

# Sepsis

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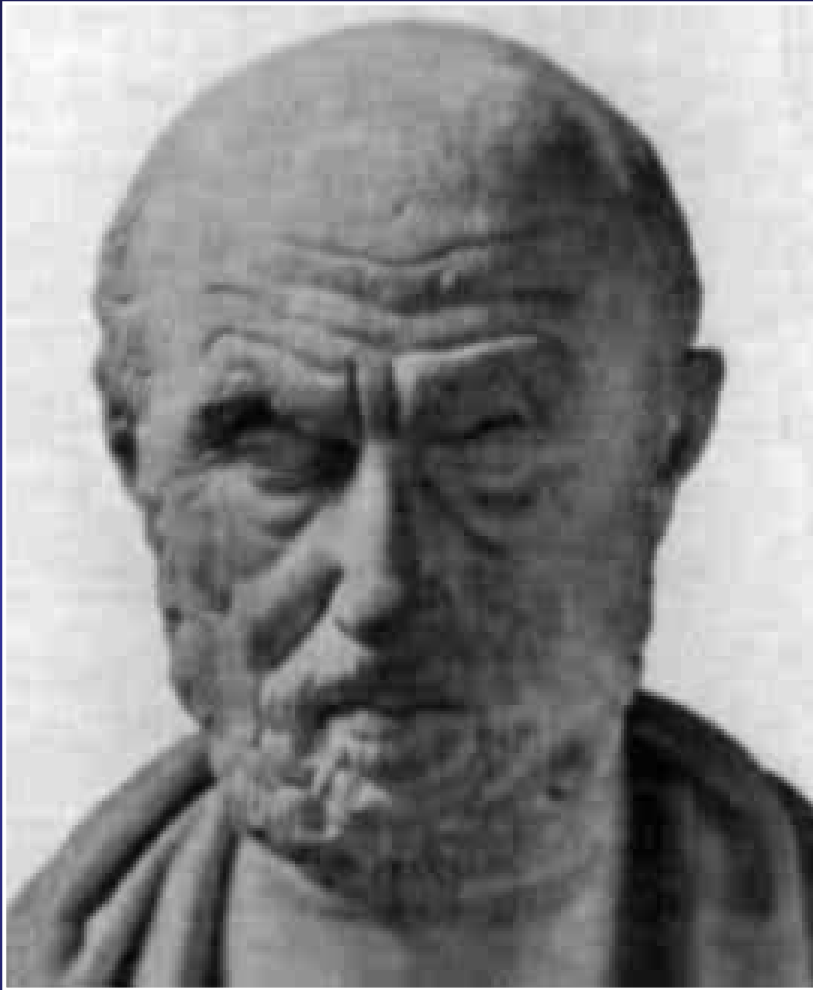
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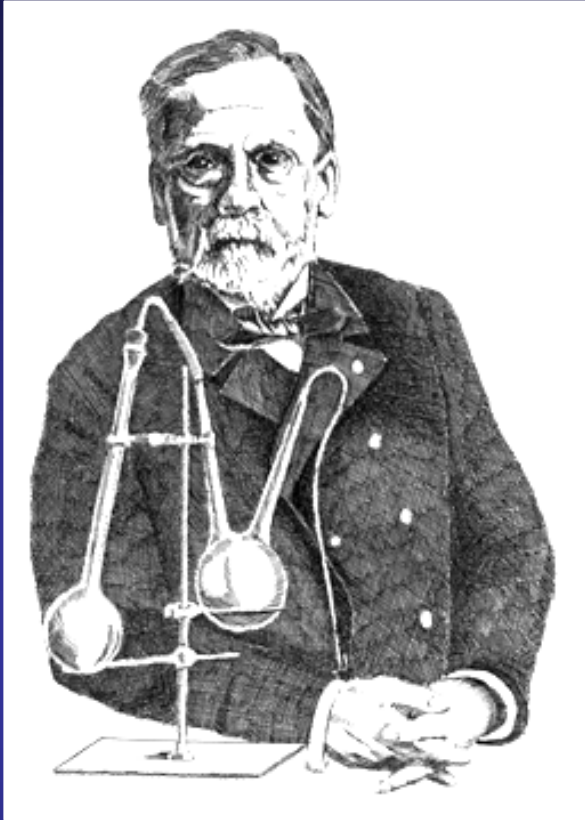




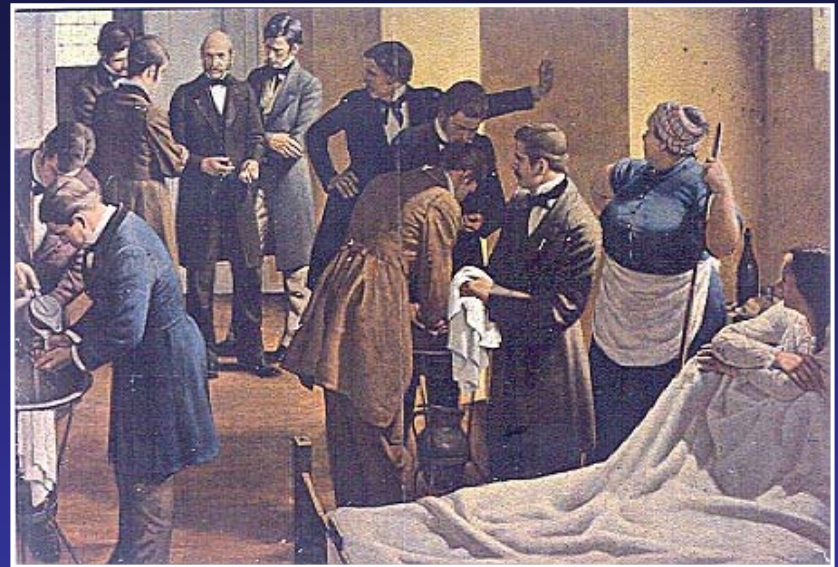
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**460 – 370 BC**

**Sepsis**

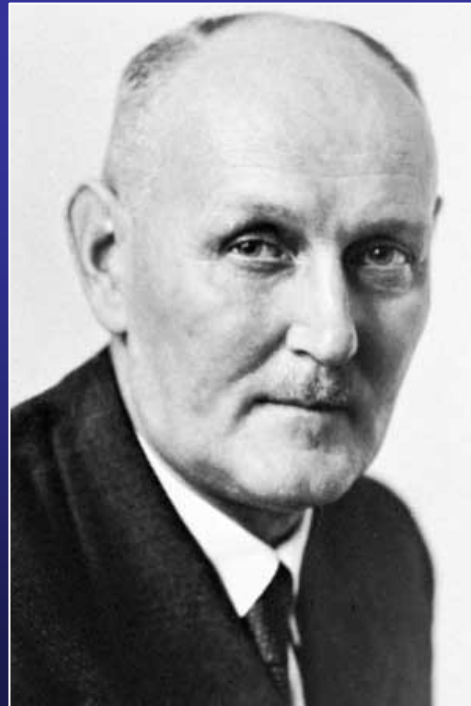
**Pepsis**



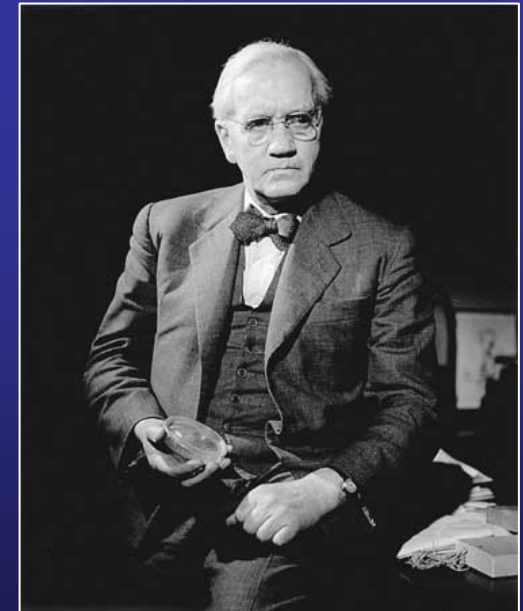
**Louis Pasteur**  
1822 - 1895



**Ignace Semmelweis**

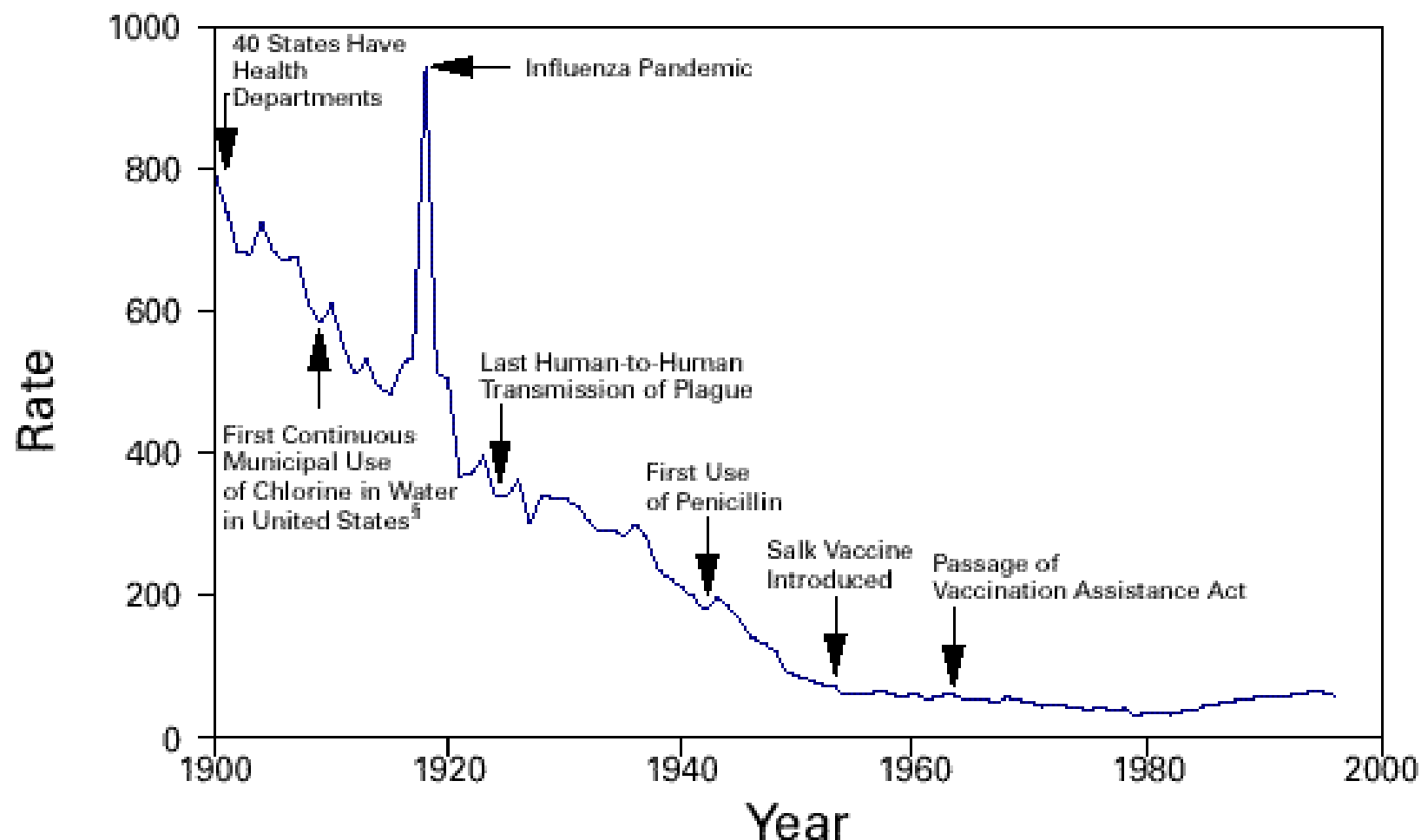


**Gerhard Domagk**



**Alexander Fleming**

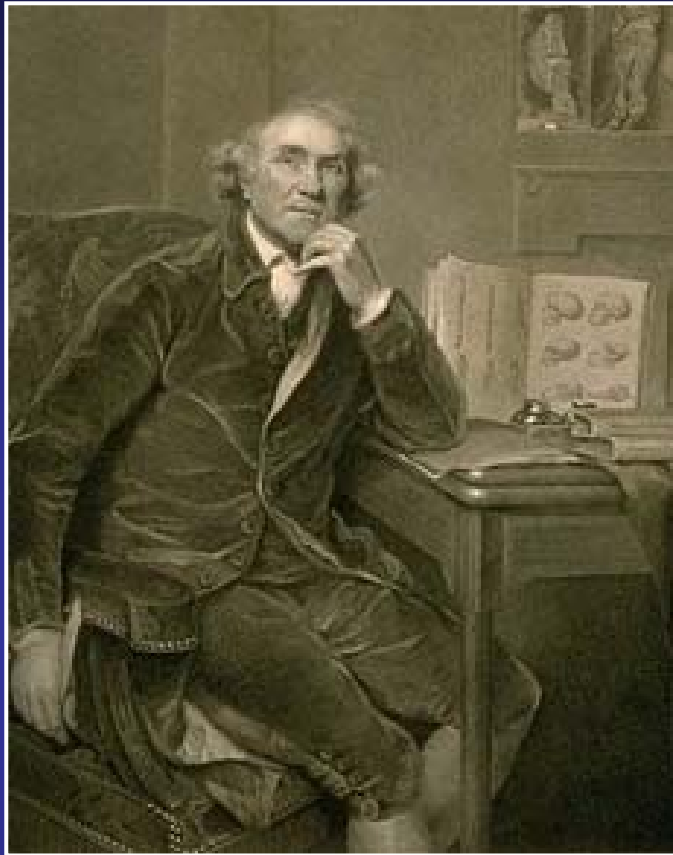
**FIGURE 1. Crude death rate\* for infectious diseases — United States, 1900–1996<sup>†</sup>**



\*Per 100,000 population per year.

