





# An Introduction to Key Antibiotic Concepts

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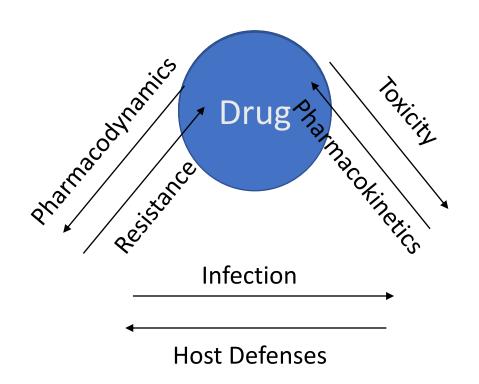
### **Learning Objectives**

Understand basic pharmacokinetic and pharmacodynamic concepts

Review antibiotic class mechanism of action

Review antibiotic class general spectrum of activity

#### **Antimicrobial Drug Effects**



#### **Minimum Inhibitory Concentrations**

#### **Limitations?** Time course of Rate of bacterial kill (log/CFU)? therapy? Post-antibiotic effect? Dose-kill relationship? Antimicrobial tolerance? Which testing method is the most accurate?

## Pharmacokinetic Concepts What the body does to the drug

**Absorption** 

- IV administration is rapid and complete
- IV/PO conversion recommended for high bioavailable drugs

Distribution

- Highly dependent on drug class
- Tissue penetration is important for specific infections

Metabolism

- Some antimicrobials are eliminated through hepatic system
- Source of some drug interactions

Excretion

• Most antimicrobials require dose adjustment in renal dysfunction

## Pharmacodynamic Concepts What the drug does to the organism

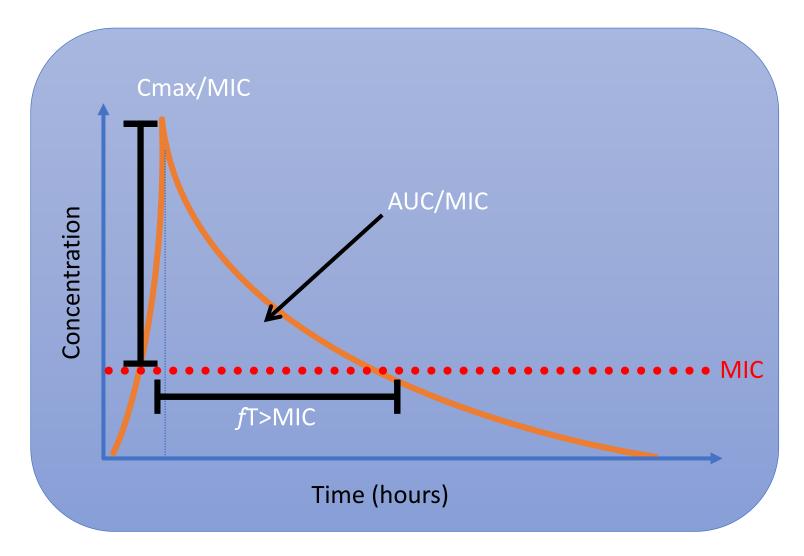
#### **Concentration Dependent Killing**

- As concentration increases, extent of bacterial killing increases
- Goal of therapy: maximize concentration of drug exposure

#### **Time Dependent Killing**

- The longer the duration of exposure, the greater the antibacterial activity
- Goal of therapy: optimize <u>duration</u> of drug exposure

## **Pharmacodynamic Parameters**



#### **Pharmacodynamic Measures Correlated with Efficacy**

<b>Activity Pattern</b>	Agent/Class	PK/PD Measure
Concentration Dependent	Aminoglycosides Daptomycin Metronidazole Quinolones	Cmax/MIC Cmax/MIC; AUC/MIC Cmax/MIC; AUC/MIC Cmax/MIC; AUC/MIC
Time Dependent	Beta-lactams Clindamycin Macrolides Linezolid Tetracyclines Vancomycin	f time > MIC AUC/MIC AUC/MIC AUC/MIC AUC/MIC AUC/MIC AUC/MIC

## Which of these antimicrobials have concentration dependent activity?

- Aminoglycosides
- Clindamycin
- Metronidazole
- Macrolides
- Tetracyclines

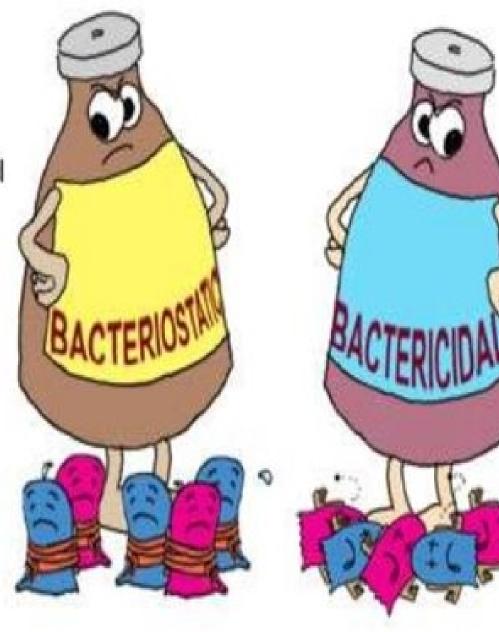
- Beta-lactams
- Daptomycin
- Vancomycin
- Quinolones
- Linezolid

## Antibiotic Mechanism of Action

## Why should we care about drug mechanism?

- Optimizing PK/PD → improve efficacy, minimize toxicity
  - Beta-lactams- rash, anaphylaxis, neurotoxicities
  - Macrolides- QT prolongation, diarrhea, hepatotoxicity
  - Quinolones- C. difficile, QT, neurotoxicities, musculoskeletal effects, photosensitivity
  - Tetracyclines- Photosensitivity, GI upset
  - Vancomycin- Nephrotoxicity, rash, thrombocytopenia
  - Daptomycin- Musculoskeletal
  - Aminoglycosides- Nephrotoxicity, ototoxicity, musculoskeletal effects
- Better understand potential mechanisms of resistance
- Identify (eventually) novel bacterial targets

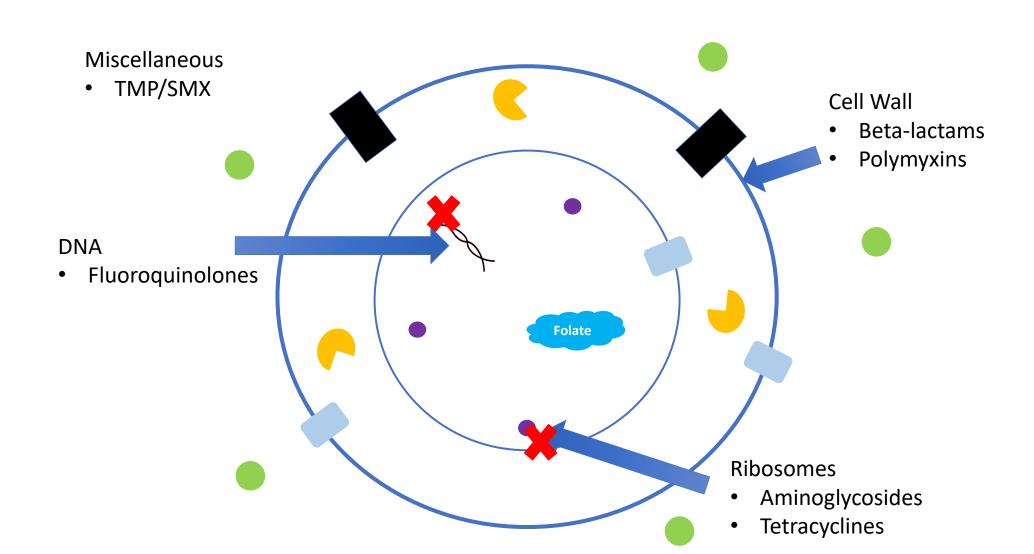
EXAMPLES:
Chloramphenicol
Erythromycin
Clindamycin
Sulfonamides
Trimethoprim
Tetracyclines



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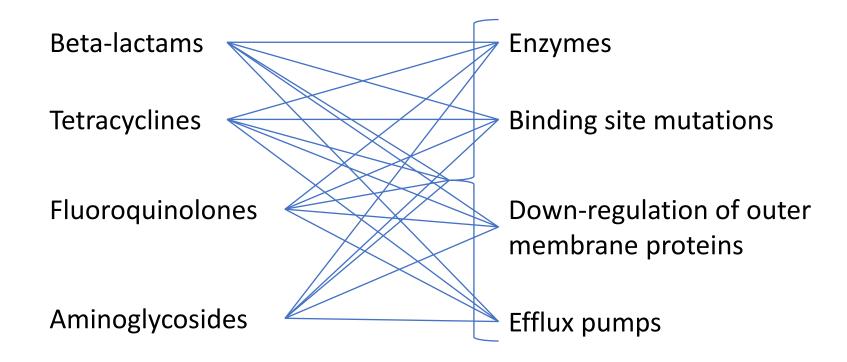
Aminoglycosides
Beta-lactams
Vancomycin
Quinolones
Rifampin
Metronidazole

## General Mechanisms of Action (& Resistance)



## Knowledge Question

• Which resistance mechanisms are employed against these antibiotics?

