

Community acquired Pneumonia

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Objectives :

- ★ List the 3 most common organisms of CAP .
- ★ Be able to triage patients appropriately based on the pneumonia severity index (PSI).
- ★ Identify 3 criteria for clinical stability and discharge.

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Community Acquired Pneumonia

Definition

- Lower respiratory tract infection in a non-hospitalized person associated with symptoms of acute infection with or without new opacity on chest radiograph.
- Acute infection of the **pulmonary parenchyma** acquired outside of a health care setting.
- CAP is one of the leading causes of hospitalization and death.



If you find in the exam a COPD patient diagnosed with pneumonia and I asked you about the most common organism? the answer will be Haemophilus influenzae

Types & Microbiology of CAP 🕇

→ Streptococcus pneumoniae (pneumococcus) and respiratory viruses are the most frequently detected pathogens in patients with CAP.

	Typical CAP (60% - 70%)	Atypical CAP (30%- 40%)		
	Typical ² bacteria:	Atypical ³ bacteria:	Respira	tory viruses:
*	Strept .pneumoniae (most common bacterial cause) Particularly among young adults. Also the most common cause of pneumonia in injection drug users.	Most common in Tropical region Legionella spp ⁴ (contaminated water, air, ventilation systems)	Influenza A and B viruses	
	Haemophilus influenzae (the most common in smokers and COPD)	Mycoplasma pneumoniae (After trauma/splenectomy/in HIV)	Rhinoviruses	
	Moraxella catarrhalis	Chlamydia pneumoniae (joints pain, headache, sinusitis)	Para influenza viruses	
	Staphylococcus aureus (Particularly after a recent influenza infection)	Chlamydia psittaci (birds)	Adenoviruses	
	Group A streptococci Streptococcus pyogenes	Coxiella burnetii (farmers)	Respiratory syncytial virus	
7	Aerobic gram-negative bacteria e.g. Pseudomonas aeruginosa (associated with cystic fibrosis) & Klebsiella pneumoniae		Human m	etapneumovirus
	Anaerobes (associated with aspiration) Bacteroides, Prevotella, Fusobacterium, Peptostreptococcus Most commonly seen in alcoholic patients presenting with "current jelly sputum" (Klebsiella pneumonia is <u>aerobic</u> but it is often		Corc (e.g. COV East respin Transmitted ma	onaviruses ID-19 or Middle ratory syndrome onavirus) inly from infected camels
	seen in aspiration lobar pneumonia in alcoholics)		Humar	n bocaviruses

A type of pneumonia that occurs as a result of oropharyngeal secretions and/or gastric contents aspiration. The inhalation of foreign material into the respiratory tract after instrumentation of the upper airways or esophagus (e.g., upper GI endoscopy) or secondary to vomiting and regurgitation of gastric contents.
 Related to Streptococcus pneumoniae, classical symptoms (fever, cough, SOB, chest pain) as well as classical radiological findings (opacity on CXR)
 Presents with unclassical symptoms and chest x ray eg. Legionella (GI symptoms, headache and chest pain, malaise) causes Legionnaires + history of travel is important (molds in air conditioning of hotels). Diagnostic test is serum/urine antigen.
 Most common cause of atypical pneumonia.

Risk factors



3- Uncommon compared to bacterial pneumonia but if it happened it will be more severe.

4- Young lady with classical symptoms of pneumonia but with uncontrolled seizure.

Signs, symptoms and diagnosis



1- Typical CAP usually presents with greenish productive cough while atypical CAP usually presents with unproductive cough 2- What is the difference between chills and rigors? A chill is a sensation of cold occurring in most fevers. A rigor is a profound chill with piloerection associated with teeth chattering and severe shivering, and it's usually caused by

pyelonephritis and dental abscess.

3 - Common but if it's progressing that is a bad sign. Patient may develop complications such as: pleural effusion, ARDS, or respiratory failure. 4- Dullness is caused by the consolidation (solid or pus) while in pleural effusion or fluid accumulation you will hear stony dullness.