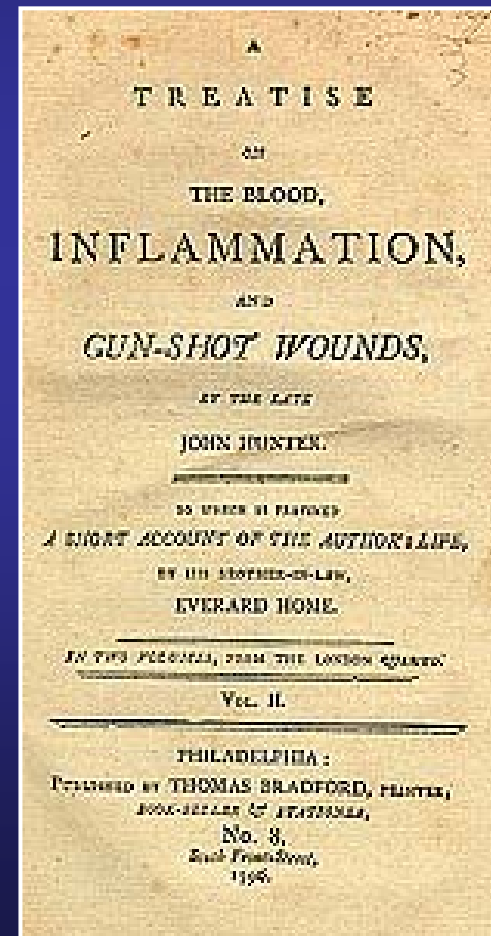
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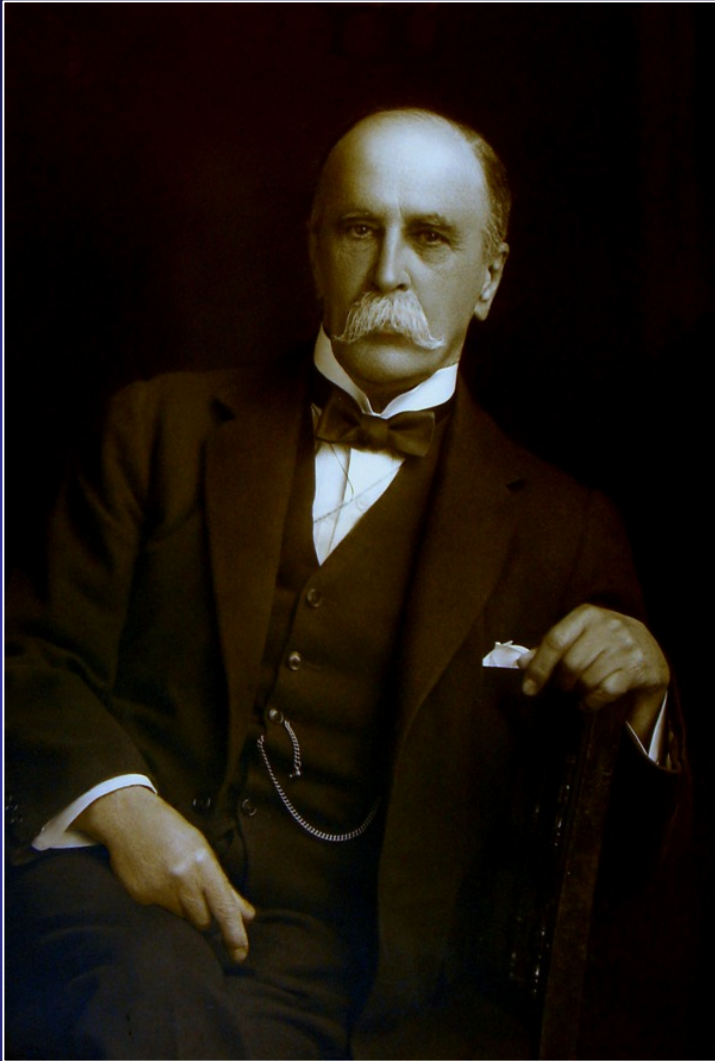
<sup>§</sup>American Water Works Association. Water chlorination principles and practices: AWWA manual M20. Denver, Colorado: American Water Works Association, 1973.



**John Hunter**  
**1728 - 1793**

“... both the disposition  
and the means of cure...”





**William Osler**

***“Except on few occasions, the patient appears to die from the body’s response to infection rather than from it ...”***



An extract of the cell  
wall of *Vibrio cholera*:

**Endotoxin**

- 1894

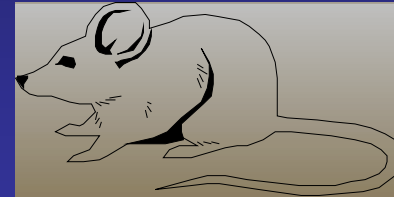
**Richard Pfeiffer**



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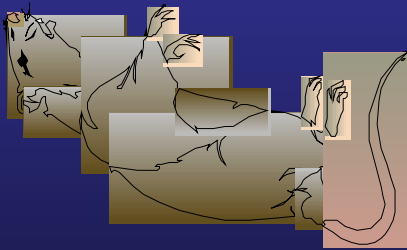


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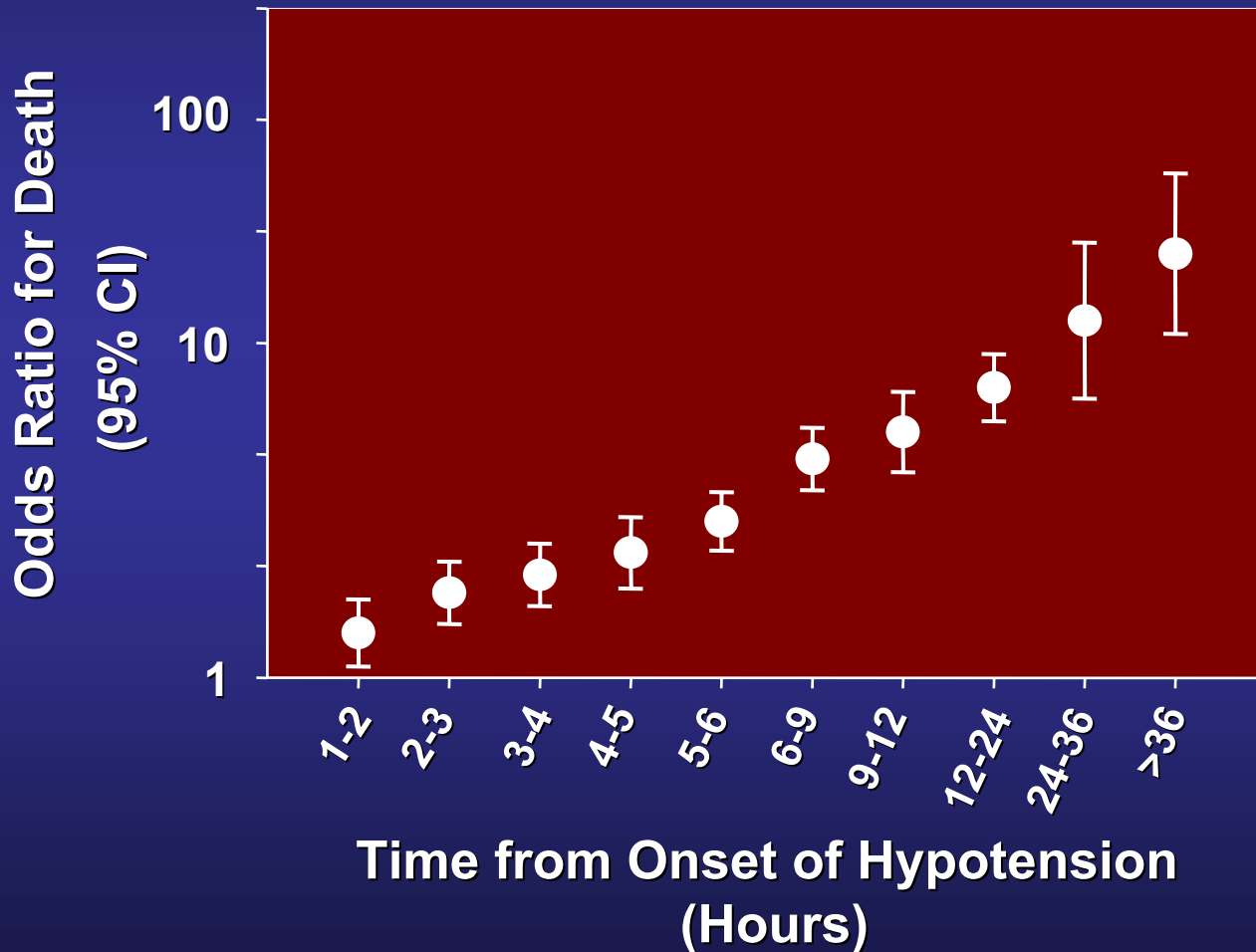


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**HeJ Marrow Live**

# Impact of Delayed Antibiotic Therapy on Clinical Outcome



# Impact of Source Control in 1170 Patients with Sepsis

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## 28 Day Mortality

Adequate	Inadequate	p.
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31.4% (303/964)	42.7% (88/206)	0.003
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Odds Ratio 0.61 (0.45-0.83)

**Treatment of infection  
is **necessary**, but not  
**sufficient**, for the  
successful management  
of sepsis**

# Impact of Infection on ICU Outcome

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Infectious Status	ICU Stay (Days)	Mortality Percent	p.
None (N=123)	3.7 <sub>±</sub> 0.1	3.3	....
Primary Infection (N=56)	7.1 <sub>±</sub> 1.0	19.6	0.03
ICU-Acquired (N=51)	11.2 <sub>±</sub> 1.2	23.5	0.002

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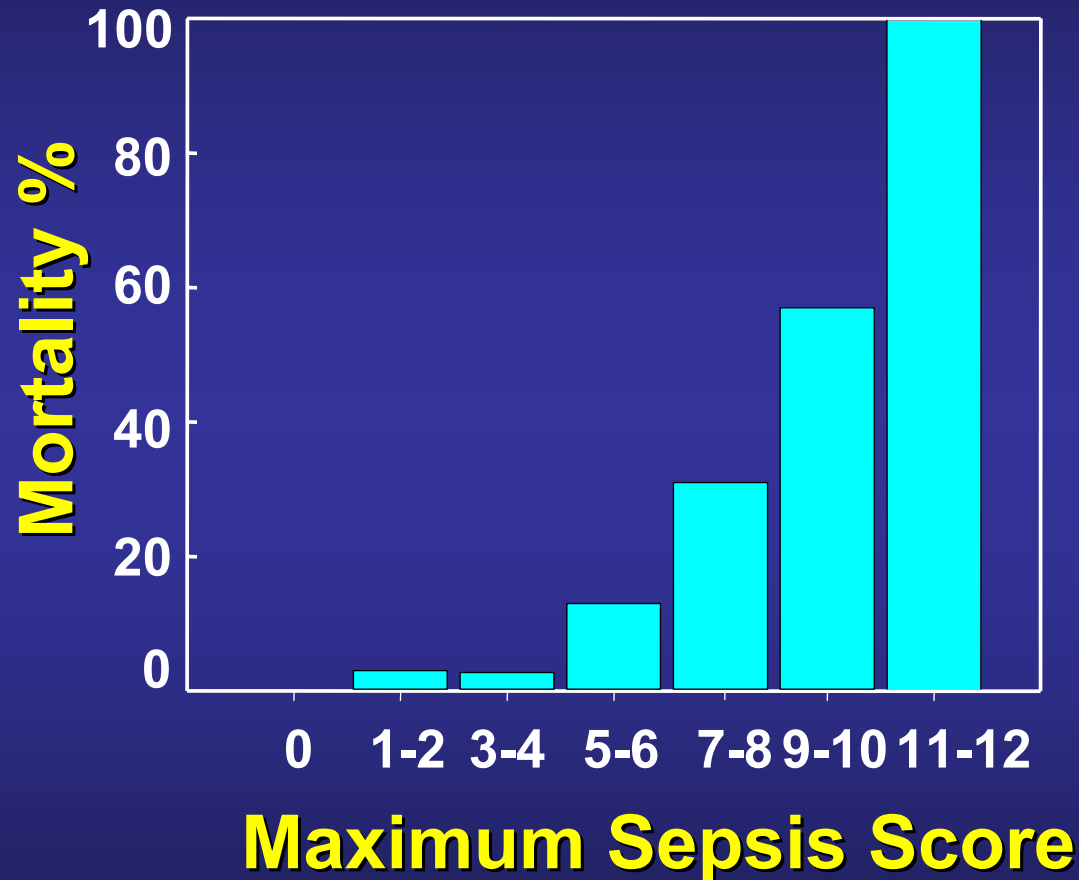
# Sepsis Score

- **Temperature**
- **White count**
- **Insulin requirements**
- **Cardiac output/SVR**
- **Change in GCS**

- **Each scored 0-3**
- **Maximum score 15**
- **Scores calculated daily**

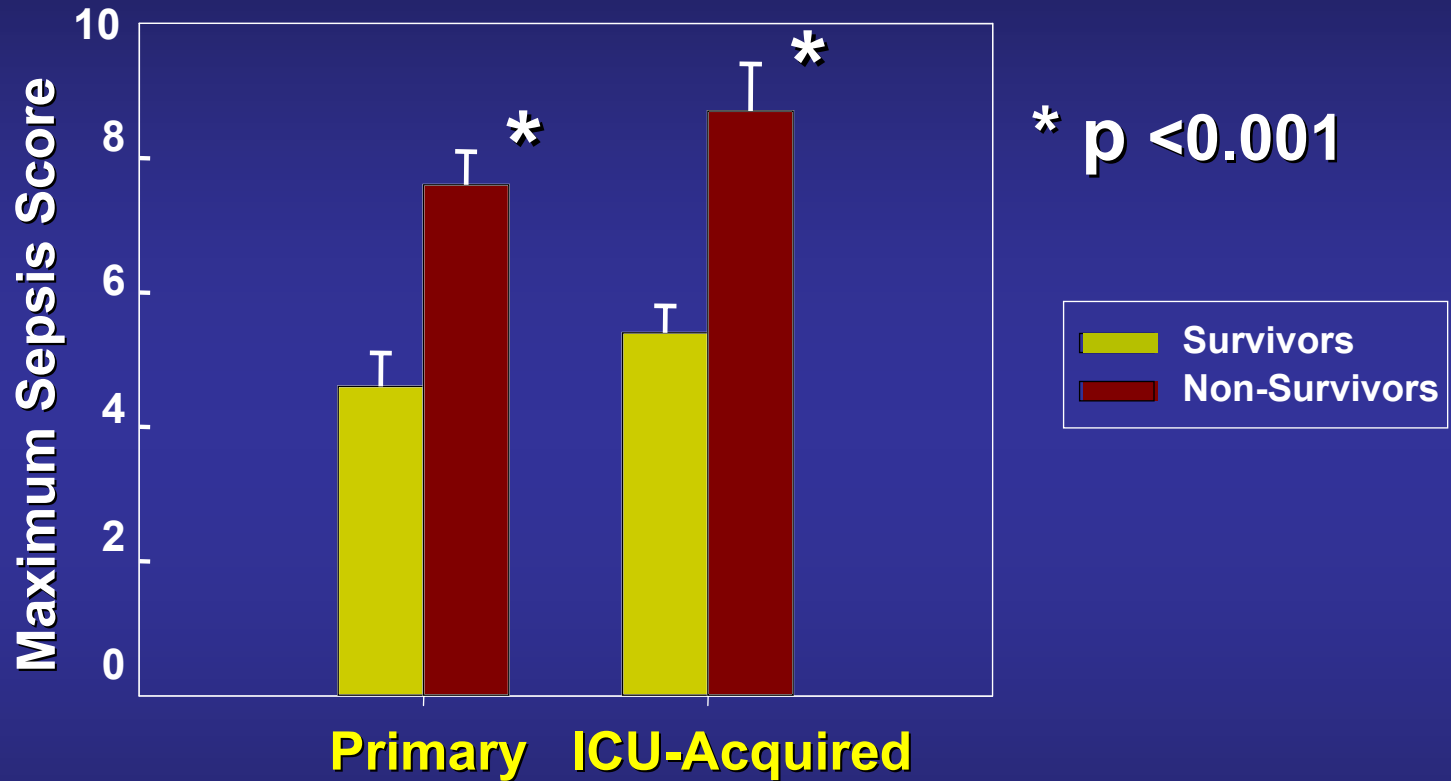


# Impact of Sepsis on ICU Outcome



- Marshall & Sweeney *Arch Surg* 125:17, 1990

# Sepsis Scores in Patients with Infection



- Marshall & Sweeney *Arch Surg* 125:17, 1990

# Infections in Patients with Sepsis Scores =>7

Infection	% of Patients		p.
	Survivors	Non-Survivors	
Primary	38.1	46.7	NS
ICU-Acquired	76.2	60	NS
None	14.3	13.2	NS
Pneumonia	47.6	53.3	NS
Peritonitis	33.3	40	NS
Bacteremia	42.9	20	NS
<b>Sepsis Score</b>	<b>7.7<sub>±</sub>0.2</b>	<b>8.9<sub>±</sub>0.4</b>	<b>&lt;0.01</b>

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# Why did he die?



