

Rapid Bacterial Diagnostics – Are We There Yet?
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**Rapid Bacterial Diagnostics
Are We There Yet?**

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- Cepheid – Collaborative Studies

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Objectives

- Define “Rapid”, “We” and “There”
- Old technology – Don’t throw out the baby with the bath water
- New technology – Keeping me from retirement
- Are we there yet?

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Rapid

Minutes to 3 hours
Which includes results
communicated to the health
care provider

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Who are “WE”

- Clinical Microbiology Laboratory
- Physician
 - Admit/treat/do not treat
- Pharmacy/Antibiotic Stewardship
- Infection Control
- Team approach: all of the above
 - e.g., ID, pharmacy, lab, IC, etc.

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Team Approach

- No result sitting in a lab by itself is useful
- In order for RBD to work, need a systems approach
- Who calls who with what?
- What is the desired intervention?
- How does it effect outcome?

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What is “There”

- A single pathogen
- Multiple pathogens
- Any potential pathogen
- Complex disease pathogens (e.g. CF)
- Anatomical specific pathogens
- Antibiotic specific result: S or R

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Desired Outcomes

- Reduce time to appropriate therapy
- Reduce length of stay
- Reduce transmission of pathogen
- Reduce cost

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Goals

| Micro/ID/Pharmacy/IC |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Reduce time to appropriate treatment Directed rather than empirical therapy |
| Improve patient care/reduce length of stay/decrease transmission via IC |
| Decrease emergence of antibiotic resistance/antibiotic stewardship |

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**Rapid Diagnosis
Directly From Specimens**

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Old Technology

**Gram
Stains**

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Gram Stains Can Work

- To make a Gram stain work requires work
 - Appropriate specimens
 - Sputum not spit
 - Aspirate not swab
- Selection within specimen
 - Sputum is heterogeneous
 - Select mucous plugs

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**“Working” Gram Stains
The Chodosh Method**

- Gram stains predicted community respiratory pathogens in AECBB study patients with high accuracy and PPV
- Mucous plugs selected, examined for neutrophils and if present, slide gram stained. If GS showed a predominant organism, the other half of the mucous plug was used for culture

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Predicting Pathogens in CA-AECBB¹

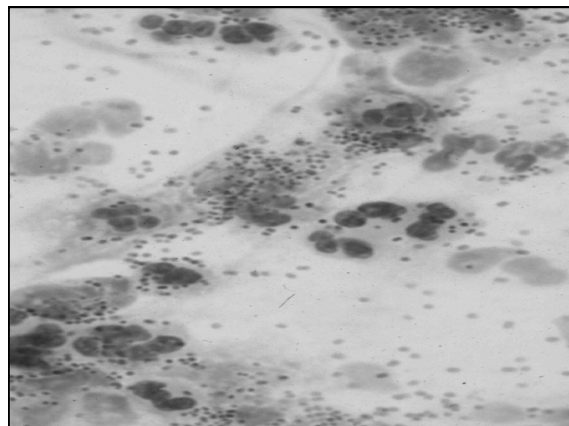
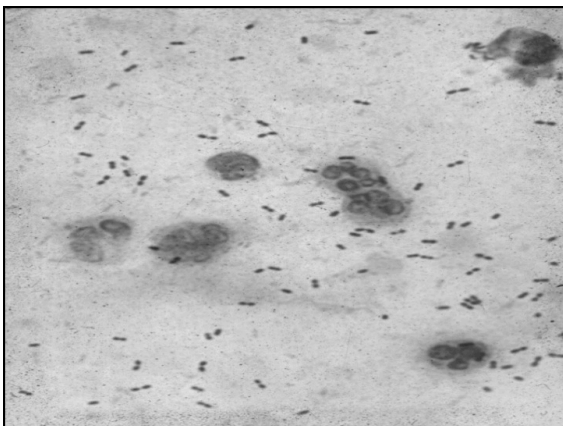
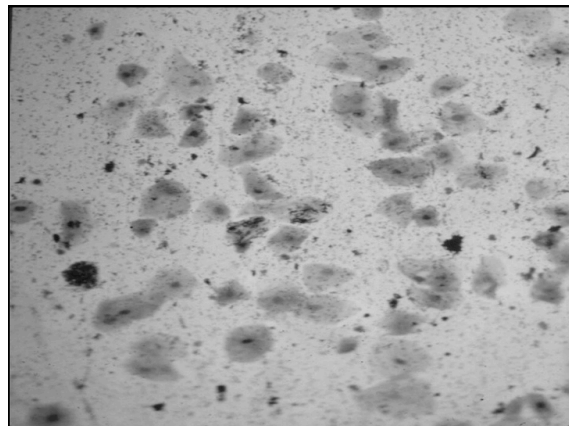
- **480 patients at study entry**
 - GS predicted the cultured pathogen 321 times (67%)
 - Predicted 2 pathogens but grew only 1 73 times (15%)
 - Predicted 2 pathogens and grew 2 pathogens 35 times (7%)
 - Predicted 1 or 2 pathogens and grew 1 predicted and 1 not predicted 38 times (8%)
 - Predicted a pathogen and a pathogen not grown 13 times (3%)
 - Also predicted absence of pathogen

