

Top Things to Know About Five Commonly Encountered Diseases

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Top Things to Know about Hepatitis C Virus Now

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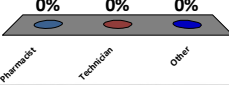
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- I will discuss off-label use of medications, and medications that are not yet FDA-approved.

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What is your role?

- A. Pharmacist
- B. Technician
- C. Other

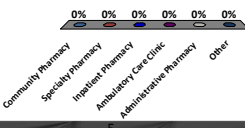


Role	Percentage
Pharmacist	0%
Technician	0%
Other	0%

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What is your primary practice site?

- A. Community Pharmacy
- B. Specialty Pharmacy
- C. Hospital Pharmacy
- D. Ambulatory Care Clinic
- E. Administrative Pharmacy
- F. Other



Practice Site	Percentage
Community Pharmacy	0%
Specialty Pharmacy	0%
Hospital Pharmacy	0%
Ambulatory Care Clinic	0%
Administrative Pharmacy	0%
Other	0%

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Learning Objectives

- 1) Describe critical therapeutic concepts for commonly encountered disease states
- 2) Identify clinical information that can be applied to your work setting
- 3) List potential future developments for commonly encountered disease states

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Do you work with hepatitis C virus treatment?

- A. Yes
- B. No



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Learning Objective 1

- Describe critical therapeutic concepts for hepatitis C virus (HCV)
 - Guidelines for HCV management
 - Recent medication approvals

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Starting HCV Treatment

- To ensure correct HCV agent and length of treatment, you need to know (at minimum):
 - Genotype
 - Previous treatment history
 - Presence/absence of cirrhosis
- Concomitant comorbidities (renal impairment)
- Check concomitant medications to avoid DDIs
- Use guidelines to select proper agent

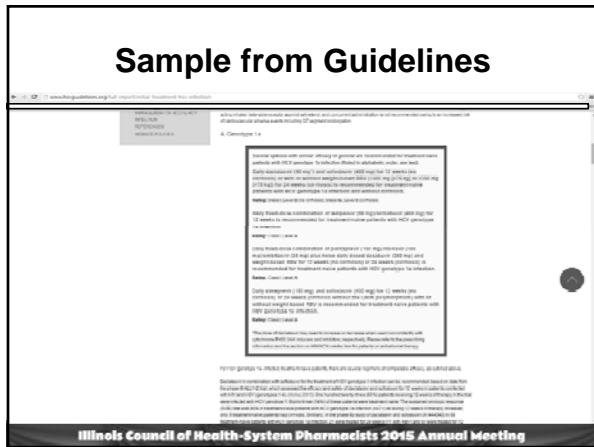
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HCV Guidance: Recommendations for Testing, Managing, and Treating Hepatitis C

- First published online 1/29/2014, updated several times since: <http://www.hcvguidelines.org/>

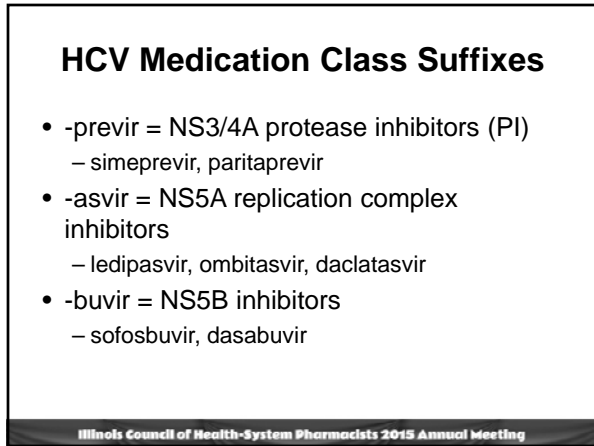


Sample from Guidelines



HCV Medication Class Suffixes

- -previr = NS3/4A protease inhibitors (PI)
 - simeprevir, paritaprevir
- -asvir = NS5A replication complex inhibitors
 - ledipasvir, ombitasvir, daclatasvir
- -buvir = NS5B inhibitors
 - sofosbuvir, dasabuvir



PrOD (PTV/r/OBV+DSV) (Viekira Pak™) Pearls

- FDA approved for treatment of HCV GT 1
 - Treatment naïve, treatment experienced, cirrhotic, and non-cirrhotic patients
- ADRs: asthenia, fatigue, nausea, insomnia, anemia
- Dosing: x 12 or 24 weeks
 - 2 tablets once daily (OBV 12.5mg, PTR 75mg, ritonavir 50mg) with food
 - 1 tablet twice daily (DSV 250mg) with food
 - +/- ribavirin (RBV)
 - Up to 10 pills daily
 - Ensure patient can verbalize understanding of administration / importance of adherence



http://www.hepmag.com/articles/abbvie_viekira_pak_2501_26610.shtml

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PTV/r/OBV (Technivie™) + RBV Pearls

- FDA approved for treatment of HCV GT 4
 - Treatment naïve, treatment experienced, and non-cirrhotic patients
- ADRs: asthenia, fatigue, nausea, insomnia, anemia with RBV
- Dosing: x 12 weeks
 - 2 tablets once daily (OBV 12.5mg, PTR 75mg, ritonavir 50mg) with food
 - + ribavirin (RBV)
 - Ensure patient can verbalize understanding of administration / importance of adherence
 - Up to 8 pills daily



<http://www.medscape.com/viewarticle/848090>

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PTV/r/OBV +/- DSV Pearls

- Drug-drug interaction considerations
 - Paritaprevir: inhibitor of OATP1B1, OATP1B3, BCRP, and P-gp; substrate of CYP3A4
 - Ritonavir: inhibitor of CYP3A4, BCRP, and P-gp, substrate of CYP3A4
 - Strong CYP3A4 and CYP2C8 inducers may decrease efficacy of PrO+/-D
 - CYP2C8 inhibitors (may increase DSV levels and risk of QT prolongation)
- Examples of contraindicated concurrent medications
 - Combined oral contraceptives
 - Carbamazepine, phenytoin, phenobarbital
 - Efavirenz, simvastatin, sildenafil for PAH
- Cyclosporine and tacrolimus doses must be adjusted



<http://www.hepatitic.uw.edu/page/treatment/drugs/3d>

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Ledipasvir (LDV)/Sofosbuvir (SOF) (Harvoni™) Pearls

