

Infectious Disease Module 5: IV versus Oral

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“That’s the way it’s always been...”

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Can the Future of ID Escape the Inertial Dogma of Its Past? The Exemplars of Shorter Is Better and Oral Is the New IV

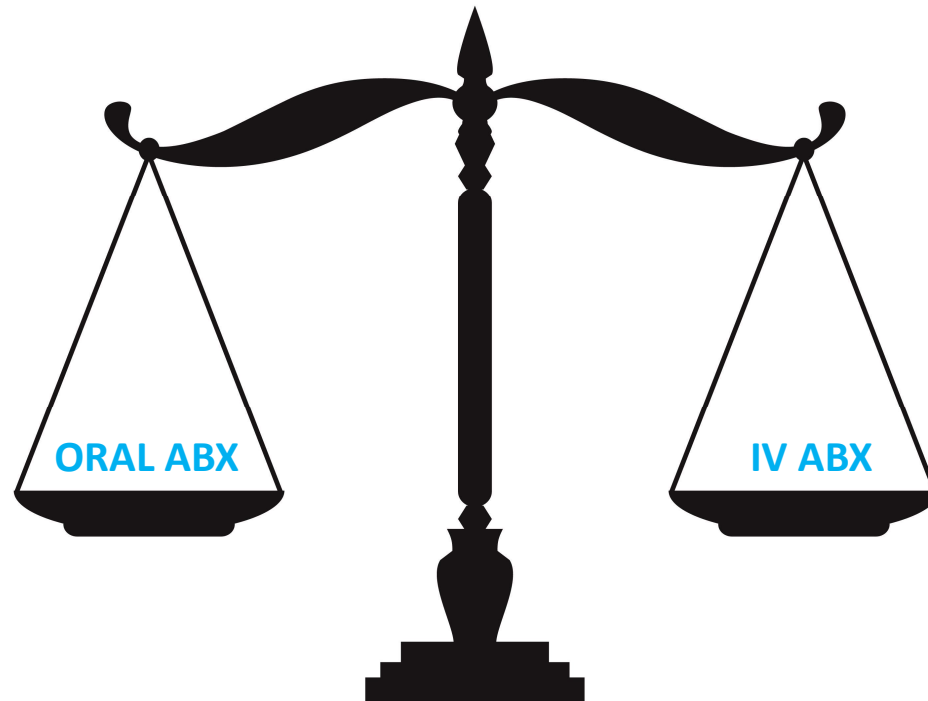
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Table 2. Summary of Randomized Controlled Trials of Oral vs IV-Only Therapy

Diagnosis	No. of RCTs Demonstrating IV > Oral	No. of RCTs Demonstrating Oral ≥ IV	References
Osteomyelitis	0	9 (all equal)	[103–111]
Bacteremia	0	10 (8 equal, 2 superior cure for oral)	[109, 112–120]
Endocarditis	0	3 (2 equal, 1 superior mortality for oral)	[121–123]

Abbreviations: IV, intravenous; RCT, randomized controlled trial.

In small groups, brainstorm 1-2 potential advantages and disadvantages of using highly bioavailable oral antibiotics?



Use of Highly Bioavailable Oral Antimicrobials

Antibiotic	Oral Bioavailability (%)
Linezolid	~100
TMP/SMX	~100
Levofloxacin	99
Moxifloxacin	90
Clindamycin	90
Cephalexin	90
Doxycycline	85
Rifampin	70-90
Amoxicillin	70-80
Ciprofloxacin	70-80

Advantages	Disadvantages
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ↓ catheter complications • ↓ nursing requirements • ↓ overall costs • ↑ patient quality of life 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Possible financial barriers • Adherence to therapy • Uncertain PK/PD of certain agents • Drug interactions

Krah 2019; McMeekin 2019; Trautner 2019; Azamgharhi 2021
Keller 2018 & 2020; Kovacich 2016; Quintens 2020; Gilchrist 2022

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[Link to Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis \(with forest plots\)](#)

Oral Is the New IV. Challenging Decades of Blood and Bone Infection Dogma: A Systematic Review

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Wald-Dickler 2022

The myth of six weeks of IV treatment for osteomyelitis

“In our experience...osteomyelitis is rarely controlled without the combination of careful, complete surgical debridement and prolonged (4 to 6 weeks) parenteral antibiotic therapy at high dosage.”

