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**Epidemiology & Outcomes of
Hospital-acquired pneumonia**

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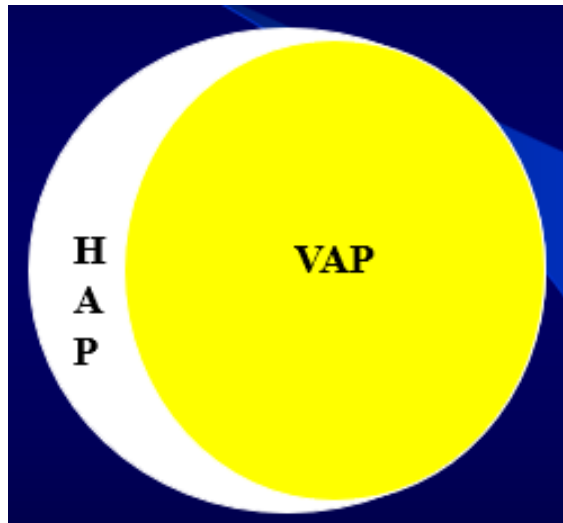
Hospital-acquired pneumonia (HAP):
pneumonia arising \geq 48 hours after
admission and which was not incubating
at the time of admission

Ventilator-associated pneumonia (VAP):
pneumonia arising \geq 48 hours after
endotracheal intubation and initiation of
mechanical ventilation which was not
incubating at the time of intubation.

Hospital-acquired pneumonia (HAP):
pneumonia arising ≥ 48 hours after
admission and which was not incubating
at the time of admission

Non-ventilated HAP (nv-HAP):
in the ward or the ICU (ICU-AP)

Ventilated HAP (v-HAP):
onset in non-intubated
patients that due to
deterioration subsequently
needs intubation



VAP onset after
>48 h of intubation

HAP = Nosocomial pneumonia

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ERS/ESICM/ESCMID/ALAT 2017:

HAP is an infection of the pulmonary parenchyma caused by pathogens that are present in hospital settings. Nosocomial pneumonia develops in patients admitted to the hospital for >48 h and usually the incubation period is at least 2 days. Among nosocomial pneumonias, VAP develops in ICU patients who have been mechanically ventilated for at least 48 h.

Torres et al. European Respiratory Journal 2017 50: 1700582



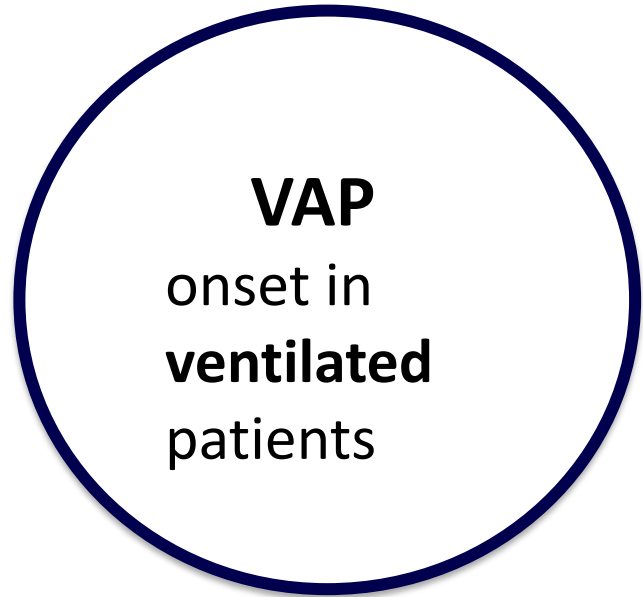
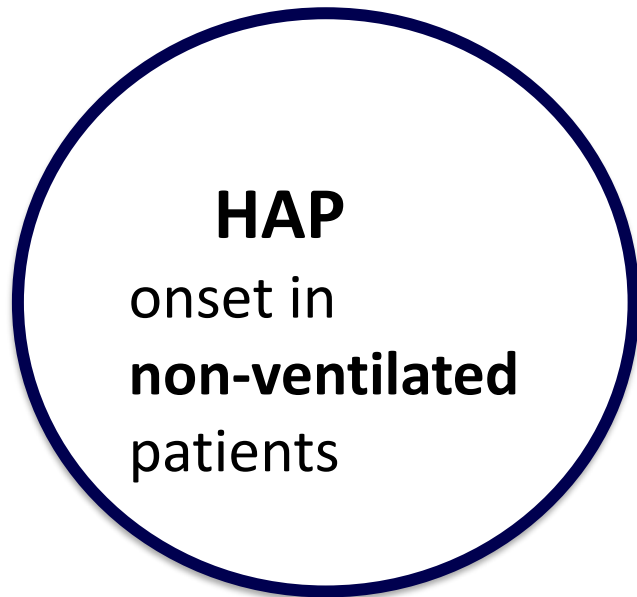
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ATS/IDSA 2016:

‘In this 2016 guideline, the term “hospital-acquired pneumonia” (**HAP**) denotes an episode of pneumonia not associated with mechanical ventilation. Thus, patients with HAP and ventilator-associated pneumonia (VAP) belong to 2 distinct groups.’

Management of Adults With HAP/VAP

Clin Infect Dis. 2016; [63:e61-e111](#)



Nosocomial pneumonia

Epidemiology

Risk factors for HAP/VAP

- ✓ **Patient-related:** prolonged hospital length of stay, prolonged MV duration, prolonged sedation, comorbidities, prior use of antibiotics & septic shock, underlying pathology (e.g., TBI), presence of ARDS
- ✓ **Procedure-related:** inadequate hand hygiene or inappropriate care of respiratory support devices
- ✓ **Intervention-related:** immunosuppressants & prolonged/inappropriate antibiotic treatment, ECMO

Risk factors for VAP in TBI

- Alcohol
- Drug abuse
- Energy of trauma
- Young age
- Chest trauma
- H2-receptor antagonist intake
- No antibiotic prophylaxis.

HAP/VAP Epidemiology

- Marked differences in the epidemiology between countries
- Between different types of ICU
- Variations due to:
 - differences in the definition used
 - diagnostic difficulties/subjective criteria
 - different diagnostic methods used

HAP Epidemiology

- HAP: **No 2 Nosocomial Infection**
- HAP incidence varies significantly:
5-20 cases/1000 hospital admissions
- Artificial airway: **21-fold** of pneumonia risk
- VAP accounts for **1/3** of HAP overall & **80%** of HAP in the ICU
- **VAP 1-18.5 episodes/1000 ventilator-days**