6- Indicative of consolidation.

7- common in the ER (you will not hear it usually in admitted patients after treatment with antibiotics)

8- Is a substance produced by many types of cells in the body in response to bacterial infections

Diagnosis

Radiologic evaluation¹







Consolidation

Classical finding in pneumonia

Opacity (semi rounded white area)

cause by either:

Consolidation

usually caused by streptococcus

Α.

B.

pneumoniae

Mass

Cavity

Air fluid level : it's the line between the puss and normal lung tissue(air) in a cavity When we see a cavity it's either anaerobes or staph

In the upper zone: most likely staph In the lower zone : anaerobes

Why ? Anything will enter to the lung will go most likely to the right because of the early bifurcation of the right bronchus and to the lower zone by gravity.

That's why when we see a cavity in the right lower zone we will think about an organism associated with aspiration

Interstitial Infiltrates

Comes with crackles

Usually appears in atypical organisms

(especially viral which gives bilateral infiltrate)



Consolidation

Consolidation Finding > Opacity = White It can be localized to one lung or generalized (bilateral) to both lungs. Opacity > **Typical changes Q) What is the most likely cause of** this ? streptococcus pneumoniae



Interstitial Infiltrates

Interstitial Infiltrates Atypical Changes Q) What is the most likely cause of this ? Atypical pneumoniae





Air bronchogram

The classical sign of consolidation This is classical comes with typical it's rare

1-About the most likely organisms in relation to radiological findings : it's just a clinical information not a rule! Causes (of cavitary mnemonic CAVITY:

C: Cancer. finding)A: Autoimmune (Rheumatoid Arthritis, wegener's) V: Vascular (AV malformation) I: Infection (Staph., TB) T: Trauma (Pneumatocele) Y: Young (Congenital infected cyst) (from 437 team)



- 1. severity of illness.
- 2. associated disease.
- 3. presence of hypoxemia.
- 4. adequacy of home support.
- 5. probability of adherence to treatment.

Effects and patterns of microbial colonization

Alveolar

In alveolar lumen

Lobar pneumonia

- lobar distribution
- "Typical" CAP
- S.pneumonia and Haemophilus influenza

always serious.

Bronchopneumonia

- Patchy distribution
- Aspiration, intubation and bronchiectasis
- Staph.Aureus and pseudomonas

Affect the bronchus, part of the lobe sometimes could be bilateral

Atypical pneumonia

- Diffuse infiltrate with perihiral concentration
- Mycoplasma, Chlamydophila and Legionella
- Respiratory viruses. Such as:influenza

Interstitial

Mostly in alveolar wall

Many viral almost gives you Interstitial

Affect one lobe , it could be bilateral





Evaluation and Initial Management of Community-Acquired Pneumonia (CAP)

- After assessment of CAP (Clinical, PE, Radiological, Labs) what is the **next best step** in management?
 Allocate the pt based on the CURB-65 criteria
- The severity of a patient's illness is primarily a determination based on clinical judgment, and the use of severity scores
- The most commonly used severity scores is CURB-65.

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(Exam Q)

Sympto	m		Points		
Confusion					
Urea: B	UN >19 mg/dL (>7	' mmol/L)	1		
Respiratory rate ≥30 breaths/min 1					
Systolic BP <90 mm Hg or diastolic BP ≤60 mm Hg 1					
Age ≥65 years 1					
Total					
Score	Risk	Disposition			
0 or 1	1.5% mortality	Outpatient care			
2	9.2% mortality	Inpatient versus observation a	dmission		
≥3	23 22% mortality Inpatient admission; consider ICU admission with score of 4 or 5				