- Retrospective, uncontrolled experience with 247 patients in the 1960s treated with IV Penicillin and aminoglycosides
- Highly heterogenous patients (acute and chronic osteomyelitis; children and adults; contiguous and hematogenous pathogenesis)
- Oral antibiotic treatment was not even considered since the only oral agents at this time included sulfa, tetracycline, erythromycin

The myth of IV treatment for endocarditis

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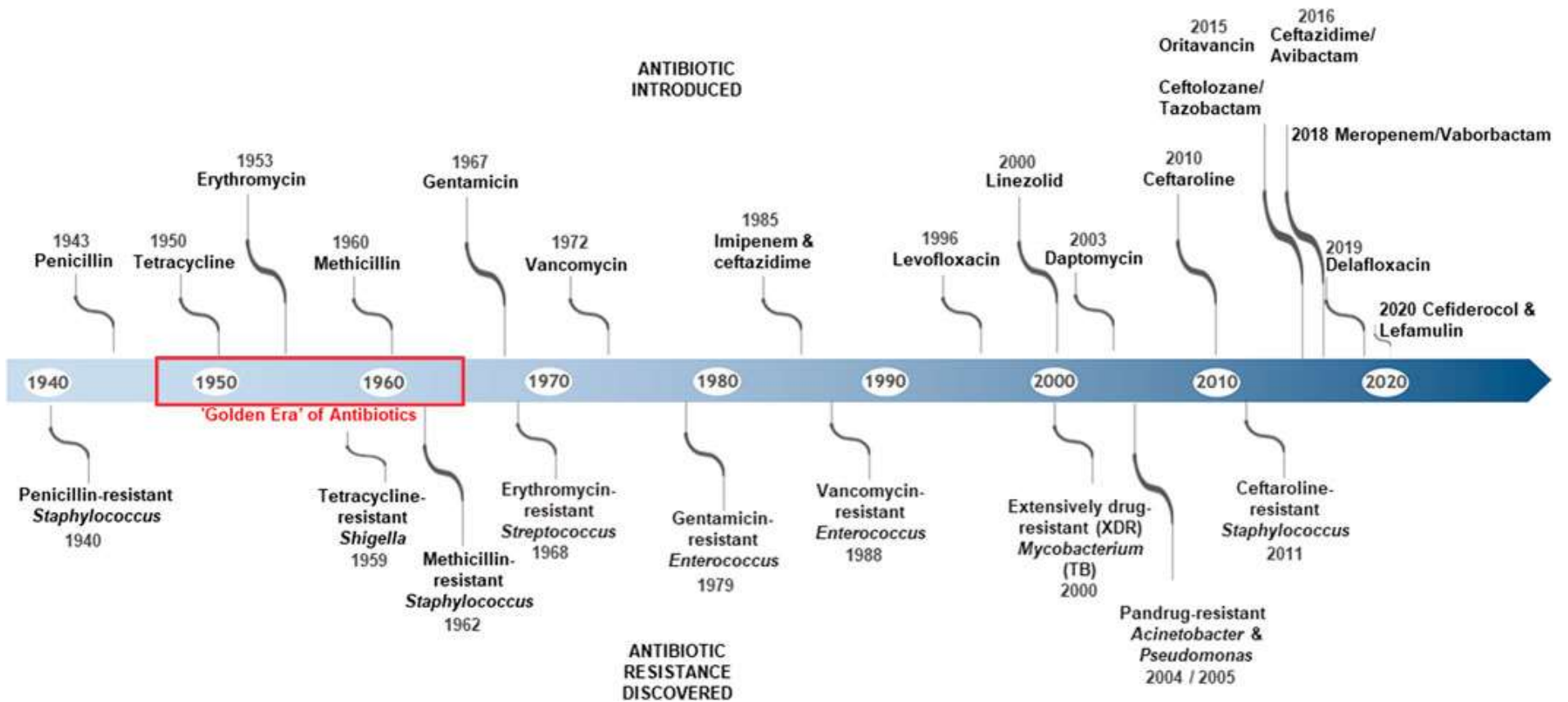
TREATMENT OF BACTERIAL ENDOCARDITIS*