Incidence density variability

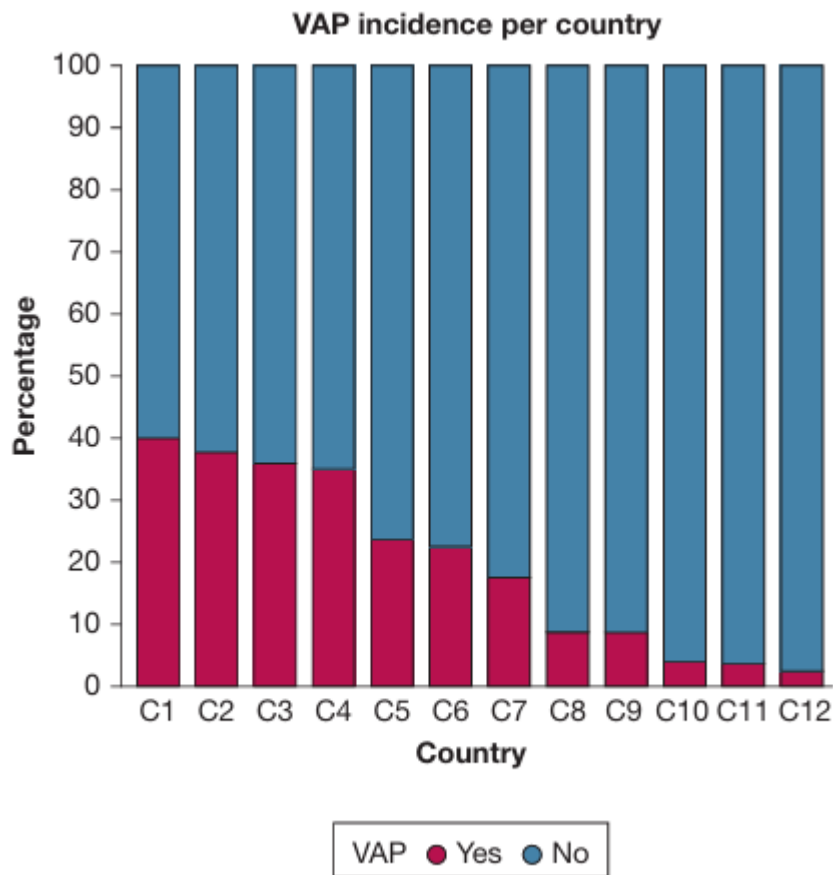
- **USA: 1-2.5 episodes/1000 ventilator-days (vd)**
- **Europe: 8.9 episodes/1000 vd**
- **Asia-lower income: 18.5 episodes/1000 vd ventilator-days**
- **Asia-upper/middle income: 15.2 episodes/vd episodes/1000 ventilator-days**
- **Asia-high income: 9.0 episodes/1000 vd**

A Systematic Review and Meta-analysis of Ventilator-associated Pneumonia in Adults in Asia: An Analysis of National Income Level on Incidence and Etiology

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CENTER-TBI STUDY: Collaborative European **NeuroTrauma Effectiveness Research in Traumatic Brain Injury** data set: large, multicenter, prospective, observational study including patients with TBI admitted to European ICUs



962 patients:
196 (**20.4%**) developed a VAP
at a median interval of 5 days
[IQR 3-7] after intubation

**Marked variability in
VAP incidence between
the countries**

RESEARCH

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Non-ventilator-associated ICU-acquired pneumonia (NV-ICU-AP) in patients with acute exacerbation of COPD: From the French OUTCOMEREA cohort

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Of the 844 COPD exacerbations managed in ICUs without immediate IMV, NV-ICU-AP occurred in 42 patients (5%) with an incidence density of 10.8 per 1,000 patient-days

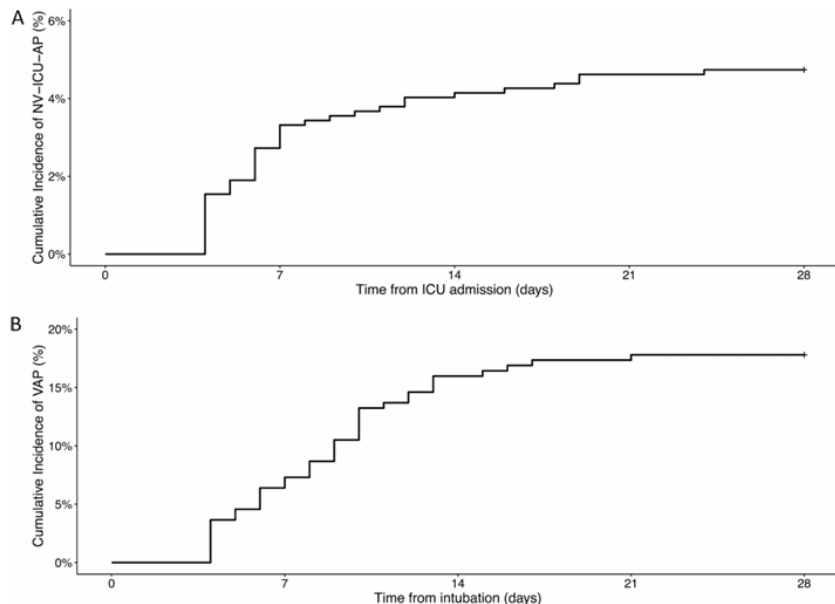


Fig. 2 Cumulative incidences of non-ventilator-associated ICU-acquired pneumonia and ventilator-associated pneumonia in patients admitted in ICU for a severe acute exacerbation of COPD. **A** Cumulative incidence of non-ventilator-associated ICU-acquired pneumonia from ICU admission in patients admitted to an ICU for a severe acute exacerbation of COPD. **B** Cumulative incidence of ventilator-associated pneumonia from intubation in ICU for a severe acute exacerbation of COPD (n = 219). ICU intensive care unit, NV-ICU-AP non-ventilator-associated intensive care unit acquired pneumonia, VAP ventilator-associated pneumonia

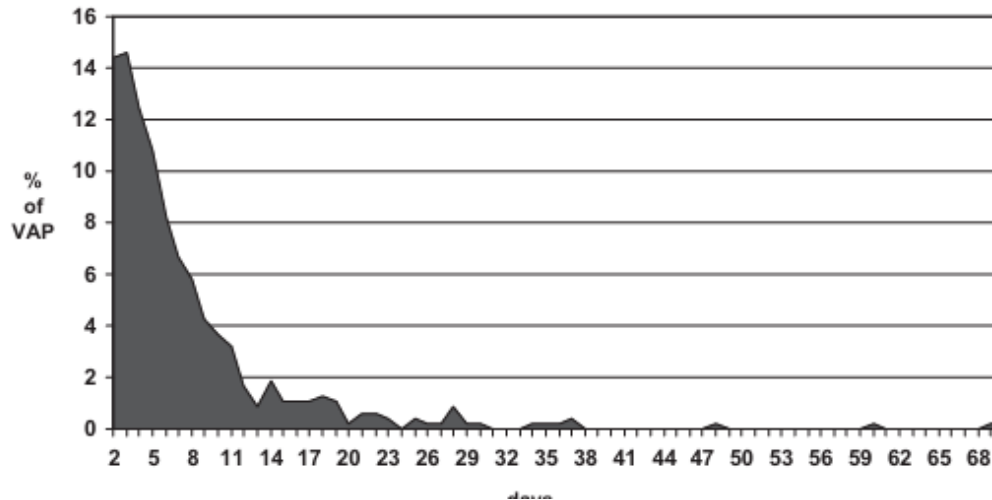
Lower risk of NV-ICU-AP if:

- prescription of antibiotics at ICU admission (sHR, 0.45 [0.23; 0.86], p = 0.02) &
- no decrease in consciousness (sHR, 0.35 [0.16; 0.76]; p < 0.01)

Risk of VAP development

Estimated risk of **VAP 3% per day during the first 5 days on MV, 2% per day from day 5-10 & 1% per day for the remaining days** (*although incidence seems decreasing, probably due to more stringent application prevention measures*)

Day distribution of clinical suspicion of ventilator-associated pneumonia

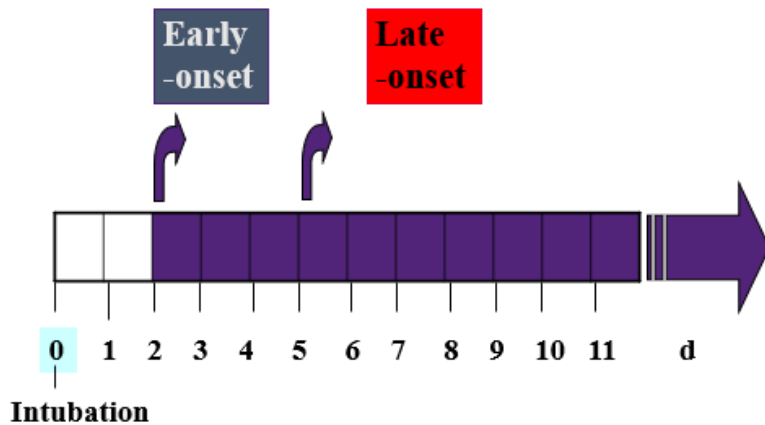


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Etiology



Early- & Late-onset VAP



Etiology

Early-onset VAP

- *Streptococcus pneumoniae*
- *Hemophilus influenza*
- Methicillin-sensitive *Staphylococcus aureus* (MSSA)
- *Enterobacteriaceae*

