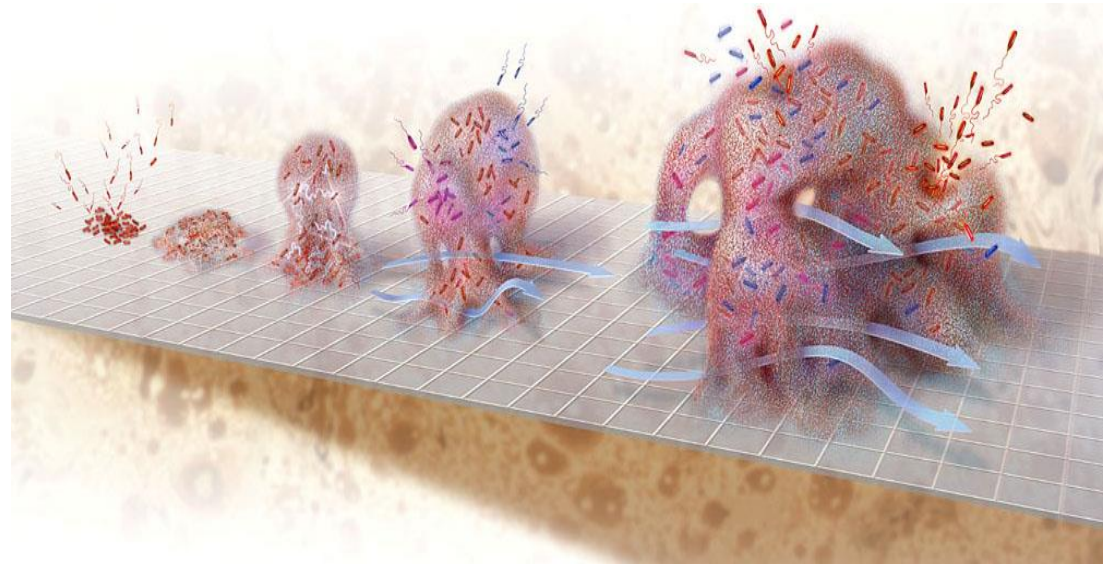
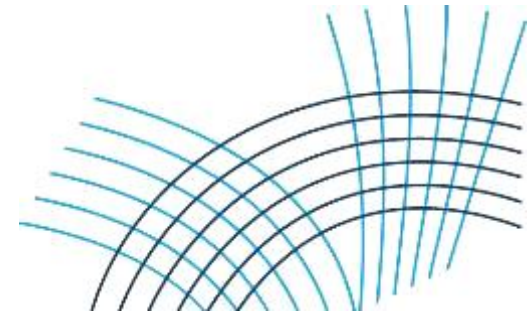


Infections of the locomotor system - modern concepts in diagnosis and treatment



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Infektions of the locomotor system



Periprosthetic joint infections

- *CNS, S. aureus*
- *Streptococcus* spp.
- *Enterococcus* spp.
- *Propionibacterium acnes*

Spondylodiscitis

- *S. aureus*
- Gramnegative bacilli
- *Streptococcus* spp,
- *Mycobacterium tuberculosis*

Septic arthritis

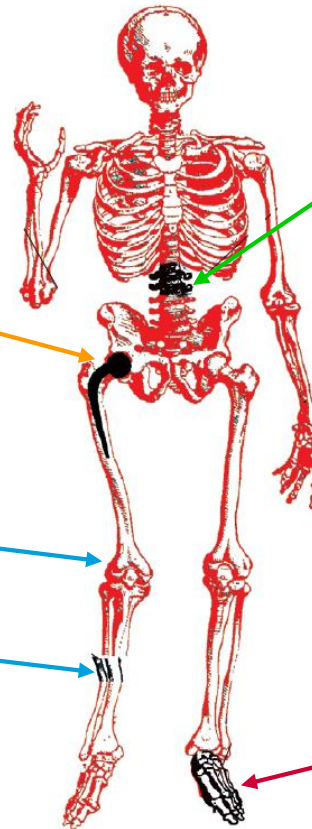
- *S. aureus*
- Streptococci
- Enterococci

Posttraumatic osteomyelitis

- *S. aureus*
- Polymicrobial
- Gramnegative bacilli

Diabetic foot infection

- *S. aureus*
- *Streptococcus* spp.
- *Enterococcus* spp.
- Gramnegative bacilli
- Anaerobes



Staphylococcus aureus is the most common pathogen

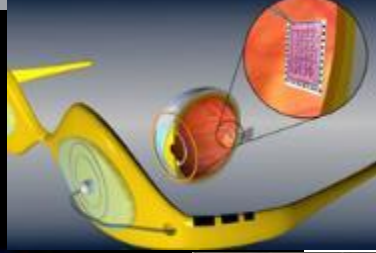
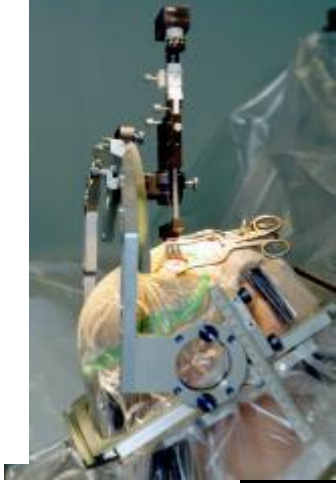
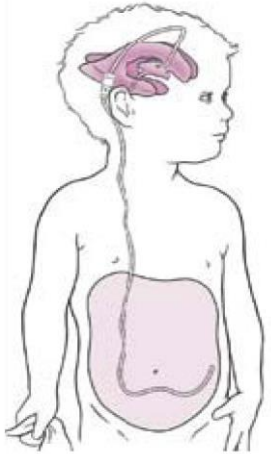
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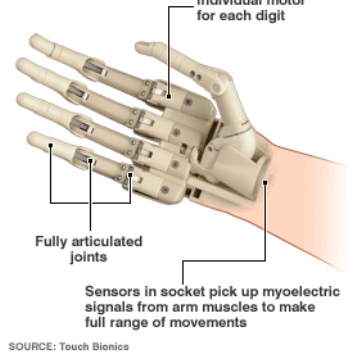
**Science fiction: implant
function better than native**

Implants improved life quality

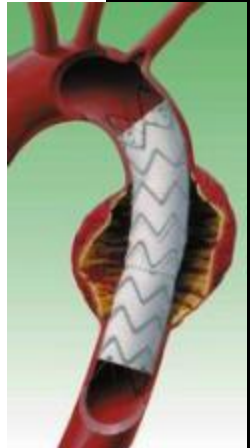
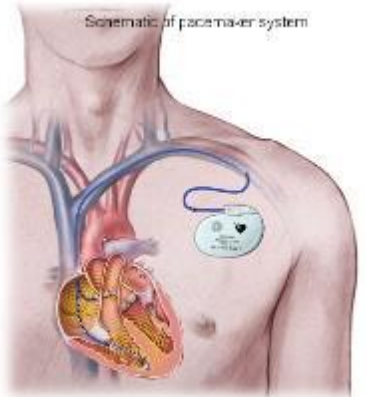
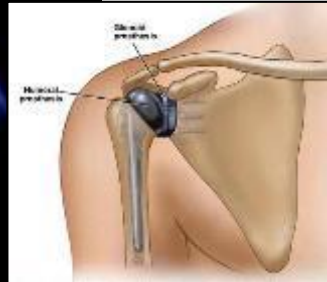
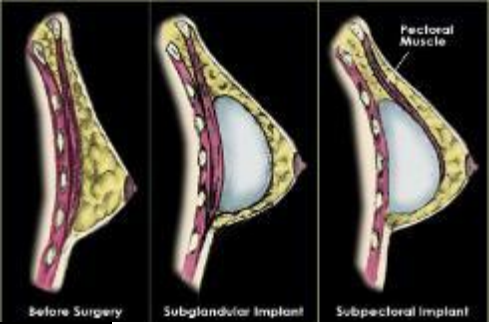




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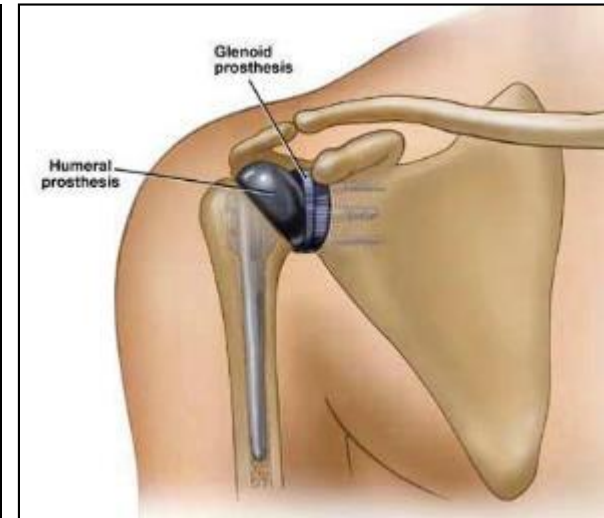
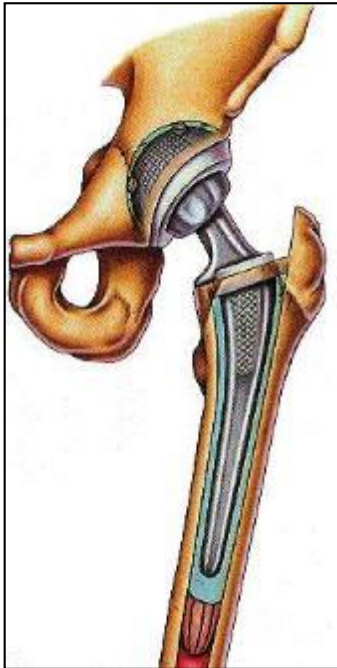


SOURCE: Touch Bionics



Joint replacement

- One of the most successful intervention in medicine
- Improved quality of life in the increasingly elderly population



Epidemiology of implanted devices

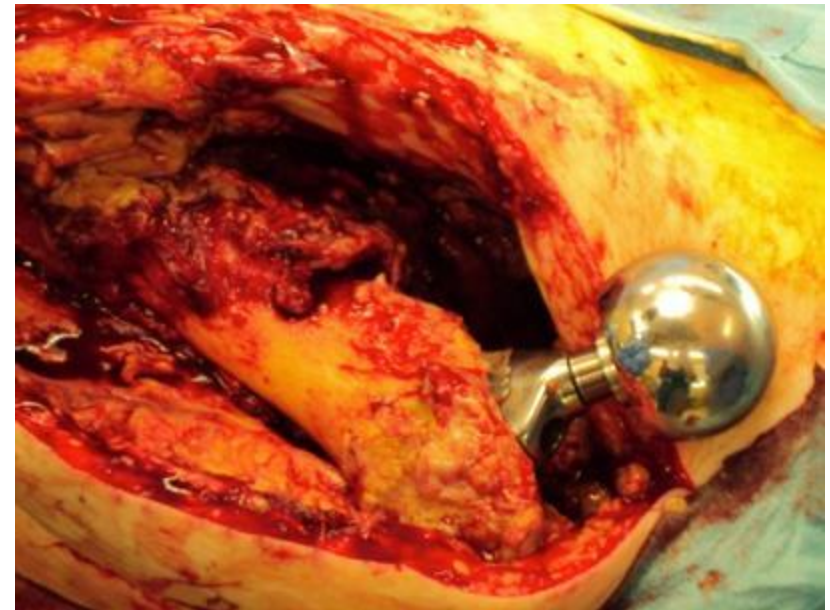
Device type	No. of devices implanted per year (2017) in Millions			Rate of revision	Rate of infection
	Germany	Europe	World	Mean	Range
Fracture fixation devices	0.71	3.5	7.9	10%	5-10%
Joint prostheses	0.47	2.5	5.7	20%	5-10%
Spinal implants	0.24	1.8	3.0	38%	5-10%
Vascular grafts	0.50	3.5	15.9	25%	5-10%
Heart pacemakers	0.80	8.0	28.7	15%	5-15%
Mechanical heart valves	0.35	2.8	8.7	10%	1-8%
Heart assist devices	0.12	0.9	4.1	65%	30-40%
Dental implants	1.0	5.5	25.2	10%	5-10%
Breast implants	0.3	2.9	18.2	20%	5-10%
TOTAL	4.49	31.4	117.4	Ca. 25%	Ca. 5-10%

Darouiche RO. *Clin Infect Dis* 2018

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What should we do?

- Always aggressive tumor-like surgery?
- Mutilating surgery for the patient?
- Amputation?





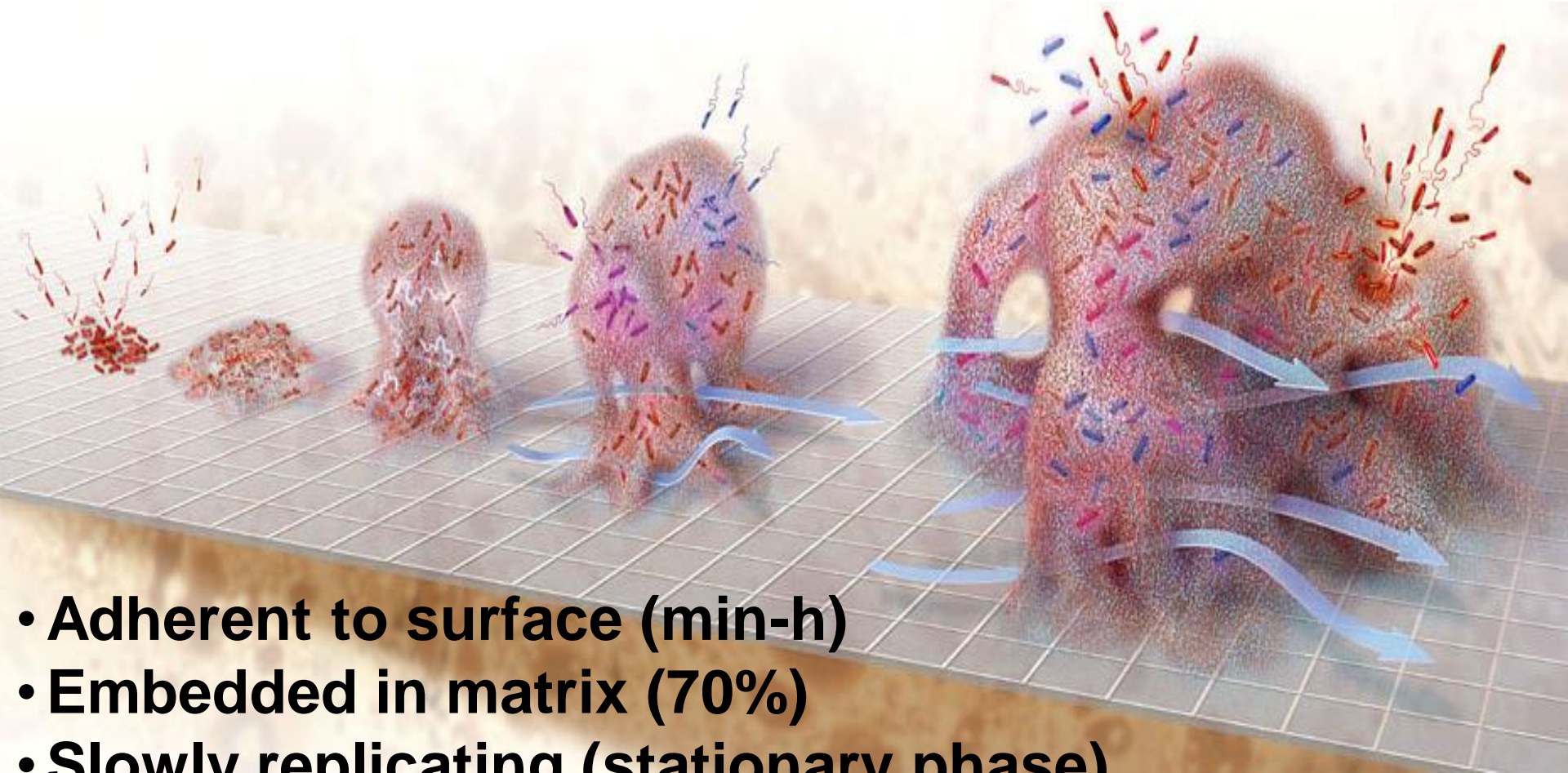
Biofilm and implants: difficult to treat?

Planktonic bacteria & granulocytes

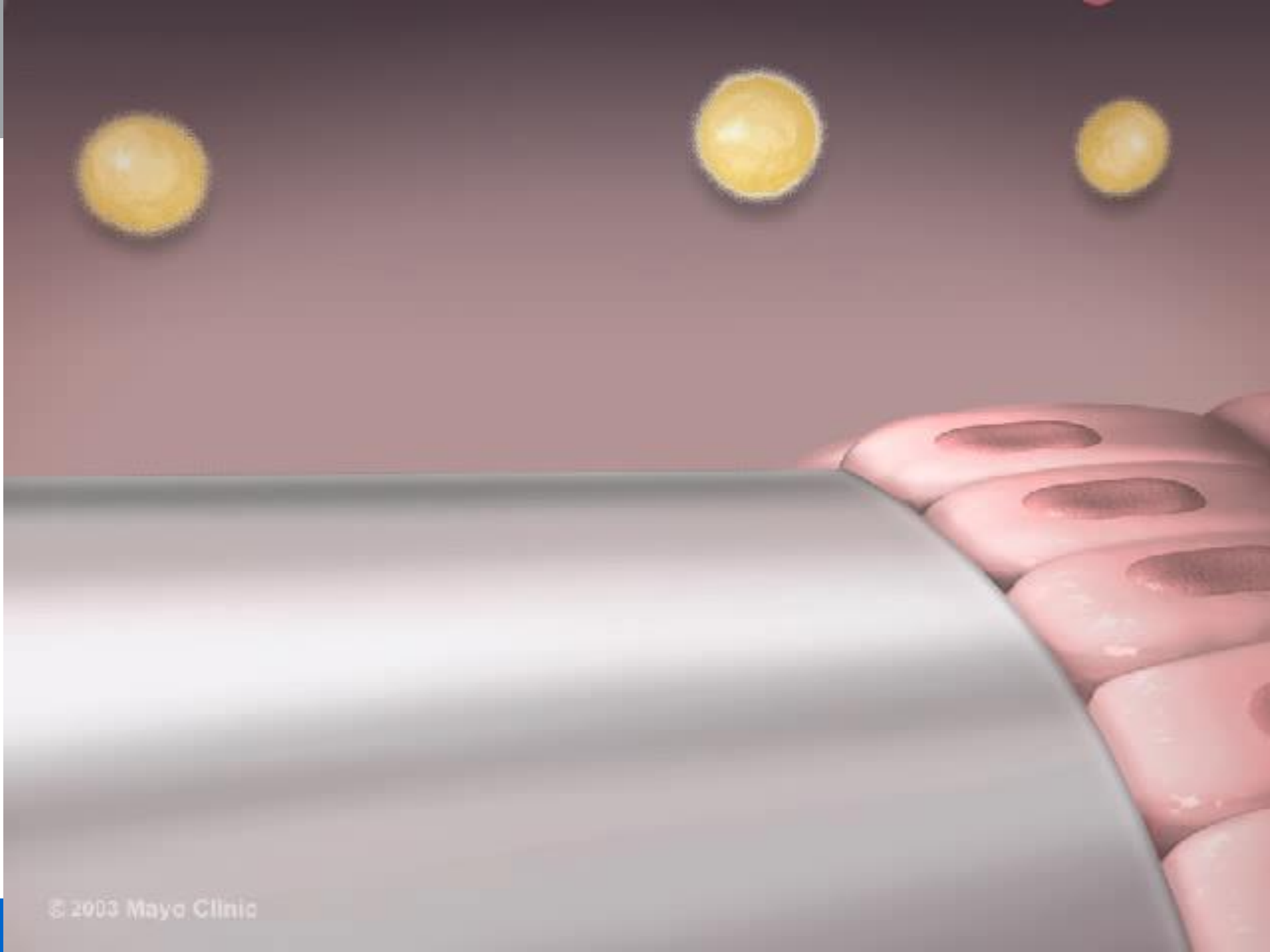


Biofilm

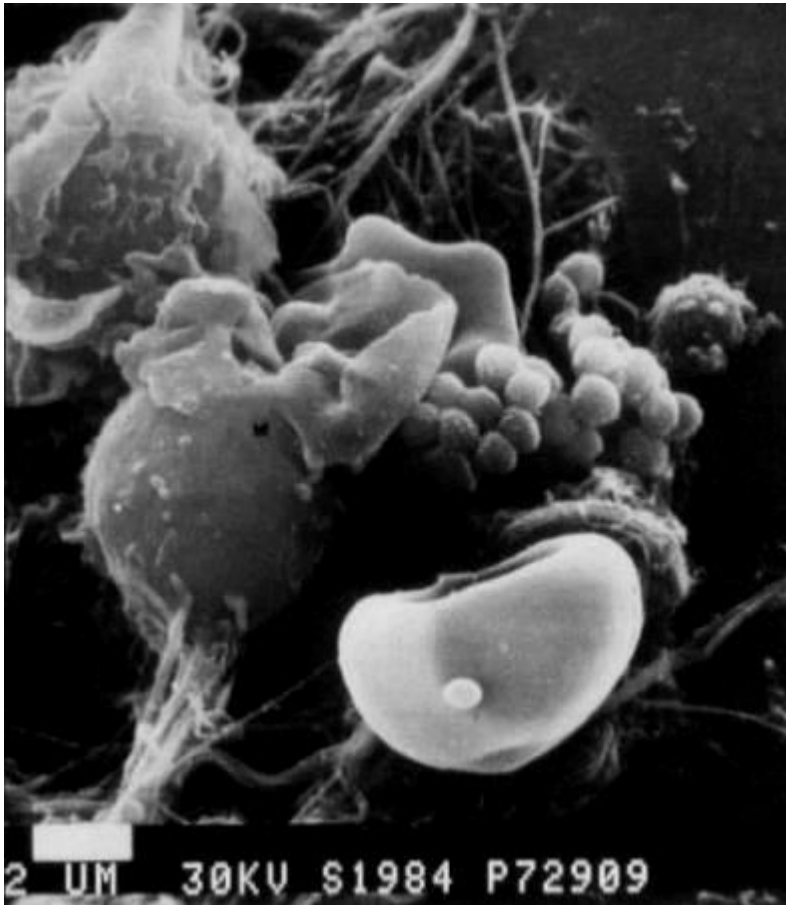
1 min 3 h 12 h 1 day \longrightarrow 3 days



