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In this 15' will go through....

- Role of the clinical micro lab in the AST
- Fast is not only molecular
- Red phone- Fast track – smart reporting
- Towards a precision medicine

In the clinical microbiology laboratory, AST represent the finalization of a diagnostic path that originates outside the laboratory

- They represent:
- Most of the communication activities with users (clinicians / patients / company management / pharmacy / Regional Agency)
- Are highly time-consuming



- All managerial and technical staff in the bacteriology sector are involved in carrying out, interpreting and communicating the in vitro sensitivity tests.



The goal of the diagnostic stewardship

- To select the right test for the right patient, generating accurate, clinically relevant results at the right time to optimally influence clinical care and to conserve health care resources.
- The laboratory is at the forefront of this mission, functioning as stewards to maximize clinical excellence.
- Clinical microbiology laboratory directors must determine the added value of the panel compared with existing standard of care tests, answering some questions:
 - Will the test provide highly accurate, actionable results that can improve patient outcomes?
 - Does the test potentially improve the workload in the clinical laboratory by replacing a laborious test?
- This decision should be often made in collaboration with our infectious disease colleagues and/or antimicrobial stewardship team.

- 1.Fast processes**
- 2.Possibility to identify the main aetiological agents of severe infections**
- 3.Availability of an acceptable antibiotics panel**
- 4. Agreement between new technologies and official categorization expert rules**



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Narrative review

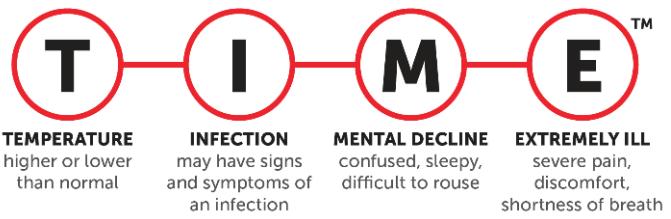
How to accelerate antimicrobial susceptibility testing

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According to the time to result, rAST has been defined as technologies yielding results in ≤ 8 hr [19], whereas ultra-rapid methods provide results in ≤ 4 hr [96]. This classification appears reasonable, because in addition to time and technological capabilities it reflects clinical purpose (see below) and laboratory workflow.

When it comes to sepsis, remember
IT'S ABOUT TIME™. Watch for:



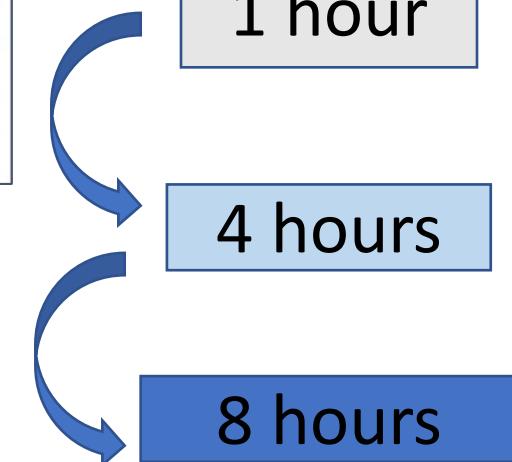
If you experience a combination of these symptoms: seek urgent medical care, call 911, or go to the hospital with an advocate. Ask: "Could it be sepsis?"

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IDEAL DIAGNOSTIC TIMELINE



What is going on in the clinical microbiology lab? The problem of GNB

- Great array of pathogens (Enterobacterales, Acinetobacter, MRSA, Enterococci)
- Emerging, re-emerging, MDR, XDR
- Diagnostic questions requiring increased complexity in answering
- Request to improve quality and productivity while reducing TAT in an era of personnel shortages and limited funding

Antibiotic	MIC mg/L(S/I/R)
Pip/Tazo	>128 R
Ceftriaxone	>64 R
Ceftazidime	>64 R
Cefepime	>64 R
Ertapenem	>32 R
Imipenem	>32 R
Meropenem	>32 R
Aztreonam	>64 R
Amikacin	>64 R
Gentamicin	2 S
Tobramycin	>16 R
Ciprofloxacin	>4 R
Levofloxacin	>8 R
Tigecycline	1.5 I
Colistin	>32