***Sepsis***

**Uncontrolled infection**



**Excessive inflammation**



**Immune suppression**

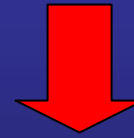
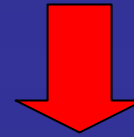
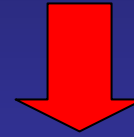


**Organ dysfunction**



**Death**

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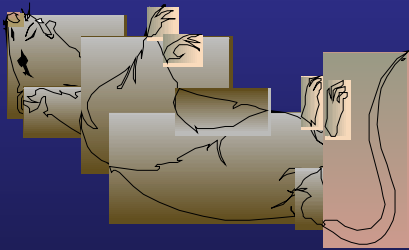


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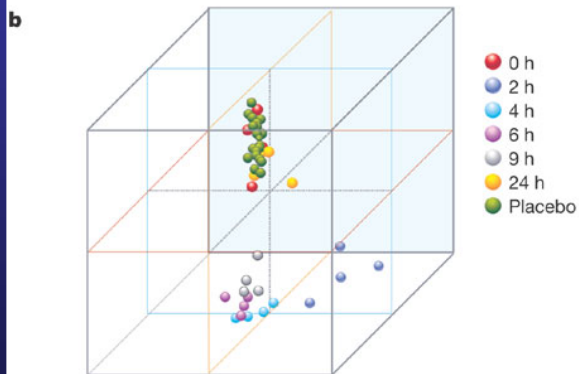
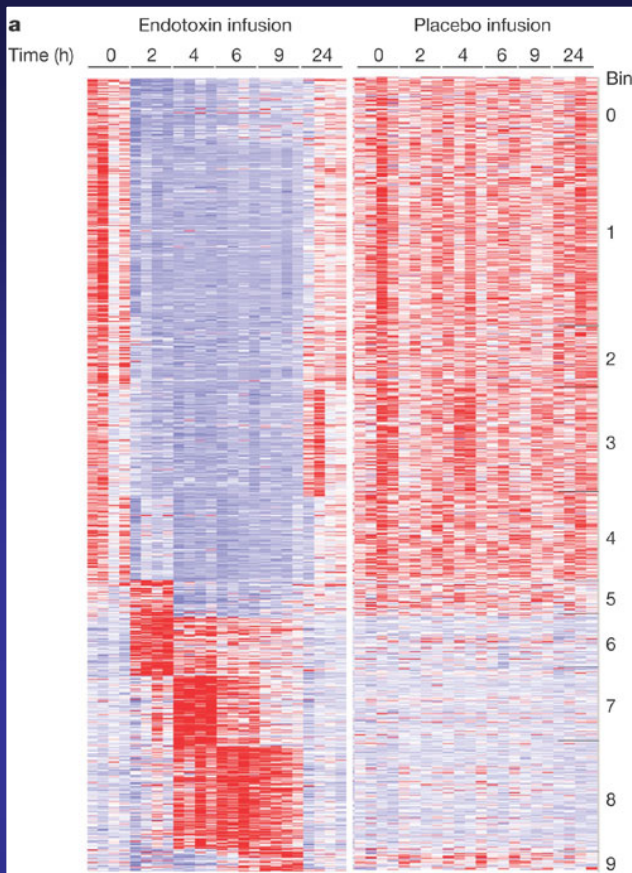
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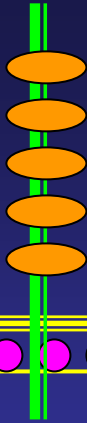
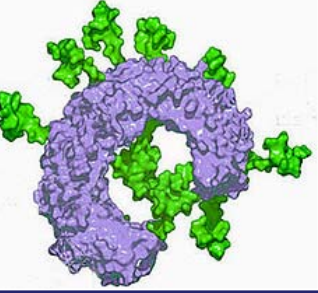
**LPS challenge in human volunteers causes altered expression of 3714 distinct genes.**

- Calvano, *Nature* 437:1032, 2005

# Mediators of Lethality in Murine Endotoxemia

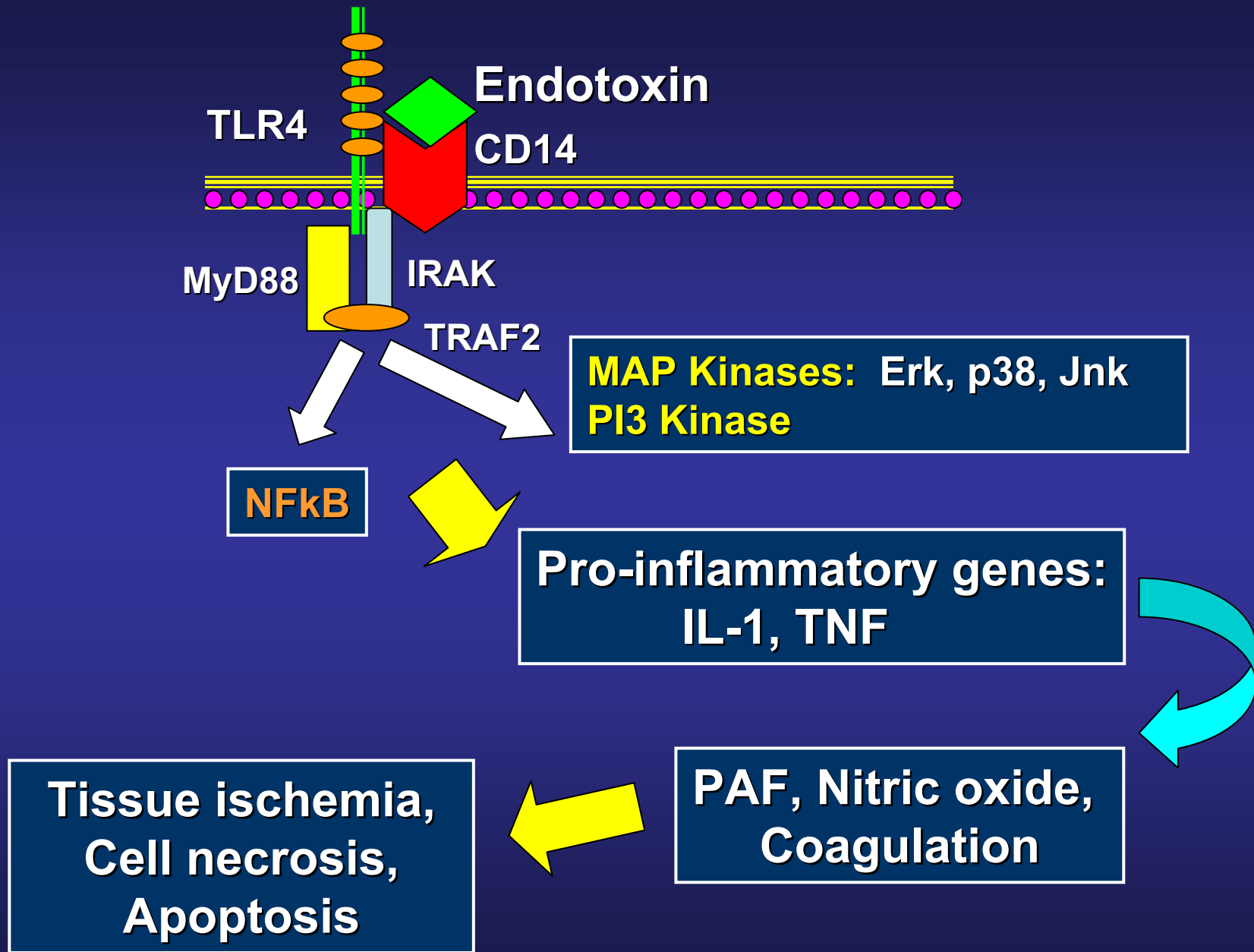
<b>Cytokines</b>	IL-1, IL-12, IL-18 TNF, IFN $\gamma$ , TGF $\beta$ , LIF, MIF, G-CSF, HMGB-1, MIP-1 $\alpha$ , MFP-14, LBP, PTH-RP IL-1ra, IL-4, IL-10, IL-13, IFN $\alpha$ , HGF, LIF, CRP, MCP-1, BPI, CAP18, TSG-14, VLDL, VIP, C3, C4, melatonin
<b>Receptors</b>	TNFr p55, IL-1r, PAFr, LECAM-1, TREM-1, LDLr, CD11a, CD14 VIPr, Adenosine A3r
<b>Non-proteins</b>	PAF, PLA <sub>2</sub> Vitamin B12, Vitamin D3
<b>Signal transduction</b>	hck, COX-2, p38, jnk, NF $\kappa$ B, iNOS, caspase-3 Stat4, Stat6, I $\kappa$ B, HSP70, hemoxygenase
<b>Coagulation Factors</b>	PAI 1, Tissue Factor TFPI, APC

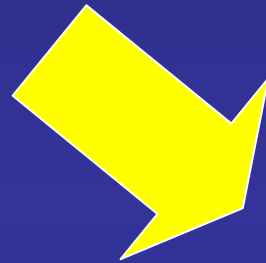
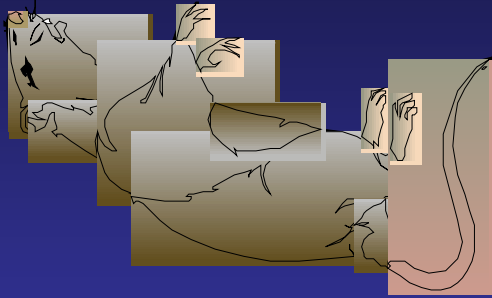




# Toll-like Receptors

TLR2	Lipoteichoic acid, bacterial lipoprotein, <b>Injured tissue</b>
TLR3	Double-stranded RNA
TLR4	Endotoxin, <b>elastase, heparan, HSP60, oxidized phospholipids</b>
TLR5	Flagellin
TLR6	<i>Mycoplasma</i> lipopeptide
TLR7	Imiquod, viral DNA
TLR8	Viral DNA, single-strand RNA
TLR9	Bacterial DNA





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# Corticosteroids Reduce Mortality in Septic Shock (N=172)

<b>30 Day Mortality</b>	
<b>Control</b>	<b>38.4%</b>
<b>Methylprednisolone</b>	<b>11.6%</b>
<b>Dexamethasone</b>	<b>9.3%</b>

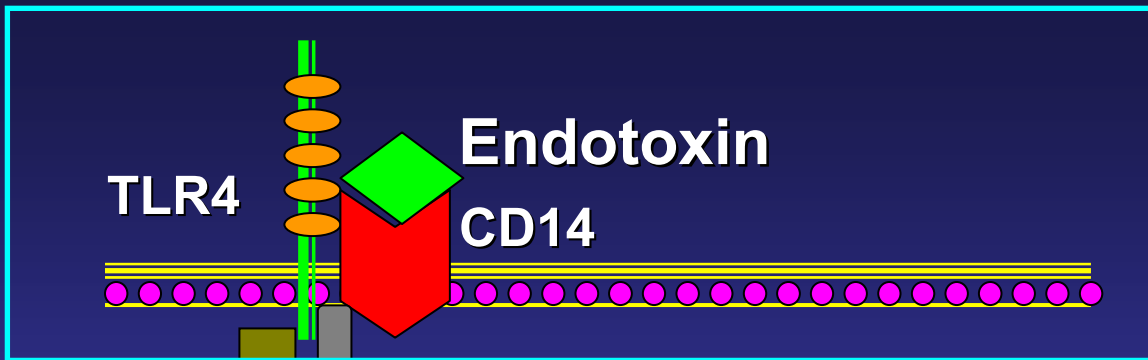
# Effect of J5 Anti-serum in Gram Negative Bacteremia (N=304)

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	Mortality		
	Placebo	J5	p.
Positive blood cultures	38%	24%	0.041
Hypotension	52%	32%	0.028
Shock	76%	46%	0.009

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- Ziegler, *N.Engl.J.Med.* 307:1225, 1982



MyD88

IRAK

TRAF2

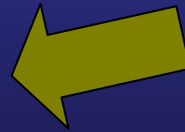
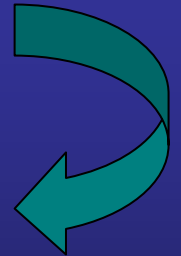
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NFkB

Pro-inflammatory genes:  
IL-1, TNF

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PAF, Nitric oxide,  
Coagulation



# Therapies Targeting Endotoxin

## TLR4 Antagonists

E5564 (Eisai)

Others

## CD14 Antagonists

IC14

## Anti-LPS Strategies

Antibodies:

J5, HA-1A, E5

rBPI<sub>21</sub>

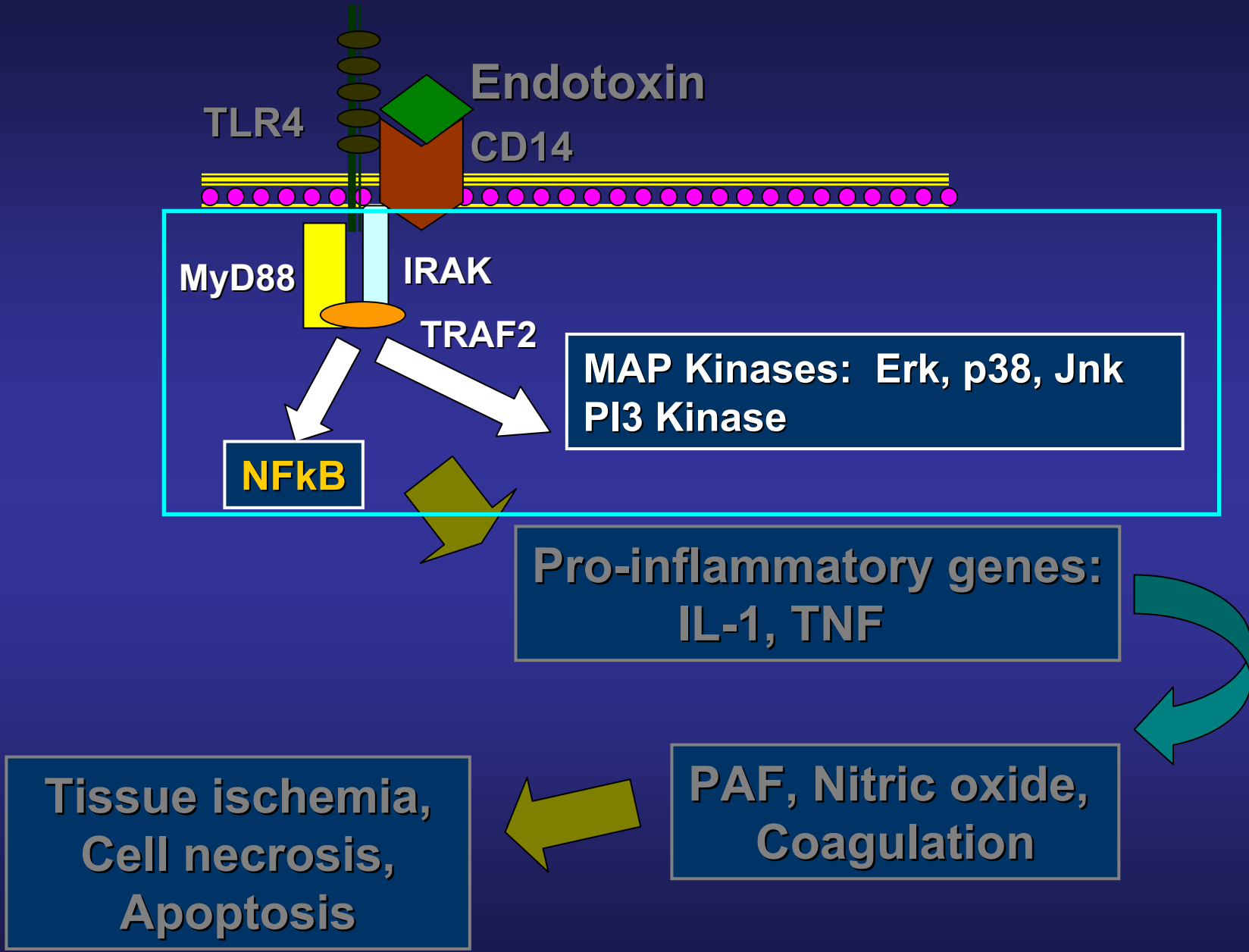
Polymyxin B dextran

HDL, taurolidine

Alkaline phosphatase

Lipid emulsion

Extracorporeal removal



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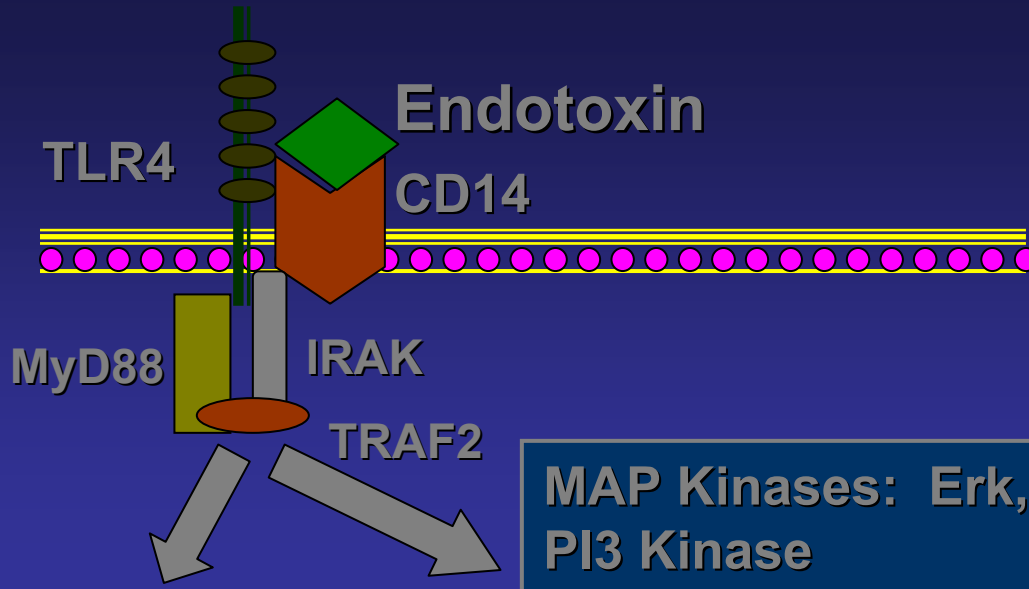
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# Neutralization of Pro-Inflammatory Cytokines in Sepsis

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## Interleukin-1 Receptor Antagonist

3 Studies; 1688 patients

**28 Day Mortality**

**Odds Ratio: 0.80 (0.65-0.99)**

**p=0.04**

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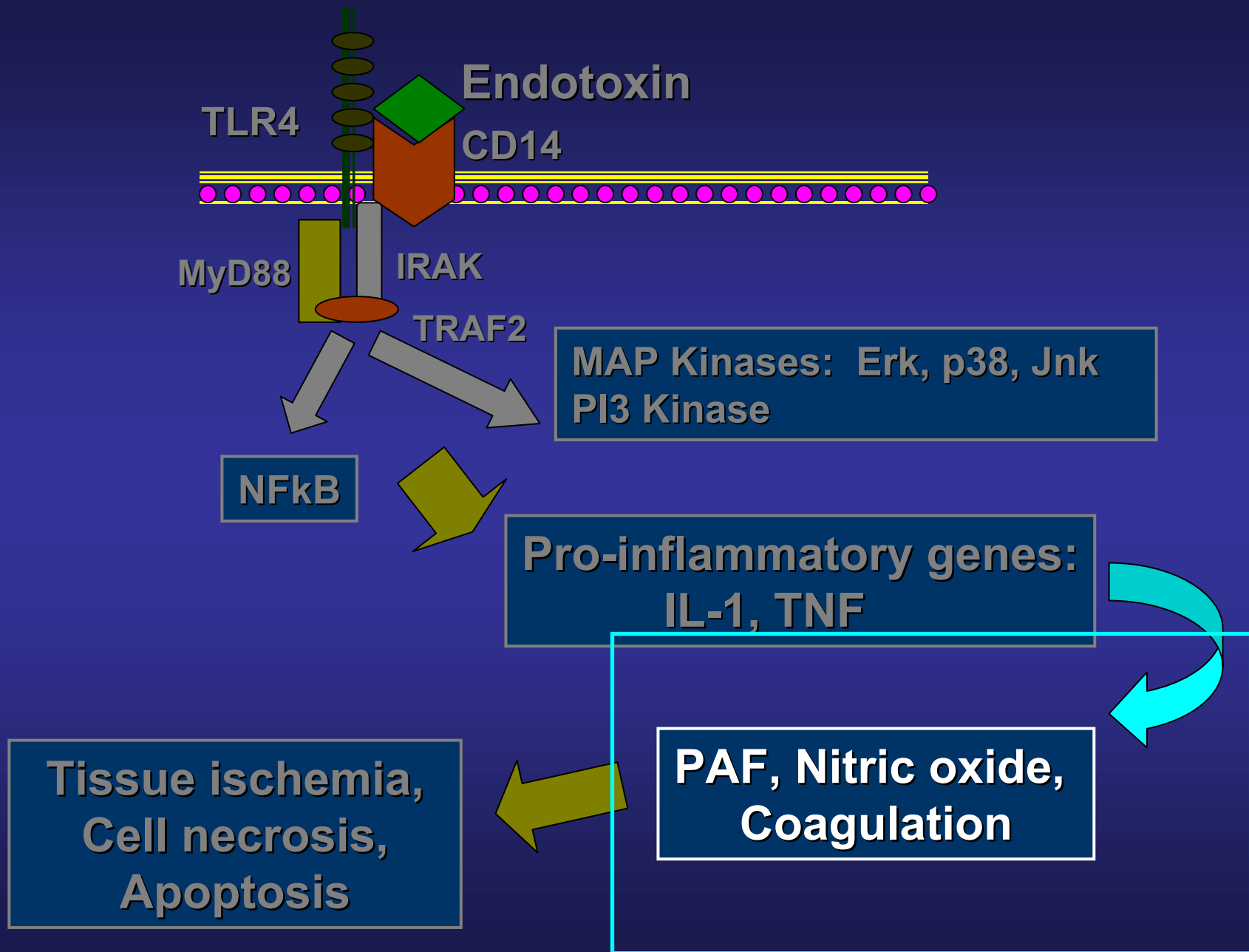
## Anti-TNF Antibodies

8 Studies; 6500 patients

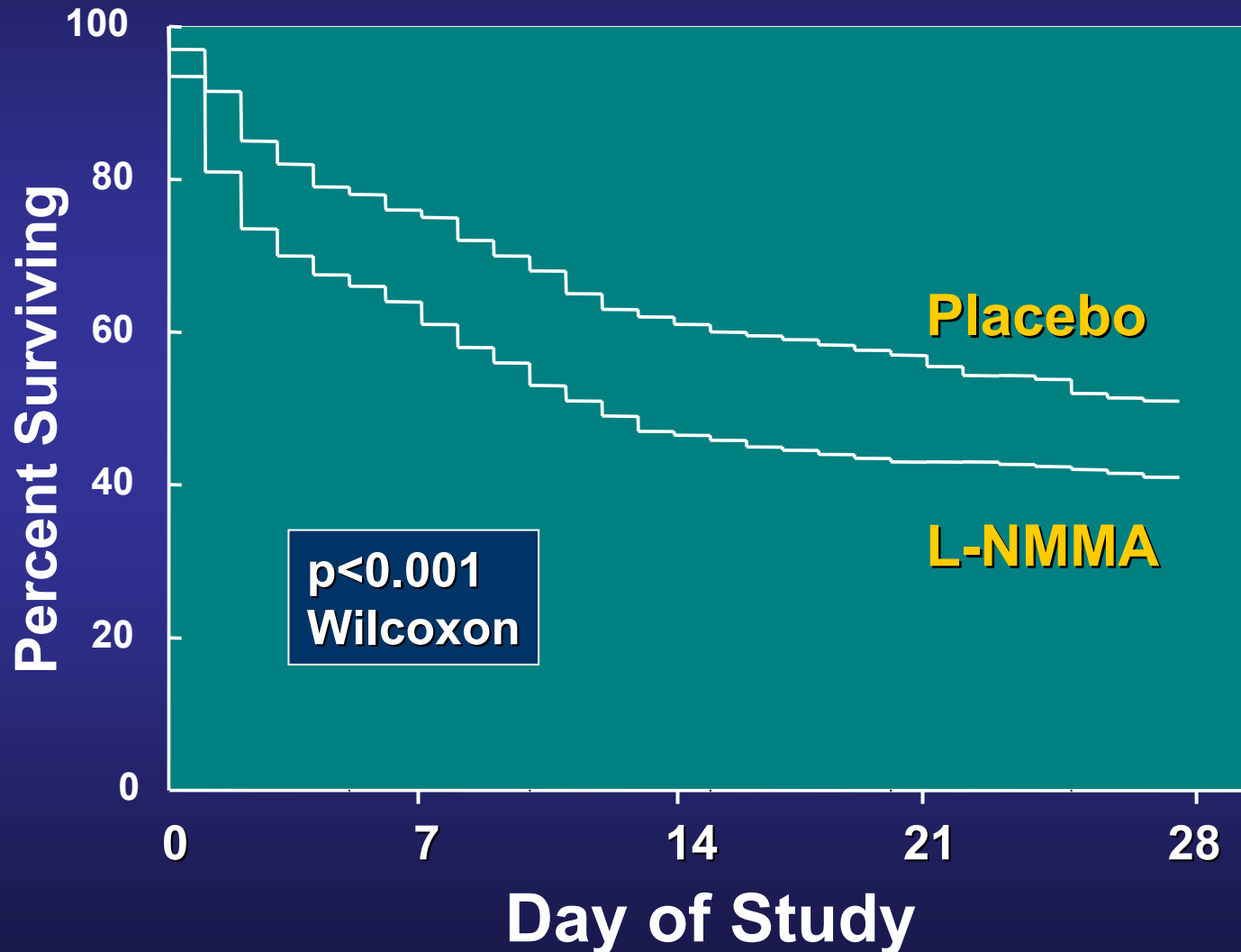
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Odds Ratio: 0.93 (0.87-0.99)