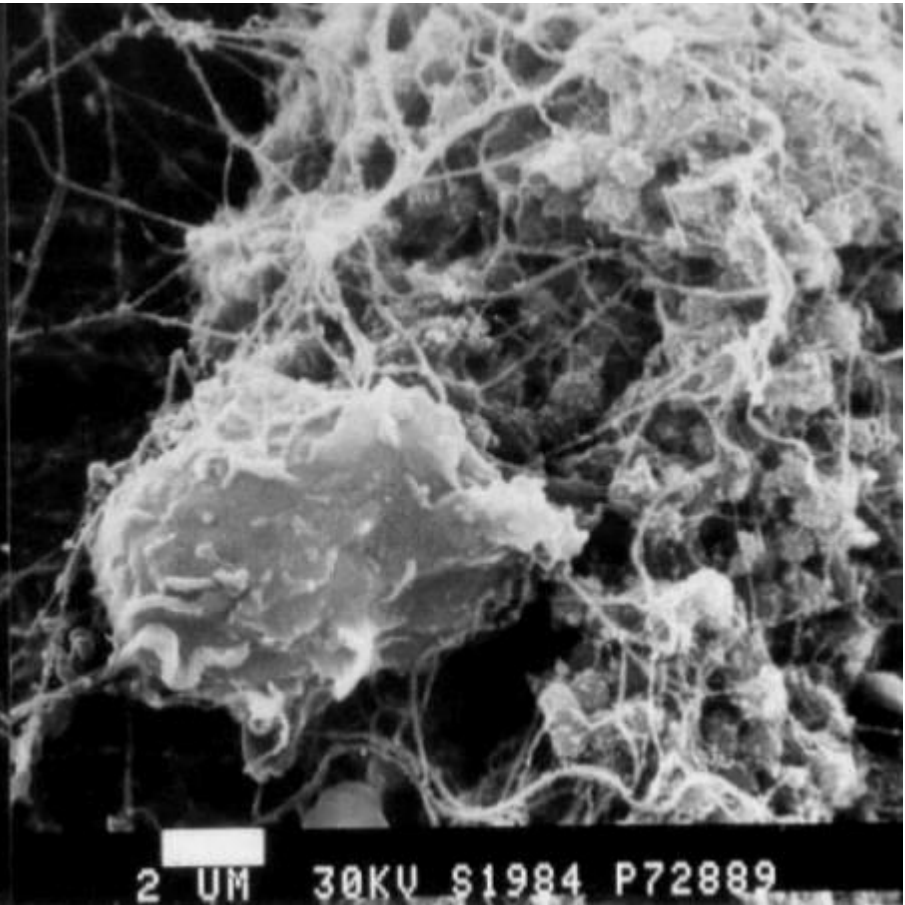
- Adherent to surface (min-h)
- Embedded in matrix (70%)
- Slowly replicating (stationary phase)



Experimental foreign-body infection (*S. aureus*)



3 h after inoculation



24 h after inoculation

⇒ **Rapid adherence, no elimination by granulocytes.**

The „fatal“ attraction

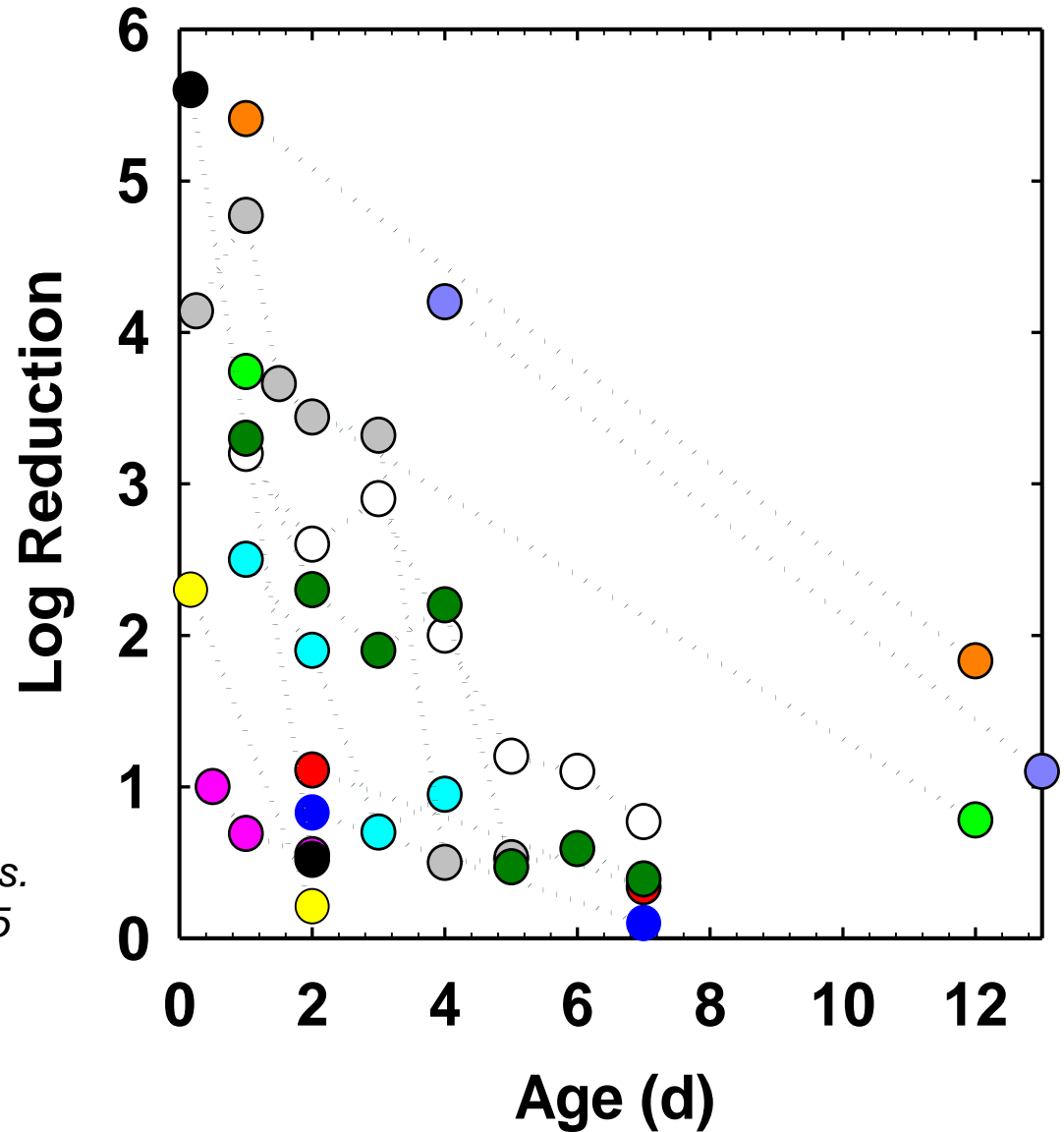


- **Foreign body** = avascular tissue (local immune defect): frustrated phagocytosis
- **Low number** of bacteria (≈ 200) sufficient to cause biofilm on implant
- **Mature biofilm** (>3 weeks) impossible to eradicate without implantremoval

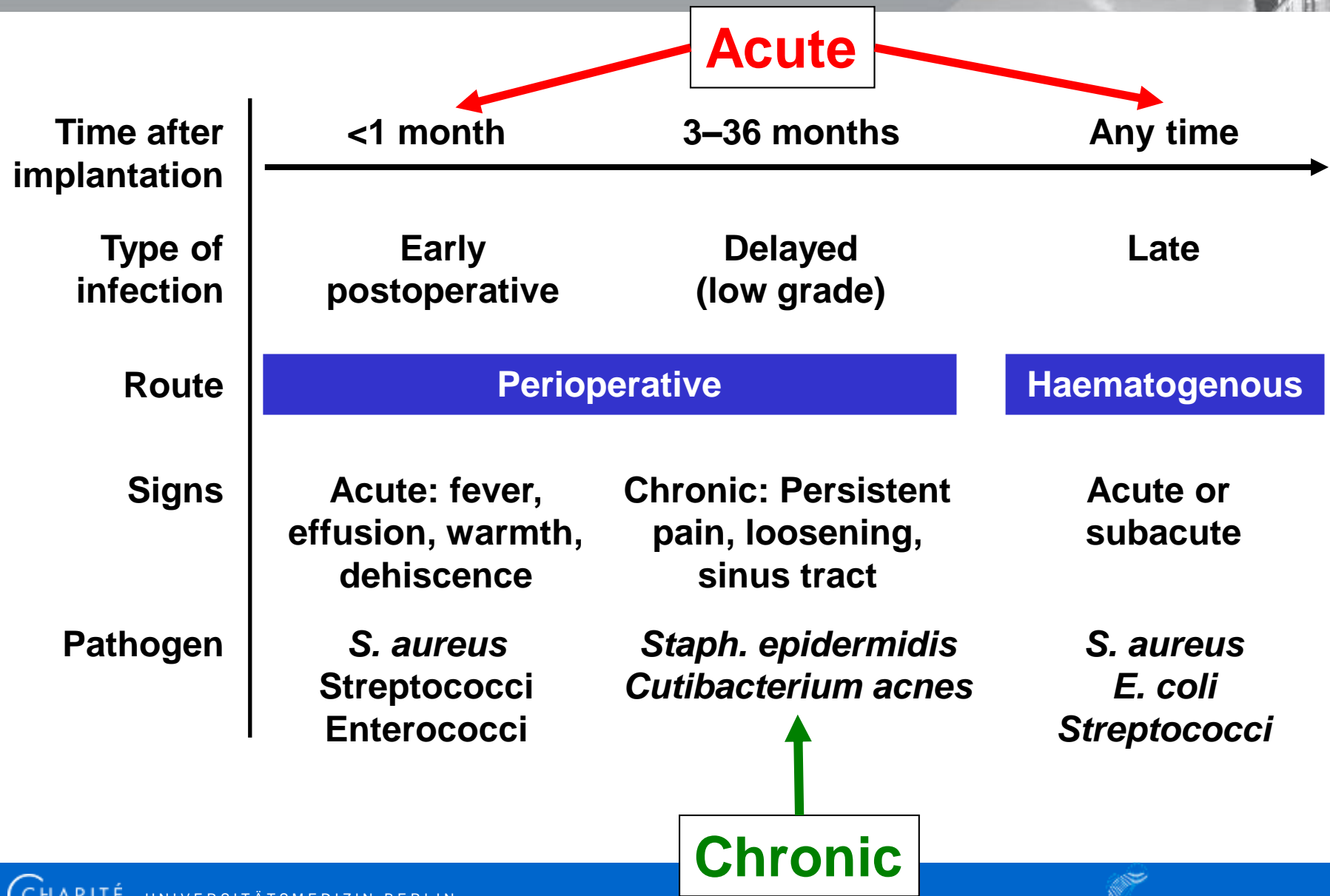
Killing depends on age of the biofilm (in vitro)

**The older the
biofilm, the
lower the
bacterial killing**

*Antimicrobial tolerance in biofilms.
In: Microbiol Spectr 3: June 2015*



Classification: early – delayed – late



Key to success: Interdisciplinary concept



Microbiologist



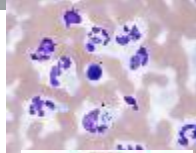
Infectious diseases specialist



Ortho/trauma & Plastic surgeons



Key to success No. 2: Target the biofilm



Diagnosis



Antibiotics

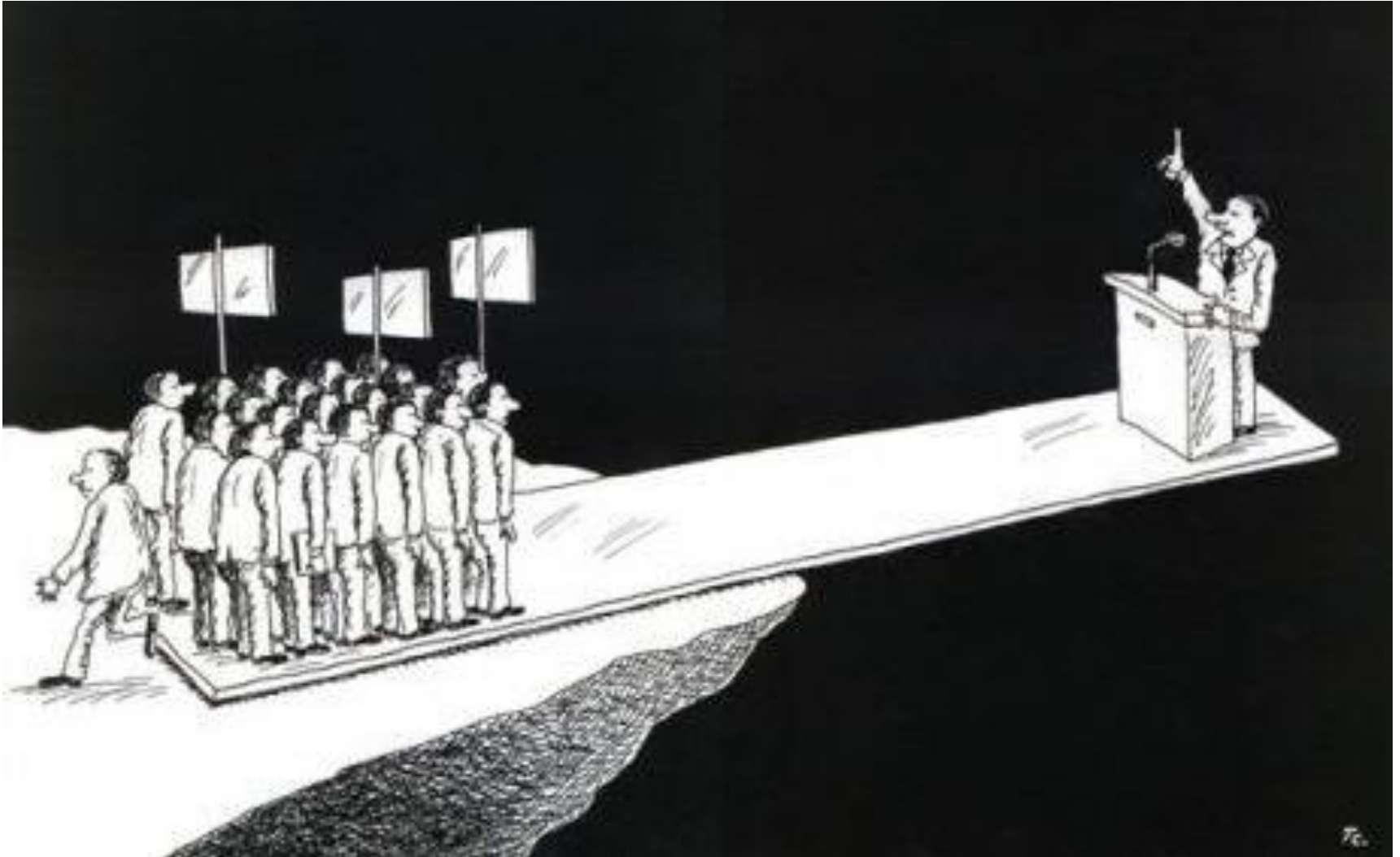
Directed against
biofilms



Surgery

Cure rate > 90%

Modern concepts



Ortho/trauma surgeons

Researchers

ID/microbiology

Septic surgery unit

Observers





■ INSTRUCTIONAL REVIEW

A standardized interdisciplinary algorithm for the treatment of prosthetic joint infections

OUTCOME IN A CENTRALIZED AND SPECIALIZED DEPARTMENT

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Aims

In 2013, we introduced a specialized, centralized, and interdisciplinary team in our institution that applied a standardized diagnostic and treatment algorithm for the management of prosthetic joint infections (PJIs). The hypothesis for this study was that the outcome of treatment would be improved using this approach.

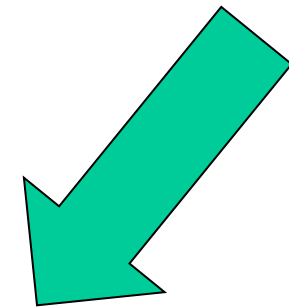
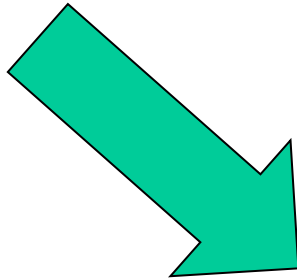
Patients and Methods

In a retrospective analysis with a standard postoperative follow-up, 95 patients with a PJI of the hip and knee who were treated with a two-stage exchange between 2013 and 2017 formed the study group. A historical cohort of 86 patients treated between 2009 and 2011 not according to the standardized protocol served as a control group. The success of treatment was defined according to the Delphi criteria in a two-year follow-up.

Results

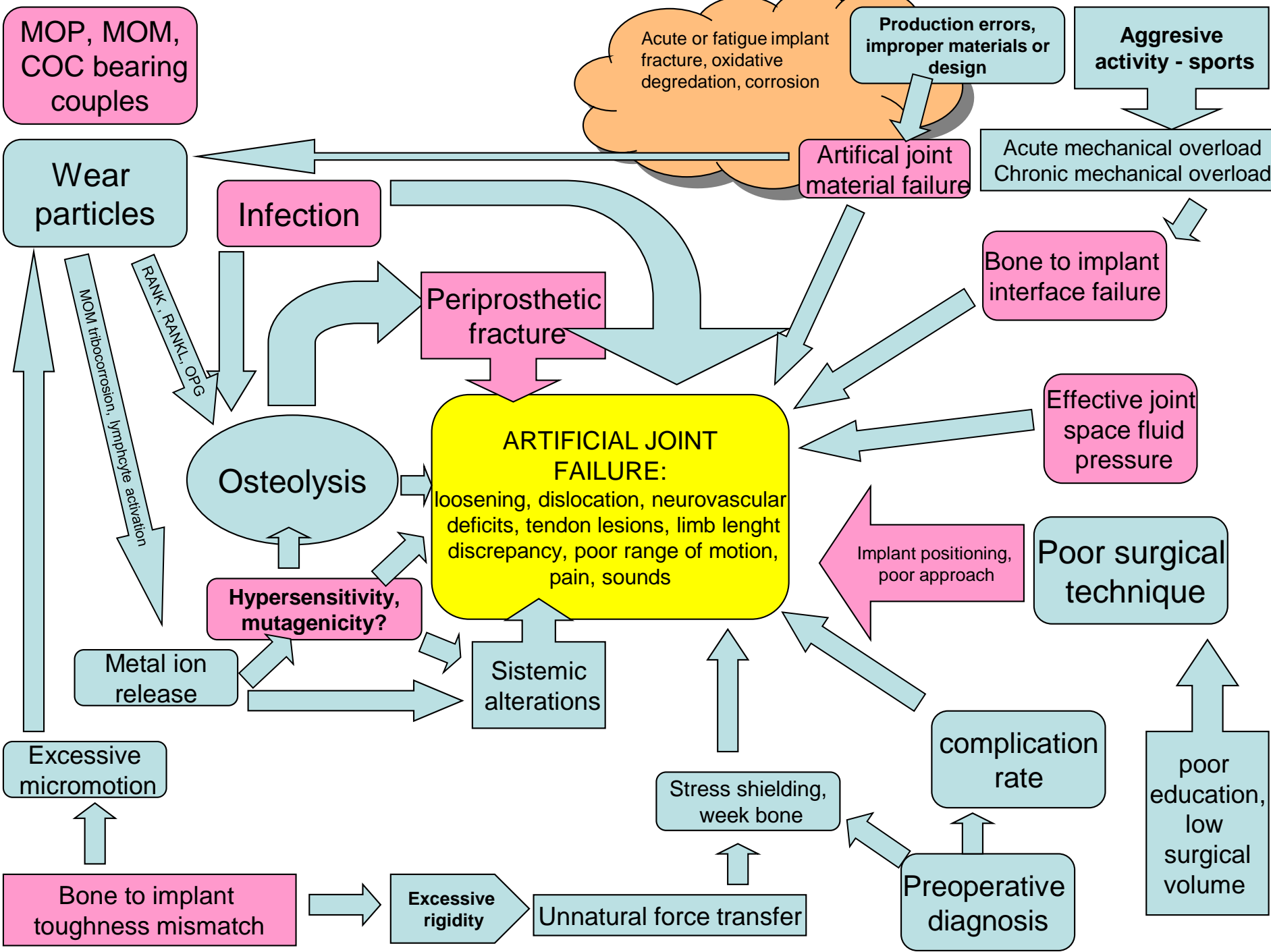
Patients in the study group had a significantly higher Charlson Comorbidity Index (3.9 vs 3.1; $p = 0.009$) and rate of previous revisions for infection (52.6% vs 36%; $p = 0.025$), and tended to be older (69.0 vs 66.2 years; $p = 0.075$) with a broader polymicrobial spectrum (47.3% vs 33.7%; $p = 0.062$). The rate of recurrent infection (3.1% vs 10.4%; $p = 0.048$) and the mean time interval between the two stages of the procedure (66.6 vs 80.7 days; $p < 0.001$) were reduced significantly in the study group compared with the control group

Teamwork of experts





Is it an infection?



