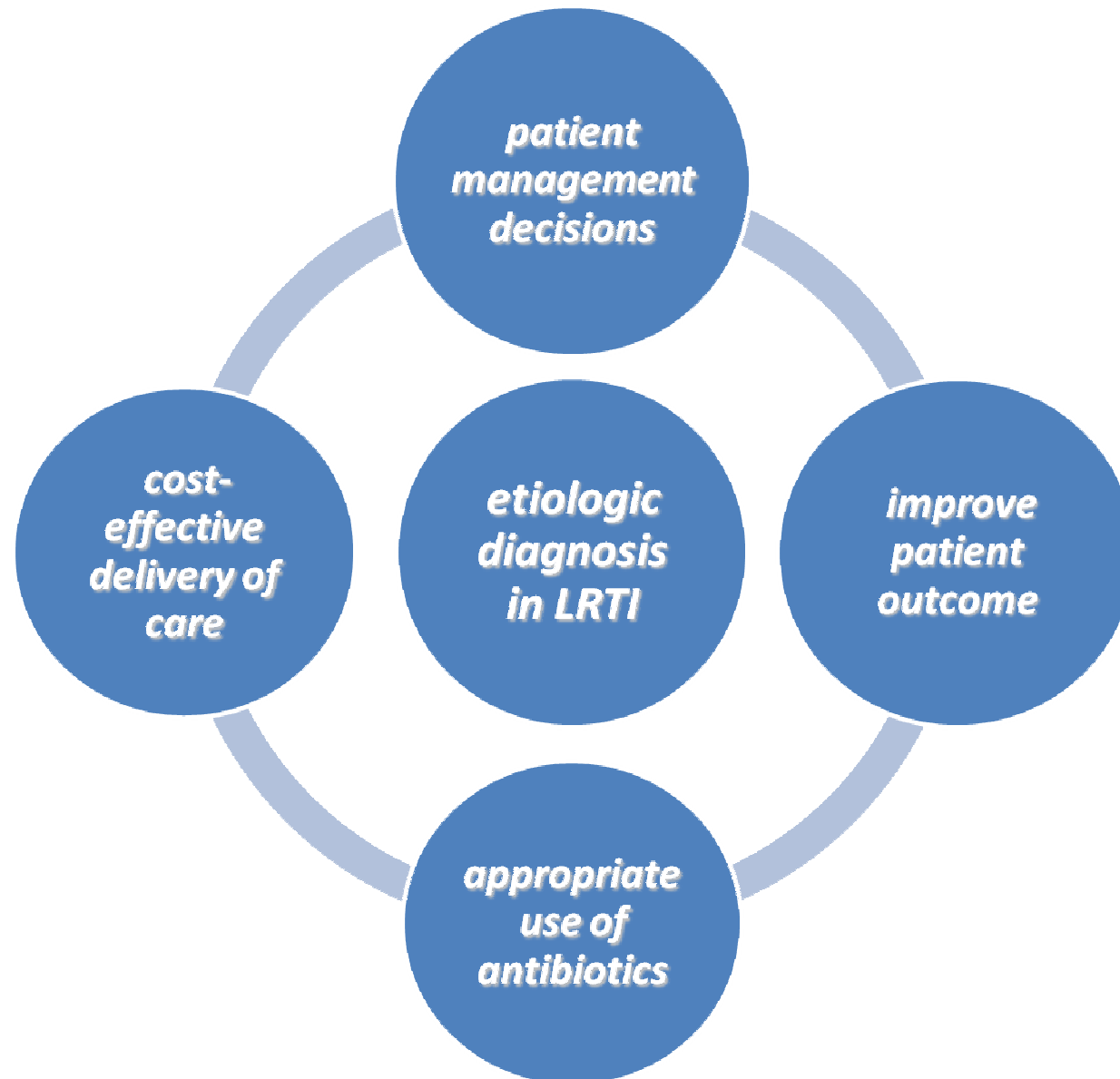
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CONCLUSIONS



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