....and from the site of the patient? The complexity

Complexity of patients

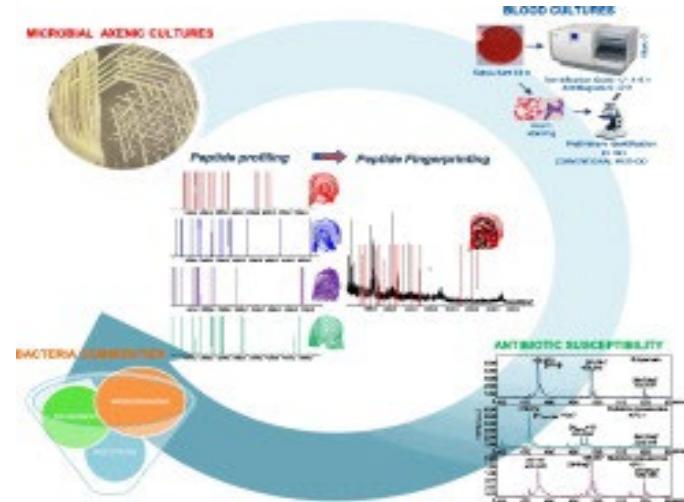
Complexity to be appropriate in antibiotic therapy



What a clinician is waiting for?

MALDI-TOF

Rapid ID



HOW DOES MALDI-TOF COMPARE TO BIOCHEMICAL METHODS OF IDENTIFICATION?

Biochemical Method

- Lactose fermenting GNR on MacConkey agar
- Vitek AST test card
- TAT @ **6-8 hours**
- Materials cost @ **\$4.00**
- Labor neutral



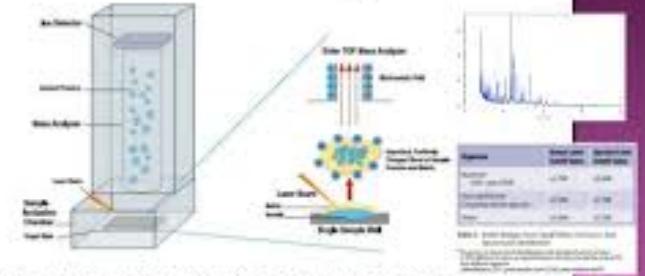
MALDI-TOF

- Lactose fermenting GNR on MacConkey agar
- MALDI-TOF
- TAT @ **10 min**
- Cost @ **\$ 0.50**
- Labor comparable



Time of Flight (TOF)

Based on Mass and Charge of Proteins



Plots the Time of flight (TOF) based on measuring the size and charge of the proteins hitting the detector plate, creating peaks. The plot peaks detected on the detector plate are matched to the computer data base and develops and identification score

	TTR (hrs)	Targets	Specimens
FilmArray® (bioMérieux)	1 h	Bla _{kpc} vanA, vanB, mecA	Positive blood culture
Verigene® (Nanosphere)	2 h	mecA, vanA, vanB bla _{CTX-M} , bla _{IMP} , bla _{KPC} , bla _{NDM} , bla _{-oxa48} , bla _{VIM}	Positive blood culture
GeneXpert® (Cepheid)	1 h	mecA, vanA, bla _{IMP} , bla _{KPC} , bla _{NDM} , bla _{OXA-48} , bla _{VIM}	Rectal swab
Unyvero® (Curetis)	5h	bla _{CTX-M} , bla _{IMP} , bla _{KPC} , bla _{NDM} , bla _{OXA-48} , bla _{VIM} , bla _{OXA-23} , bla _{OXA-24/40} , bla _{OXA-58}	positive blood culture, respiratory samples, implant and tissue samples
Eazyplex® (Amplex)	0.5 h	mecA, mecC, bla _{KPC} , bla _{NDM} , bla lik _{OXA-48like} , bla _{VIM}	colony, positive blood culture, rectal swab
Check-Direct CPE (Check- Points)	2 h	bla _{KPC} , bla _{OXA-48like} , bla _{VIM} , bla _{NDM}	colony, rectal swab

Search of resistance genes, two options:

1. resistance genes detected
2. when is negative?

