

# Bloodstream infections (BSI)

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# BSI

**Primary** = a condition where the focus of infection is the bloodstream itself

- Infective endocarditis
- endarteritis, thrombophlebitis
- catheter related BSI

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Prof. Nemec: Introduction to HAI, Catheter Infection; Surgical Site Infections; Hospital-Acquired & Ventilator-Associated Pneumonia

## **Secondary**

- pneumonia
- pyelonephritis
- wound infections
- ...

# The term sepsis

life-threatening organ dysfunction caused by a dysregulated host response to infection

Definition Sepsis-3, 2016

Sepsis, if not recognized and treated early, is the primary  
cause of death from infection

# The term sepsis

Definition Sepsis-1, 1992  
SIRS due to infection

## Box 1. SIRS (Systemic Inflammatory Response Syndrome)

Two or more of:

Temperature  $>38^{\circ}\text{C}$  or  $<36^{\circ}\text{C}$

Heart rate  $>90/\text{min}$

Respiratory rate  $>20/\text{min}$  or  $\text{PaCO}_2 <32 \text{ mm Hg}$  (4.3 kPa)

White blood cell count  $>12\,000/\text{mm}^3$  or  $<4000/\text{mm}^3$   
or  $>10\%$  immature bands

# SEPSIS STEPS

## SIRS

T:  $>100.4 \text{ F}$   
 $< 96.8 \text{ F}$   
RR:  $>20$   
HR:  $>90$   
WBC:  $>12,000$   
 $<4,000$   
 $>10\%$  bands  
PCO<sub>2</sub>  $< 32 \text{ mmHg}$

## SEPSIS

2 SIRS

+

Confirmed  
or suspected  
infection

## SEVERE SEPSIS

Sepsis +

Signs of End  
Organ Damage

Hypotension  
(SBP  $<90$ )

Lactate  $>4 \text{ mmol}$

## SEPTIC SHOCK

Severe Sepsis  
with persistent:

Signs of End  
Organ Damage

Hypotension  
(SBP  $<90$ )

Lactate  $>4 \text{ mmol}$

# The term sepsis

Definition Sepsis-2, 2003

supplemented by a list of diagnostic criteria

including alteration of consciousness, oedema, positive fluid balance, hyperglycaemia, etc.

## Infection<sup>a</sup>

Documented or suspected *and* some of the following<sup>b</sup>:

### General parameters

Fever (core temperature  $>38.3^{\circ}\text{C}$ )

Hypothermia (core temperature  $<36^{\circ}\text{C}$ )

Heart rate  $>90$  bpm or  $>2$  SD above the normal value for age

Tachypnea:  $>30$  bpm

Altered mental status

Significant edema or positive fluid balance ( $>20$  ml/kg over 24 h)

Hyperglycemia (plasma glucose  $>110$  mg/dl or  $7.7$  mM/l) in the absence of diabetes

### Inflammatory parameters

Leukocytosis (white blood cell count  $>12,000/\mu\text{l}$ )

Leukopenia (white blood cell count  $<4,000/\mu\text{l}$ )

Normal white blood cell count with  $>10\%$  immature forms

Plasma C reactive protein  $>2$  SD above the normal value

Plasma procalcitonin  $>2$  SD above the normal value

### Hemodynamic parameters

Arterial hypotension<sup>b</sup> (systolic blood pressure  $<90$  mmHg, mean arterial pressure  $<70$ , or a systolic blood pressure decrease  $>40$  mmHg in adults or  $<2$  SD below normal for age)

Mixed venous oxygen saturation  $>70\%$ <sup>b</sup>

Cardiac index  $>3.5$  l min<sup>-1</sup> m<sup>-2c,d</sup>

### Organ dysfunction parameters

Arterial hypoxemia ( $\text{PaO}_2/\text{FIO}_2 <300$ )

Acute oliguria (urine output  $<0.5$  ml kg<sup>-1</sup> h<sup>-1</sup> or 45 mM/l for at least 2 h)

Creatinine increase  $\geq 0.5$  mg/dl

Coagulation abnormalities (international normalized ratio  $>1.5$  or activated partial thromboplastin time  $>60$  s)

Ileus (absent bowel sounds)

Thrombocytopenia (platelet count  $<100,000/\mu\text{l}$ )

Hyperbilirubinemia (plasma total bilirubin  $>4$  mg/dl or  $70$  mmol/l)

### Tissue perfusion parameters

Hyperlactatemia ( $>3$  mmol/l)

Decreased capillary refill or mottling

# The term sepsis

life-threatening **organ dysfunction** caused by a **dysregulated host response** to infection

today's sepsis (sepsis-3) corresponds to severe sepsis (sepsis-1),  
i.e. distinguishes sepsis from uncomplicated BSI

