



## Gastro-ID Case Review

- **Patient History:**  
78-year-old female who has no recent Hx of Abx use or change in diet.
- **Disease State:**  
Presented to the office with a chief complaint of diarrhea X 3 weeks
- **Why This Test was Ordered:**  
Clinic office had just been implemented with Vikor so provider chose to perform Gastro-ID
- **Outcome:**  
PCR test identified EPEC  $10^7$ , C. diff  $10^6$ , and Staph  $10^2$  and positive Resistance Genes for macrolides, tetracyclines, and AmpC beta lactamase. Provider decided to treat initially with Vanco for 10 days and then to re-evaluated and will likely treat EPEC if diarrhea persists after 10 days of Vanco. We discussed the EPEC and C diff at length because both cause diarrhea. The provider questioned why the PharmD guidance did not recommend EPEC Abx treatment concurrent with Vanco. We discussed treating the most relevant infection first which is the C. diff. and that the IDSA guideline suggests hydration as the primary regimen for EPEC, per the PharmD notes. That perhaps if diarrhea persists post Vanco treatment that a consultation call with the PharmD team would be helpful. The provider was very happy to know that he could consult with the PharmD team at any time and found the PharmD notes extremely thorough and helpful as well as our discussion based off their notes.

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Facility Information

Ordering Provider:

Facility:

Facility Phone:

Facility Fax:

Specimen Information

ACC:

Collection Date: 06-29-2021

Received Date: 07-03-2021

Notes:

Report Date: 07-04-2021

Sample Type: Rectal/Stool Swab

Laboratory Results

PATHOGENS DETECTED

Escherichia EPEC	1 x 10 <sup>7</sup> copies/uL	90.908%
C. Difficile Toxin A & B	1 x 10 <sup>6</sup> copies/uL	9.091%
Staphylococcus aureus	1 x 10 <sup>2</sup> copies/uL	0.001%

RESISTANCE GENES DETECTED & POTENTIAL MED CLASS AFFECTED

ermB, ermA	Macrolides	
tetM	Tetracycline	
ampC, ACC, DHA, ACT/MIR	AmpC beta lactamase	

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Drug Allergies:

BACTRIM, DEMEROL, DILAUDID, ERYTHROMYCIN, OXYCODONE

Notes from Ordering Physician:

STOOL

The treatment guidance listed is based on infectious disease treatment references, the organisms detected, and genes known to contribute to medication resistance. Important clinical information such as comorbidities, renal function, etc. may influence the overall appropriateness of therapy. The provided guidance only takes drug allergies into account when they are provided. The provider should take the entire clinical presentation into account when making treatment decisions. Not all detected microbes will require antimicrobial therapy as some are part of the normal flora or can be non-pathogenic colonizers.

Primary regimen for EPEC is hydration. If antibiotic was started empirically, evidence supports discontinuing it. Supportive therapy without antibiotic therapy is recommended for infection involving EPEC, but antibiotics may be indicated in certain cases. In cases of persistent diarrhea (greater than 2 weeks) antibiotics may be used. Recommended options are ciprofloxacin or neomycin

Notes from Pharmacist:

All three of these drugs are considered treatment of CDI, Vancomycin, Fidaxomicin(Allergy to class), and Metronidazole. It depends on the severity, cost to patient, risk factors, resistance, and age to which would be the better drug. IDSA guidelines have Vancomycin as first line agent in adults. In more severe infections, metronidazole is not recommended as first line. C diff is commonly caused by Clindamycin, Quinolones, Penicillins, and Cephalosporins. If possible, discontinue or switch C difficile inciting antibiotic as soon as feasible.

Vancomycin Pulse tapered regimen for recurring CDI:

- 125mg qid x 10 d
- 125mg tid x 7 d
- 125mg bid x 7d
- 125mg qd x 7d
- 125mg qod x 7 d
- 125mg q 72 hr x 7 days, stop

MEDICATION REVIEW

FIRST LINE

Medication	Route	Dose
vancomycin	oral	125mg po qid x10 days (14 days if improving but not resolved) See pulse taper for recurrent CDI



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SECOND LINE

metronidazole

oral

500mg tid x10 days; avoid use in more severe disease; increased mortality  compared to vancomycin

Considerations: Avoid alcohol use during and 24hrs after treatment, Caution if hepatic impairment, May cause metallic-like taste

Methodology	The infectious disease and antibiotic resistance detection panels are tested utilizing Real-time PCR technology to detect the presence of genes associated with pathogens and antibiotic resistance via amplification of genomic DNA. Amplification and detection are performed using the Applied Biosystems™ QuantStudio™ 12K Flex Real-time PCR system, which includes the QuantStudio™ 12k Software v1.3 and Thermo Fisher Scientific TaqMan™ assays. The assays are preloaded onto TaqMan™ OpenArray plates.
Limitations	This test only detects microorganisms and antibiotic resistance (ABR) genes specified in the panel. ABR genes are detected in the specimen and are not specific to a detected pathogen. ABR genes may be detected in bacterial strains not tested for in the panel.  The resistance genes for Ampicillin, selected Extended-Spectrum-Betalactamases, Vancomycin, Carbapenems, Sulfonamide, Trimethoprim, Aminoglycosides and the Quinolone gyrase groupings are assays customized by pooling the individual genes listed in the associated group. If listed as positive, this indicates that at least one of the genes in the group was detected and the class of medication could have potential resistance.
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NEGATIVE PATHOGENS

- Astrovirus
- Campylobacter jejuni
- Cryptosporidium
- Entamoeba histolytica
- Escherichia EAEC
- Escherichia EIEC/Shigella
- Escherichia ETEC
- Giardia lamblia
- H. pylori
- Intestinal adenovirus
- Norovirus GI/GII
- Plesiomonas shigelloides
- Rotavirus A
- Rotavirus B
- Rotavirus C
- Salmonella
- Sapovirus
- Shigella
- Vibrio cholerae
- Yersinia enterocolitica

NEGATIVE RESISTANCE GENES

- aac6-1b/aacA4, ant(3), aph(A6), aac6-1b-cr
- SULL, DFRA
- PER-1, PER-2, VEB, blaNDM-1, OXA-1, GES, BlaSHV
- OXA-23, OXA-40, OXA-58, OXA-72, IMP-16, NDM, blaOXA-48, OXA-48, KPC, VIM, IMP-7
- TEM, TEM E102K, TEM R162S, TEM G238S
- CTX-M
- ermC
- mecA
- mcr-1
- QnrB, Gyrase A D87N\_GTT, Gyrase A S83L\_TGG, QnrA
- VanB, VanA1, VanA2

ANTIBIOTIC CLASS

- Aminoglycosides
- Bactrim
- Beta-lactams
- Carbapenems
- Class A Beta-lactams
- ClassA Beta-lactamases
- Macrolides
- Methicillin
- Polymyxins
- Quinolones
- Vancomycin