- FDA-approved for treatment of HCV GT 1
 - Treatment naïve, treatment experienced, cirrhotic, and non-cirrhotic patients
- Dosing: x 8, 12, or 24 weeks
 - 1 combination tablet (LDV 90mg / SOF 400mg) once daily
- ADRs: fatigue, headache, nausea, diarrhea
- Drug-drug interactions
 - Substrate of P-gp
 - Contraindications with phenytoin, carbamazepine, etc
 - Requires acidic environment for absorption
 - Timing with PPIs, H2RAs, antacids



<http://www.empr.com/harvoni/drug/34390/>

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SOF + Daclatasvir (DCV) (Daklinza™) Pearls

- FDA approved for treatment of HCV GT 3
 - Treatment naïve, treatment experienced patients
 - ALLY-3: 90% in TN, 86% in TE, 63% SVR in cirrhotics, 96% in non-cirrhotics
- ADRs: fatigue, headache, nausea, diarrhea
- Dosing: x 12 weeks
 - 2 tablets once daily (DCV 60mg + SOF 400mg) x 12 weeks → 2 copays
- Drug-drug interactions
 - DCV is a substrate of CYP-3A4
 - Decrease dose to 30mg daily with strong inhibitors, increase dose to 90mg daily with moderate inducers
 - Substrate and inhibitor of P-gp
 - Contraindications with phenytoin, carbamazepine



<http://www.egyreg.com/2015/04/sovaldi-plus-daklinza-effective-for.html>

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SOF + RBV Pearls

- FDA approved for treatment of HCV GT 2
 - Treatment naïve, treatment experienced; cirrhotic and non-cirrhotic patients
- ADRs: fatigue, headache, nausea, diarrhea
- Dosing
 - 1 tablet once daily (SOF 400mg) x 12-16 weeks
 - + RBV
 - Up to 7 tablets daily
- Monitor hgb and CrCl during treatment



<http://www.forbes.com/sites/theapothecary/2014/08/18/uk-says-sovaldi-is-worth-it-we-should-listen/>

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Learning Objective 2

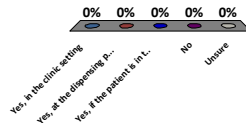
- Identify clinical information that can be applied to your work setting
 - Role of pharmacists in different settings
 - Insurance restrictions
 - Patient assistance programs



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Does a pharmacist interact with HCV patients on treatment at your institution? (even if it is not you)

- A. Yes, in the clinic setting
- B. Yes, at the dispensing pharmacy
- C. Yes, if the patient is in the hospital
- D. No
- E. Unsure



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Ambulatory Care HCV Management Pearls

- Aid in medication selection
 - Use guidelines to confirm/select regimen
- DDI screening and management
- Pt management
 - Clinic visits
 - Provide education – ADRs, dosing, adherence
 - Monitor labs
- Liaison for medication assistance programs
- Recommend screening, team involvement

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**Community / Specialty
HCV Management Pearls**

- Verify medication selection and length of treatment / refills
- Work with payors and patient assistance programs to ensure coverage
- Patient education - counsel on:
 - Adherence
 - Coadministration with food (PrO +/- D)
 - DDIs and coadministration with other medications
- Refill management

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**Inpatient
HCV Management Pearls**

- Prevent interruption in HCV treatment (unless team stops treatment)
 - Family or friend to bring pt's HCV medication to hospital
- Counsel on adherence
- DDI screening
- Ensure appropriate labs are drawn
- HCV screening

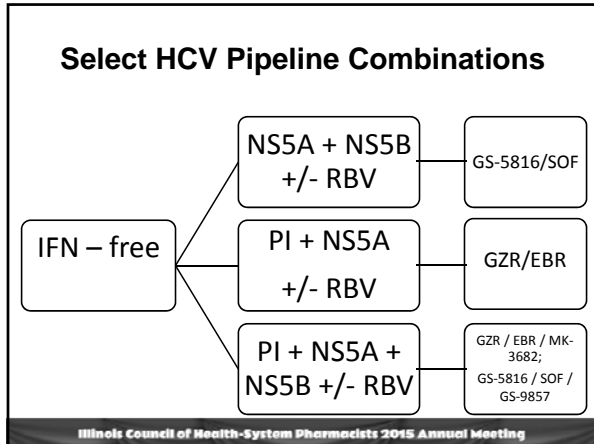
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Payors

- Want to prevent treatment failure and encourage successful treatment
- Prioritization of patients for treatment
- Some insurance plans cover only one course of HCV treatment



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Grazoprevir/Elbasvir FDC

- NDA filed on 5/28/2015 for GT 1, 4, 6
 - Breakthrough status
 - for renal impairment and GT 4
 - PDUFA date in 12/2015
- Future plans for triple DAA (GZR/EBR with MK-3682 in a FDC)

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Grazoprevir/Elbasvir Phase III

Trial Name	Patient Population	Regimen	SVR
C-EDGE TN	N=316 Treatment Naïve, GT 1,4,6, 22% cirrhotics	12 weeks GZR/EBR	95%
C-EDGE TE	N=420 Treatment Experienced, GT 1,4,6, 35% cirrhotics	12 wks GZR/EBR 12 wks GZR/EBR + RBV 16 wks GZR/EBR 16 wks GZR/EBR + RBV	92% 94% 92% 97%
C-EDGE CO-INFN	N= 218 HIV/HCV pts, GT 1,4	12 weeks GZR/EBR	95%
C-SURFER	N=224 GT 1,4,6; CrCl <30mL/min, 75% on dialysis	12 wks GZR/EBR	94%

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**GS-5816 100mg / SOF 400mg
FDC**

- Pangenotypic
- ADRs: fatigue, headache, nausea, insomnia (anemia with RBV)
- Phase III data forthcoming in 11/2015 (ASTRAL-1, -2, -3 trials)
- Future plans for triple DAA (GS-5816 / SOF / GS-9857 in a FDC); shorter duration?

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Summary

- HCV is a major public health concern
- Online guidelines are updated regularly
- HCV treatment is advancing rapidly; approval of more pipeline agents is anticipated in late 2015 and 2016
- Pharmacists have an important role in educating patients and providers about HCV medications
- DDIs and insurance coverage will continue to complicate HCV treatment

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Top Things to Know about Hepatitis C Virus Now

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1. Which of the following direct acting antiviral combinations was recently FDA-approved for HCV Genotype 4?
 - A. Paritaprevir / Ritonavir / Ombitasvir + Ribavirin
 - B. Paritaprevir / Ritonavir / Ombitasvir + Dasabuvir
 - C. Sofosbuvir + Daclatasvir
 - D. Sofosbuvir + Simeprevir

Heart Failure

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What Is Heart Failure?

