

**Pneumonia**  
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**The problem**

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**Pneumonia is dangerous**

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**Tens of thousands of deaths  
per year**

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**What is the most common  
cause of CAP?**

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**40% strep pneumoniae  
30% atypicals  
30% viruses**

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**What is the most common cause of lobar pneumonia?**

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**Strep Pneumoniae**

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**Who cares?**

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**Pneumonia  
Otitis Media  
Sinusitis  
Meningitis  
Sepsis**

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**10%**

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**What's the most commonly  
used abx for CAP?**

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**Z-pak**

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**What's the problem with that?**

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**Increasing resistance**

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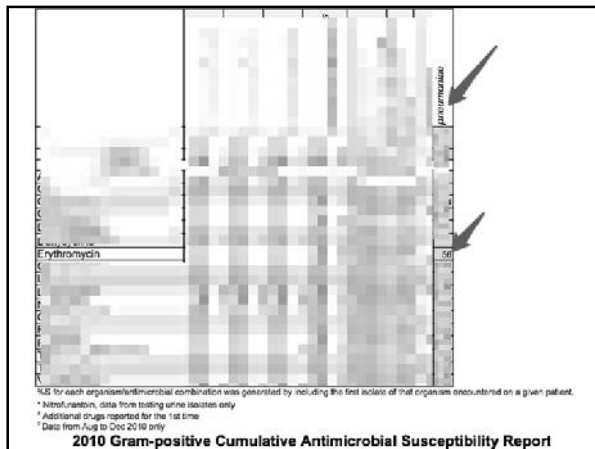
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Inpatient (y) Outpatient (z) # of isolates tested	Enterococcus faecalis						Enterococcus faecium						Enterococcus species						Streptococcus viridans						Streptococcus pneumoniae (drug proof)						Staphylococcus aureus						Staphylococcus epidermidis						Streptococcus pneumoniae					
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Nitrofurantoin <sup>5</sup>	100	62	36	36	90	93	100	100	97	98																																						
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1,2,5 For each organism/antimicrobial combination was generated by including the first isolate of that organism encountered on a given patient.  
3 Nitrofurantoin, data from testing urine isolates only  
4 Additional drugs reported for the 1st time  
6 Data from Aug to Dec 2010 only

2010 Gram-positive Cumulative Antimicrobial Susceptibility Report



**Strep Pneumoniae = 56% sensitive to Macrolides**

**IDSA guidelines  
> 5 years old  
Data > 12 years old**

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**Z-Pak is decreasingly  
effective for the most  
dangerous type of infection**

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**What is the definition of lobar  
pneumonia?**

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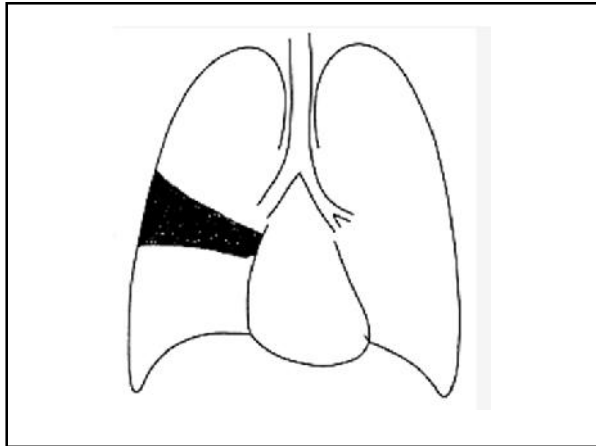
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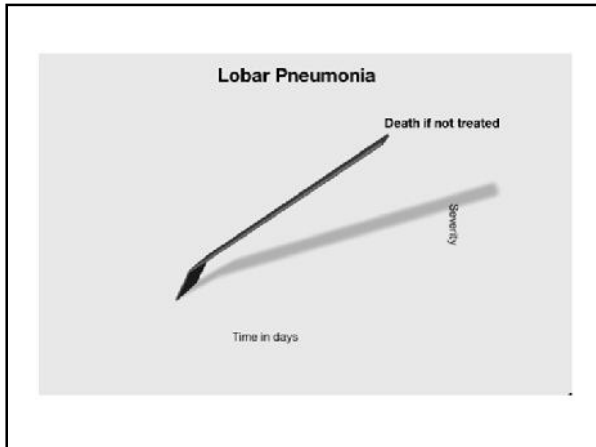
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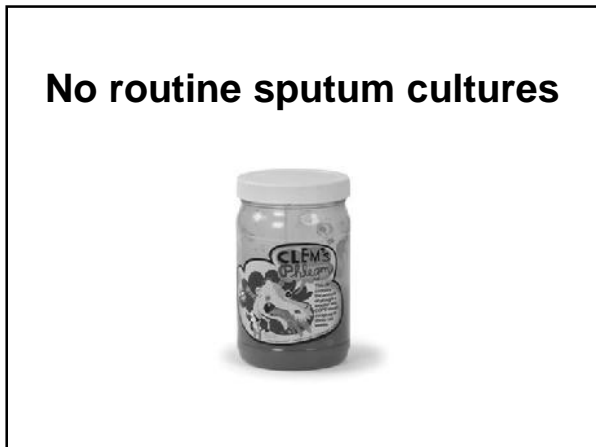
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**What is walking pneumonia?**

