

A microscopic image showing numerous purple, rod-shaped bacteria, likely Clostridium difficile, scattered across a light background.

CLOSTRIDIUM DIFFICILE
UPDATE:
A JOINT VENTURE

**AMERICAN COLLEGE OF OSTEOPATHIC INTERNISTS
CLINICAL CHALLENGES IN INPATIENT CARE**

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QUESTIONS

What is the burden of *C. difficile*?

What are the *C. difficile* treatment recommendations?

How do we treat severe *C. difficile*?



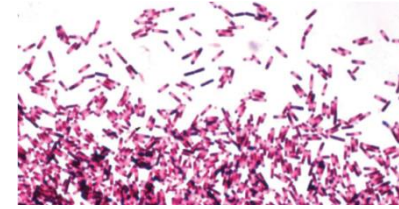
This is a crappy topic

It's a dirty job but someone has to do it

This should be stimulating



C. DIFFICILE **BACKGROUND**



ANAEROBIC GRAM + BACILLUS

SPORE-FORMING

TOXIN-PRODUCING

FIRST DESCRIBED IN 1935

PATHOGENIC ROLE DESCRIBED IN 1970's

SPORE FORM

OUTSIDE COLON

RESISTENT TO HEAT, ACID,

ANTIBIOTICS

VEGETATIVE FORM

INSIDE COLON

TOXIN-PRODUCING

SUSCEPTIBLE TO ANTIBIOTICS



C. DIFFICILE **BACKGROUND**

ANTIBIOTIC THERAPY



DISRUPTION OF COLONIC MICROFLORA



***C. DIFFICILE* EXPOSURE AND COLONIZATION**



**RELEASE OF
TOXIN A (ENTEROTOXIN) & TOXIN B (CYTOTOXIN)**



MUCOSAL INJURY & INFLAMMATION



C. DIFFICILE BACKGROUND

J-STRAIN

1989-1992

RESISTENT TO CLINDAMYCIN

NAP1/BI/027 STRAIN

2003-2006

**MORE SEVERE, REFRACTORY, RELAPSE
INCREASED TOXIN PRODUCTION
MAY BE DUE TO FLUOROQUINOLONES**

**NORTH AMERICAN PULSED-
FIELD TYPE 1
RESTRICTION ENZYME
ANALYSIS TYPE BI
PCR RIBOTYPE 027**

078 STRAIN

SINCE 2005

SIMILAR TO 027

YOUNGER

COMMUNITY-ASSOCIATED

Miller M, et al. Clin Infect Dis 2010
Pepcin J, et al. Clin Infect Dis 2005
He M, et al. Nat Genet 2013
Goorhuis A, et al. Clin Infect Dis 2008



CLOSTRIDIUM DIFFICILE **BURDEN**



EPIDEMIOLOGY

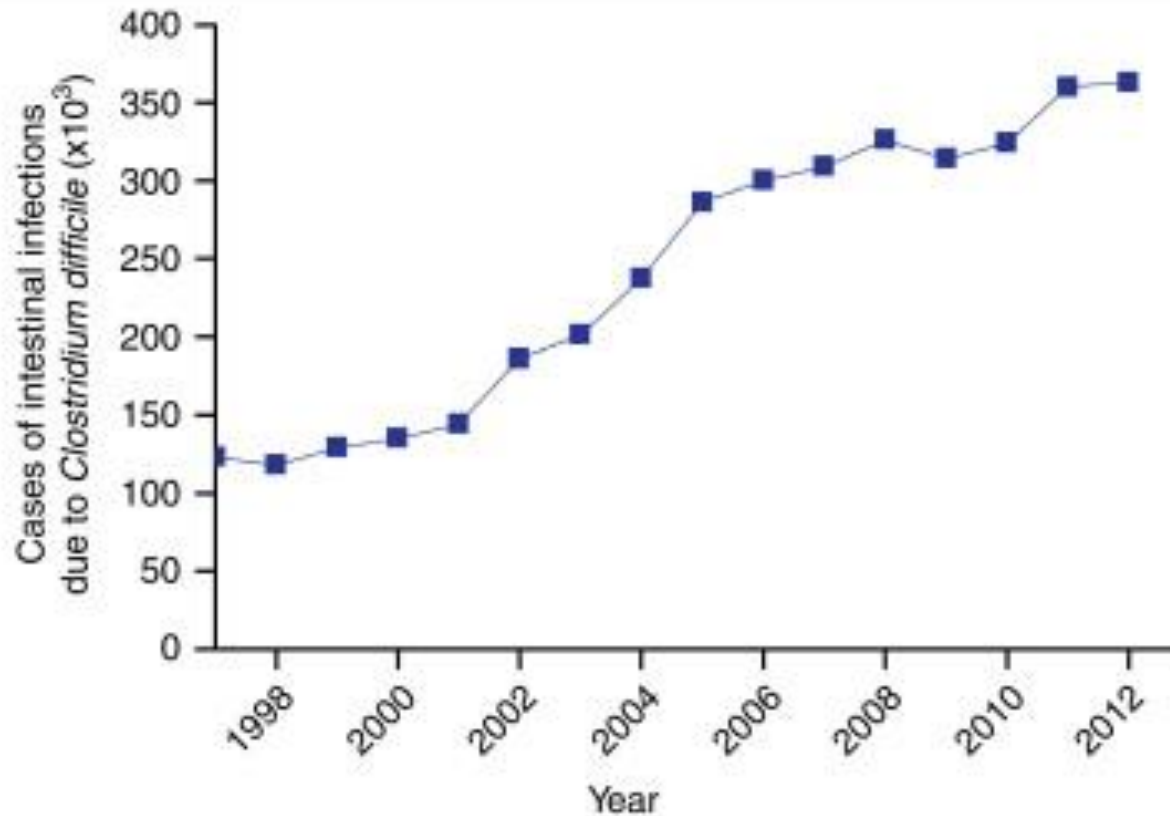
GASTROENTERITIS-ASSOCIATED DEATHS IN UNITED STATES 1999 - 2007

Cause	ICD-10 Code(s)	Total No. of Deaths (%)	Mean Annual No. of Deaths	Rate per 1 000 000 ^a
Cause unspecified ^b		44 444 (49.4)	5556	19.1
Presumed infectious	A09	1163 (1.3)	145	0.5
Presumed noninfective	K52.9	39 310 (43.7)	4914	16.9
Other or unspecified viral	A08.3-A08.5	1325 (1.5)	166	0.6
Acute or unspecified vascular ^c	K55.0, K55.9	2815 (3.1)	352	1.2
Cause specified ^b		45 596 (50.6)	5700	19.6
Viral	A08.0-A08.2	85 (0.1)	11	0.04
Clostridium difficile	A04.7	43 517 (48.3)	5440	18.7
Other bacterial	A00.0-A04.6, A04.8-A05.9	1665 (1.8)	208	0.7
Parasitic	A06.0-A07.9	348 (0.4)	44	0.1
Total		90 040 (100)	11 255	38.8



EPIDEMIOLOGY

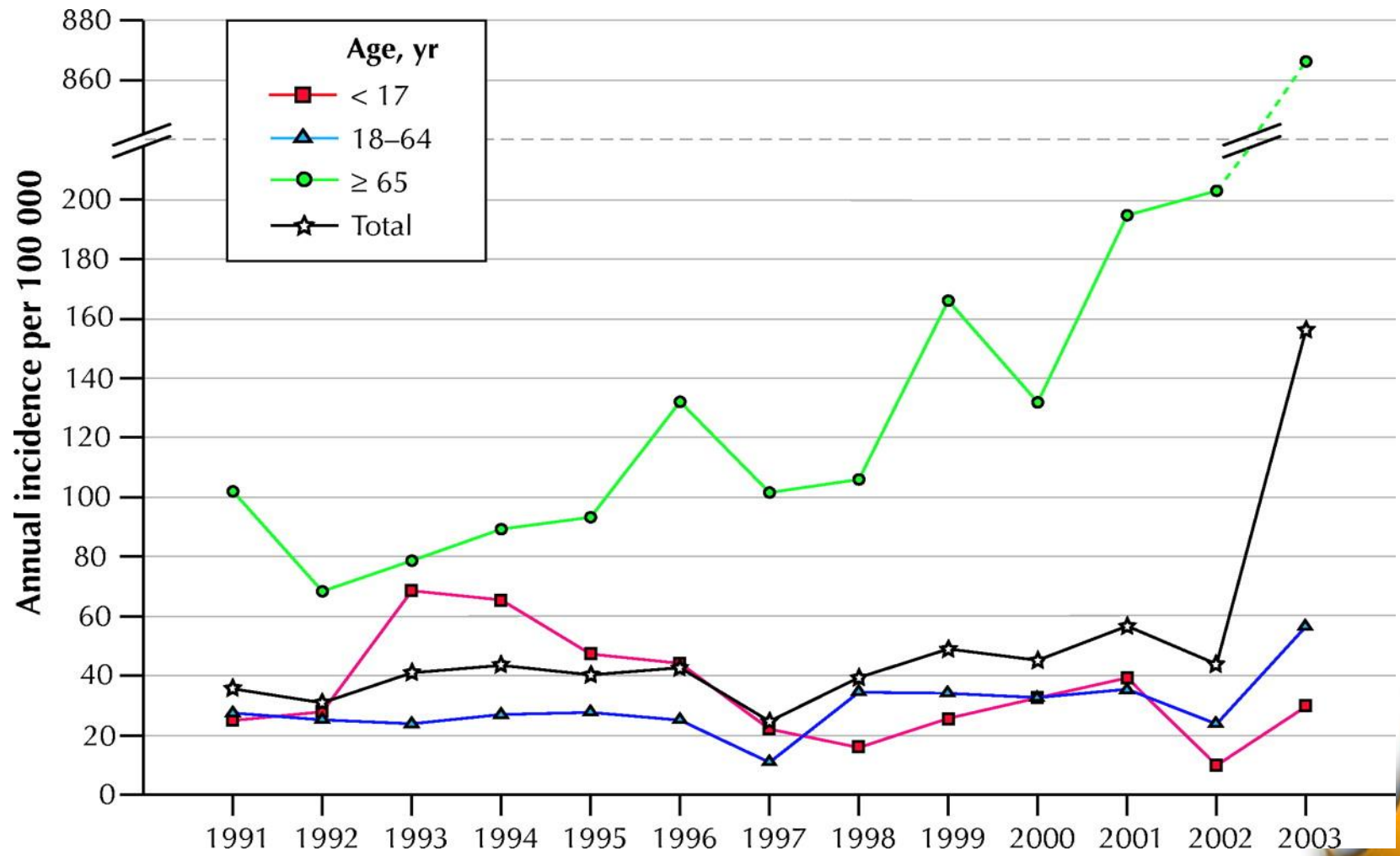
UNITED STATES 1997 - 2012





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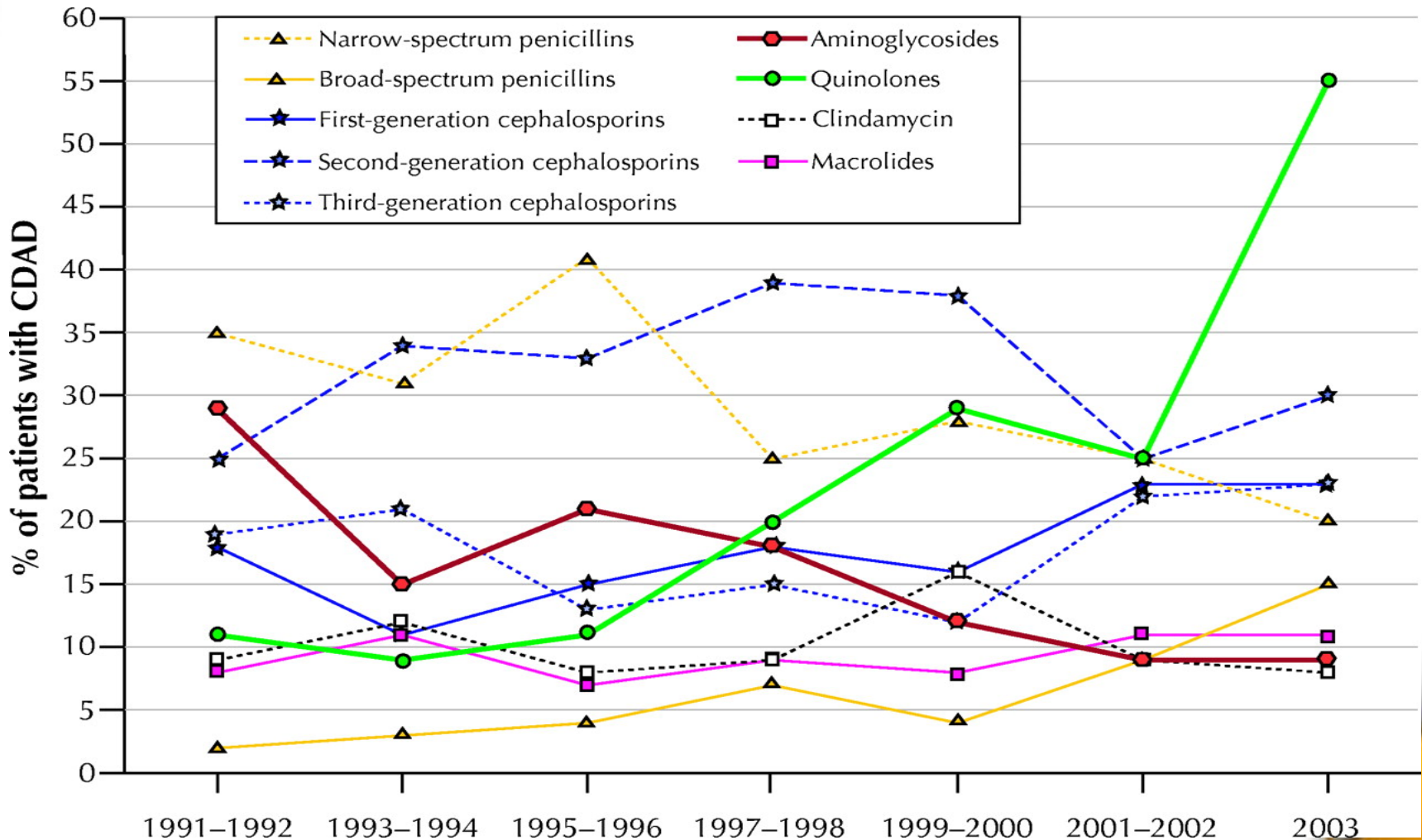
INCIDENCE (PER 100,000 POPULATION) OF CDAD SHERBROOKE, QUEBEC 1991-2003





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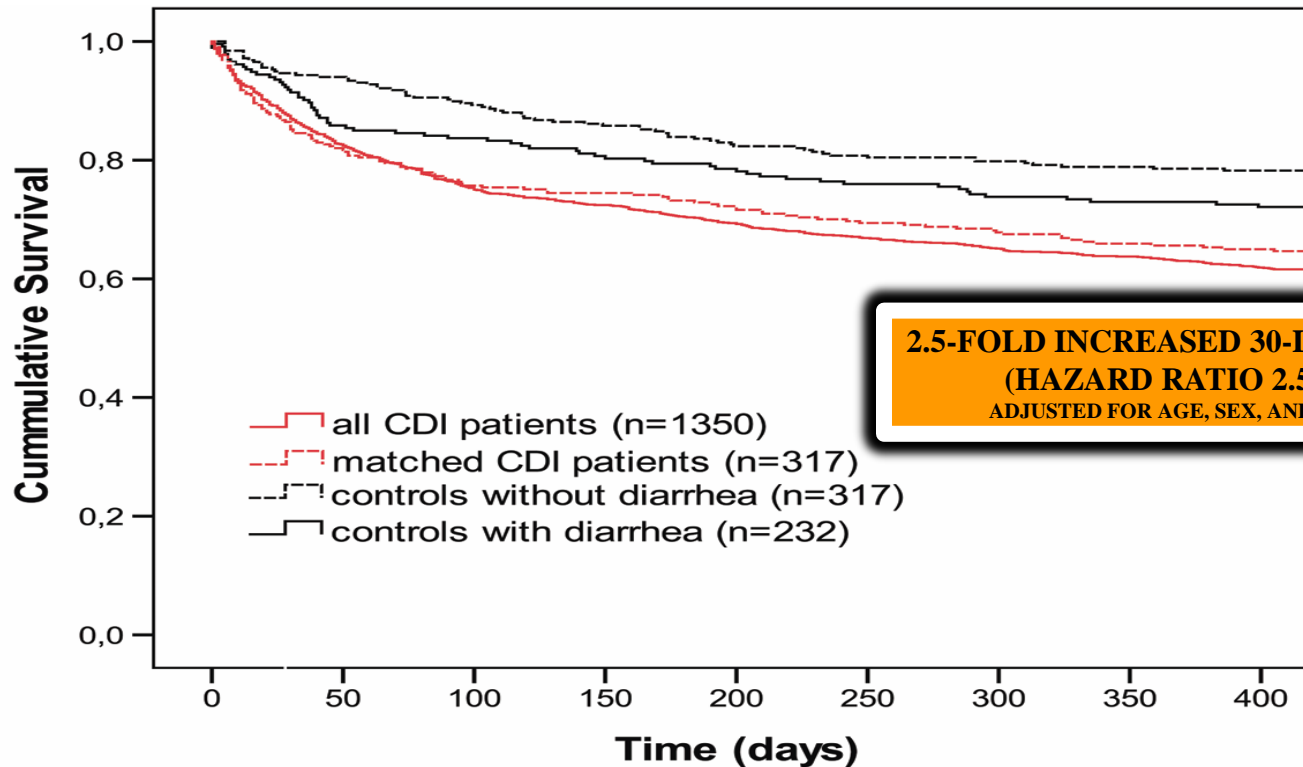
ANTIBIOTIC RECEIVED \leq 2 MONTHS BEFORE CDAD SHERBROOKE, QUEBEC 1991-2003





EPIDEMIOLOGY

PROSPECTIVE COHORT IN NETHERLANDS 13 HOSPITALS (n=1,366) 2006-2009

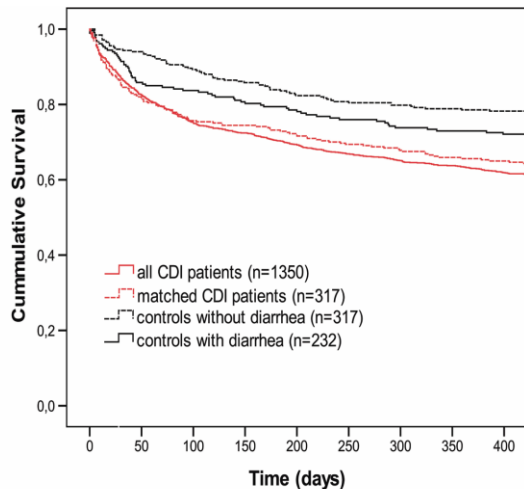


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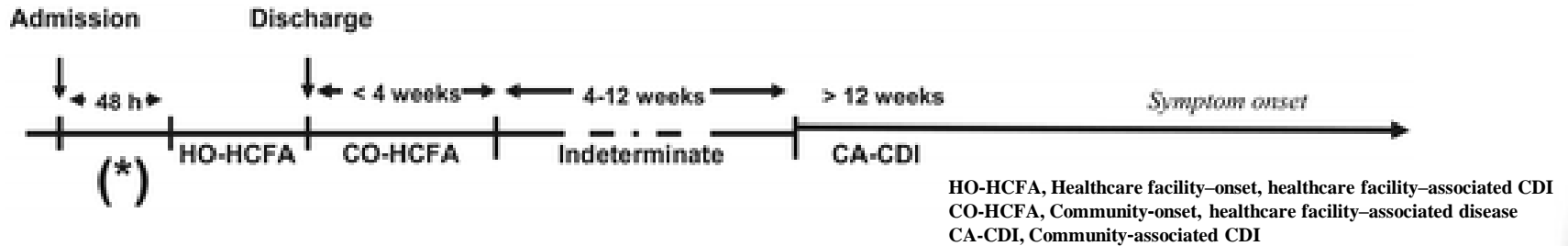
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Stratification	Total N = 1350	Deaths		
		<30 d % (n = 177)	<3 mo % (n = 319)	<1 y % (n = 497)
Age group, y				
≤9	58	0.0	1.7	6.9
10–19	40	2.5	7.5	15.0
20–29	33	6.1	9.1	12.1
30–39	52	1.9	3.8	15.4
40–49	90	10.0	14.4	28.9
50–59	191	12.0	18.8	28.3
60–69	252	11.9	23.0	34.5
70–79	351	14.5	29.9	45.6
80–89	244	21.3	34.8	51.2
≥90	39	20.5	33.3	59.0
PCR ribotype				
014	111	10.8	20.7	32.4
078	76	14.5	23.7	38.2
001	57	15.8	22.8	33.3
027	55	21.8	32.7	40.0
Other	387	10.1	20.2	34.9
No type result	664	14.2	25.5	38.6