- Structural or functional impairment of ventricular filling or ejection of blood

Classification	EF (%)	Description
Heart failure with reduced ejection fraction (HFrEF)	≤ 40	Also referred to as systolic heart failure Randomized control trials have demonstrated efficacious therapy options
Heart failure with preserved ejection fraction (HFpEF)	≥ 50	Also referred to as diastolic heart failure Lack of evidence supporting benefit of medication therapy

J Am Coll Cardiol. 2013;62:e147-239

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ACC/AHA Classification Table			NYHA Functional Class	
Stage	Description	Examples	Class	Description
A	High risk of developing HF. No identified structural or functional abnormalities. No signs or symptoms	HTN, CAD, DM, h/o alcohol abuse, h/o rheumatic fever, FH of CMP		No comparable functional class
B	Developed structural heart disease, but have never shown s/sx of HF	LV hypertrophy or fibrosis; asymptomatic valvular heart disease; previous MI	I	No limitation of physical activity
C	Current or prior symptoms of HF associated with underlying structural heart disease	Dyspnea or fatigue due to left ventricular systolic dysfunction; asymptomatic patients who are undergoing treatment for prior symptoms of HF	I	No limitation of physical activity
			II	Comfortable at rest, but ordinary physical activity results in symptoms of heart failure
			III	Marked limitation of physical activity. Comfortable at rest but less than ordinary activity causes symptoms of HF
D	Advanced structural heart disease and marked symptoms of HF at rest despite max med therapy	Frequently hospitalized for HF; at home receiving continuous IV support for symptom relief or supported with a mechanical circulatory assist device	IV	Unable to complete any physical activity without discomfort and symptoms at rest
			IV	Unable to complete any physical activity without discomfort and symptoms at rest

J Am Coll Cardiol. 2013;62:e147-239

Nonpharmacological Interventions

- Self-care is an important component
 - Daily weights
 - Sodium restriction
 - Fluid restriction
 - CPAP use
 - Physical activity/cardiac rehab

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HFrEF Pharmacological Interventions

All Risk for Heart Failure Heart Failure

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Clinical Question

A 52 yo Caucasian male with idiopathic dilated cardiomyopathy presents to clinic today for medication management. A recent ECHO shows an EF of 25-30%. His medication regimen includes furosemide 40 mg twice daily, lisinopril 20 mg daily, and metoprolol succinate 150 mg daily. Vital signs include BP 138/86 mmHg and HR 56 bpm. Laboratory values include Scr 1.3 mg/dL and K⁺ 4.3 mEq/L. Which of the following recommendations is the most appropriate at this time?

- a) Increase metoprolol succinate to 200 mg daily
- b) Initiate hydralazine 25 mg three times daily and isosorbide dinitrate 10 mg three times daily
- c) Initiate spironolactone 25 mg daily
- d) Increase lisinopril to 40 mg daily

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Recently Approved Medications for HFrEF

- Sacubitril/valsartan (Entresto™)
 - LCZ696 (PARADIGM-HF)
- Ivabradine (Corlanor®)

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Sacubitril/Valsartan

- Sacubitril – neprilysin inhibitor
 - Neprilysin is an endopeptidase that degrades natriuretic peptides, bradykinin and adrenomedullin
 - Counteract neurohormonal activation
 - vasoconstriction, sodium retention and remodeling
- Combination of ACEI and neprilysin inhibitors has been associated with severe angioedema

Entresto(TM) [package insert], East Hanover, New Jersey: Novartis Pharmaceuticals Corporation, 2015.

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Sacubitril/Valsartan

- Dosing:
 - Sacubitril 49 mg and valsartan 51 mg twice daily
 - Double dose every 2 – 4 weeks
 - Target dose: sacubitril 97 mg and valsartan 103 mg twice daily
 - Concomitant use of ACEI is CI
 - Allow 36 hour washout period when switching
 - Initiate sacubitril 24 mg and valsartan 26 mg twice daily in patients previously taking ACEI or ARB or in patients with eGFR < 30 mL/min/1.73m²

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PARADIGM-HF

- 8442 patients
 - Class II, III, IV HF with EF ≤ 40% (≤ 35%)
- Received sacubitril/valsartan (LCZ696) 200 mg twice daily or enalapril 10 mg twice daily
- Primary outcome:
 - Composite death from cardiovascular causes or hospitalizations for heart failure
- All patients on ACEI/ARB prior to trial
- At randomization:
 - Diuretics (80%), BB (93%), AA (54,57%), Digitalis (29,31%)

N Engl J Med. 2014;371:993-1004

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PARADIGM-HF

- Trial stopped early at median follow-up of 27 months

Primary outcome	LCZ696 (N = 4187)	Enalapril (N = 4212)	Hazard Ratio (95% CI)	P-value	NNT
Death from cardiovascular causes or first hospitalization for worsening heart failure	914 (21.8)	1117 (26.5)	0.80 (0.73 – 0.87)	< 0.001	21
Death from cardiac causes	558 (13.3)	693 (16.5)	0.80 (0.71 – 0.89)	< 0.001	31
First hospitalization for worsening heart failure	537 (12.8)	658 (15.6)	0.79 (0.71 – 0.89)	< 0.001	36

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PARADIGM- HF

- Secondary outcomes:
 - LCZ696 decreased death from any cause (p < 0.001)
 - Decreased symptoms and physical limitations of heart failure (p = 0.001)
- Adverse events with LCZ696:
 - Higher risk of hypotension and angioedema
 - Lower risk of renal impairment, hyperkalemia and cough

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Ivabradine

- ↓ HR via direct sinus node inhibition
 - No direct effects on myocardial contractility and intracardiac conduction
- Shown to reduce hospitalizations but not death in patients receiving HF standards of care

Lancet. 2010;376(9744):875-885.

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Ivabradine

- Indicated in patients with LVEF \leq 35% in sinus rhythm with resting HR \geq 70 bpm
- Use in patients who are taking max dose beta-blocker or have CI to beta-blocker

Lancet. 2010;376(9744):875-885.

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Heart Failure Preserved Ejection Fraction (HFpEF)

- 50% of all HF diagnosis
- Morbidity and mortality rate similar to HFrEF
- Diagnosis of exclusion
 - Presence of clinical HF with preserved LVEF
 - Rule out other causes
 - Valvular disease, COPD, pulmonary HTN, etc.
- Lack of evidence supporting benefits of medication therapy

Pharmacotherapy. 2015;15(8):351-359.