1. Brecher et al. Gram stains and cultures from sputum collected for 24 hours in selected patients with AECB.1996. ASM Annual Meeting, Abstract C226. New Orleans

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**Expectorated
Sputum**

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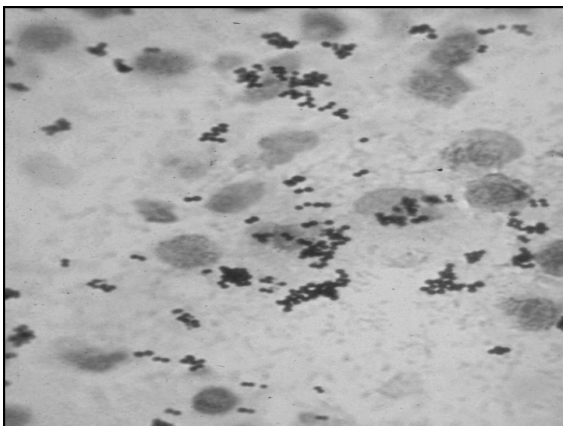
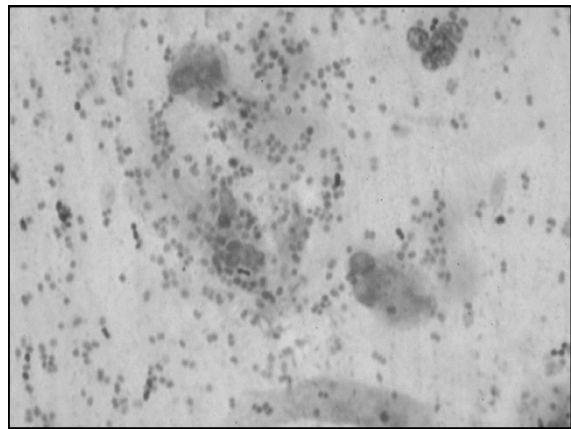
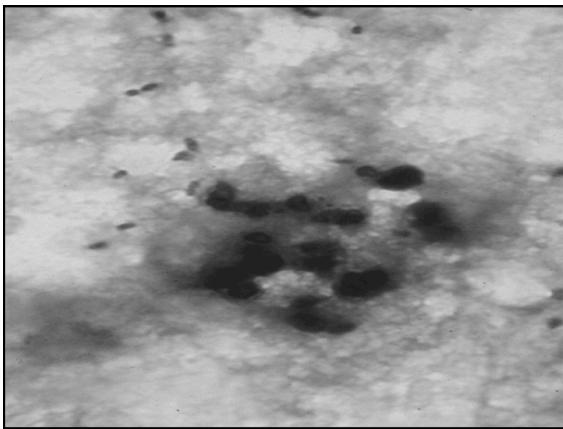
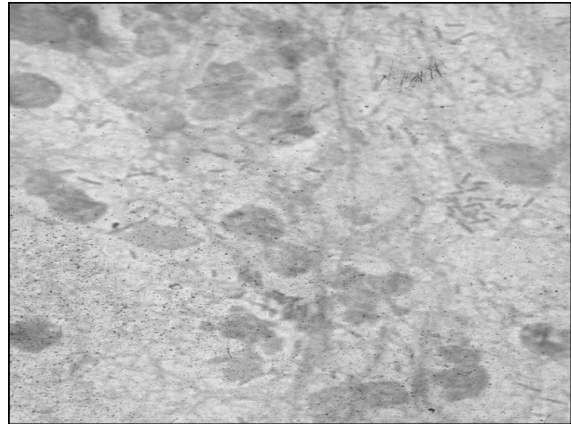