Search for resistance genes	Species	Report
KPC- NDM+ VIM- OXA- CTX-M-	Enterobacterales	NDM carbapenemase: high probability of resistance to penicillin, cephalosporins and carbapenems, including combination of con β -lactamase inhibitors

Detection of resistance genes

CTX	Non rilevato
KPC	Non rilevato
VIM	Non rilevato
IMP	Non rilevato
NDM	Rilevato
OXA-48	Non rilevato

Figura 10. *Klebsiella pneumoniae* NDM; antibiogramma molecolare.

CTX-M	Rilevato
KPC	Rilevato
VIM	Non rilevato
IMP	Non rilevato
NDM	Non rilevato
OXA-48	Non rilevato

Figura 8. *Klebsiella pneumoniae* KPC; antibiogramma molecolare.

CTX-M	Non rilevato
KPC	Non rilevato
VIM	Non rilevato
IMP	Non rilevato
NDM	Non rilevato
OXA-48	Non rilevato

Figura 24. *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*; antibiogramma molecolare.

A «resistant gene negative» example...

PCR multiplex	
<i>Enterobacter</i> spp	ND
<i>Proteus</i> spp	ND
<i>Escherichia coli</i>	Detected
<i>Klebsiella oxytoca</i>	ND
<i>Klebsiella pneumonia</i>	ND
<i>Serratia marcescens</i>	ND
<i>Acinetobacter</i> spp	ND
<i>Citrobacter</i> spp	ND
<i>Pseudomonas aeruginosa</i>	ND
Resistance genes	
CTX-M	ND
KPC	ND
VIM	ND
NDM	ND
IMP	ND
OXA (48/23/24/58)	ND

Absence of ESBL and most common carbapenemases;
Possible susceptibility to 3d and 4th GC possible
If combined with BLI
Possible susceptibility to carbapenems



ANTIBIOTICI	Ceppol	MIC
Amikacina	S	2
Amoxicillina/A.CLA.V.	S	<=1
Cefotaxima	S	<=0.25
Ceftazidima	S	<=0.12
Ciprofloxacina	S	<=0.06
Ertapenem	S	<=0.12
Gentamicina	S	<=1
Meropenem	S	<=0.25
Piperacillina/tazobactam	S	<=4
Trimethoprim/Sulfam.	S	<=20

Amoxicillina/A.CLA.V.	S	8
Cefotaxima	R	>64
Ceftazidima	R	8
Ciprofloxacina	R	>4
Ertapenem	S	<=0.12
Gentamicina	S	<=1
Meropenem	S	<=0.25
Piperacillina/tazobactam	S	<=4
Trimethoprim/Sulfam.	R	>320

INSTRUMENT FEATURES

- Identification in < 90 minutes
- AST with MIC in < 7 hours
- Easy three-step workflow
- Monomicrobial definitive alert
- Polymicrobial capability
- Resistance phenotypes



EU: CE Marked for in-vitro diagnostic use.

US: FDA *de novo* clearance for ID and antimicrobial susceptibilities on positive blood cultures.