About 20% of prosthesis fail: Infection or aspetic reason?



preoperative

Diagnosis

intraoperative



History & clinical presentation

Time	Event	Person	Notes
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laboratory



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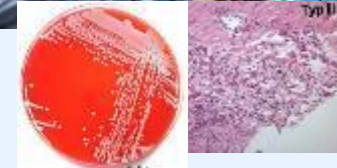


joint puncture



cytology microbiology histopathology

intraoperative sampling



microbiology histopathology

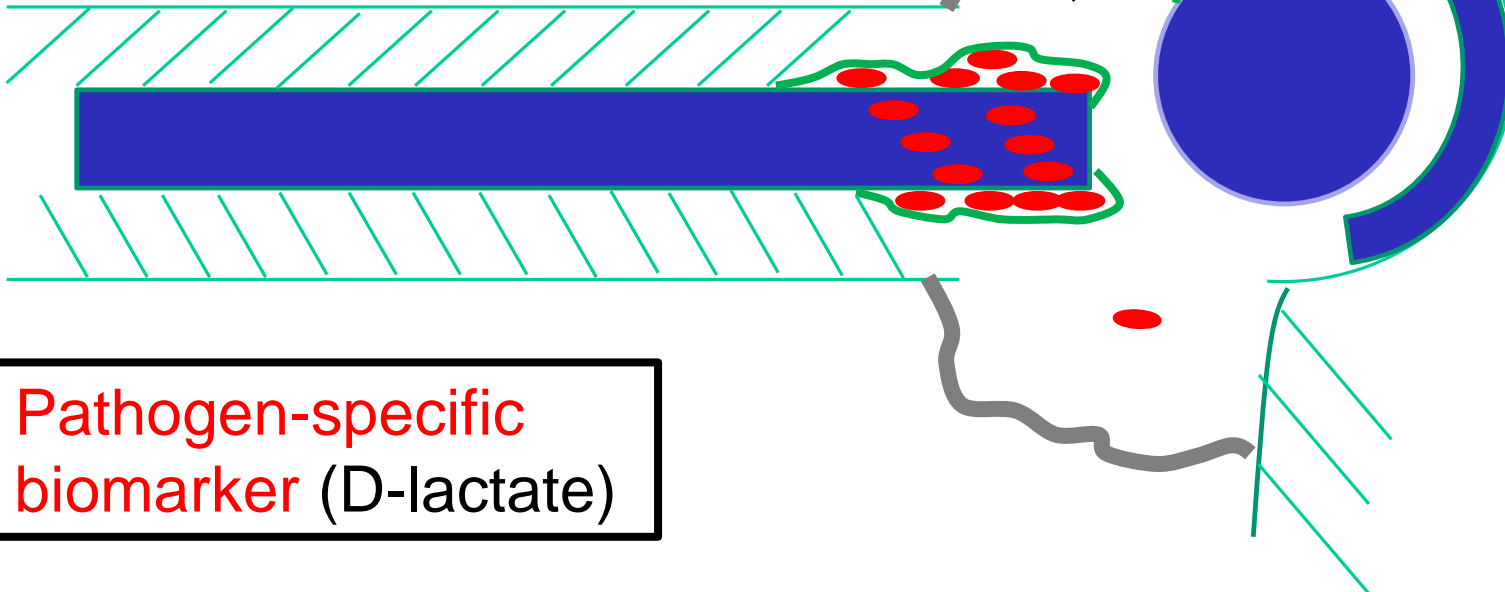
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Joint aspiration

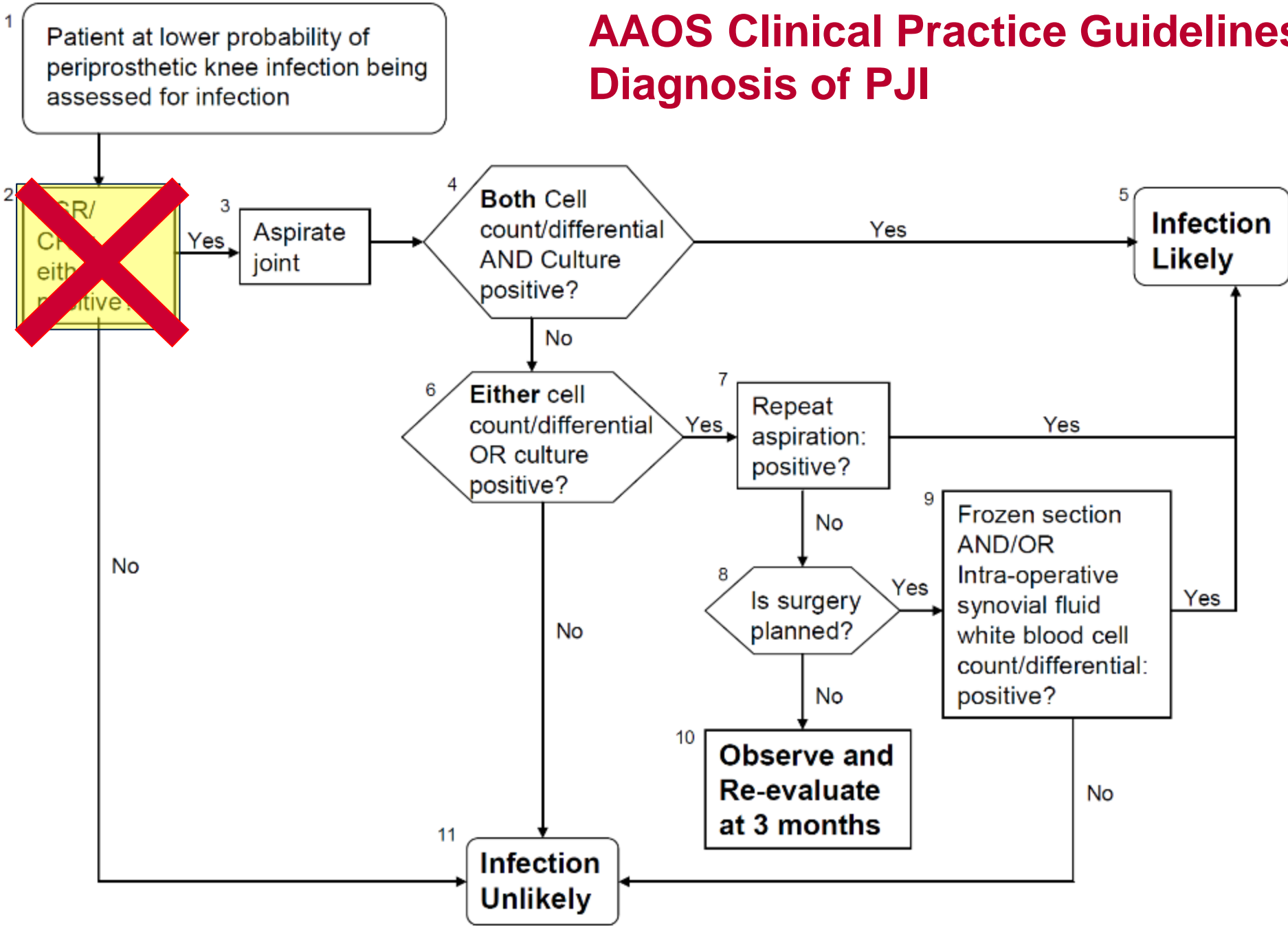
Microbiology (culture, molecular tests)

Inflammation
(leukocyte count, histopathology, biomarkers)



Pathogen-specific biomarker (D-lactate)

AAOS Clinical Practice Guidelines Diagnosis of PJI



Is it an infection?

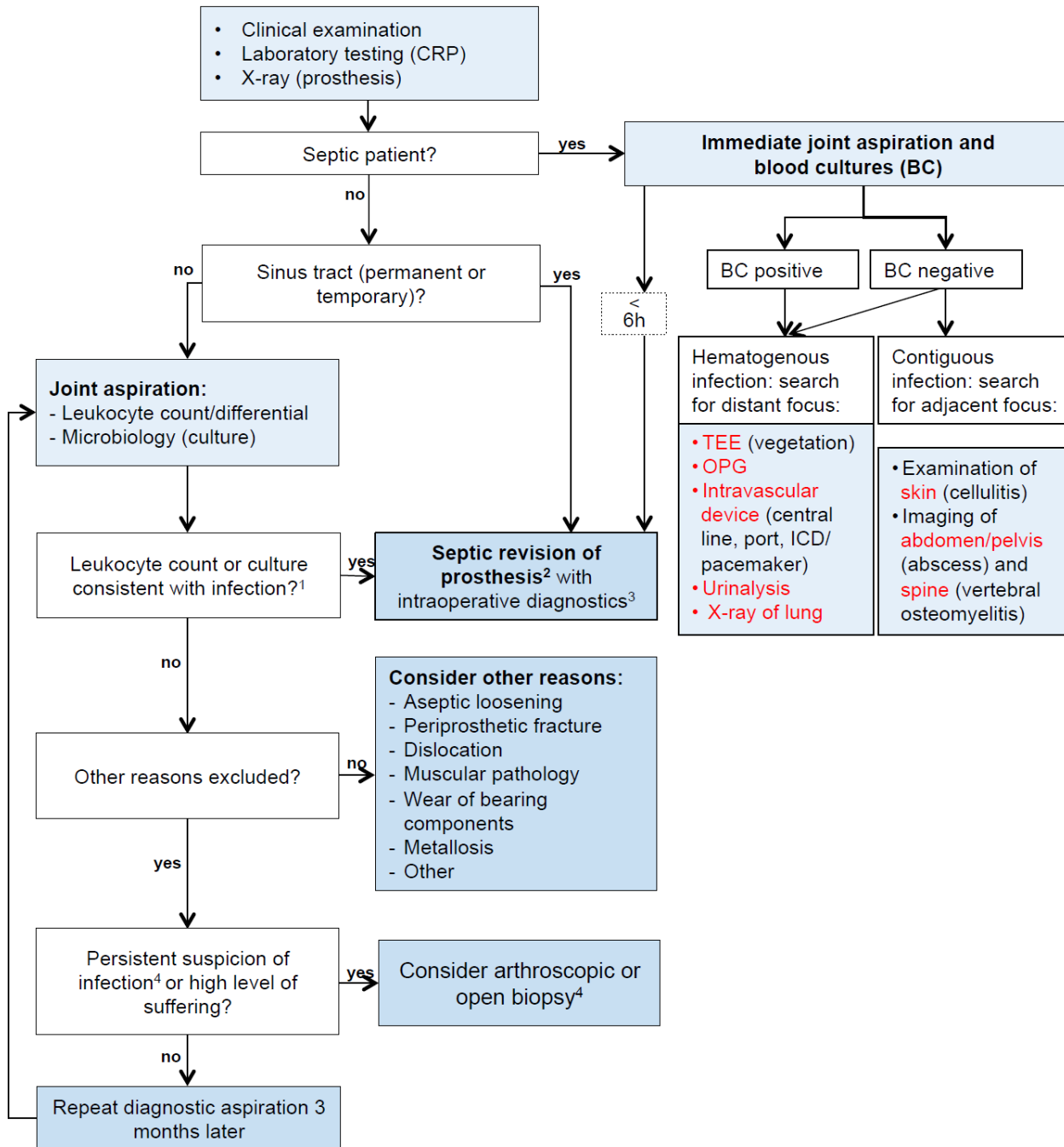


The ostrich effect

Ostriches bury their heads in the sand to avoid danger ([legend](#)).

In humans: Avoid an apparent risk by pretending it doesn't exist.

DIAGNOSTIC ALGORITHM



Approach

Early prosthesis loosening (within 3 years of implantation) and persistent pain are:

Highly suggestive for low-grade PJI

Arthrocentesis kit



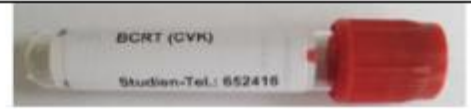
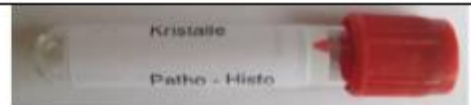
Arthrocentesis-kit



Priorität	Röhrchen	(mindest-) Volumen	Sonstiges	Zweck	Ziel
1	EDTA (Lila)	1 ml	Zellablenkung per S... E... Sonderantrag Schüttem...:	Zellzahl	Verteilerlabor Rohrpost: 1213
2	BK-Flasche	mind. 1ml	MiBi-Schein	MiBi	MiBi
3	Rot	0,5 ml	<u>Patho-/Histo-Schein</u>	Kristalle	<u>Patho-/Histologie</u> Verteilerlabor Rohrpost: 1213
4	NATIV (in der Spritze)	1 ml	<u>MiBi-Schein</u> „NATIV“	<u>MiBi</u>	<u>MiBi</u> Verteilerlabor Rohrpost: 1213
5	Rot	1,5 - 2 ml	Bitte unterschriebenes Einwilligungsformular mitschicken	Kalorimetrie + PCR	<u>Ortho-Op Dispatcher</u> Rohrpost: 1605 mit unterschriebenem Einwilligungsformular!!

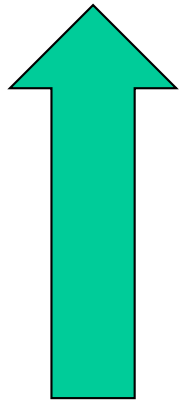
Leukocyte count

Microbiology (cultures)



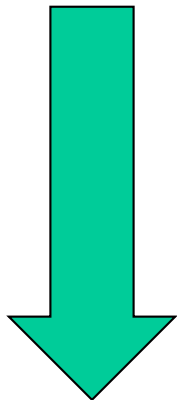
If aspirated synovial fluid volume <5 ml distribute the obtained synovial fluid according to the priority column (otherwise vials can be completely filled up)

Leukocyte count: not always reliable



Potentially false high

- 6 weeks postoperative
- rheumatologic disease
- after trauma/periprosthetic fracture/ dislocation



Potentially false low

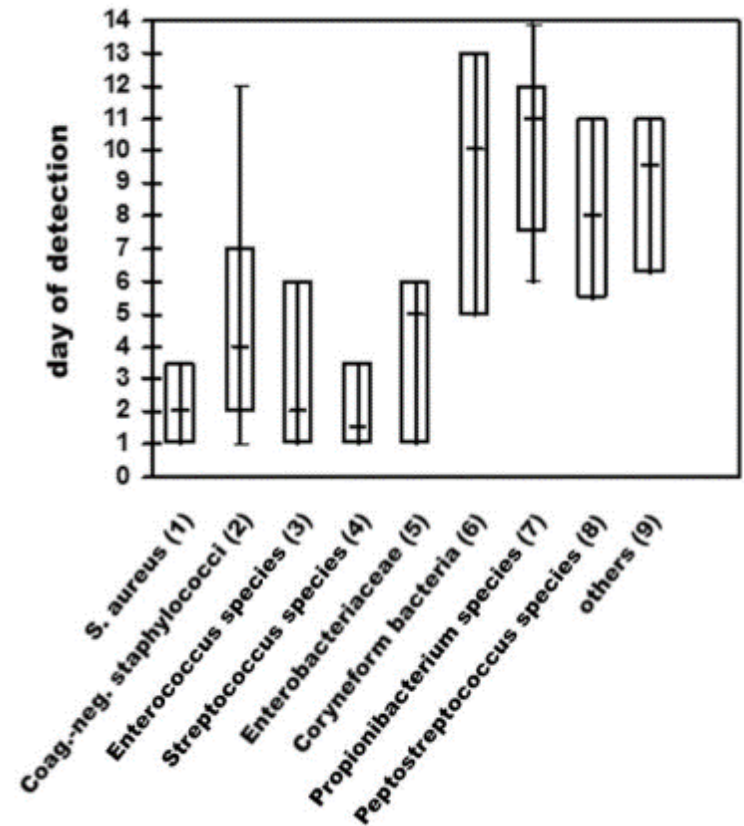
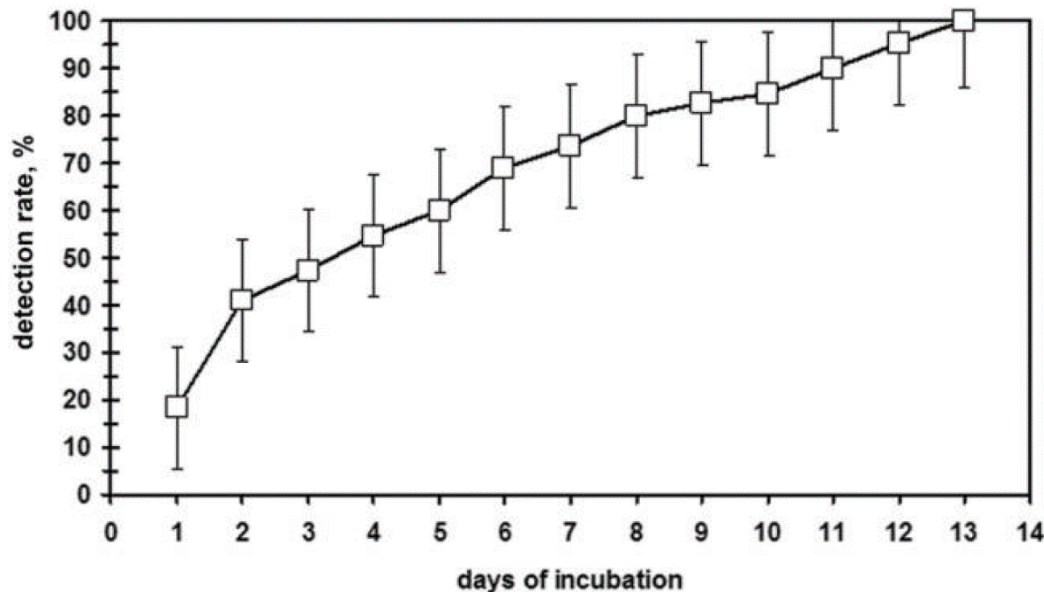
- sinus tract
- leukopenia
- Low-grade infection
(*Cutibacterium acnes*)

Intraoperative tissue culture



Obtain ≥ 3 tissue specimens

- Interface tissue-prosthesis, no swabs
- For culture and histology
- Prolonged culture incubation: 10-14 d (anaerobes)
- Culture sensitivity: 60-80%



Schäfer P. Clin Infect Dis 2008

Sonication of implants



Removed implants



May 2005–Feb 2007

Vortex, 30 s



Sonication, 1 min, 40 kHz



Standard method
(≥ 3 tissue biopsies)



Trampuz A *et al.* *N Engl J Med* 2007;357:654–663



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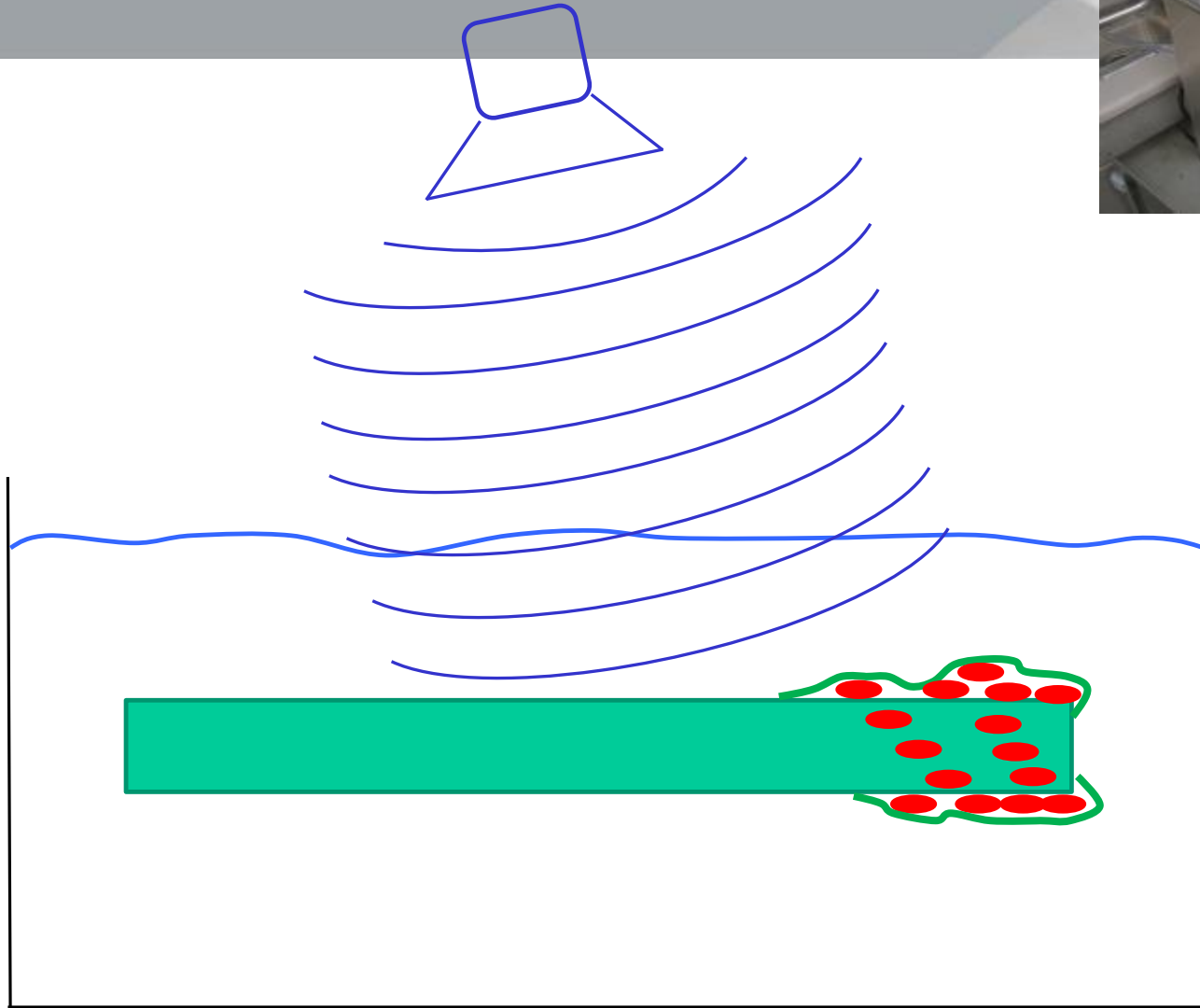
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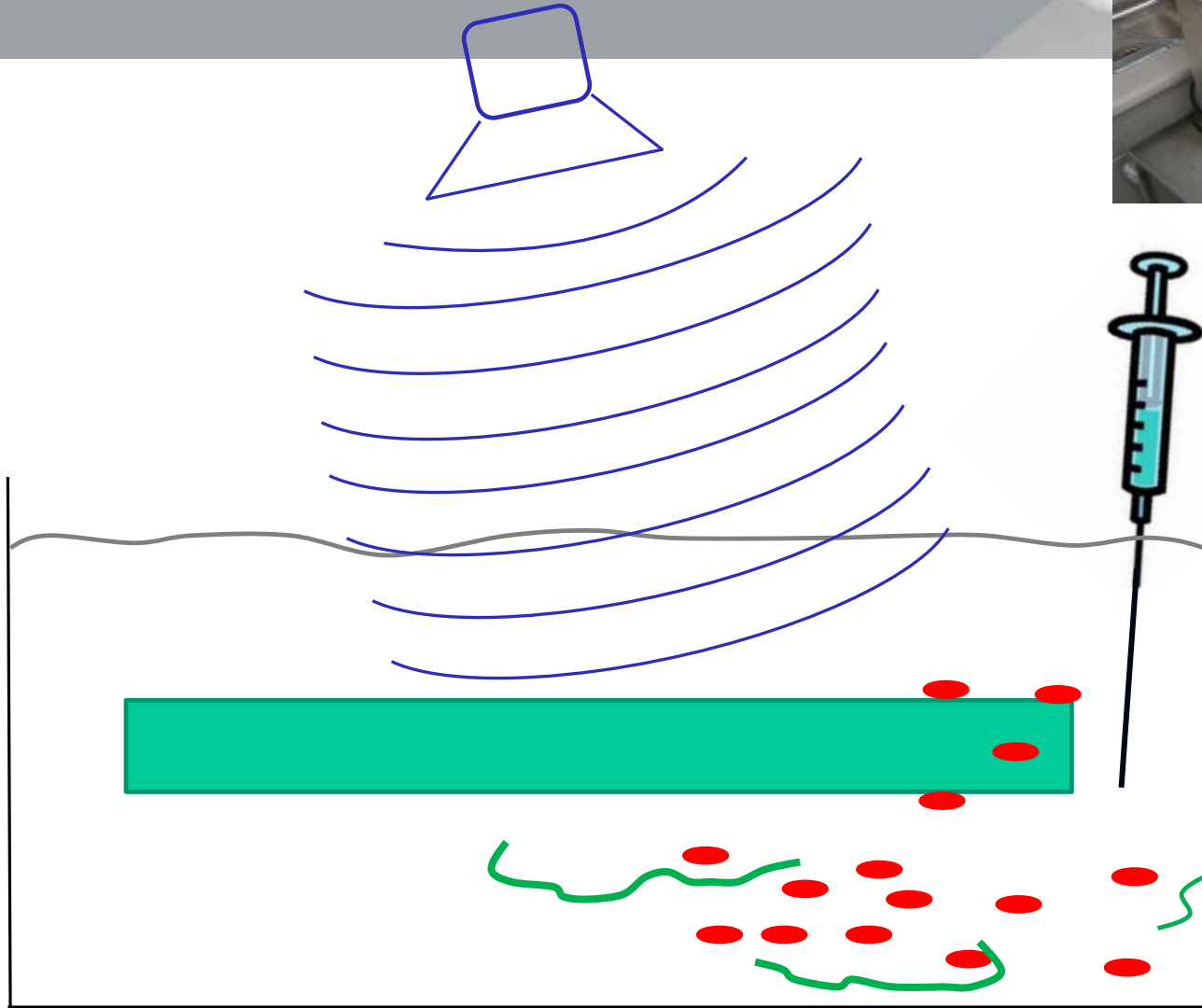
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Sonication – biofilm bacteria