EPIDEMIOLOGY

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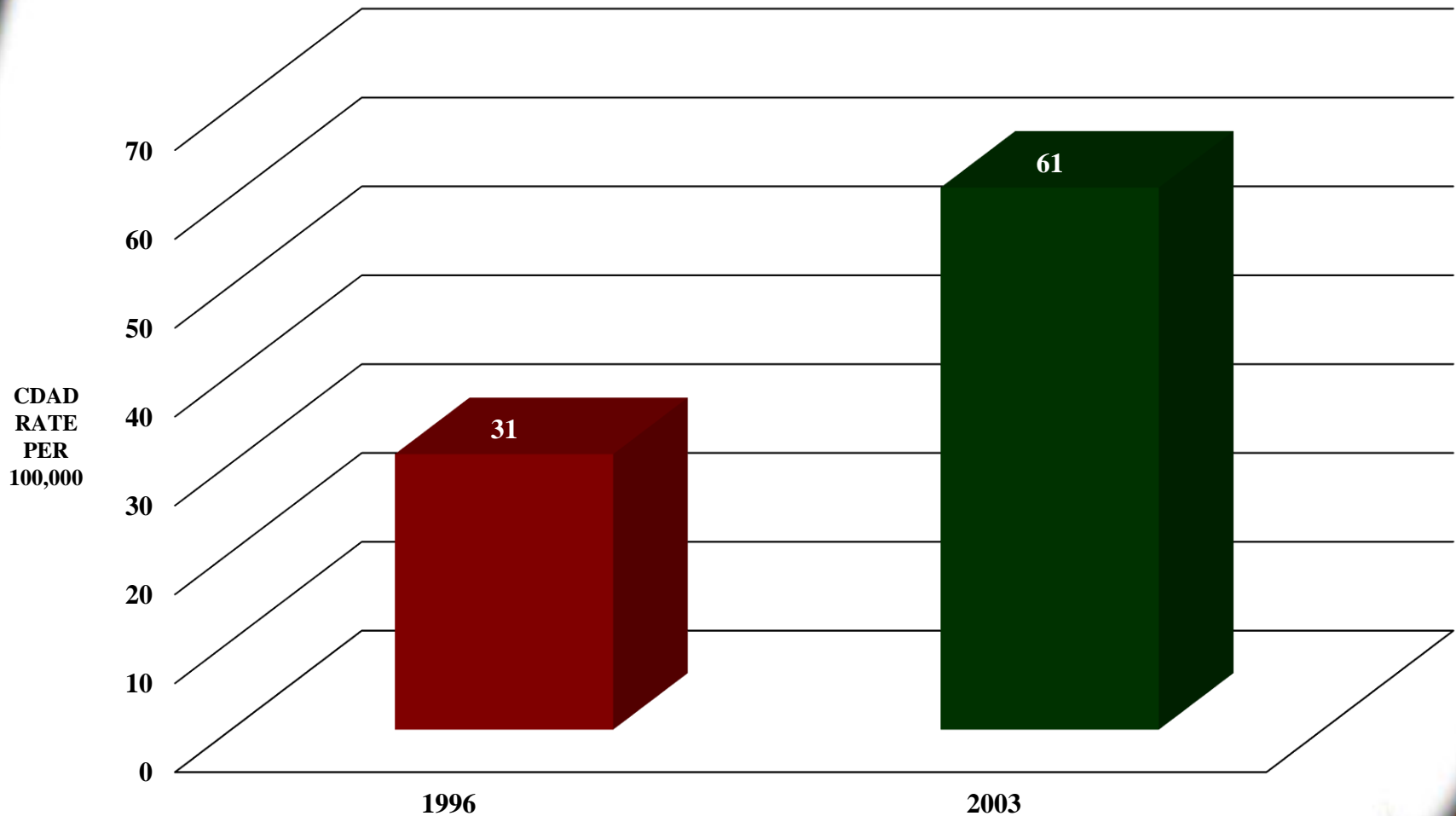


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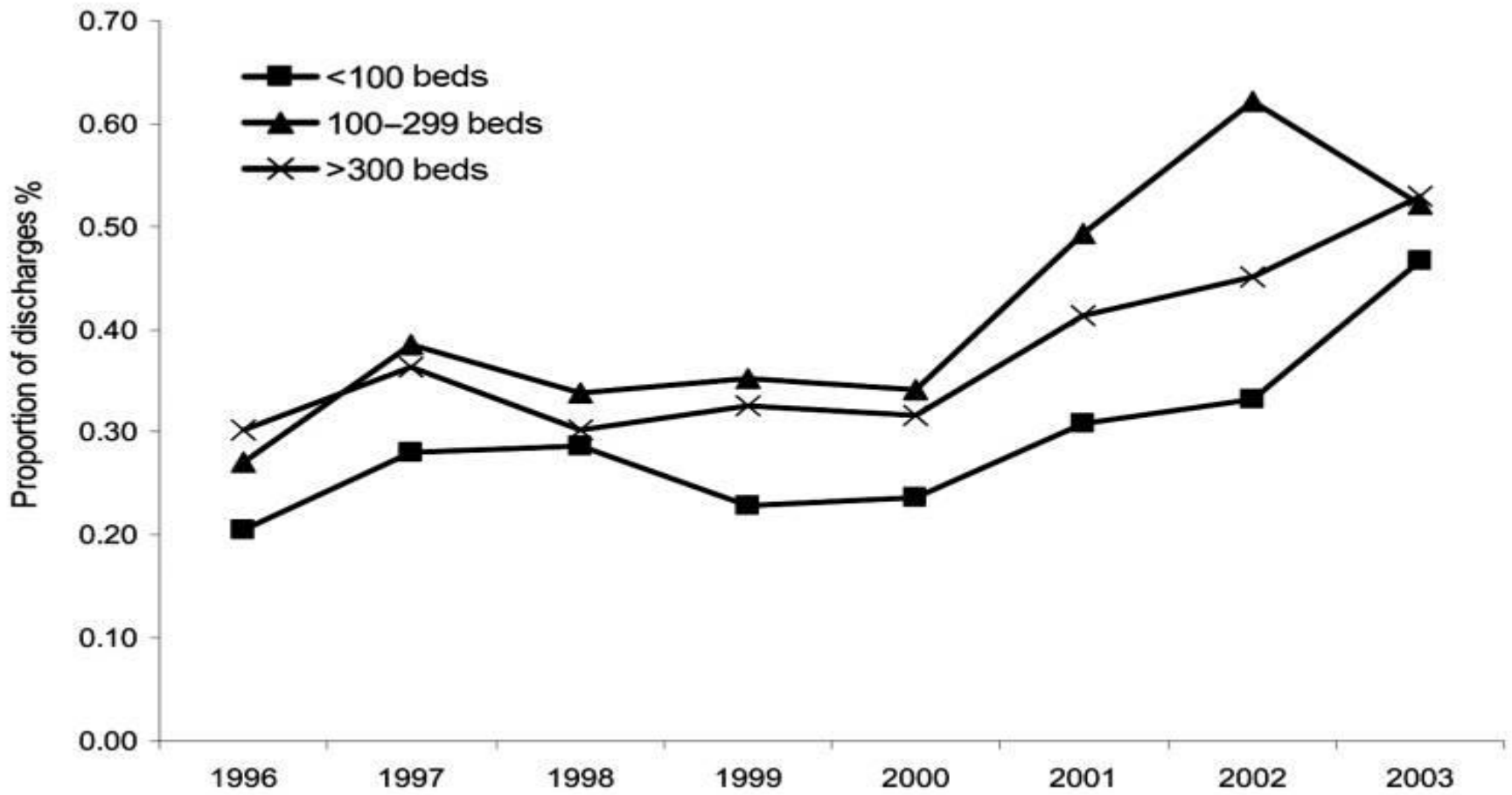
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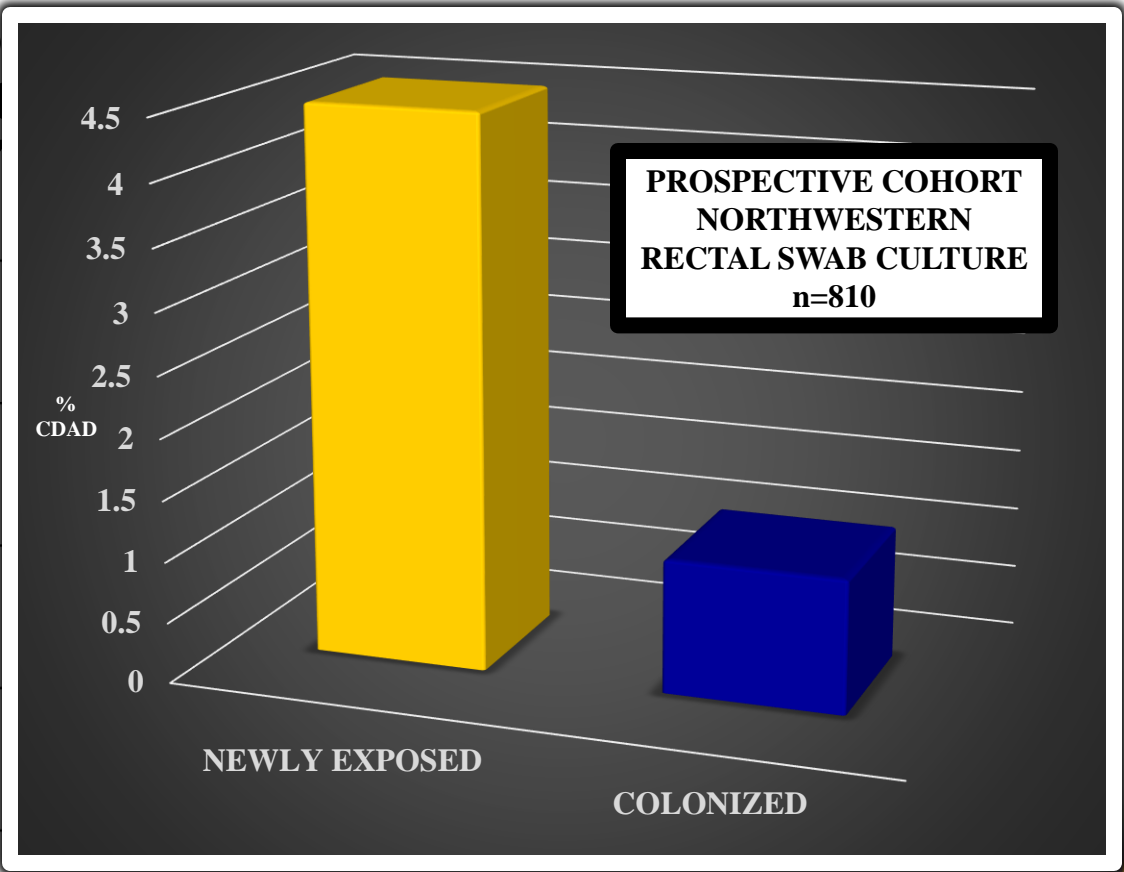
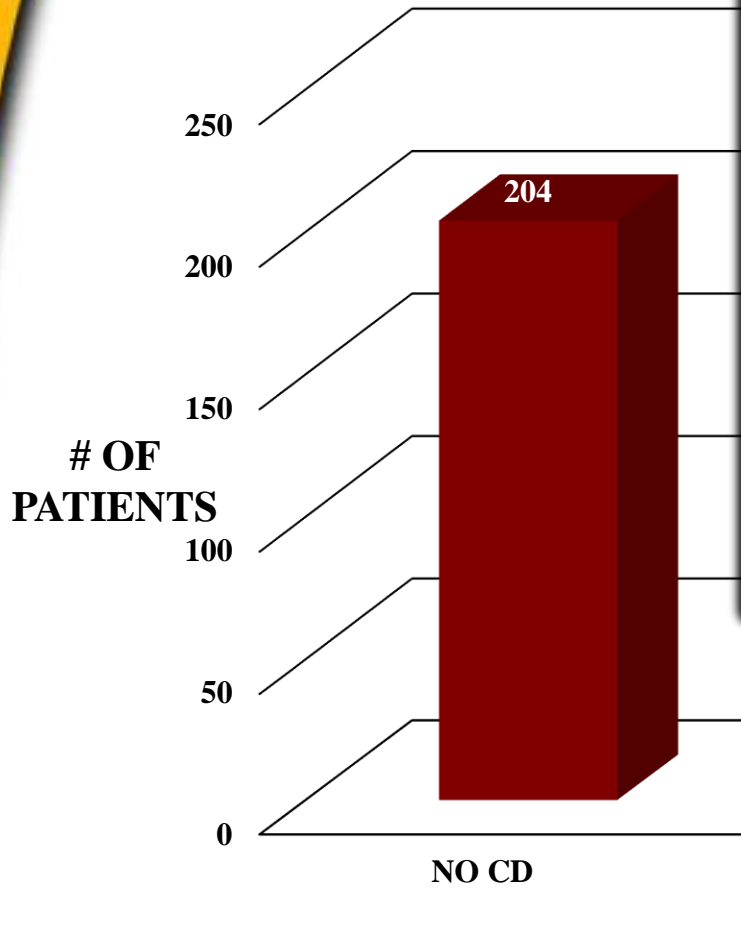
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NOSOCOMIAL CDAD

PROSPECTIVE COHORT
JUNE 2008
259 ASYMPTOMATIC
STOOL

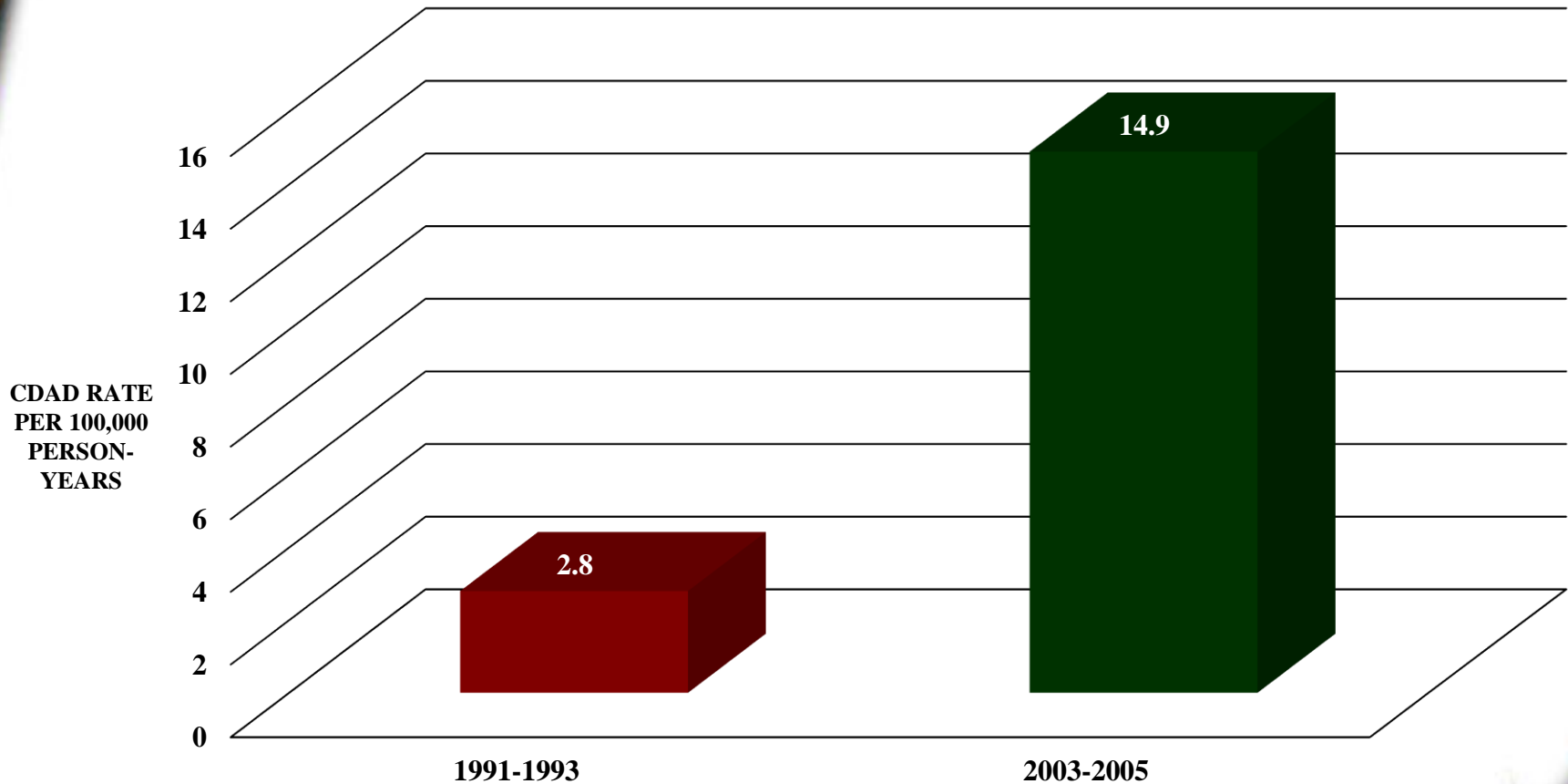




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ROCHESTER EPIDEMIOLOGY PROJECT**

**n=385
1991-2005**



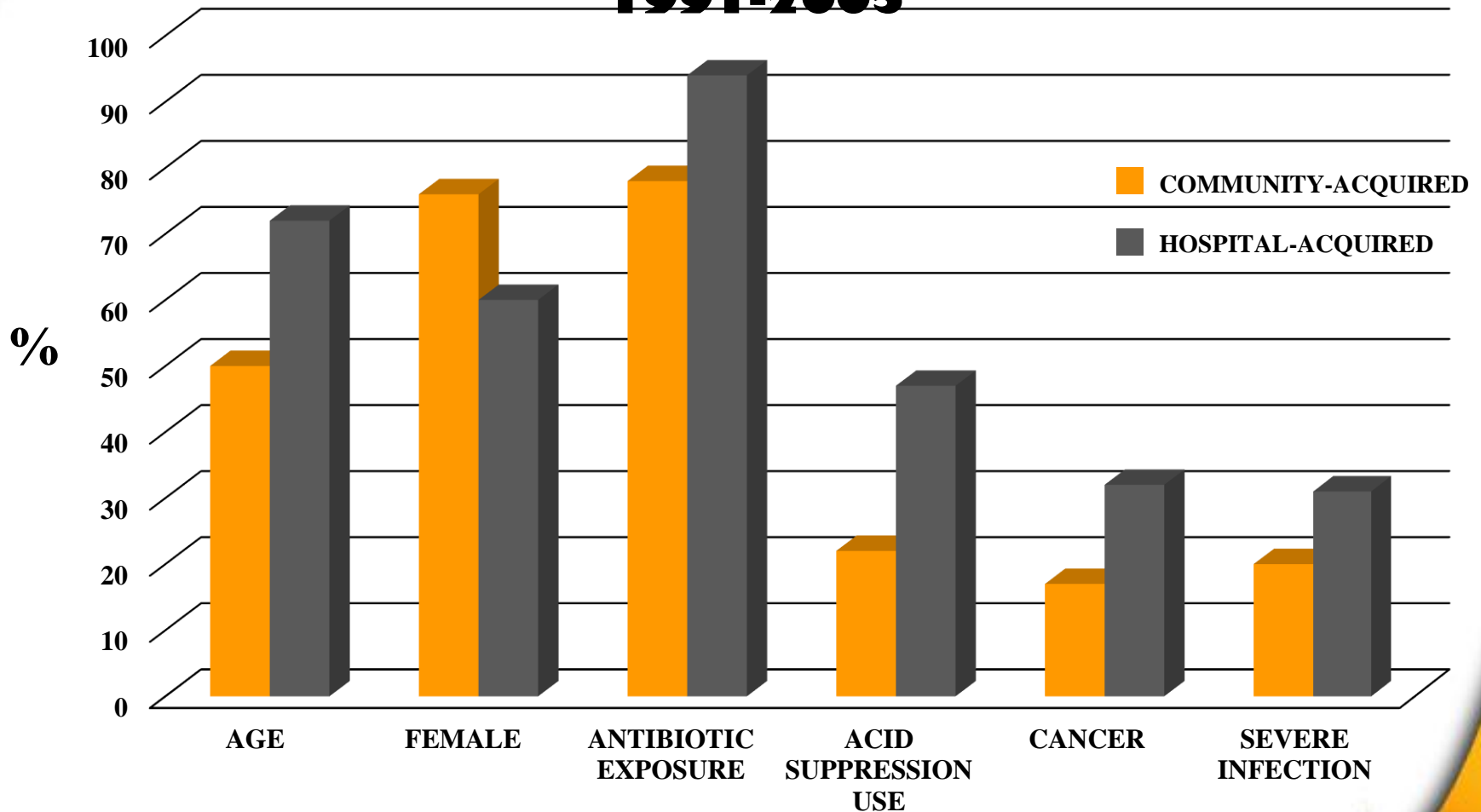


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WHY?

