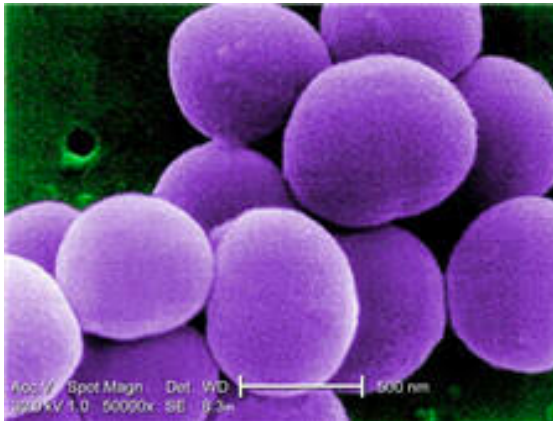


# *Staph aureus* Bacteremia

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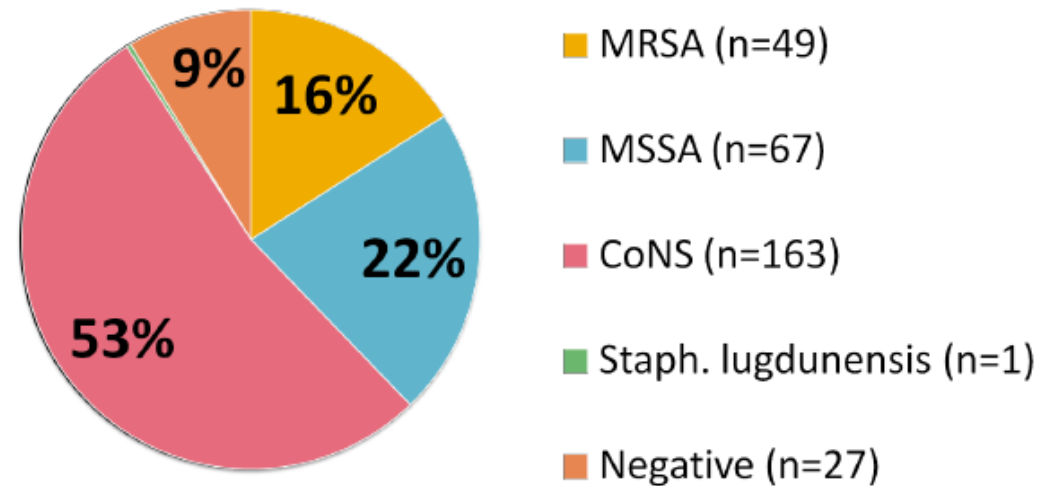
# My Journey



# Rapid Identification of Methicillin-Sensitive *Staphylococcus aureus* from Positive Blood Cultures using the Verigene System: A System-wide Impact on Patient Treatment and Physician Compliance

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## Breakdown of GPC CL identified by the Verigene BC-GP test from June to December 2012



### Stewardship Team:

- GPC ID in ~4.5h
- Lab→PharmD notification of MSSA
- PharmD→Physician
- Vanco→Cef/Naf within 14.5 h (v 45.5h)
- Switch to appropriate therapy: 35%→86%

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# Clinical Outcomes After Implementation of Rapid Molecular Detection of Blood Culture Contaminants

Outcomes (mean)	Traditional Lab Technique (n=114)	Rapid Molecular Testing (n=72)
Time from GPC-CONS*	29.6 hours	4.4 hours
Vancomycin duration*	49.5 hours	27.3 hours
Number vanco troughs	0.39	0.39
Hospital LOS *	5.9 days	4.5 days

Cost Savings:  
Extrapolated over 1 year @ these 4 hospitals

- Med-surg bed \$2000/day
- **\$1.3 million/yr**

\*Statistically significant with p-value <0.05

## Additional Stewardship Benefits Postulated:

- ↓ Adverse drug events
- Fewer drug resistant organisms

# Objectives

1. Understand the seriousness of staphylococcus aureus bacteremia (SAB) and describe the risk of metastatic infection and endocarditis in patients who have SAB.
2. Describe the appropriate clinical evaluation in a patient with SAB according to the IDSA guidelines.
3. Compare/define uncomplicated bacteremia and complicated bacteremia and know the appropriate duration of intravenous antibiotic therapy for both.
4. Know the preferred therapy for methicillin-sensitive staphylococcus aureus (MSSA) bacteremia and the options for therapy for methicillin-resistant staphylococcus aureus (MRSA) bacteremia.