Ambulatory Patients



Very important

For most patients who are younger than 65 years of age, otherwise healthy, and have not recently received treatment with antibiotics, recent guidelines recommend one of the following 3 oral medication options:	 → Amoxicillin (1 g three times daily). → Doxycycline (100 mg twice daily), → <u>or</u> A macrolide (azithromycin at a dose of 500 mg → <u>or</u> clarithromycin at a dose of 500 mg twice daily
For patients who have taken antibiotics with- in the past 3 months, have serious coexisting conditions (e.g., chronic heart, lung, kidney, or liver disease; diabetes mellitus; or alcohol dependence), or who are smokers.	 → Amoxicillin clavulanate → and either a macrolide (preferred) → or Doxycycline are recommended.
patients who cannot take beta-lactam agents due to owing to hypersensitivity or adverse effects can instead be treated with a	fluoroquinolone (levofloxacin or moxifloxacin)

Complications of pneumonia

1. Pleural effusion

- Inflammation leads to exudation of fluid into pleural space
- Can compromise lung function
- 2. Empyema
- Purulent pus in pleural space
- Necrosis/ breakdown of visceral pleura and / or spread of infection into pleura
- 3. Abscess / Cavity lesion
- circumscribed focus of liquefactive necrosis within lung tissue
- associated with necrotizing Staph or Strep infections or Gram-neg rods (e.g. aspiration)





Central:

- Headaches

Mood swings

/ascular

Loss of appetite

- Low blood pressure

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High heart rate

Gastric

- Nausea - Vomiting

Joints:

- Pain

Here, I want you to know that pneumonia has complications. Don't go into more details than knowing these. 1- Pleural effusion 2- Empyema. 3-Abscess / Cavity lesion

Extrapulmonary manifestations of pneumonia







Read the summary of the extrapulmonary manifestations.





Table I. Respiratory Pathogens in Community-Acquired Pneumonia (CAP).*					
Pathogen Group	Pathogen				
Common or core More	than 50% of patients comes with Strept.pneumonia , most common bacterial cause				
Gram-positive bacteria	Streptococcus pneumoniae, methicillin-susceptible Staphylococcus aureus, Strep. pyogenes, other streptococci				
Gram-negative bacteria	Hemophilus influenzae, Moraxella catarrhalis, Enterobacteriaceae (e.g., Kiebsiella pneu- moniae)				
Atypical bacteria Atypical, as the name suggests, means that the clinical presentation is different. Particular may presentation is different. Particular may present with headache, fatigue, and other symptoms. Laboratory	Legionella pneumophila, Mycoplasma pneumoniae, Chlamydophila pneumoniae				
Respiratory viruses	Influenza virus, SARS-CoV-2, respiratory syncytial virus, parainfluenza virus, human meta- pneumovirus, rhinoviruses, common human coronaviruses				
Uncommon or infrequent This	is general; the doctor skip it.				
Gram-positive bacteria	Methicillin-resistant <i>Staph. aureus</i> , nocardia spe- cies, <i>Rhodococcus equi</i>				
Gram-negative bacteria	Enterobacteriaceae, including extended-spectrum beta-lactamases or carbapenem-resistant enterobacteriaceae; nonfermenting ba- cilli (e.g., pseudomonas or acinetobacter); <i>Francisella tularensis</i>				
Atypical bacteria	Chlamydia psittaci, Coxiella burnetii				
Mycobacteria	Mycobacterium tuberculosis, nontuberculous mycobacteria				
Viruses	Cytomegalovirus, herpes simplex, varicella zoster, MERS-CoV				
Fungi	Pneumocystis jirovecii, aspergillus species, muco- rales species, histoplasma species, cryptococ- cus species, blastomyces species, coccidioi- des species				
Parasites	Strongyloides stercoralis, Toxoplasma gondii				

Dr. Alharbi's Case

• History

a **63** y.o. patient that presents to your urgent care office today with a history of **coughing** and **wheezing** for the past 5 days. Originally, she thought she was getting a **cold**; however, her symptoms have been getting worse, and she states **she has never felt this** "wiped out" from a cold. She has come to see you today because she feels like she has become more short of breath over the past 24 hours. vitals. **Looks oriented , not in distress**