SICKER PATIENTS

(IMMUNOSUPPRESSION, COMORBIDITIES, ELDERLY)

CHANGING ANTIBIOTIC PRESCRIBING

CHANGING INFECTION CONTROL PRACTICES

NOVEL RISK FACTORS (PPIs)

NEW STRAINS

(ANTIBIOTIC RESISTANCE, NOVEL TOXIN PROFILE)



CLOSTRIDIUM DIFFICILE **CLINICAL ASPECTS**

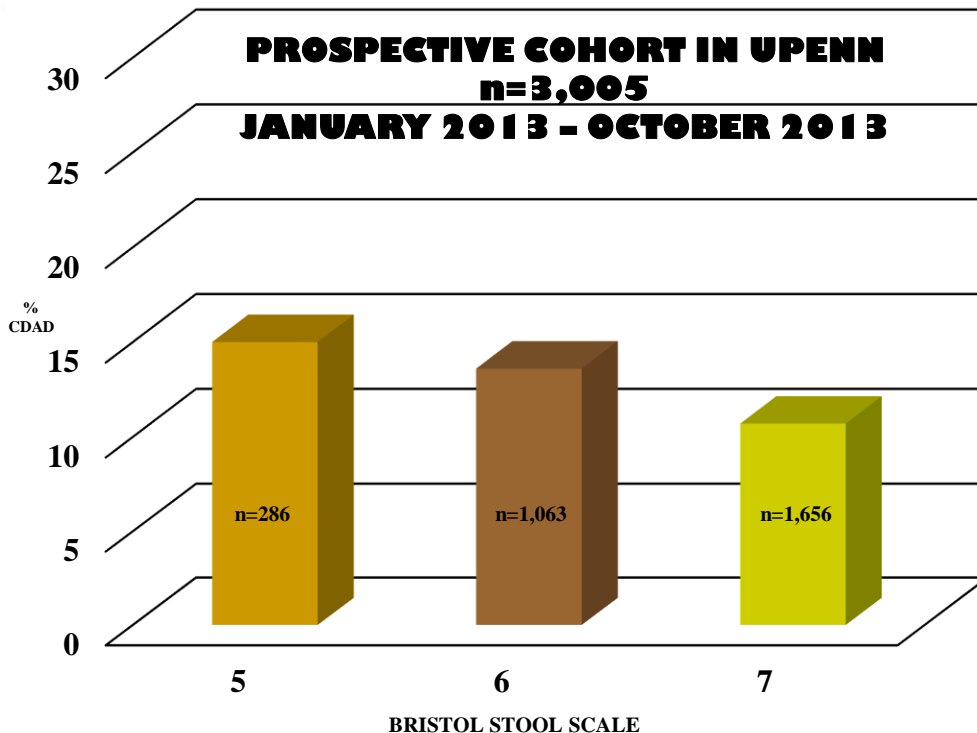


CLINICAL SYMPTOMS

DIARRRHEA

UP TO 10-15/DAY
LOWER ABDOMINAL PAIN
LEUKOCYTOSIS

PROSPECTIVE COHORT IN UPENN
n=3,005
JANUARY 2013 - OCTOBER 2013



Bristol Stool Chart

Type 1		Separate hard lumps, like nuts (hard to pass)
Type 2		Sausage-shaped but lumpy
Type 3		Like a sausage but with cracks on its surface
Type 4		Like a sausage or snake, smooth and soft
Type 5		Soft blobs with clear-cut edges (passed easily)
Type 6		Fluffy pieces with ragged edges, a mushy stool
Type 7		Watery, no solid pieces. Entirely Liquid



RISK FACTORS

ANTIBIOTIC USE

HOSPITALIZATION

ADVANCED AGE

SEVERE ILLNESS

ACID SUPPRESSION

ENTERAL FEEDING

GASTROINTESTINAL SURGERY

OBESITY

CHEMOTHERAPY

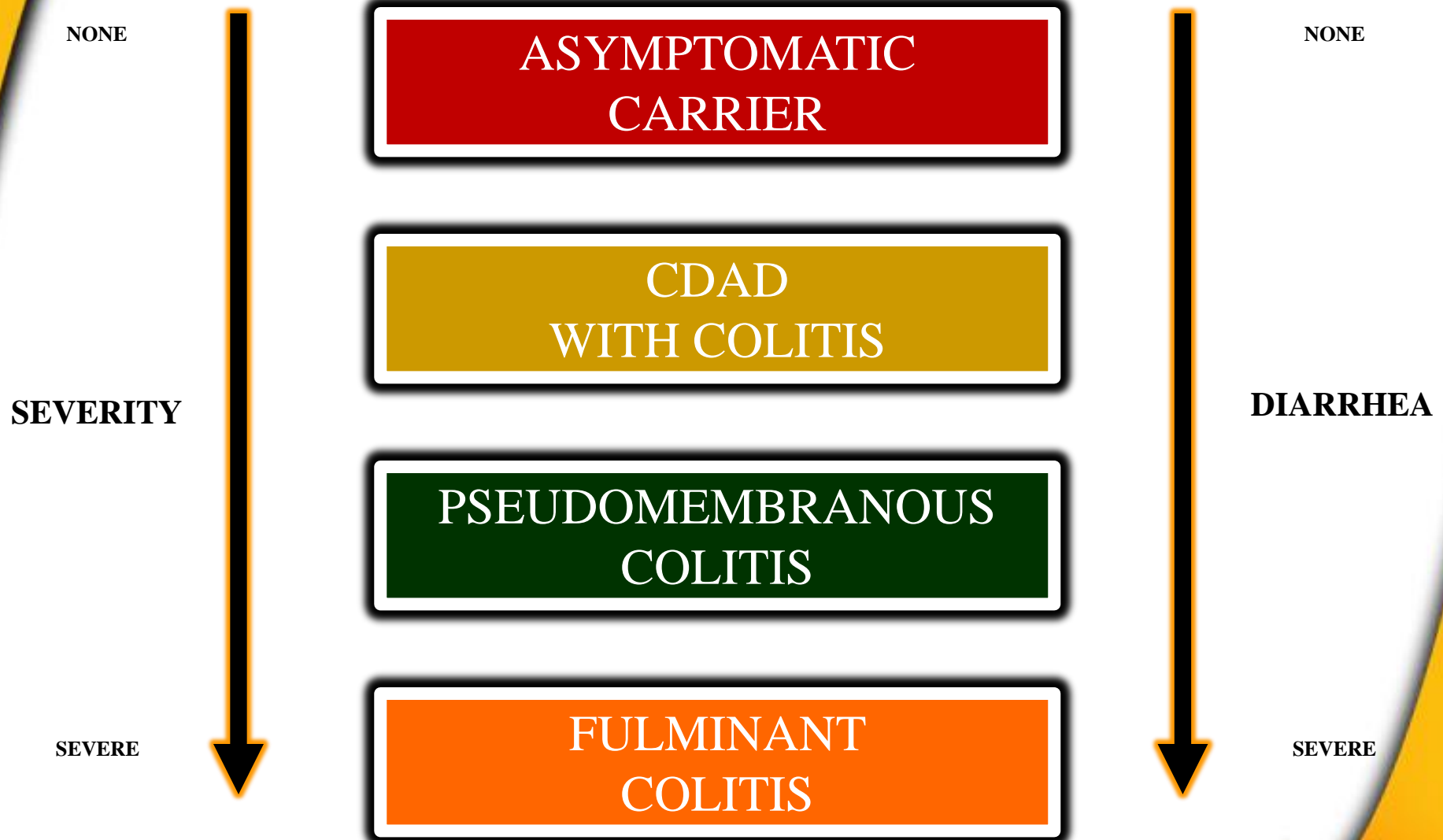


ANTIBIOTICS & CDAD

FREQUENT
FLUOROQUINOLONES
CLINDAMYCIN
PENICILLINS (BROAD-SPECTRUM)
CEPHALOSPORINS (BROAD-SPECTRUM)
OCCASIONAL
MACROLIDES
TRIMETHOPRIM
SULFONAMIDES
RARE
AMINOGLYCOSIDES
TETRACYCLINE
CHLORAMPHENICOL
METRONIDAZOLE
VANCOMYCIN

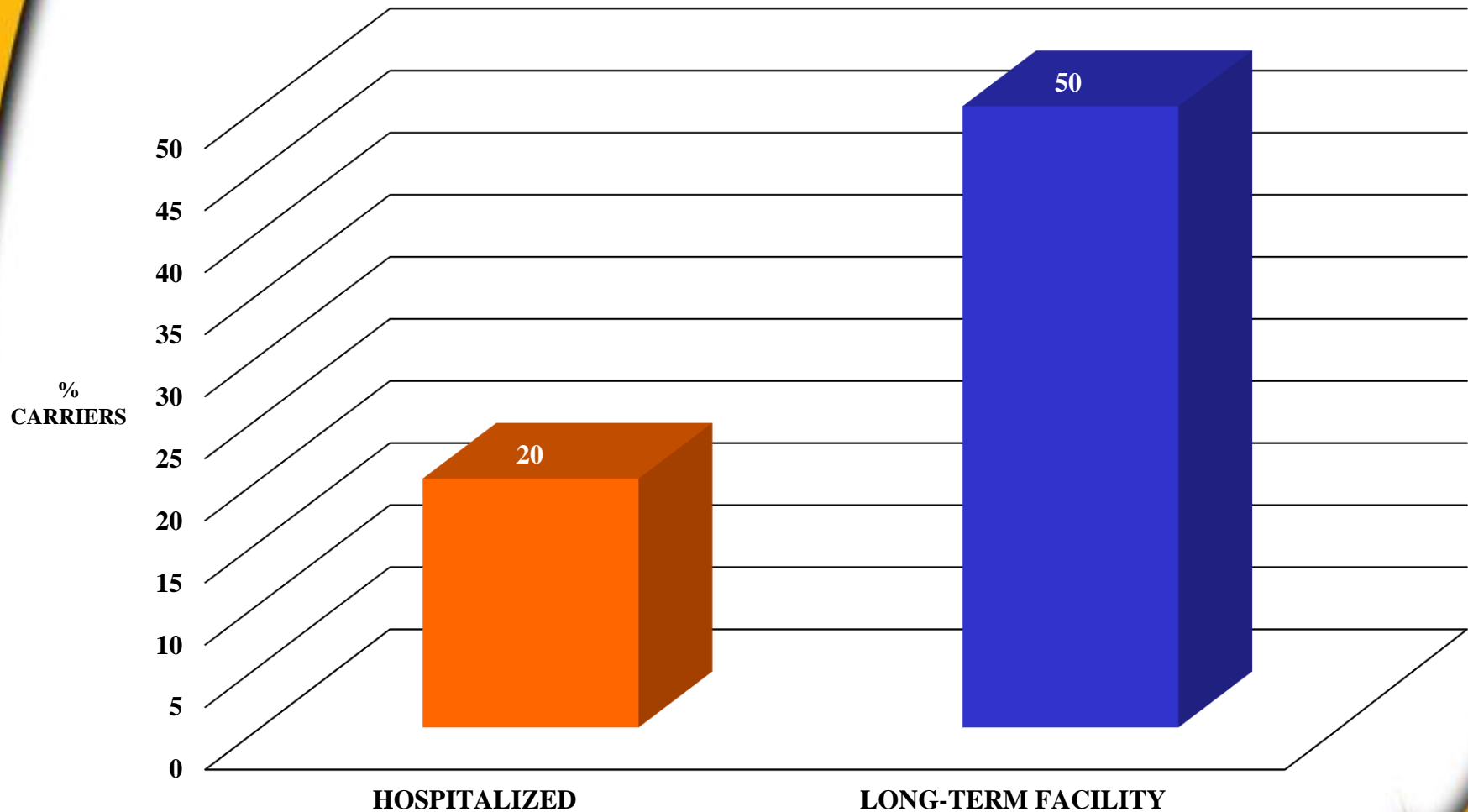


CLINICAL SPECTRUM



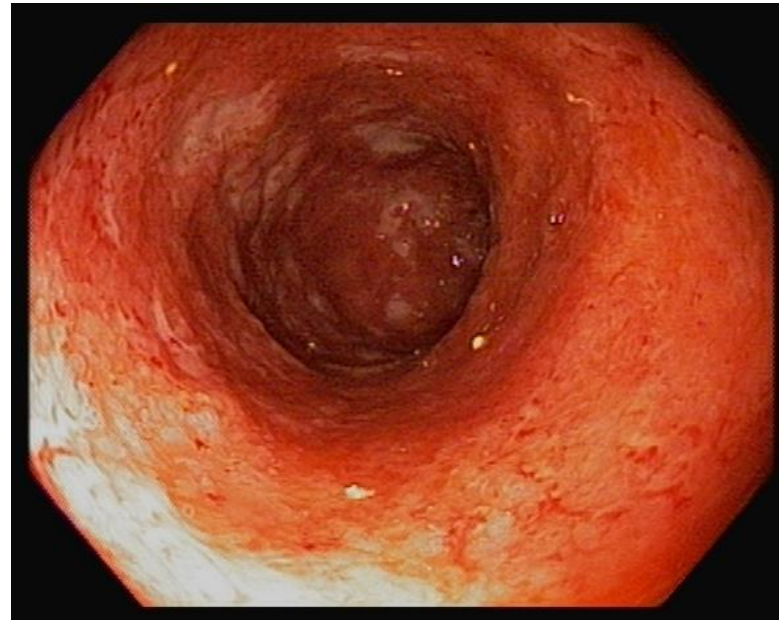
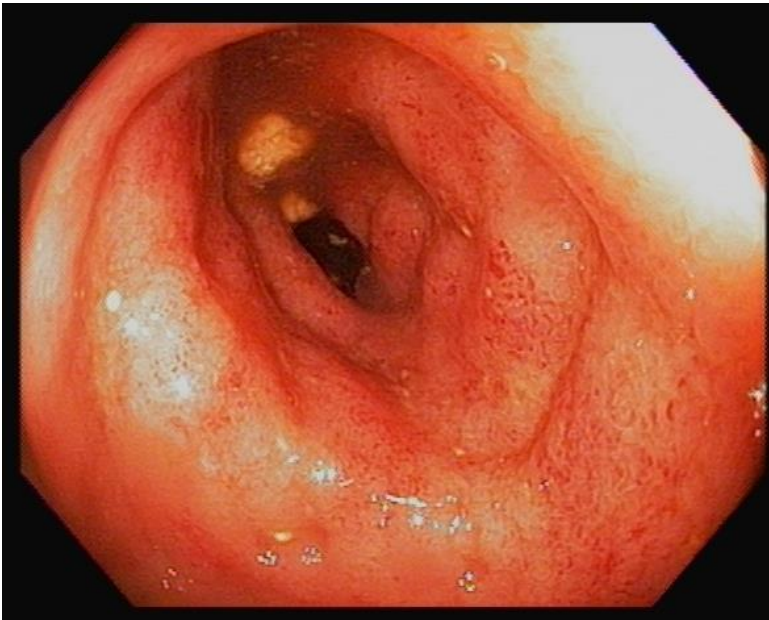


ASYMPTOMATIC CARRIER



CDAD WITH COLITIS

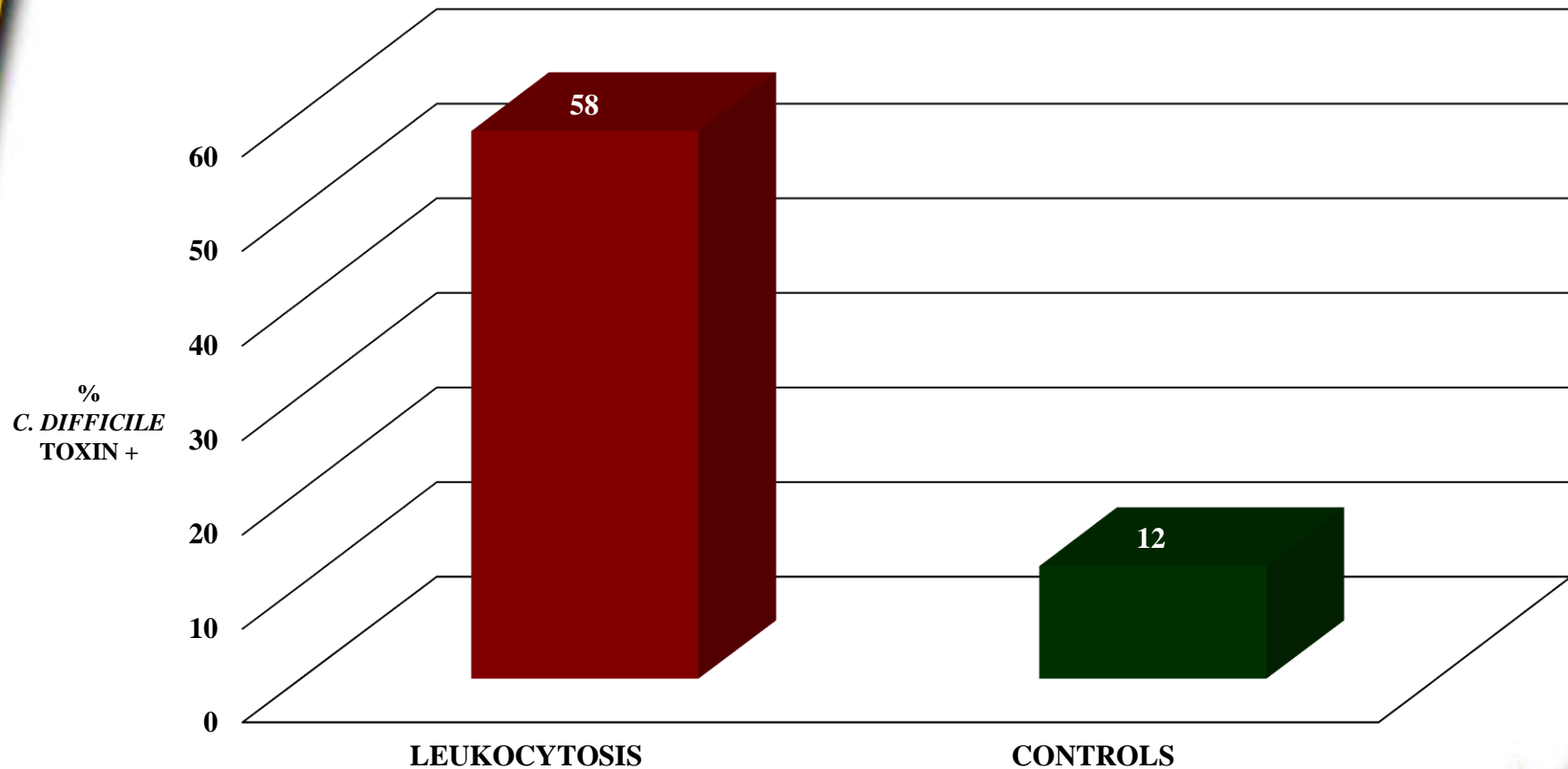
DIARRRHEA
UP TO 10-15/DAY
LOWER ABDOMINAL PAIN
LEUKOCYTOSIS
(mean ~15,000)