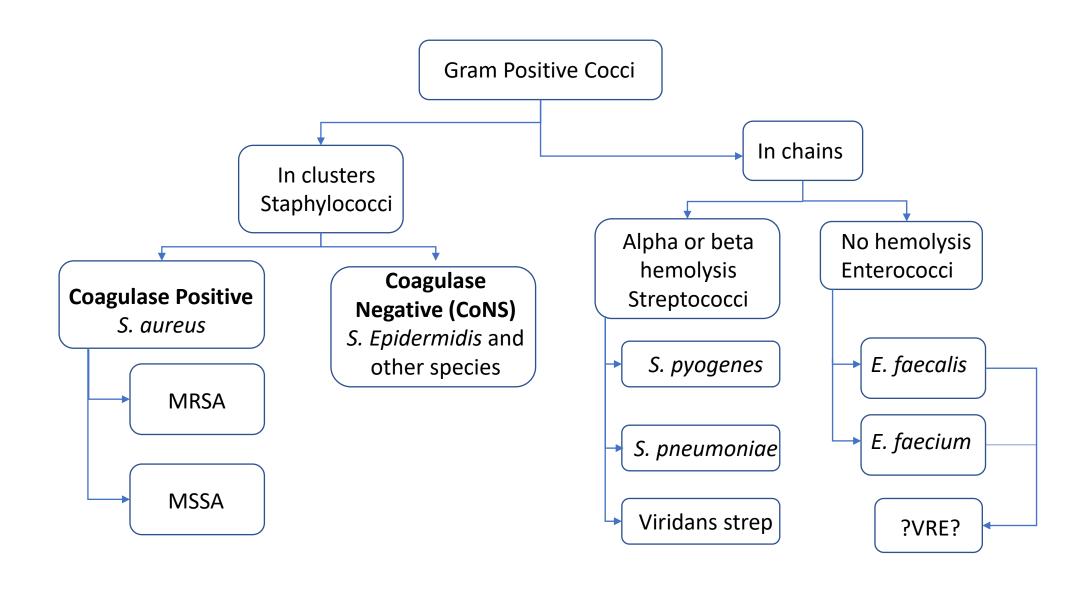


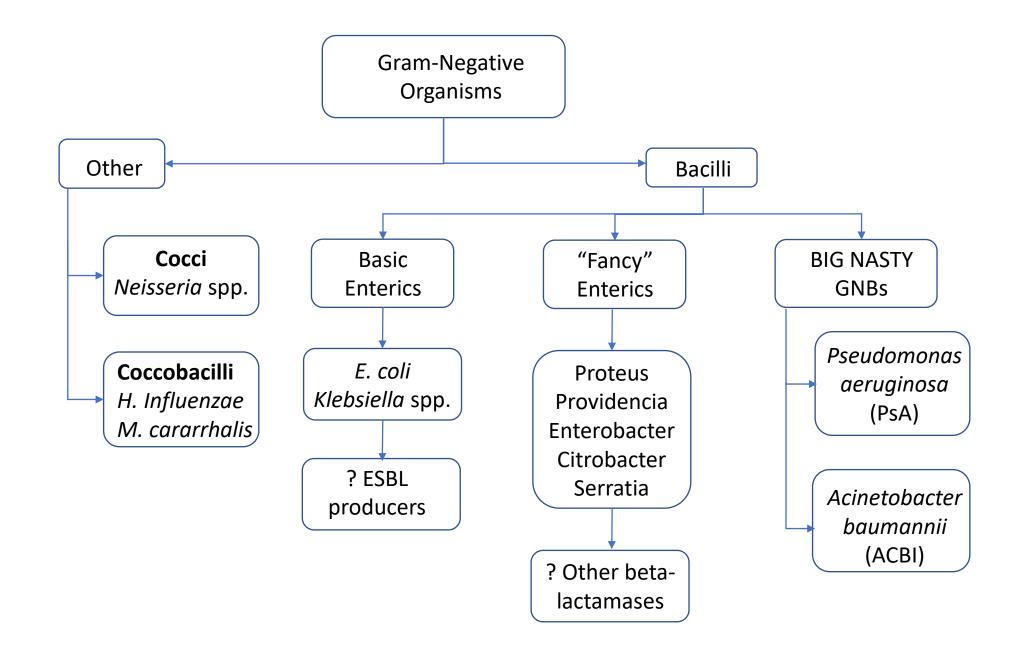
# Antibiotic Spectrum of Activity: General Considerations

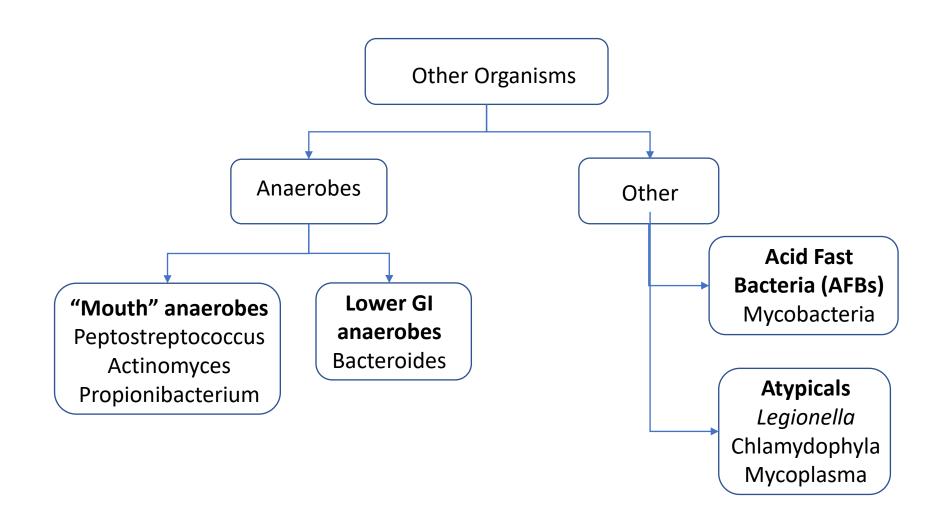
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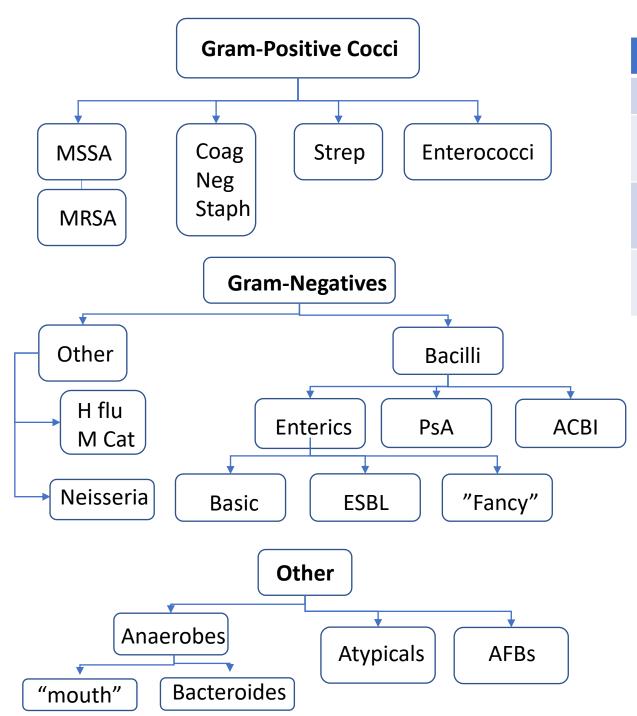
- "Coverage" trends here are based on general, empirical data.
  - You should always be aware of local microbiology, patient risk factors, and known culture/susceptibility results when available.
  - *In vitro* activity is NOT the same thing as "it's ok to use for every infection type and severity".

• This portion of the presentation is a <u>basic guide</u> and is not intended as a replacement for actual references.