Sonication – biofilm bacteria

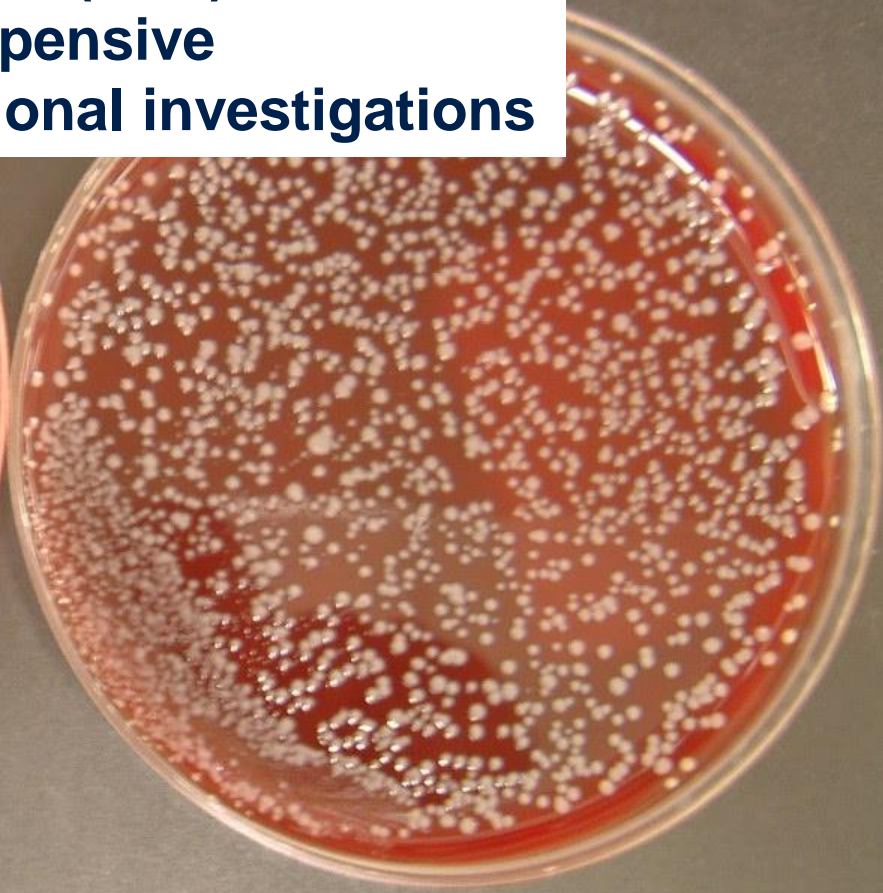


Trampuz A et al. N Engl J Med 2007

Better sensitivity (90%)
Quantitative (more specific: 95%)
Mixed infections (30%)
Faster, less expensive
Fluid for additional investigations



Tissue biopsy



Sonication fluid

Definition criteria

Diagnosis of periprosthetic joint infection is confirmed if at least 1 criteria is fulfilled:

Criterion	Explanation	Sensitivity	Specificity
Clinical features	Sinus tract (fistula) or visible purulence around the prosthesis	20-30%	100%
Leukocyte count in synovial fluid	>2000/ μ l leukocytes or \geq 70% granulocytes	90%	95%
Histology	Inflammation in periprosthetic tissue (type 2 or type 3 after Morawietz & Krenn)	70-90%	95%
Microbiology	Growth in:		
	- Synovial fluid	45-75%	95%
	- \geq 2 periprosthetic tissue samples*	60-80%	92%
	- Sonication fluid (\geq 50 CFU/ml)	80-90%	95%

*For highly virulent organisms (e.g. *S. aureus*, *E. coli*) 1 positive tissue sample is sufficient.

Microbiology of PJI

Microorganism	Frequency
Coagulase-negative staphylococci (e.g. <i>Staphylococcus epidermidis</i>)	30-43%
<i>Staphylococcus aureus</i>	12-23%%
Streptococci & enterococci	12-19%
Gram-negative bacilli (e.g. <i>Escherichia coli</i>)	10-17%
Anaerobes (e.g. <i>Cutibacterium acnes</i>)	4-10%
Mixed infections ¹	10-20%
Fungi (e.g. <i>Candida albicans</i>) ¹	1-3%
Culture negative	10-30%

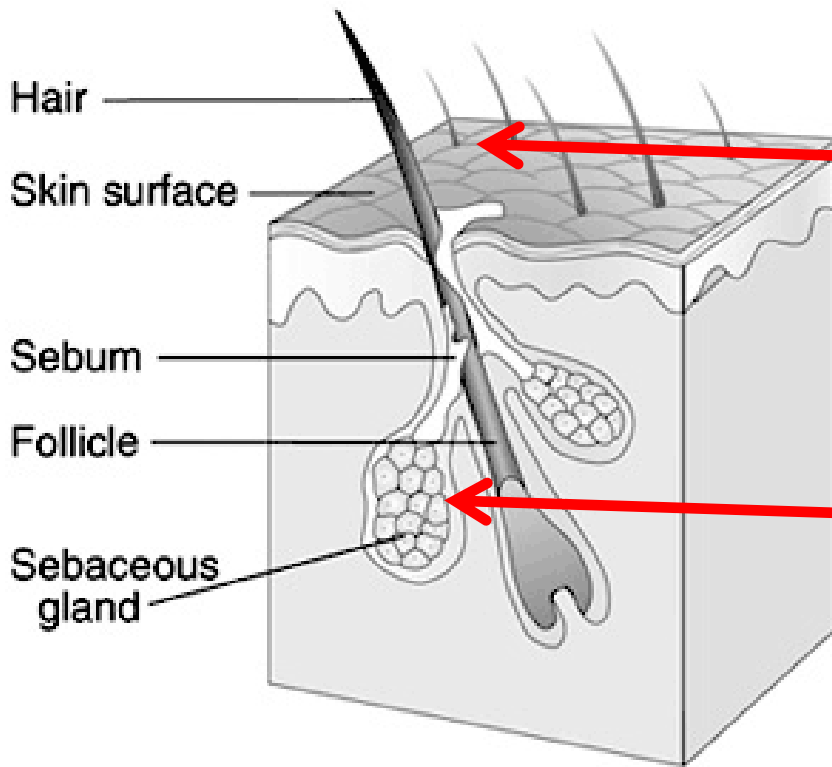
Low virulent
organisms

¹ Often after VAC-therapy or fistula (with antibiotic therapy)

Corvec IJAO 2012; Tande CMR 2014

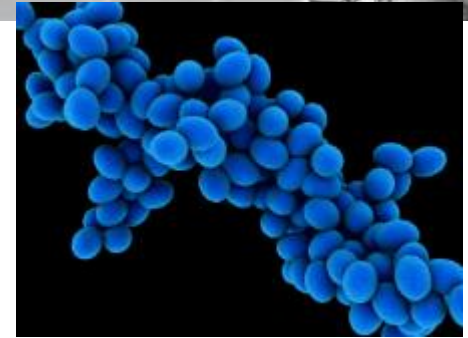
Normal skin flora

100.000 bacteria/cm²



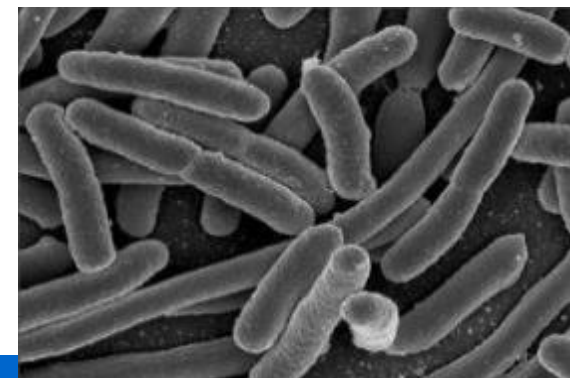
- Staphylococci

- Staphylococcus epidermidis
- *Staphylococcus aureus*



- Anaerobes

- *Cutibacterium acnes*





Modern treatment algorithm of PJI



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REVIEW ARTICLE

CURRENT CONCEPTS

Prosthetic-Joint Infections

Werner Zimmerli, M.D., Andrej Trampuz, M.D., and Peter E. Ochsner, M.D.

Zimmerli W *et al.* *N Engl J Med* 2004;351:1645–1654

Treatment concept

To achieve high treatment success, a concerted surgical and antimicrobial concept is needed



Cure rate >90%

What is the contribution of the surgeon on treatment success in PJI?



Infectious Diseases

- 0%
- 20%
- 40%
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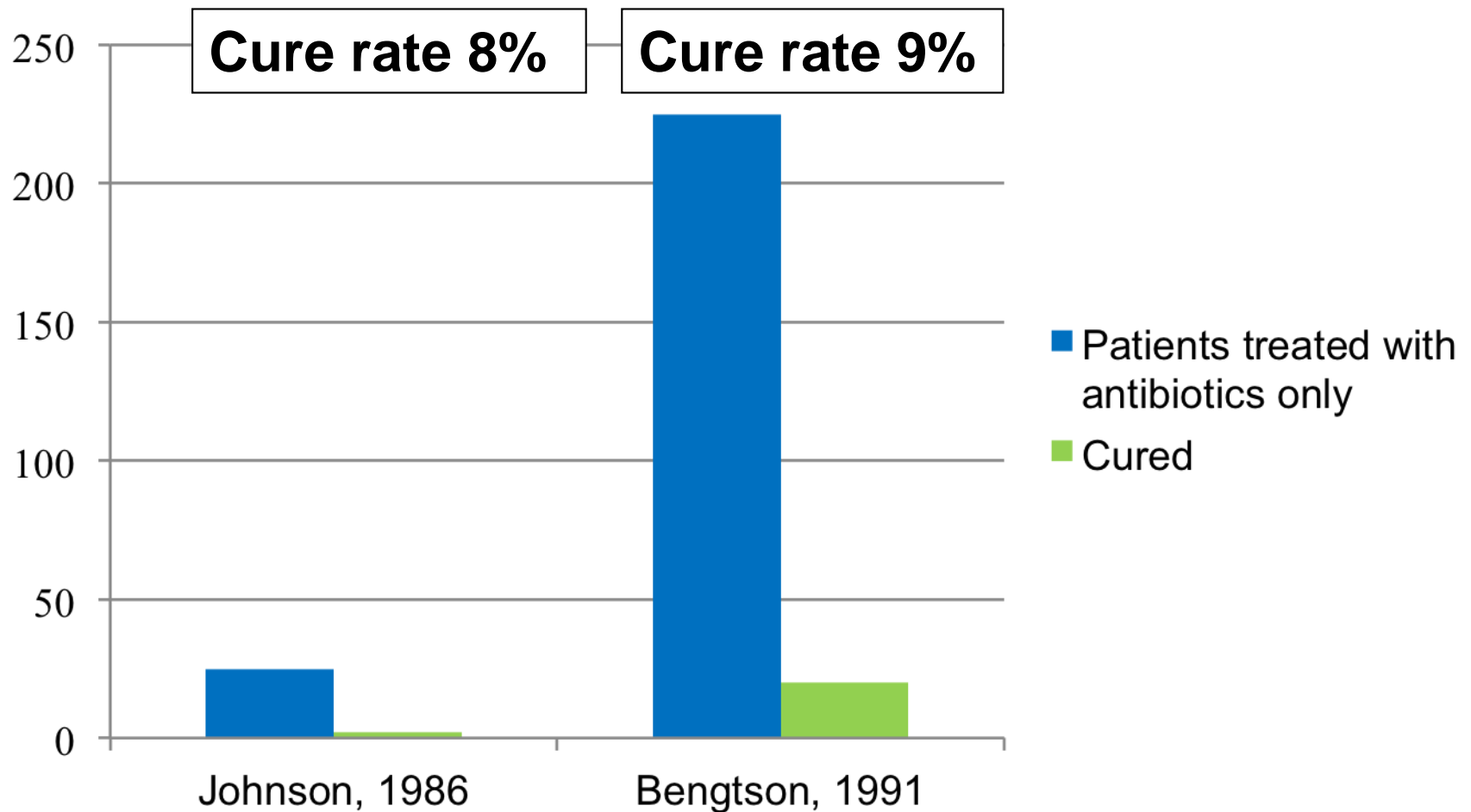
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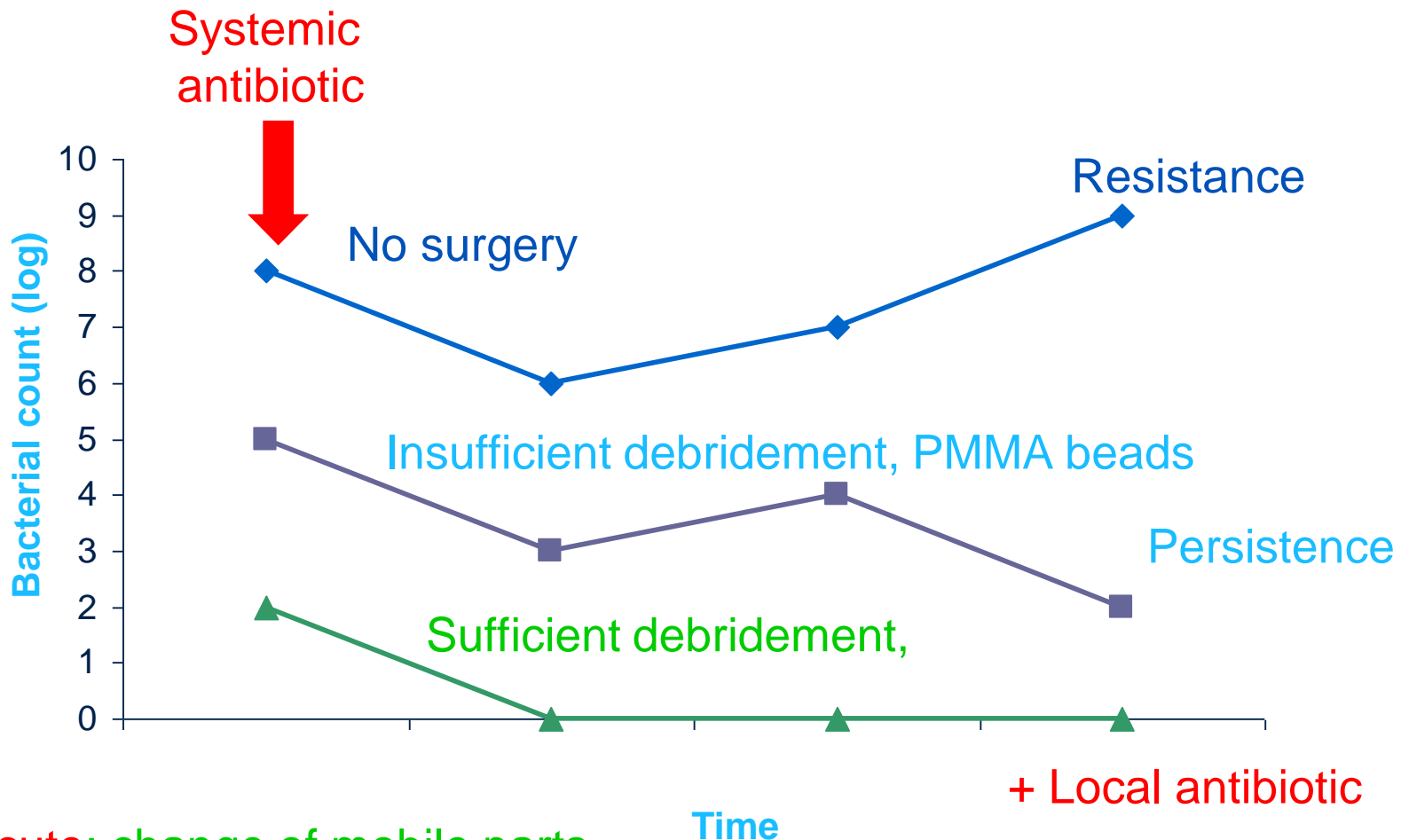
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Antibiotics without surgery



Johnson et al. J Bone Joint Surg Br 1986; Bengtson et al. Acta Orhop Scand 1991

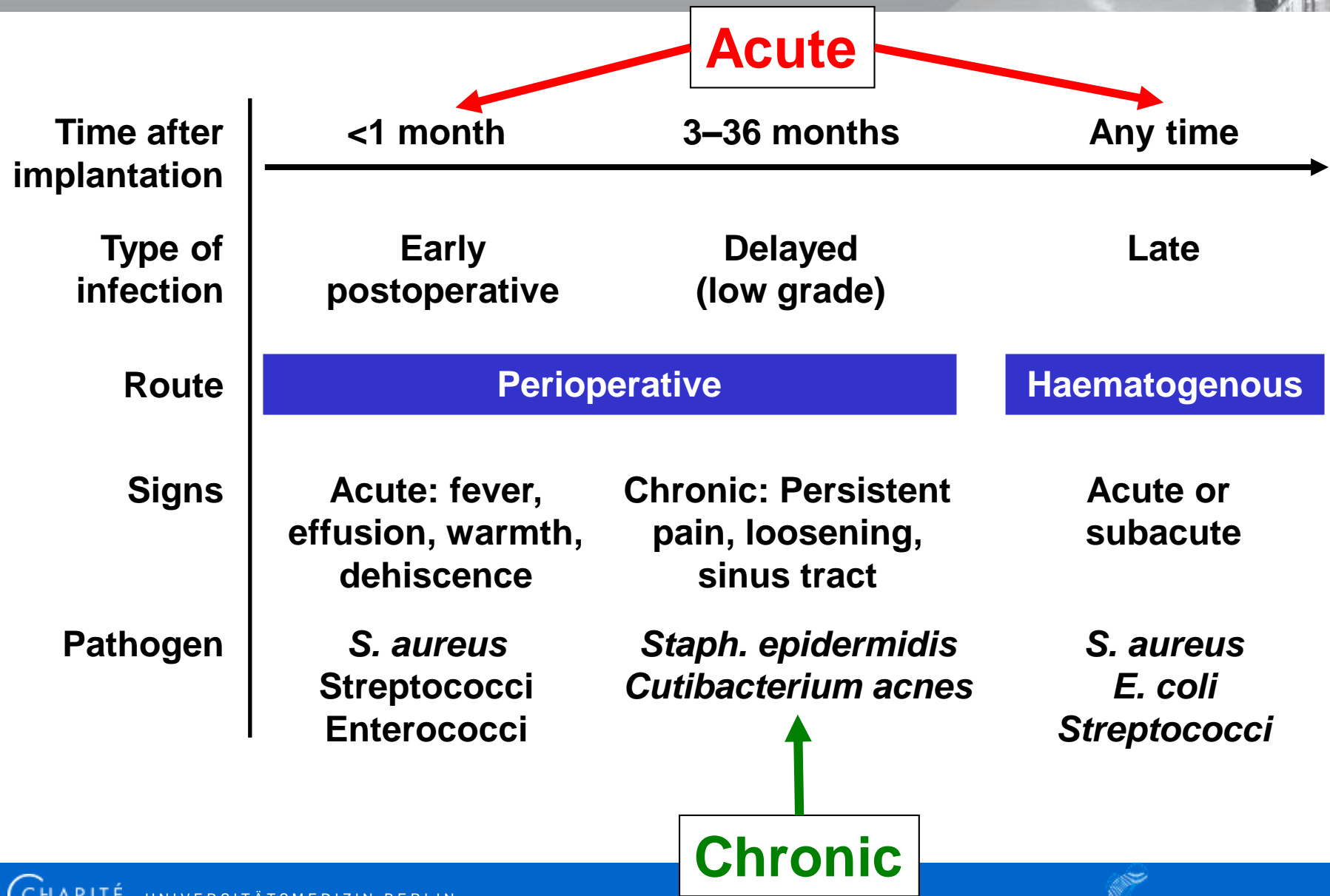
The solution to pollution is dilution (of microbes)