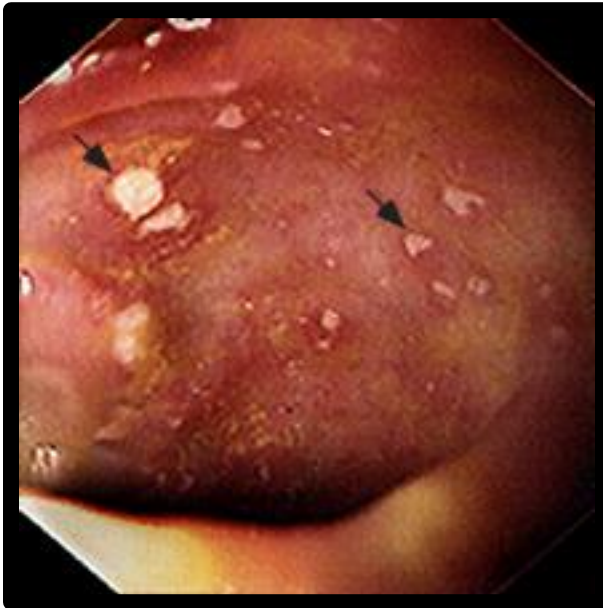
CDAD WITH COLITIS

**PROSPECTIVE COHORT IN HOUSTON TEXAS
UNEXPLAINED LEUKOCYTOSIS (WBC \geq 15,000/mm³) VS
HOSPITALIZED PATIENTS WITHOUT LEUKOCYTOSIS
STOOL BY EIA FOR *C. DIFFICILE* TOXIN
n=60 VS 26**





PSEUDOMEMBRANOUS COLITIS

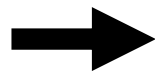


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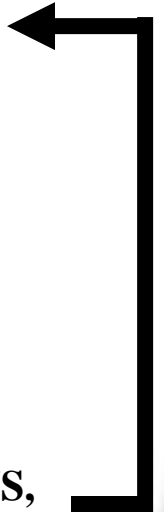
**TOXIN-INDUCED
CYTOSKELETON
DISRUPTION**



**SHALLOW
ULCERATIONS**



**RELEASE OF
SERUM PROTEINS,
MUCUS,
INFLAMMATORY
CELLS**





PSEUDOMEMBRANOUS COLITIS

3 TYPES

TYPE 1

MILDER

**INFLAMMATION IN SUPERFICIAL EPITHELIUM
CRYPT ABSCESSSES OCCASIONAL**

TYPE 2

**SEVERE DISRUPTION OF GLANDS
MUCIN SECRETION
INFLAMMATION IN BASAL LAMINA**

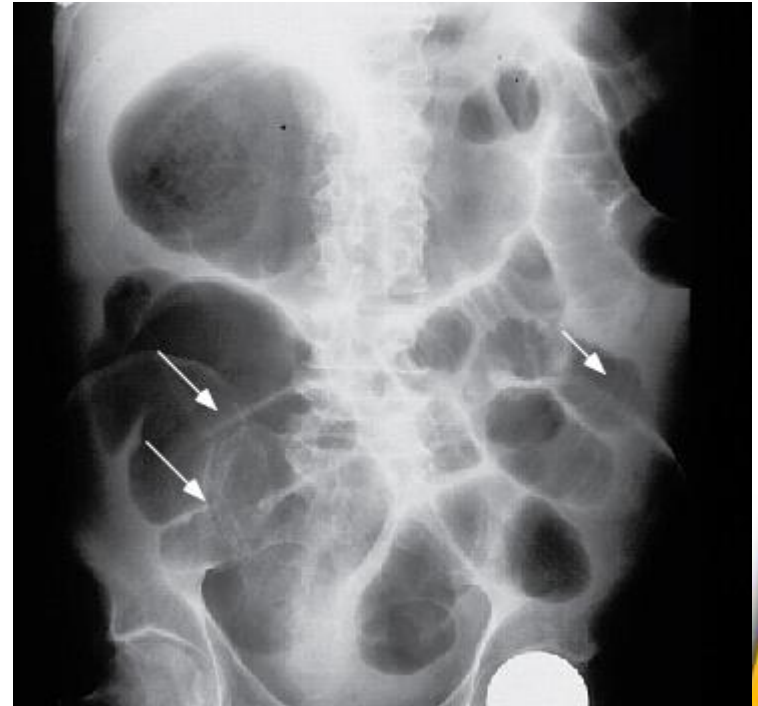
TYPE 3

**INTENSE NECROSIS
FULL THICKNESS INFLAMMATION
CONFLUENT PSEUDOMEMBRANES**



FULMINANT COLITIS

**SEVERE PAIN
+/- DIARRHEA
FEVER
HYPOVOLUMEMIA
SEVERE
LEUKOCYTOSIS
(40,000)**



Courtesy of J Thomas LaMont MD

TOXIC MEGACOLON
COLONIC DILATION (>7 cm) + SYSTEMIC TOXICITY



CLINICAL SPECTRUM

SEVERITY	CRITERIA
MILD-TO-MODERATE DISEASE	DIARRHEA + ANY ADDITIONAL SIGNS OR SYMPTOMS NOT MEETING SEVERE OR COMPLICATED CRITERIA
SEVERE DISEASE	SERUM ALBUMIN < 3 g/dl + ONE OF FOLLOWING: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- WBC ≥ 15,000 cells/mm³- ABDOMINAL TENDERNESS
SEVERE & COMPLICATED DISEASE	ANY OF THE FOLLOWING ATTRIBUTABLE TO CDAD: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- ADMISSION TO ICU FOR CDAD- HYPOTENSION ± VASOPRESSORS- FEVER ≥ 38.5°C- ILEUS OR SIGNIFICANT ABDOMINAL DISTENTION- MENTAL STATUS CHANGES- WBC ≥ 35,000 cells/mm³ OR < 2,000 cells/mm³- SERUM LACTATE > 2.2 mmol/l- END ORGAN FAILURE (VENTILATOR, RENAL FAILURE, ETC)
RECURRENT DISEASE	RECURRENT CDAD ≤ 8 WEEKS OF COMPLETION OF THERAPY



DIAGNOSIS

DIARRHEA

AND

STOOL TEST + FOR *C. DIFFICILE* TOXINS OR TOXIGENIC *C. DIFFICILE*

OR

ENDOSCOPIC/HISTOLOGIC PSEUDOMEMBRANOUS COLITIS



STOOL STUDIES

**POLYMERASE CHAIN
REACTION**

**ENZYME IMMUNOASSAY FOR
C. DIFFICILE GLUTAMATE
DEHYDROGENASE**

**ENZYME IMMUNOASSAY FOR
C. DIFFICILE TOXINS A & B**

**CELL CULTURE
CYTOTOXICITY ASSAY**

**SELECTIVE ANAEROBIC
CULTURE**



STOOL STUDIES

STOOL STUDY	SENSITIVITY/SPECIFICITY	EXTRAS
PCR	87% / 97%	~ 1 HOUR EXPENSIVE
EIA FOR GDH	75-90% / >90%	GDH IS AN ESSENTIAL ENZYME CANNOT DIFFERENTIATE TOXIC FROM NON-TOXIC STRAINS HIGH FALSE +
EIA FOR TOXINS	60-85% / 95-100%	HIGH FALSE – NEED 100-1000 pg OF TOXIN
CELL CULTURE CYTOTOXICITY ASSAY	95-100% / 99%	STOOL ON CULTURED CELLS → TOXIN AFFECTS FIBROBLASTS NOT WIDELY AVAILABLE SLOW, ~ 2 DAYS EXPENSIVE NOT STANDARDIZED
SELECTIVE ANAEROBIC CULTURE	96% / 100%	VERY SLOW LABOR INTENSIVE

Luo RF, et al. J Clin Microbiol 2010
Brecher SM, et al. Clin Infect Dis 2013
Planche T, et al. Lancet Infect Dis 2008
Shetty N, et al. J Hosp Infect 2011
Shannon-Lowe J, et al. BMJ 2010
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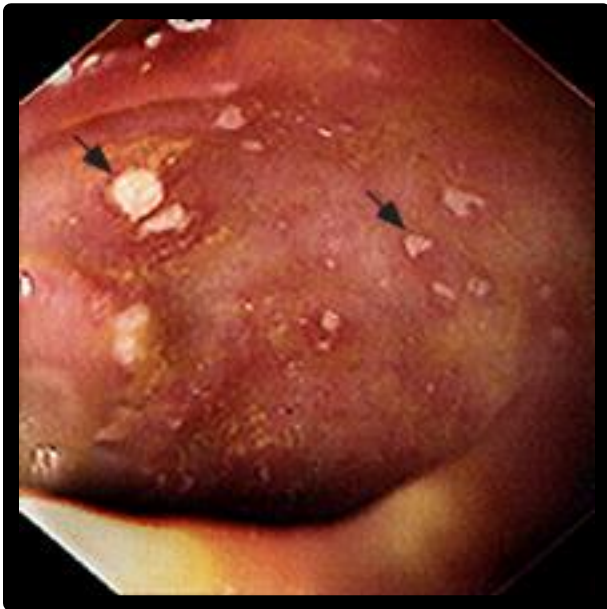


COLONOSCOPY

PSEUDOMEMBRANES

ABSENT IN 10-20%

RARELY SEEN WITH IBD AND SUPERIMPOSED *C. DIFFICILE*



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**IF LABS NEGATIVE BUT SUSPECT
PROMPT DIAGNOSIS
FAILURE TO ANTIBIOTICS
ATYPICAL PRESENTATION
(ILEUS, LITTLE DIARRHEA)**



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DIAGNOSTIC SUMMARY

EIA AND PCR REASONABLY SPECIFIC

REPEAT EIA, GDH, PCR NOT INDICATED

+ TEST + DIARRHEA = TREATMENT

COLONOSCOPY NOT NECESSARY



CLOSTRIDIUM DIFFICILE **TREATMENT**



INITIAL TREATMENT

**DISCONTINUE OTHER ANTIBIOTIC
(IF POSSIBLE)**

**SUPPORTIVE CARE
IVFs AND ELECTROLYTES**

INFECTION CONTROL

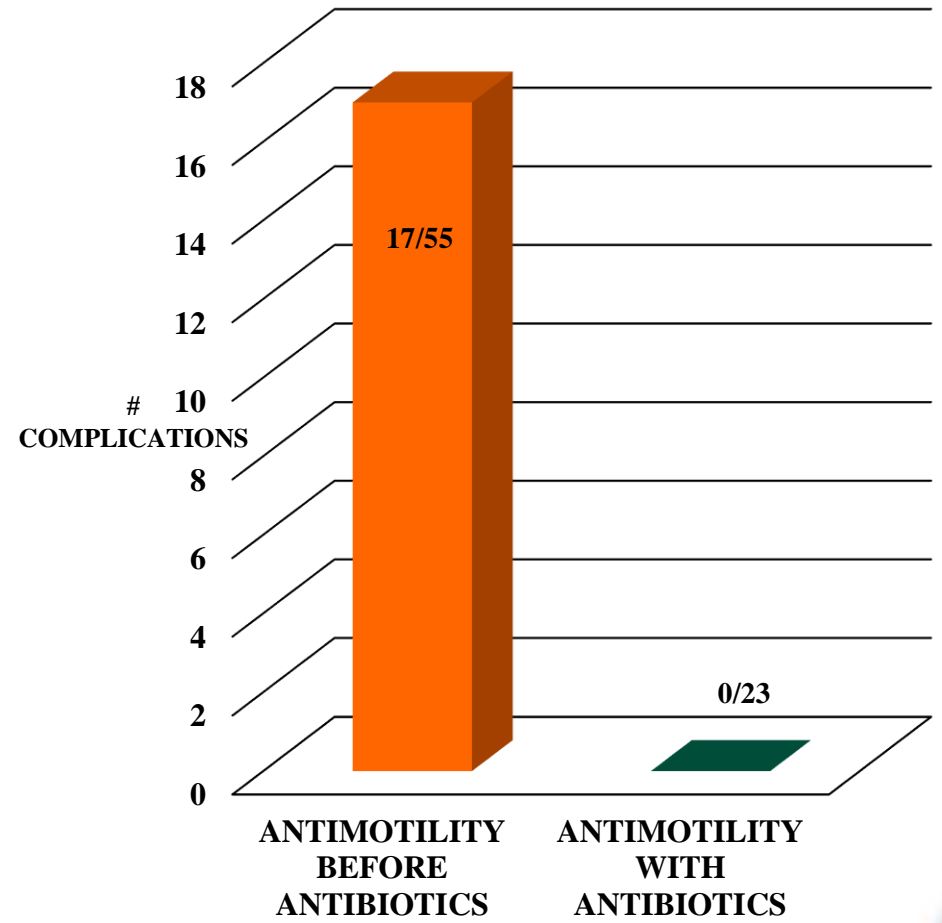
AVOID LOPERAMIDE & OPIATES?



ANTIMOTILITY AGENTS

REVIEW OF LITERATURE
1 RETROSPECTIVE STUDY, 19 CASE REPORTS/SERIES
n=55

ANTIMOTILITY AGENT
DIPHENOXYLATE/ATROPINE
LOPERAMIDE
OPIATES TINCTURE OF OPIUM CODEINE MORPHINE





TREATMENT

METRONIDAZOLE

VANCOMYCIN

FIDAXOMICIN

**FECAL MICROBIOTA
TRANSPLANTATION**

COLECTOMY

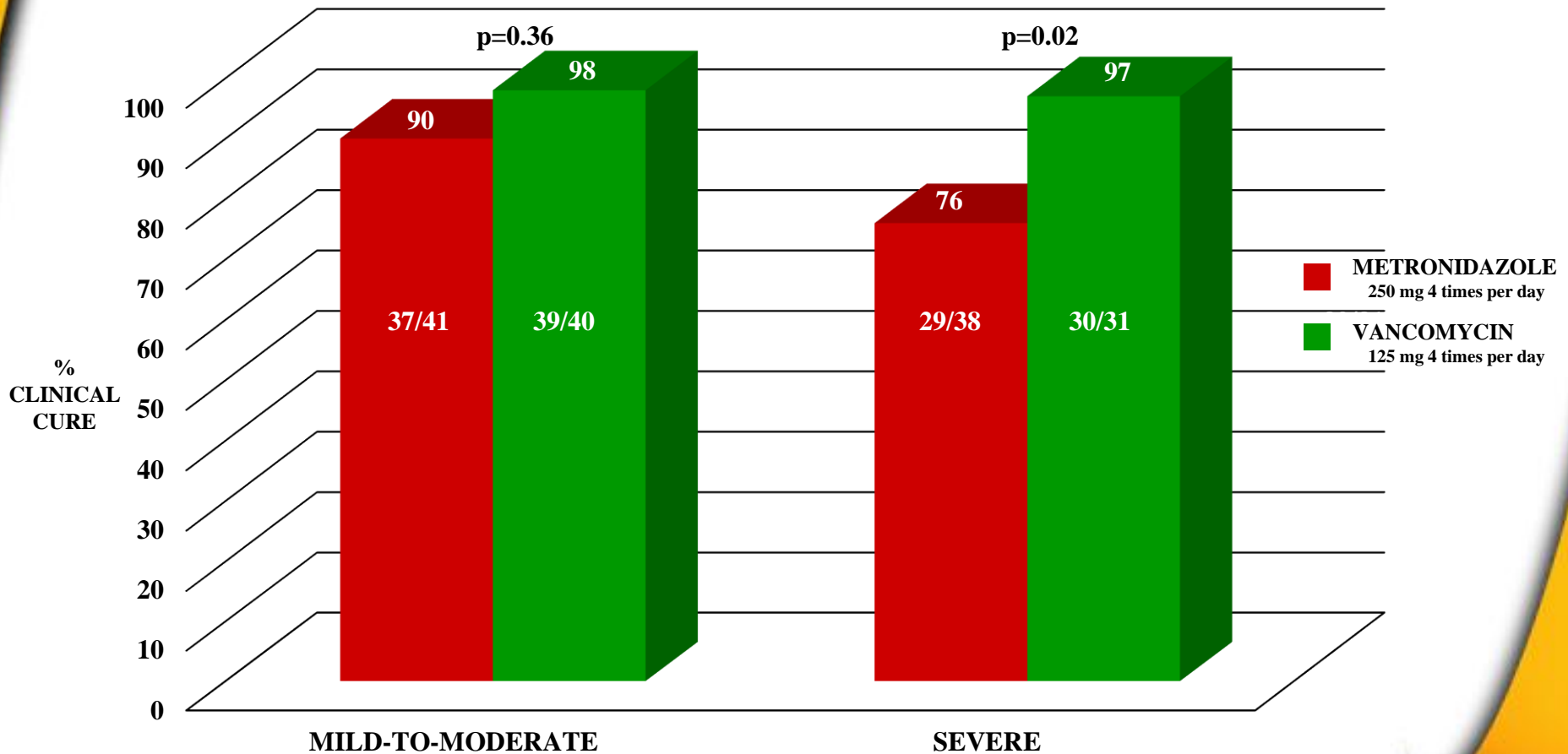


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INITIAL TREATMENT



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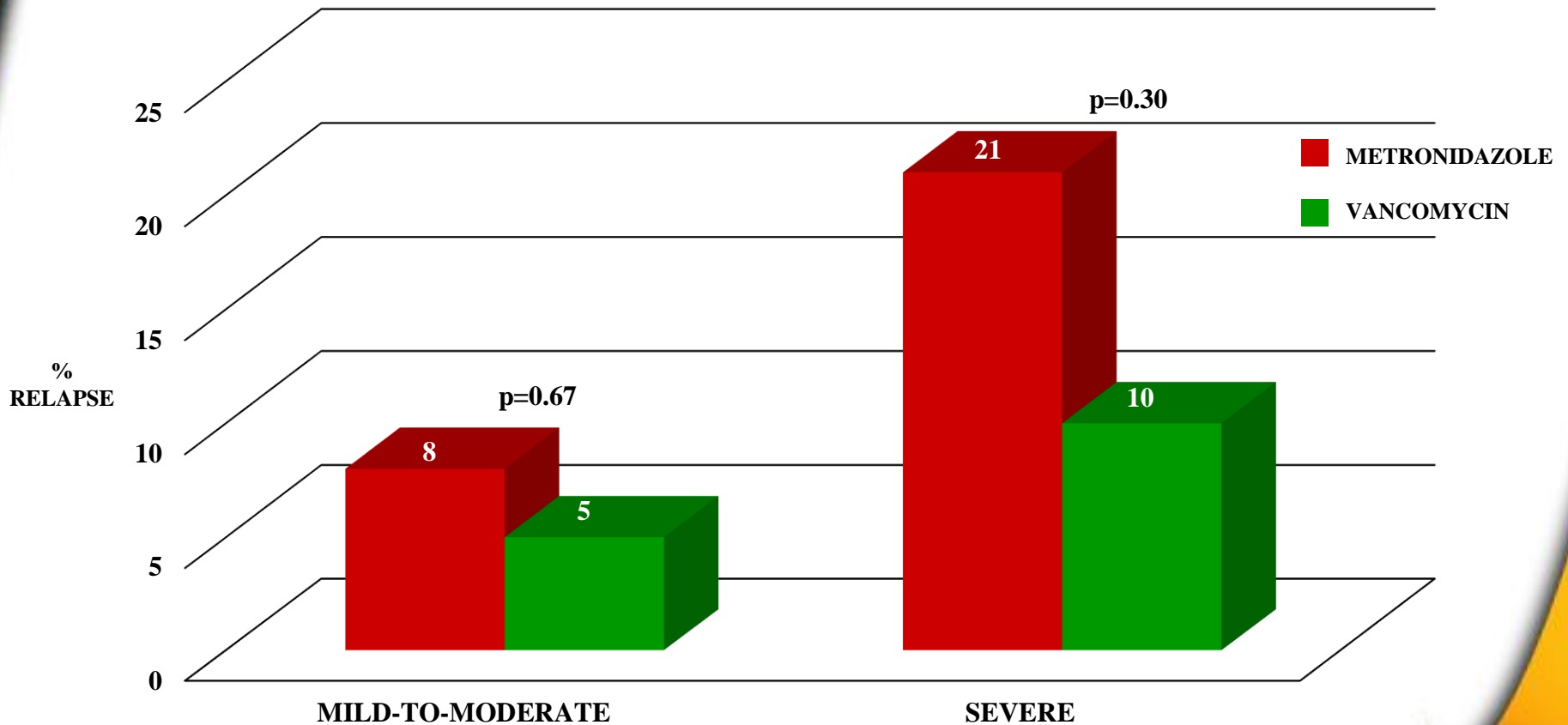
**RCT IN CHICAGO ILLINOIS
MILD-TO-MODERATE AND SEVERE CDAD
1994-2002
N=150**