## Clinical criteria: SOFA (sequential organ failure assessment)

Table 1. Sequential [Sepsis-Related] Organ Failure Assessment Score<sup>a</sup>

System	Score				
	0	1	2	3	4
<b>Respiration</b>					
Pao <sub>2</sub> /Fio <sub>2</sub> , mm Hg (kPa)	≥400 (53.3)	<400 (53.3)	<300 (40)	<200 (26.7) with respiratory support	<100 (13.3) with respiratory support
<b>Coagulation</b>					
Platelets, ×10 <sup>3</sup> /μL	≥150	<150	<100	<50	<20
<b>Liver</b>					
Bilirubin, mg/dL (μmol/L)	<1.2 (20)	1.2-1.9 (20-32)	2.0-5.9 (33-101)	6.0-11.9 (102-204)	>12.0 (204)
<b>Cardiovascular</b>					
	MAP ≥70 mm Hg	MAP <70 mm Hg	Dopamine <5 or dobutamine (any dose) <sup>b</sup>	Dopamine 5.1-15 or epinephrine ≤0.1 or norepinephrine ≤0.1 <sup>b</sup>	Dopamine >15 or epinephrine >0.1 or norepinephrine >0.1 <sup>b</sup>
<b>Central nervous system</b>					
Glasgow Coma Scale score <sup>c</sup>	15	13-14	10-12	6-9	<6
<b>Renal</b>					
Creatinine, mg/dL (μmol/L)	<1.2 (110)	1.2-1.9 (110-170)	2.0-3.4 (171-299)	3.5-4.9 (300-440)	>5.0 (440)
Urine output, mL/d				<500	<200



no standardised diagnostic test for sepsis is available

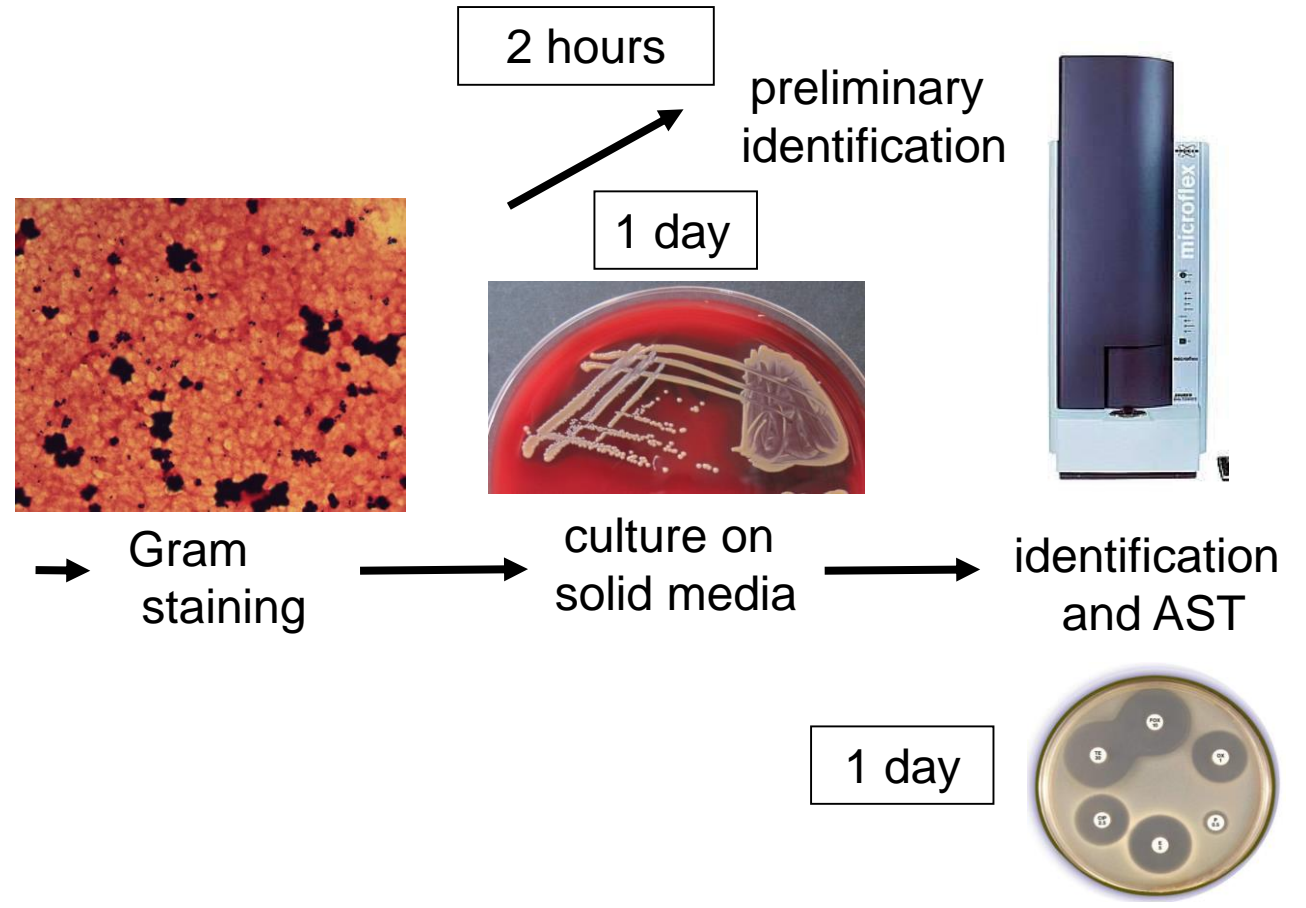
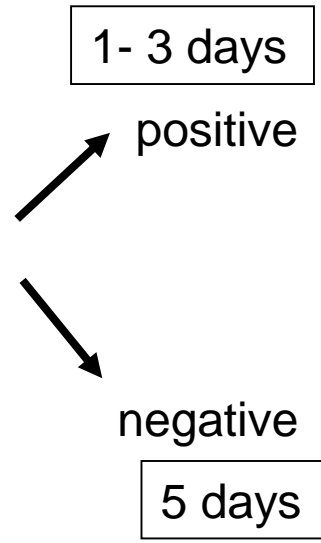
# Microbiological diagnostics