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a contaminant!**




## Antibiotic Options for MSSA:

Nafcillin / Oxacillin  
2g IV q4h

Cefazolin 2g IV q8h

### Cefazolin:

- ✓ Less frequent dosing, easier for PIVs
  - ✓ Better side effect profile  
[Naf/ox = ↑ AKI (AIN), hypoK, ↑ LFTs]
  - ✓ Patient & home health preferred
  - ✓ Acceptable for IE
  - X Not ideal for CNS infections
  - X Drug shortage last year
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(Abnormal)  
Blood, Peripheral Draw

## Culture Result

Gram Stain result:  
Gram Positive Cocci in Clusters  
in Aerobic and Anaerobic Bottle.

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Time to detection:  
12 hours and 17 minutes

Call subsequent positives.  
See Direct Blood Pathogen Identification Panel for rapid identification panel.  
**Staphylococcus aureus !**

### Susceptibility and relative inpatient cost

	Staphylococcus aureus MIC	
\$ Clindamycin	$\leq 0.25$	Susceptible
\$\$\$ Daptomycin	$\leq 0.25$	Susceptible
\$ Erythromycin	$\leq 0.25$	Susceptible
\$\$ Gentamicin	$\leq 1$	Susceptible
\$ Levofloxacin	$\leq 0.5$	Susceptible <sup>1</sup>
\$\$ Linezolid	2	Susceptible
\$\$\$ Oxacillin	$\leq 0.25$	Susceptible <sup>2</sup>
\$\$ Penicillin	8	Resistant
\$ Rifampin	$\leq 1$	Susceptible <sup>3</sup>
\$ Tetracycline	$\leq 2$	Susceptible
Trimethoprim- \$ Sulfa.	$\leq 0.5/9.5$	Susceptible
\$\$ Vancomycin	0.5	Susceptible

<sup>1</sup> Staphylococcus spp. may develop resistance during therapy with fluoroquinolones.

<sup>2</sup> Susceptibility to Oxacillin can be used to predict susceptibility to Cefazolin.

<sup>3</sup> Rifampin should not be used alone for antimicrobial therapy.

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Vascular Phenomena:  
Systemic emboli, Janeway lesions (non-tender), splinter hemorrhages

Immunologic:  
Osler nodes (painful), Roth spots

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# SAB: Complicated or Not?

Uncomplicated SAB if EACH of the following is present:

- ✓ Exclude endocarditis
- ✓ No implanted prostheses
- ✓ Follow up blood cultures clear within 2-4 days after the initial set
- ✓ Defervescence within 72h of initiating effective therapy
- ✓ No evidence of metastatic sites of infection

Two weeks of antibiotic therapy is acceptable ONLY if these criteria are met.



ID Consults =  
Standard of care  
for SAB

- Reduced patient mortality!
- Decreased SAB relapse

Why?

- More frequent follow up blood cultures
- Obtain echos
- More frequent source control
- More appropriate anti-Staph coverage (i.e. targeted tx for MSSA)
- Longer abx courses

## Case 2

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## When do you need a TEE?

- Suggestion of IE on exam or imaging
- Any cardiac devices or prostheses
- Valvular disease
- IVDU
- Positive blood cultures >72 after tx
- Abnormal TTE, poor windows

Essentially, if the patient does NOT meet criteria for simple bacteremia, need a TEE.

