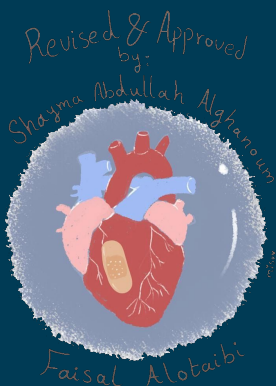


# Hospital-Acquired Pneumonia

TEAM 439

**MICROBIOLOGY**



# Objectives

- ❖ Define the terms, pneumonia, community acquired pneumonia, health care associated pneumonia ( HCAP) and ventilator associated pneumonia (VAP).
- ❖ Describe the pathogenesis of the health care associated pneumonia (hospital associated pneumonia ) and VAP.
- ❖ Classify HCAP according to the time of onset
- ❖ Name the different causative bacterial agents .
- ❖ Classify and describe types of VAP.
- ❖ Recognize the ways by which VAP is prevented.
- ❖ Describe the different chemotherapeutic anti microbial agents used for the treatment of health care associated pneumonia.
- ❖ Evaluate response to treatment and recognize reasons for failure of treatment.

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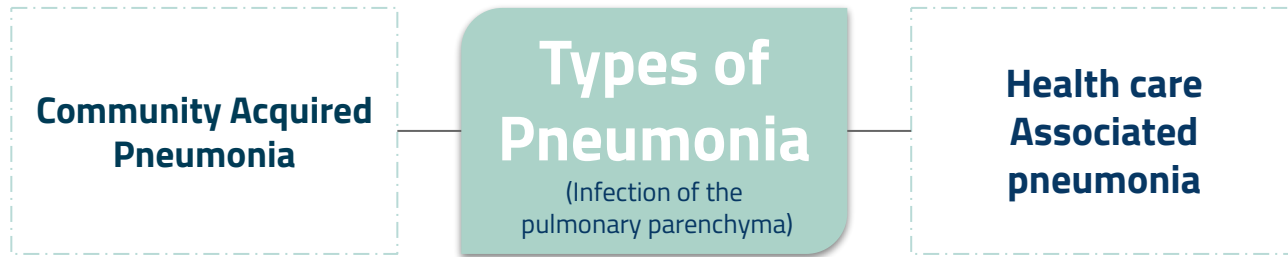
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# Health Care Associated Pneumonia



## Community Acquired Pneumonia

## Types of Pneumonia

(Infection of the pulmonary parenchyma)

## Health care Associated pneumonia

Acquired in the community, by community acquired organisms.  
**e.g. Streptococcus pneumoniae**  
**It is** usually susceptible to antibiotics.  
 (if the patient acquired pneumonia before 48 hrs it is CAP)

Acquired **48-72 hours after admission** to health care institutions  
 eg. pneumonia caused by organisms in hospital which are usually resistant to antibiotics -  
**eg. Pseudomonas aeruginosa**

## Introduction to HAP

Definition of Nosocomial Pneumonia	❖ Hospital associated pneumonia (HAP) or health care associated pneumonia (HCAP). <small>Nosocomial means related to hospital.</small>
When does occurs ?	❖ <b>At least 48 hours</b> after admission and not incubating at the time of hospitalization.
How severe is it ?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ <b>Nosocomial pneumonia (HAP)</b> is the <b>2<sup>nd</sup> most common</b> hospital-acquired infections after urinary tract infection. Accounting for 31 % of all nosocomial infections</li> <li>❖ Nosocomial pneumonia is the leading cause of death from hospital-acquired infections.</li> <li>❖ The incidence of nosocomial pneumonia is <b>highest in ICU</b> (intensive care unit) patients.*</li> <li>❖ It is more severe than CAP because patient are usually more sick and their immunity is worse. Also the fact that organisms in the hospital are more resistant such as MRSA.</li> </ul>
Symptoms	Dyspnea, fever, cough. etc..

\*Why? Because usually they are very sick so they can't move a lot less so their lung function could decrease & their lung capacity could decrease this could result in atelectasis which increases risk of infection

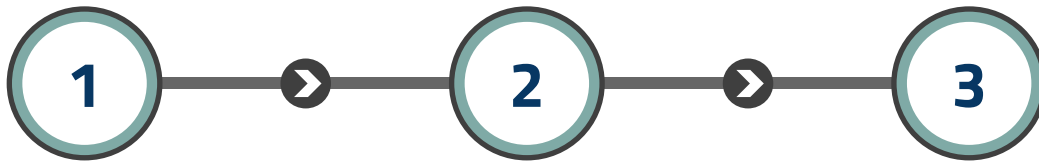
## Intensive Care Unit (ICU)

- ❖ The incidence of nosocomial pneumonia in ventilated patients is **10-fold higher** than non-ventilated patients
- ❖ The reported crude mortality for HAP is **30% to greater than 70%**.