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**Predicting the
Pathogen in Suctioned
Respiratory Secretions**

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Mural Dyslexia

- “The inability to see the big picture”
- The value of an assay should be measured by its impact on patient outcome, not solely on its cost
 - Length of stay
 - Prescription drugs
 - Infection control
- The most expensive test is one that does not work

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The Holy Grail Rapid Bacterial Diagnosis Directly From Blood

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Limitations to the Rapid Detection of Bacteria in Blood

- **Very Few Targets**
 - Most bacteremic patients have very few bacteria/ml of blood
 - To diagnose bacteremia we take 20 ml of blood x 2 and put 10 ml in each of 4 bottles
 - Positive patients often have only 1 or 2 positive bottles
 - Takes 1-5 days to get results

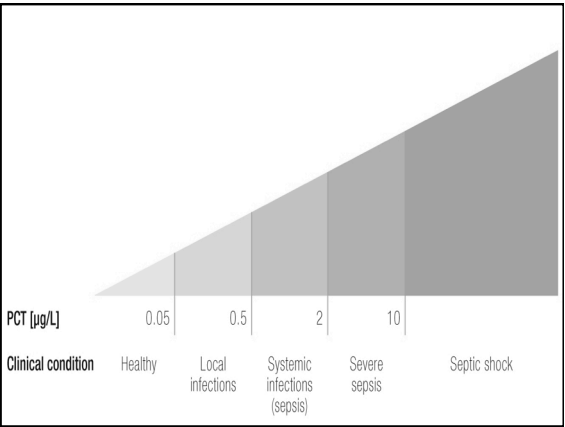
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Procalcitonin as a Marker for Sepsis Meta-Analysis¹

- **Protein produced by numerous cells/ organs in response to inflammation due to bacterial infections (+ other things)**
- **30 studies, 3244 patients with sepsis**
 - Mean sensitivity = 77%
 - Mean specificity = 79%
- **Useful in dx of severe sepsis but results have to be interpreted with caution**

¹ Wacker, C. et al. 2013. Lancet Infect Dis.13:426-435

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T2 MR-Based Rapid Detection of Candidemia

RESEARCH ARTICLE

DIAGNOSTICS

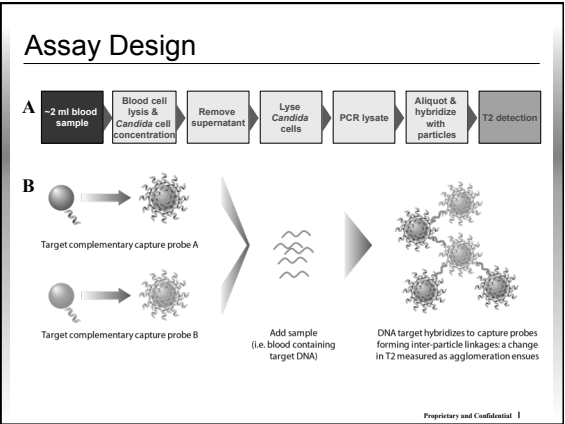
T2 Magnetic Resonance Enables Nanoparticle-Mediated Rapid Detection of Candidemia in Whole Blood