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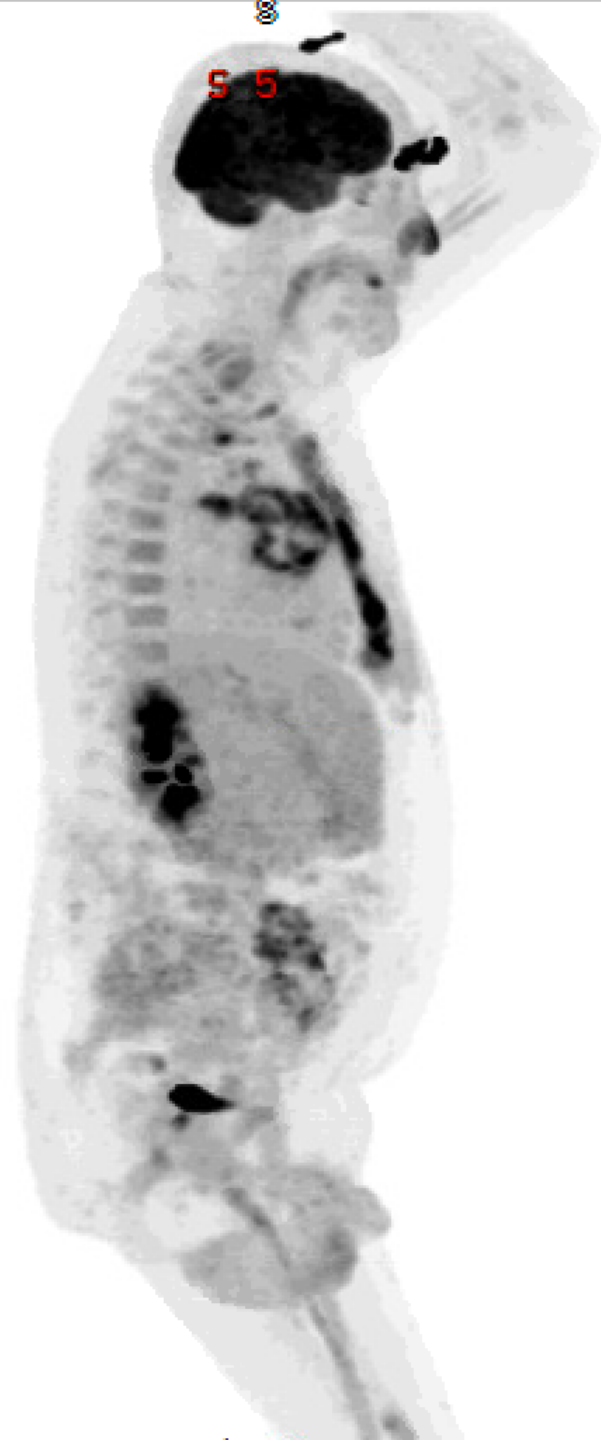
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**Question:** What other imaging would you like?