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- “Presumably, the oral route is at times successful...it is more likely, however, that such usage is responsible for many therapeutic failures...However, little of this type of experience is recorded, and therefore this assumption cannot be authenticated.”

Finland 1954



[History of antibiotic development – Antibiotics – ReAct](#)

Oral vs. IV Abx for Osteomyelitis

Author	Yr	N	Regimen (Oral vs. IV)	Success
Greenberg	'87	30	Ciprofloxacin vs. std IV	50% (7/14) v 65% (11/16)
Gentry	'90	59	Ciprofloxacin vs. β L+aminoglyc	77% (24/31) v 79% (22/28)
Mader	'90	26	Ciproflox vs. β L/clinda+aminoglyc	79% (11/14) v 83% (10/12)
Gentry	'91	33	Ofloxacin vs. cephalosporin	74% (14/19) v 86% (12/14)
Gomis	'99	32	Ofloxacin vs. imipenem	69% (11/16) v 50% (8/16)
Schrenzel	'04	39	Fleroxacin+rifampin v β L/vanco	82% (18/22) v 65% (11/17)
Euba	'09	48	TMP-SMX+rifampin vs. cloxacillin	81% (17/21) v 77% (21/27)
Li	'19	1054	Std oral vs. std IV	87% (457/527) v 85% (450/527)
Manning	'22	60	PJI/DAIR: Std oral vs. std IV	71% (22/31) v 76% (22/29)
METRC*	'25	233	Std oral vs. std IV	63% (73/115) v 64% (76/118)
Total (N=10 RCT) 1,614				81% (654/810) v 80% (643/804)

Oral vs. IV Abx for Bacteremia

Author	Yr	N	Regimen (Oral vs. IV)	Success
Amodio-Groton	'96	50	Ciprofloxacin oral vs. IV—GNB	83% (20/24) v 77% (20/26)
San Pedro	'02	51	Linezolid vs. ceph— <i>S. pneumo</i>	93% (27/29) v 68% (15/22)
Deville	'03	36	Linezolid vs. vanco—GPC (peds)	80% (20/25) v 64% (7/11)
Jantausch	'03	103	Linezolid vs. vanco—GPC (peds)	72% (54/75) v 64% (18/28)
Kaplan	'03	80	Linezolid vs. vanco—GPC (peds)	82% (47/57) v 74% (17/23)
Schrenzel	'04	67	FQ + rif vs. β L/vanco— <i>Staph</i>	87% (34/39) v 89% (25/28)
Wilcox	'04	56	Linezolid vs. teicoplanin—GPC	89% (23/26) v 57% (17/30)
Wilcox	'09	166	Linezolid vs. vancomycin—GPC	75% (70/93) v 81% (59/73)
Monmaturpaj*	'12	17	Cefditoren vs. ceftriaxone—GNB	100% (6/6) v 91% (10/11)
Park	'14	59	Ciprofloxacin vs. std IV—GNB	93% (27/29) v 93% (28/30)
Omrani	'23	165	FQ/TMP/SMX/BL vs. std IV—GNB	78% (65/83) v 74% (61/82)
Kaasch	'24	213	Various Abx IV/Oral— <i>S. aureus</i>	87% (94/108) v 88% (92/105)
Total (N=12 RCTs)		1063		82% (487/594) v 79% (369/469)