INITIAL TREATMENT

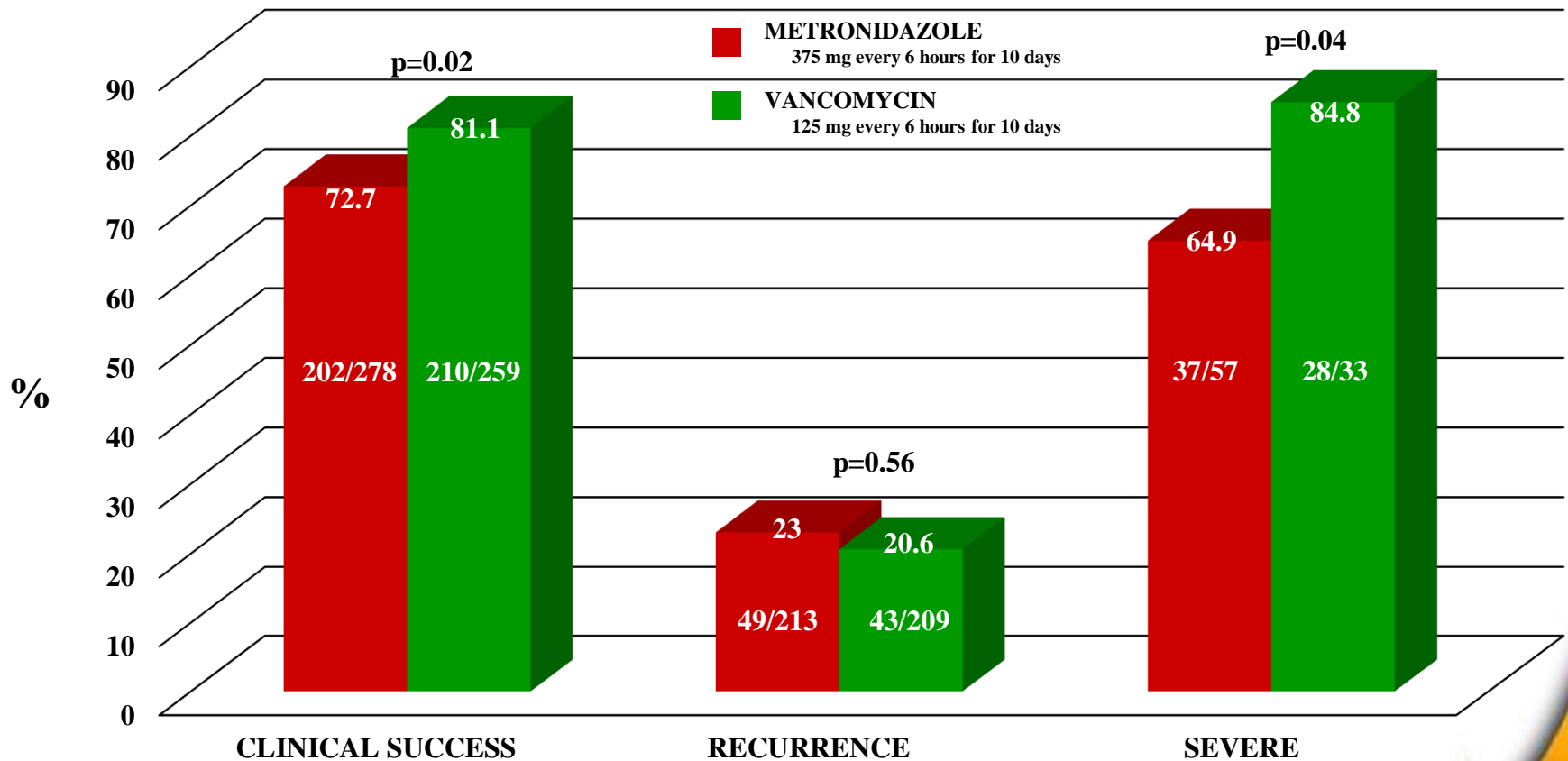
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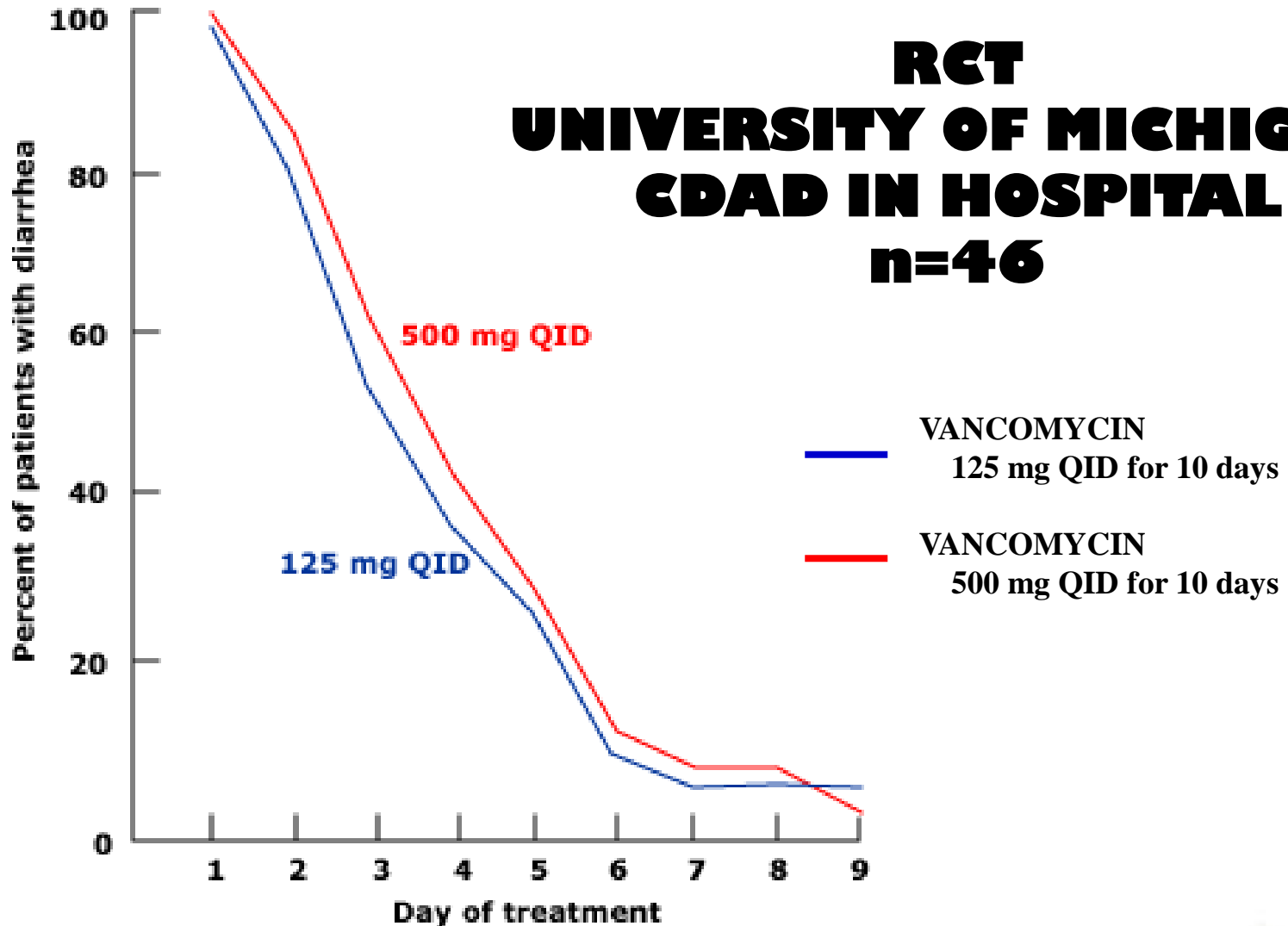
RCT
91 CENTERS IN U.S., CANADA, EUROPE, AUSTRALIA
CDAD
2005-2007
n=537





INITIAL TREATMENT

RCT UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN CDAD IN HOSPITAL n=46





CLOSTRIDIUM DIFFICILE **RECURRENCES**

RECURRENCE TREATMENT



REINFECTIONS SIMILAR TO RELAPSES
MOST \leq 1-3 WEEKS
CAN BE 2-3 MONTHS
1 RECURRENCE = 45-65% OF ANOTHER

RISK FACTORS
AGE \geq 65 YEARS
SEVERE UNDERLYING MEDICAL DISORDERS
NEED FOR ONGOING CONCOMITANT
ANTIBIOTICS



RECURRENCE TREATMENT

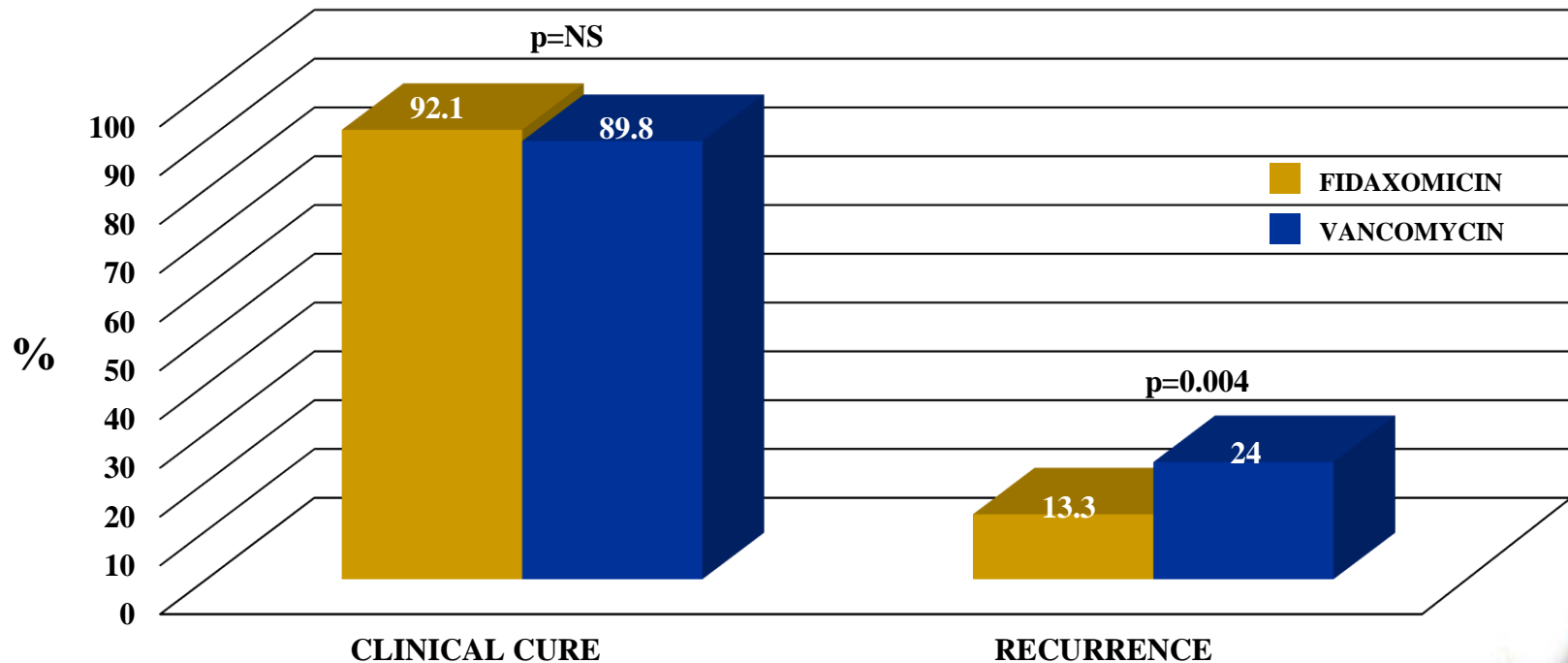
RCT

67 CENTERS IN U.S. AND CANADA

2006-2008

n=548

**FIDAXOMICIN 200 mg PO BID vs VANCOMYCIN 125 mg PO QID X 10 DAYS
PER PROTOCOL ANALYSIS**





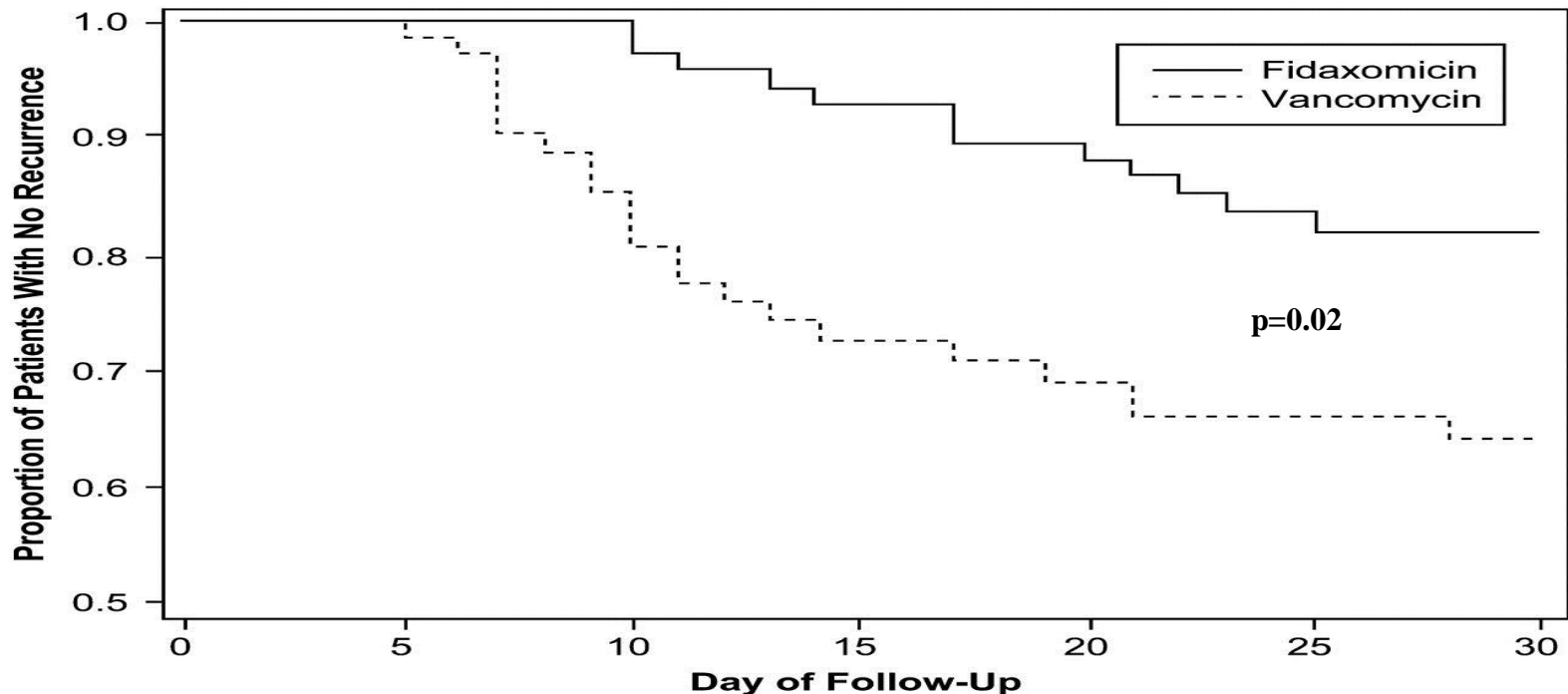
RECURRENCE TREATMENT

RCT - PHASE 3

154 CENTERS IN U.S., CANADA, EUROPE

n=162

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RECURRENCE \leq 28 DAYS

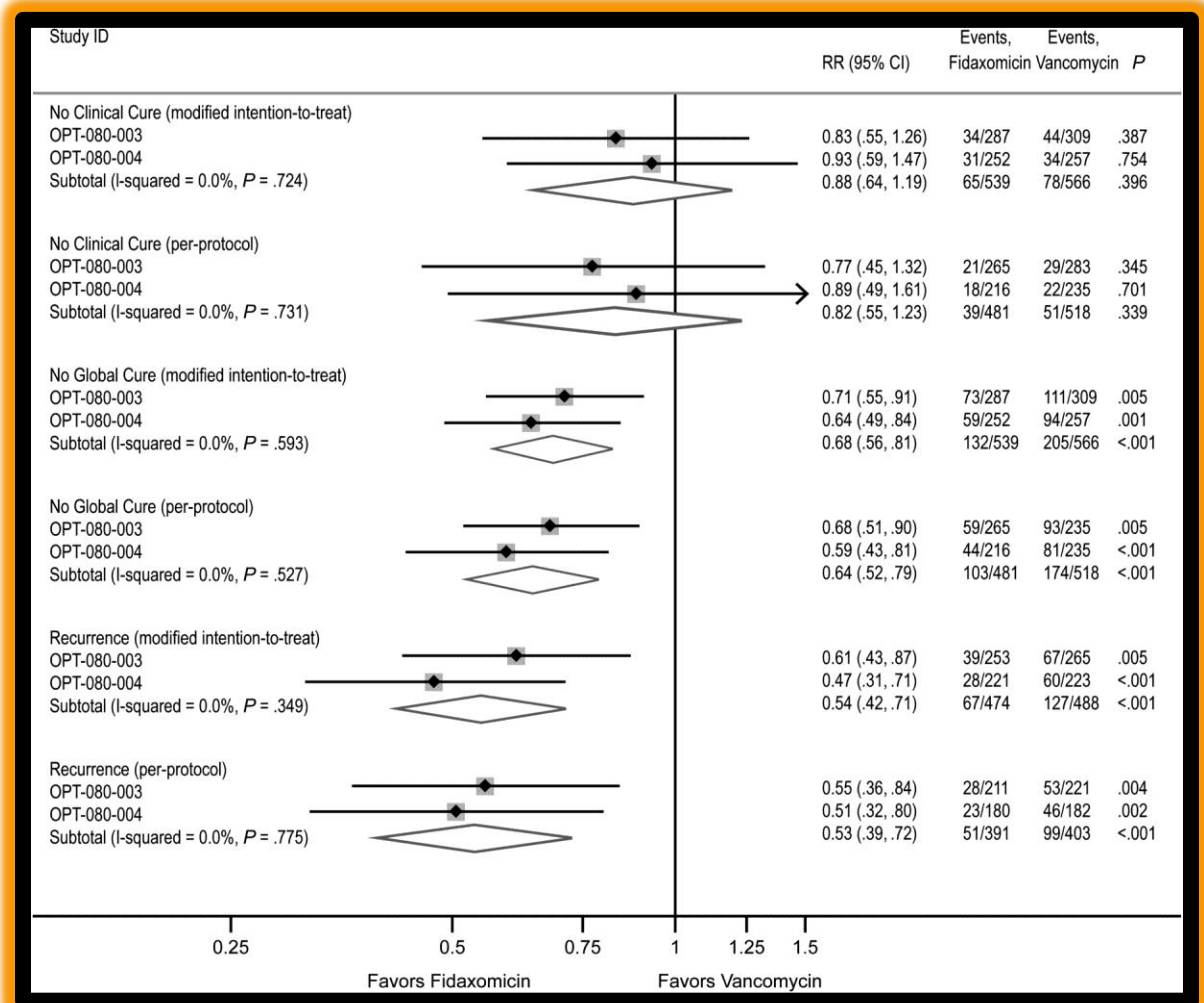




RECURRENCE TREATMENT

META-ANALYSIS n=1,164

**FIDAXOMICIN 200 mg PO BID
VS
VANCOMYCIN 125 mg PO QID
X 10 DAYS**





MULTIPLE RECURRENCES TREATMENT

REVIEW OF 2 RCTs
n=163

TAPER REGIMEN

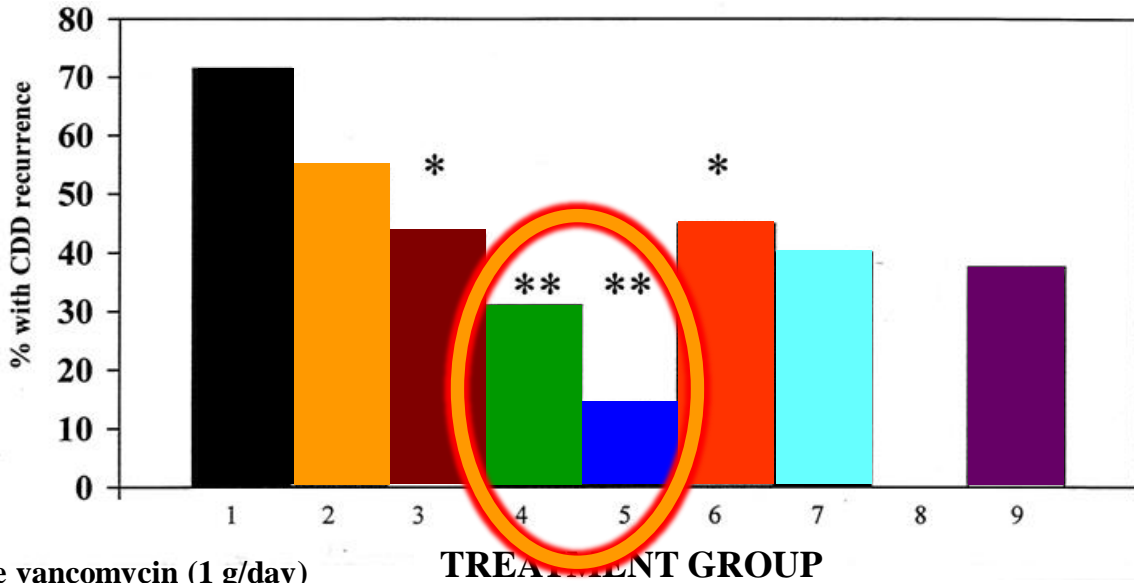
(VANCOMYCIN OR METRONIDAZOLE STARTED AT ONE DOSE OF 500mg - 3g/DAY & THEN DECREASED STEPWISE OVER A PERIOD OF TIME TO DOSES RANGING FROM 125 TO 750mg/DAY)