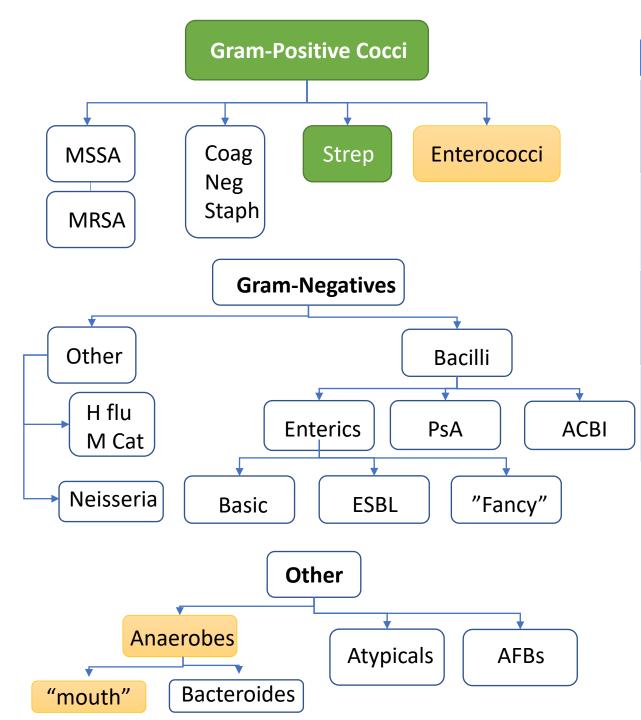


Drug Class	
Drugs	
Gram-positive highlights	
Gram-negative highlights	
Other highlights	

Good coverage. Reliable empirically unless exceptions noted.

Moderate coverage, or good in specific situations. Use empirically with caution.

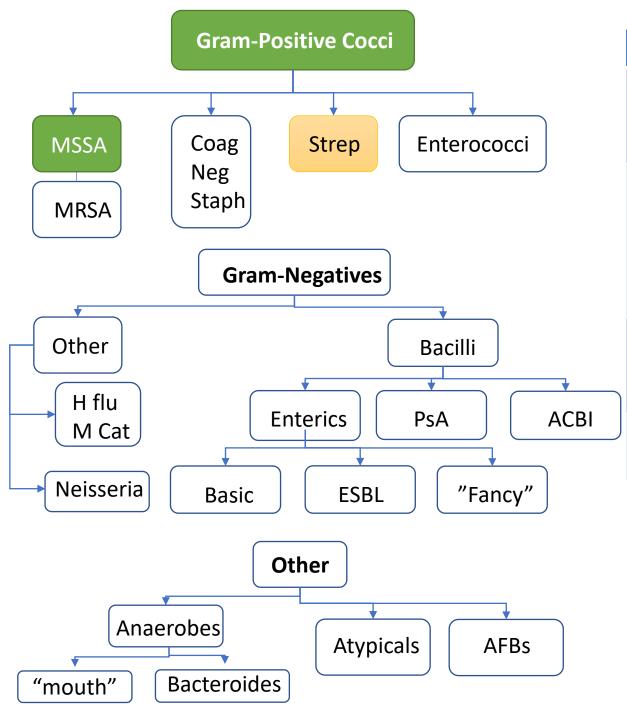
Poor/No coverage, or no data.



Penicillin	
Drugs to Remember	Penicillin G (IV) Pen VK (Oral) Benzathine Penicillin (IM)
Gram-positive highlights	Drug of choice for many Strep  E. faecalis usually susceptible  E. faecium, Staph usually resistant
Gram-negative highlights	Minimal activity
Other highlights	Okay for "mouth anaerobes" Also: drug of choice for Treponema (the spirochete that causes syphilis)

#### Notes on Penicillin

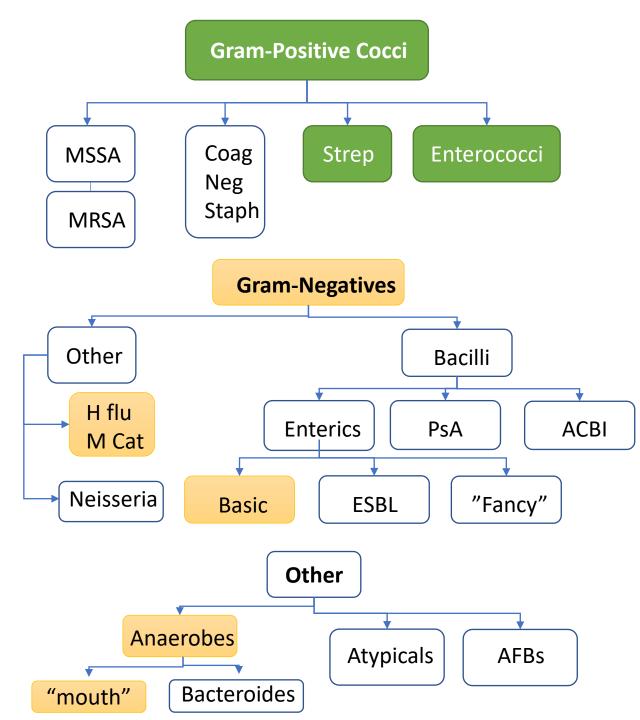
- Side effects:
  - Hypersensitivity reactions, anaphylaxis (estimated 10% of population)
  - Neutropenia, thrombocytopenia
  - Interstitial nephritis
  - Autoimmune hemolytic anemia



Anti-staphylococcal Penicillins	
Drugs to Remember	Nafcillin (IV) Oxacillin (IV) Dicloxacillin or Flucloxacillin (PO)
Gram-positive highlights	Excellent MSSA activity Okay Streptococcal activity, but not as strong as some other penicillins NO enterococcus, MRSA, and most Coag- negative Staph are resistant
Gram-negative highlights	Minimal
Other highlights	Minimal

### Notes on Antistaphylococcal Penicillins

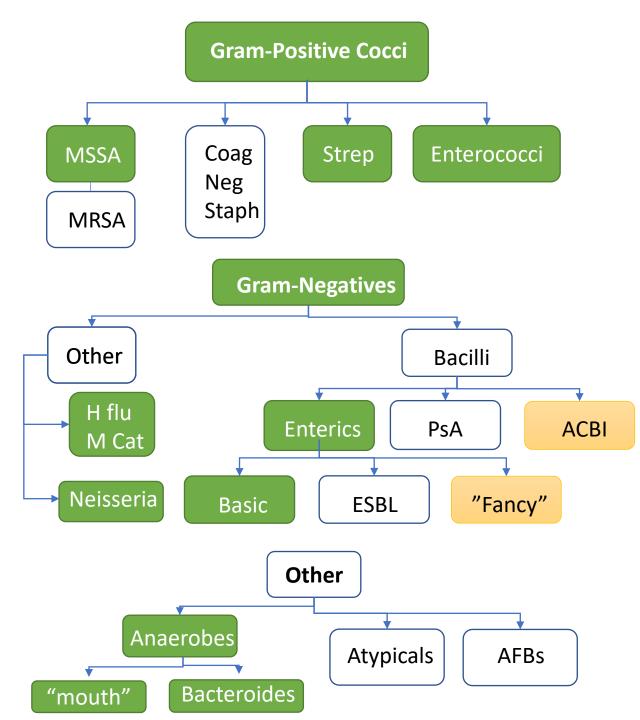
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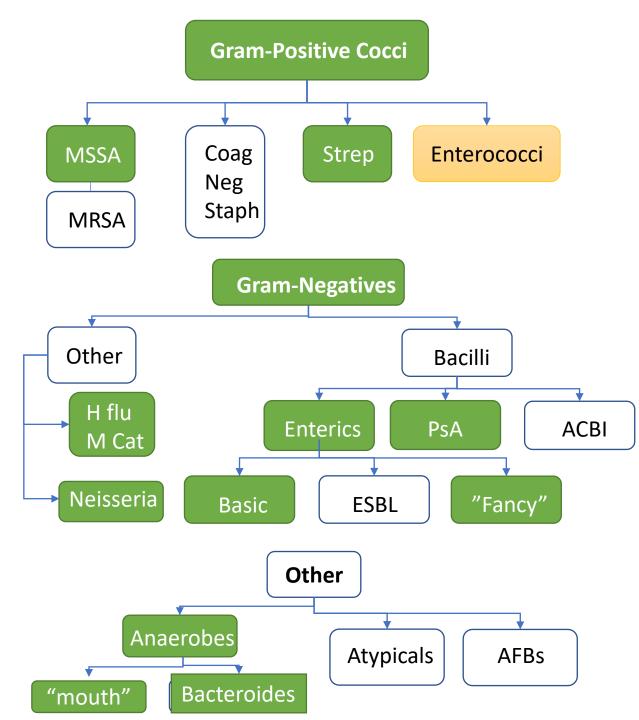
Aminopenicillins	
Drugs to Remember	Ampicillin (IV, PO) Amoxicillin (PO)
Gram-positive highlights	Great for strep, <i>E faecalis</i> * <i>E faecium</i> are often resistant Very poor staphylococcus coverage
Gram-negative highlights	Some, but poor activity against <i>H</i> influenzae, Proteus spp., E coli NOT active against Klebsiella spp., other GNBs
Other highlights	Ampicillin is good for <i>Listeria</i> spp. (a Gram-positive organism) Some anaerobic activity as penicillin