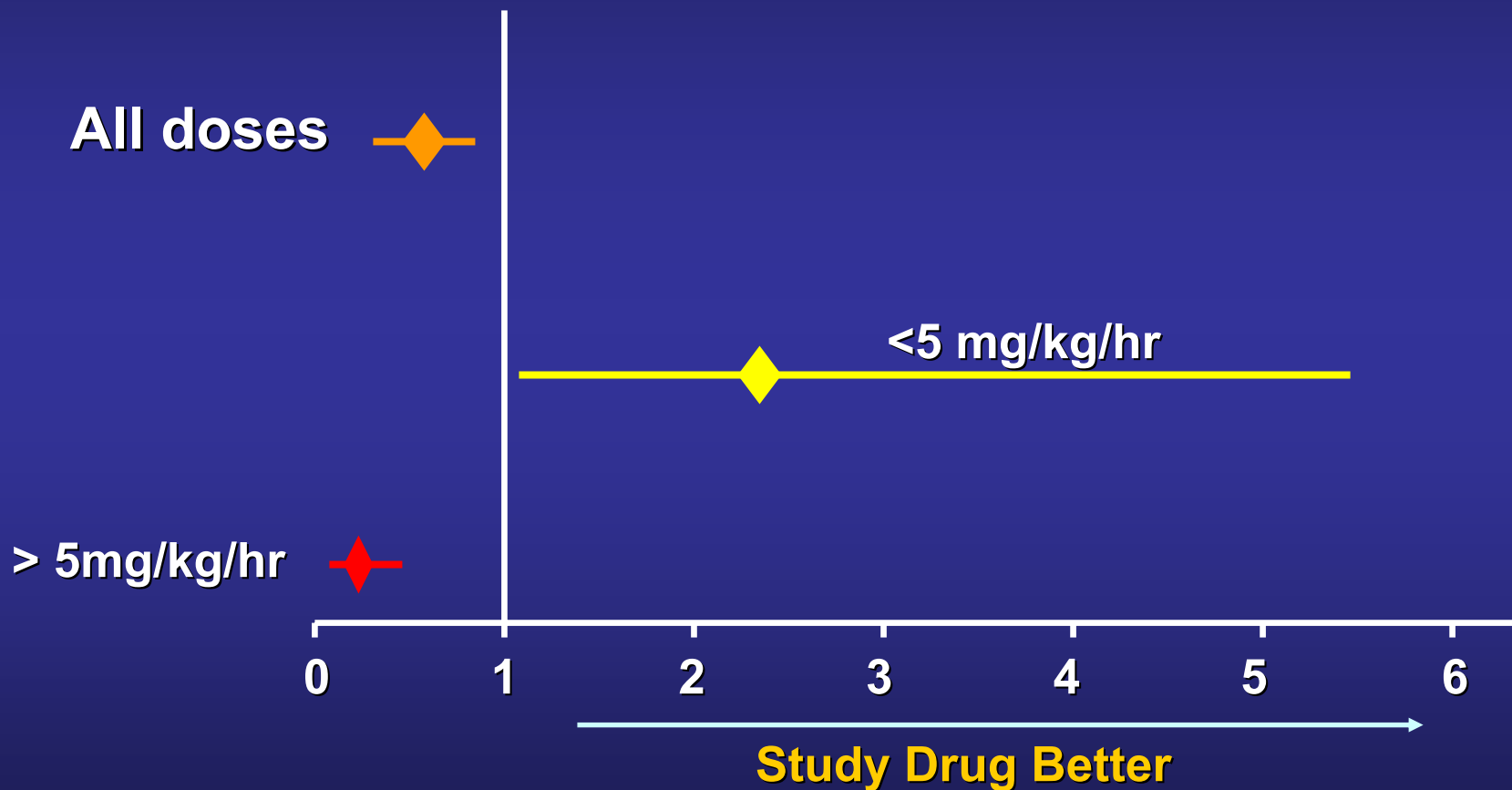
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# Effects of L-NMMA on Survival in Septic Shock

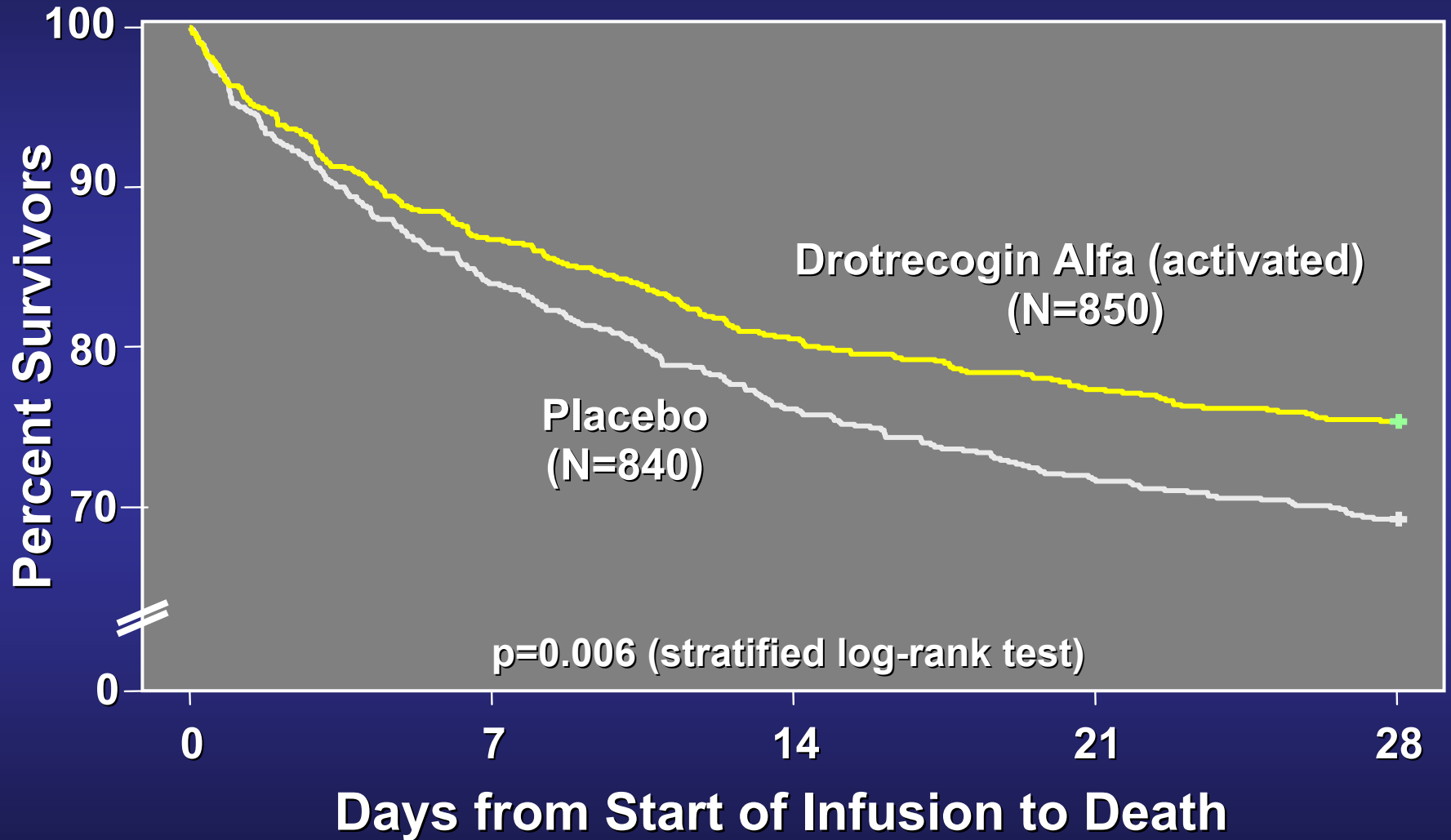


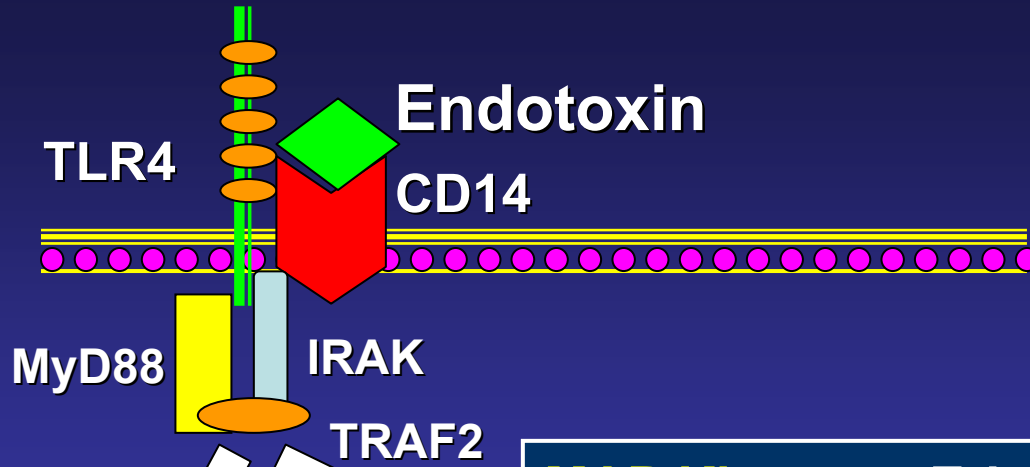
# Dose-dependent Effects of L-NMMA on Survival



- Lopez, *Crit Care Med* 32:21, 2004

# PROWESS: DrotAA Improved Survival





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**PI3 Kinase**

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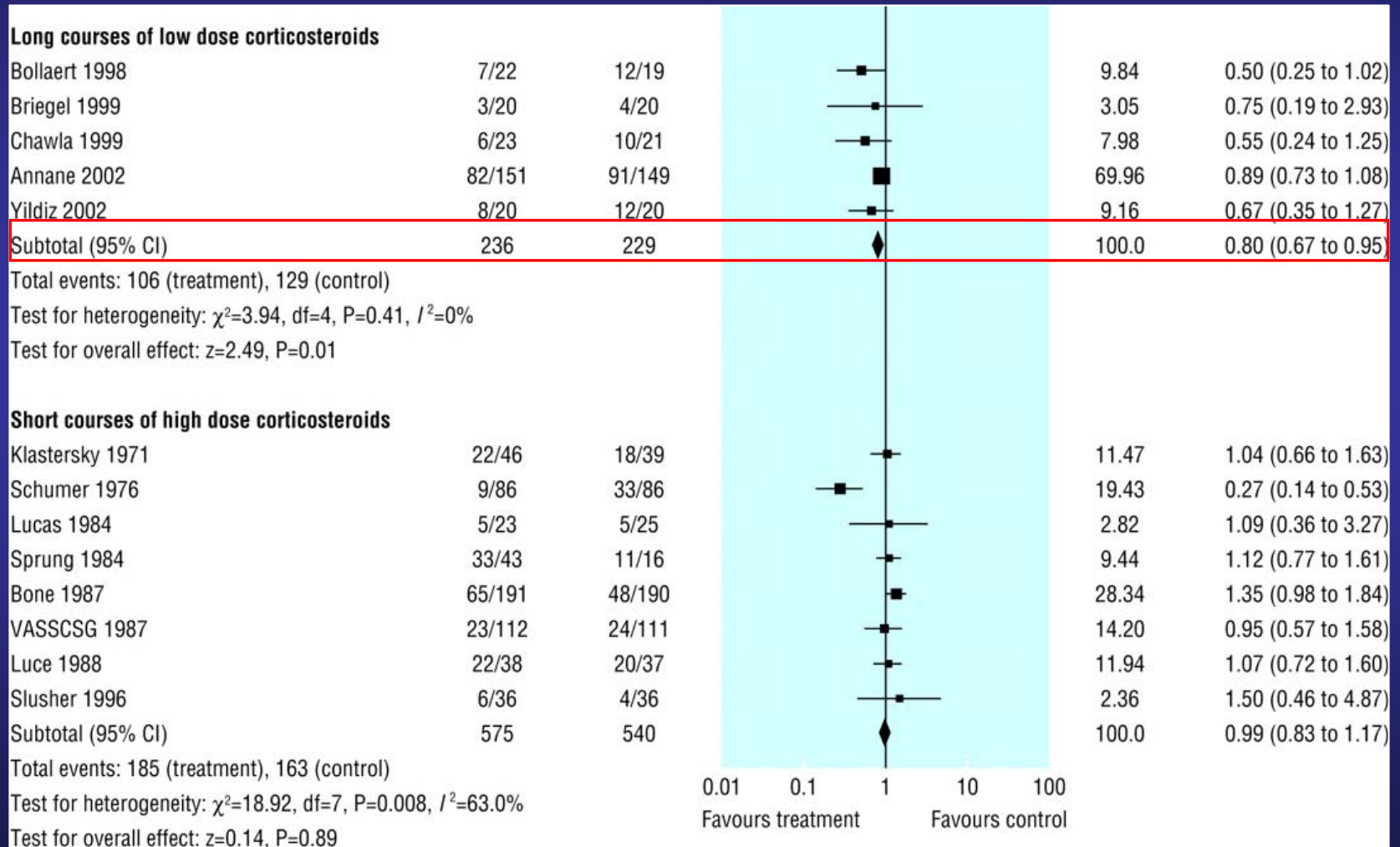
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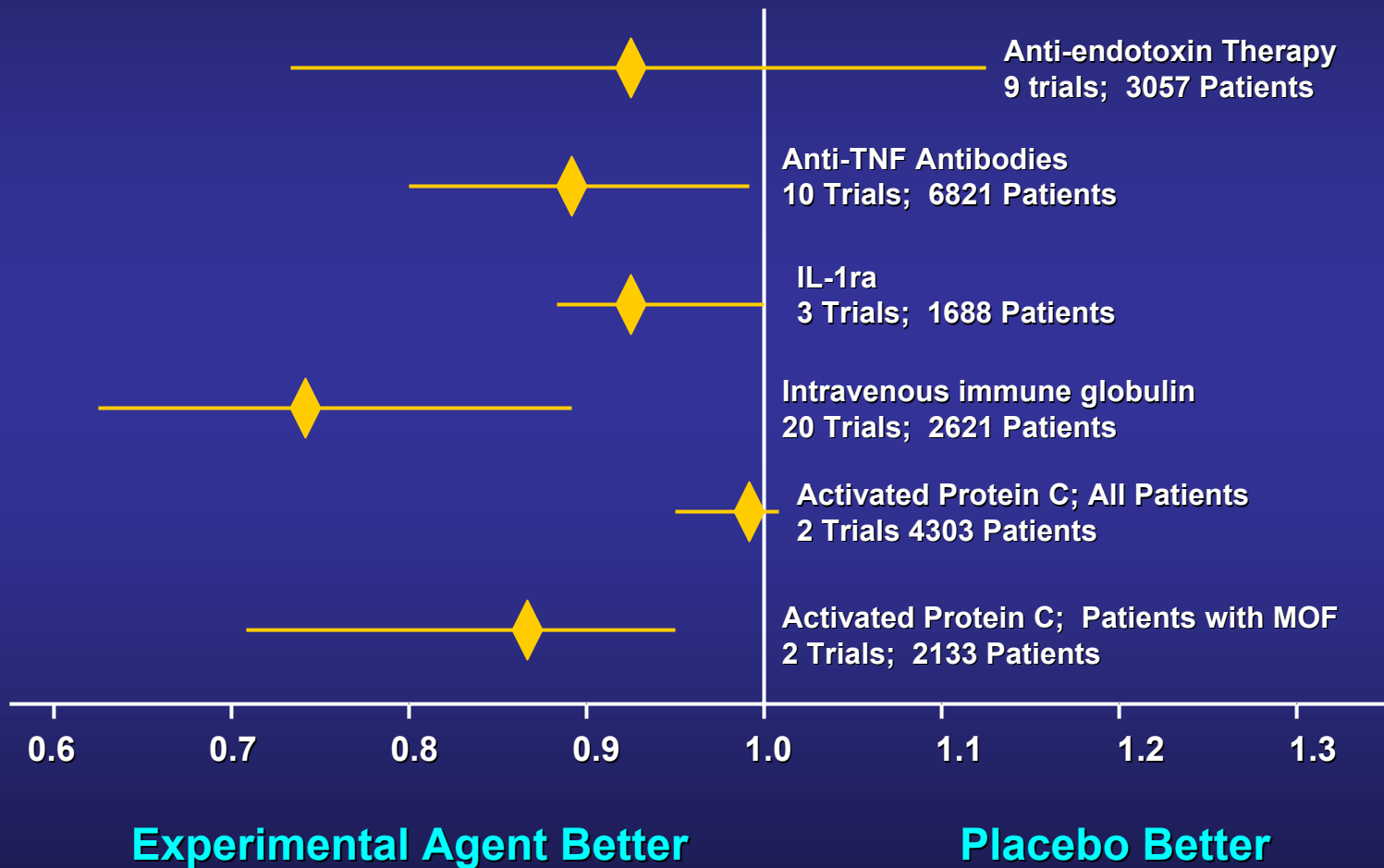