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Candida spp. cause both local and disseminated infections in immunocompromised patients. Bloodstream infections of Candida spp., known as “candidemia,” are associated with a high mortality rate (60%), which is mainly attributed to the long diagnostic time required by blood culture. We introduce a diagnostic platform based on T2 magnetic resonance (TMRI), which is capable of sensitive and rapid detection of target targets in whole blood. In our approach, blood-compatible polymerase chain reaction is followed by hybridization of the amplified pathogen DNA to capture probe-decorated nanoparticles. Hybridization yields nanoparticle micro-clusters that cause large changes in the sample’s T2MR signal. With this TMRI-based method, Candida spp. can be detected directly in whole blood, thus eliminating the need for sample purification. Using a small portable TMRI detection device, we were able to rapidly, accurately, and reproducibly detect five Candida species within human whole blood with a limit of detection of 1 colony-forming unit/mL and a time to result of ≤ 3 hours. Subject blood samples showed 98% positive agreement and 100% negative agreement between TMRI and blood culture. Additionally, performance of the assay was evaluated on 21 blinded clinical specimens collected weekly. This study shows that the nanoparticle- and TMRI-based detection method is rapid and amenable to automation and offers clinicians the opportunity to detect and identify multiple human pathogens within hours of sample collection.

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T2MR Direct Detection

The graph shows T₂ (ms) on the y-axis (0 to 1400) and Increasing Fraction Clustered on the x-axis (0 to 1). A curve rises from approximately 200 ms at x=0 to 1400 ms at x=1. A dashed line indicates a cluster fraction of 0.5, corresponding to a T₂ of about 800 ms.

RF Coil
Sample
Magnet

- No background interference eliminates sample preparation and extraction of targets
- No manipulation or extraction of the target analyte enables superior specificity and sensitivity
- Measuring the magnetic properties of the entire water population and not just the target provides breakthrough sensitivity in dirty samples

1. Neely et al. Science Translational Medicine 2013 5(2) 182. Proprietary and Confidential |

T2Candida – Critical Performance Metrics

| Target Species | LoD |
|------------------------|----------|
| <i>C. albicans</i> | 3 CFU/mL |
| <i>C. tropicalis</i> | 3 CFU/mL |
| <i>C. parapsilosis</i> | 1 CFU/mL |
| <i>C. glabrata</i> | 2 CFU/mL |
| <i>C. krusei</i> | 2 CFU/mL |

- Limit of Detection (LoD) as low as 1 CFU/mL¹
- Anti-fungals in a patient sample can prohibit cell growth in blood culture, leading to a false negative result¹
- Equivalent or better sensitivity than blood culture with 25x faster turn-around time²

1. Neely et al. Science Translational Medicine 2013 5(2) 182. 2. Beyda, M. Jahangir Alam, Kevin W. Garey. Diagnostic Microbiology & Infectious Disease 2013 in press. Proprietary and Confidential | 33

Detection of Pathogens from Positive Blood Culture Bottles

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Understanding Positive Blood Cultures

- Often, very few organisms/ml of blood
- Bottles usually positive in 16-48 hours
- Gram stain + bottles, subculture and wait 24 hours to get colonies
- Set up ID and susceptibility
- Results available in another 24 hours

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FilmArray

- Two minutes of hands-on time
- Results in about 1 hour
- From a positive blood culture bottle, 27 targets
- From a nasal swab, 20 viral and bacterial pathogens
- Closed System – Contamination is not an issue
- PCR based Molecular

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Blood Culture Identification Panel FDA Cleared

| | | |
|-------------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------|
| Gram + Bacteria: | Gram - Bacteria: | Yeast: |
| <i>Enterococcus</i> | <i>A. baumannii</i> | <i>C. albicans</i> |
| <i>L. monocytogenes</i> | <i>H. influenzae</i> | <i>C. glabrata</i> |
| <i>Staphylococcus</i> | <i>N. meningitidis</i> | <i>C. krusei</i> |
| <i>S. aureus</i> | <i>P. aeruginosa</i> | <i>C. parapsilosis</i> |
| <i>Streptococcus</i> | <i>Enterobacteriaceae</i> | <i>C. tropicalis</i> |
| <i>S. agalactiae</i> | <i>Enterobacter</i> | |
| <i>S. pyogenes</i> | <i>cloacae complex</i> | |
| <i>S. pneumoniae</i> | <i>E. coli</i> | |
| | <i>K. oxytoca</i> | |
| Antibiotic Resistance: | <i>K. pneumoniae</i> | |
| <i>mecA</i> | <i>Proteus</i> | |
| <i>Van A/B</i> | <i>S. marcescens</i> | |
| <i>KPC</i> | | |