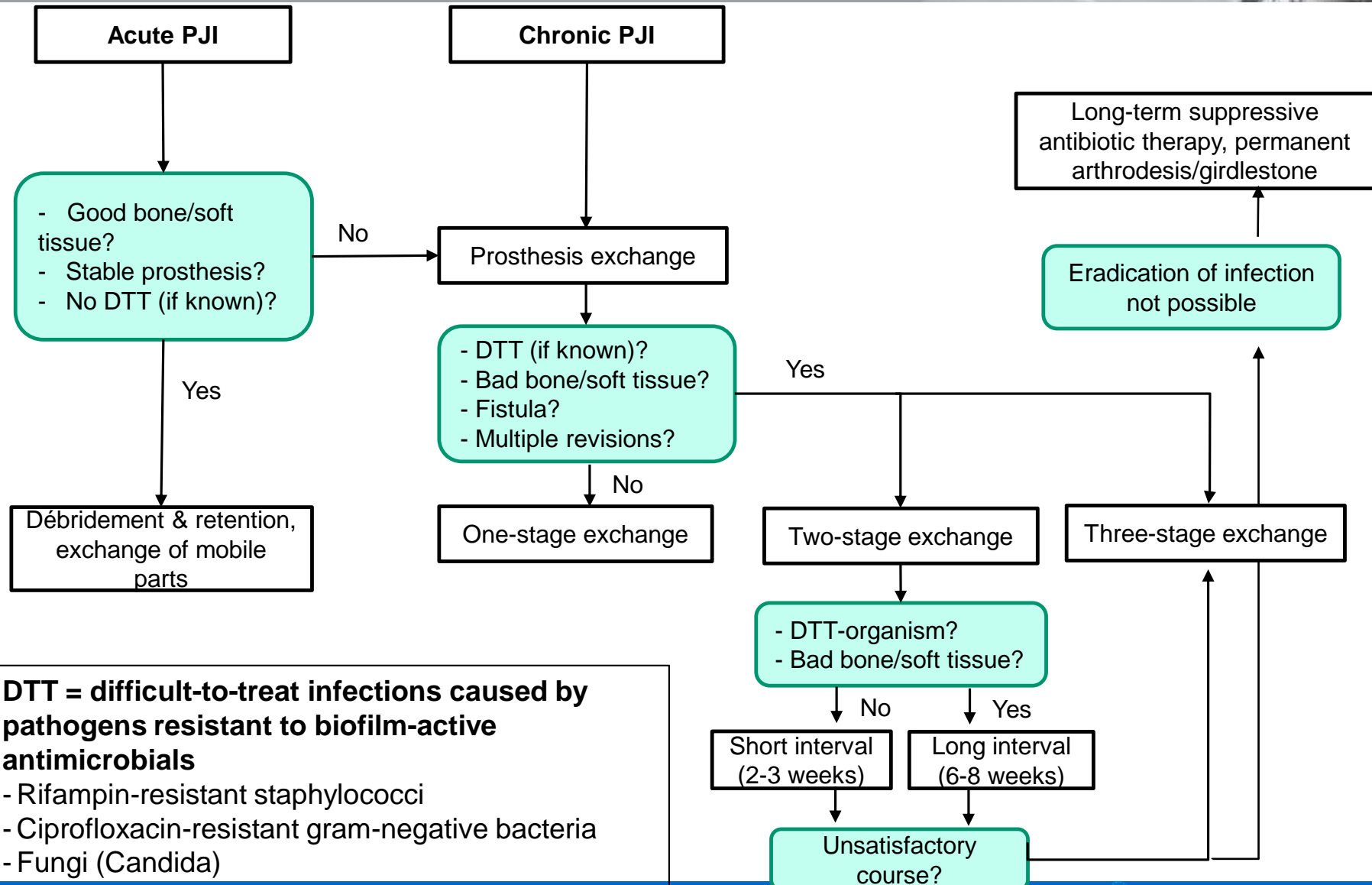
Acute: change of mobile parts
Chronic: Change of prosthesis

- + Local antibiotic
- + Implant coating
- + Bacteriophage therapy

Classification: early – delayed – late



Treatment algorithm



DTT = difficult-to-treat infections caused by pathogens resistant to biofilm-active antimicrobials

- Rifampin-resistant staphylococci
- Ciprofloxacin-resistant gram-negative bacteria
- Fungi (Candida)



Acute infection

Prolonged discharge: early postoperative PJI?

- C-reactive protein (**CRP**) should decrease after surgery!
- Exclude **other reasons** of prolonged discharge (coagulopathy, hematoma, albumin deficiency)

→ revision surgery if prolonged secretion (>7 days)



Acute pain & fever, 10 y after implantation





Chronic infection



- 78-y-o female
- Primary hip prosthesis 4 months ago
- Since implantation pain, walking distance now 20 m
- CRP normal, no loosening on x-ray



Mikroskopische Untersuchungen

Grampräparat

Leukozyten
Mikroorganismen

mässig
nicht nachweisbar

Kulturelle Ergebnisse

1. **Staphylococcus epidermidis**

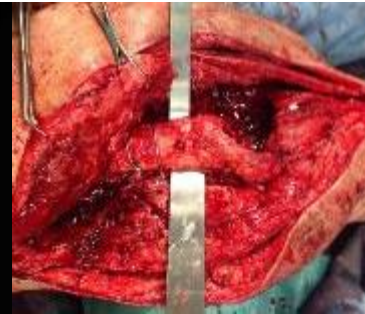
nach Anreicherung

S = sensibel I = intermediär R = resistent f = folgt N = negativ P = positiv

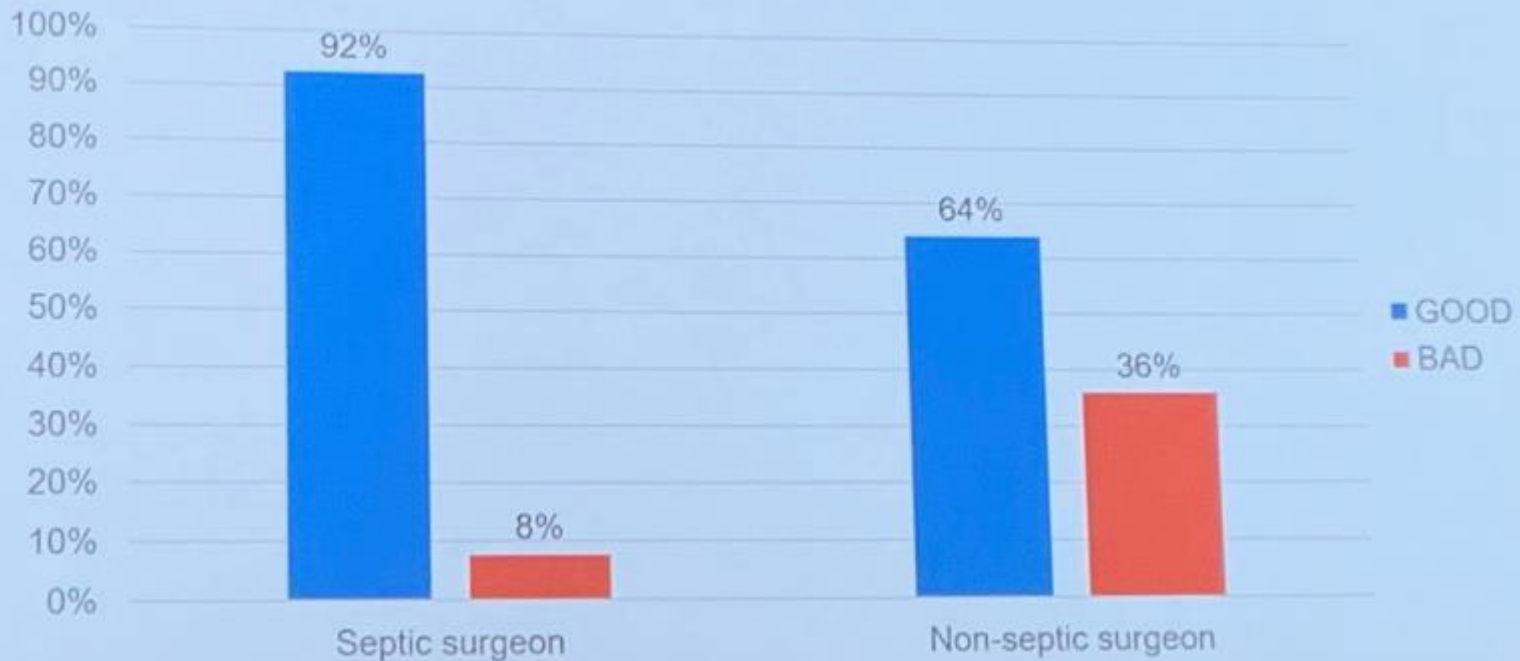
	1.
Ampicillin	R
Amoxicillin + Clavulansäure	R
Cefalotin	R
Ceftriaxon	R
Gentamycin	R
Norfloxacin	R
Ciprofloxacin	R
Levofloxacin	R
Cotrimoxazol	R
Tetrazyklin	S ←
Imipenem	R
Penicillin	R
Oxacillin	R
Clindamycin	R
Erythromycin	S ←
Rifampicin	S ←
Vancomycin	S ←
Fusidinsäure	R

High leukocyte count in joint aspirate (59,000/μl)

Chronic: Removal of all foreign material



Results : Overall success rate



Non-septic surgeons have a higher failure rate ($p < 0.05$)

Surgical procedures

Type of surgery

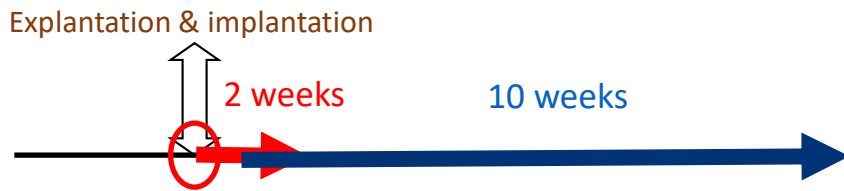
Intervention

Antibiotics (total 12 weeks)

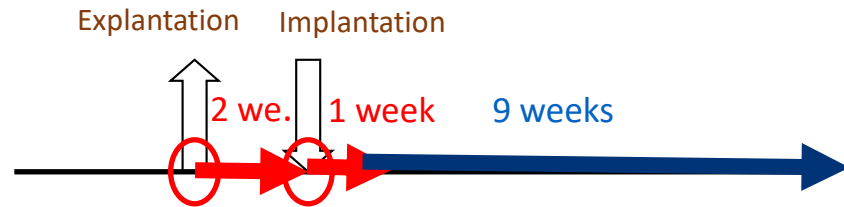
Retention of fixed prosthetic components



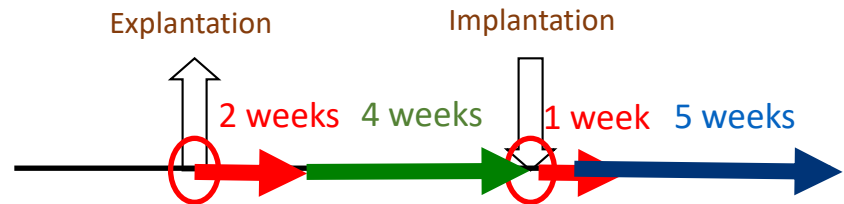
One-stage exchange



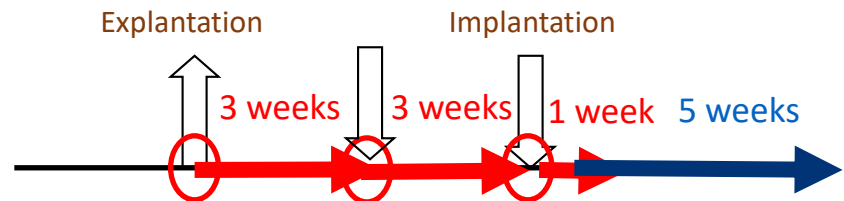
Two-stage exchange (short interval)



Two-stage exchange (long interval)



Three-stage exchange



○ Débridement & biopsies

→ i.v. antibiotics **without** antibiofilm activity

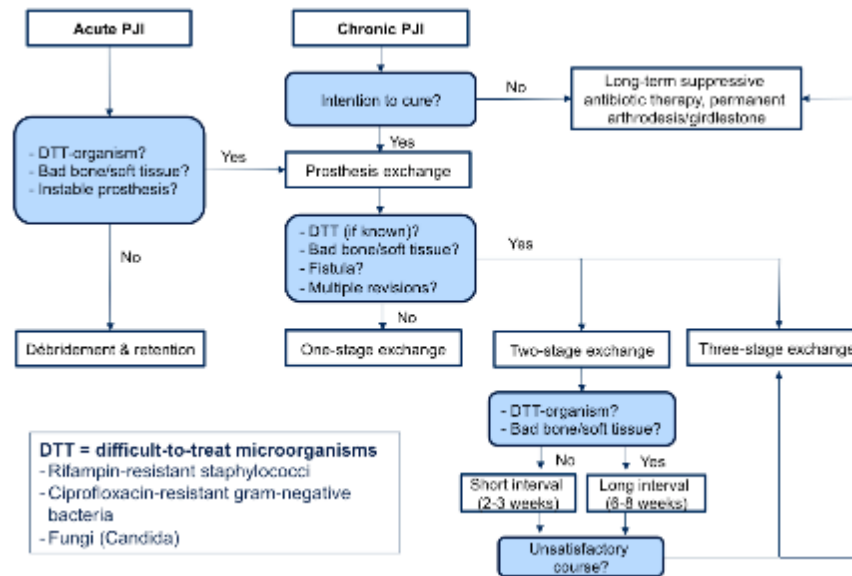
→ p.o. antibiotics **without** antibiofilm activity

→ p.o. antibiotics **with** antibiofilm activity

↑ ↓ Ex- and reimplantation of prosthesis

Biofilm treatment

Aim of PJI-algorithm



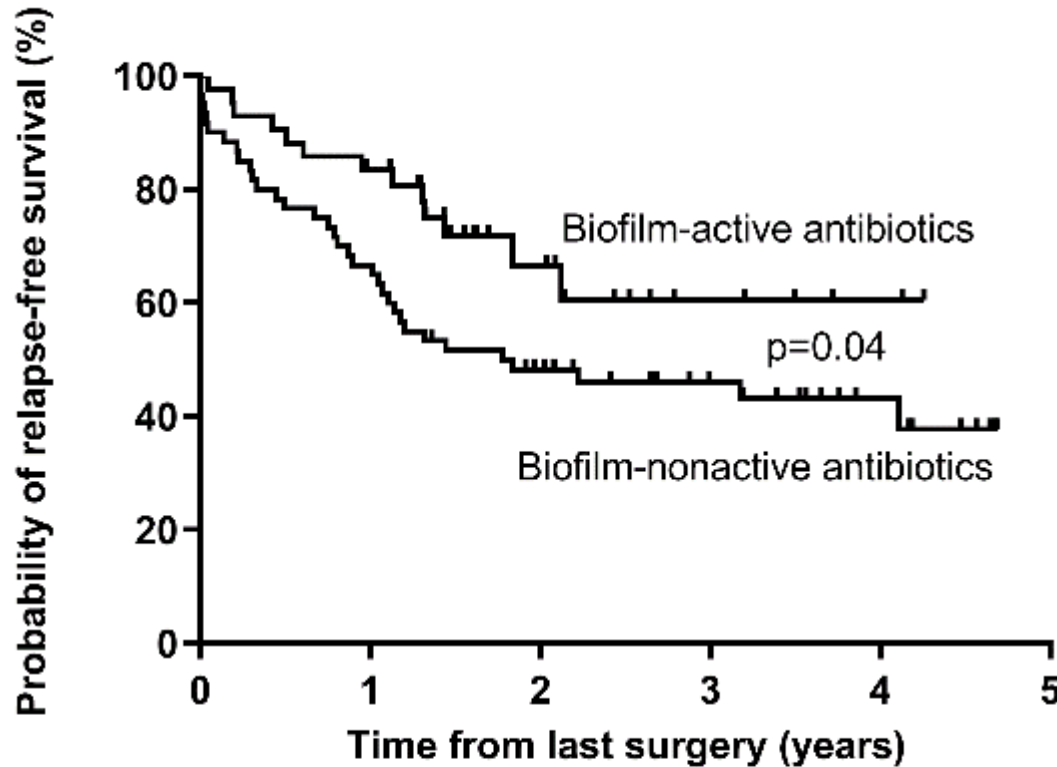
To select the

- **least invasive** treatment option depending on the present features
- with the **best functional result**
- without compromising the cure rate!

Prosthetic joint infection: Outcome

Variable	Long interval w/o optimal AB (n =19)	Long interval with optimal AB (n =19)	Short interval with optimal AB (n = 19)
Patient age (years)	68,5 ± 7,7	68,6 ± 14,4	65,4 ± 9,6
Duration from implantation to infection (years)	3,2 ± 3,0	5,7 ± 5,1	4,2 ± 3,9
Interval from explantation to reimplantation	66,7 ± 12,8	66,7 ± 38	15,9 ± 5,8
Length of hospital stay (days)	25,7 ± 8,6	30 ± 10	30 ± 7
Follow-up (months)	25,2 (7-68)	18,3 (6-29)	17,8 (8-19)
Aufenthalt in Geriatrie im Intervall (d)	204	210	0
Relapse of the infection	6 (32%)	1 (5%)	0 (0%)
No. revisionens in interval (median)	2	2	0

Surgery without «proper» antibiotics



Biofilm-active antibiotics
improved outcome of knee PJI:

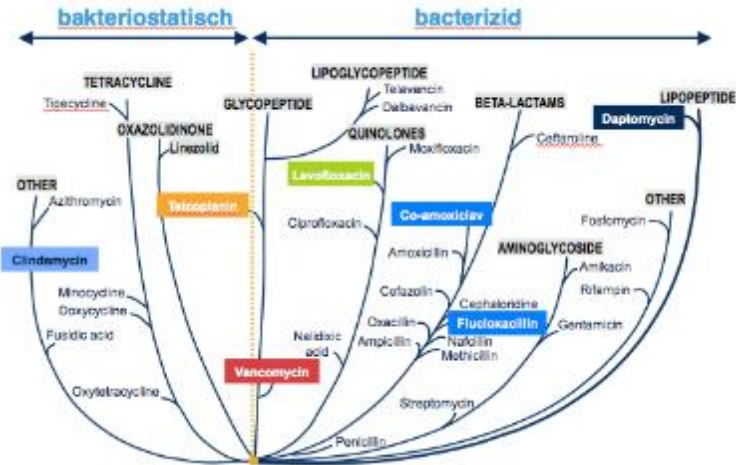
6-year prospective cohort with **103 patients**

Number at risk	0	1	2	3	4	5
Biofilm-active	43	33	13	5	2	0
Biofilm-nonactive	60	40	26	16	8	0

Gellert M, Hardt S et al. IJAA 2019 (in press)

Properties of antibiotics

Bactericidal activity



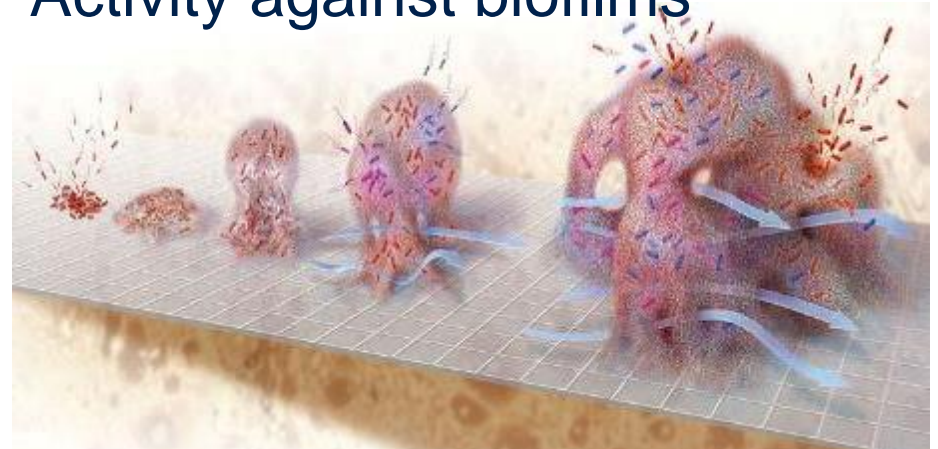
Good oral bioavailability



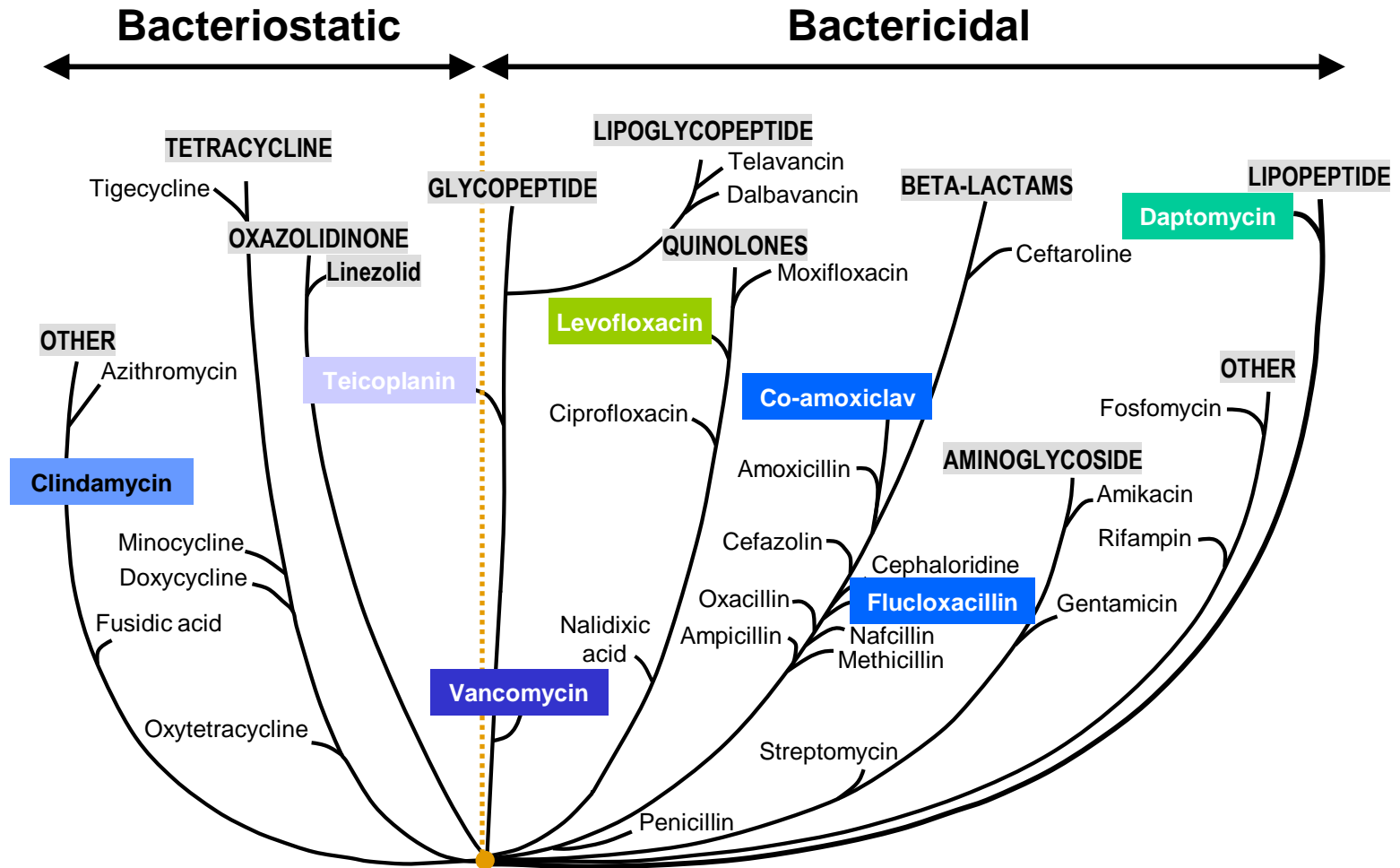
Good bone penetration



Activity against biofilms



Activity of antibiotics



Rolinson GN. *Int J Antimicrob Agents* 2007;29:3–8

Switch to oral treatment after surgery



When...