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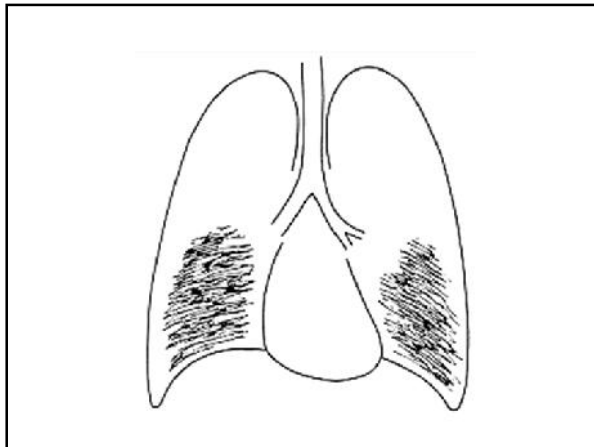
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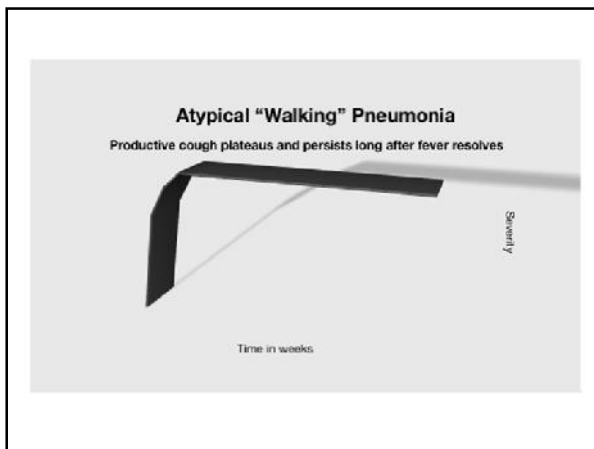
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**What are the bacterial causes of "walking" or atypical pneumonia?**

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**Mycoplasma Pneumoniae**

**Chlamydophila Pneumoniae  
Psittacosis  
Legionella Pneumophila**

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**Which are 3 categories of medicines that work for atypical pneumonia?**

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**Macrolides  
Respiratory FQs  
Tetracyclines (Doxy)**

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**What age group usually  
doesn't get walking  
pneumonia?**

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**Below the age of 5**

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**How do you distinguish  
between lobar vs. atypical  
pneumonia on exam?**

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**What are the clues to  
mycoplasma?**

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**fever for at least 3 days  
productive cough-- not  
improving  
no nasal symptoms  
posterior HA  
mild sore throat**

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**Wheeze or rales or rhonchi  
hypoxia  
tachycardia  
tachypnea**

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**How do you treat community  
acquired pneumonia?**

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**The goal is to cover Strep  
Pneumoniae and  
Mycoplasma**