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The Verigene BC-GP

Intended Use

- Verigene BC-GP is a multiplexed *in vitro* diagnostic test for the detection and identification of pathogenic gram-positive bacteria
- Verigene BC-GP is indicated for use in conjunction with other clinical and laboratory findings such as culture and is not used to monitor bloodstream infections
 - Sub-culturing is necessary for susceptibility testing, identification of non-detected organisms, differentiation of mixed growth, association of resistance marker or epidemiological typing
- Our system detects and identifies the following bacterial genera/species and resistances

| Gram-Positive Blood Culture (BC-GP) Test | | | |
|------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|
| Genus | Species | | Resistance |
| | Staphylococcus spp. | Staphylococcus aureus Staphylococcus epidermidis Staphylococcus lugdunensis | |
| Streptococcus spp. | | | |
| Listeria spp. | Streptococcus pneumoniae Streptococcus anginosus Group Streptococcus agalactiae (GBS) Streptococcus pyogenes (GAS) | | |
| Resistance | meclA ¹ vanA ² vanB ² | Enterococcus faecalis Enterococcus faecium | |

1. The exact resistance marker is only used for *S. pneumoniae* and *S. aureus* in "Direct"
2. The exact vanA/vanB marker is only used for *E. faecalis* and *E. faecium* in "Direct"

Nanosphere 37 Approved for Customer Use

The Verigene BC-GN

Intended Use

- Verigene BC-GN is a multiplexed *in vitro* diagnostic test for the detection and identification of pathogenic gram-negative bacteria
- Verigene BC-GN is indicated for use in conjunction with other clinical and laboratory findings such as culture and is not used to monitor bloodstream infections
 - Sub-culturing of positive blood cultures is necessary to recover organisms for susceptibility testing, identification of organisms not detected by BC-GN, differentiation of mixed growth, association of antimicrobial resistance marker genes to a specific organism, or for epidemiological typing
- BC-GN independently detects and identifies the following:

| Gram-Negative Blood Culture (BC-GN) Test | | | |
|------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------|
| Genus | Species | | Resistance |
| | Acinetobacter spp. | Escherichia coli ¹ | |
| Proteus spp. | Klebsiella pneumoniae | | |
| Citrobacter spp. | Klebsiella oxytoca | | |
| Enterobacter spp. | Pseudomonas aeruginosa | | |
| KPC | | | |
| NDM | 1. BC-GN will not distinguish <i>Escherichia coli</i> from <i>Shigella</i> spp. including <i>S. dysenteriae</i> , <i>S. flexneri</i> , <i>S. boydii</i> , and <i>S. sonnei</i> | | |
| CTX-M | | | |
| VIM | | | |
| IMP | | | |
| OXA | | | |

FDA-Cleared: For *in vitro* Diagnostic Use.

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Matrix Assisted Laser Desorption Ionization – Time of Flight (MALDI-TOF)

- Identify bacteria/yeast/fungi/mycobacteria from colonies in minutes
- ID bacteria/yeast from positive blood culture bottles (not FDA approved)
- Replace gram stain of bacterial colonies
 - Not a reason to buy one but once you have one a potential good use

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Impact of Rapid MALDI-TOF Results in Bacteremic Adults¹

- Intervention team: 2 ID physicians, 3 ID pharmacists, ID Pharmacy resident
- Team members received real time notification based on GS, ID, and susceptibility results from lab and communicated results to prescribers
 - MALDI results from colonies (not directly from BC broth)
- Made evidence-based antibiotic recommendations
- Compared 256 bacteremic results preintervention to 245 patients post intervention

1. Huang, AM et al. 2013. CID. 57: 1237-1245

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Results of Intervention

| | Preintervention | Postintervention |
|---------------------------|-----------------|------------------|
| Time to organism ID | 84.0 hours | 55.9 hours |
| Time to effective therapy | 30.1 hours | 20.4 hours |
| Time to optimal therapy | 90.3 hours | 47.3 hours |
| ICU stay | 14.9 days | 8.3 days |

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Matrix Assisted Laser Desorption Ionization – Time of Flight

- Identify bacteria/yeast/fungi/mycobacteria from colonies in minutes
- Replace gram stain of bacterial colonies¹
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1. Mudie, K and SM Brecher. 2014. ASM submitted Abstract.