### **Culture Results:**

BCx (8/3): pending

Sternal Bone Cx (7/31): few staph aureus

Chest Wall Wound Tissue Culture (7/31): rare MRSA

Mediastinal Tissue Culture (7/31): NGTD

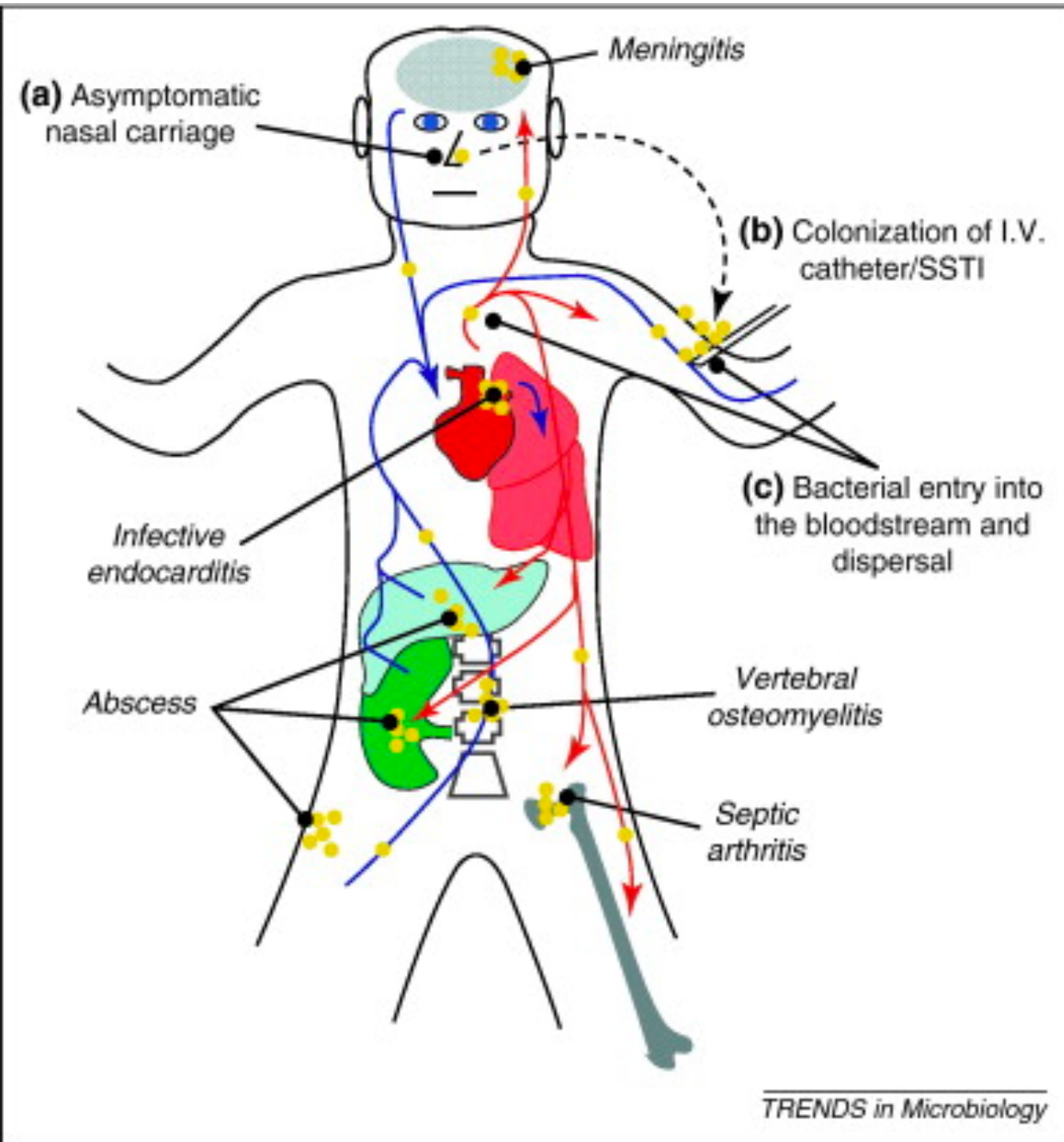
BCx (7/29): MRSA in 2/4

BCx (7/28): MRSA in 2/4

BCx (7/26): MRSA in 1/4

### **PET/CT:**

- Pseudoaneurysm along the ascending thoracic aorta
- Anterior mediastinal abscess, 6.5 x 4.4 cm
- Aortic valve not effected...at this point



## *Staph aureus* Virulence Factors:

- Surface proteins → colonization
- Invasins → bacterial spread
- Pro-thrombotic
- Inhibits phagocytic engulfment, biofilms
- Protein A, catalase → immunologic disguises
- Lysis of host cell membranes
- Exotoxins → TSS, food poisoning
- MecA gene → PBP2a = resistance to beta-lactams



## Persistent MRSA Bacteremia

1. Source control
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With persistent bacteremia, it's not a failure of antibiotics, it's a failure of source control.

# Antibiotic Options for MRSA Bacteremia

1. Vancomycin
  - Troughs/AUC, AKI, dosing
2. Daptomycin
  - Daily dosing, costly, no lung covg
3. Ceftaroline
  - Dose frequency, costly, restricted
4. ?Dalbavancin
  - Weekly/no central line, harm reduction

# Vancomycin AUC Monitoring better than Trough Goals

Decreased nephrotoxicity

### Patient Parameters

Body weight:  kg lbs

Volume of distribution (Vd):  L/kg

Therapeutic goal: [?](#)

Recommend loading dose: [?](#) No Yes

### Elimination Constant (Kel)

Empiric Estimation Based on One Level Based on Two Levels

Height:  in cm

Age:  years

Creatinine:  mg/dL [Manually enter creatinine clearance »](#)

Gender: Male Female

Reset Calculate



## Case 3

- 35 yo M injects drugs presents with fever.
- Track marks noted including one with cellulitis. R elbow is red & swollen.
- CT chest shows findings c/w septic emboli.
- TTE day 1 negative. TEE on day 3 with TV vegetation.
- Undergoes washout of the septic elbow.
- Vancomycin with subtherapeutic levels till on q8h dosing.
- BCx skip days but eventually clear.
- Pt uninsured. Can't get a PICC.