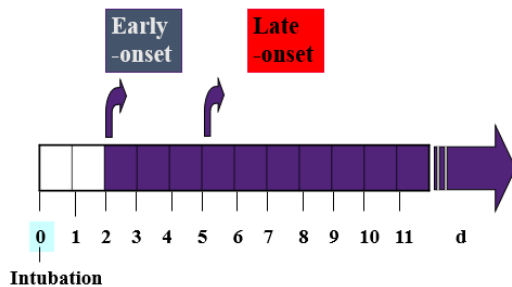
*Antibiotic-sensitive pathogens more likely****

Late-onset VAP

- *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*
- *Acinetobacter baumannii*
- Methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* (MRSA)
- *Enterobacteriaceae*

Antibiotic-resistant pathogens more likely

Early- & Late-onset VAP



Early vs. Late VAP

Early vs late VAP - concept from 1980's

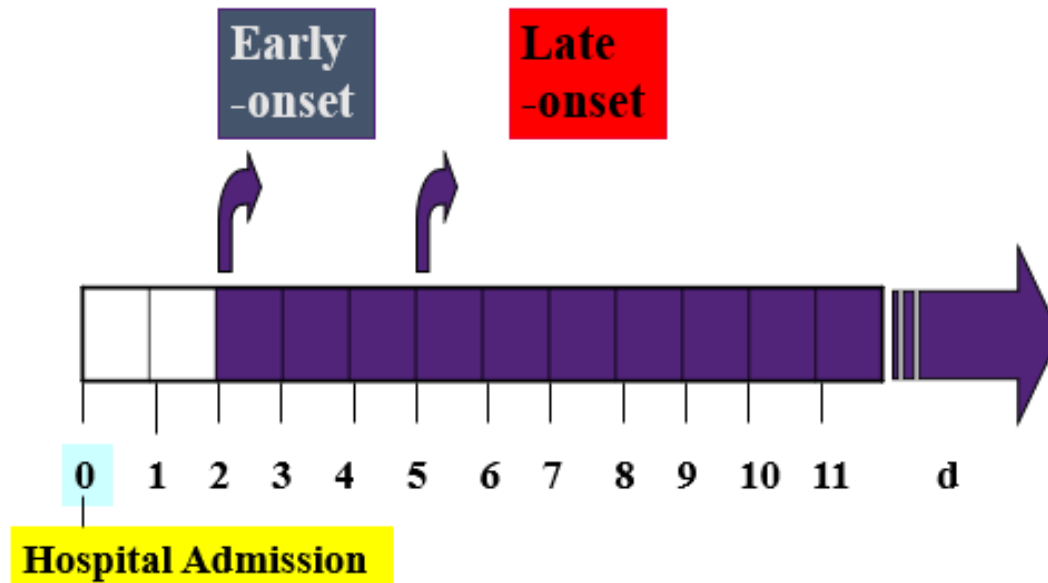
- Threshold varies: within 4- 7days of admission
- Community like pattern associated with early onset pneumonia
- Nosocomial pattern associated with late onset pneumonia

Subsequent studies

- Nil significant differences in pathogen patterns
- Differ in the definition of time zero and RF for MDR
- Time zero: time of hospital admission **not** intubation
- Presence of RF for MDR takes precedence over timing of onset
- >5+ days of hospitalisation: at risk for MDR

MORE IMPORTANT FOR ETIOLOGY

Early- & Late-onset Nosocomial pneumonia



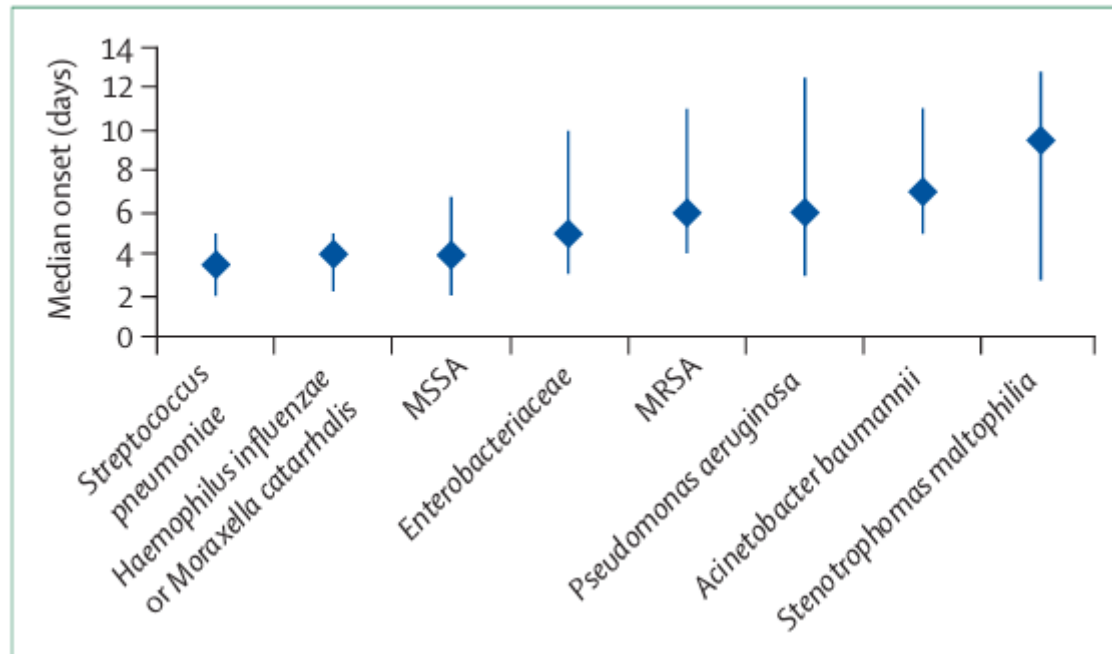
Risk Factors (RF) for MDR VAP

- Prior IV antibiotics previous 90 d (**OR 12.3**)
- Septic shock at onset of VAP (OR 2.01)
- ARDS preceding VAP (OR 3.1)
- - **5+** days of hospitalisation prior to VAP
- Acute RRT prior to VAP onset (OR 2.5)

RF for MDR HAP, MRSA HAP/VAP, MDR Pseudomonas HAP/VAP

- Prior IV antibiotics previous 90 d
- Underlying clinical conditions may influence microbiology
 - sepsis
 - ARDS
 - coma: ↓ risk of MDR VAP (OR 0.21)
- Systemic steroids: a RF in one study, not replicated
- Other potential RFs not consistently associated with MDR :
Reintubation, tracheostomy, diabetes, chronic respiratory failure, immunosuppression

Correlation between median onset of VAP & etiology



Etiology of HAP

Etiology may vary by:

●Hospital

●Department

●Type of ICU

●Patient population

●Exposure to antibiotics

●Time (changes over time)

Need for timely local surveillance data of microbial flora and resistance patterns



European Network for ICU-Related Respiratory Infections (ENIRRI): a multinational, prospective, cohort study of nosocomial LRTI