PULSED REGIMEN

VANCOMYCIN (125-500mg) EVERY 2-3 DAYS OVER A PERIOD OF TIME (USUALLY 3 WK)

Treatment response in 163 patients with RCDD

- 1 = medium dose vancomycin
- 2 = low dose vancomycin
- 3 = high dose vancomycin
- 4 = tapered vancomycin
- 5 = pulsed vancomycin
- 6 = low dose metronidazole
- 7 = medium dose metronidazole
- 8 = high dose metronidazole
- 9 = miscellaneous



*0.05 < p < 0.1, compared to medium dose vancomycin (1 g/day)

**p < 0.05, compared to medium dose vancomycin (1 g/day).



MULTIPLE RECURRENCES TREATMENT

CASE SERIES AT HINES VA ILLINOIS

n=8 FEMALES

4-8 EPISODES OF RECURRENT CDAD

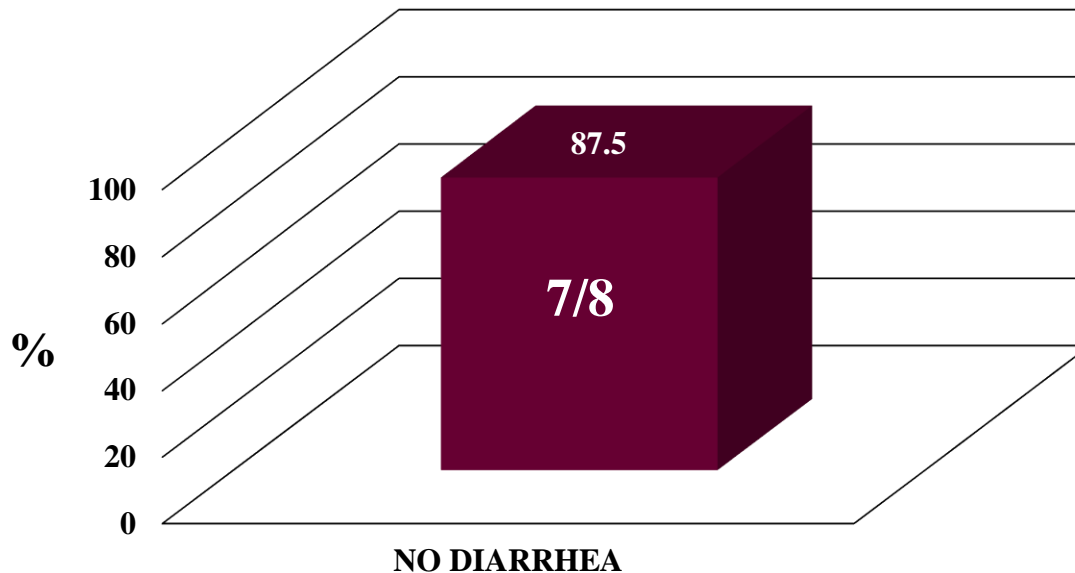
VANCOMYCIN → ASYMPTOMATIC →

RIFAXIMIN CHASER 400-800mg DAILY TOTAL (BID OR TID) X 2 WEEKS

RIFAXIMIN 400mg PO BID (n=6)

RIFAXIMIN 200mg PO TID (n=1)

RIFAXIMIN 200mg PO BID (n=1)





CLOSTRIDIUM DIFFICILE
SEVERE DISEASE



SEVERE TREATMENT

**SCORING SYSTEM BY ZAR
≥ 2 POINTS = SEVERE**

**DOES NOT
REPLACE
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RECURRENT
DISEASE

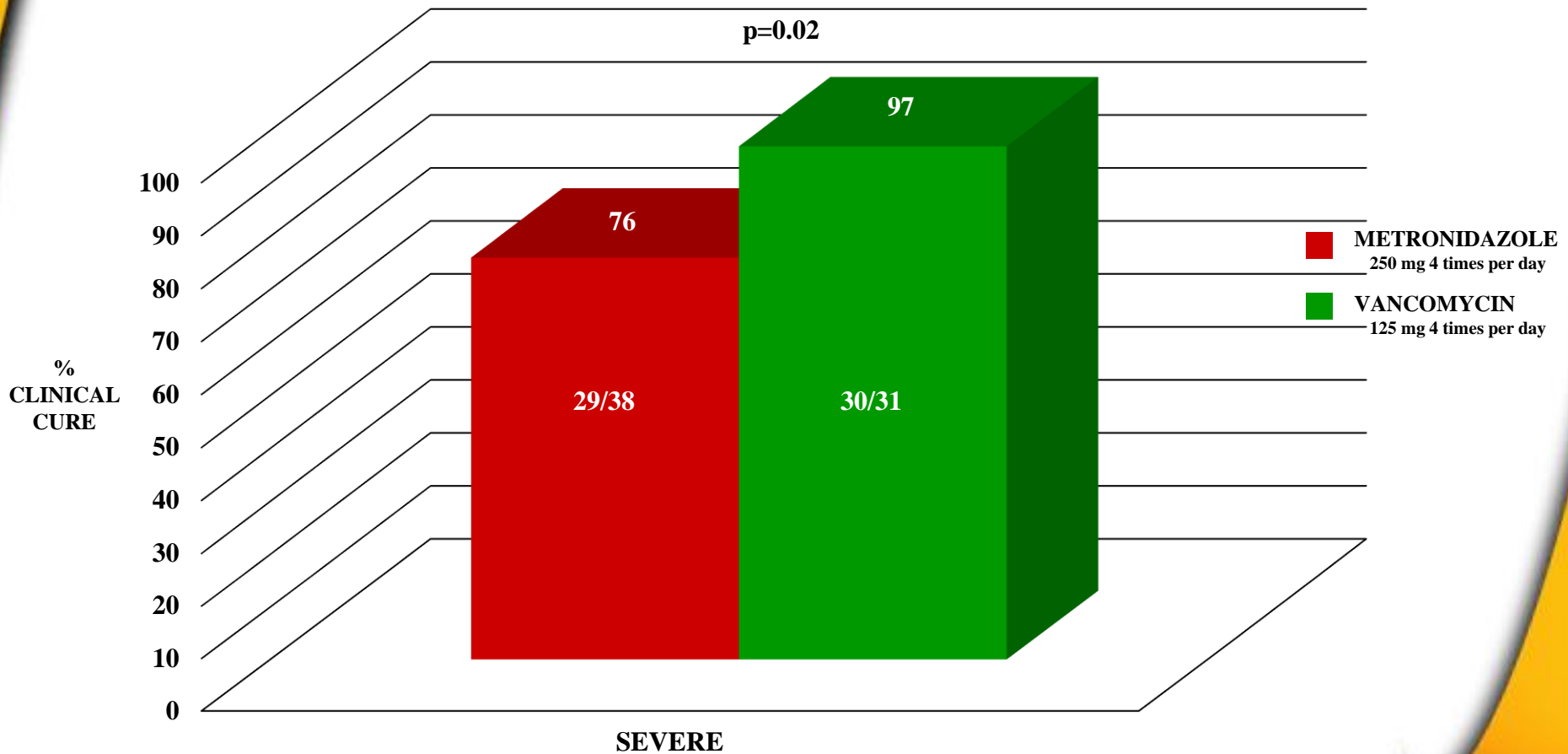
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LETION OF



SEVERE TREATMENT

**RCT IN CHICAGO ILLINOIS
SEVERE CDAD
1994-2002
N=69**





SEVERE TREATMENT

ORAL ANTIBIOTICS
VANCOMYCIN 125mg QID
VANCOMYCIN 500mg QID
FIDAXOMICIN 200mg BID
METRONIDAZOLE 500mg TID OR 250mg QID

IV ANTIBIOTICS
METRONIDAZOLE 500mg q 8 HOURS
(HIGH BILIARY SECRETION)
TIGECYCLINE IV ← LACKING EVIDENCE
VANCO ~~X~~ CIN IV ← DOES NOT WORK

COLONIC ANTIBIOTICS
VANCOMYCIN ENEMAS

Cohen SH, et al. Infect Control Hosp Epidemiol 2010
Zar FA, et al. Clin Infect Dis 2007
Herpers BL, et al. Clin Infect Dis 2009



SEVERE TREATMENT

CASE SERIES AT WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY SEVERE CDAD WITH ADJUNCTIVE INTRACOLONIC VANCOMYCIN ENEMAS 1998-2001 N=9

VANCOMYCIN IV SOLUTION (0.5-1g DISSOLVED IN 1-2L OF NORMAL SALINE) → GIVEN AS RETENTION ENEMA VIA 18-FR FOLEY CATHETER WITH 30cc BALLOON IN RECTUM X 60 MINUTES q 4-12 HOURS UNTIL CLINICAL IMPROVEMENT

Patient [reference]	Radiography finding ^a	Sigmoidoscopy finding	ICV dosage (duration, days)	Concurrent anti- <i>C. difficile</i> medication	Surgery consultation (surgery)	Clinical resolution (outcome)	Eradication of cytotoxin production after ICV therapy	Bacteremia or fungemia (etiologic agent) ^b
1	Diffuse colitis	PMC	1 g q12h (7)	Mtz (iv), Mtz (po), Vm (po)	Yes (No)	Complete (recovered)	Yes	No
2	Diffuse colitis	ND	1 g q12h (10)	Mtz (iv), Mtz (po), Vm (po)	Yes (No)	No (died)	ND	No
3	Right-side colitis	ND	0.5 g q4h (5)	Mtz (iv), Mtz (po)	Yes (No)	Complete (recovered)	Yes	Yes (VRE)
4	Diffuse colitis	ND	0.5 g q4h (4)	Mtz (iv), Mtz (po), Vm (po)	No	Complete (recovered)	ND	No
5	Left-side colitis	PMC	1 g q12h (4)	Mtz (iv), Mtz (po)	No	Complete (recovered)	ND	No
6	Left-side colitis	PMC	0.5 g q8h (14)	Mtz (iv), Mtz (po), Vm (po), Lact, Bct	Yes (No)	Complete (recovered)	Yes	Yes (VRE)
7	Diffuse colitis	ND	1 g q8h (2)	Mtz (iv), Mtz (po), Vm (po)	No	Complete (recovered)	ND	No
8	Diffuse colitis	ND	0.5 g q6h (9)	Mtz (iv), Mtz (po), Vm (po), Lact, Bct	No	Complete (recovered)	No	Yes (<i>Citrobacter freundii</i>)
9 [42]	Diffuse colitis	Diffuse edema	0.5 g q6h (6)	Mtz (iv), Mtz (po), Vm (po)	Yes (No)	Complete (recovered)	ND	Yes (<i>Candida glabrata</i> , CNS)

NOTE. All patients had confirmed *C. difficile* toxin by cytotoxicity assay (Bartels' Cytotoxicity Assay; Bartels). Bct, bacitracin; CNS, coagulase-negative staphylococci; Lact, lactobacillus; Mtz, metronidazole; ND, not done; PMC, pseudomembranous colitis; Vm, vancomycin; VRE, vancomycin-resistant enterococci.

^a Abdominal CT scan, plain abdominal film at the onset of symptoms, or both.

^b Bacteremia or fungemia after the initiation of ICV therapy.



SEVERE TREATMENT

WHEN TO CALL SURGERY

TOXIC MEGACOLON-ASSOCIATED ILEUS,
PERITONITIS, IMPENDING PERFORATION

HYPOTENSION

SEPSIS

MULTI-ORGAN FAILURE

WBC $\geq 50,000$ cells/mm³

SERUM LACTATE ≥ 5 mmol/L

**SUBTOTAL
COLECTOMY**

**DIVERTING LOOP
ILEOSTOMY**

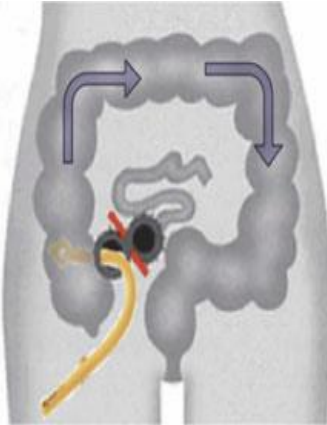


SEVERE TREATMENT

CASE SERIES AT UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH SEVERE CDAD

DIVERTING LOOP ILEOSTOMY + COLONIC VANCOMYCIN LAVAGE VS HISTORICAL COLECTOMY CONTROLS 2009-2011

N=42

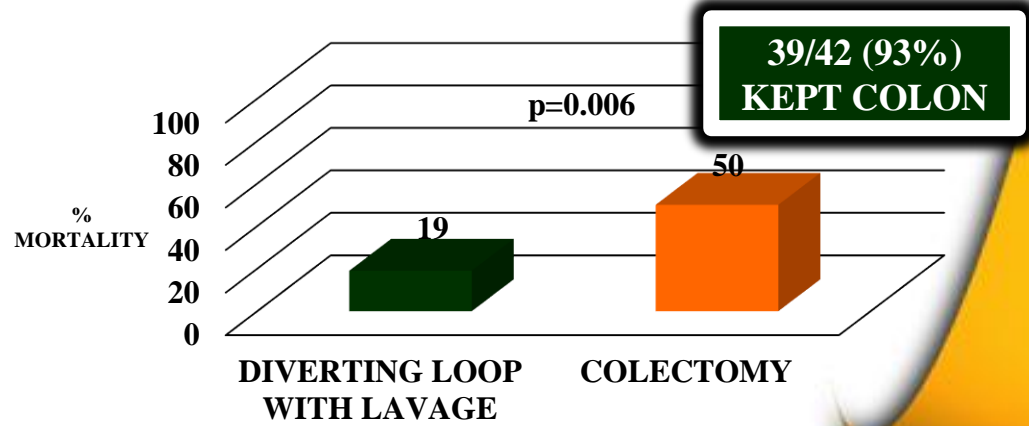


1. Creation of diverting loop ileostomy.
2. Intraoperative antegrade colonic lavage with 8 liters of warmed PEG3350/electrolyte solution via ileostomy.
3. Postoperative antegrade colonic enemas with vancomycin (500 mg in 500 mL X 10 days) via ileostomy.

	Ileostomy/Lavage	Colectomy	P
Age, y	65.3 ± 13	62.1 ± 14	0.28
Sex	45% women	45% women	1.0
APACHE-II (mean ± SD)	29.7 ± 5.5	28.5 ± 7.1	0.39
White blood cell count (mean ± SD)	25.4 ± 12.1	27.1 ± 13.2	0.54
Band count (mean ± SD)	21.4 ± 12.2	21.3 ± 12.9	0.97
Albumin (mean ± SD)	2.0 ± 0.8	2.2 ± 0.8	0.26
Intensive care unit	38/42 (90%)	38/42 (90%)	0.64
Intubated	27/42 (64%)	26/42 (62%)	0.82
Vasopressors	31/42 (74%)	32/42 (76%)	0.81
Immunosuppression	19/42 (45%)	17/42 (40%)	0.66
Postoperative death	8/42 (19%)	21/42 (50%)	0.006*

*Odds ratio = 0.24 (0.09-0.63).

Morbidity	Ileostomy/Colonic lavage No. (%)	Colectomy No. (%)
Deep venous thrombosis/pulmonary embolism	1 (2.4%)	3 (7.1%)
Surgical site infection	3 (7.1%)	9 (21%)
Urinary tract infection	3 (7.1%)	4 (9.5%)
Pneumonia	4 (9.5%)	5 (12%)
Inadvertent enterotomy	1 (2.4%)	1 (2.4%)
Reoperation related to ileostomy	2 (4.8%)	4 (9.5%)
"Ileostomy tube" migration	1 (2.4%)	NA





TREATMENT

SEVERITY	CRITERIA	ACG TREATMENT 2013	SHEA/IDSA TREATMENT 2010
MILD-TO-MODERATE DISEASE	DIARRHEA + ANY ADDITIONAL SIGNS OR SYMPTOMS NOT MEETING SEVERE OR COMPLICATED CRITERIA	METRONIDAZOLE 500mg PO TID X 10 DAYS IF UNABLE TO TAKE, VANCOMYCIN 125mg PO QID X 10 DAYS IF NO IMPROVEMENT IN 5-7 DAYS, CONSIDER CHANGE TO VANCOMYCIN 125mg PO QID X 10 DAYS	METRONIDAZOLE 500mg PO TID X 10-14 DAYS
SEVERE DISEASE	SERUM ALBUMIN < 3 g/dl + ONE OF FOLLOWING: - WBC ≥ 15,000 cells/mm ³ - ABDOMINAL TENDERNESS	VANCOMYCIN 125mg PO QID X 10 DAYS	VANCOMYCIN 125mg PO QID X 10-14 DAYS
SEVERE & COMPLICATED DISEASE	ANY OF THE FOLLOWING ATTRIBUTABLE TO CDAD: - ADMISSION TO ICU FOR CDAD - HYPOTENSION ± VASOPRESSORS - FEVER ≥ 38.5°C - ILEUS OR SIGNIFICANT ABDOMINAL DISTENTION - MENTAL STATUS CHANGES - WBC ≥ 35,000 cells/mm ³ OR < 2,000 cells/mm ³ - SERUM LACTATE > 2.2 mmol/l - END ORGAN FAILURE (VENTILATOR, RENAL FAILURE, ETC)	VANCOMYCIN 125mg PO QID + METRONIDAZOLE 500mg IV q 8 HRS + VANCOMYCIN 500mg in 500cc PR QID SURGICAL CONSULTATION SUGGESTED	VANCOMYCIN 500mg PO QID ± METRONIDAZOLE 500mg IV q 8 HRS ± VANCOMYCIN 500mg in 500cc PR QID (if ileus)
RECURRENT DISEASE	RECURRENT CDAD ≤ 8 WEEKS OF COMPLETION OF THERAPY	REPEAT METRONIDAZOLE OR VANCOMYCIN PULSE REGIMEN CONSIDER FMT AFTER 3 RECURRENCES	VANCOMYCIN TAPER OR PULSE REGIMEN



TREATMENT

DISEASE STAGE	ESCMID TREATMENT 2014
INITIAL DISEASE	METRONIDAZOLE 500mg PO TID X 10 DAYS (A-I) VANCOMYCIN 125mg PO QID X 10 DAYS (B-I) FIDAXOMICIN 200mg PO BID X 10 DAYS (B-I)
SEVERE DISEASE	VANCOMYCIN 125mg PO QID X 10 DAYS (A-I) FIDAXOMICIN 200mg PO BID X 10 DAYS (B-I)
FIRST RECURRENCE OF DISEASE	FIDAXOMICIN 200mg PO BID X 10 DAYS (B-I) VANCOMYCIN 125mg PO QID X 10 DAYS (B-I) METRONIDAZOLE 500mg PO TID X 10 DAYS (C-I)
MULTIPLE RECURRENCES OF DISEASE	FIDAXOMICIN 200mg PO BID X 10 DAYS (B-II) VANCOMYCIN 125mg PO QID X 10 DAYS + PULSE STRATEGY (B-II) VANCOMYCIN 125mg PO QID X 10 DAYS + TAPER STRATEGY (B-II)