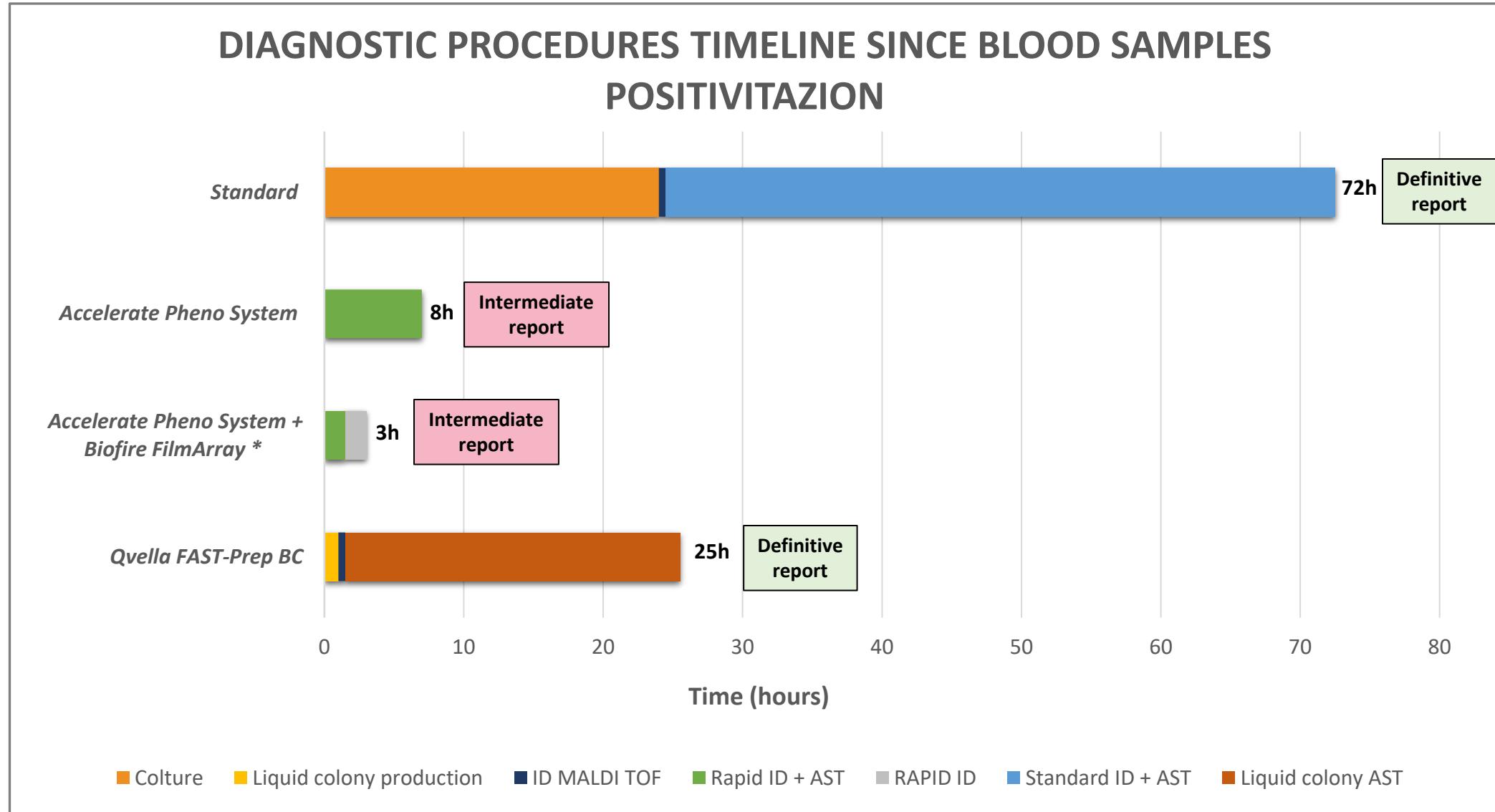
FROM A POSITIVE BLOOD CULTURE TO A LIQUID COLONY

A liquid colony shows the same potential of a solid colony

Possibility to perform fast identification (1 hour) through spectrometric technologies

Possibility to perform a definitive and complete susceptibility profile through conventional technologies