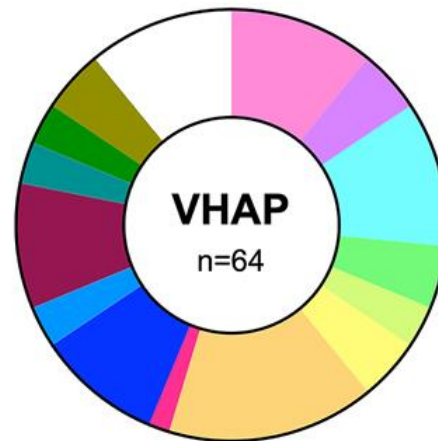
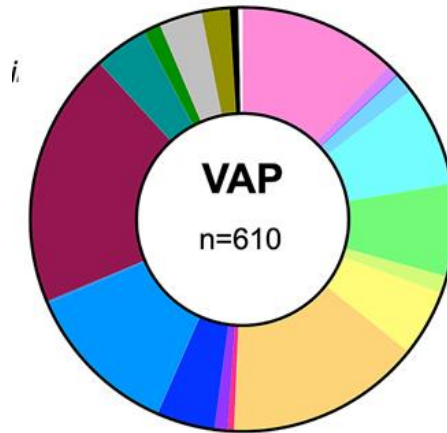
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1060 patients with LRTI:

- **VAT:** 160 (15.1%)
- **VAP:** 556 (52.5%)
- **ICU-HAP:** 98 (9.2%)
- **HAP:** 152 (14.3%)
- **vHAP:** 94 (8.9%)

- Acinetobacter baumani*
- Aspergillus spp.*
- Corynebacterium*
- Citrobacter spp.*
- Escherichia coli*
- Enterobacter spp.*
- Enterococcus spp.*
- Haemophilus spp.*
- Klebsiella spp.*
- Legionella spp.*
- Moraxella catharralis*
- Morganella Morgagni*
- MRSA
- MSSA
- Pseudomonas aeruginosa*
- Streptococcus pneumo*
- Proteus spp.*
- Serratia spp.*
- Stenotrophomona spp.*
- Streptococcus viridans*
- CMV
- Other viruses



Patients with vHAP & HAP had a lower prevalence of *P.aeruginosa*, *Klebsiella spp.*, & MRSA vs. VAP (and vs. nvHAP & vs. VAT) other groups

Patients with vHAP yielded lower microbiological confirmation: 41.5% vs 75.4% in VAP

Microbial cause of ICU-acquired pneumonia: hospital-acquired pneumonia versus ventilator-associated pneumonia

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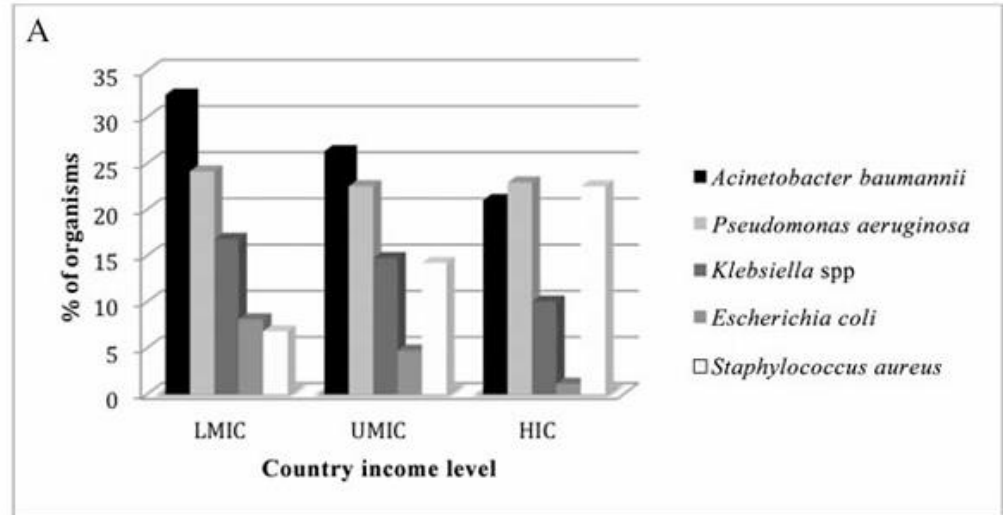
Table 2. Most common etiological pathogens grouped by type of pneumonia, as documented in a prospective observational study that enrolled patients from 27 ICUs in nine European countries

VHAP

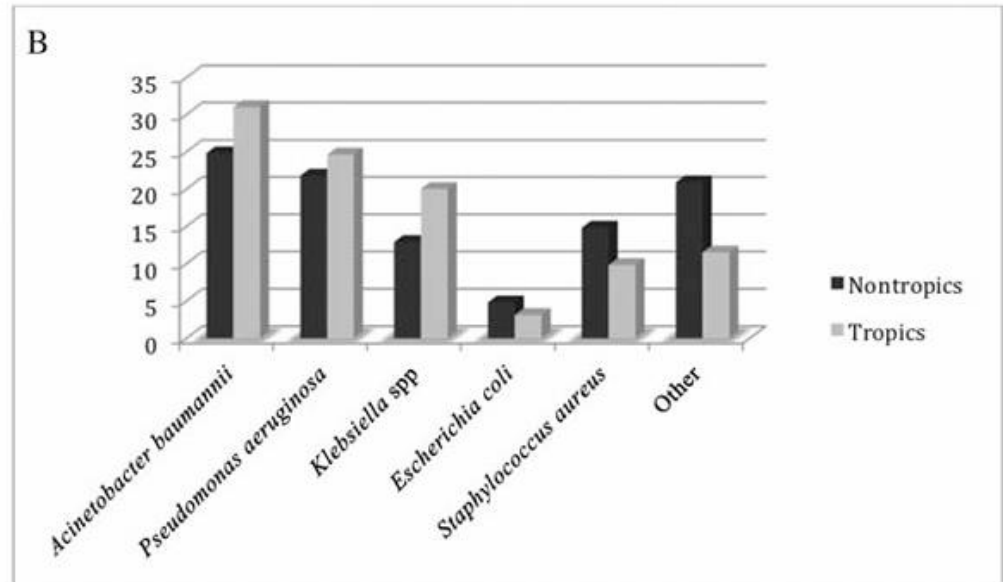
Causative pathogen	Very-early VAP ^a (n = 138)	VAP ^b (n = 465)	HAP ^c (n = 224)
Unknown, n (%)	59 (42.8)	109 (23.4)	84 (37.5)
Other, n (%)	31 (22.5)	69 (14.8)	20 (8.9)
<i>Staphylococcus aureus</i> , n (%)	26 (18.8)	116 (24.9)	44 (19.6)
MRSA, n (%)	10 (7.2)	52 (11.2)	30 (13.4)
MSSA, n (%)	16 (11.6)	64 (13.8)	14 (6.3)
<i>P. aeruginosa</i> , n (%)	16 (11.6)	81 (17.4)	36 (16.1)
<i>Acinetobacter</i> spp., n (%)	8 (5.8)	72 (15.5)	30 (13.4)
Enterobacteriaceae, n (%)	29 (21)	153 (32.9)	70 (31.3)
Polymicrobial infection, n (%)	25 (18.1)	114 (24.5)	46 (20.5)