... CRP is nearly normalized

... wound is closed and dry

... organism and its susceptibility is known

→ usually after 1-2 weeks

How much ends up in the bone?

Drug	Oral bioavailability	Bone penetration
Ampicillin/Sulbactam	50%	7%
Cefuroxim, cefadroxil	50%	12%
Levofloxacin	100%	77%
Rifampin	80%	51%
Cotrimoxazole	85%	55%
Clindamycin	90%	45%
Linezolid	100%	85%

Sanford Guide to Antimicrobial Therapy 2015. 45nd ed.
Lorian. Antibiotics in Laboratory Medicine. 5th ed.

Antibiotics with biofilm-activity

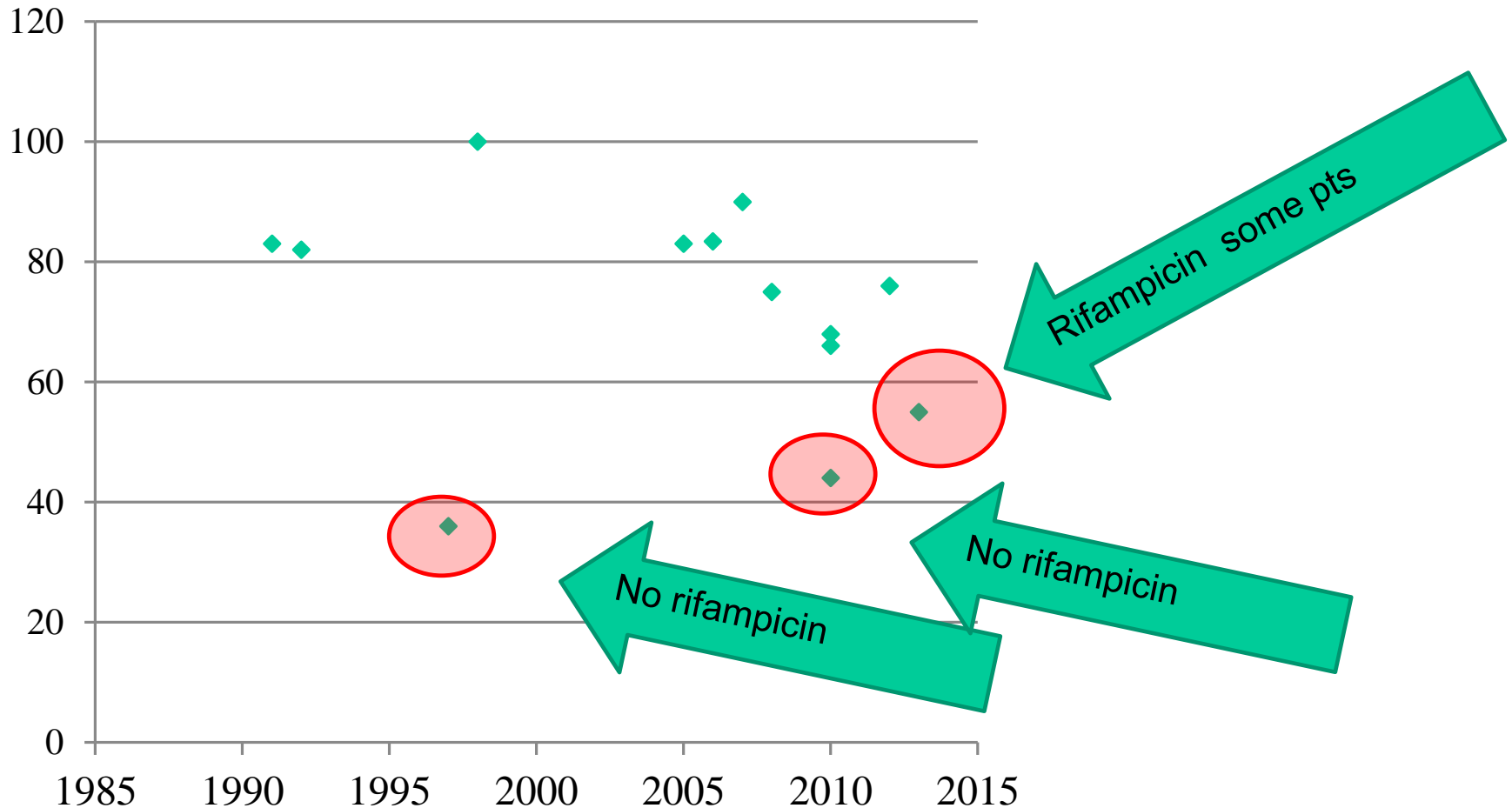
- **Staphylococci:** rifampin (in combination)
- **Gram-negative rods:** ciprofloxacin
- **Streptococci:** penicillin G or ceftriaxon (then amoxicillin p.o.)
- **Enterococci:** ampicillin/amoxicillin + fosfomycin + gentamicin

Rifampin – precious but delicate



Role of rifampicin in staphylococcal PJI

Early postop. and late acute PJI: Rifampicin-susceptible staphylococci



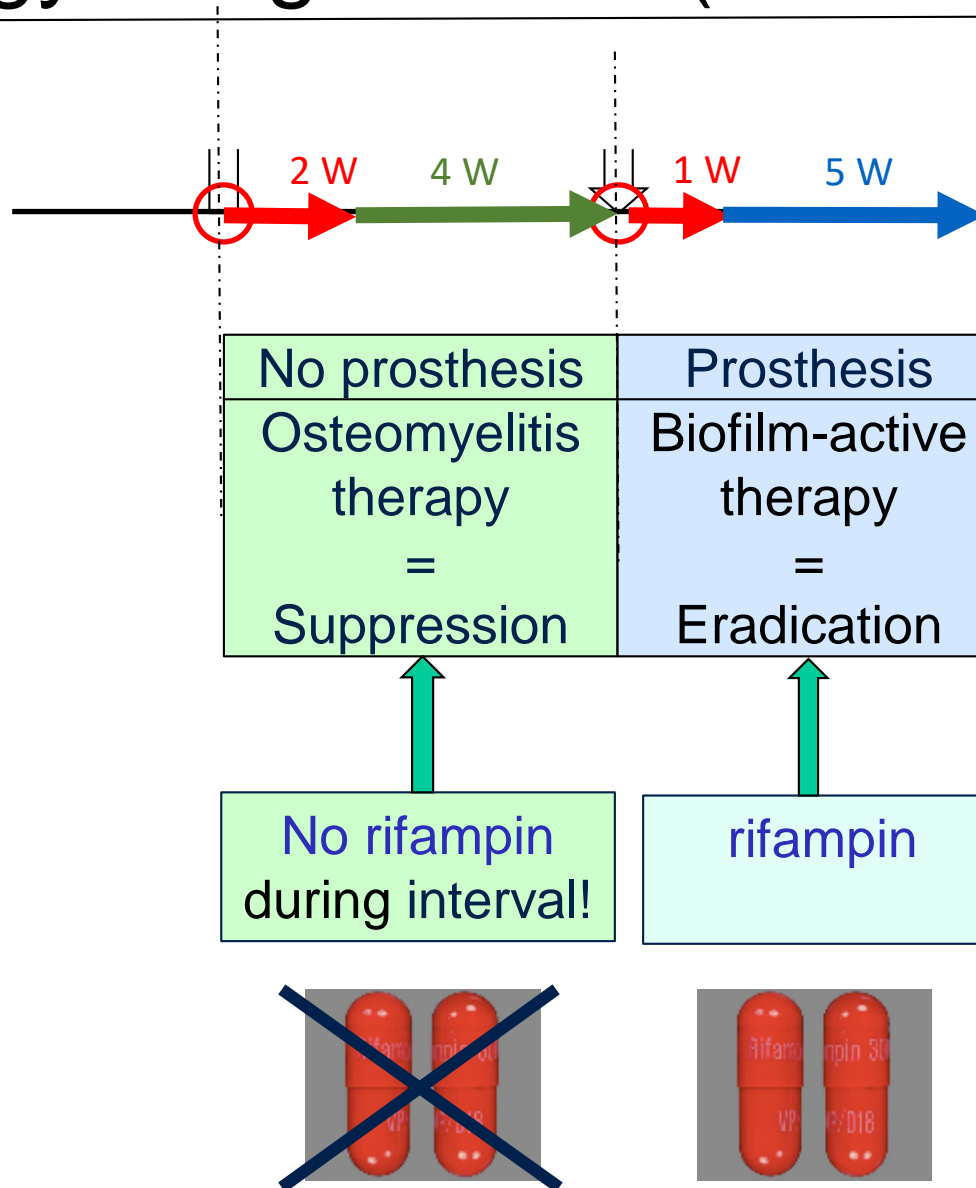
Rifampin: Quick emergence of resistance

Do not use:

- Before surgery
- In the interval before re-implantation of prosthesis
- In open wounds
- As single antibiotic (monotherapy)



Strategy: long interval (6 weeks)



Targeted therapy



EMPFOHLENE ANTIBIOTIKATHERAPIE

Empirische Antibiotikatherapie:

Ampicillin/Sulbactam² 3 x 3 g i.v. (+/- Vancomycin³ 2 x 1 g bei septischen Patienten, bekannten MRSA-Trägern, multiplen Voroperationen und Vd. a. Low-Grade Infekt)

Gezielte Antibiotikatherapie (Deeskalation, sobald Pathogen(e) bekannt):

Mikroorganismus (rot: Problemerkregger)	Antibiotikum ⁴ (Empfindlichkeit überprüfen)	Dosis ² (blau: Nierenadaptation notwendig)	Gabe
Staphylococcus spp.			
- Oxacillin-/Methicillin-empfindlich	Flucloxacillin ² (oder Fosfomycin) + Rifampicin ² für 2 Wochen, dann (je nach Antibiogramm): - Levofloxacin oder - Cotrimoxazol oder - Doxycyclin oder - Fusidinsäure + Rifampicin ^d	4 x 2 g (3 x 5 g) 2 x 450 mg 2 x 500 mg 3 x 960 mg 2 x 100 mg 3 x 500 mg 2 x 450 mg	i.v. i.v. p.o. p.o. p.o. p.o. p.o. p.o.
- Oxacillin-/Methicillin-resistent	Daptomycin oder Vancomycin ³ (oder Fosfomycin) + Rifampicin ^e	1 x 8 mg/kg 2 x 1 g (3 x 5 g) 2 x 450 mg	i.v. i.v. i.v. p.o.
- Rifampicin-resistent	Vancomycin oder Daptomycin für 2 Wochen (wie oben), dann: Langzeitsuppression für ≥1 Jahr, abhängig von Empfindlichkeit (z.B. mit Cotrimoxazol, Doxycyclin oder Clindamycin).		
Streptococcus spp.			
	Penicillin G ² oder Ceftriaxon für 2-4 Wochen, dann: Amoxicillin oder Levofloxacin (ggf. Suppression für 1 Jahr)	4 x 5 Millionen U 1 x 2 g 3 x 1000 mg 2 x 500 mg	i.v. i.v. p.o. p.o.
Enterococcus spp.			
- Penicillin-empfindlich	Ampicillin ² + Gentamicin ¹ (+/- Fosfomycin) für 2-3 Wochen, dann: Amoxicillin Vancomycin ³ oder Daptomycin + Gentamicin ¹ (+/- Fosfomycin) für 2-4 Wochen, dann: Linezolid (max. 4 Wochen)	4 x 2 g 2 x 60-80 mg (3 x 5 g) 3 x 1000 mg 2 x 1 g 1 x 10 mg/kg 2 x 60-80 mg 3 x 5 g 2 x 600 mg	i.v. i.v. (i.v.) p.o. i.v. i.v. i.v. i.v. p.o.
- Penicillin-resistent			
- Vancomycin-resistent (VRE)	Individuell, Entfernung des Implantates oder lebenslange Suppression notwendig, z.B. mit Doxycyclin (falls empfindlich).		

Mikroorganismus (rot: Problemerkregger)	Antibiotika ⁴ (Empfindlichkeit überprüfen)	Dosis ² (blau: Nierenadaptation notwendig)	Gabe
Gramnegative Erreger			
- Enterobacteriaceae (E. coli, Klebsiella, Enterobacter etc.)	Ciprofloxacin	2 x 750 mg	p.o.
- Nonfermentier (Pseudomonas aeruginosa, Acinetobacter spp.)	Piperacillin/Tazobactam oder Meropenem oder Cefazidim + Tobramycin (oder Gentamicin) für 2-3 Wochen, dann: Ciprofloxacin	3 x 4, g 3 x 1 g 3 x 2 g 1 x 300 mg 1 x 240 mg 2 x 750 mg	i.v. i.v. i.v. i.v. i.v. p.o.
- Ciprofloxacin-resistent	Abhängig vom Antibiogramm: Meropenem i.v. 3 x 1 g, Colistin 3 x 3 Mio E i.v. und/oder Fosfomycin 3 x 5 g i.v., dann orale Suppression.		
Anaerobier			
- Gram-positiv (Propionibacterium, Peptostreptococcus, Finegoldia magna)	Penicillin G ² oder Ceftriaxon + Rifampicin ² für 2 Wochen, dann: Levofloxacin oder Amoxicillin + Rifampicin ²	4 x 5 Millionen E 1 x 2 g 2 x 450 mg 2 x 500 mg 3 x 1000 mg 2 x 450 mg 3 x 3 g	i.v. i.v. p.o. p.o. p.o. i.v.
- Gram-negativ (Bacteroides spp., Fusobacterium spp.)	Ampicillin/Sulbactam ² für 2 Wochen, dann: Metronidazol	3 x 400 mg	p.o.
Candida spp.			
- Fluconazol-empfindlich	Caspofungin oder Anidulafungin für 1-2 Wochen, dann: Fluconazol (Suppression für ≥1 Jahr)	1 x 50 mg (1.Tag 70 mg) 1 x 100 mg (1.Tag 200 mg)	i.v. p.o.
- Fluconazol-resistent	Individuell (z.B. mit Voriconazol 2 x 200 mg p.o.); Entfernung des Implantates oder ggf. lebenslange Suppression.		
Kultur-negativ			
	Ampicillin/Sulbactam ² für 2 Wochen, dann: Levofloxacin + Rifampicin ²	3 x 3 g 2 x 500 mg 2 x 450 mg	i.v. p.o. p.o.

² Gesamtdauer der Therapie: 12 Wochen, ca. 2 Wochen intravenös (i.v.), dann oral (p.o.).

³ Laborkontrolle 2x/Woche: Leukozyten, C-reaktives Protein, Kreatinin/GFR, Leberenzyme (AST/GOT und ALT/GPT). Dosisanpassung nach Nierenfunktion und Körpergewicht (<40 kg oder >100 kg).

⁴ Penicillin-Allergie vom NICHT-Typ 1 (z.B. Exanthem): Cefazolin (3 x 2 g i.v.). Bei Anaphylaxie (= Typ 1-Allergie mit Quincke-Ödem, Bronchospasmus, anaphylaktischem Schock) oder Cephalosporin-Allergie: Vancomycin (2 x 1 g i.v.) oder Daptomycin (1 x 8 mg/kg i.v.). Ampicillin/Sulbactam ist äquivalent zu Amoxicillin/Clevidansäure (3 x 2,2 g i.v.).

⁵ Rifampicin erst nach Prothesen-Wiederaufbau und bei trockenen Wundverhältnissen bzw. gezogenen Drainagen einsetzen; Dosisreduktion auf 2 x 300 mg bei Alter >75 Jahre

⁶ Bestimmung des Vancomycin-Talspiegels mindestens 1x/Woche, Blutabnahme unmittelbar vor nächster Gabe. Zielwert: 15-20 µg/ml.

⁷ Gentamicin nur anwenden, wenn Gentamicin high-level (HL) empfindlich getestet wird (im Mikrobiologie-Labor nachfragen). Bei Gentamicin HL-resistenten Enterokokken: Gentamicin durch Ceftriaxon (1 x 2 g i.v.) ersetzen

Therapy during interval: suppression

➤ Aim: suppression of the infection (no eradication)

➤ used substances:

Organism	substance
Staphylococci	Cotrimoxazol, Doxycyclin, Clindamycin
Streptococci	Amoxicillin, Clindamycin, Levofloxacin
Enterococci	Amoxicillin, (Linezolid)
Anaerobes	Clindamycin, Amoxicillin, Metronidazole
Gram negative organisms	Ciprofloxacin, Cotrimoxazol

➤ **Seamless intake** until implantation (no

drug holidays)

Pocket Guide zur Diagnostik und Behandlung von periprothetischen Infektionen



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DEFINITION

Vorliegen einer periprothetischen Infektion, wenn ≥ 1 Kriterium erfüllt ist:

Untersuchung	Kriterium	Sensitivität	Spezifität
Klinik	Fistel <u>oder</u> Eiter um die Prothese ^a	20-30%	100%
Leukozytenzahl im Punktat ^b	>2000/ μ l Leukozyten <u>oder</u> >70% Granulozyten (PMN)	\approx 90%	\approx 95%
Histologie	Entzündung im periprothetischen Gewebe ^c	73%	95%
Mikrobiologie	Erregernachweis in • Synovialflüssigkeit <u>oder</u> • ≥ 2 Gewebeprobe ^d <u>oder</u> • Sonikat ≥ 50 Kolonien/ml ^e	45-75% 60-80% 80-90%	95% 92% 95%

^a Bei der Metall-Metall Gleitpaarung kann Eiter durch Abrieb simuliert werden („Pseudopus“), die Leukozytenzahl ist normal oder erhöht (Metalldebris sichtbar)

^b Bei rheumatischer Arthropathie, Luxationen, periprothetischer Fraktur, Vorliegen einer Fistel und 6 Wochen postoperativ nicht verwertbar. Die Leukozytenzahl sollte innerhalb von 24 Stunden bestimmt werden (Mikroskopie oder automatisierte Auszählung); geronnene Proben werden mit 10 μ l Hyaluronidase versetzt

^c entspricht Typ 2 oder 3 nach Krenn und Morawietz (≥ 23 Granulozyten/10 HPF)

^d Bei hoch-virulenten Erregern (z.B. *S. aureus*, *E. coli*, streptococci) oder Patienten unter Antibiotika ist der Nachweis in einer Gewebeprobe signifikant

^e Unter Antibiotikatherapie, bei *S. aureus* und Anaerobiern können schon <50 Kolonien/ml relevant sein

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DEFINITION

	Untersuchung	Kriterium
Infektion möglich	Anamnese	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ruhe-/Nachtschmerz prolongierte Wundsekretion Revisionen und Antibiotikatherapien postoperativ
	Bildgebung	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Infektionskallus Sequester Osteolysen Implantatlockerung Pseudarthrose Sklerosen
Infektion bestätigt ¹	Klinik	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fistel Pus/sichtbares Implantat Positive „probe to implant“
	Histologie	Entzündung im periimplantären Gewebe (>5 Neutrophile pro Gesichtsfeld bei 400x Vergrößerung)
	Mikrobiologie	Erregernachweis in: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ≥ 2 periimplantären Gewebeprobe² Sonikationsflüssigkeit (≥ 50 KBE/ml)³

¹ Bei mind. einem erfüllten Kriterium ist die Infektion bestätigt

² Bei hoch-virulenten Erregern (z.B. *S. aureus*, *E. coli*) und Patienten unter Antibiotika ist bereits der Nachweis in einer Gewebeprobe für die Diagnose der Infektion ausreichend