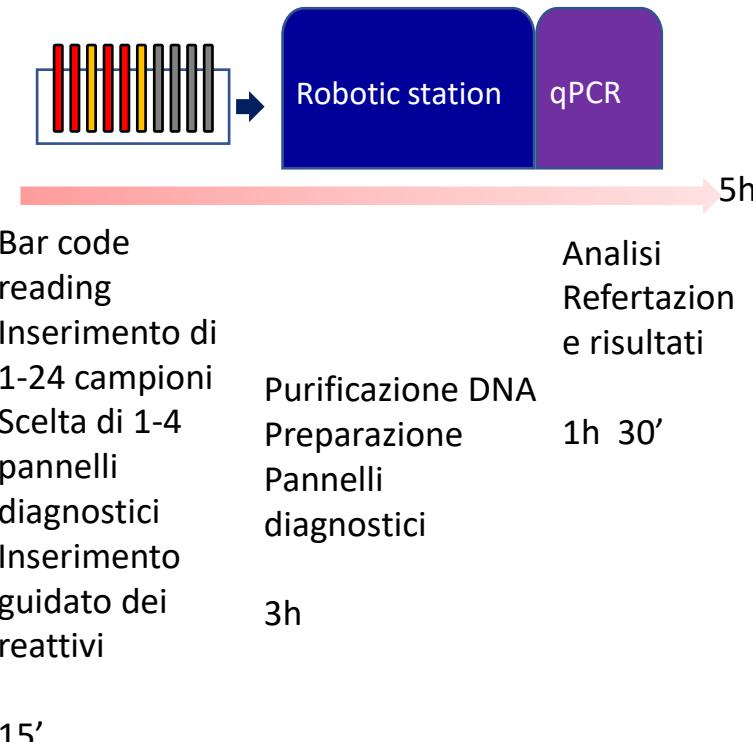
Graph 1. Comparison between standard procedure and two different fast protocols for sepsis diagnosis. Every procedure implies a time to positivity before processing blood samples. *Identification protocols were extended to Biofire FilmArray in case of failed identification using Accelerate Pheno System.

Diagnostic stewardship - Laboratory stewardship – some applications

- Respiratory panel (upper and lower)
- Bloodstream infection panel
- Gastroenteritis panel
- Meningitis panel
- Encephalitis panel