## Notes on Aminopenicillins

- Side effects:
  - Gastrointestinal distress



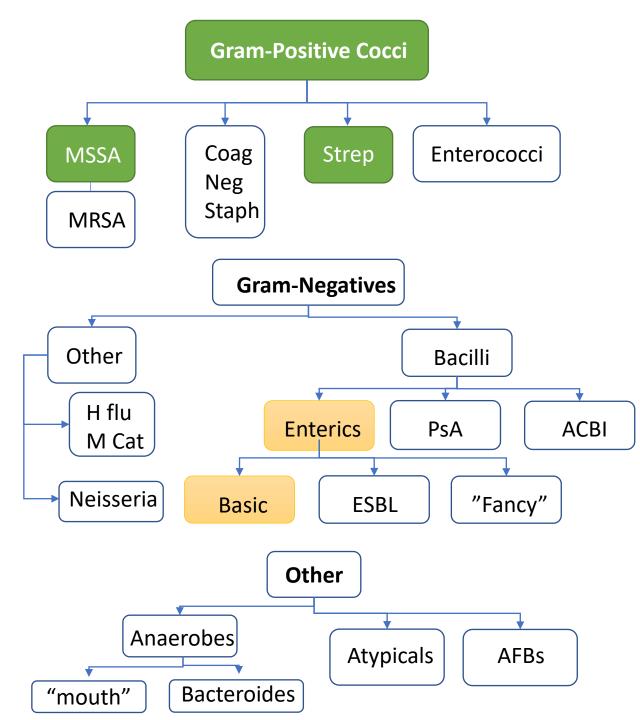
AminoPCN + BL inhibitor	
Drugs to Remember	Amoxicillin/clavulanate (PO) Ampicillin/sulbactam (IV) (Enterococcal activity same as ampicillin or amoxicillin)
Gram-positive highlights	Adds MSSA coverage The rest is the same as aminopenicillins
Gram-negative highlights	Covers Neisseria spp., H influenzae, Moraxella catarrhalis, basic enterics, some "fancy" enterics. SULBACTAM covers ACBI
Other highlights	Broad anaerobic coverage



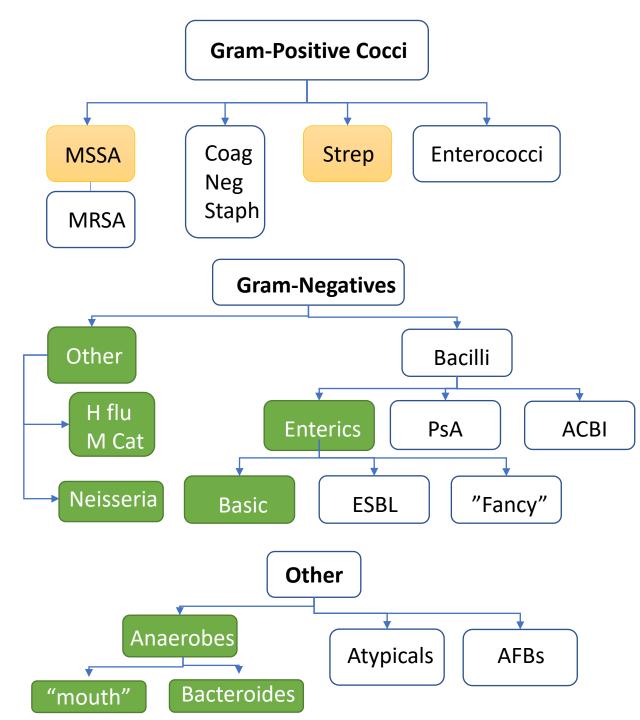
Other PCN + BLI Combos	
Drugs to Remember	Piperacillin/tazobactam (IV) (ticarcillin/clavulanate is no longer available)
Gram-positive highlights	Similar to aminopenicillin/BLI combos
Gram-negative highlights	Broad Gram-negative coverage Adds PsA coverage Does NOT cover ACBI
Other highlights	Broad anaerobic coverage

#### Notes on BLI's

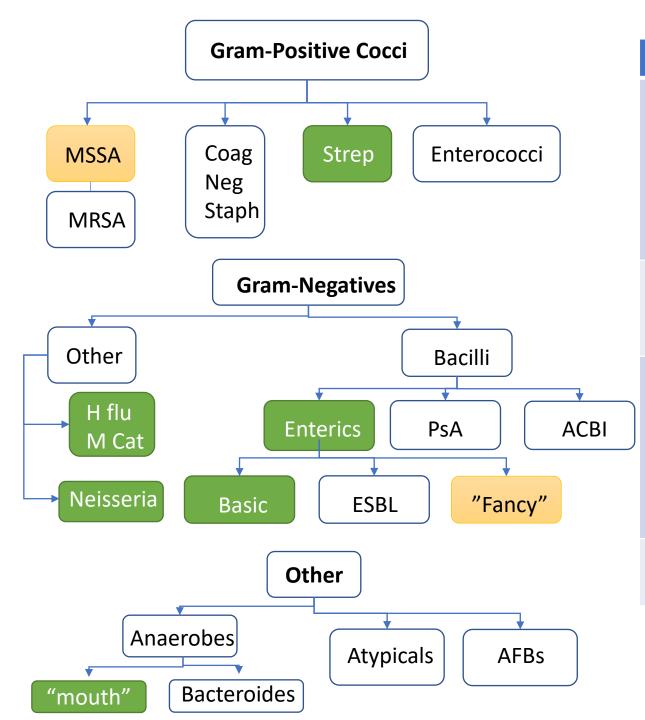
- Side effects:
  - Gastrointestinal distress (dose-dependent reaction)



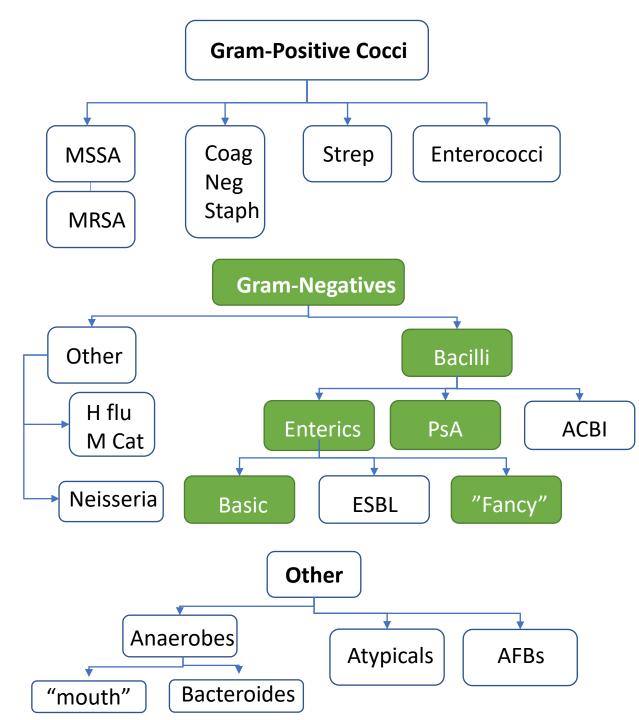
1 <sup>st</sup> Gen Cephalosporins		
Drugs to Remember	Cefazolin (IV) Cephalexin (PO) Cefadroxil (PO)	
Gram-positive highlights	Good MSSA, strep No enterococcus, no MRSA CoNS frequently resistant	
Gram-negative highlights	Covers basic enterics, <i>Proteus</i> spp.	
Other highlights	Minimal	



2 <sup>nd</sup> Gen Cephalosporins	
Drugs to Remember	Cefotetan, Cefoxitin (IV)- "cephamycins" Cefuroxime (IV/PO) Cefclor, Cefprozil (PO)
Gram-positive highlights	Moderate streptococcal and staphylococal activity
Gram-negative highlights	Covers enterics, <i>H influenzae</i> , some <i>Neisseria</i> spp.
Other highlights	Cephamycins have anaerobic activity, others do not