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QuickFISH/PNA FISH Positive Blood Cultures

- **QuickFISH:** Gram-Negative Bacilli (20 minutes)
 - *E. coli*, *K. pneumoniae*, or *P. aeruginosa*
- **QuickFISH:** Gram-Positive Cocci (20 minutes)
 - *S. aureus*/CNS
 - *E. faecalis*/*E. faecium*
- PNA FISH for Candida (*QuickFISH* coming)

QuickFISH is a trademark of AdvanDx

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Rapid Bacterial and Viral Diagnosis Multi-Plex PCR

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Respiratory Panel FDA Cleared

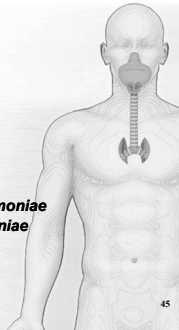
Viral

Adenovirus
Coronavirus 229E
Coronavirus HKU1
Coronavirus OC43
Coronavirus NL63
Human
Metapneumovirus
Human Rhinovirus/
Enterovirus
Influenza A
Influenza A/H1
Influenza A/H1-2009
Influenza A/H3
Influenza B

Parainfluenza 1
Parainfluenza 2
Parainfluenza 3
Parainfluenza 4
RSV

Bacterial

Bordetella pertussis
Chlamydia pneumoniae
Mycoplasma pneumoniae



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The Evidence

FilmArray[®]
The fastest way to better results.

- Overall, 95% sensitivity and 99% specificity

Clinical Sensitivity and Specificity of the FilmArray Respiratory Pouch

| Pathogen | Sensitivity | | Specificity |
|------------------------------|-------------|---------------|-------------|
| | Prospective | Retrospective | Prospective |
| Adenovirus | 88.9% | 100% | 98.3% |
| Coronavirus HKU1 | 95.8% | n/a | 99.8% |
| Coronavirus NL63 | 95.8% | n/a | 100% |
| Coronavirus 229E | 100% | 100% | 99.80% |
| Coronavirus OC43 | 100% | 100% | 99.80% |
| Human Metapneumovirus | 94.6% | n/a | 99.2% |
| Human Rhinovirus/Enterovirus | 92.7% | 93.7% | 94.6% |
| Influenza A | 90.0% | n/a | 99.8% |
| Influenza A/H1 | n/a | 100% | 100% |
| Influenza A/H3 | n/a | 100% | 100% |
| Influenza A/H1-2009 | 88.9% | 100% | 99.6% |
| Influenza B | n/a | 100% | 100% |
| Parainfluenza Virus 1 | 100% | 97.1% | 99.9% |
| Parainfluenza Virus 2 | 87.4% | 100% | 99.8% |
| Parainfluenza Virus 3 | 95.8% | 100% | 99.8% |
| Parainfluenza Virus 4 | 100% | 100% | 99.9% |
| Respiratory Syncytial Virus | 100% | n/a | 99.1% |
| <i>Bordetella pertussis</i> | 100% | 84.4% | 99.90% |
| <i>Chlamydia pneumoniae</i> | 100% | 100% | 100% |
| <i>Mycoplasma pneumoniae</i> | 100% | 84.4% | 100% |

*Data for the prospective study of clinical sensitivity for these pathogens was based on less than 10 positive samples.

Value and Use of Rapid Respiratory Multi-Plex Panels

- If assay is run on ER patients and the TAT is less than 2 hours, save money by answering the following questions
 - Viral? Bacterial?
 - Admit or not?
 - Antibiotics? Oseltamavir?
 - If admit, ? Precautions, IC protocols

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“Lab’s Respiratory Panel Found to Curb Antibiotic Use”¹

The following quote is from CAP today with respect to the use of a respiratory panel PCR for pediatric patients in an ED

“Fewer children with respiratory disease symptoms hospitalized from the ED without a diagnosis, less antibiotic use, and a favorable ratio of reimbursement to expense...”