# Corticosteroids in Septic Shock: A Meta-analysis



# Adjuvant Therapy in Sepsis



# But ...

- **Impact is modest**
- **Indications for use poorly defined**

# **Sepsis Syndrome**

**(Bone et al; 1987)**

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**Suspected or proven infection, in association with:**

- **Tachycardia**
- **Tachypnea**
- **Hyper- or hypothermia**
- **Dysfunction of one or more organs**

# **Sepsis Syndrome**

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- **24 year old man with penetrating injury to colon**
- **86 year old woman with CHF and Enterococcal UTI**
- **51 year old man with COPD exacerbation; *Candida* in sputum**

# **An Alternate Model for Sepsis Research**

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## **What is the Clinical Phenotype?**

- **Elevated heart rate**
- **Rapid respiratory rate**
- **Temperature changes**
- **Altered white cell count**



# The Cardinal Signs of Inflammation

- Rubor
- Calor
- Dolor
- Tumor
- Functio laesa



Galen of Pergamon  
129 – 210 AD



**Rubor** Hypotension, oliguria

**Calor** Fever

**Dolor** Confusion, drowsiness, pain

**Tumor** Edema, dyspnea

**Functio laesa** Organ dysfunction,  
coagulopathy

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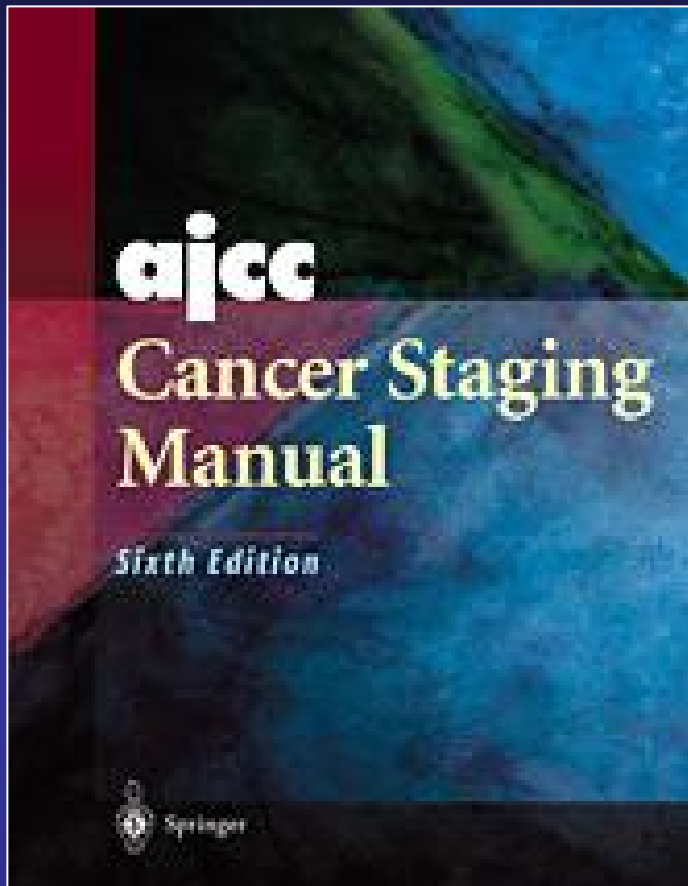
# Cytokine Levels in Human Sepsis

	<b>Median (pg/ml)</b>	<b>Range</b>
<b>TNF</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>7 – 57,151</b>
<b>IL-6</b>	<b>965</b>	<b>8 – 1,553,435</b>
<b>IL-8</b>	<b>2130</b>	<b>16 – 651,338</b>

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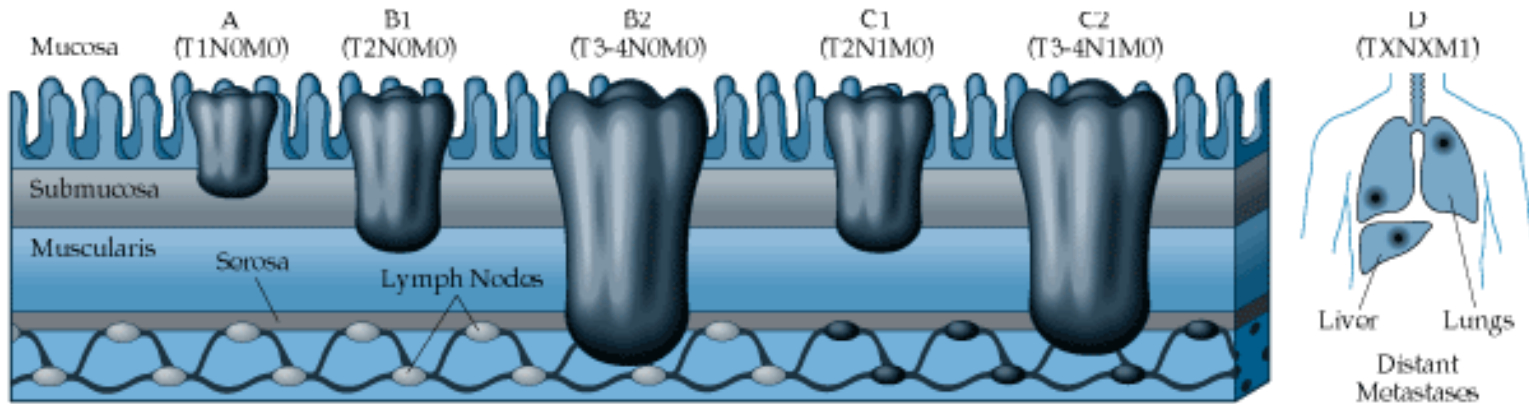
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## **Cancer staging stratifies by:**

- **Prognosis**
- **Potential to respond to treatment**



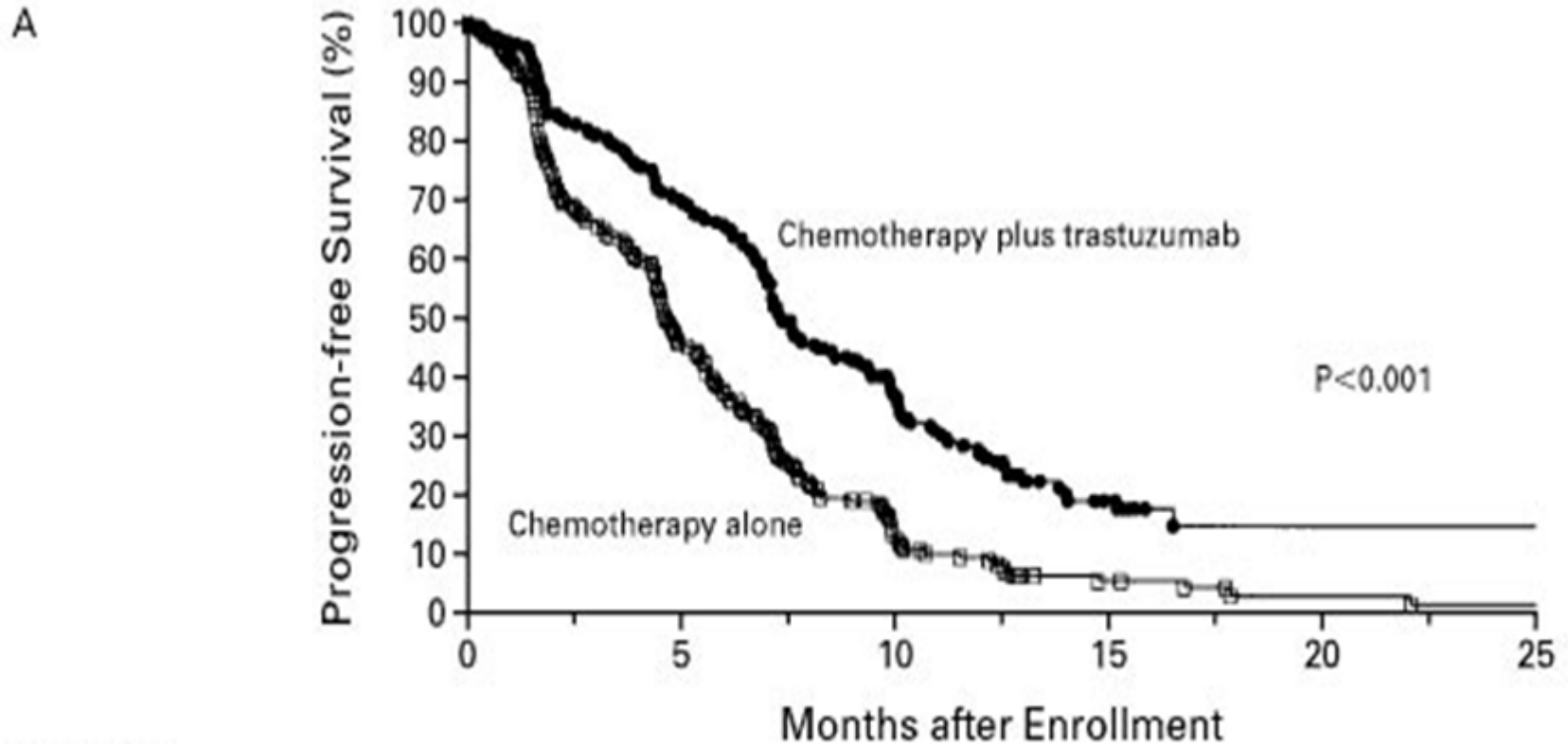
Staging of and Prognosis for Colorectal Cancer



- **Histologically confirmed, completely excised breast cancer**
- **Her2 overexpression by immunohistochemistry or FISH**
- **Tumor >1 cm; node positive or node negative**



# Trastuzumab Improves Disease-Free Survival in HER2 Positive Breast Cancer



No. AT RISK

Chemotherapy plus trastuzumab

Chemotherapy alone

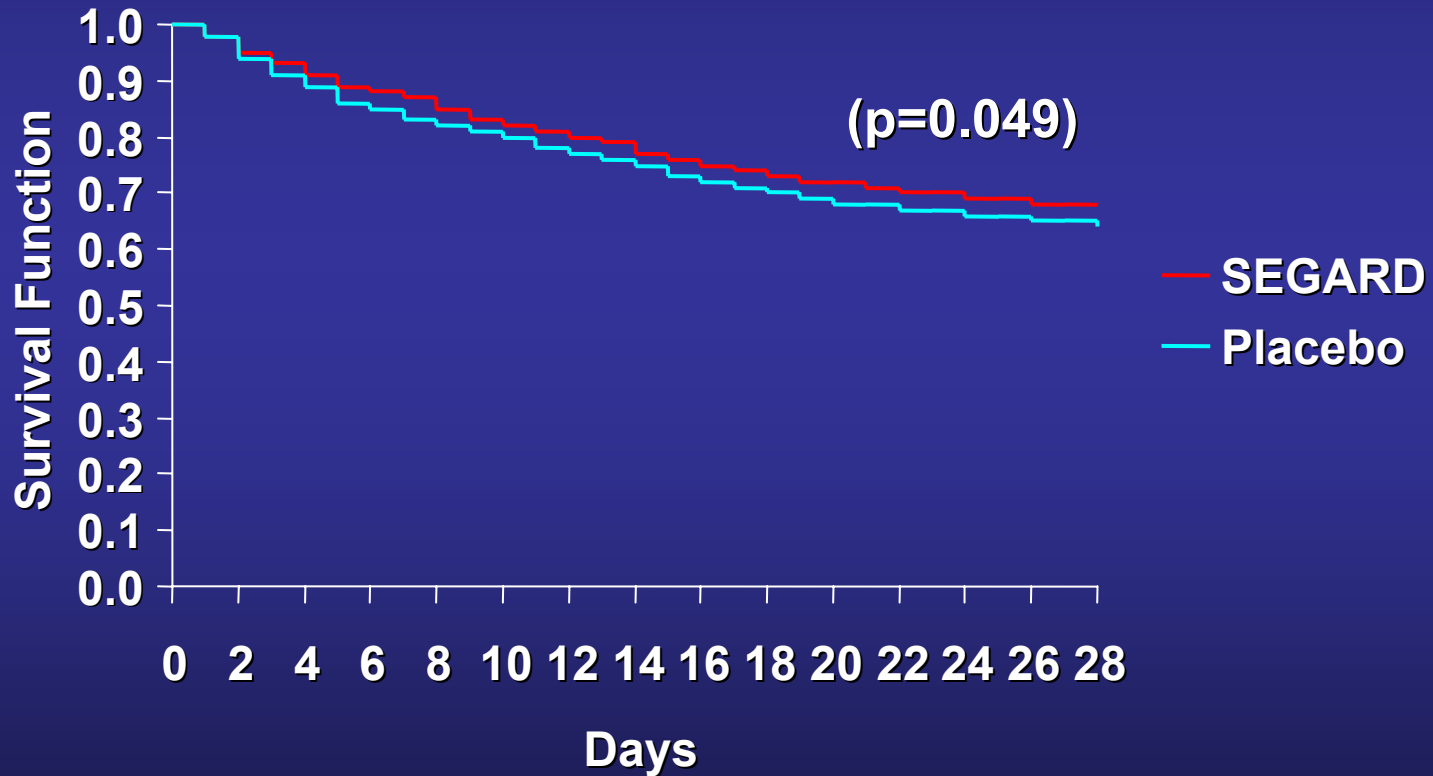
235	152	63	15
234	103	25	6

# **The PIRO Concept**

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- **Predisposition**
- **Insult**
- **Response**
- **Organ dysfunction**