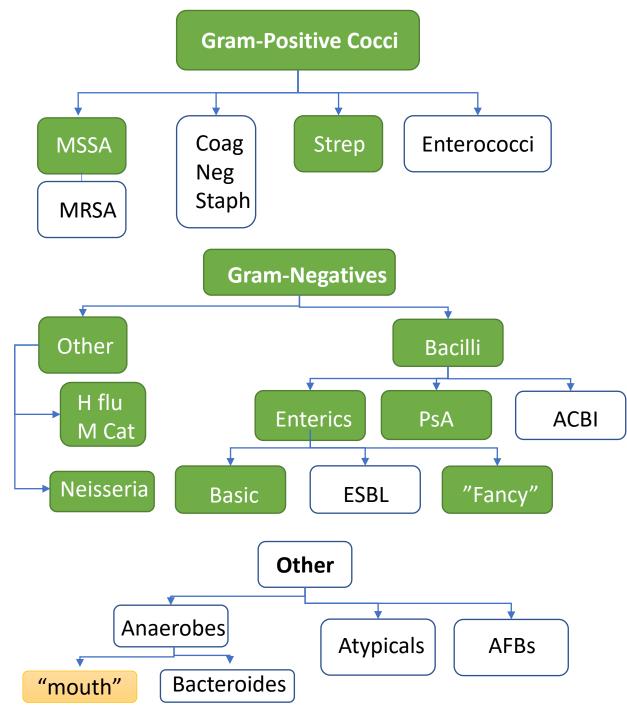


	3 <sup>rd</sup> Gen Cephalosporins
Drugs to Remember	Ceftriaxone, Cefotaxime (IV) Ceftazidime (IV). This one is different and gets it's own slide.  Cefixime, cefdinir, cefpodoxime, ceftibuten, cefditoren (PO)
Gram-positive highlights	Good strep Some MSSA coverage, but UNRELIABLE No MRSA of enterococcus activity
Gram-negative highlights	Good vs. "respiratory" GN coccobacilli Good vs <i>Neisseria</i> spp. Good vs basic Enterobacterales "Fancy" enterics may display inducible resistance (e.g. AmpC) NO ESBL, PsA, ACBI
Other highlights	Adequate "mouth anaerobe" coverage

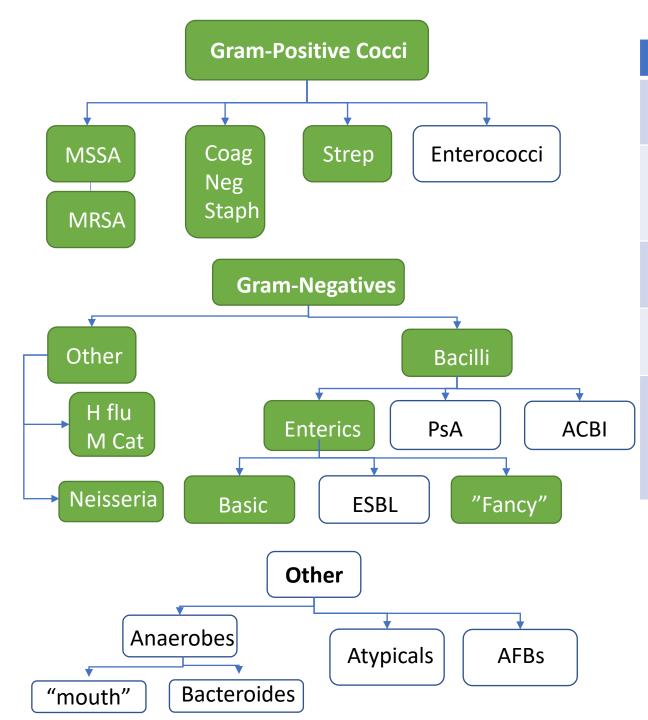


Odd 3 <sup>rd</sup> Gen Ceph- CEFTAZIDIME	
Gram-positive highlights	Not great
Gram-negative highlights	Broad, including PsA NO ESBLs "Fancy" enterics may display inducible resistance (e.g. AmpC
Other highlights	None

Monobactams - Aztreonam	
Gram-positive highlights	None
Gram-negative highlights	Broad, including PsA NO ESBLs
Other highlights	None



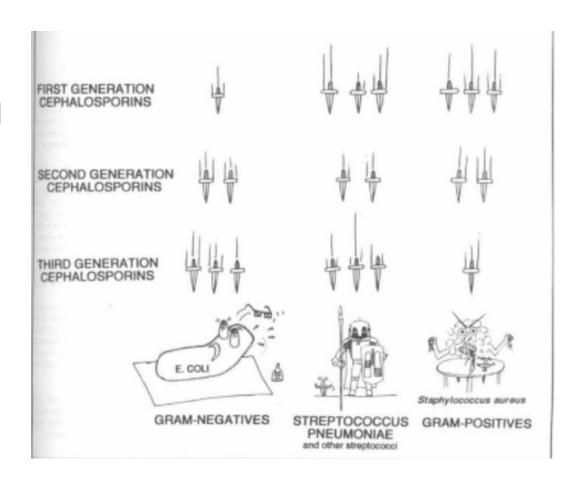
4th Gen Cephalosporins	
Drugs to Remember	Cefepime
Gram-positive highlights	Good strep, MSSA NO Enterococcus
Gram-negative highlights	Broad, including PsA and "fancy" enterics NO ESBLs (controversial)
Other highlights	Adequate mouth anaerobe

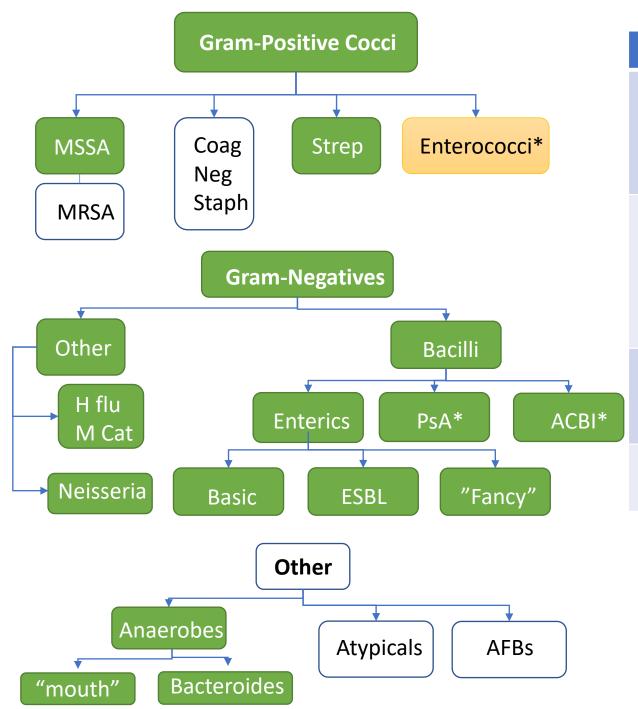


Advanced Gen Cephalosporins		
Drug to Remember	Ceftaroline	
Gram-positive highlights	MRSA Good Strep, Staph May cover some <i>E faecalis</i>	
Gram-negative highlights	Broad vs. Enterobacterales No PsA, ACBI, or ESBL	
Other highlights	None	
Misc	"Ceftriaxone plus MRSA coverage"  Others BL/BLIC  Ceftolozane-tazobactam – MDR PSA drug  Ceftazidime-avibactam – CRE drug	

## Notes on Cephalosporins

- Side effects:
  - Cefepime can be associated with altered sensorium
  - Ceftaroline carries a potential risk for hemolytic anemia
- Caution in neonates due to risk for biliary obstruction, kernicterus