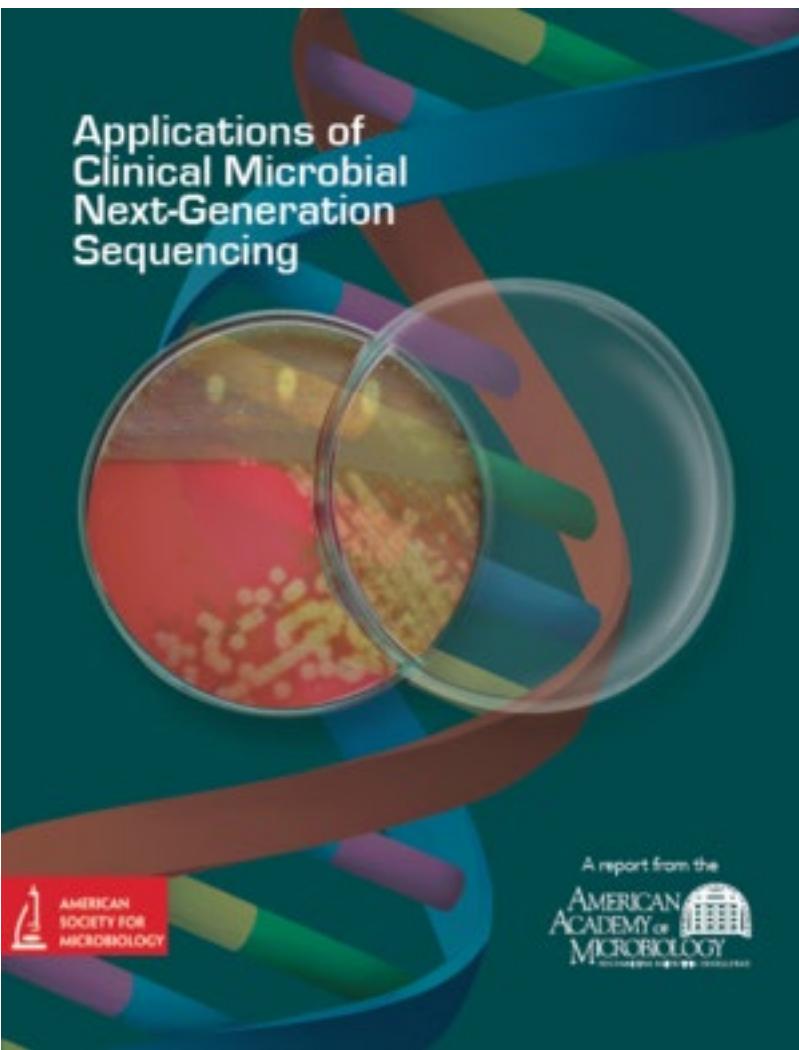
Sepsis and LRTs panels

SEPSIS PANEL	LRTIS PANEL
<i>Staphylococcus</i> spp	<i>Staphylococcus aureus</i>
<i>Staphylococcus aureus</i>	<i>Streptococcus pneumoniae</i>
<i>Streptococcus</i> spp	<i>Streptococcus pyogenes</i>
<i>Streptococcus pneumoniae</i>	<i>Streptococcus agalactiae</i>
<i>Streptococcus pyogenes</i>	<i>Enterococcus faecium</i>
<i>Streptococcus agalactiae</i>	<i>Enterococcus gallinarum</i>
<i>Enterococcus faecium</i>	<i>Enterococcus faecalis</i>
<i>Enterococcus gallinarum</i>	<i>Escherichia coli</i>
<i>Enterococcus faecalis</i>	<i>Pseudomonas aeruginosa</i>
<i>Escherichia coli</i>	<i>Proteus mirabilis</i>
<i>Pseudomonas aeruginosa</i>	<i>Acinetobacter baumannii</i>
<i>Proteus mirabilis</i>	<i>Klebsiella pneumoniae</i>
<i>Acinetobacter baumannii</i>	<i>Serratia marcesens</i>
<i>Klebsiella</i> spp	<i>Moraxella catarrhalis</i>
<i>Enterobacter cloacae</i>	<i>Haemophilus influenzae</i>
<i>Enterobacter aerogenes</i>	<i>Neisseria meningitidis</i>
<i>Candida</i> spp	<i>Bordetella pertussis</i>
<i>Candida albicans</i>	<i>Bordetella parapertussis</i>
<i>Candida glabrata</i>	<i>Legionella pneumophila</i>
<i>Candida krusei</i>	<i>Chlamydophila pneumoniae</i>
ANTIBIOTICO-RESISTENZE SEPSI/RESPIRATORI	
MRSA	<i>Candida</i> spp
BLA KPC	<i>Candida albicans</i>
Van A/B	<i>Candida glabrata</i>
	<i>Aspergillus fumigatus</i>
	<i>Pneumocystis jiroveci</i>



Nosocomial panel

PANNELLO RESISTENZE	PANNELLO NOSOCOMIALI
MRSA	<i>Staphylococcus aureus</i>
VanA, VanB	<i>Streptococcus pneumoniae</i>
KPC	<i>Enterococcus faecium</i>
NDM	<i>Enterococcus gallinarum</i>
IMP	<i>Enterococcus faecalis</i>
VIM	<i>Clostridium difficile</i>
OXA-48	<i>Pseudomonas aeruginosa</i>
CTX-M-1, CTX-M-9	<i>Proteus mirabilis</i>
CMY-2	<i>Serratia marcescens</i> <i>Enterobacter cloacae</i> <i>Enterobacter aerogenes</i> <i>Acinetobacter baumannii</i> <i>Klebsiella pneumoniae</i> <i>Legionella pneumophila</i> <i>Stenotrophomonas maltophilia</i> <i>Candida albicans</i> <i>Aspergillus spp.</i>
	MRSA
	BLA KPC
	Van A/B



CLINICAL APPLICATION OF WGS:
DIAGNOSIS
AST
EPIDEMIOLOGY

TAKE HOME MESSAGES

The crucial importance of the diagnostic/antimicrobial stewardship

A «thoughtful» interpretation of a rapid anti-susceptibility test

The correct collocation of any technology within a (shared) diagnostic path for a critical patient