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Heart Failure Preserved Ejection Fraction (HFpEF)

- Acute therapy similar for both HFrEF and HFpEF
 - Diuretics to reduce volume overload and improve dyspnea
- Chronic management
 - Treat precipitating conditions
 - E.g. Atrial fibrillation, HTN
 - Control symptoms with diuretics
 - Counsel patients on nonpharm measures
- Risk factors for exacerbation similar
 - Nonadherence
 - Excessive sodium or fluid intake
 - Atrial fibrillation, HTN, MI
 - NSAIDs and other medications which cause Na⁺/H₂O retention

Pharmacotherapy, 2015;35(4):351-360.

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Heart Failure Preserved Ejection Fraction (HFpEF)

- Pharmacotherapy Literature Review
 - ARBs
 - CHARM-Preserved and I-PRESERVE
 - No significant difference in CV death or HF hospitalization
 - ACEIs
 - PEP-CHF
 - No significant difference in all-cause mortality or HF hospitalization at the end of follow-up
 - Beta-blockers
 - Aldosterone Antagonists
 - TOPCAT
 - Primary outcome – composite of CV death, HF hospitalization, or aborted cardiac arrest not significant
 - Spironolactone reduced HF hospitalizations in secondary outcomes HR 0.89 (95% CI 0.69 – 0.99)

Lancet. 2003;362:777-81.
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Eur Heart J. 2006;27:2338-45.
N Engl J Med. 2014;370:1893-91.

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Clinical Question

A 55yo male patient presents to clinic with worsening edema and dyspnea on exertion. His PMH is significant for HTN and Type 2 DM. A recent ECHO shows an EF of 60-65% and grade III diastolic dysfunction with moderate tricuspid valve regurgitation. Pertinent vitals and labs include: BP 160/85 mmHg, HR 68 bpm, Scr 0.9 mg/dL, and K⁺ 4.3 mEq/L. His current weight is 10 lbs above baseline and he is currently taking aspirin 81 mg daily and atorvastatin 10mg daily. Which of the following recommendations is the most appropriate at this time?

- a. Initiate candesartan and furosemide
- b. Initiate candesartan and carvedilol
- c. Initiate carvedilol and furosemide
- d. Initiate furosemide

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Transitions of Care	
Recommended for all heart failure patients	Exacerbating factors addressed
	Near optimal volume status observed
	Transition from IV to oral diuretics completed
	Patient and family education completed, including clear discharge instructions
	LVEF documented
	Smoking cessation counseling initiated
	Near optimal pharmacologic therapy achieved (e.g. ACEI, BB)
Should be considered for patients with advanced HF or recurrent admissions for HF	Follow-up clinic visit scheduled within 7-10 days
	Oral medication regimen stable for 24 hours
	No IV vasodilator or inotropic agent for 24 hours
	Ambulation before discharge to assess functional capacity after therapy
	Plans for post-discharge management (scale, visiting nurse, scheduled telephone call 3 days after discharge)
	Referral for other disease state management

J Card Fail. 2010;16:e1-194.

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Top 5 things to know about heart failure

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Self-assessment questions:

1. The cardiologist in your clinic would like to switch a patient from enalapril 10 mg twice daily to sacubitril-valsartan 24-26 mg twice daily. He would like for you to counsel the patient on the new medication and when to start. How long should you counsel the patient to wait before he/she starts the sacubitril-valsartan prescription after discontinuing enalapril?
 - a. 12 hours
 - b. 24 hours
 - c. 36 hours
 - d. 48 hours

2. Which of the following patients would be a candidate for ivabradine?
 - a. A 55 year old patient in sinus rhythm with a LVEF of 25% and a pulse of 74 bpm on a max dose beta-blocker, ACEI, spironolactone and furosemide
 - b. A 55 year old patient in atrial fibrillation with a LVEF of 25% and a pulse of 74 bpm on a low dose beta-blocker, ACEI, spironolactone and furosemide
 - c. A 55 year old patient in sinus rhythm with a LVEF of 55% and a pulse of 64 bpm on a max dose beta-blocker, ACEI, spironolactone and furosemide
 - d. A 55 year old patient in sinus rhythm with a LVEF of 25% and a pulse of 64 bpm on a low dose beta-blocker, ACEI, spironolactone and furosemide

**The Top 5 Things
Pharmacists Can DO for
Patients with COPD**

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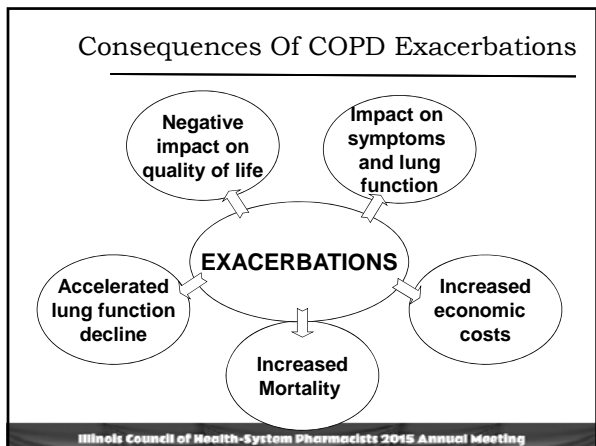
- Grant money was received in the past year from Pfizer. All conflicts were resolved through peer review.
- I will be discussing “off label” uses of the following medications:
 - Nicotine replacement patch, gum, inhaler, nasal spray and lozenge
 - Bupropion SR and Varenicline

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Top 5: Number 5

**USE CORTICOSTEROIDS
CAUTIOUSLY**

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GOLD Category	COPD SEVERITY		Exacerbations in the past 12 months
4 3	C	D	≥2 or any COPD related hospitalizations
2 1	A	B	1 or less and not leading to hospitalization
	CAT <10 Few symptoms	CAT ≥10 Many symptoms	

COPD Severity Grade

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GOLD Category	COPD SEVERITY		Exacerbations in the past 12 months
4 3	LAMA or ICS/LABA	LAMA and/or ICS/LABA	≥2 or any COPD related hospitalizations
2 1	SAMA or SABA	LAMA or LABA	1 or less and not leading to hospitalization
	CAT <10 Few symptoms	CAT ≥10 Many symptoms	

COPD Severity Grade

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Pneumonia and Inhaled Corticosteroids

	Mortality	Exacerbation	Pneumonia
Placebo	15.2%	1.13	12.3%
Salmeterol	13.5%	0.97 (P<0.001)	13.3%
Fluticasone	16%	0.93 (P<0.001)	18.3% (P<0.001)
Combo	12.6% (P=0.052)	0.85 (P<0.001)	19.6% (P<0.001)

N Engl J Med 2007 356:775-789 7

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Combination ICS and Long-Acting Bronchodilator

- Clinical Use
 - Severe COPD
 - Repeated exacerbations
 - 2 or more exacerbations in the past year or
 - 1 COPD hospitalization
 - **Patient has asthma and COPD**

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Acute COPD Exacerbation

- Prednisone 40mg for **5 days**
 - Improves spirometry, ABGs, and symptoms
 - Reduced relapse rates at 30 days and prolonged time to relapse

goldcopd.org

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Withdrawal of ICS?