BP: 110/80, HR: 96, RR: 26, T: 101.6, SpO2: 94%, Ht: 5'5" (not important), Wt: 130lbs Initial laboratory: Wbc = 16 (leukocytosis) <u>Urea = 30</u> Respiratory symptoms suggested pneumonia CURB-65

- 1. Confusion = 0
- 2. Urea = 1 🕇
- 3. **Respiratory rate = 0**
- 4. Systolic and diastolic BP = 0
- 5. Age > 65 = 0

Based on CURB-65 scoring this patient has one point because Urea is high more than 19 mg/ dl. so it's <u>outpatient care</u>

Physical Examination - Lungs:

Resonance percussed over upper chest; area of **dullness** percussed over right lower lobe. Increased fremitus palpated in left lower lobe. Breath sounds (BS) are clear bilaterally in upper lobes. Expiratory wheezing, rales, and diminished BS auscultated right lower lobe. BS clear and diminished in left lower lobe Abnormal, support our suggestion of pneumonia

Q) How to mange this patient?

If the organism suspected to be typical > give Amoxicillin

If the organism suspected to be Atypical > give Macrolide (Azithromycin)

Chest X-ray



X-ray showed Opacity on the right

Management

	Table	2: Oral Therapy	
Patient Population	Antibiotic	Recommended Dosing	Notes
Previously Healthy and No	azithromycin or	500 mg PO Q24 hrs.	If comorbidities, consider moxifloxacin as an
Recent Antibiotic Therapy	doxycycline	100 mg PO Q12 hrs.	alternative.
Antibiotic Therapy in Past 3 Months	amoxicillin / clavulanate	2000/125 mg PO Q12 hrs.*	High dose amox/clav targets drug-resistant S.
If previous	amoxicillin (high dose)	1 g PO Q8 hrs.*	pneumoniae (DRSP). Patients with co-morbidities
therapy known,	cefdinir	300 mg PO Q12 hours*	or recent antimicrobial therapy are at risk of DRSP.
agent	Plus (+) either azithromycin or	500 mg PO Q24 hrs.	
	doxycycline	100 mg PO Q12 hrs.	
	OR monotherapy levofloxacin	750 mg PO Q24 hrs.*	
Suspected Aspiration	amoxicillin / clavulanate or	2000/125 mg PO Q12 hrs.*	High dose amox/clav targets drug-resistant S.
	clindamycin	300-450 mg PO Q6 hrs.	pneumoniae (DRSP). Patients with co-morbidities or recent antimicrobial therapy are at risk of DRSP.

* Dose should be adjusted for renal function.

Note: Patients presenting from the community with any of the following health care exposures are at risk for MRSA and

Patient Population	Antibiotic	Recommended Dosing	Notes	
Non-ICU Patient without Pseudomonal	ceftriaxone Plus (+) azithromycin	2 g IV Q24 hrs.* 500 mg IV Q24 hrs.	If < 65 years of age and no risk factors for drug-resistant	
Risk	OR monotherapy levofloxacin	750 mg IV Q24 hrs.**	is appropriate at discharge.	
ICU Patient	cefriaxone*	2 g IV Q24 hrs.	If documented severe β-	
without Pseudomonal Risk	Plus (+) either azithromycin or levofloxacin	500 mg IV Q24 hrs. 750 mg IV Q24 hrs.**	lactam allergy, use levofloxacin plus aztreonam (2 g IV Q8 hrs.**) as an alternative.	
ICU and Non-ICU Patients with Pseudomonal	piperacillin / tazobactam or cefepime	4.5 g IV Q8 hrs.** 2 g IV Q8 hrs.**	If documented severe β- lactam allergy, use aztreonam plus levofloxacin with tobramycin (7 mg/kg IV Q24 hrs.**) as an alternative.	
Risk***	Plus(+) tobramycin <u>and</u> azithromycin	7 mg/kg IV Q24 hrs.** 500 mg IV Q24 hrs.		
Suspected Aspiration****	ampicillin / subactam or ertapenem	3 g IV Q6 hrs.** 1 g IV Q24 hrs.**	Ertapenem should be used in patients with penicillin allergies.	
Suspected MRSA Pneumonia	Add vancomycin	15-20 mg/kg Q12 hrs.**	Consider loading dose of 25 mg/kg.	