# Pathogenesis of HAP

For pneumonia to occur, **at least one of the following three conditions must occur:**



Significant **impairment of host defenses**  
Innate or humoral

Introduction of a sufficient-size inoculum to overwhelm the host's lower respiratory tract defenses

The introduction of highly **virulent organisms** into the lower respiratory tract

Most common way of transmission is by **microaspiration of oropharyngeal secretions** colonized with pathogenic bacteria.

Microaspiration: saliva goes to the lung.

It is rarely inhaled as large droplets.



Symptoms of HAP might be; dyspnea (shortness of breath), cough, fever.

## Classification of HAP, according to onset.

	Early-onset Nosocomial Pneumonia	Late-onset Nosocomial Pneumonia
Time	Occurs during the <b>first 4 days</b> of admission.	Occurs <b>more than 4 days</b> of admission.
Overview	Usually similar to CAP.	Includes more Gram -ve bacteria & more resistant bacteria.
Causative Organisms	Usually is due to <b>S. pneumoniae</b>	More commonly by <b>Gram negative organisms</b> , especially: <b>P.aeruginosa, Acinetobacter</b>
	<b>MSSA</b> (Methicillin <b>sensitive</b> S.aureus)	<b>MRSA</b> . (Methicillin <b>resistant</b> S.aureus)
	H. Influenza & Anaerobes	Enterobacteriaceae (enteric bacteria e.g Klebsiella , Enterobacter, Serratia)



# Ventilator Associated Pneumonia (VAP)

Nosocomial pneumonia that has developed in **patient who are receiving mechanical ventilation**. (Ventilation is Tracheal intubation : tube through the trachea which complicates the intubation process)



Ventilator - جهاز التنفس الاصطناعي

## Pathogenesis of VAP



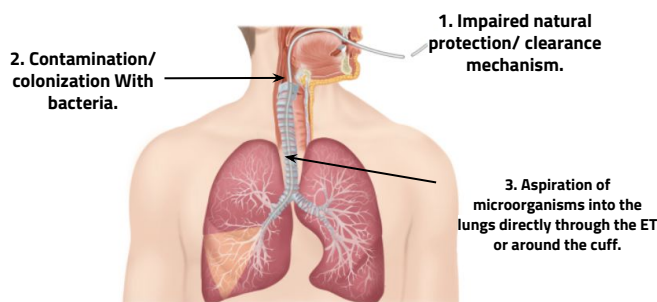
Mechanical ventilation **prevents mechanical clearance** by cough and the mucociliary escalator.

Bacterial **colonization** of the aerodigestive tract.

Aspiration of **contaminated** secretion into the Lower airway (**Microaspiration**)

**Note: If the patient needs increased ventilation support (e.g. increased tidal volume) then this is a clear sign of VAP and we need x-ray to confirm it (infiltrate).**

إذا صار المريض يحتاج فنتليشن أقوى يعني أن عنده مشكلة ولازم ناخذ أشعة ونشوف فيه infiltrate ولا لا



1. المريض ما يقدر يبعلع أو يكح بالتالي 2. تتكاثر البكتيريا بالمكان وتفرز حاجات، وبعدها 3. يتنفس المريض هذه الإفرازات اللي ما قدر يتخلص منها.

## Classification of VAP

	Early-onset	Late-onset
Time	Within <b>48-72</b> hrs after tracheal intubation	After <b>72</b> hrs of tracheal intubation
Note	We start counting the days of The onset of the disease from the tracheal intubation, not from the admission to the hospital.	
Causative Organisms	Same as HAP	

# Source of Infection: endogenous VS. exogenous

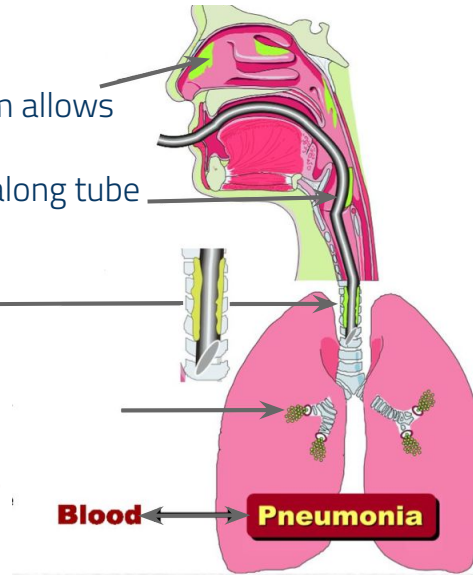
## 1. Endogenous: من المريض نفسه

### Source of microorganisms:

- ❖ **Impaired natural protection/** clearance system allows increased colonization of nasopharynx.
- ❖ **Colonized oropharynx and gastric fluid** pool along tube in neonates.
- ❖ **Colonized tracheal secretions.**


### Mechanism of Pneumonia:

- Aspiration of colonized fluids any of the above sources into the lungs can result in pneumonia.
- A hematogenous sources seeding the lungs may rarely cause pneumonia.