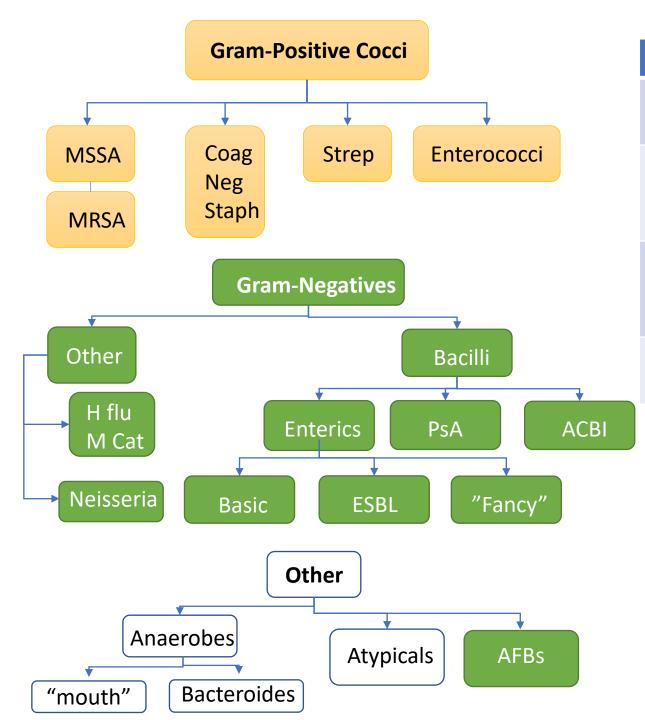




Carbapenems	
Drugs to Remember	Ertapenem- slightly different spectrum Imipenem/cilastatin Meropenem Doripenem
Gram-positive highlights	Broad (Streptococci, MSSA, <i>E faecalis</i> ) No MRSA, most CoNS are resistant <i>E. Faecium</i> usually resistant (similar to ampicillin spectrum) Ertapenem does <u>not</u> cover enterococci
Gram-negative highlights	Very Broad. Includes EBSLs, PsA, ACBI Exception: Ertapenem does not cover ACBI or PsA
Other highlights	BROAD anaerobic coverage Meropenem-vaborbactam- KPC drug

# Notes on Carbapenems

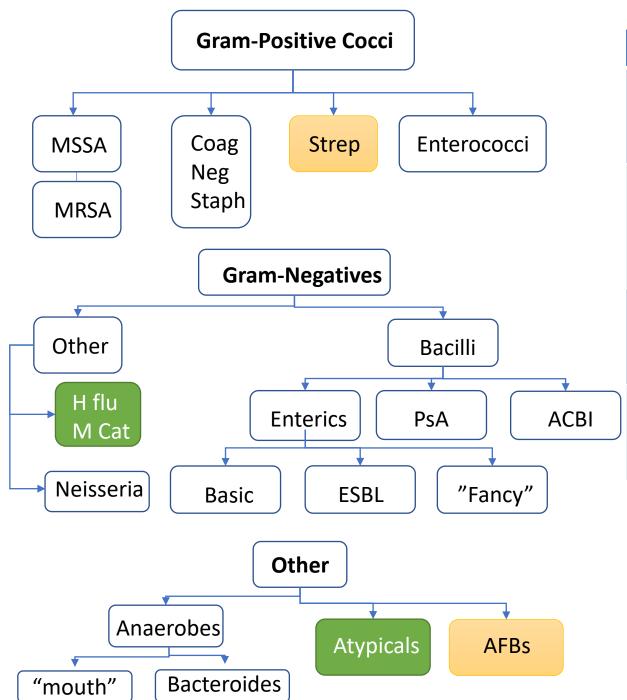
- Side effects:
  - Imipenem seizures
  - Gastrointestinal distress
- Ertapenem, compared to meropenem, does not cover APE
  - Acinetobacter baumanii
  - Pseudomonas sp
  - Enterococcus sp



Aminoglycosides		
Drugs to Remember	Gentamicin, Tobramycin, Amikacin (IV or Inhaled)	
Gram-positive highlights	Synergy when added to beta-lactams or glycopeptides NOT AS MONOTHERAPY	
Gram-negative highlights	Very broad Generally would not use as monotherapy outside of UTIs	
Other highlights	Mycobacteria (Streptomycin)	

## Notes on Aminoglycosides

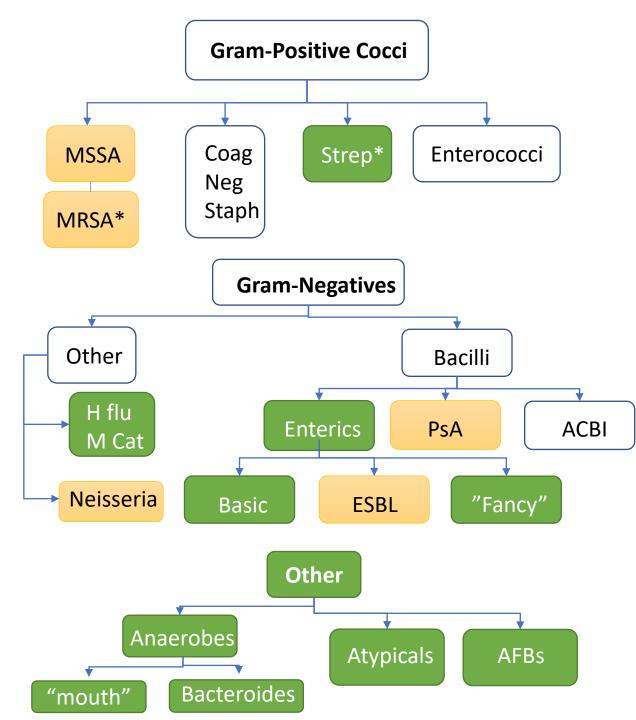
- Side effects:
  - Nephrotoxicity (~25% of patients within 7 days)
  - Vestibular and auditory toxicity (irreversible)
- Poor CNS penetration



Macrolides	
Drugs to Remember	Azithromycin Clarithromycin Erythromycin
Gram-positive highlights	Moderately good <i>S. pneumoniae</i> and <i>S. pyogenes</i> Little to no Staph No Enterococci
Gram-negative highlights	Good "respiratory" Gram-negative coccobacilli ( <i>H influenzae</i> , <i>M catarrhalis</i> )
Other highlights	Atypicals H pylori Mycobacterium avium

## Notes on Macrolides

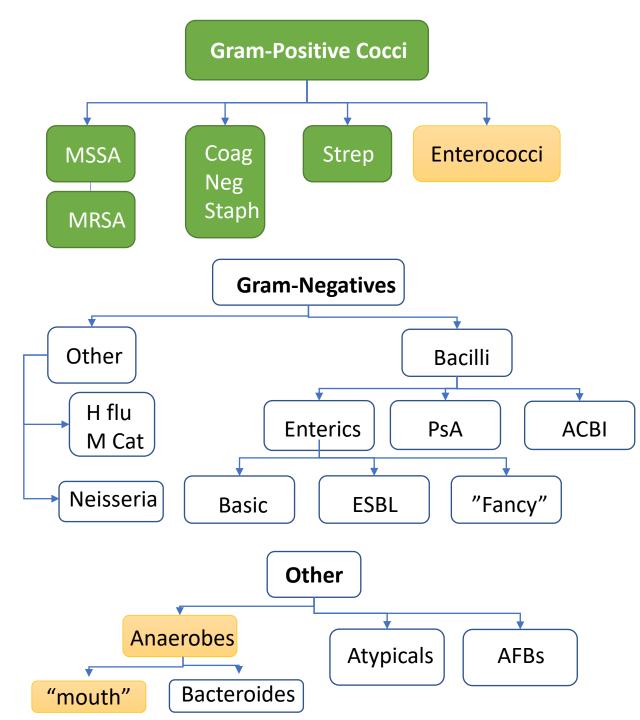
- Side effects:
  - QT prolongation
  - Gastrointestinal distress
  - Hearing loss
- Long half life



Quinolones	
Drugs to Remember	Moxifloxacin Levofloxacin Ciprofloxacin Delafloxacin
Gram-positive highlights	Strep (Moxi > Levo >>>> Cipro) Some MSSA, minimal MRSA (Dela likely the best) Not really for Enterococcus
Gram-negative highlights	Broad- some PsA (Cipro, Levo only) NO ACBI ESBLS are often resistant Neisseria spp. often resistant
Other highlights	Atypicals AFBs Moxi has strong anaerobic coverage, cannot be used for UTI

## Notes on Quinolones

- Side effects:
  - Tendinopathies and tendon rupture
  - QT prolongation
  - Confusion in the elderly
- Avoid in patients with aneurysms due to risk for rupture
- Excellent bioavailability and tissue penetration
- Avoid taking with multivitamins