Oral vs. IV Abx for Endocarditis

Author	Yr	N	Regimen (Oral vs. IV)	Success
Stamboulia	'91	30	Amox 1 gm qid vs. CTX— <i>Strep</i>	100% (15/15) v 100% (15/15)
Heldman	'96	93	Cipro + Rif vs. std IV— <i>Staph</i>	95% (18/19) v 88% (22/25)
Iversen/ Bungaard [†]	'19	400	Std oral vs. std IV—GPC	74% (146/199) v 62% (125/201)
Tissot-Dupont*	'19	341	TMP-SMX+clinda vs. std IV-- <i>Staph</i>	81% (138/171) v 70% (119/170)
Totals (N=3 RCTs)		523		77% (179/233) v 70% (162/241)
(+ 1 quasi expt*)		(864)		78% (317/404) v 68% (281/411)

5-10 minutes for group discussion

- What has your experience been with using oral antimicrobials for bacteremia, bone and joint infections, and osteomyelitis?
- Any cases or examples you would like to share?

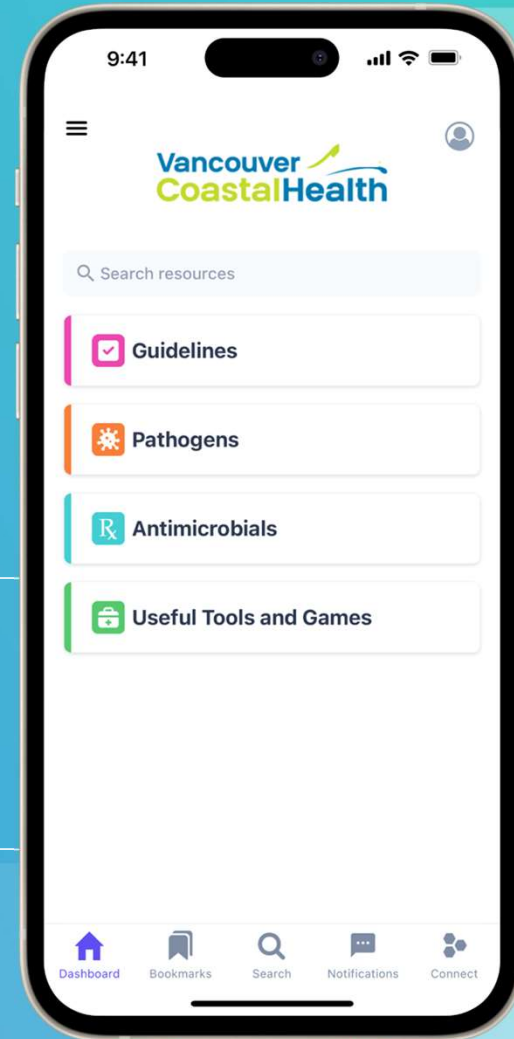
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Antimicrobial	Adverse Effects
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TMP-SMX	
Linezolid	
Doxycycline	
Clindamycin	

Antibiotic	Adverse Effects
Fluoroquinolones	Avoid dairy & multivitamins at time of FQ dosing; Prolongs QT; Counsel pt re: rare but serious AEs (tendonitis & tendon rupture, aortic aneurysm, retinal detachment)
TMP/SMX	HyperK with ACEIs/ARBs and spironolactone
Linezolid	Serotonin syndrome risk low except with (es)citalopram, methadone, or >2 DDIs, pancytopenia and potentially irreversible neuropathy (peripheral + optic) with long term (≥ 4 wk) use
Doxycycline	Photosensitivity; esophagitis
Clindamycin	<i>Clostridioides difficile</i> ; GI intolerance