*Ceftriaxone 1 g IV Q24 hrs. is adequate for patients weighing < 80 kg.



How to manage a patient with CAP?

A patient diagnosed with pneumonia with a history of skin reaction before 3 months due to using Augmentin What is the first choice of treatment?

First allocate the patient using CURB-65 score:

- Score 0 or 1 = send home with azithromycin for 3-5 days
- Score 2= <u>admit to hospital</u> and treat with ceftriaxone + azithromycin
- Score 3 or more: ICU and treat with Tazocin (Piperacillin/tazobactam) also called piptaz.

Special conditions:

- If the history is suggestive of <u>aspiration pneumonia</u> (even if the patient was not hospitalized) : clindamycin is the drug of choice
- Risk of staph: vancomycin
- **bronchiectasis:** gm -ve like **pseudomonas**, start them on **levofloxacin** or **ciprofloxacin**.

Summary					
	Typical	Atypical			
Findings on X-ray	Consolidation , classical Opacity Consolidation it could be mass	interstitial changes			
Symptoms	FeverCoughSOB	 Sore throat Headache Sinusitis GI symptoms 			
Physical exam	 Dullness to percussion Crackles on auscultation Bronchial breath sounds Increase in vocal and tactile fremitus(Ask the vibrations transmitted throughout the chest 	ne patient to say "99, 44 " and feel for t wall.			
Complications of pneumonia	 Pleural effusion Empyema Abscess / cavitary lesion 				
Based on CRUB-65 Scoring, we class management will be accordingly.	ify patient admission into outpatient, inpatient (ge	neral floor, ward), and ICU. The			
Score 0 or 1 = outpatient <u>send home</u>	with treatment				
Outpatient ● Healthy ● No history of antibiotics use	Amoxicillin Or Doxycycline (Doxycycline has the same use of amoxicillin, but it's not used in KSA so forget about it)	Macrolide (Azithromycin)			
 Outpatient Sick (chronic disease) History of antibiotics use 	Augmentin (Augmentin= amoxicillin+ clavulanic acid) Hypersensitivity? fluoroquinolone (levofloxacin-moxifloxacin) Important ★ Scenario in the exam. the middle of the scenario: before 6 months the patient take Augmentin for dental abscess and get reaction > so patient has allergy And the then diagnosed with Community Acquired pneumonia . if there is one of the choices in MCQ (Augmentin) don't choose it it's wrong. But if the patient doesn't have allergy which first choice ? Augmentin Or Doxycycline ?Augmentin	+ Macrolide (Azithromycin)			
Score 2= <u>admit to hospital</u>					
Inpatient > General floor (ward)	batient > General floor (ward) third generation cephalosporin(ceftriaxone)+ macrolide (azithromycin) both at the same tin to cover typical and atypical . Why ? Because they find that many patients they get atypical organisms after admission				
Score 3 or more = ICU					
Inpatient > ICU	Tazocin(piperacillin-tazobactam) ★ If I give you scenario and CRUB - 65 was = 5 and one of choices of MCQ Oral Azithromycin > This choice is wrong				
Extra notes	 History of crowded places(hajj) >> viral infection: oseltamivir +antibiotic Suspect aspiration? Clindamycin 				