## 2. Exogenous: من المستشفى أو الكادر الطبي

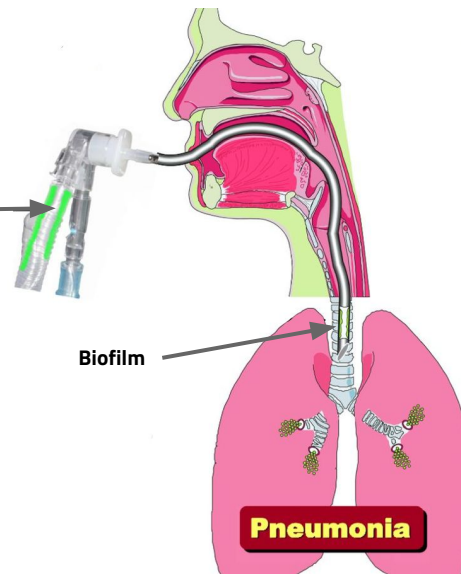
### Source of microorganisms:

- ❖ Hands of health care worker. 
- ❖ Ventilator circuit. دائرة جهاز التنفس الاصطناعي نفسها ملوثة.
- ❖ Biofilm of endotracheal tube.

Biofilm: Thin layer from the secretion of the organism will cover the tube so it will be colonized with a lot of bacteria and aspirated, this protects the bacteria from antibiotics & the immune system.

### Mechanism of Pneumonia:

Pneumonia occurs when colonized secretions are inhaled into the lungs through the endotracheal tube.



# Prevention for VAP

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## Non-Pharmacologic Strategies

- ❖ **Effective hand washing** and use of protective gowns and gloves.
- ❖ Semirecumbent positioning. يكون المريض نصف جالس
- ❖ Avoidance of large gastric volume. يعطى وجبات صغيرة
- ❖ Oral (non-nasal) intubation. Colonization لأنه راح يمنع ال
- ❖ Continuous subglottic **suctioning**. يتم شفط الإفرازات لدى المريض لمنع تراكمها
- ❖ Humidification with heat and moisture exchanger. ترطيب الهواء حول المريض باستخدام مرطبات الجو
- ❖ Posture change. تغيير وضعية المريض باستمرار

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## Pharmacologic Strategies

- ❖ Avoiding stress-ulcer prophylaxis. Patients in ICU are in risk of ulcer. They can be given prophylaxis to reduce stomach ph, but the problem is that this would increase the risk of infection.
- ❖ Prophylactic antibiotic therapy.
- ❖ **Chlorhexidine** (oral rinse). Disinfects the oral secretion from Gram +ve mainly staphylococcus aureus.
- ❖ Prophylactic treatment of neutropenic patients.
- ❖ Vaccines.

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## Oral Regimen

- ❖ Topical **Gentamicin, Colistin, Vancomycin** cream (given every 6h for 3 weeks) treating oropharyngeal colonization could prevent VAP.

غالباً تغطي هذه المضادات الحيوية I.M. Or I.V. ال normal individual ، لأنه ما يتم امتصاصها بالمعدة، فهذا استخدموا هذه الخاصة وعملوا منها كريم عشان يأت بشكل موضعي أو systemically. ويقال عدوى البكتيريا في ال oropharynx

# Treatment

Most initial **therapy is empiric** because no pathogen is identified or **results are not available** when antimicrobial decisions are made in most patients.

ناخذ sputum sample  
وتشخيص HAP اصعب من تشخيص CAP

**Initially be treated with a broad- spectrum antibiotic regimen** aimed at covering all likely bacterial pathogens.

لذلك في البداية، وخلال انتظار الفحص لاكتشاف هل المريض عنده pneumonia ، نبدأ empirical antibiotic والتي يغطي +ve and -ve Gram حتى نتظر نتيجة الفحص للعينة.

This regimen **should subsequently be narrowed**, according to the result of culture.

لما تطلع نتيجة العينة نبدأ نضيق نطاق ال antibiotic حسب نتيجة العينة.

## The pathogen may be influenced by:

- Coexisting illnesses, prior treatment, length of hospitalization.
- The frequency of ICU-acquired P. aeruginosa carriage or colonization/infection was 23.4% at 7 days and 57.8% at 14 days.
- The mortality can be reduced with early appropriate empiric therapy. (Form 30% with appropriate therapy to more than 90 % with inappropriate therapy) .



# Treatment, contd..

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## Cefepime.