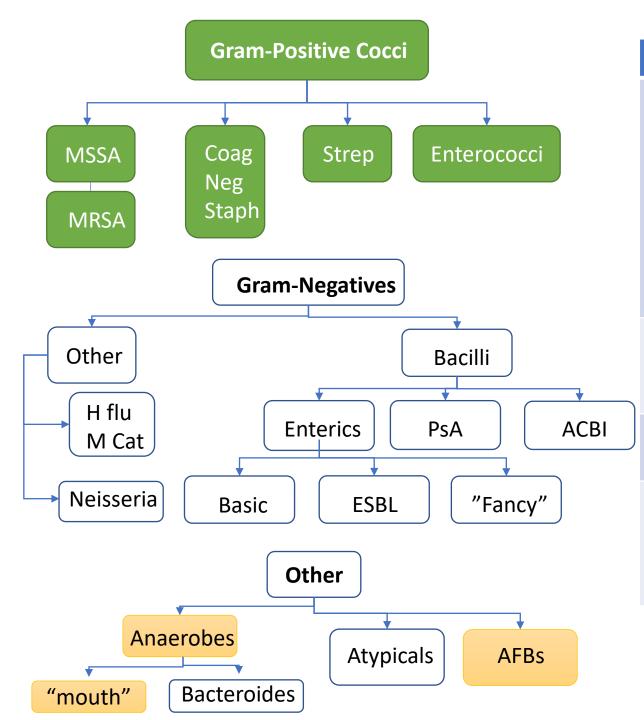


Glycopeptides	
Drugs to Remember	Vancomycin Dalbavancin, Oritavancin, Telavancin
Gram-positive highlights	BROAD, including MRSA VRE- others MAY be active
Gram-negative highlights	None
Other highlights	Gram-positives "mouth" anaerobes Oral vancomycin – <i>C. difficile</i>

# Notes on Vancomycin

- Side effects:
  - Red Man Syndrome
- Oral is *only* for C difficile infections





#### **Misc Gram-positive Agents** Drugs to **Oxazolidinones** Remember Linezolid Lipopeptides Daptomycin **Streptogrammins** Quinupristin/dalfopristin Gram-positive VERY broad, including MRSA and VRE highlights \*\*Streptogrammins do NOT cover E. faecalis Gram-negative None highlights Other Gram-positive "mouth anaerobes" highlights Linezolid – AFB, *Nocardia* spp., some atypicals

# Notes on These Drugs

#### • Linezolid:

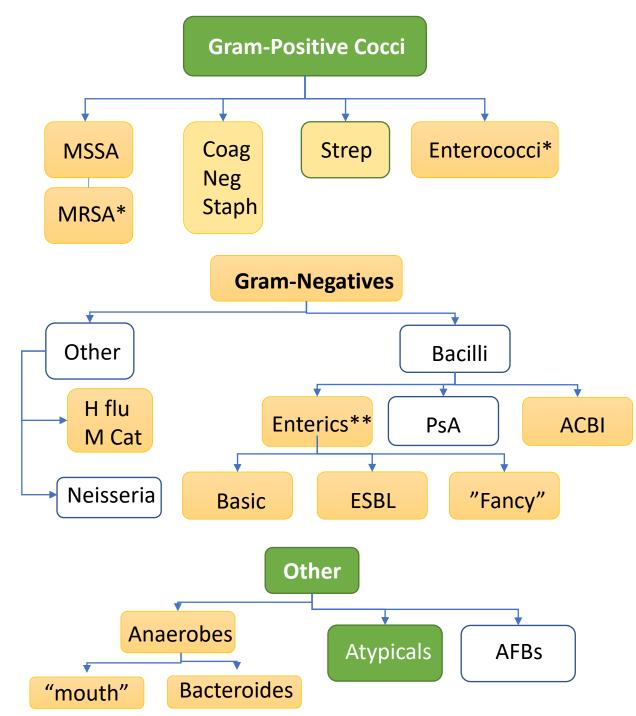
 Associated with thrombocytopenia, serotonin syndrome (when combined with other serotonergic drugs), optic neuritis, peripheral neuropathy, lactic acidosis due to mitochondrial toxicity

#### Daptomycin:

• Associated with skeletal muscle toxicity, elevated CK, and rhabdomyolysis (particularly when combined with statins), eosinophilic pneumonia

### Quinupristin/Dalfopristin

Associated with myalgias without elevation in creatine kinase, elevated LFTs



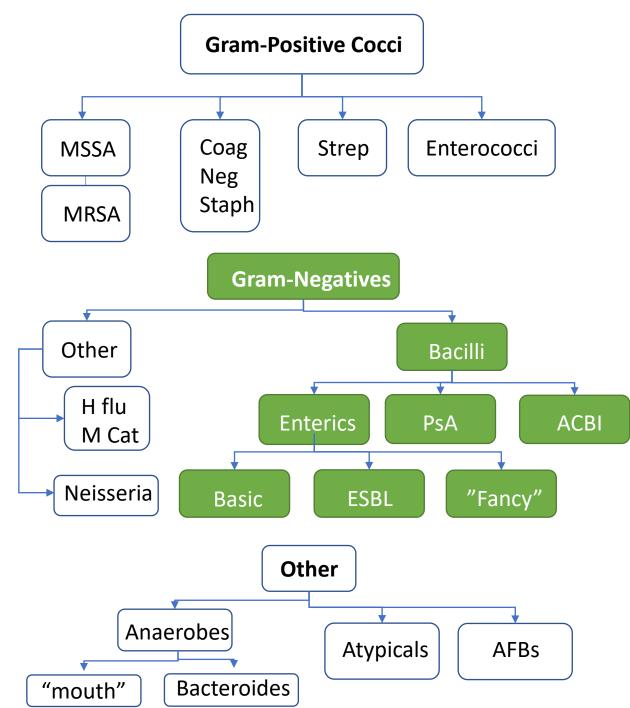
Tetracyclines, Glycylcyclines	
Drugs to Remember	Tetracycline, Doxycycline, Minocycline Tigecycline (broadest)
Gram-positive highlights	Pretty broad  *Tigecycline more potent than the others ("good" coverage)
Gram-negative highlights	Tigecycline is broader/more potent than others  **May include ESBLS but does not cover "MP3" organisms: Morganella, Pseudomonas, Proteus, Providencia
Other highlights	Some anaerobic coverage (tigecycline more than others) Atypicals Interestingly: Rickettsia spp., B burgdorferi, H pylori, Plasmodium spp.

## Notes on Tetracyclines

- Side effects:
  - Phototoxicity
  - Pill-esophagitis



- Cannot be used in pregnancy
- Should not be used in children < 8 years old</li>
- Should be taken on empty stomach to enhance absorption, avoid taking with multivitamins

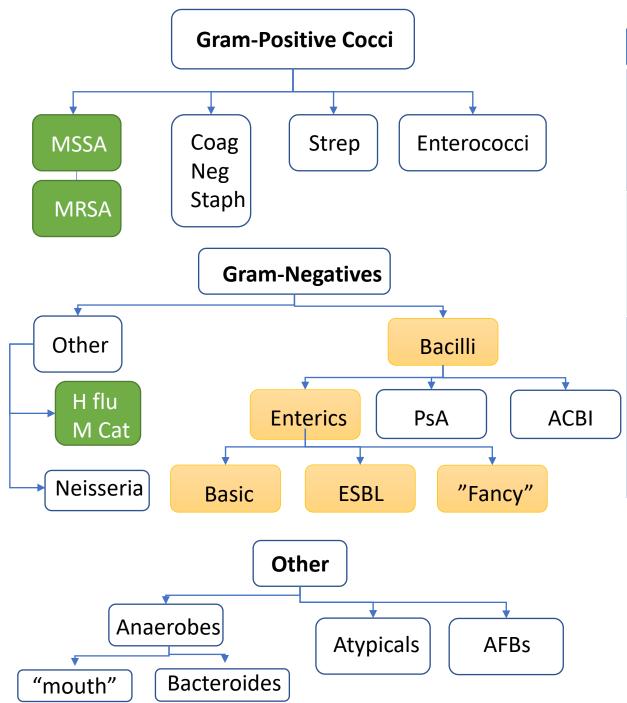


Polymyxins	
Drugs to Remember	Colistin (polymyxin E) Polymyxin B
Gram-positive highlights	None
Gram-negative highlights	VERY BROAD, including MDRO POOR vs. <i>Proteus, Providencia, Serratia</i>
Other highlights	None