ESCMID: European Society of Clinical Microbiology and Infectious Diseases



CLOSTRIDIUM DIFFICILE
ALTERNATIVE THERAPIES



TREATMENT

ALTERNATIVE ANTIBIOTICS

PROBIOTICS

ANION-BINDING RESINS

IV IMMUNOGLOBULIN

FECAL TRANSPLANTATION



ALTERNATIVE ANTIBIOTICS

META-ANALYSIS
12 STUDIES
n=1,157

VANCOMYCIN
METRONIDAZOLE
FUSIDIC ACID
NITAZOXANIDE
TEICoplanin
RIFAMPIN
RIFAXIMIN
BACITRACIN

**NO SINGLE
ANTIBIOTIC
CLEARLY
SUPERIOR**



ALTERNATIVE PROBIOTICS

META-ANALYSIS
4 RCTs
n=336

**TREATMENT OF INITIAL OR RECURRENT CDAD
ADULTS ON VANCOMYCIN/METRONIDAZOLE +
PROBIOTIC vs PLACEBO/NO PROBIOTIC**

**INSUFFICIENT EVIDENCE TO
RECOMMEND PROBIOTIC
THERAPY AS AN ADJUNCT TO
ANTIBIOTIC THERAPY FOR *C.
DIFFICILE* COLITIS**

Comparison 1. S.boula

Outcome or subgroup title
1 Cessation of diarrhea
1.1 Patients with initial or recurrent disease
1.2 Patients with recurrent disease
2 Recurrence of diarrhea
2.1 Patients with initial or recurrent disease
2.2 Patients with recurrent disease

Effect size
Subtotals only
1.33 [1.02, 1.74]
1.67 [0.95, 2.93]
Subtotals only
0.59 [0.35, 0.98]
0.33 [0.10, 1.06]

Comparison 2. L. plant

Outcome or subgroup title
1 Cessation of diarrhea
2 Recurrence of diarrhea
3 Bacteriological cure

1	21	Risk Ratio (M-H, Fixed, 95% CI)
1	20	Risk Ratio (M-H, Fixed, 95% CI)

Effect size
0.93 [0.73, 1.19]
0.55 [0.22, 1.35]
0.75 [0.41, 1.36]

Comparison 3. Lactob

Outcome or subgroup title
1 Recurrent CDAD

HARMFUL?
BACTEREMIA
FUNGEMIA

Effect size
2.63 [0.35, 19.85]

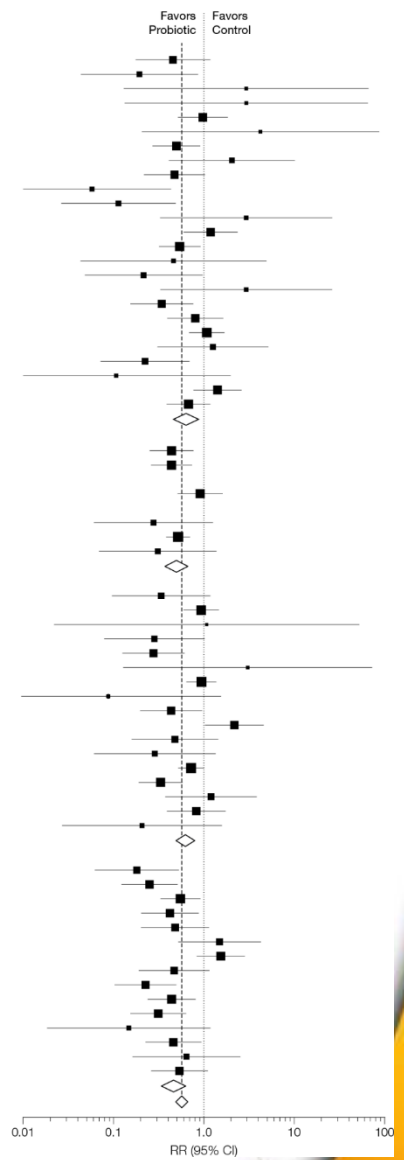


ALTERNATIVE PROBIOTICS

META-ANALYSIS
63 RCTs
n=11,811
INCIDENCE OF
ANTIBIOTIC-
ASSOCIATED
DIARRRHEA
ADULTS & CHILDREN ON
ANTIBIOTIC(S) +
PROBIOTIC VS
PLACEBO/NO PROBIOTIC

PREVENTION AND
TREATMENT
TOGETHER

Study	No. With Antibiotic-Associated Diarrhea/No. in Group (%)		RR (95% CI)
	Intervention	Control	
Genus, Blend			
Jirapinyo, ²⁰ 2002	3/8 (38)	8/10 (80)	0.47 (0.18-1.21)
Shau, ²⁷ 2002	2/80 (2)	10/90 (12)	0.20 (0.06-0.88)
Sullivan, ⁶² 2003	1/12 (8)	0/12 (0)	3.00 (0.13-86.80)
Lighthouse, ⁶³ 2004	1/10 (10)	0/10 (0)	3.00 (0.14-85.55)
Plummer, ²² 2004	15/69 (22)	15/69 (22)	1.00 (0.53-1.88)
Schrezenmeier, ⁶¹ 2004	2/50 (4)	0/43 (0)	4.31 (0.21-87.30)
Corrêa, ¹⁸ 2005	13/87 (15)	24/82 (29)	0.51 (0.28-0.93)
Myyliuoma, ²¹ 2005	4/23 (17)	2/24 (8)	2.09 (0.42-10.32)
Conway, ⁶⁴ 2007	9/149 (6)	17/137 (12)	0.49 (0.22-1.06)
de Bortoli, ⁶⁵ 2007	1/105 (1)	16/101 (16)	0.06 (0.01-0.44)
Park, ³⁶ 2007	2/176 (1)	17/176 (10)	0.12 (0.03-0.50)
Stein, ⁶⁶ 2007	3/21 (14)	1/21 (5)	3.00 (0.34-26.56)
Kim, ⁶⁷ 2008	16/169 (10)	14/179 (8)	1.22 (0.61-2.42)
Koning, ⁶⁸ 2008	9/20 (45)	17/21 (81)	0.56 (0.33-0.94)
Szymanski, ²⁸ 2008	1/40 (2)	2/38 (5)	0.48 (0.04-5.03)
Wenus, ⁶⁹ 2008	2/46 (4)	8/41 (20)	0.22 (0.05-0.99)
Engelbrektsen, ⁷⁰ 2009	3/20 (15)	1/20 (5)	3.00 (0.34-26.45)
Hickson, ¹⁹ 2007	7/69 (10)	19/66 (29)	0.35 (0.16-0.78)
Merenstein, ⁷¹ 2009	11/61 (18)	14/64 (22)	0.82 (0.41-1.67)
Koning, ⁷² 2010	13/17 (76)	9/13 (69)	1.10 (0.71-1.73)
de Vrese, ⁷³ 2011	4/30 (13)	3/29 (10)	1.29 (0.32-5.26)
Sameeray, ⁷⁷ 2011	13/25 (52)	13/25 (52)	0.23 (0.07-0.71)
Selinger, ²³ 2011	0/62 (0)	4/62 (6)	0.11 (0.01-2.02)
Yoon, ⁷⁸ 2011	20/151 (13)	17/186 (9)	1.45 (0.79-2.67)
Bhalla, ³⁸ 2011	19/176 (11)	26/167 (16)	0.69 (0.40-1.20)
Random effects model			
Genus, Bacillus			
LJ 2010, ⁷³	15/122 (12)	34/125 (27)	0.45 (0.26-0.79)
La Rosa, ⁴³ 2003	14/60 (23)	31/60 (52)	0.45 (0.27-0.76)
Genus, Bifidobacterium			
Yasar, ⁷⁵ 2010	14/38 (37)	15/38 (39)	0.93 (0.53-1.66)
Genus, Enterococcus			
Borgis, ⁵⁴ 1982	2/40 (5)	7/40 (18)	0.29 (0.06-1.29)
Fripeno, ³⁵ 1986	57/66 (8)	107/662 (16)	0.53 (0.39-0.72)
Wunderlich, ³⁹ 1989	2/23 (9)	6/22 (27)	0.32 (0.07-1.41)
Random effects model			
Genus, Lactobacillus			
Gotz, ²³ 1979	3/48 (6)	9/50 (18)	0.35 (0.10-1.21)
Tankanov, ⁴⁹ 1990	10/15 (67)	16/23 (70)	0.96 (0.61-1.50)
Reid, ³⁴ 1992	0/19 (0)	0/21 (0)	1.10 (0.02-52.95)
Arvola, ³⁷ 1999	3/89 (3)	9/78 (12)	0.29 (0.08-1.04)
Vanderhoof, ²⁷ 1999	7/93 (8)	25/96 (26)	0.29 (0.13-0.63)
Felley, ⁶⁸ 2001	1/26 (4)	0/27 (0)	3.11 (0.13-73.07)
Thomas, ⁵² 2001	39/152 (26)	40/150 (27)	0.96 (0.66-1.41)
Tursi, ⁶² 2004	0/35 (0)	5/35 (14)	0.09 (0.01-1.58)
Beausoleil, ¹⁷ 2007	7/44 (16)	16/45 (36)	0.45 (0.20-0.98)
Ruszczyński, ⁴⁵ 2008	20/120 (17)	9/120 (8)	2.22 (1.06-4.68)
Selciar, ⁴⁰ 2008	4/23 (17)	6/17 (35)	0.49 (0.16-1.48)
Szajewska, ⁴⁸ 2009	2/44 (5)	6/39 (15)	0.30 (0.06-1.38)
Sampalis, ⁴⁰ 2010	47/233 (20)	65/239 (27)	0.74 (0.53-1.03)
Gao, ⁴¹ 2010	13/86 (15)	37/84 (44)	0.34 (0.20-0.60)
Lönnemark, ⁴⁴ 2010	6/118 (5)	5/121 (4)	1.23 (0.39-3.92)
Song, ⁴⁷ 2010	11/103 (11)	14/111 (13)	0.85 (0.40-1.78)
Cimpesaru, ³⁹ 2011	1/15 (7)	5/16 (33%)	0.21 (0.03-1.52)
Random effects model			
Genus, Saccharomyces			
Ligny, ³² 1976	3/20 (15)	16/20 (80)	0.19 (0.06-0.54)
Adam, ²⁶ 1977	9/199 (5)	33/189 (17)	0.26 (0.13-0.53)
Monteiro, ³³ 1981	19/121 (16)	33/119 (28)	0.57 (0.34-0.94)
Surawicz, ³⁴ 1989	11/116 (9)	14/64 (22)	0.43 (0.21-0.90)
McFarland, ³² 1995	7/97 (7)	14/96 (15)	0.49 (0.21-1.17)
Lewis, ³¹ 1998	7/33 (21)	5/36 (14)	1.53 (0.54-4.35)
Berhanou, ²⁵ 1999	25/388 (6)	16/391 (4)	1.57 (0.85-2.90)
Erdeve, ³⁹ 2004	7/127 (6)	12/105 (11)	0.49 (0.20-1.18)
Erdeve, ³⁹ 2004	7/117 (6)	30/117 (26)	0.23 (0.11-0.51)
Duman, ⁶³ 2005	14/204 (7)	28/185 (15)	0.45 (0.25-0.83)
Kotowska, ³⁰ 2005	9/132 (7)	29/137 (21)	0.32 (0.16-0.65)
Car, ²⁸ 2006	1/73 (1)	7/78 (9)	0.15 (0.02-1.21)
Cindoruk, ²⁹ 2007	9/62 (15)	19/62 (31)	0.47 (0.23-0.96)
Bravo, ²⁷ 2008	3/41 (7)	5/45 (11)	0.66 (0.17-2.58)
Song, ⁷⁴ 2010	11/330 (3)	20/331 (6)	0.55 (0.27-1.13)
Random effects model			
Overall random effects model			
			0.58 (0.50-0.68)





ALTERNATIVE PROBIOTICS

META-ANALYSIS 20 RCTs n=3,818 INCIDENCE OF CDAD ADULTS & CHILDREN ON ANTIBIOTIC(S) + PROBIOTIC VS PLACEBO/NO PROBIOTIC

Figure 2. Probiotics for the prevention of *Clostridium difficile*-associated diarrhea.

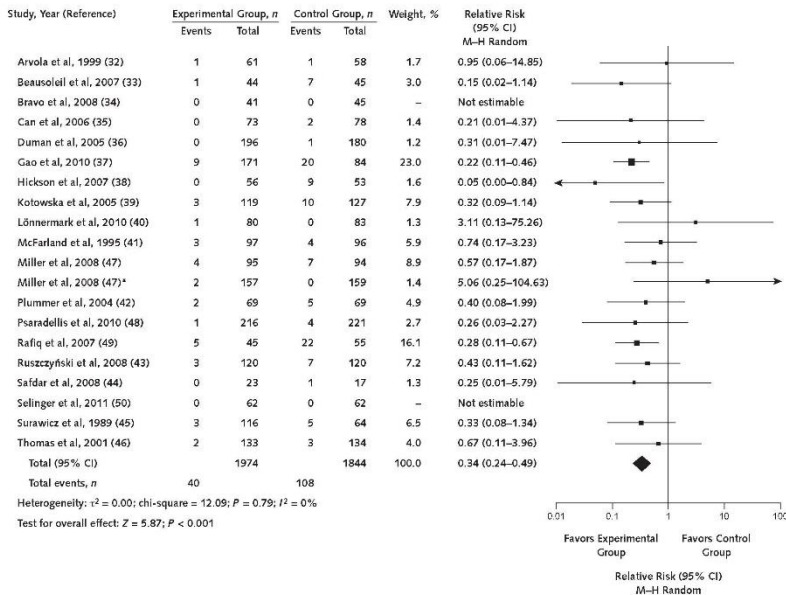
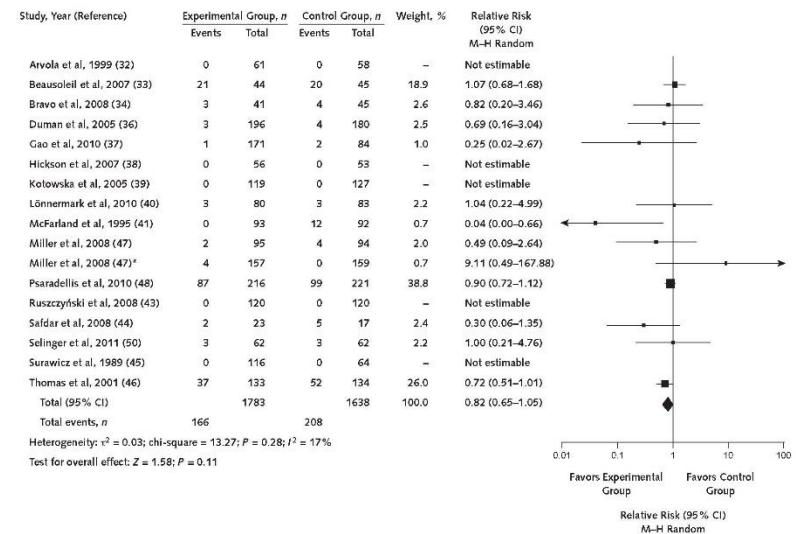


Figure 3. Risk for adverse effects with probiotics.



M-H = Mantel-Haenszel.

* Miller and colleagues reported on 2 studies; the dosage of probiotic used was 3 times greater than in the study above.

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ALTERNATIVE ANION-BINDING RESINS

CHOLESTIPOL

5g q 12 HOURS

CHOLESTYRAMINE

TOLEVAMER

3g

CHOLESTYRAMINE

VANCOMYCIN

ALL ANION-BINDING RESINS MUST BE TAKEN 2-3 HOURS APART FROM VANCOMYCIN

1982

RELAPSE OF CDAD

VANCOMYCIN TAPERED + CHOLESTIPOL

11/11 PATIENTS ASYMPTOMATIC AT 6

WEEKS

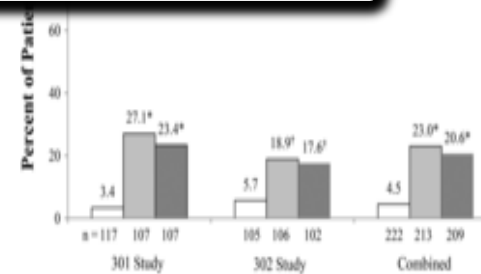
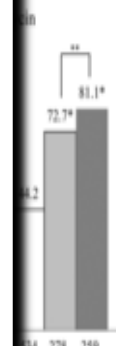
RCT AT HINES VA ILLINOIS

n=563

TOLEVAMER 9g LOAD + 3g q 8 HOURS x 14 DAYS

CHOLESTYRAMINE 3g q 6 HOURS x 10 DAYS

CHOLESTIPOL 5g q 12 HOURS x 10 DAYS



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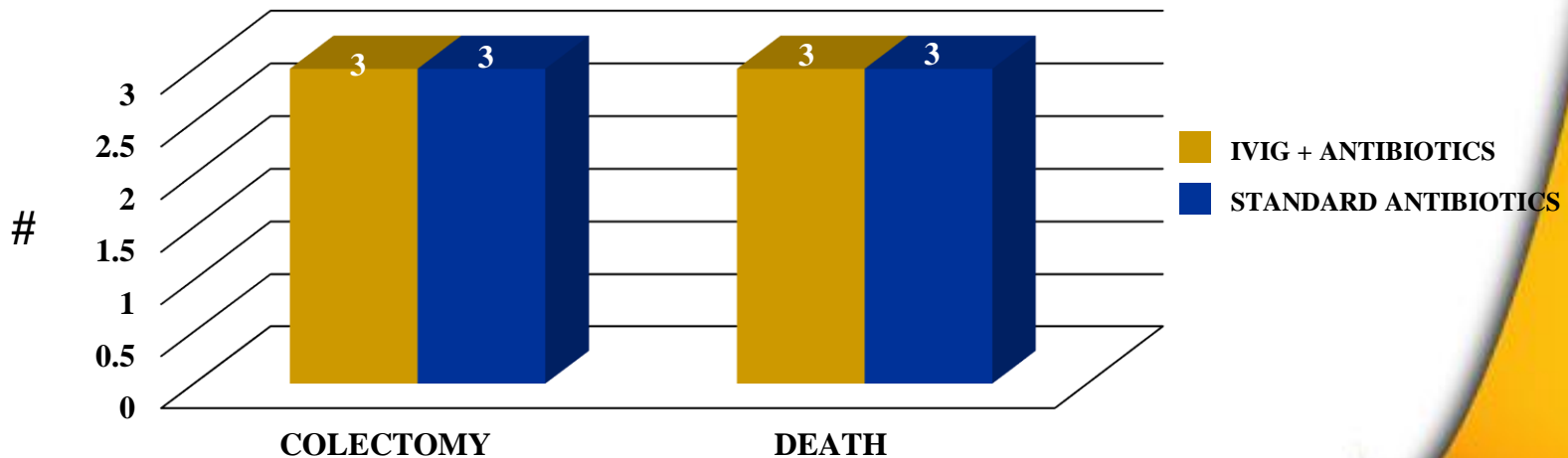
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ALTERNATIVE IV IMMUNOGLOBULINS

**RETROSPECTIVE COHORT
UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH
2001-2003
n=36**

**TREATMENT OF SEVERE CDAD
VANCOMYCIN PO/METRONIDAZOLE IV/VANCOMYCIN PR (n=18)
VS
VANCOMYCIN PO/METRONIDAZOLE IV/VANCOMYCIN PR
+
IVIG 200-300mg/kg (n=18)**





ALTERNATIVE FMT

ORAL

**UP TO 30 FROZEN FMT CAPSULES OF HEALTHY UNRELATED DONORS WITH
MEAN FECAL MATTER PER CAPSULE 1.6g (1.0-2.05g)**

ENEMA

RETENTION ENEMA OF 150g FRESH STOOL/300cc STERILE WATER

COLONOSCOPY

BOWEL PREP

200-300g DONOR STOOL (\leq 6 HOURS) IN 200-300cc STERILE SALINE

NASOENTERIC TUBE

25-30g DONOR STOOL IN 50cc STERILE SALINE (2 TO 3 MINUTES PER 50cc)



ALTERNATIVE FMT

DONOR SCREENING

SAMPLE	INFECTIOUS AGENTS TO BE TESTED	LABORATORY TESTS
Stool	<i>C difficile</i>	Culture and toxin A/B test
	Enteric bacterial pathogens	Selective media culture
	Ova and parasites	Light microscopy
Serum	HBV	HBV surface antigen
	HCV	Anti-HCV antibodies by EIA
	HIV 1 and HIV 2	Anti-HIV antibodies by EIA
	<i>Treponema pallidum</i>	Plasma reagin test