1. CAP Today January, 2014

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Rapid Bacterial Diagnosis Directly From Urine

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Narrow Angle Laser Forward Scatter Measurement

- Measurement of scattered light intensity and motion
- Particle size of interest: 0.2 to 10 microns
- Analogous to OD measurement - optimized for very low concentrations
- Samples held at 37° C to promote organism growth
- Automated for real-time observation of growth over minutes, hours, days

BACTERIOSCAN™

Rapid AST Using Laser Microbial Growth Monitor

- Laser Scatter Measurement with onboard incubation of up to 24 samples at a time
- Five logs of linear dynamic range for quantitation of bacteria from 10^4 to 10^9 CFU/mL in clear fluids
- Available early 2014

BacterioScan 224r Instrument and 4-Sample Cuvettes

UTI Detection Performance

- Fast Positive Detection (10 minutes)

| | |
|-------------|-------|
| Sensitivity | 87.5% |
| Specificity | 87.9% |
| PPV | 51.9% |
| NPV | 97.9% |
- Elimination of Negatives (90 minutes)

| | |
|-------------|-------|
| Sensitivity | 96.9% |
| Specificity | 85.1% |
| PPV | 49.2% |
| NPV | 99.5% |

Clinical Study conducted with St. Louis University Hospital Jan-May 2013 in 248 patients with 14.6% UTI positive at $>1 \times 10^4$ CFU/ml, in matched pairings of preserved and unpreserved/refrigerated specimens, tested 24 hours after collection.

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Directly from Stool GI Pathogens

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The Panels

FilmArray Platform

After all panels are FDA-cleared, FilmArray will have assays covering 125 of the most common pathogens that cause death and disease.

GI Panel (In development: Not FDA Approved)

| | |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Bacteria: <i>Aeromonas</i> <i>Campylobacter</i> <i>Clostridium difficile</i> (Toxin A/B) <i>Plesiomonas shigelloides</i> <i>Salmonella</i> <i>Vibrio</i> <i>Vibrio cholerae</i> <i>Yersinia enterocolitica</i> <i>Diarrheagenic E. coli / Shigella</i> <i>E. coli</i> O157 Enteroaggregative <i>E. coli</i> (EAEC) Enteropathogenic <i>E. coli</i> (EPEC) Enterotoxigenic <i>E. coli</i> (ETEC) Shiga-like toxin-producing <i>E. coli</i> (STEC) Shigella/Enteroinvasive <i>E. coli</i> (EIEC) | Protozoa: <i>Cryptosporidium</i> <i>Cyclospora cayetanensis</i> <i>Entamoeba histolytica</i> <i>Giardia lamblia</i> Viruses: Adenovirus F 40/41 Astrovirus Norovirus GI/GII Rotavirus A Sapovirus |
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Clostridium difficile

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Rapid Diagnosis of *C. difficile*

- PCR has replaced EIA in CDI diagnostics
 - EIA was quick but not accurate
- About 10 FDA approved PCR assays
 - Rapid, accurate, very sensitive (rare false negatives), maybe too specific (false positives)
 - Test only patients at risk
 - ↑WBC, antibiotics, >3 BM/24h
 - Test only loose stool (Brecher Guidelines¹)
 - “If it ain’t loose, it’s of no use”
 - “If the stick stands, the test is banned, if the stick falls, test them all”

1. Brecher, SM et al. 2013. Clin Infect Dis. 57: 1175-1181

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Xpert® *C. difficile* PCR Test for *Clostridium difficile*

TOTAL HANDS-ON TIME <1 MINUTE

**Rapid Bacterial Diagnosis
M. TB Complex**

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Rapid Molecular Detection of MTB Complex and Rifampin Resistance Directly in Respiratory Specimens

- MTB/RIF automated molecular (PCR) Test
 - Detects genes for MTB Complex (7 different Mycobacteria) and rifampin resistance (marker for multi-drug resistance)