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Vodič za dijagnostiku i liječenje periprostetičkih zglobnih infekcija (PZI)



Verzija 7: Studeni 2017

Vodič za dijagnostiku i liječenje infekcija povezanih s implantatom nakon fiksacije prijeloma



Verzija 2: Listopad 2017

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DEFINICIJA

Periprostetička zglobna infekcija, kada je ≥ 1 uvjeta ispunjeno:

DEFINICIJA

Test	Kriterij	Osjetljivost	Specifičnost
Klinička slika	Sinus trakt (fistula) ili pojava gnojne sekrecije oko endoproteze ^a	20-30%	100%
Broj leukocita u sinovijalnoj tekućini^b	> 2000/ μ l leukocita ili > 70% granulocita (PMN)	\approx 90%	\approx 95%
Histologija periprostetičkog tkiva^c	Upala (\geq 23 granulocita na 10 puta uvećanom polju)	73%	95%
Mikrobiologija	Rast mikroorganizama: • U sinovijalnoj tekućini ili • \geq 2 uzorka tkiva ^d ili • U sonifikacijskoj tekućini (>50 CFU/ml) ^e	45-75% 60-80% 80-90%	95% 92% 95%

^a Endoproteze s nosećim dodirnim površinama metal-metal mogu oponašati stvaranje gnojnog sadržaja («pseudognoj»), broj leukocita je uglavnom normalan (metalozna)

^b Broj leukocita može biti povišen do 6 tjedana nakon operacijskog zahvata bez infekcije, kod reumatoidnog artritisa (uključujući pseudogijht), periprostetičkog prijeloma ili iščašenja. Broj leukocita u uzorku potrebno je odrediti najkasnije 24h po aspiraciji korištenjem mikroskopa ili automatskog brojača; za razrijeđivanje uzorka moguće je dodati 10 μ l hijaluronidaze)

^c Klasifikacija po Krenn i Morawietz-u: PZI odgovara tipu 2 ili tipu 3

^d Za izrazito virulentne organizme (npr. *S. aureus*, streptococci, *E. coli*) ili za bolesnike na antibiotskoj terapiji, dovoljan je jedan uzorak koji potvrđuje dijagnozu PZI

^e Na antibiotskoj terapiji, za *S. Aureus* i *anaerobe*, <50 CFU/ml može biti značajno

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	Test	Kriterij
Sumnja na infekciju	Anamneza	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bol u mirovanju/po noći Produžena sekrecija rane Revizija ili antibiotska terapija postoperativno
	Radiološke pretrage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Inficirani kalus Sekvestar Osteoliza Razlabavljenje implantata Pseudartroza Kortikalna skleroza
Potvrđena infekcija	Klinička slika	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sinus trakt (fistula) Vidljiva gnojna sekrecija oko implantata Pozitivan test sondom za ispitivanje implantata
	Histologija	Infekcija peri-implantatskog tkiva (>5 neutrofila na 400x uvećanom polju)
	Mikrobiologija	Rast mikroorganizama: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> \geq2 uzorka peri-implantatskog tkiva² U sonifikacijskoj tekućini (\geq 50 CFU/ml)³

¹ Ispunjenje već 1 kriterija potvrđuje infekciju

² Za izrazito virulentne organizme (npr. *S. aureus*, streptococci, *E. coli*) ili za bolesnike na antibiotskoj terapiji, dovoljan je jedan uzorak koji potvrđuje dijagnozu

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DEFINITION

Spondylodiszitis ist bestätigt, wenn alle 3 Kriterien vorhanden sind:

Test	Kriterium
Klinik	Akute oder chronische Rückenschmerzen
Bildgebung	Computertomographie (CT) oder Magnetresonanztomographie (MRI) vereinbar mit Spondylodiszitis
Mikrobiologie oder Histologie	Erregernachweis in der Blutkultur oder Gewebe des Wirbelkörpers oder Diskus ¹ Akute oder chronische Entzündung im Gewebe

Spondylodese-assoziierte Infektion ist bestätigt, wenn ≥ 1 Kriterium vorhanden ist:

Test	Kriterium
Klinik	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fistel oder Wunddehiszenz Sichtbarer Eiter Positiver „probe-to-implant“ Test
Histologie	Entzündung im peri-implantären Gewebe
Mikrobiologie	Signifikanter Erregernachweis ² in: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ≥ 2 peri-implantären Gewebeproben Sonikat (≥ 50 KBE/ml)

¹ Niedrig-virulente Hauterreger müssen im klinischen Kontext (vorherige Infiltrationen? Intravaskuläres Device in situ?) interpretiert werden

² Für hoch-virulente Erreger (z.B. *S. aureus*, *E. coli*, Streptokokken) oder Patienten unter Antibiotikatherapie reicht eine positive Probe aus bzw. kann ein Sonikationsresultat mit <50 KBE/ml signifikant sein.

Suggestive Kriterien für Infektion:

- Prolongierte Wundsekretion
- Sekundäre Wunddehiszenz
- Schrauben-/Implantatlockering
- Pseudarthrose

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Pocket Guide für Diagnostik & Behandlung von Intra-kraniellen Neurochirurgischen Infektionen



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KLASSIFIKATION nach betroffenem Gewebe/Fremdkörper

Gruppe	Infektionstyp
Extradurale Infektionen	• Knochendeckelinfektion (mit Fixationsmaterial)
	• Kranioplastikinfektion (PMMA, PEEK, Titan, Keramik)
	• Postoperatives Epiduralempyem (mit / ohne Duraplastik)
Intradurale Infektionen	• Postoperative Meningitis
	• Postoperativer Hirnabszess
	• Postoperatives Subduralempyem (mit/ohne Duraplastik)
Andere Device-assoziierte Infektionen	• Ventrikuloperitoneal (VPS)- / Ventrikuloatrialshunt (VAS)-Infektion
	• Externe ventrikuläre oder lumbale Drainage (EVD/ELD)-Infektion
	• Neurostimulator-Infektion

¹ Nahtmaterial gilt nicht als Fremdmaterial

KLASSIFIKATION nach Zeitpunkt des Auftretens²

	Frühe Infektion (akut)	Verzögerte / späte Infektion (chronisch)
Zeitpunkt	≤ 6 Wochen nach Implantation	> 6 Wochen nach Implantation
Biofilm	„Unreif“	„Reif“
Chirurgisches Prinzip	Débridement und Erhalt des Implantates möglich	Entfernung oder Wechsel des Implantates notwendig (1- od. 2-zeitig)

² Nur für implantat-assoziierte Infektionen (mit Biofilmen) relevant

Abkürzungen: EVD/ELD: Externe ventrikuläre/lumbale Drainage VPS/VAS: Ventrikuloperitoneal-/Ventrikuloatrialshunt	PMMA: Poly-Methyl-Methacrylate PEEK: Polyether Ether Ketone ZNS: Zentrales Nervensystem
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Hinweis: Viele Empfehlungen basieren auf Expertenmeinung, da keine soliden klinischen Daten vorliegen und die Durchführung dafür designter Studien schwierig ist. Der Pocket Guide soll eine praktische Hilfe für die klinische Praxis sein.

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Vodič za dijagnostiku i liječenje infekcija kralješnice



Verzija 1: Studeni 2019

Za detaljne preporuke možete nas kontaktirati na adresi: cs.pro-implant-foundation.org

DEFINICIJA

Osteomijelitis kralješnice, ukoliko su 3 uvjeta ispunjena:

Test	Kriterij
Klinička slika	Akutna ili kronična bol u leđima
Dijagnostika	Kompjuterizirana tomografija (CT) ili magnetska rezonancija sugestivna za osteomijelitis kralješnice
Mikrobiologija ili Histologija	Rast mikroorganizama na hemokulturi ili tkivu kralješnice ¹ Akutna ili kronična upala tkiva kralješnice

Infekcija kralješnice povezana s implantatima, ukoliko je ≥ 1 kriterij ispunjen:

Test	Kriterij
Klinička slika	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Poremećaj cijeljenja rane ili fistula• Vidljiva gnojna sekrecija oko implantata• Pozitivan test sondom za ispitivanje implantata
Histologija	Upala u peri-implantatskom tkivu
Mikrobiologija	Signifikantan rast mikroorganizama ² u: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• ≥ 2 uzorka peri-implantatskog tkiva• Sonifikacijskoj tekućini (≥ 50 CFU/ml)

¹ Nisko virulentni kožni patogeni moraju se interpretirati u kliničkom kontekstu (prethodne infiltracije? Prisutan intravaskularni implantat?)

² Za visoko virulentne mikroorganizme (npr. *S. aureus*, *E. coli*, streptococci) ili u pacijenata s antibiotskom terapijom se već jednom pozitivnom kulturom dokazuje infekcija te sonifikacija < 50 CFU/ml može također biti signifikantna

Potporni kriteriji za infekciju:

- Produžena sekrecija rane
- Sekundarna dehiscencija rane
- Razlabavljenje implantata/vijaka
- Pseudartroza

General Orthopaedics



EFORT open reviews

Periprosthetic joint infection: current concepts and outlook

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EFORT Open Rev 2019;4:468-475.

CONSULTATION SERVICE PORTAL

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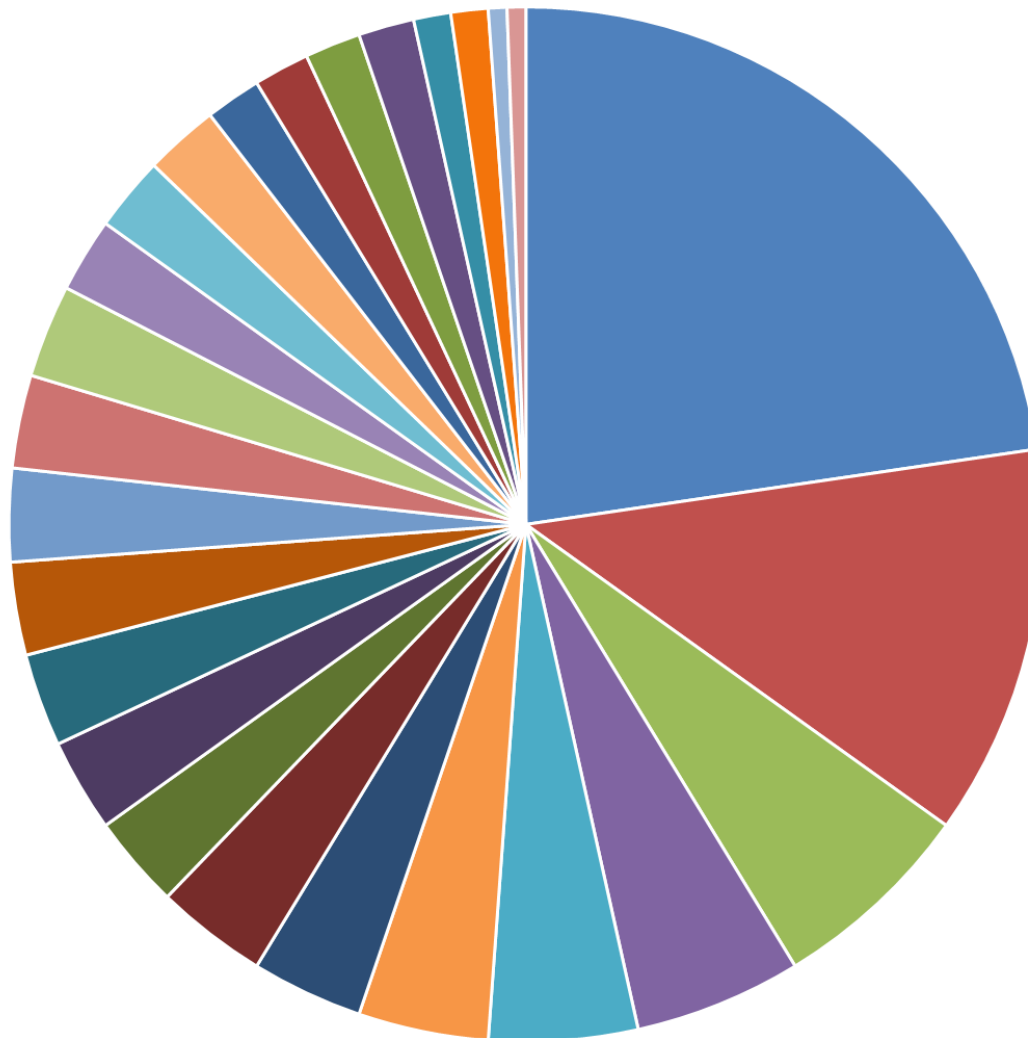
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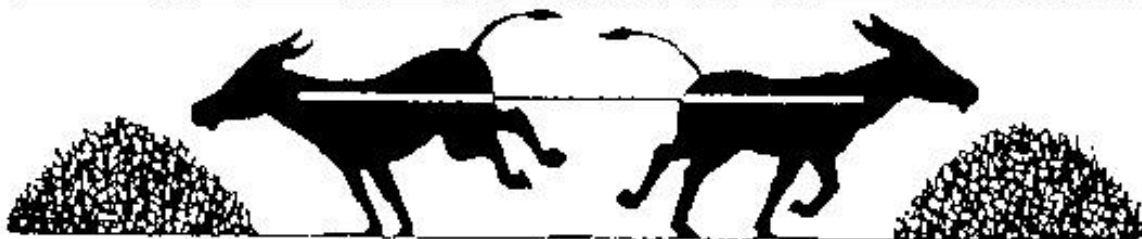
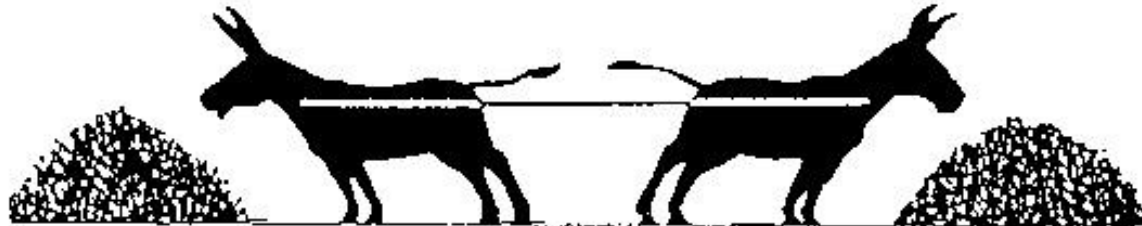
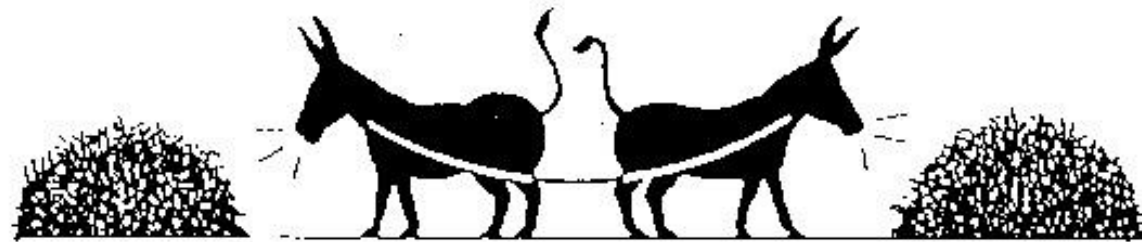


Infection is the **best possible complication**, if...

...appropriate diagnostic is combined with
...correct surgery and
...efficient anti-biofilm agents.

Cure rate >90%

Infection is the best possible complication



Thank you



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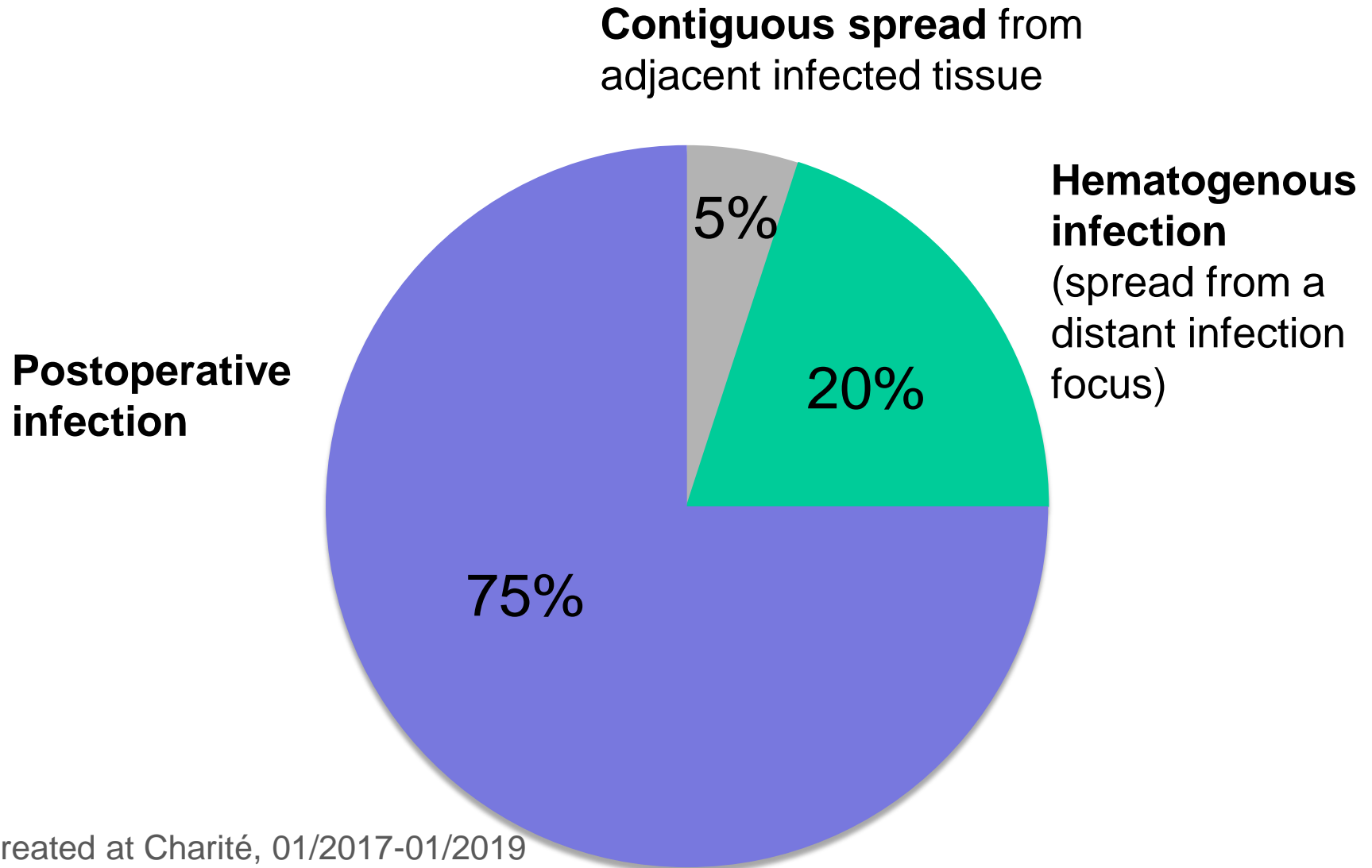
Focus on implant, bone and joint-associated infections:

- Surgery: New concepts (retention, 1-stage, 2-stage short interval)
- Diagnosis: Fast innovative methods
- Antibiotics: Active against biofilms



Future developments and outlook

Pathogenesis of PJI



PJIs treated at Charité, 01/2017-01/2019

Primary foci: cohort of 106 episodes

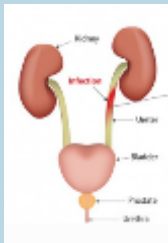
- 1 (+3?) colon adenoma
- 1 GI bleeding
- 2 GI infections



- 7 dental treatments
- 5 dental infections



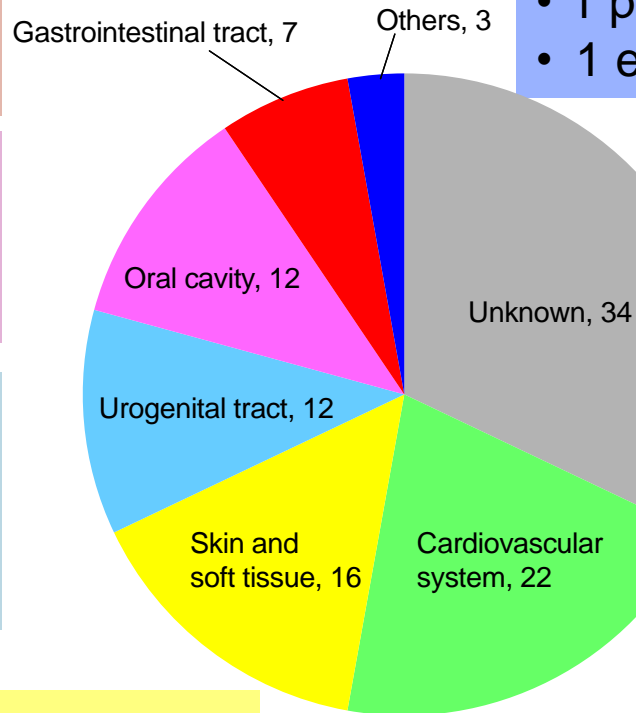
- 2 manipulations
- 10 infections



- 9 skin erosion (pedicure, skin disease, chronic ulcers)
- 7 skin and soft tissue infections



- 1 contralat. PJI
- 1 pneumonia
- 1 epidural abscess







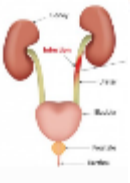




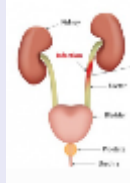





- 14 endocarditis
- 5 infected CIED
- 3 catheter infections







Rakow A et al. CMI 2018

Investigation of cause

Pathogen	Source	Diagnostics
Staphylococci	  	Blood cultures Echocardiography (TEE) Skin examination
Streptococci <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>S. oralis/mitis</i> • <i>S. agalactiae</i> • <i>S. dysgalactiae</i> • <i>S. bovis/gallolyticus</i> 	      	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>S. oralis/mitis</i>: Orthopantomogram (OPTG), dentist, TEE • <i>S. agalactiae</i>, <i>S. dysgalactiae</i>: Urinalysis, imaging abdomen, skin examination, OPTG • <i>S. bovis/gallolyticus</i>: Colonoscopy
Enterococci	  	Urinalysis, TEE
Enterobacteriaceae	 	Urinalysis, CT Abdomen

Renz N., Chirurg, 2017

Alternative tests in synovial fluid?