Extra

General management



Prophylaxis of recurrent pneumonia



Pneumococcal and influenza virus vaccine

What is the most common cause of death? Sepsis-> infective endocarditis

Complications of pneumonia

- Severe pneumonia in certain patients can lead to septic shock and eventually acute kidney injury (AKI) or liver failure.
- Meningitis (especially in Hajj)
- Infective endocarditis
- Hepatitis
- Reactive arthritis
- Para-pneumonic effusion
- Empyema
- Retention of sputum causing lobar collapse
- Deep vein thrombosis and pulmonary embolism
- Pneumothorax, particularly with Staphylococcus aureus
- Suppurative pneumonia/lung abscess
- ARDS, renal failure, multi-organ failure
- Ectopic abscess formation (Staph. aureus)
- Hepatitis, pericarditis, myocarditis, meningoencephalitis
- Arrhythmias (e.g. atrial fibrillation)
 - Pyrexia due to drug hypersensitivity

Case 1:

"عندي احساس ان السيناريو مهم"

A 35 year old male, presents with fever and cough. He was well until 3 days earlier, when he suffered the onset of nasal stuffiness, mild sore throat, and a cough productive of small amounts of clear sputum. Today, he decided to seek physician assistance because of an increase in temperature to 38.3°C and spasms of coughing that produce purulent secretions. On one occasion, he noted a few flecks of bright red blood in his sputum. The patient has no history of familial illness, hospitalizations.

What questions will you ask first?

- If anyone around the patient has experienced the same symptoms \rightarrow suspect COVID-19.
- Pattern of fever (continuous (for +24hrs), intermittent, remittent (as in malaria).
- Other associated symptoms?

Case2:

University student presented with cough, fever, shortness of breath. Examination revealed dullness, bronchial breathing, and consolidation in his x-ray.

- What is the most likely organism? Strept .pneumoniae
- What are the extrapulmonary manifestation of Streptococcus pneumonia ? Meningitis, bacteremia (septic shock), reactive arthritis. (When a patient has hepatitis A and he developed arthritis later on we call it reactive arthritis)
- What if history of smoking was added to the scenario? Haemophilus influenzae
- What if parkinson's disease was mentioned in the scenario? Anaerobes (also applicable for any risk of aspiration pneumonia e.g. seizures/anesthesia)

Case3:

A 50 years old patient presented to ED complaining of cough and fever. The patient has a recent travel history to Malaysia

- What is the most likely organism? Legionella
- What is the next step? Urine antigen test

Cases

Case study 1:

A 68 y/ male presented to the ED with SOB and productive coughing for 2 days. Reports poor oral intake since onset due to nausea and intermittent vomiting. His wife had similar symptoms 1 week ago which improved with an unknown antibiotic. Patient is requesting to go home with antibiotic. He previously had tongue swelling and skin rash with use of augmentin. Reports good health otherwise. Denies chest pain, swelling of extremities, or diarrhea.

His vital signs are :

T 38.5 C, P 76, BP 128/82, spO2 94%, RR 16. Patient is alert and oriented. Crackles were heard over left lower lung field. Labs showed WBC 14, BUN 20 mg/dL. Chest X-ray had a consolidation in left lower lobe.

• What is the best way to further manage this patient?

- A. Send home with oral azithromycin
- B. Send home with oral levofloxacin
- C. Admit to medicine floor with iv levofloxacin
- D. Admit to medicine floor with iv ceftriaxone and azithromycin
 - E. Admit to ICU with iv ceftriaxone and iv azithromycin

Answer: C

Doctor's notes:

First Allocate the patient by **CURB-65** Severity Score: **C:** Confusion (Absent) = 0 **U:** BUN (20 mg/dl) = 1 **R:** RR (Does not meet criteria) = 0 **B:** BP (Does not meet criteria) = 0 **65:** Age (68 years old) = 1 Overall score= **2** (**inpatient admission**)

- Based on the score we will **exclude A,B and E**
- The patient has augmentin allergy so we will avoid ceftriaxone (due to cross reactivity). The **answer is C**, if the patient <u>doesn't have augmentin allergy</u> the **answer is D**.