ALTERNATIVE FMT

REVIEW WITH POOLED ANALYSIS

12 STUDIES

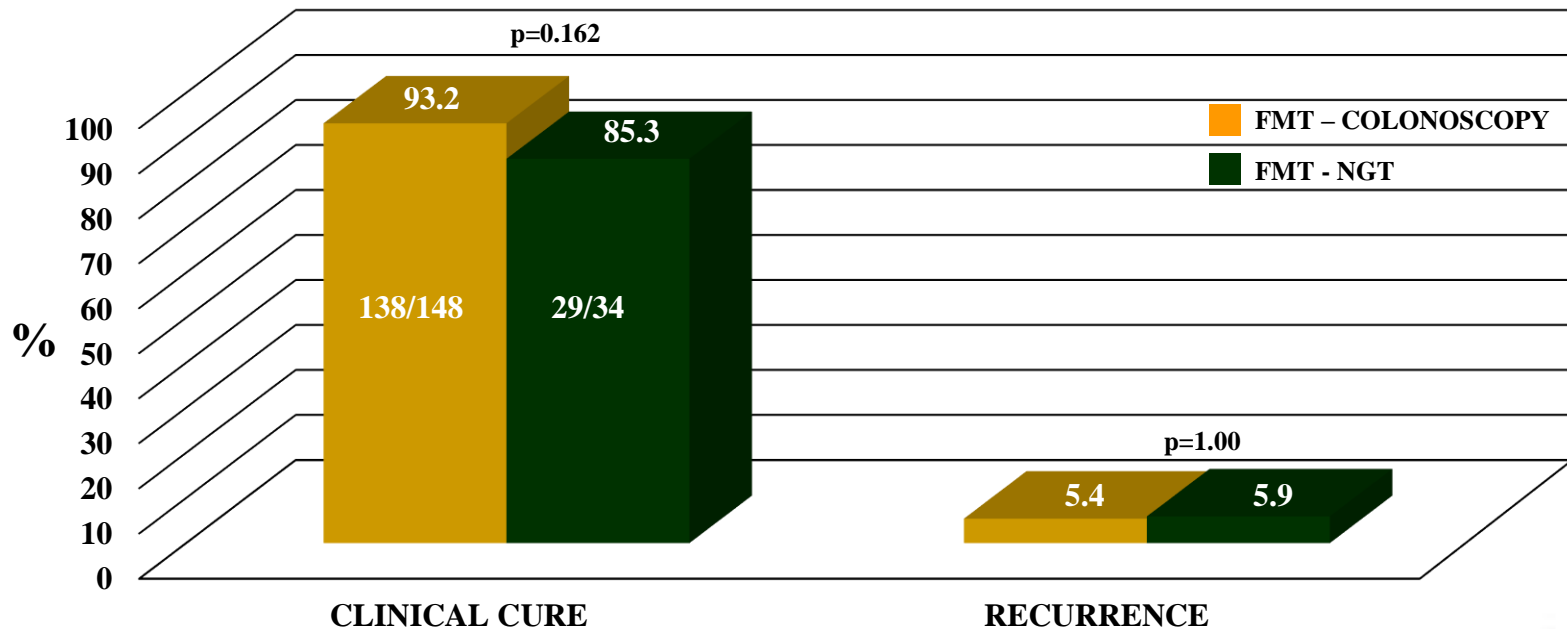
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TREATMENT OF SEVERE CDAD

FMT VIA COLONOSCOPY

VS

FMT VIA NASOGASTRIC TUBE





ALTERNATIVE FMT

META-ANALYSIS
11 OBSERVATIONAL STUDIES
n=273

TREATMENT OF RECURRENT OR REFRACTORY CDAD
ANTIBIOTICS + FMT

FMT ROUTE

COLONOSCOPY

ENEMA

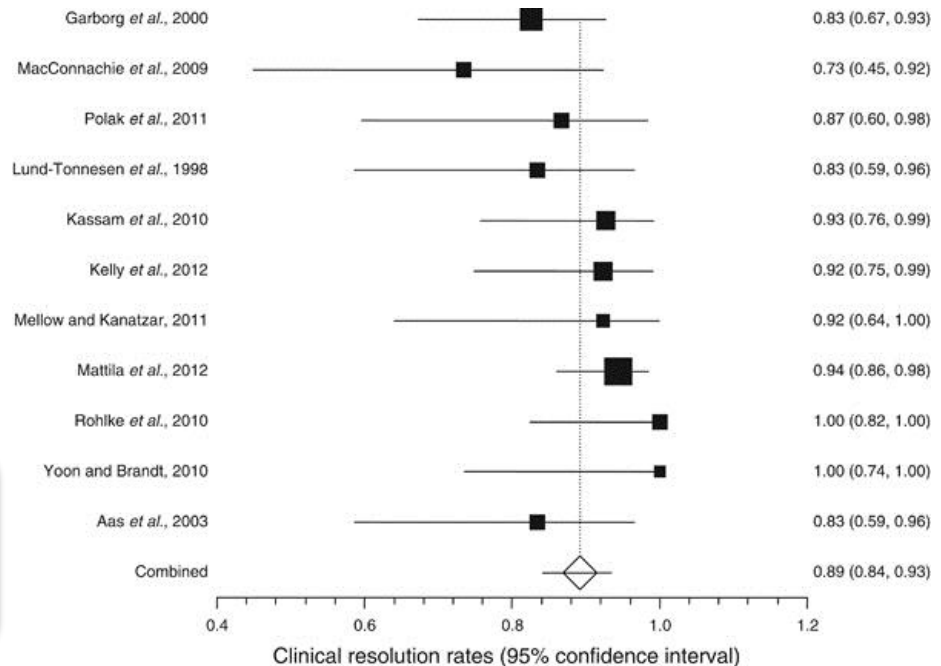
NASOGASTRIC TUBE

NASOJEJUNAL TUBE

GASTROSTOMY

CLINICAL RESOLUTION

245/273 (89.7%)





ALTERNATIVE FMT

**RCT IN AMSTERDAM
2008-2010**

n=43

**TREATMENT OF
RELAPSE CDAD**

**DONOR-FECES INFUSION
+ VANCOMYCIN (n=17)**

**500mg PO QID X 4-5 DAYS + BOWEL
LAVAGE WITH 4L OF MACROGOL SOLUTION
(KLEAN-PREP) ON THE LAST DAY OF
ANTIBIOTIC TREATMENT + INFUSION OF A
SUSPENSION OF DONOR FECES THROUGH A
NASODUODENAL TUBE THE NEXT DAY**

VS

VANCOMYCIN (n=13)

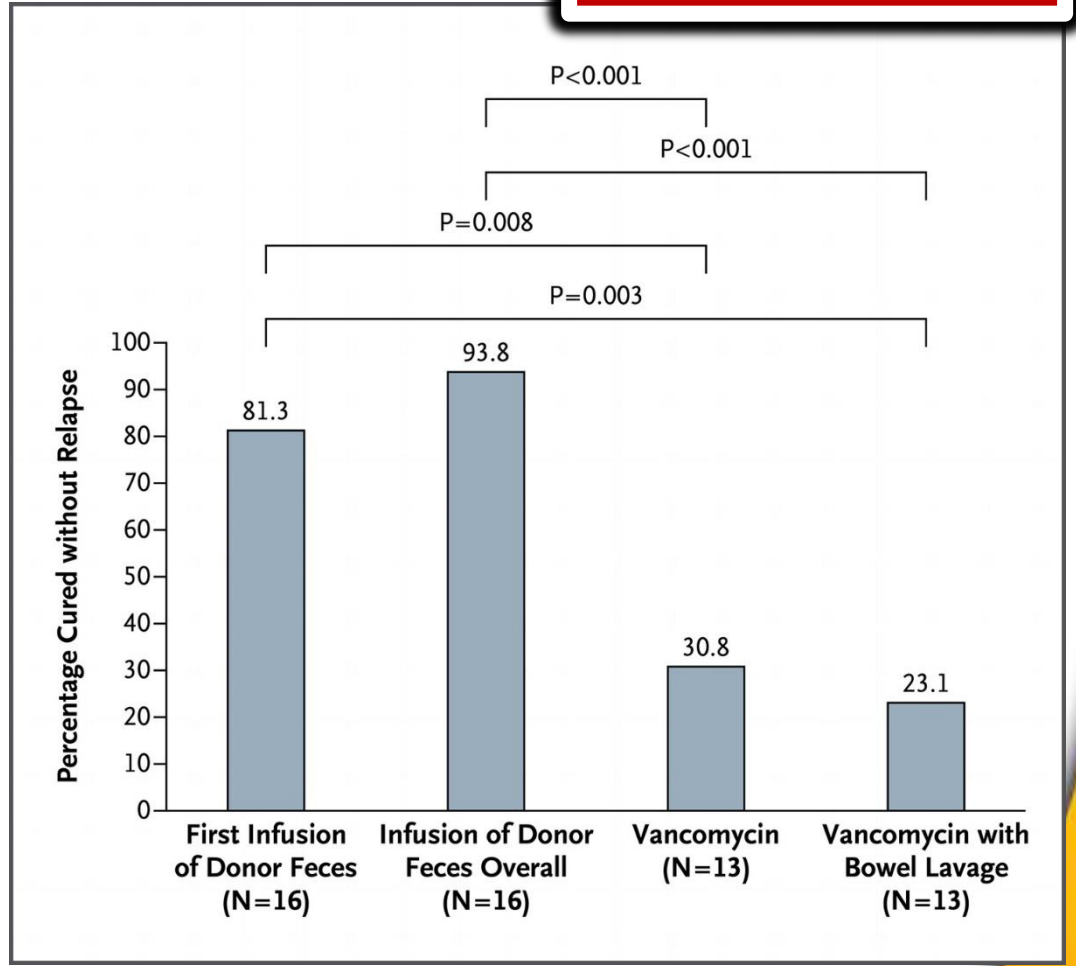
500mg PO QID X 14 DAYS

VS

**VANCOMYCIN + BOWEL
LAVAGE (n=13)**

**500mg PO QID X 14 DAYS + BOWEL
LAVAGE WITH 4L OF MACROGOL SOLUTION
(KLEAN-PREP) ON DAY 4 OR 5**

ADVERSE EVENTS
DIARRHEA
CRAMPING
BELCHING
ALL RESOLVED ≤ 3 HOURS





CLOSTRIDIUM DIFFICILE **PREVENTION**



PREVENTION

RECOMMENDATIONS

JUDICIOUS ANTIBIOTIC USE

WASHING HANDS WITH SOAP & WATER

BARRIER PROTECTION

RAPID DETECTION & NOTIFICATION

CONTACT PRECAUTIONS UP TO 48 HOURS AFTER RESOLUTION

DISPOSABLE EQUIPMENT

EARLY ISOLATION

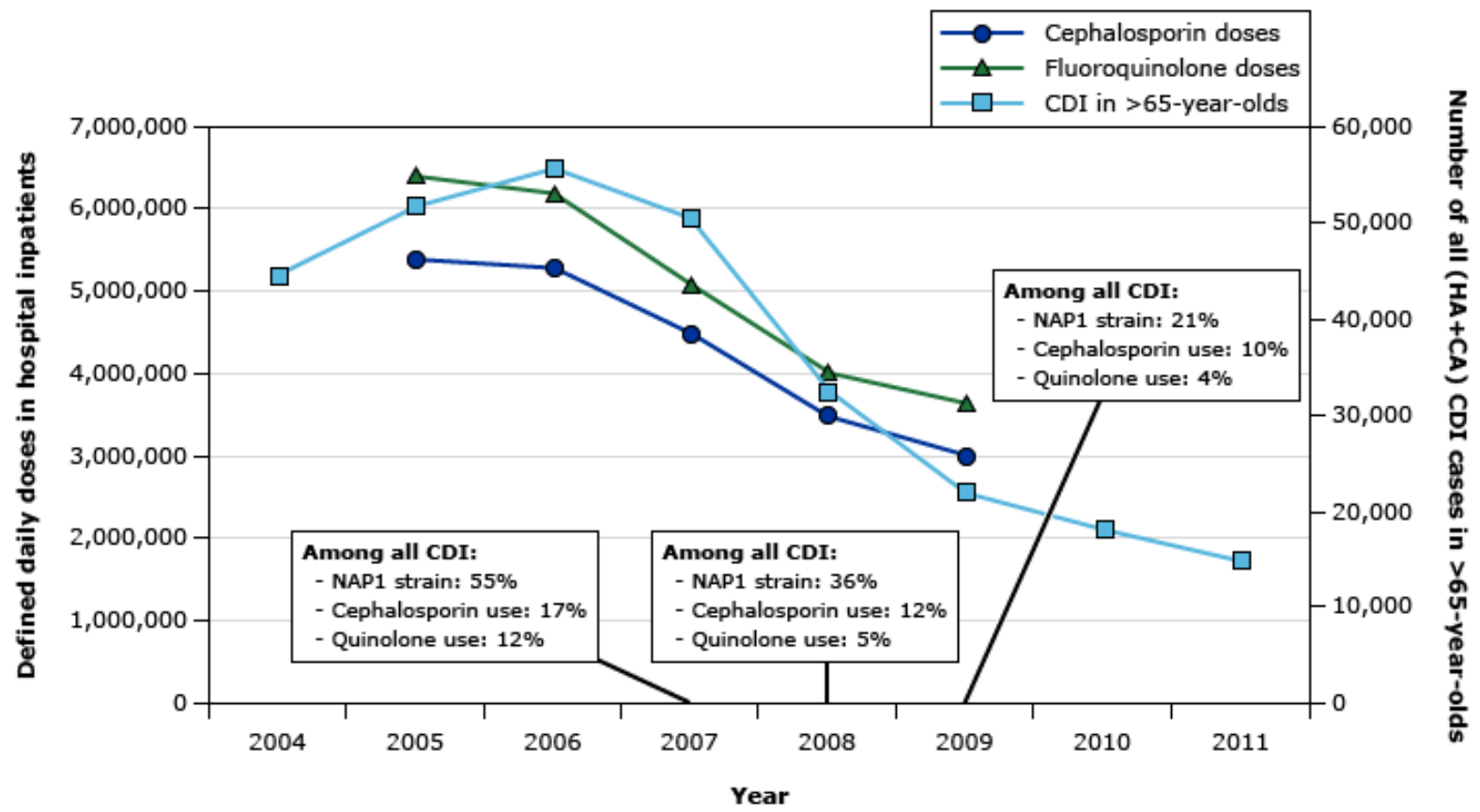
CLOSING LID IN TOILET BEFORE FLUSHING

DISINFECT SURFACES & INSTRUMENTS



PREVENTION

ENGLAND

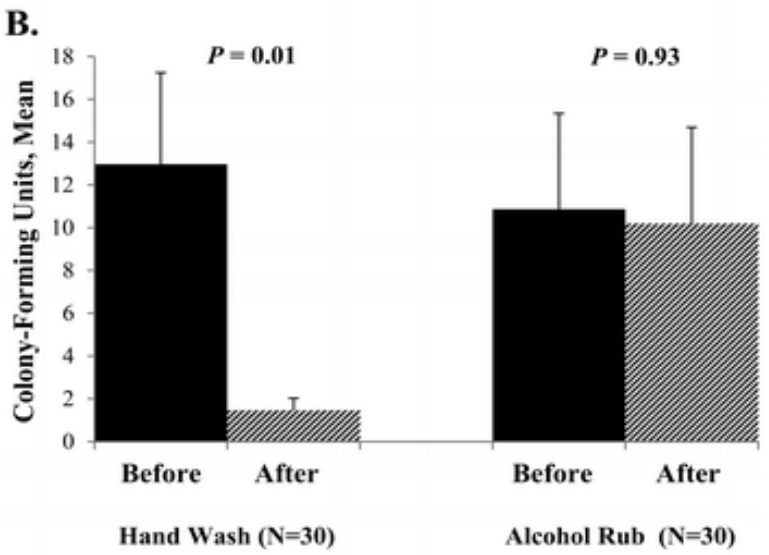
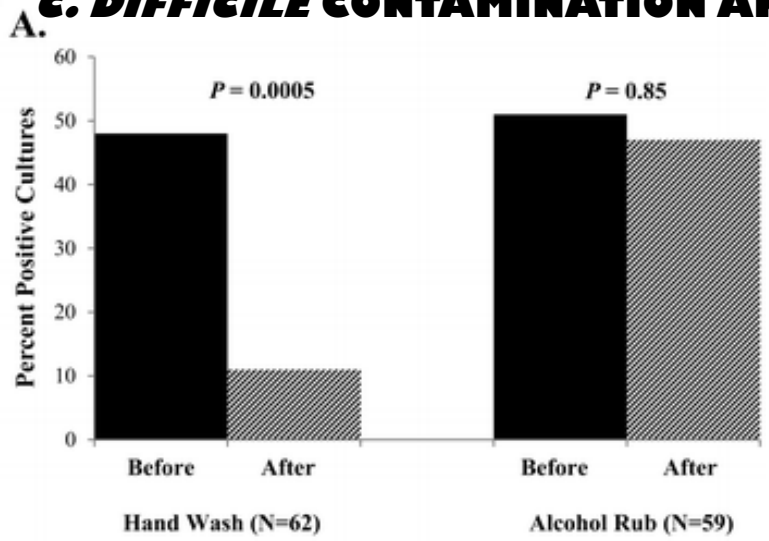




PREVENTION

RCT AT CASE WESTERN OHIO

C. DIFFICILE CONTAMINATION AND SPORES ON HANDS SOAP + WATER VS ALCOHOL RUBS



RANDOMIZED CROSSOVER COMPARISON 10 VOLUNTEERS WITH HANDS EXPERIMENTALLY CONTAMINATED BY NONTOXIGENIC C. DIFFICILE

TABLE 1. Mean *Clostridium difficile* Colony Counts after Different Hand Hygiene Interventions According to the Whole-Hand Protocol

Intervention	Mean count (95% CI), log ₁₀ CFU/mL
Warm water and plain soap	1.99 (1.80–2.09)
Cold water and plain soap	1.90 (1.58–2.22)
Warm water and antibacterial soap	2.31 (2.04–2.58)
Antiseptic hand wipe	3.25 (3.04–3.45)
Alcohol-based handrub	3.74 (3.40–4.07)
No intervention	3.82 (3.54–4.10)

NOTE. CI, confidence interval; CFU, colony-forming unit.



CLOSTRIDIUM DIFFICILE **FUTURE**



FUTURE

TREATMENT OR PROPHYLACTIC TYPE	PRODUCT	SPONSOR	CLINICAL PHASE
ANTIBIOTICS	Cadazolid	Actelion	III (NCT01987895)
	Surotomycin	Cubist	III (NCT01597505)
	SMT19969	Summit Corporation	II (NCT02092935)
	CRS3123	Crestone	I (NCT02106338)
MICROBIOTA SUPPLEMENTS	FMT	Rebiotix	II (NCT01925417)
	SER109	Seres Health	II (not registered)
	VP20621	Shire	II (NCT01259726)
PASSIVE IMMUNIZATION	MK3415A	Merck (MSD)	III (NCT01513239)
VACCINES	CDiffense	Sanofi Pasteur	III (NCT01887912)
	Adjuvanted vaccine	Pfizer	II (not registered)
	IC84	Valneva	I (NCT01296386)
ANTIBIOTIC INACTIVATION	SYN004	Synthetic Biologics	I (not registered)
	DAV132	Da Volterra	I (NCT02176005)



***C. DIFFICILE* SUMMARY**

CDAD INCREASING IN UNITED STATES

CDAD VARIES IN CLINICAL PRESENTATION AND SEVERITY

CDAD DIAGNOSIS MOSTLY WITH PCR OR EIA

CDAD TREATMENT VARIES AMONG GUIDELINES AND MAY REQUIRE EXPERTS

CDAD PREVENTION IS KEY

A photograph of a police car parked on a street. In the foreground, a large sign is positioned to partially obscure the car. The sign has a black top bar and a light-colored body with black text. The text on the sign reads: "SLOW DOWN THE COP HIDES BEHIND THIS SIGN". The police car is white with a blue stripe and a gold badge on the door. A police officer is visible in the driver's seat. The background shows a yellow building with windows and a satellite dish.

SLOW DOWN
THE COP HIDES
BEHIND THIS SIGN

THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME
ANY
QUESTIONS?