Detected 551/561 culture positive, smear positive cases and 124/171 culture positive, smear negative cases

- Correctly identified 200/205 rifampin resistant bacteria and 504/514 rifampin sensitive bacteria
- May be used to replace AFB smears for respiratory specimens

<http://www.nejm.org/doi/full/10.1056/NEJMoa907847>

Rapid Molecular Testing for TB to Guide Respiratory Isolation in the U.S.: A Cost-Benefit Analysis¹

- Compared isolation days and hospital costs in a retrospective analysis of a hypothetical cohort of 234 patients undergoing evaluation for possible TB
 - Compared results of 2 sputa AFB smears with 1 molecular PCR assay
 - PCR results available within hours; 2 smear results obtained at least 8 hours apart
 - PCR is significantly more expensive and more accurate than AFB smears
 - PCR reduced isolation bed utilization from 2.7 to 1.4 days per patient
 - System cost savings was over \$500,000/year

1. Millman, AJ. Et al. 2013. PLOS one. Volume 8: Issue 11.79669

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Can PCR Replace AFB Smears to Rule Out *M. tuberculosis*?

- **Issues to consider**
 - Cost
 - Prevalence
 - Severity of disease
 - How many specimens?
 - Quality of specimens

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Whole Genome Sequencing

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Clinical Insights from Metagenomic Analysis of Sputum Samples from Patients with Cystic Fibrosis¹

- Selected 3 patients and cultured/sequenced “climax” and “attack” communities over “clinical event” time sequences
 - Onset, treatment, post treatment, stable
 - Bacteria, viruses, fungi
 - Potential metabolic markers of different communities
- “...this pilot study provides an example of how metagenomic data might be used For the development of treatments tailored to individual patients”

1. Lim, YW et al. 2014. J Clin Microbiol. 52: 425-437

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Whole Genome Sequencing Infection Control and Molecular Epidemiology

- WGS demonstrated that patient-to-patient transmission rarely accounts for acquisition of *Staphylococcus aureus* in an intensive care unit¹
- WGS used successfully to help unravel the CRE outbreak at NIH²
- In the near future, WGS will be the method of choice for ME/IC
- ? Screen stool for fecal transplant

1. Price, JR, et al. 2014. CID. 58: 609-618 2. Palmore, TN and DK Henderson. 2013. CID 57: 1593-1599

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Volatile Organic Compounds

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Diagnosis of Invasive Aspergillosis

- “In patients with suspected IFD, detection of a combination of farnesene, β -vatenene, and cis-geranylacetone in the breath accurately and noninvasively discriminates IA patients from patients without IA.”¹
 - 54 immunosuppressed patients
 - Accurately dx 27/29 IA and 24/25 w/o IA
 - Sensitivity of 93%, Specificity of 96%

1. Koo, S. et. al. 2013. ICAAC Abstract M-219, Denver

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Point of Care Testing

- R/O MTB in Pulmonary Clinics
- Group B Streptococci in OBGYN
- GC/Chlamydia, HIV, Herpes in STD Clinics
- Influenza and other respiratory viruses in the ER

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Better Tests, Better Care: Improved Diagnostics for Infectious Diseases

Caliendo, A. M. et al. CID 2013. 57: S139-S170

In this IDSA policy paper, we review the current diagnostic landscape, including unmet needs and emerging technologies, and assess the challenges to the development and clinical integration of improved tests. To fulfill the promise of emerging diagnostics, IDSA presents recommendations that address a host of identified barriers. Achieving these goals will require the engagement and coordination of a number of stakeholders, including Congress, funding and regulatory bodies, public health agencies, the diagnostics industry, healthcare systems, professional societies, and individual clinicians.

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The Ultimate in Rapid The Selfie

Dr. Brecher,

I was a previously healthy 28 year old, very muscular male. I have traveled in Asia and Africa. I love the outdoors, have had numerous mosquito bites, and may have been exposed to *Wuchereria bancrofti*. I think I may have elephantiasis. Please see attached “selfie”. Thanks for your help.

Hans

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<http://www.horkstarted.com/worst-case-of-elephantiasis-ty-ever-seen/>

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