- 12 month, double blind, parallel-group
- Randomized to withdrawal fluticasone over 12 weeks
- 2485 patients with history of COPD exacerbations
- Triple therapy (tiotropium + salmeterol +fluticasone)

Magnussen H. N Engl J Med 2014; 371:1285-1294.

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Withdrawal of ICS?

- Time to first exacerbation
 - 110 days in withdrawal group
 - 107 days in the continuation group
- Loss of lung function **worse in withdrawal group**
- QOL and safety similar at 52 weeks

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Top 5: Number 4

CHECK ADHERENCE TO LONG-ACTING INHALERS








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↓ **Exacerbations and/or Hospitalizations**

Medication Class	Generic
LAMA	Tiotropium Acclidinium
LABA	Formoterol Indacaterol Salmeterol
ICS/LABA	Budesonide/formoterol Fluticasone/salmeterol Fluticasone/vilanterol
Phosphodiesterase 4 Inhibitor	Roflumilast

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New Inhalers

Generic	Brand	MOA	Indication	Picture
Fluticasone furoate and Vilanterol 100/25 mcg 200/25 mcg	Breo Ellipta	ICS LAMA	COPD and Asthma ≥ 18	
Umeclidinium and Vilanterol 62.5/25 mcg	Anoro Ellipta	LAMA LABA	COPD	
Umeclidinium 62.5 mcg	Incruse Ellipta	LAMA	COPD	
Tiotropium 2.5 mcg	Spiriva Respimat	LAMA	COPD	
Olodaterol 2.5 mcg	Striverdi Respimat	LABA	COPD	
Tiotropium and Olodaterol 2.5 mcg	Stiolto Respimat	LAMA LABA	COPD	
Albuterol 90 mcg	ProAir Respiclick	SABA	Asthma ≥ 12	

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Top 5: Number 3

WATCH INHALER TECHNIQUE

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**Every Visit
Every Inhaler**

<http://use-inhalers.com/>

70% of people use inhalers incorrectly!

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Top 5: Number 2

**SCREEN AND PROVIDE
IMMUNIZATIONS**

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Immunizations

- Influenza vaccine
 - Reduces serious illness and death by **50% in COPD patients**
 - Intramuscularly
 - Annually (October-March)

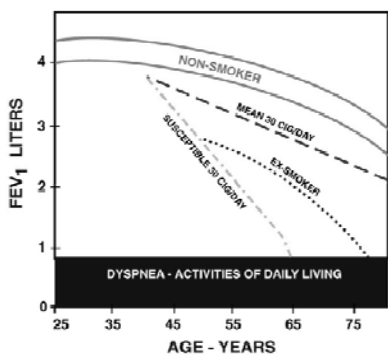
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Top 5: Number 1

ASSIST WITH TOBACCO DEPENDENCE

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Relationship of FEV₁, age and smoking



BMJ 1977;1:1645

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Treatment of Tobacco Dependence

- Nicotine Replacement Therapy (NRT)
 - Transdermal patches
 - Gum
 - Nasal Spray
 - Inhaler
 - Lozenges
- Bupropion SR
- Varenicline
- Combination therapy

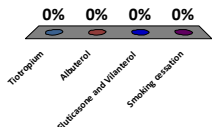


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Which of the following treatments has been shown to slow the decline in lung function for patients with COPD?

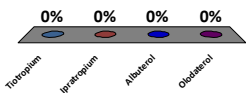
- A. Tiotropium
- B. Albuterol
- C. Fluticasone and Vilanterol
- D. Smoking cessation



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Which of the following medications has demonstrated decreased COPD exacerbations and hospitalizations?

- A. Tiotropium
- B. Ipratropium
- C. Albuterol
- D. Olodaterol



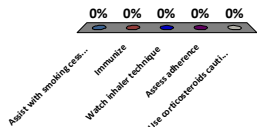
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FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS

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What do you plan to do when you return to work to help patients with COPD?

- A. Assist with smoking cessation
- B. Immunize
- C. Watch inhaler technique
- D. Assess adherence
- E. Use corticosteroids cautiously



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Top Things to Know About Community-acquired Pneumonia

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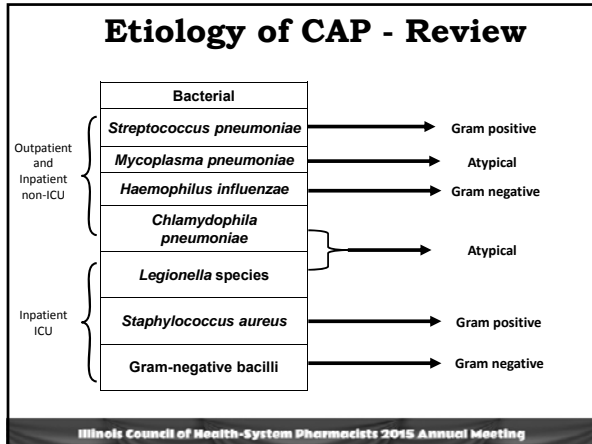
- The speaker has served on an Advisory Board for BioCryst Pharmaceuticals, Inc. (10/2014)
- All conflicts resolved through peer review

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What is CAP?

- Pneumonia (lower respiratory track infection) in a patient who otherwise does not have risk factors for exposure to “nosocomial” pathogens
 - Diagnosis plus rule out of HCAP, HAP, VAP qualifying criteria
 - Essentially limits scope of pathogens and expected resistance profiles requiring empiric coverage

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How to Decide Who Gets What Therapy?