# Notes on Polymyxins

- Side effects:
  - Nephrotoxic
  - Neurotoxic

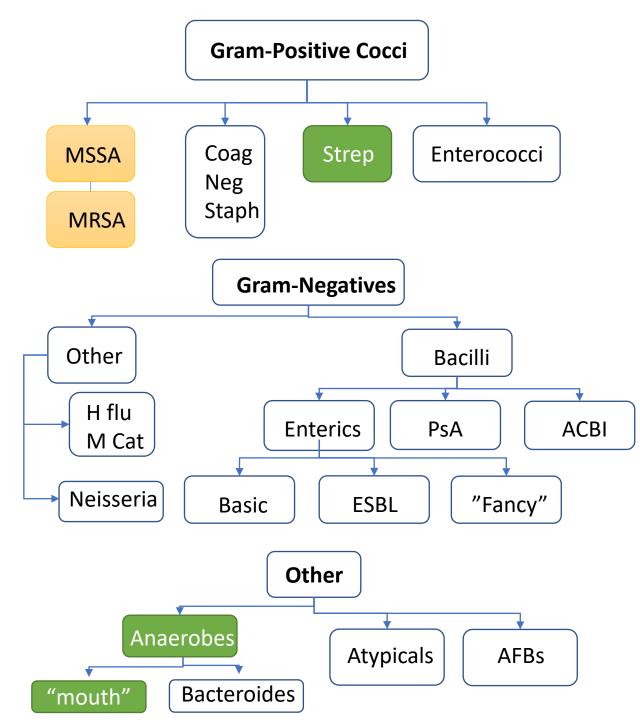
Adjunctive therapy, monotherapy associated with increased resistance



#### Trimethoprim-Sulfamethoxazole Gram-positive Good *S. aureus* activity, including MRSA highlights (but many CoNS are resistant) Low streptococcal activity No enterococcal activity Reasonable activity against basic Gram-negative Enterobacterales as well as FEW ESBLS highlights and "fancy" enterics NO PsA or ACBI Other Has some activity against interesting highlights pathogens like Listeria, Shigella, Salmonella, Nocardia, Stenotrophomonas maltophilia (a GNB), and other opportunistic pathogens like Pneumocysitis and *Toxoplasma* spp.

# Notes on Trimethoprim/Sulfamethoxazole

- Side effects:
  - Bone marrow suppression (dose dependent)
  - Aseptic meningitis
  - Hyperkalemia
  - Crystalluria
- Do not use in patients with sulfa allergies and G6PD deficiency



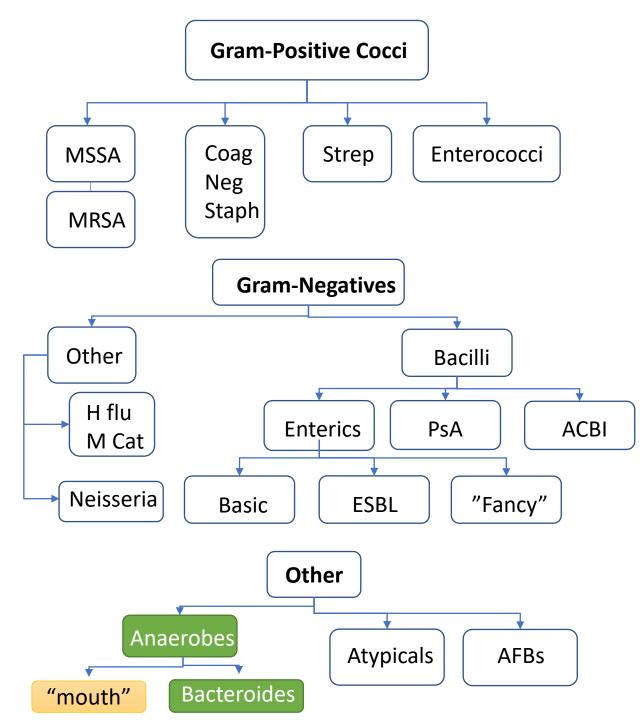
Clindamycin	
Gram-positive highlights	Moderare <i>S. aureus</i> activity, can be resistant Great for <i>S. pyogenes</i>
Gram-negative highlights	None
Other highlights	Good anaerobic activity, Gram-positives No activity vs. Gram-negative anaerobes Also covers: Actinomyces, Chlamydia,
	Plasmodium, Pneumocystis, Toxoplasma

# Notes on Clindamycin

- Side effects:
  - Strong association with *C difficile* colitis

Good bone penetration, bad CNS penetration

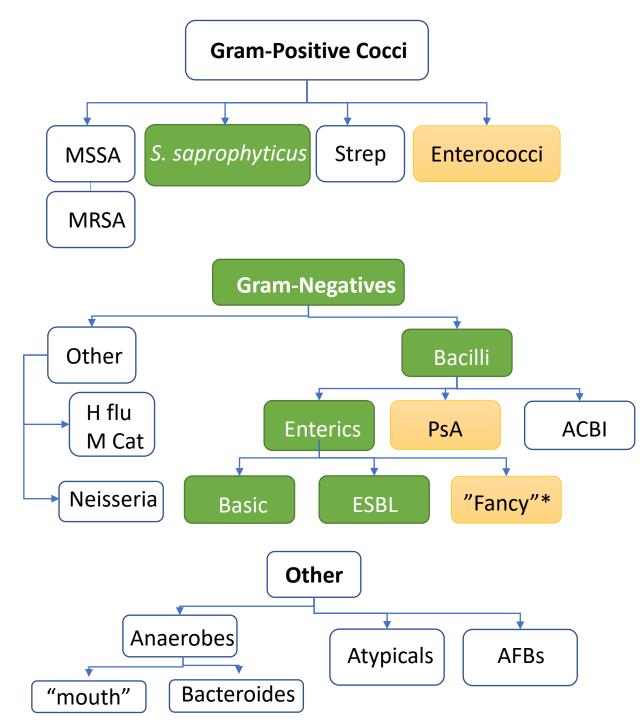
Increasing resistance to Bacteroides sp



Metronidazole	
Gram-positive highlights	No aerobes
Gram-negative highlights	No aerobes
Other highlights	Great vs. wide range of anaerobes Not great vs. "mouth anaerobes"  Also: Protozoa, trichomonas, entamoeba, Giardia

## Notes on Metronidazole

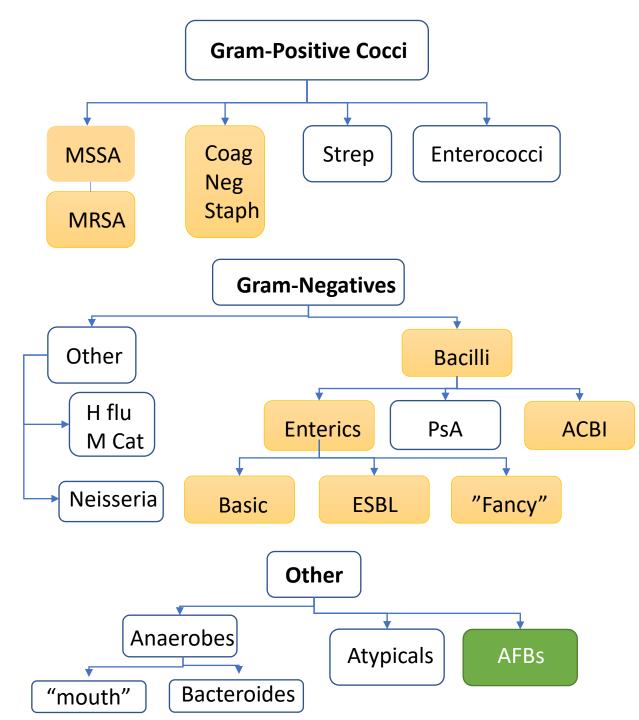
- Side effects:
  - Metallic taste
  - Peripheral neuropathy
  - Disulfiram-like reaction with alcohol



Misc UTI Drugs	
Drugs to Remember	Nitrofurantoin Fosfomycin (different class, similar spectrum
Gram-positive highlights	S. Saprophyticus Moderate Enterococcus
Gram-negative highlights	*Moderate PsA, Serratia spp.  (fosfomycin only)

# Notes on Nitrofurantoin & Fosfomycin

- Side effects:
  - Nitrofurantoin peripheral neuropathy, pulmonary fibrosis
- Concentrates in the urinary bladder only
  - NOT to be used for systemic infections



Rifamycins	
Drugs	Rifampin
Gram-positive highlights	Staphylococci
Gram-negative highlights	ACBI (with synergy) and other Gramnegative bacilli, except Pseudomonas
Other highlights	Tuberculosis and other mycobacteria Bio-film producing infections in Gram- positive bacteria

# Notes on Rifamycins

- Side effects:
  - Red-tinged bodily fluids
  - Gastrointestinal distress

- Major inhibitor of CYT P450 3A4
  - Significant drug-drug interactions



# Case Based Question

## Case

- 45 YO M with SOB, right-sided chest pain, fever. He took two doses of doxycycline and one dose of cefazolin that he had in his medicine cabinet. He has a history of a penicillin allergy. (rash, age 14) You diagnose him with pneumonia. What antibiotic will you initiate?
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See handout

# Integrated Activities and Tools for Antimicrobial Stewardship



