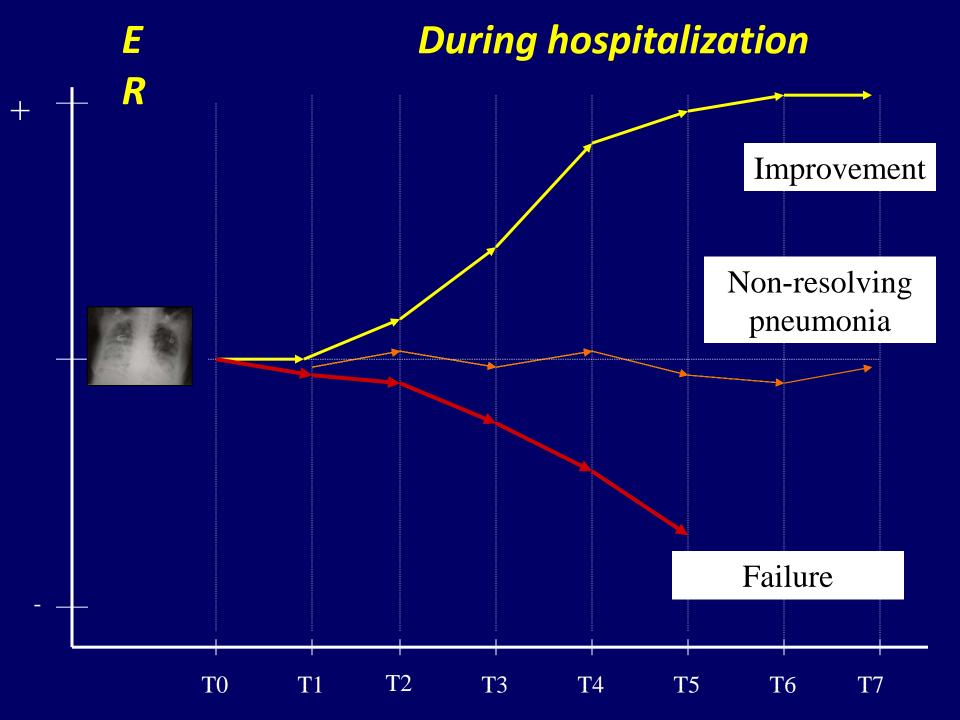
Clinical trials in CAP

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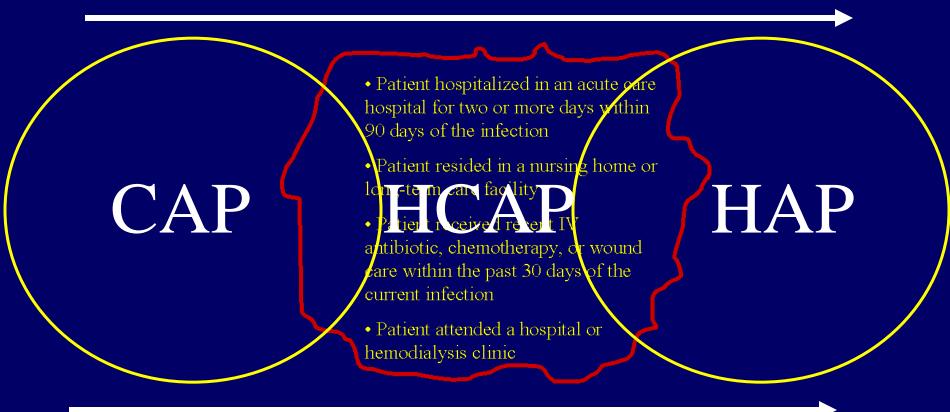
Different clinical or logistical questions may require different definitions

- Microbial etiology
- Possibility of benefit from specific or supportive therapy
- Probability of morbidity or mortality
 Most commonly the question of location of care has been the central problem of CAP severity