- **Pneumonia severity scoring guides treatment location and pathogen risk**
 - CURB-65, PORT index
- **Risk factors requiring *Pseudomonas* coverage for CAP**
 - Advanced COPD w/ steroids, structural lung disease (bronchiectasis), +++ antibiotic exposures
- **HCAP (so CAP rule-out) qualifiers**
 - Hospitalization w/in 90 days, nursing home/long-term care, recent antibiotics or IV chemo or wound care, visited hemodialysis clinic past 30 days

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CAP Severity Assessment: CURB-65

- British Thoracic Society Scoring Tool
- Score: 0-5, with 1 point for each of the following
 - Confusion
 - BUN > 19.6 mg/dL
 - RR ≥ 30 breaths/min
 - SBP < 90 mm Hg or DBP ≤ 60 mm Hg
 - Age ≥ 65 yr
- 2 points - consider hospital admission
- ≥ 3 points - consider ICU admission

CURB-65 Score	Mortality Risk	Disposition
0	Low (0.6%)	Outpatient
1	Low (2.7%)	Outpatient
2	Moderate (6.8%)	Out/Inpatient
3	Significant (14.0%)	Inpatient
4	High (27.8%)	Inpatient/ICU
5	High (27.8%)	Inpatient/ICU

Adapted from Mandell LA et al. Clin Infect Dis. 2007;44(suppl 2):S27-S72.

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Ceftaroline CABP Data

- FOCUS 1 & 2
 - Identical Phase 3, randomized, multinational studies
- Compared 5-7 days of ceftaroline 600 mg i.v. every 12 hrs vs. ceftriaxone 1 g i.v. every day
- Hospitalized patients with PORT risk class III & IV
- Primary outcome was non-inferiority in clinical cure rates for clinical efficacy and modified intent-to-treat efficacy

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Pooled Results from FOCUS 1 & 2

Clinical Cure Rates by Study Population at the Test-of-Cure Visit.

Variable	CE	MITTE	ME	mMITTE
FOCUS 1				
Ceftaroline	154/224 (68.8)	244/291 (83.8)	62/69 (89.9)	66/75 (88.0)
Ceftriaxone	163/224 (72.8)	233/290 (79.9)	54/71 (76.1)	60/69 (87.0)
Difference, % (95% CI)	8.4 (1.4-15.4)	6.2 (-0.2 to 12.6)	13.8 (1.3-26.4)	13.0 (0.7-25.2)
FOCUS 2				
Ceftaroline	153/226 (67.7)	235/289 (81.3)	68/68 (100.0)	72/80 (90.0)
Ceftriaxone	166/215 (77.2)	206/273 (75.5)	57/76 (75.0)	66/68 (97.1)
Difference, % (95% CI)	4.9 (-2.5 to 12.5)	5.9 (-1.0 to 12.7)	6.2 (-6.7 to 19.2)	5.0 (-7.4 to 17.4)
Integrated FOCUS				
Ceftaroline	307/459 (66.9)	479/580 (82.6)	131/154 (85.1)	138/165 (83.6)
Ceftriaxone	349/449 (77.7)	439/573 (76.6)	111/147 (75.5)	126/138 (91.3)
Weighted treatment difference, % (95% CI)	8.7 (1.6-11.8)	6.0 (1.5-10.7)	9.7 (6.7-12.6)	8.2 (-0.0 to 17.4)

NOTE: Data are proportion (%) of patients, unless otherwise indicated. CE, clinically evaluable population; CI, confidence interval; FOCUS, Ceftriaxone Community Acquired Pneumonia Trial versus Ceftaroline in Hospitalized Patients; ME, microbiologically evaluable population; MITTE, modified intent-to-treat efficacy population; mMITTE, microbiological modified intent-to-treat efficacy population.

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Pooled Results from FOCUS 1 & 2

Clinical Cure Rates by the Most Common Baseline Pathogens at Test-of-Cure Visit, Integrated Microbiological Modified Intent-to-Treat Efficacy Population.

Variable	Proportion (%) of patients					
	FOCUS 1		FOCUS 2		Integrated FOCUS	
	Ceftaroline (n/N)	Ceftriaxone (n/N)	Ceftaroline (n/N)	Ceftriaxone (n/N)	Ceftaroline (n/N)	Ceftriaxone (n/N)
Gram positive						
<i>Streptococcus pneumoniae</i>	24/27 (88.9)	20/20 (100.0)	35/42 (83.3)	28/40 (70.0)	60/60 (100.0)	49/70 (70.0)
MDRSP ^a	2/2 (100)	0/1 (0)	2/2 (100)	2/5 (40)	4/4 (100)	2/5 (40)
<i>Staphylococcus aureus</i>	9/10 (90.0)	9/14 (64.3)	10/15 (66.7)	9/16 (56.3)	10/25 (40.0)	10/20 (50.0)
MRSA ^b	NA	0/1 (0)	NA	1/1 (100)	NA	1/2 (50.0)
Gram negative						
<i>Haemophilus influenzae</i>	4/5 (80.0)	7/10 (70.0)	13/15 (86.7)	13/14 (92.9)	17/20 (85.0)	20/24 (83.3)
<i>Haemophilus parainfluenzae</i>	7/8 (87.5)	9/10 (90.0)	9/9 (100)	6/8 (75.0)	16/17 (94.1)	15/19 (78.9)
<i>Klebsiella pneumoniae</i>	7/8 (87.5)	3/5 (60.0)	7/7 (100)	7/8 (87.5)	14/15 (93.3)	10/13 (76.9)
<i>Escherichia coli</i>	8/8 (100)	5/7 (71.4)	2/4 (50.0)	4/6 (66.7)	10/12 (83.3)	9/13 (69.2)

NOTE: FOCUS, Ceftaroline Community Acquired Pneumonia Trial versus Ceftaroline in Hospitalized Patients; MDRSP, multidrug-resistant *S. pneumoniae*; MRSA, methicillin-resistant *S. aureus*; NA, not applicable.
^a MDRSP was defined in these studies as strains resistant to ≥2 antimicrobial classes of drugs, including penicillin, macrolides, tetracycline, fluoroquinolones, chloramphenicol, trimethoprim-sulfamethoxazole, and cephalosporins.
^b Patients with confirmed or suspected community-acquired pneumonia caused by MRSA at baseline were excluded from the study.

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Treatment Considerations - Ceftaroline?

- “Non-inferior” for CABP in 2 RCTs
 - Compared ceftaroline 600 mg IV q 12 hours with regimen of ceftriaxone 1 g IV daily x 5-7 days
- Higher response rates for *S. pneumoniae*?!?!
 - 85.5% vs. 68.6% (n~70 each arm)
 - Sub-group analysis was *post hoc* so results are underpowered
 - Too few multi-drug resistant strains to make an evaluation
- Too early to be guideline endorsed for either of FDA-approved indications!