A fourth-generation cephalosporin, has a broad spectrum.

2

## Piperacillin-tazobactam. (The go-to drug)

A combination of the antibiotic piperacillin, and the  $\beta$ -lactamase inhibitor tazobactam.

3

## Meropenem. (in case of resistance)

A broad-spectrum carbapenem antibiotic.

4

## Levofloxacin.

A broad spectrum antibiotic of the fluoroquinolone drug class.

5

## Vancomycin (used with above drugs).

Used when there is a risk of MRSA or more severe infections.

## Response to Therapy:

If no clinical response is noted or deterioration occurs, we need to consider:

### ❖ Infectious causes:

- Resistant pathogen. so we need to check the susceptibility
- Superinfection. تجيه عدوى ثانية بالإضافة للعدوى اللي عنده
- Unusual pathogens. For example, Legionella
- Lung abscess.
- Extrapulmonary infection. infection other than the lung, e.g. viral

### ❖ Non infectious events:

- Heart: congestive heart failure (CHF).
- Lung: fibroproliferative acute respiratory distress syndrome (ARDS), pulmonary emboli, Atelectasis.

# Summary

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## SAQ

**SAQ1:** A 50 year old is admitted to the hospital. 3 days later she develops cough, fever & shortness of breath. An chest radiograph showed chest infiltrates. A culture shows gram +ve cocci in clusters. A) What is the most probable diagnosis? B) Describe the onset? C) Most likely causative agent?

**SAQ2:** After surgery a patient was sent to the ICU and put on mechanical ventilation. A week later he developed a fever & x ray showed infiltrates. The patient also required increased ventilation. A sputum culture showed gram -ve, bacilli, oxidase -ve, non-fermenter. A) What is the most probable diagnosis? B) Describe the onset? C) Most likely causative agent?

**SAQ3:** A 36-year-old woman is brought to the emergency department for seizures that began 10 minutes prior to presentation with no clear precipitating cause. On physical exam, the patient is having a generalized tonic-clonic seizure. She is administered lorazepam and a second intravenous line is obtained for fosphenytoin, but the seizures do not abort. The patient is intubated, given propofol, and is admitted to the medical intensive care unit. On hospital day 4, the patient is difficult to wean from anticonvulsants and remains intubated. Her temperature is 101 °F (38.9 °C), blood pressure is 138/99 mmHg, pulse is 101/min, and respirations are 19/min with an oxygen saturation of 89% on room air. Physical examination is notable for crackles on the right anterior chest and a chest radiograph demonstrates a right lung lobar consolidation. Blood and sputum cultures were sent to the microbiology lab and came positive for a Gram-negative, rod shaped, nonfermentative, oxidase +ve.  
A) What is the most probable diagnosis? B) Describe the onset? C) Most likely causative agent? D) While waiting lab results, what should have you done?

SAQ1: (A) Hospital acquired Pneumonia (B) Early-onset (C) MSSA

SAQ2: (A) Ventilator Associated Pneumonia (B) Late onset (C) Acinetobacter

SAQ3: (A) Ventilator Associated Pneumonia (B) Late onset (C) Pseudomonas aeruginosa (D) started on empiric antibiotic treatment, vancomycin and piperacillin-tazobactam

# MCQs

**Q1: An 80 year old man was hospitalized and sent to the intensive care unit after a car accident. 6 days after admission he developed pneumonia. A sputum culture showed a gram negative, bacilli, non-fermenter, oxidase +ve organism. What is the most likely cause of this disease?**

A- Actinobacter

B- Pseudomonas Aeruginosa

C- Klebsiella

D- Streptococcus Pneumoniae

**Q2: A patient is admitted to the hospital after 4 days he begins to develop chills, fever, cough & dullness on percussion. Which of the following antibiotics should be given if MRSA is suspected?**

A- Piperacillin/ tazobactam

B- Meropenem & Vancomycin

C- Levofloxacin & Amoxicillin

D- Vancomycin

**Q3: Which of the following is not a method used in the prevention of ventilator associated pneumonia?**

A- Oral intubation

B- Hand washing

C- Semi Recumbent positioning

D- Levofloxacin

**Q4: HAP is the second most common nosocomial infection after**

A- Upper respiratory tract infections

B- Urinary tract infection

C- Lower respiratory tract infection

D- Bacteremia

**Q5: Most common way of transmission seen in patient with HAP**

A- Microaspirations of oropharyngeal secretions

B- Microaspirations of nasopharyngeal secretions

C- Introduction of a sufficient size inoculum.

D- Inhalation of large droplets

**Q6: Which one of the following is not an endogenous source of VAP infection**

A- Impaired natural protection

B- Colonized oropharynx and gastric fluid

C- Biofilm of endotracheal tube

D- Colonized tracheal secretions.

Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6
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