ETIOLOGY

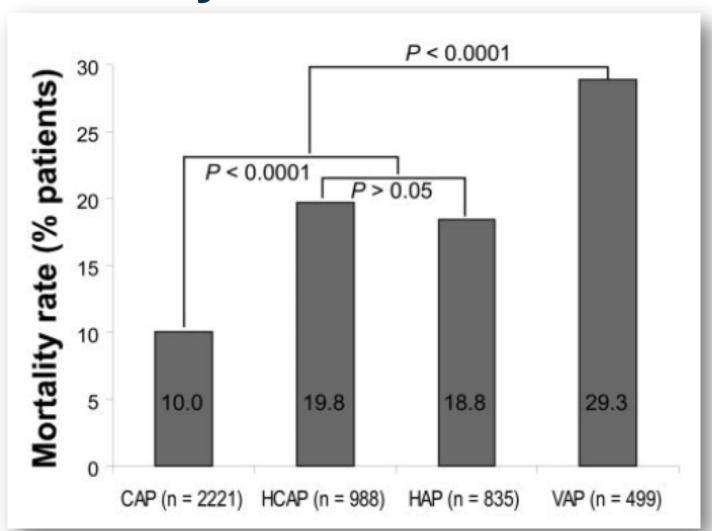
- SCAP has a somewhat distinct microbial etiologic predominance from CAP, with a higher representation of *Staphylococcus aureus* and Gram-negative organisms
- Unfortunately, the inciting organism may be independent of the actual physiologic severity of CAP, as with the pneumococcus, which is heavily represented in both severe and non-severe CAP.

Risk for MDR pathogens



Morbidity and Mortality

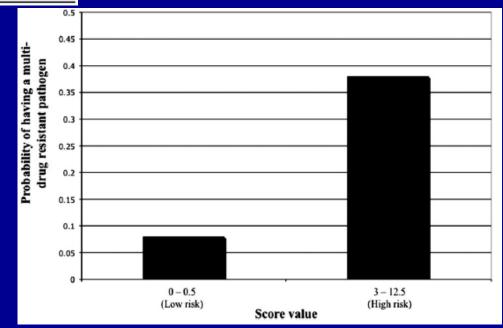
Mortality



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Stratifying Risk Factors for Multidrug-Resistant Pathogens in Hospitalized Patients Coming From the Community With Pneumonia

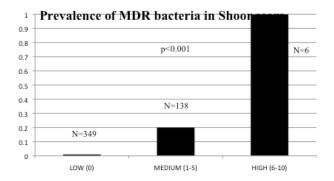
Variable	Score
No risk factors for MDR pathogen (including comorbidities)	0
≥1 of the following: cerebrovascular disease, diabetes, COPD, antimicrobial therapy in preceding 90 days, immunosuppression, home wound care, home infusion therapy (including antibiotics)	0.5
Residence in a nursing home or extended-care facility	3
Hospitalization for ≥2 days in the preceding 90 days	4
Chronic renal failure	5

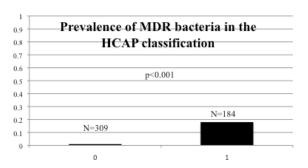


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Prevalence of MDR bacteria in the Aliberti score







group	N	% MDR pathogens
0	667	0.3%
0.5	337	2.1%
3-4	254	3.1%
5 or more	90	5.6%

Performance of the MDR score. Area under the curve 0.75 (95% CI 0.69-0.81),p<0.0001



Clinical Prediction Rules

- PSI and CURB-65 (in various versions) have demonstrated utility in recommending outpatient therapy for low-risk patients.
- These two models do not perform well at predicting which patients will require ICU admission or intensive therapy
- They tend to overestimate severity in patients with advanced age or chronic organ failure and underestimate severity in younger patients

Low CURB-65 is of limited value in deciding discharge of patients with community-acquired pneumonia*

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5. Neurological events

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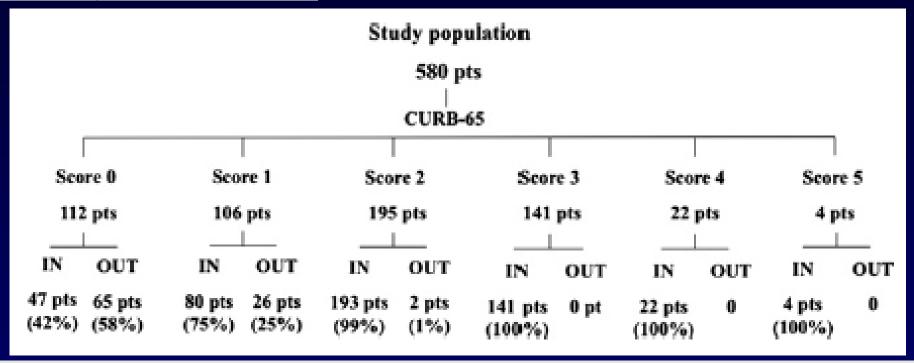


Table 3 Reasons that justified hospit	talization among patients with a CURB-65 score of 0 or 1.
Reasons	N. (%)
1. Hypoxemia	36 (35)
2. Failure of outpatient therapy	
3. Cardiovascular events	
4. Further Work-up	

7 (6.7)