Test		Sensitivity	Specificity
Alpha-defensin (lateral flow test)		67%	93%
Leukocyte esterase	<p>Leukocytes 60 - 120 sec</p> 	81%	97%
D-Lactate		94%	98%
Multiplex-PCR		60%	89%

Synovial fluid D-lactate



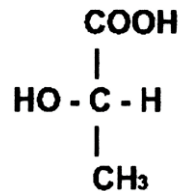
Lactic acid

L-lactate is constantly produced during metabolism and exercise

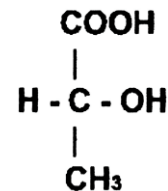
D-lactate is produced by bacteria as a product of bacterial fermentation

D-Lactate production in mammals is extremely low, with normal serum concentrations in the nano to micromolar range (*nMol* - *μMol*).

D-lactate concentration is increased to millimolar range (*mMol*) in bacterial infection.



L (+) Lactate



D (-) Lactate



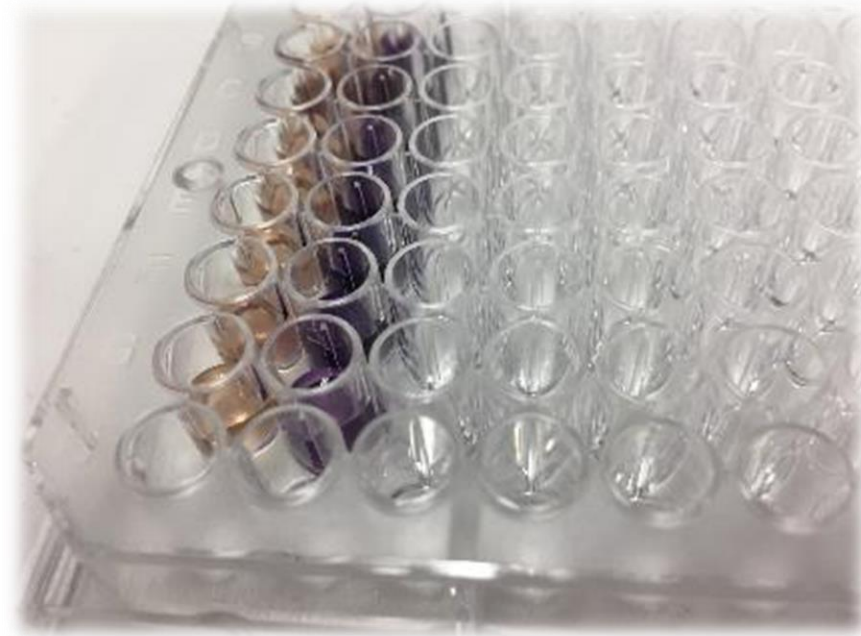
L. Szalay 2003; Sh.M. Smith 994

Wellmer A. 2001; Gratacós J. 1995



Measurement of *D-lactate*

- ✓ Volume of sample: **50 μ l** of synovial fluid
- ✓ Incubation: **30 min** at +37⁰ C
- ✓ Determination: standard microplate absorbance reader (λ = 570-600 nm)





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Performance of synovial fluid D-lactate for the diagnosis of periprosthetic joint infection: A prospective observational study

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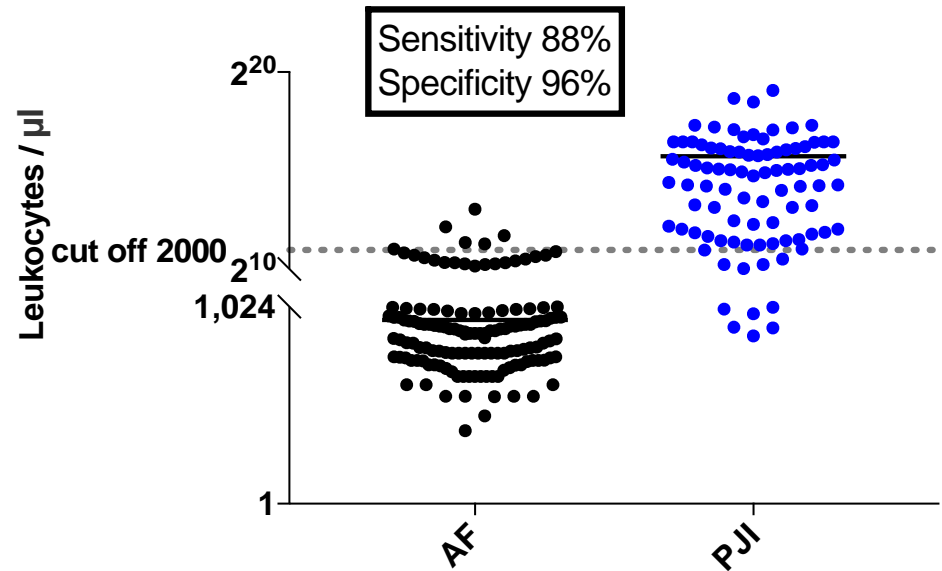
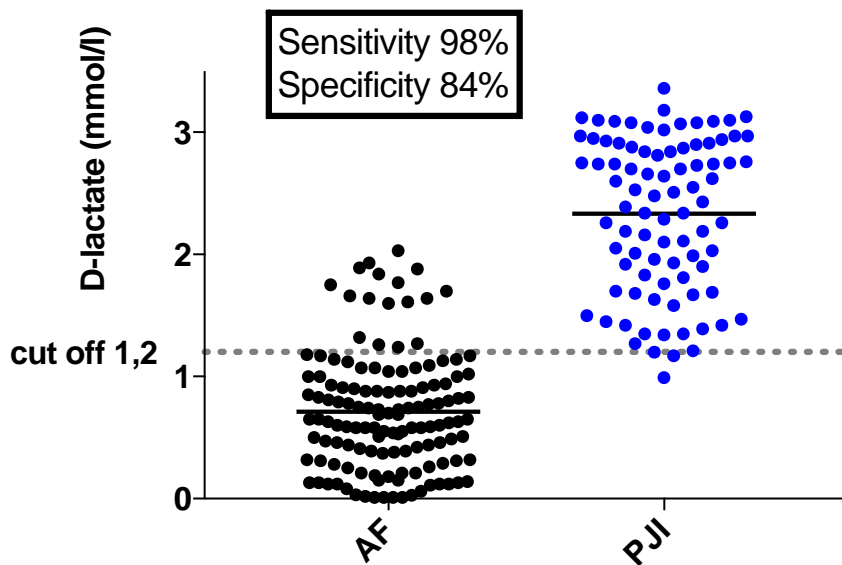
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D-Lactate in synovial fluid of prosthetic joints

Concentration of SF D-lactate was significantly higher in patients with PJI compared to those with aseptic failure ($p < 0,0001$)

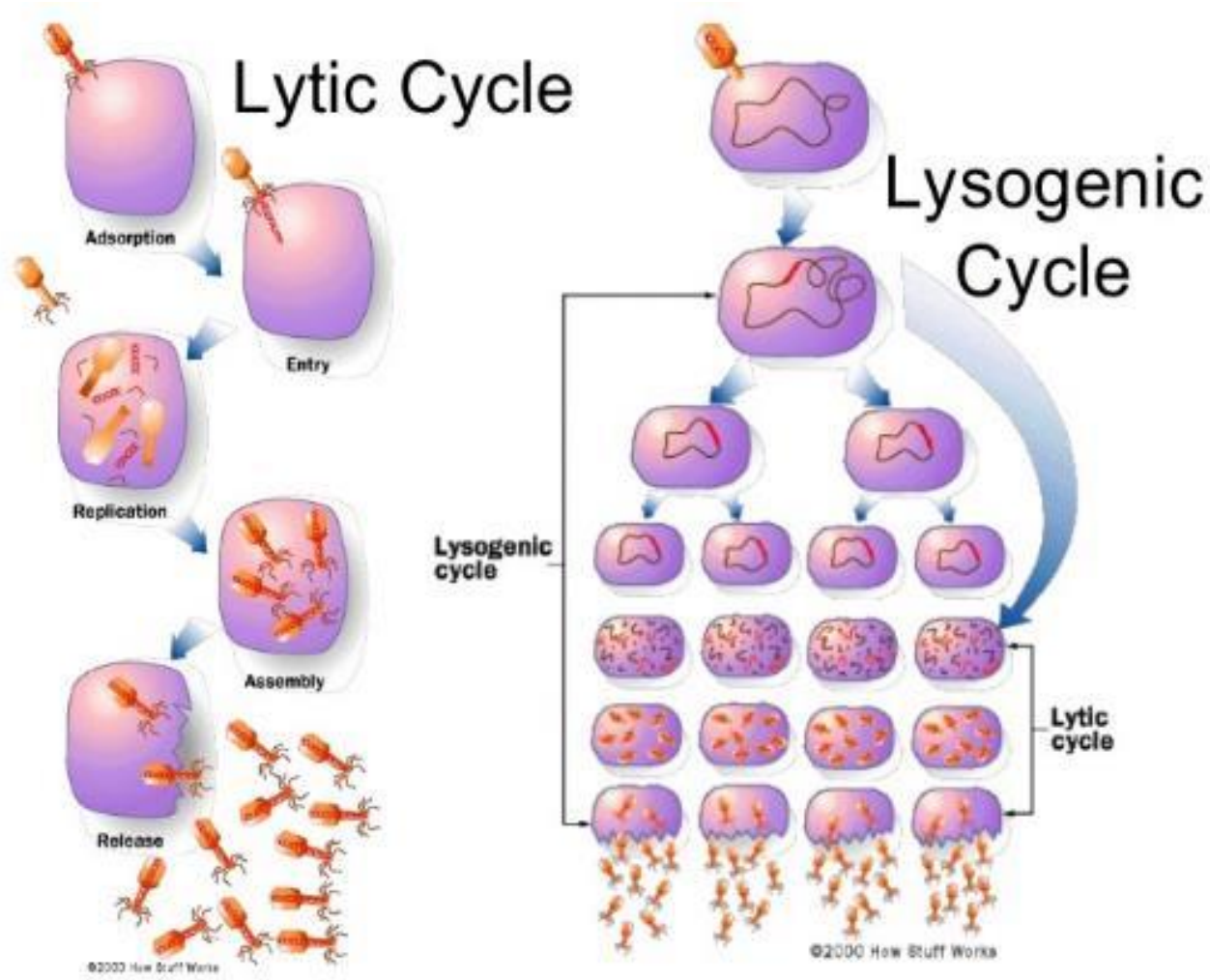


SF D-lactate test had better sensitivity to confirm PJI (98%) compared to leucocytes (88%)



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Virulent phages





Use of phages in military medicine

- Red Army (Finnish campaign and WWII)
- German Army (North Africa campaign)
- British Army in India
- Japanese Army
- Chinese Army (Korean War)



Anti-dysenterial phage
preparations in first aid box



About 800 people used to work at the “Bacteriophage”, of whom 120 engaged in research.

During the Soviet period, the Eliava Institute elaborated novel biological preparations against: **anthrax, rubies, tuberculosis, brucellosis, salmonellosis, dysentery.**

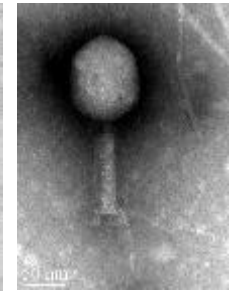
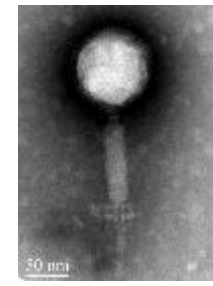
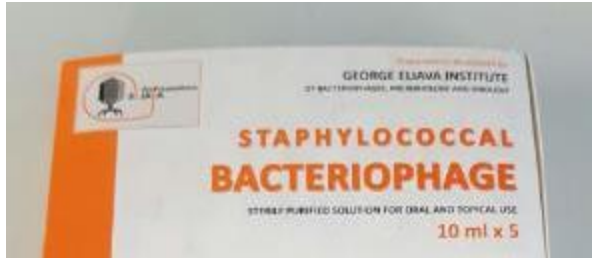
After the collapse of the Soviet Union, the Institute was partly privatized.





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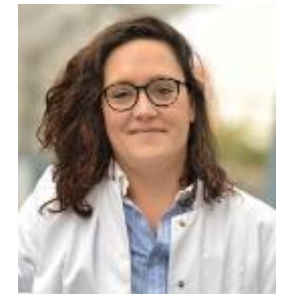
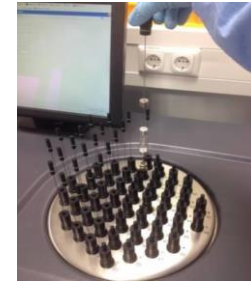
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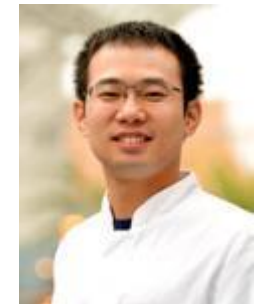


Projects with bacteriophages

1. Evaluating activity of **commercial phage preparations** vs. biofilm.
2. Evaluating best strategies for ***in vivo* administration** of phages.
3. Establishing ***ex vivo* & *in vivo* models** for evaluation of bacteriophages activity vs biofilm infections.
4. Creating a **phage library**: Finding & isolating novel phages & select the best candidates for phage therapy.



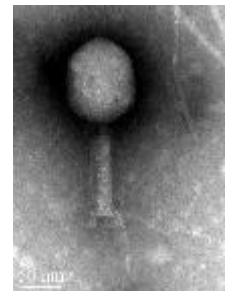
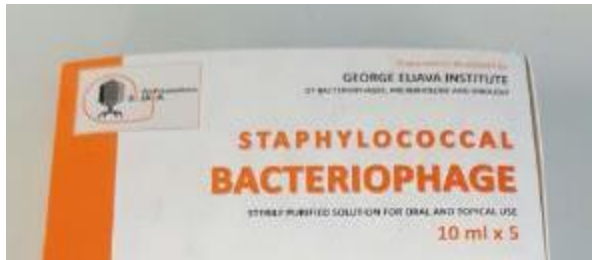
Galleria mellonella
***in vivo* model**





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Sb-1 and Pyo-phage





Anti-biofilm activity



10^6 CFUs/mL MRSA

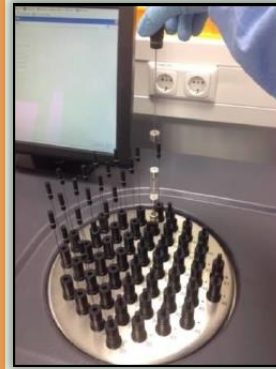


Increasing PFUs/ml



Porous glass bead

24h
37° C

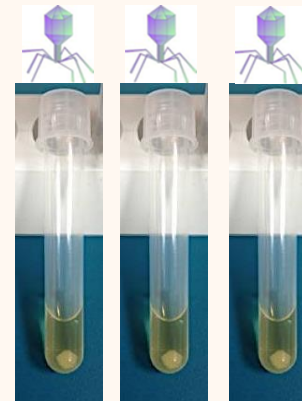


10^6 CFUs/mL MRSA



Porous glass bead

24h
37° C



24h, 37° C



3x Wash



Biofilm prevention

Biofilm eradication

Phage isolation

- **Sources:** Human saliva, sewage, river water
- **Clinical strains used as hosts:** *S. aureus*, *S. epidermidis* and *E. coli* strains from PJI patients



Isolation of bacteriophages displaying lytic antibacterial activity from the plaque of lysis



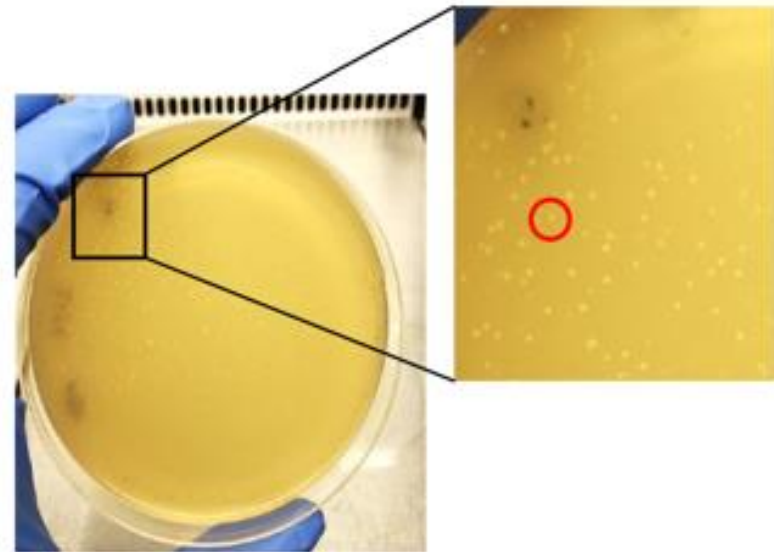
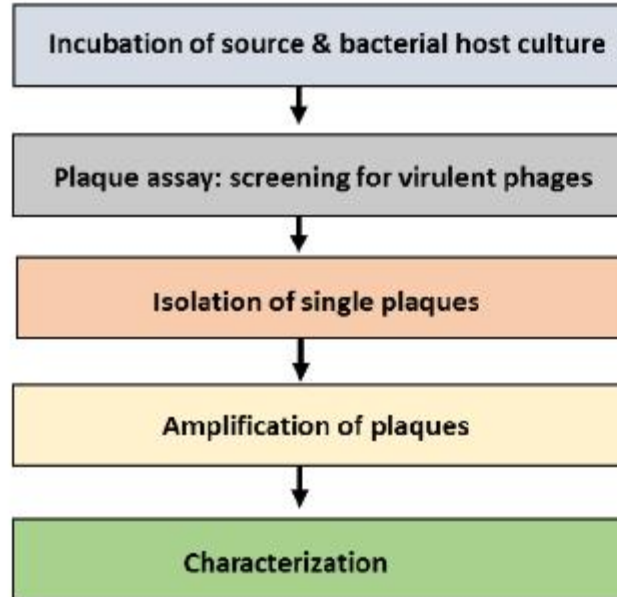
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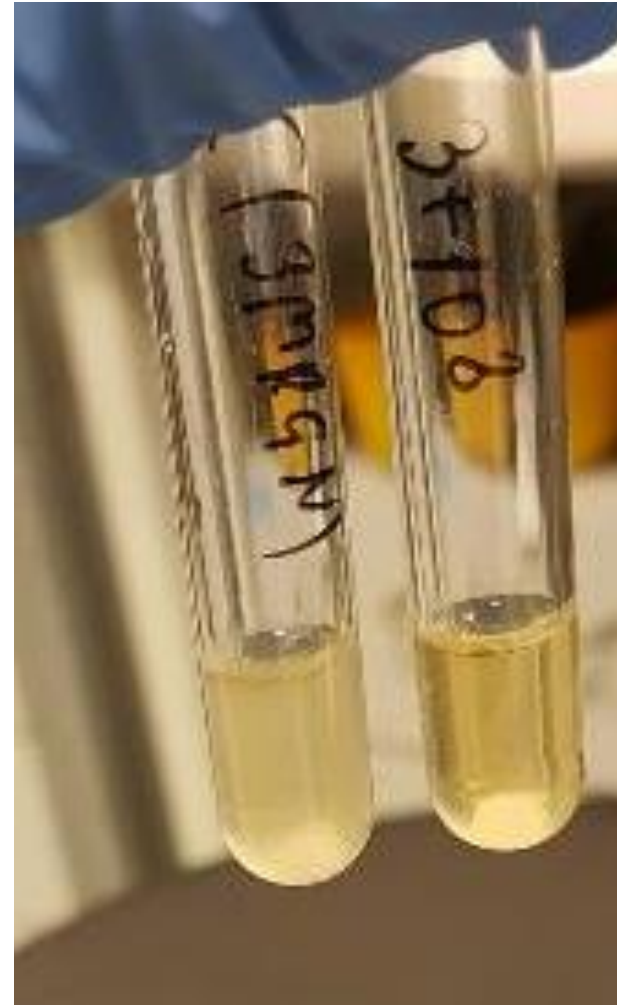




Plaque assay

- **Sources:** human saliva, sewage, river water
- **Bacterial host strains:** *S. aureus*, *S. epidermidis*, *E. coli* (laboratory strains & strains previously isolated from PJI)







Newly isolated phages

Staphylococcus aureus

Name	Source for isolation	Host strain
AbkG	Saliva (No.1)	MRSA ATCC 43300
AbkM	Saliva (No.2)	MRSA ATCC 43300
AbkA	Saliva (No.3)	MRSA ATCC 43300
AbkK	Saliva (No.4)	MRSA ATCC 43300
AbkE	Saliva (No.5)	MRSA ATCC 43300
AbkT	Saliva (No.6)	MRSA ATCC 43300

Escherichia coli

Name	Source for isolation	Host strain
Abk3	Sewage	<i>E. coli</i> 3
Abk4	Saliva (No. 2)	<i>E. coli</i> 4
Abk8	Sewage	<i>E. coli</i> 8
Abk9	Sewage	<i>E. coli</i> 9
Abk11	River water	<i>E.coli</i> ATCC 25922
AbK13	Sewage	<i>E.coli</i> ATCC 25922
Abk14	Saliva (No1)	<i>E.coli</i> ATCC 25922

Staphylococcus epidermidis: **no phages were detected in any of the tested sources**



MDR *P. aeruginosa* PJI of a total knee arthroplasty and chronic osteomyelitis



Previous two-stage exchange and antibiotic treatment failed



Surgical treatment

- Two-stage exchange
- PMMA (1g gentamycin, 1g clindamycin per 40g PMMA)

Local use of phages

- Custom prepared phage

Antibiotic treatment (i.v)

- Colistin
- Ceftazidime
- Meropenem



Local use of phages



- The surgical site was cleaned with 2-3% sodium bicarbonate solution
- No antiseptics
- 4 intraoperatively placed drains were used as local delivery system
- First, single intraoperative loading dose of phage were administrated
- Then, three times a day for 5 days through drains