# Effects of Neutralization of TNF with MAK 195F on 28 Day All-cause Mortality



# **“Genetic and environmental influences on premature death in adult adoptees”**

**- Sorensen TI et al; *N Engl J Med* 318:727, 1988**

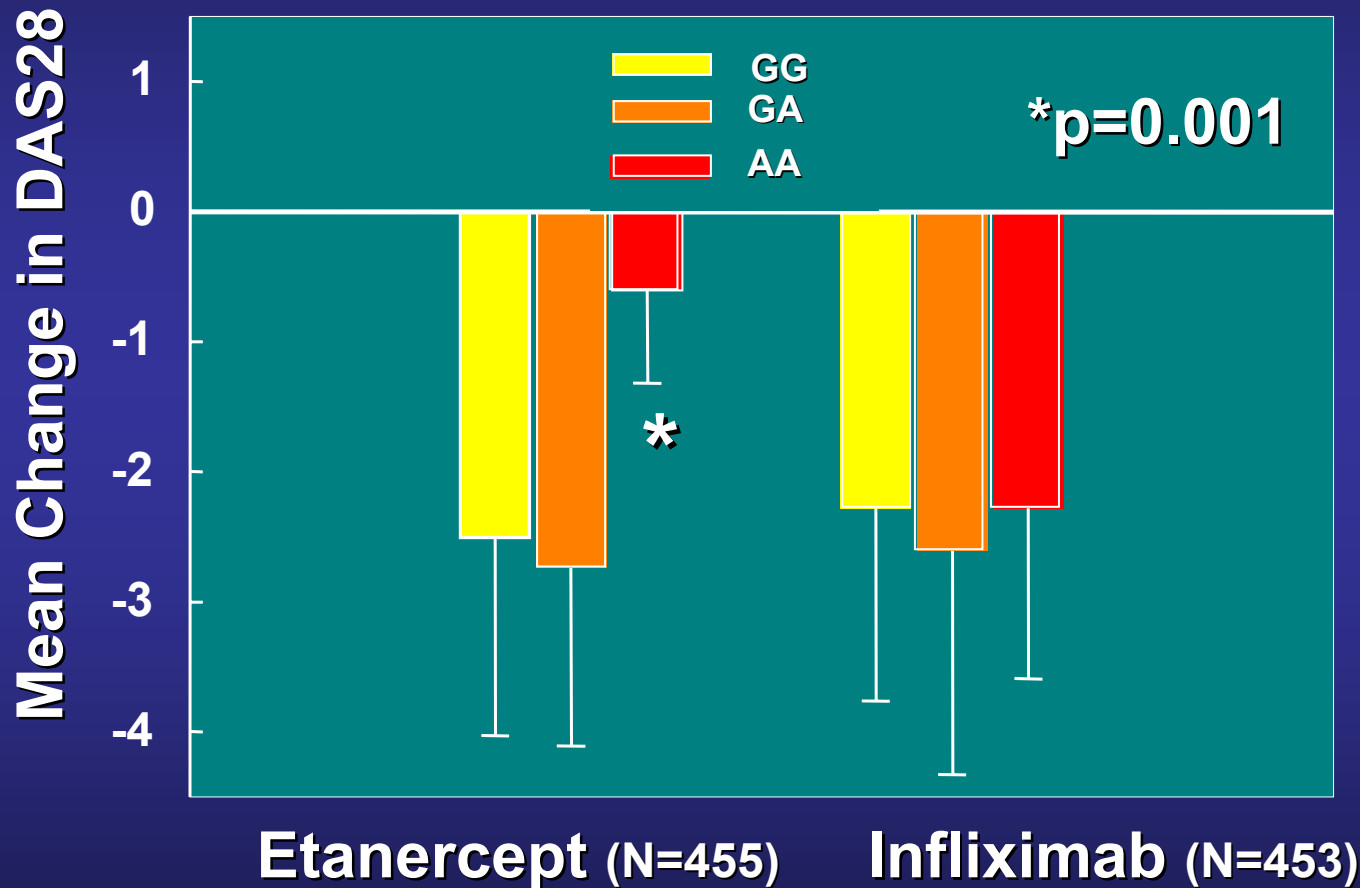
- 960 Danish families**
- Children born 1924 – 1926**
- Early adoption into biologically unrelated family**
- Early deaths in children and parents**

# Risk of Death: Cause of Death of Biologic Parent

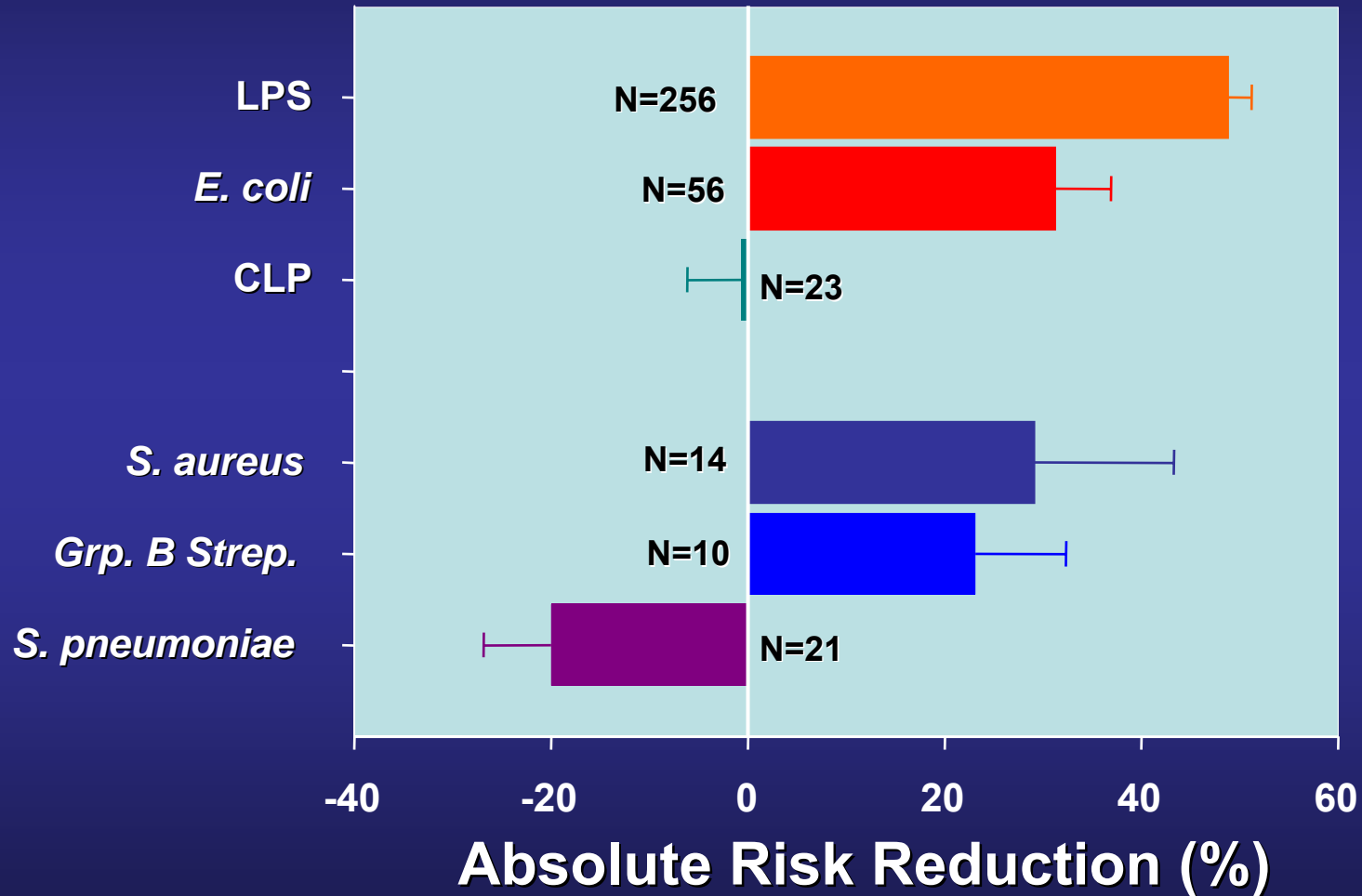
	RR	95% CI
All causes	1.71	1.14 – 2.57
Natural causes	1.98	1.25 – 3.12
Infection	5.81	2.47 – 13.7
Cardiovascular	4.52	1.32 – 15.4
Cancer	1.19	0.16 – 8.99

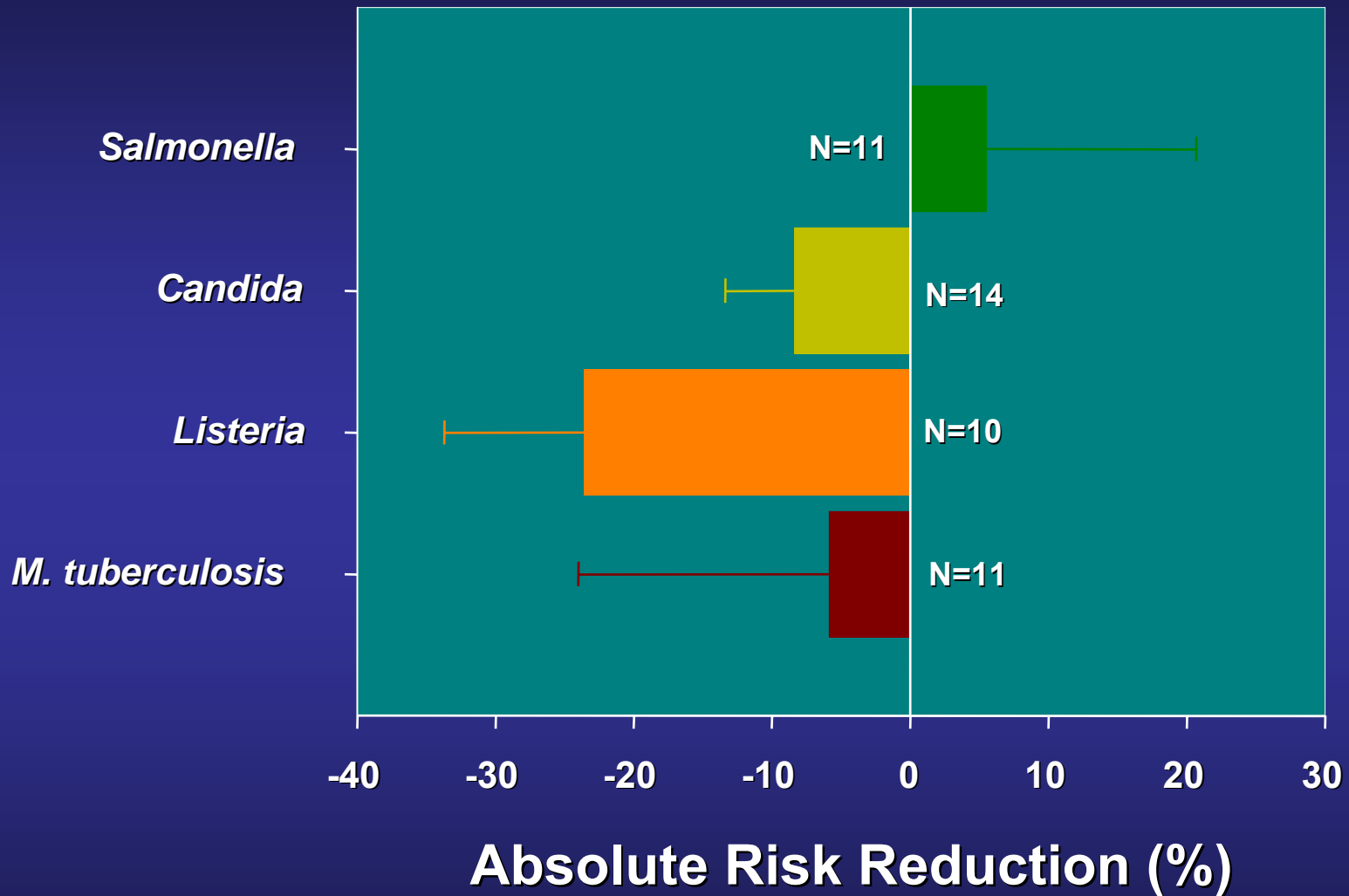
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# The TNF -308A/G Polymorphism Modifies the Response to Anti-TNF Therapy



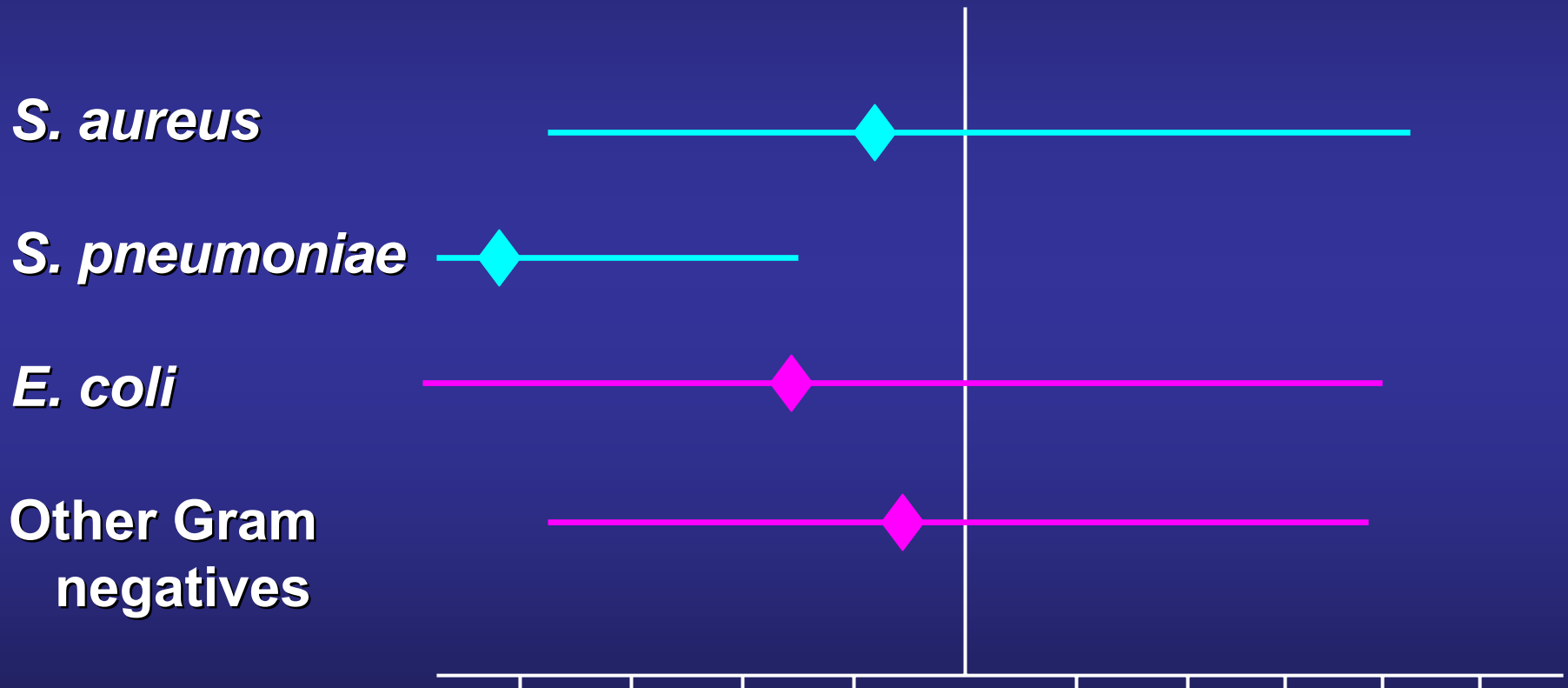
# Influence of Infectious Challenge on Response to Neutralization of TNF $\alpha$