**What will this patient discharge on?**

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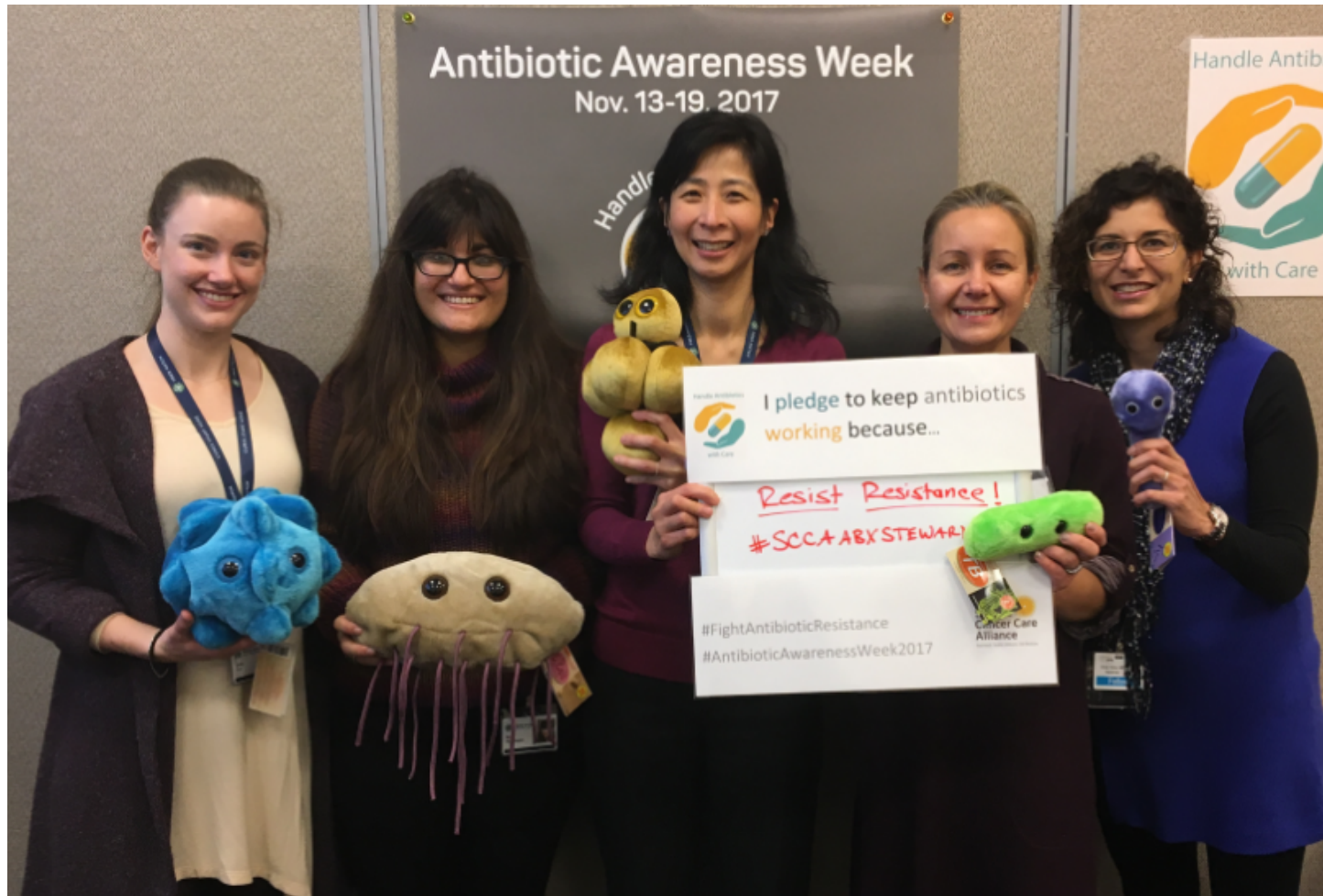
### **What will this patient discharge on?**

(There's no right answer here).

- Often patient stays inpatient to complete antibiotic course. (Treat their addiction so they don't leave AMA).
- Dalbavancin – a great option if authorized
- Daptomycin via PICC with tamper-proof tape  
(Hospital eats the cost of all these options)
- Oral anti-MRSA antibiotics if patient leaves AMA (Not ideal, but harm reduction)

# SAB Management Take Home Points

- ✓ Remove any central lines ASAP
- ✓ Consult ID
- ✓ Address indwelling hardware/devices
- ✓ Repeat BCXs daily until clear min 2 days
- ✓ No new lines or devices until cleared >48h
- ✓ Target antibiotic to MSSA upon identification
- ✓ Duration: 2 weeks is the exception (Most patients are complicated SAB & need 4-6 wks)
- ✓ Don't hesitate to get the TEE!



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