Case study 2:

- 20 years old female, Queen's student on the track team, came to the hospital complaining of 24 hours of SOB, has fever, malaise, cough and sputum, but no chest pain. She is a non-smoker. She lives alone in residence.
- Her vitals signs are : Temperature 39.5 C, Pulse 130 bpm, RR: 35, BP: 70/40 % Oxygen Saturation: 87/RA (Room Air)
- On examination: she Looks unwell, Bronchial breathing heard in Upper Rt, dullness on percussion, and Increased fremitus
- Procedures and Investigations are: CXR (PA/LAT), ABG, CBC, and Sputum Culture]



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 What are the features of Jane's history that suggest which organisms are most likely to be responsible for her presentation?

She has CAP, and the most common most likely organism is streptococcus pneumoniae, and she doesn't seem to have the risk factors related to the other organisms.

• What additional information from her history would you like to know and why?

Look for any risk factors in the patient from what was mentioned before.

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• What are the features of Jane's physical examination that indicate pneumonia?
Bronchial breathing (means consolidation), increased fremitus (tactile and vocal).
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• What are signs of pleural involvement? Does she have any?

Decreased tactile fremitus ,stony dullness, decreased or absent bronchial breathing. No, she doesn't have any.

• What are signs of serious sepsis? Does she have any?

Fever, hypotension, tachycardia, tachypnea, oxygen desaturation¹. Yes she have.

• Bonus: What are examples of extra-pulmonary infection that may complicate pneumonia?

Meningitis, pericarditis, reactive arthritis², and hepatits and AKI (acute kidney injury) Most dangerous? Infective endocarditis (high mortality if present) esp staph aureus

• Where should Jane be managed?

CURB-65 Severity Score: C: Confusion (Absent) = 0, U: BUN (30 mg/dl) = 1, R: 35 = 1, B: BP 70/40 = 1, 65: Age (20 years old) = 0

Overall score= 3

where to manage her?

In ICU, stabilize the patient (ABC..) and start broad spectrum antibiotics.

Summary

Types	 Typical: S.pneumoniae (most common bacterial cause) Atypical: legionella spp contaminated water source , air conditioning.
Viruses	Very important causes especially in children. 1. Coronaviruses 2. Influenza A and B viruses
Clinical signs and symptoms	 Cough (if productive rusty colored sputum) Fever, Chills Dyspnea Fatigue Gastrointestinal (Legionella) → history of travel Dullness to percussion Crackles on auscultation Bronchial breath sounds Egophony ("E" to "A" changes) Increased vocal tactile fremitus
Risk factors	 Older age Chronic comorbidities (smoking + COPD = Haemophilus influenzae) Viral respiratory tract infection Impaired airway protection Aspiration → anaerobes Smoking and alcohol overuse Other lifestyle factors

Diagnosis

[All patients with suspected CAP should have chest radiograph
[Urinary and serum antigens specific for legionella
[Leukocyte count
	Sputum Gram stain

Evaluation :

2

3

2

3-5

CURB-65		Clinical Feature	Points
С		Confusion	1
U		Urea > 7 mmol/L	1
R		RR ≥ 30	1
В		$SBP \le 90 \text{ mm Hg OR}$ $DBP \le 60 \text{ mm Hg}$	1
65		Age > 65	1
CURB-65 Score	Risk group	30-day mortality	Management
0-1 1		1.5%	Low risk, consider home

9.2%

22%

treatment

Probably admission vs close outpatient management

Admission, manage as severe

Management:

1- Healthy Individual with no risk factor (classified by the CURB-65 score as outpatient)

2- Risk of aspiration (Anaerobes)

Azithromycin

Clindamycin or Augmentin

Azithromycin + 3rd generation Cephalosporin (Ceftriaxone)

Empirical treatment (Piptaz)