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CMS Measures for CAP

- Which of the following statements is correct regarding CMS reimbursement tied to pneumonia?
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 - D. There is no mandate to start therapy on a specific timeline

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What Does CMS Care About?

Set Measure ID#	Measure Short Name
PN-3a	Blood Cultures Performed Within 24 Hours Prior to or 24 Hours After Hospital Arrival for Patients Who Were Transferred or Admitted to the ICU Within 24 Hours of Hospital Arrival
PN-3b	Blood Cultures Performed in the Emergency Department Prior to Initial Antibiotic Received in Hospital
PN-3c	Initial Antibiotic Within 0 hours of Arrival
PN-6	Initial Antibiotic Selection for Community-acquired pneumonia (CAP) in Immunocompetent Patient
PN-6a	Initial Antibiotic Selection for CAP in Immunocompetent - ICU Patient
PN-6b	Initial Antibiotic Selection for CAP Immunocompetent - Non ICU Patient

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services. The Joint Commission. Specifications manual for national hospital inpatient quality measures. (URL in ref list)

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Procalcitonin (PCT)

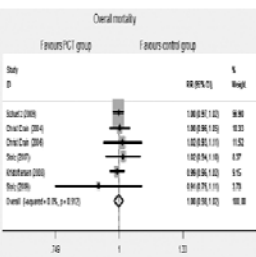
- PCT is a pro-hormone of calcitonin
 - No known biological role
- Produced by cells in a wide range of organs and tissues in response to inflammation
- Conversion to calcitonin is inhibited by cytokines and bacterial endotoxins
- PCT levels are selectively elevated in patients with bacterial infections and a strong correlation exists

Scheutz, et al. Arch Intern Med. 2011 Aug 8;171(15):1322-31.

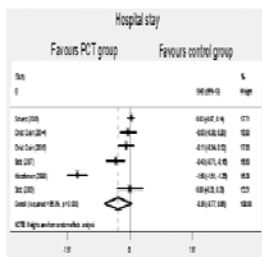
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Meta-analysis of PCT in Respiratory Infections

Comparison of all-cause mortality between the PCT-guided antibiotic group and the control group



Forest plot for the weighted mean difference in length of hospital stay

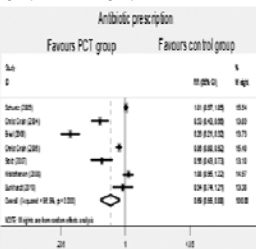


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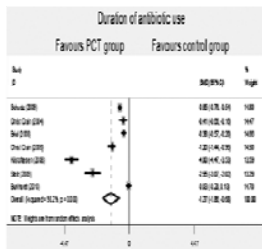
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Meta-analysis of PCT in Respiratory Infections

Forest plot for odds ratio of antibiotic prescriptions in PCT-guided antibiotic treatment groups and control groups.



Forest plot for the weighted mean difference of duration of antibiotic use.



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Clinical Role for PCT?

- PCT shows promise as another clinical tool to contribute to clinician evaluation of initiation and duration of antibiotic therapy
- Predominance of data comes from trials evaluating respiratory infections
- The most useful role for PCT may be to help guide discontinuation of antibiotic unnecessary antibiotic therapy

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ACIP Updates for Pneumococcal Vaccination Recommendations

Prevnar-13® (PCV-13)

- 13-valent conjugate vaccine
- Improved response when given with PPSV-23
- Recommended for:
 - Routine use in adults ≥65 years
 - Use in adults >18 years with immunocompromising conditions, asplenia, CSF leak, cochlear implant
- ACIP Category A recommendation

Pneumovax-23® (PPSV-23)

- 23-valent polysaccharide vaccine
- Recommendations for administration have not changed except to accommodate for inclusion of PCV-13

CDC. Use of 13-Valent Pneumococcal Conjugate Vaccine and 23-Valent Pneumococcal Polysaccharide Vaccine Among Adults Aged ≥65 Years: Recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP). MMWR 2014; 63:822-25.

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PCV-13 and PPSV-23 Recommendations

- Both vaccines should be routinely given to patients ≥65
 - PCV-13 first, followed by PPSV-23 in 6-12 months
 - If PPSV-23 given, PCV-13 follows in 1 year
 - If PPSV-23 given prior to age 65, PCV-13 first, followed by PPSV-23 in 6-12 months after 5 year period

Pneumococcal vaccine schedule persons aged ≥65 years

Abbreviations: PCV13 - 13-valent pneumococcal conjugate vaccine; PPSV23 - 23-valent pneumococcal polysaccharide vaccine. *Minimum interval between sequential administration of PCV13 and PPSV23 is 8 weeks; PPSV23 can be given later than 6-12 months after PCV13 if time window is missed.

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Top Things to Know about Community-acquired Pneumonia

John Esterly

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2. Which of the following newer antimicrobials was most recently approved for the treatment of Community-acquired Bacterial Pneumonia?
 - A. Ceftaroline
 - B. Cethromycin
 - C. Tedizolid
 - D. Nemonoxacin

Top Things to Know About Five Commonly Encountered Diseases: Chronic Kidney Disease

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- No conflicts to disclose

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CKD Discussion Points

Methods available to estimate renal function



Strengths/limitations of each estimation tool



Patient care considerations for the pharmacist



Chronic hyperkalemia treatment options
• Current options & Pipeline drugs

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Which of the following do you utilize most often to estimating renal function for drug dosing?

- A. Modification of Diet in Renal Disease (MDRD)
- B. Cockcroft-Gault
- C. Chronic Kidney Disease Epidemiology Collaboration (CKD-EPI)
- D. Any of the above
- E. None of the above

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Glomerular Filtration Rate

- Indicator of overall kidney function
- Serum markers used to estimate GFR
 - Achieves stable plasma concentration
 - Inert, freely filtered by glomeruli
 - Not reabsorbed, secreted or metabolized
- Gold standard: inulin, iothalamate, iohexol
- Endogenous markers: serum creatinine, serum urea, serum cystatin C

Stevens LA, Coresh J, Greene T, et al. *N Engl J Med.* 2006;354:2473-2483.