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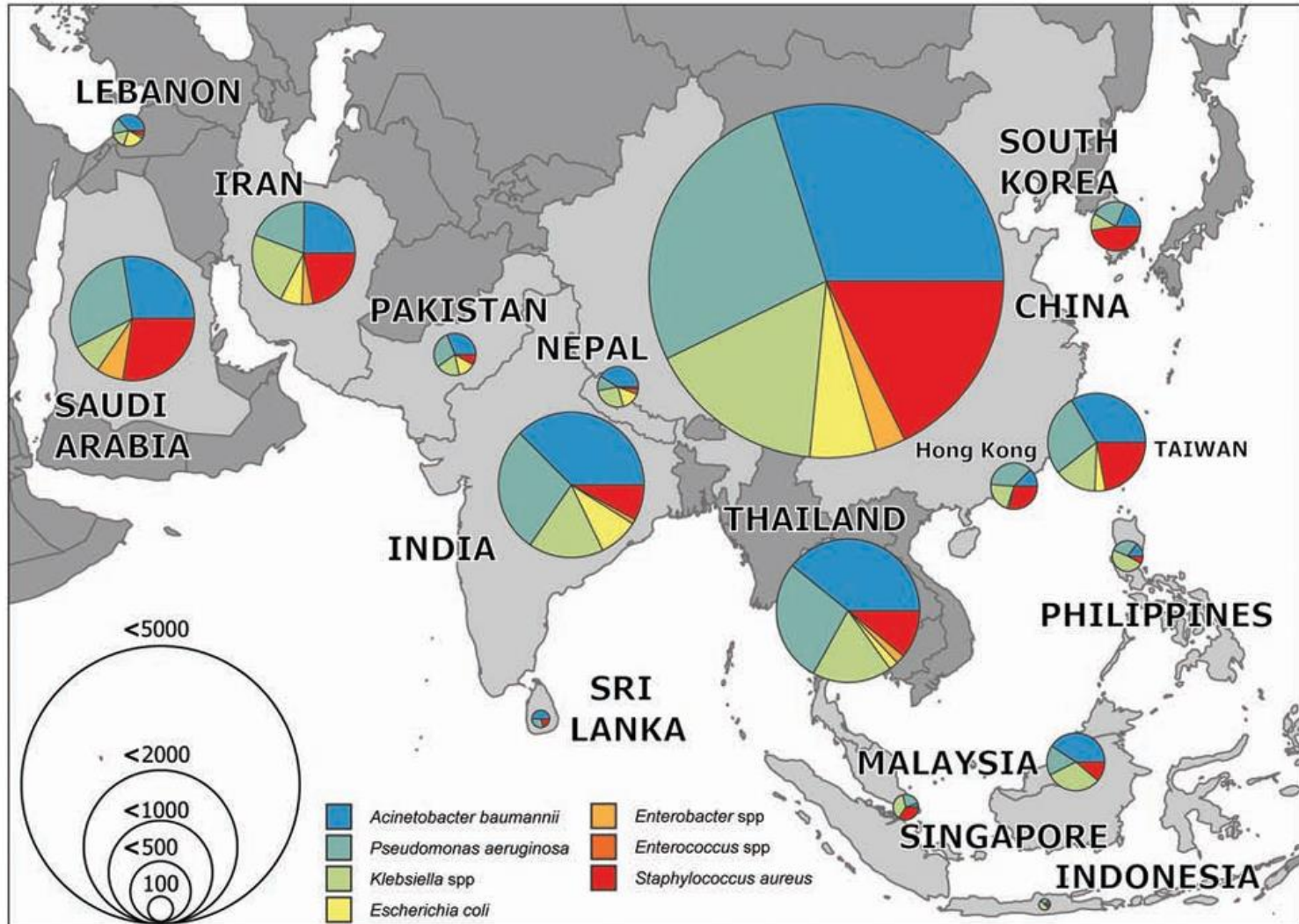
A, Pooled microbiology results of ventilator-associated pneumonia (VAP) etiology by country income level.



B, Pooled microbiology results of VAP etiology by geographic area (tropical vs nontropical). A



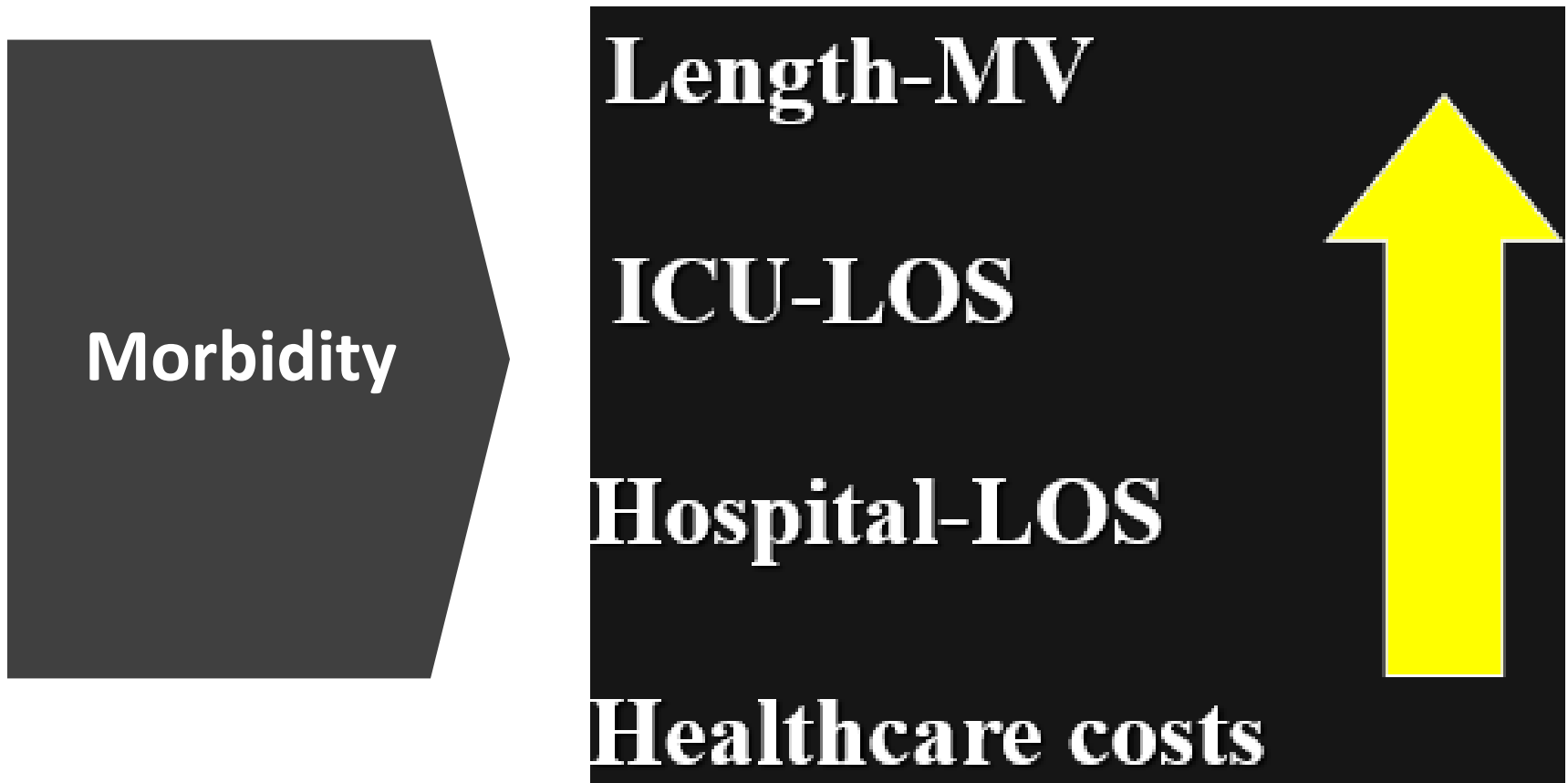
Mapped pooled microbiology results by country VAP etiology



Organisms are color coded, and the size of the pie chart reflects the total number of isolates identified per country.

Source: <http://naturalearthdata.com>.