**Only a few antibiotics do  
both**

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**Stats**

Strep Pneumoniae resistance to Macrolides: 19 - 44%  
Strep Pneumoniae resistance to Doxy: 10-28%  
Strep Pneumoniae resistance to Levaquin, Avelox: 1 - 6%  
Strep Pneumoniae resistance to Augmentin: 6%

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**Using Z-pak for empiric treatment of pneumonia**

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**Clarithromycin?**

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**There are two levels of  
empiric treatment for  
pneumonia**

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**Level 1:**

**Cheap  
Works for atypical or lobar**

**Which antibiotic?**

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**Doxy**

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**Level 2:**

**Really sick  
co-morbidities  
Unclear or confirmed lobar  
2nd line for tx failure**

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**respiratory FQ**

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**Which are the respiratory  
fluoroquinolones?**

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**What percent of pneumonias are missed based on the physical exam alone?**

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**20 - 40%**

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**When should I get a chest x-ray?**

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**Often**

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**What is the definition of bronchitis?**

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**Acute bronchitis is a cold virus in the lung**

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**Acute bronchitis**  
**Walking pneumonia**

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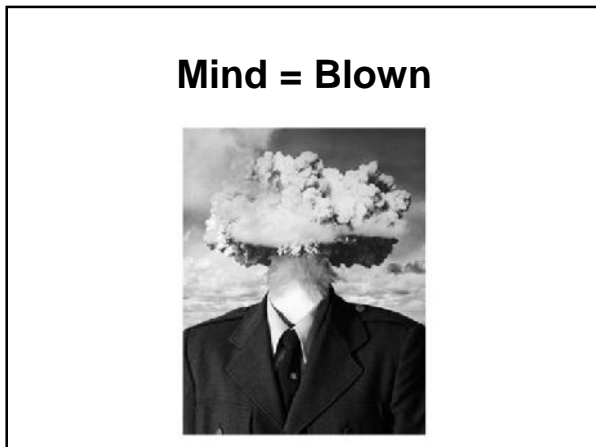
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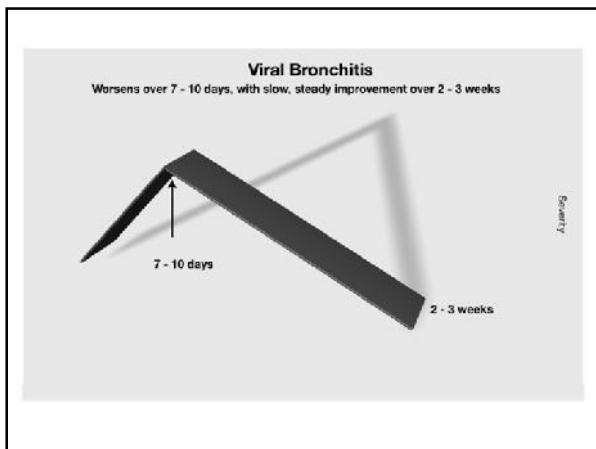
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**Does viral bronchitis show up with a fever?**

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**almost never**

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**What is the significance of rhonchi?**

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**rhonchi are nonspecific**

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**Identify the patterns in these cases:**

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**Case 1:**

**Patient comes in with fever of 101, productive cough, wheeze no h/o asthma**

**What is it and how do you treat it?**

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**Case 2:**

**Patient comes in with fever of 101, productive cough, unilateral rales**

**What is it and how do you treat**

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**Case 3:**

**A patient comes in with sudden onset body aches, fever to 102, and a dry cough**

**What questions do you ask?**

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**Case 3:**

**A patient comes in with sudden onset body aches, fever to 102, and a dry cough**

**What do you examine?**

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### Case 3:

**A patient comes in with sudden onset body aches, fever to 102, and a dry cough**

**What do you do now?**

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### Take Home Points:

- 1. Stop using Z-pak for empiric tx**
- 2. Instead use Doxy or Levaquin**
- 3. If there's a unilateral component, cover for Strep Pneumoniae**
- 4. A fever + cough requires: pos. flu test, chest x ray, or sby**

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