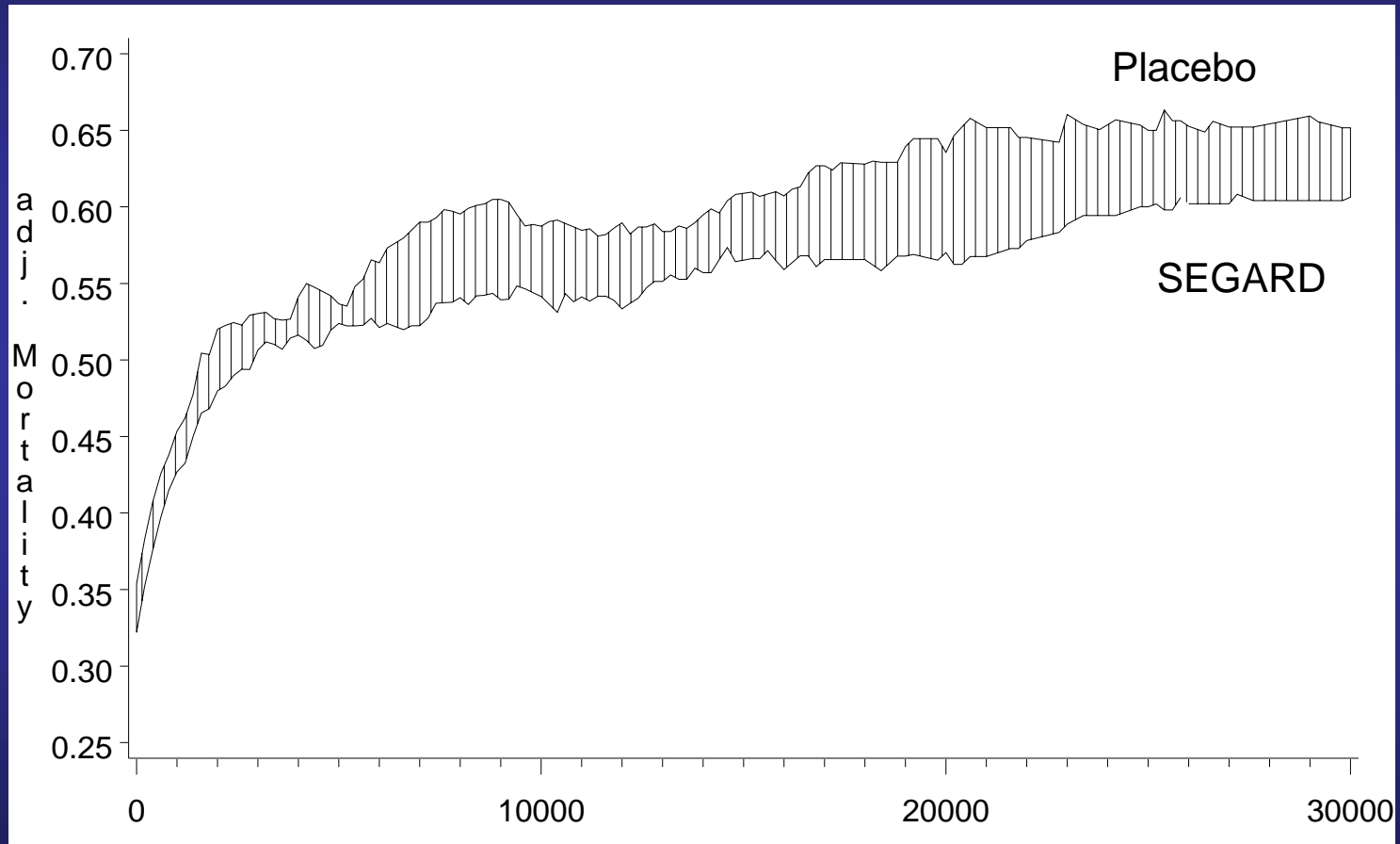




# Response to Drotrecogin $\alpha$ by Causative Organism



# Probability of Mortality by Baseline IL-6 Level

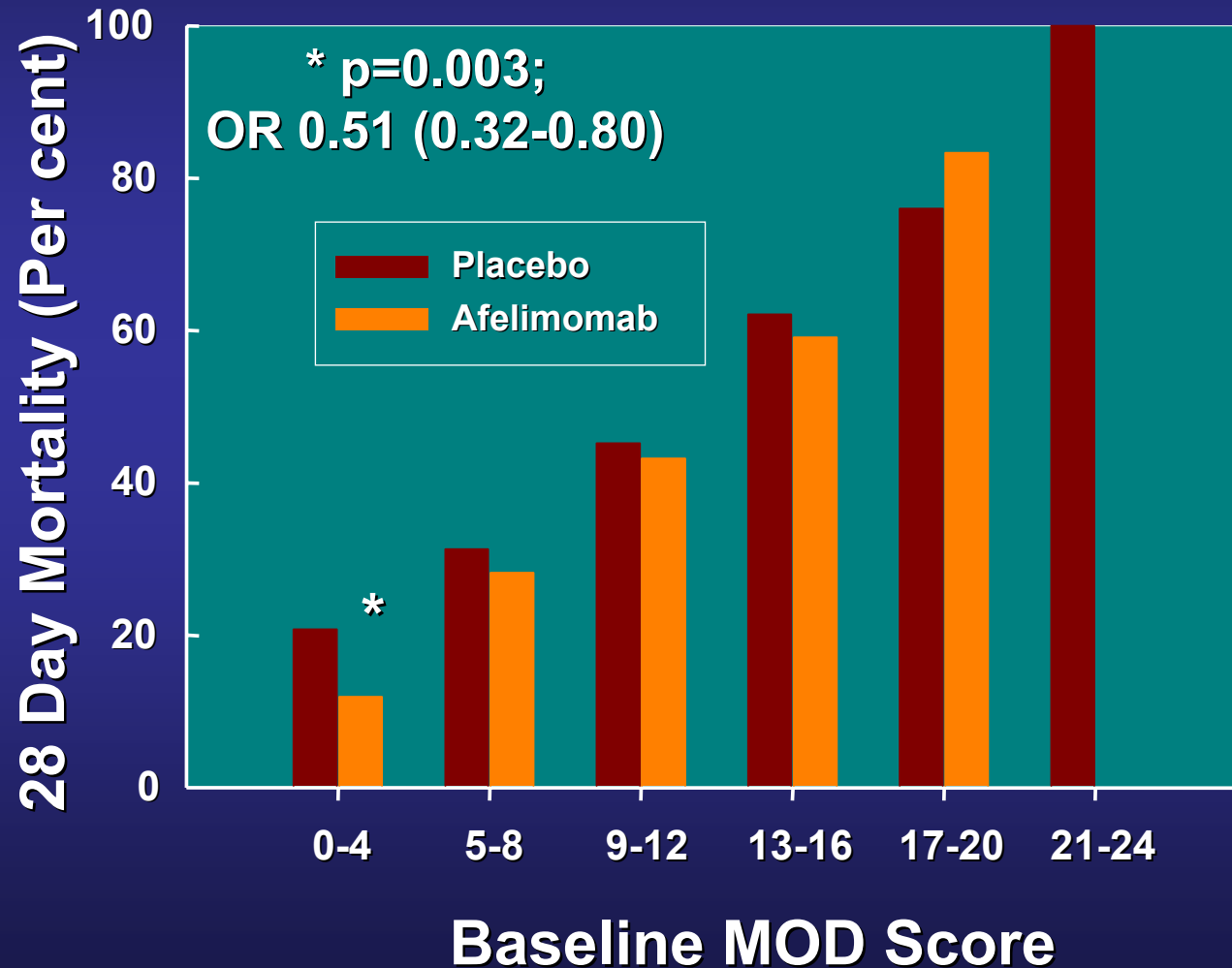


IL-6 Level (pg/ml)

# Impact of Organ Dysfunction on Response to Antibiotics

	ICU Mortality		
	Adequate	Inadequate	p.
<b>LOD &gt; 4</b> (N=72)	21/36 (59%)	20/36 (56%)	0.81
<b>LOD ≤ 4</b> (N=70)	2/27 (7%)	16/43 (37%)	0.006

# Anti-TNF is Most Efficacious in Patients without Organ Dysfunction



# The Next Anti-TNF Trial

**P:** -308A promoter polymorphism

**I:** Acutely ill patient, exclude patients with fungal infection or CAP

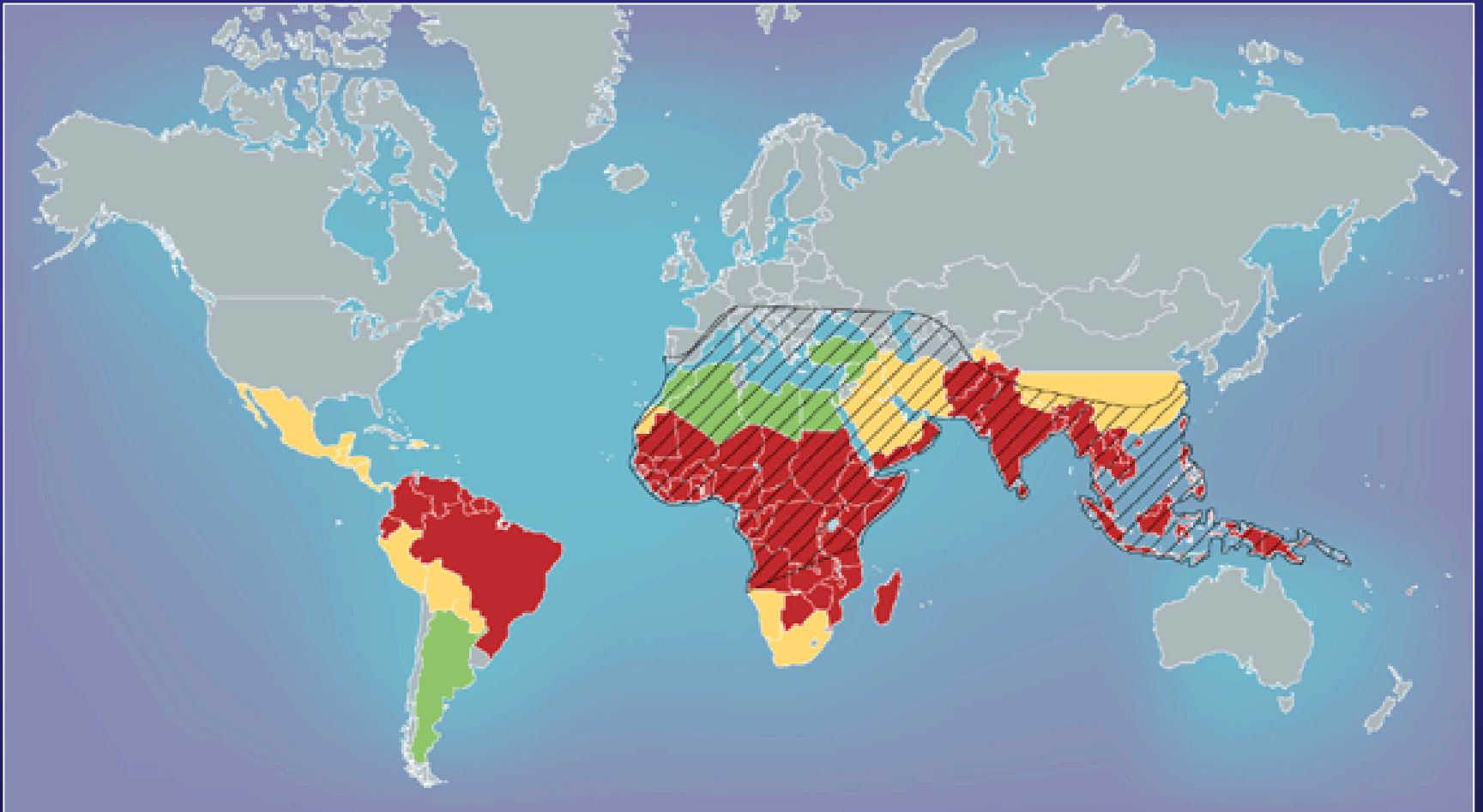
**R:** Elevated IL-6

**O:** MOD/SOFA Score  $\leq$  8



# Polymorphisms in the Hemoglobin Gene Arise in Regions Where Malaria is Endemic

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# **Sepsis is the Leading Cause of Preventable Death**

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- **Infection in the developed world**
- **Tuberculosis**
- **Malaria**
- **Childhood diarrhea**
- **HIV/AIDS**







**A global program to reduce mortality rates in severe sepsis**

**ESICM, ISF and SCCM**

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## Surviving Sepsis Campaign guidelines for management of severe sepsis and septic shock

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*Objective:* In 2003, critical care and infectious disease experts representing 11 international organizations developed management guidelines for severe sepsis and septic shock that would be of practical use for the bedside clinician, under the auspices of the

for death; with resolution of tissue hypoperfusion and in the absence of coronary artery disease or acute hemorrhage, targeting a hemoglobin of 7–9 g/dL; appropriate use of fresh frozen plasma and platelets; a low tidal volume and limitation of inspiratory plateau pressure strategy for



# Surviving Sepsis Campaign

- **Global process change initiative based on “sepsis bundles”**
- **15,022 patients enrolled**
- **7% absolute, 5.4% relative mortality reduction ( $p < 0.001$ )**

# The Future

- **International large, unbiased natural history studies**
- **Clinical and biochemical characterization**
- **Extensive interdisciplinary collaboration**
- **Industry and peer review funding**



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