Morbidity & Mortality



Torres et al. European Respiratory Journal 2017 50: 1700582; Clin Infect Dis 2016;63:e63-e11; Bonnel et al. Clin Infect Diseases 2019; 68(1):511; Koulenti et al. Crit Care Med 2009; 37(8): 2360-8

Mortality

Mortality 20-70%

**Attributable
mortality???**



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Table 4 Systemic complications upon diagnosis and clinical outcomes stratified the study groups

Complications at ICU admission	VAT n = 160	VAP n = 556	ICU-HAP n = 98	VHAP n = 94	HAP n = 152	All cohort n = 1060
Acute kidney injury	23 (14.4)	106 (19.1)	12 (12.2)	16 (17)	22 (14.5)	179 (16.9)
ARDS	20 (12.5)	116 (20.9)	16 (16.3)	32 (34)	45 (29.6)	229 (21.6)
Septic shock	19 (11.9)	148 (26.6)	22 (22.5)	38 (40.4)	31 (20.4)	258 (24.3)
Multiple organ failure	14 (8.8)	60 (10.8)	6 (6.1)	16 (17)	8 (5.3)	104 (9.8)
Clinical cure, n (%)	96 (60)	331 (59.5)	62 (63.3)	45 (47.9)	85 (55.9)	619 (58.4)
Treatment failure, n (%)	52 (32.5)	184 (33.1)	22 (22.5)	44 (46.8)	52 (34.2)	354 (33.4)
ICU mortality, n (%)	48 (30)	176 (31.7)	16 (16.3)	38 (40.3)	48 (31.6)	326 (30.8)
Hospital mortality, n (%)	59 (36.9)	210 (37.8)	24 (24.5)	47 (50)	57 (37.5)	397 (37.5)
28-days mortality, n (%)	51 (31.8)	143 (25.7)	14 (14.3)	39 (41.5)	44 (28.9)	291 (27.4)
ICU LOS, median (IQR)	20.5 (11.5–30)	25 (15–41)	20 (11–35)	12 (6–27)	12 (6–19.5)	20 (11–35)
Hospital LOS, median (IQR)	31 (19–57)	44 (24–70)	38 (28–72)	34.5 (20–61)	34 (21–54.5)	38 (22–65)

ARDS acute respiratory distress syndrome, ICU intensive care unit, LOS length of stay, VAP ventilator-associated pneumonia, VAT ventilator-associated tracheobronchitis, VHAP ventilated hospital-acquired pneumonia

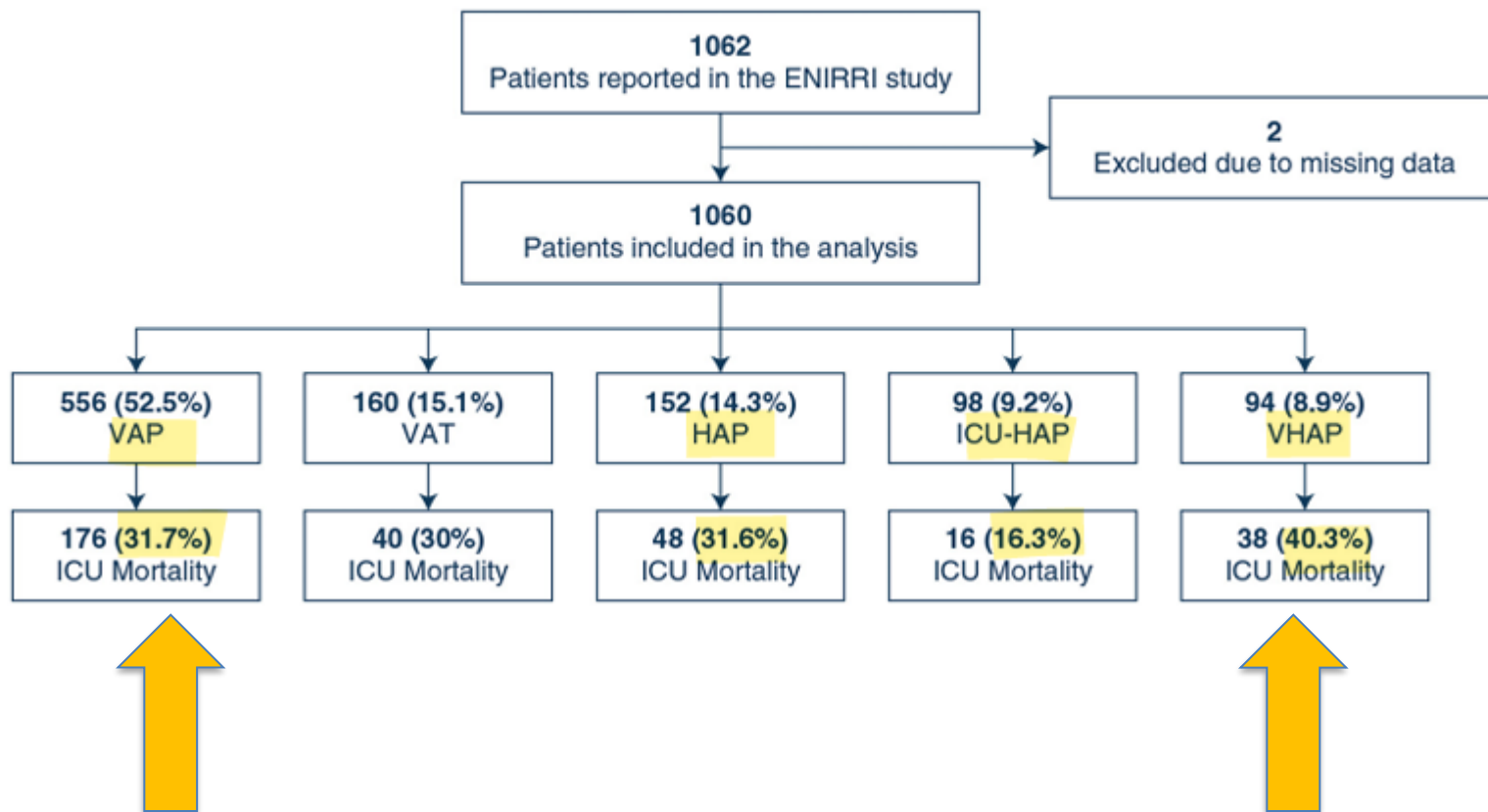
Presence of nosocomial pneumonia significantly prolonged mean MV length (10.3 days, $p < .05$) and mean ICU-LOS (12.2 days, $p < .05$) in ICU survivors

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Contributing			46 (50.5)	71 (43.3)	20 (35.7)	41 (40.2)
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* ICU survivors