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Serum Creatinine (SCr)

- Secreted by proximal tubule & filtered by glomerulus → clearance exceeds GFR
- Isolated use to assess renal function is not advised
- Inverse relation between GFR and SCr is nonlinear

A

B

Levey AS, et al. *Ann Intern Med.* 1999;130:461-470

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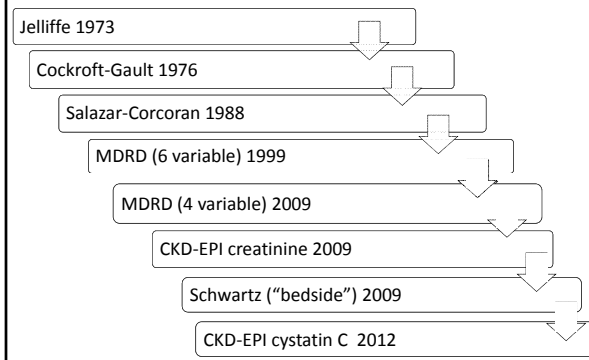
Factors Affecting SCr

- Demographics
 - Aging ↓
 - Female gender ↓
 - Ethnicity
 - AA ↑, Hispanic ↓, Asian ↓
- Body Habitus
 - Muscular ↑
 - Malnourished/amputation ↓
- Medications
 - Cimetidine, trimethoprim, probenecid, K-sparing diuretics ↑

Levey AS. Am J Kidney Dis. 1993;22(1):207-214.

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GFR Estimation Equations



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Estimation of renal function

Cockcroft-Gault (CG)

$$CrCl = \frac{(140 - \text{age}) \times (\text{weight})}{72 \times SCr} \quad (X 0.85 \text{ if female})$$

- Gold-standard
- 249 males with stable renal function
- Utilized ABW, suggest correction with ascites or obesity
- Adjustments in obesity (40%)

Cockcroft DW, Gault MH. Nephron. 1976;16(1):31-41.
Verhave JC, Fessler P, Ribstein J, et al. Am J Kidney Dis. 2005;46:233-241.

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Estimation of renal function

Chronic Kidney Disease Epidemiology Collaboration (CKD- EPI)

$$GFR = 141 \times \min(Scr/k, 1)^a \times \max(Scr/k, 1)^{-1.209} \times 0.993^{Age} \times 1.018[\text{female}] \times 1.159 [\text{if Black}]$$

- F/u to MDRD equation to improve accuracy with GFR >60
- Validated retrospectively in 8,254 patients from 10 studies
- Renal failure patients excluded
- 45% women, 87% non-black patients

Levey AS, et al. *Ann Int Med.* 2009;150:604-612.

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CKD-EPI Serum Cystatin C

- Freely filtered at the glomerulus, metabolized in the proximal tubule
- Generation is uniform across populations
- Produced by nucleated cells
 - Levels may differ in rapid cell turnover, uncontrolled thyroid, or corticosteroid use
- Cystatin C use may improve classification of GFR
- Screening beneficial in persons with:
 - Borderline estimated GFR (Cr based equation)
 - High risk of CKD
 - Conditions impacting creatinine sensitivity

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Drug Dosing

- CG used in PK studies → standard for drug dosing
- Insignificant translation into drug dosing (MDRD and CG)
 - CG more practical for bedside applicability
- MDRD or CG can be used to estimate kidney function for drug dosing
- Review package insert to determine body weight
 - Ex. rivaroxaban utilizes actual body weight

National Kidney Disease Education Program. Chronic Kidney Disease and Drug Dosing: Information for Providers. Available at http://www.nkdep.nih.gov/.../CKD_DrugDosing_508.pdf. Updated April 18, 2015. Accessed July 13, 2015.

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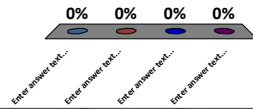
Take Home Points

- All current eGFR methods have limitations
- Scr must be stable if used to for eGFR
- Estimate GFR from serum creatinine
 - MDRD and Cockcroft-Gault
- Suggest use of CKD-EPI for general population
- Suggest use of cystatin C for confirmatory testing
- Renal function is a mosaic representation
 - Consider labs, clinical signs, symptoms in addition to renal function estimation equations

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Patiomer is a new medication currently under FDA review for the treatment of:

- A. Hypophosphatemia
- B. Hypocalcemia
- C. Hyperparathyroidism
- D. Hyperkalemia



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Hyperkalemia in CKD

- Hyperkalemia (>5 mmol/L) reported in up to 50% of CKD patients
 - Reported in 2-3% of general population
- Contributing risk factors in CKD
 - Dietary modifications
 - Blood transfusions
 - Kidney transplant
 - Diabetes (insulin deficiency and hypertonicity)
 - Cardiovascular disease (medications)
 - RAAS inhibitors (RAASi)

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Hyperkalemia Treatment

- Avoid NSAIDs, low-dose ACEi/ARB
- Thiazide or loop diuretics
- Sodium polystyrene sulfonate (SPS)
 - Na⁺ cation exchange polymer
 - Approved in 1958 → *Prior to Kefauver-Harris Drug Amendments*
 - Limited efficacy data
 - 0.4 mEq/L drop in 23/30 patients in 24 hours
 - About 5mmol of K⁺ delivered to colon per day
 - Colonic necrosis and mucosal injury of upper GI tract with long-term use

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Hyperkalemia: Pipeline Drugs

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- Submitted for FDA approval in 2015
- Insoluble, non-absorbed zirconium silicate
- Inorganic cation exchanger with high selectivity for K⁺
- Tasteless powder dissolvable in water
- HARMONIZE trial:
 - 2/3 of patients on RAASi therapy, 60% had CKD, 41% had heart failure, 58% had diabetes
 - 84% of patients normokalemic by 48 hours, maintained over the 28 day study period (p<0.001)
 - Safety: adverse events, including GI symptoms, similar to placebo group, edema (15mg group)

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ZS-9

- Compound does not swell in the GI tract
 - Results in limited GI symptoms
- Very well tolerated
- Long-term safety and efficacy studies needed
- Potential for continuation of RAASi therapy
- Cost of therapy?

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Patiromer

- Phase III study
- Non-absorbed polymer binds K^+ in exchange for Ca^{+2}
- Predominantly binds in distal colon → K^+ level highest
- Oral suspension
- AMETHYST-DN trial:
 - 304 patients with stage 3-4 CKD
 - 76% (95% CI, 70-81) of patients normokalemic by at week 4
 - Safety: mild-moderate constipation (11%), hypokalemia (3%)

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Patiromer

- Long-term safety and efficacy studies needed (>12 weeks)
- Decrease in K^+ appears to be gradual
 - Use in acute situation is unclear
- Potential for continuation of RAASi therapy
- Cost of therapy?

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