Lecture Quiz

Q1: 500Best: A 55-year-old man, who has never smoked and with no past medical history, has been diagnosed with right basal community-acquired pneumonia. There are minimal changes on his chest x-ray and bloods reveal a neutrophil count of 8.2 and a C-reactive protein (CRP) of 15. He has no drug allergies. Although he has a productive cough of green sputum, his respiratory rate is 16, oxygen saturations are 97 per cent on room air and his temperature is 37.4°C. You are asked to place him on treatment. Which of the following treatment options would be appropriate for this patient ? A- Oral amoxicillin

B- Oral erythromycin

C- Intravenous ertapenem

- D- Intravenous ertapenem with a macrolide (e.g. clarithromycin)
- E- Intravenous tazocin

Q2:500Best: Which of the following organisms would typically be found in a patient with atypical community-acquired pneumonia?

- A- Staphylococcus aureus
- B- Pseudomonas spp.
- C- Streptococcus pneumonia
- D- Legionella pneumophilia

Q3: 4. Which of the following conditions is not associated with an increased incidence or severity of pneumococcal pneumonia?

- A- Poorly controlled hypertension
- B- Diabetes mellitus
- C- Renal insufficiency
- D- Cirrhosis of the liver
- E- Multiple myeloma

Q4: 500Best: A 54-year-old investment banker presents to accident and emergency with a 5-day history of productive cough of green sputum, fevers and feeling generally unwell. On examination, there is bronchial breathing in the left lower zone. Chest x-ray demonstrates left lower zone consolidation. What is the most likely causative organism ?

- A- Mycoplasma pneumoniae
- B- Klebsiella pneumoniae
- C- Staphylococcus aureus
- D- Haemophilus influenzae
- E- Streptococcus pneumoniae

Q5: 500Best: A 67-year-old woman is admitted to accident and emergency with pyrexia (38.1°C) and a cough productive of green sputum. The observations show a pulse rate of 101, BP 80/60 and respiratory rate of 32. She is alert and orientated in space and time. Blood results reveal a WCC of 21, urea of 153 mg/dL and chest x-ray shows a patch of consolidation in the lower zone of the right lung. She is treated for severe community-acquired pneumonia. Which of the following is the correct calculated CURB-65 score?

- A- 6
- B- 8
- C- 4
- D- 0 E- 1
- C- T

Q6: 500Best: Which of the following organisms, responsible for causing chronic pneumonia, is most commonly found in patients with longstanding cystic fibrosis?

A. L. pneumophila

- B. S. pneumonia
- C. Burkholderia cepacia
- D. Pseudomonas aeruginosa

E. H. influenza

Q7: Pre-test: A 40-year-old alcoholic develops cough and fever. Sputum is fetid and examination reveals crackles in the right base. Chest x-ray, shown below, shows an air-fluid level in the superior segment of the right lower lobe. Which of the following is the most likely etiologic agent?

A. Streptococcus pneumoniae

- B. Haemophilus influenzae
- C. Legionella pneumophila
- D. Anaerobes

E. Mycoplasma pneumoniae

Q8: Pre-test: A 40-year-old man without a significant medical history comes to the emergency room with a 3- day history of fever and shaking chills, and a 15-minute episode of rigor. He also reports a cough productive of yellow-green sputum, anorexia, and the development of right-sided pleuritic chest pain. Shortness of breath has been present for the past 12 hours. Chest x-ray reveals a consolidated right middle lobe infiltrate, and CBC shows an elevated neutrophil count with many band forms present. Which feature would most strongly support inpatient admission and IV antibiotic treatment for this patient??

- A. Recent exposure to a family member with influenza
- B. Respiratory rate of 36/min
- C. Recent sexual exposure to an HIV-positive patient
- D. Purulent sputum with gram-positive diplococci on Gram stain
- E. Signs of consolidation (bronchial breath sounds, egophony) on physical examination

Answers: Q1:A | Q2:D | Q3:A | Q4:E | Q5:C | Q6:D | Q7:D | Q8:B

Answers Explanation File!

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