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vHAP

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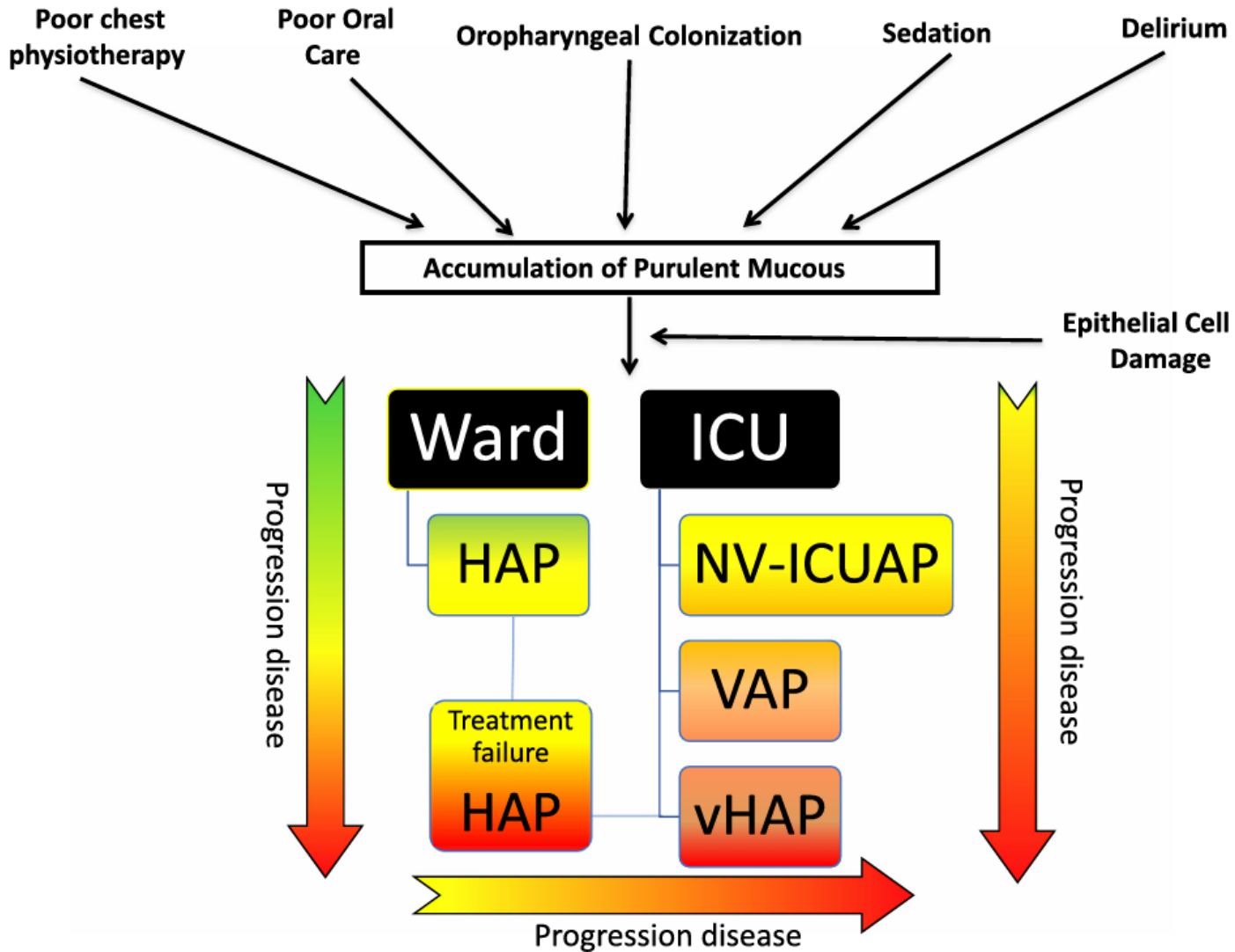


Figure from: Zaragosa et al. Crit Care 2020; 24:383

Attributable mortality of ventilator-associated pneumonia: a meta-analysis of individual patient data from randomised prevention studies

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6284 individual patient's data from 24 trials of VAP

Estimated attributable mortality of VAP: 13%

Large differences between subgroups of patients, with attributable mortality rates:

- **36%** in patients with an intermediate severity of illness (ie, APACHE 20–29).
- **69%** in surgical patients
- **close to zero**
 - in trauma,
 - low severity of illness (ie, APACHE <20 or SAPS 2 <35)
 - high severity (APACHE scores > 30 or SAPS 2 score >58)

Attributable mortality mainly due to longer ICU stay

Incidence, Risk Factors, and Effects on Outcome of Ventilator-Associated Pneumonia in Patients With Traumatic Brain Injury

Analysis of a Large, Multicenter, Prospective, Observational Longitudinal Study

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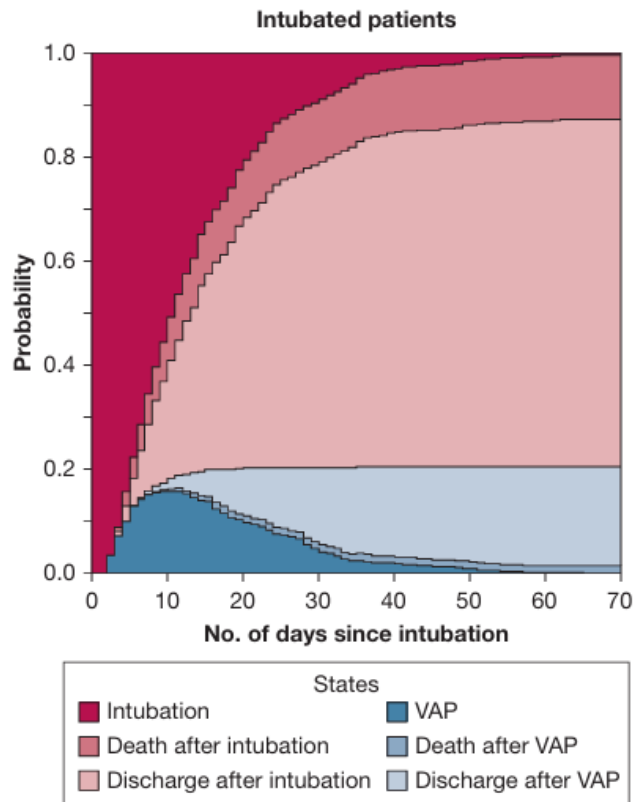


Figure 2 – Overall transition probabilities of patients who had undergone intubation. The x-axis indicates the time since intubation, and the y-axis indicates the probability of being in one of the possible states. In

Patients with VAP had longer:

- MV duration: **15** [10-22] d vs **8** [5-14] d; $P < .001$
- ICU LOS: **20** [14-29] d vs **13** [8-21] d; $P < .001$

Attributable Mortality of Ventilator-associated Pneumonia Among Patients with COVID-19

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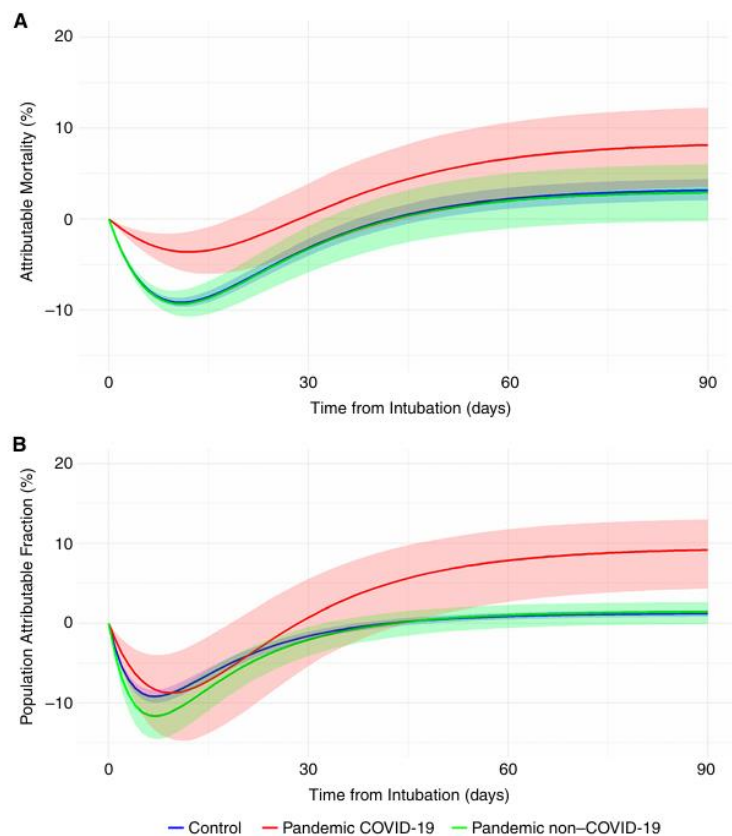


Figure 1. Attributable mortality and attributable fraction of mortality related to ventilator-associated pneumonia over time among the control, pandemic coronavirus disease (COVID-19), and pandemic non-COVID-19 groups.