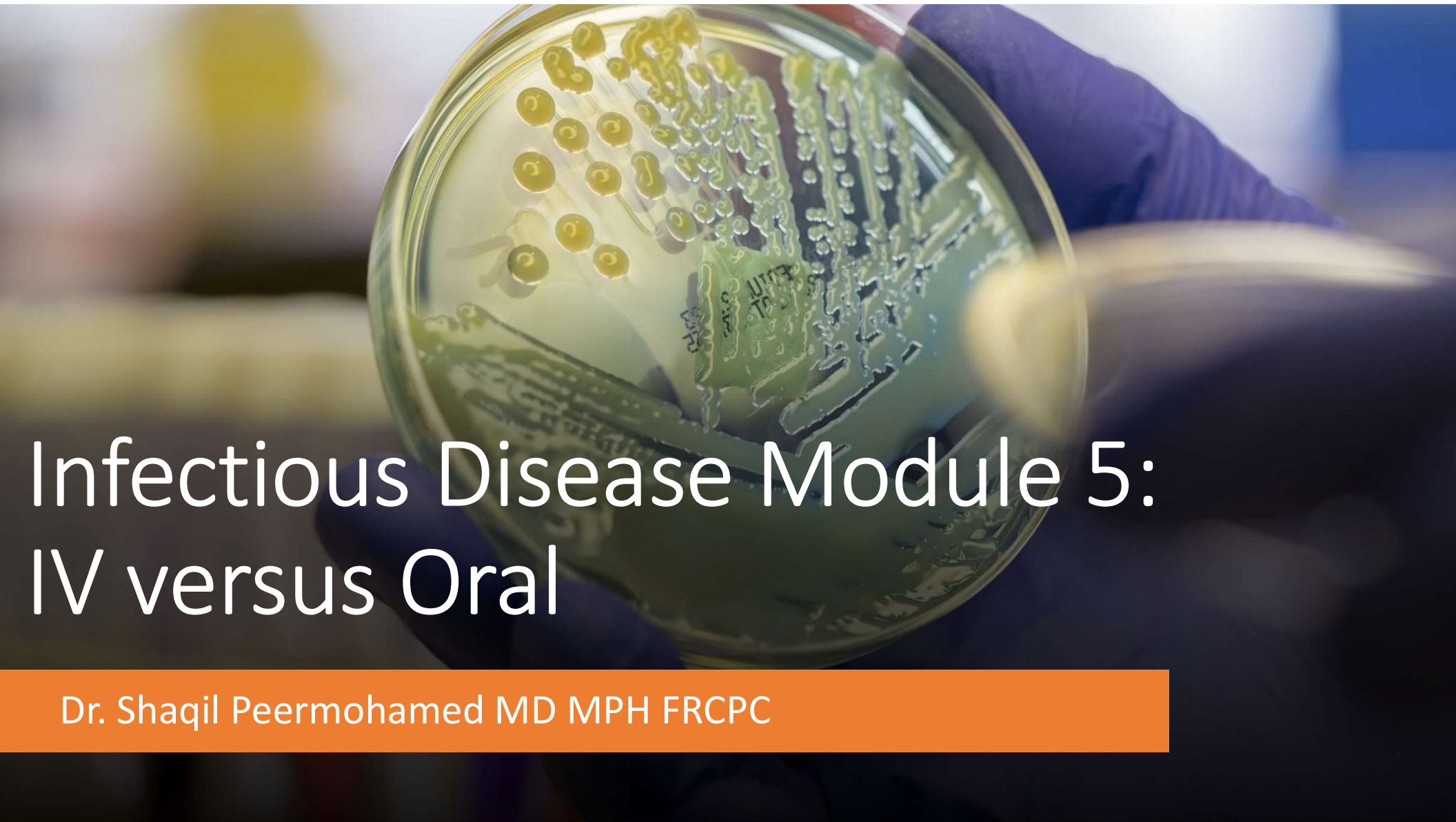
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