REA-REZO surveillance network

3 groups of medical ICU patients:

control pre-pandemic (2016-2019)

pandemic COVID-19

pandemic nonCOVID-19

Primary outcome:

attributable mortality

attributable fraction related to VAP

VAP-attributable mortality higher in COVID-19 patients

>9% of overall mortality related to VAP at D90 (attributable fraction)

A Comparison of the Mortality Risk Associated With Ventilator-Acquired Bacterial Pneumonia and Nonventilator ICU-Acquired Bacterial Pneumonia*

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- 14,212 patients admitted to the ICUs for >48 hours
- 15% developed VAP
- 2% developed ICU-HAP
- When adjusted on prognostic variables, both VAP & ICU-HAP were associated with increased 30-day mortality:**

VAP: HR 1.38 (1.24–1.52); $p < 0.0001$

ICU-HAP: HR 1.82 (1.35–2.45); $p < 0.0001$

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Non-ventilator-associated ICU-acquired pneumonia (NV-ICU-AP) in patients with acute exacerbation of COPD: From the French OUTCOMEREA cohort

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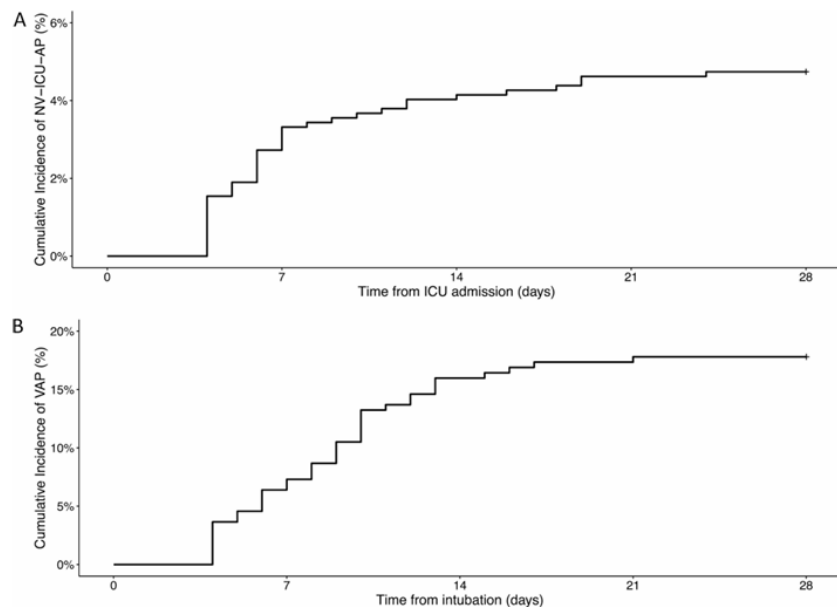


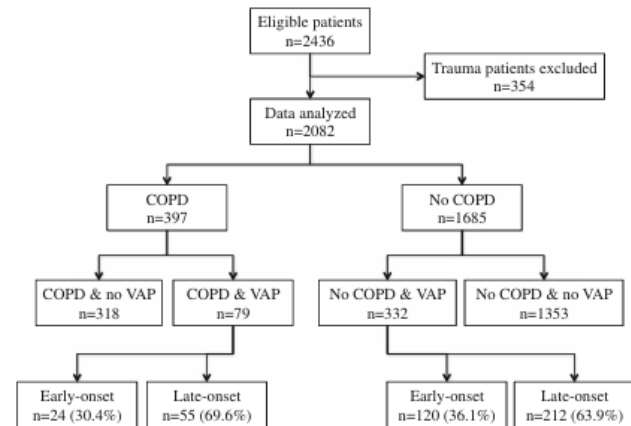
Fig. 2 Cumulative incidences of non-ventilator-associated ICU-acquired pneumonia and ventilator-associated pneumonia in patients admitted in ICU for a severe acute exacerbation of COPD. **A** Cumulative incidence of non-ventilator-associated ICU-acquired pneumonia from ICU admission in patients admitted to an ICU for a severe acute exacerbation of COPD. **B** Cumulative incidence of ventilator-associated pneumonia from intubation in ICU for a severe acute exacerbation of COPD (n = 219). ICU intensive care unit, NV-ICU-AP non-ventilator-associated intensive care unit acquired pneumonia, VAP ventilator-associated pneumonia

NV-ICU-AP associated with:

- Increased 28-day mortality (HR = 3.03 [1.36; 6.73]; $p < 0.01$)
- Increased risk of intubation (csHR, 5.00 [2.54; 9.85]; $p < 0.01$)
- 10-day increase in ICU length of stay ($p < 0.01$).

COPD patients with ventilator-associated pneumonia: implications for management

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COPD patients are not more predisposed to VAP than other ICU patients, but **if COPD patients develop VAP, they have a worse outcome [odds ratio (OR) 2.28; 95 % confidence interval (CI) 1.35–3.87]**

Incidence, Risk Factors, and Effects on Outcome of Ventilator-Associated Pneumonia in Patients With Traumatic Brain Injury

Analysis of a Large, Multicenter, Prospective, Observational Longitudinal Study



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- Overall mortality at 6 months: 22%
- VAP **was not** associated with increased mortality or worse neurological outcome.

Attributable Mortality of Ventilator-associated Pneumonia

Replicating Findings, Revisiting Methods

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Abstract

Rationale: Estimating the impact of ventilator-associated pneumonia (VAP) from routinely collected intensive care unit (ICU) data is methodologically challenging.

Objectives: We aim to replicate earlier findings of limited VAP-attributable ICU mortality in an independent cohort. By refining statistical analyses, we gradually tackle different sources of bias.

Methods: Records of 2,720 adult patients admitted to Ghent University Hospital ICUs (2013–2017) and receiving mechanical ventilation within 48 hours after admission were extracted from linked Intensive Care Information System and Computer-based Surveillance and Alerting of Nosocomial Infections, Antimicrobial Resistance, and Antibiotic Consumption in the ICU databases. The VAP-attributable fraction of ICU mortality was estimated using a competing risk analysis that is restricted to VAP-free patients (approach 1), accounts for VAP onset by treating it as either a competing (approach 2) or censoring event

(approach 3), or additionally adjusts for time-dependent confounding via inverse probability weighting (approach 4).

Results: A total of 210 patients (7.7%) acquired VAP. Based on benchmark approach 4, we estimated that (compared with current preventive measures) hypothetical eradication of VAP would lead to a relative ICU mortality reduction of 1.7% (95% confidence interval, –1.3 to 4.6) by Day 10 and of 3.6% (95% confidence interval, 0.7 to 6.5) by Day 60. Approaches 1–3 produced estimates ranging from –0.7% to 2.5% by Day 10 and from 5.2% to 5.5% by Day 60.

Conclusions: In line with previous studies using appropriate methodology, we found limited VAP-attributable ICU mortality given current state-of-the-art VAP prevention measures. Our study illustrates that inappropriate accounting of the time dependency of exposure and confounding of its effects may misleadingly suggest protective effects of early-onset VAP and systematically overestimate attributable mortality.

Keywords: hospital mortality; survival analysis; confounding factors (epidemiology); causality; ventilator-associated pneumonia

Take home message

- The heterogeneity in HAP definition contributes to the wide range of reported incidence.
- There is plenty of evidence that HAP increases morbidity, however regarding attributable mortality the data are more controversial.
- Ventilated HAP is quite different than non-ventilated HAP -there is accumulating evidence that vHAP might carry the worst prognosis than all HAP types.