Blood culture

Molecular diagnostics



# Blood culture





What characteristics should the ideal dg. test have:

- cheap
- reliable
- rapid (ultra-rapid)
- unaffected by antibiotic treatment
- distinguishing the finding of a pathogen from contamination
- with information on appropriate ATB treatment

**Blood culture:**

yes

sensitivity 50% only

takes dozens of hours

certainly affected (x resins)

not straightforward

upon AST



# 43 targets

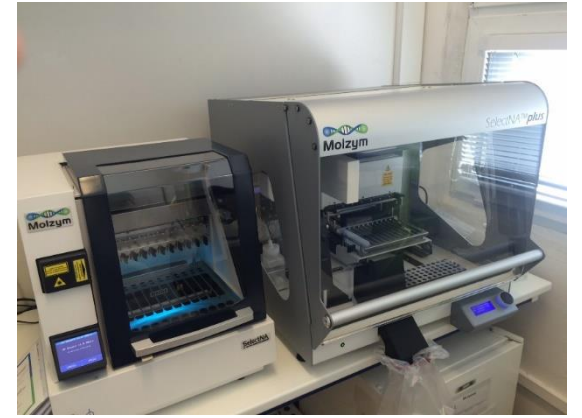
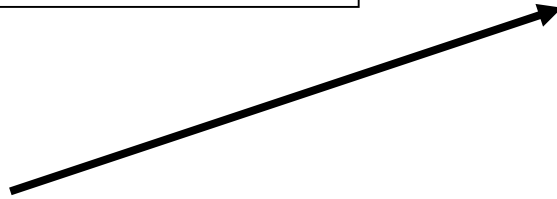
Tabulka 2. Analyty detekované testem BioFire BCID2 Panel

Grampozitivní bakterie				
<i>Enterococcus faecalis</i>		<i>Staphylococcus</i> spp.		<i>Streptococcus</i> spp.
<i>Enterococcus faecium</i>		<i>Staphylococcus aureus</i>		<i>Streptococcus agalactiae</i> (skupina B)
<i>Listeria monocytogenes</i>		<i>Staphylococcus epidermidis</i>		<i>Streptococcus pneumoniae</i>
		<i>Staphylococcus lugdunensis</i>		<i>Streptococcus pyogenes</i> (skupina A)
Gramnegativní bakterie				
Komplex <i>Acinetobacter calcoaceticus-baumannii</i>		<i>Enterobacterales</i>		
<i>Bacteroides fragilis</i>				Komplex <i>Enterobacter cloacae</i>
<i>Haemophilus influenzae</i>				<i>Escherichia coli</i>
<i>Neisseria meningitidis</i> (opouzdřená)				<i>Klebsiella aerogenes</i>
<i>Pseudomonas aeruginosa</i>				<i>Klebsiella oxytoca</i>
<i>Stenotrophomonas maltophilia</i>				Skupina <i>Klebsiella pneumoniae</i>
				<i>Proteus</i> spp.
				<i>Salmonella</i> spp.
				<i>Serratia marcescens</i>
Kvasinky				
<i>Candida albicans</i>		<i>Candida krusei</i>		<i>Cryptococcus neoformans/gattii</i>
<i>Candida auris</i>		<i>Candida parapsilosis</i>		
<i>Candida glabrata</i>		<i>Candida tropicalis</i>		
Geny antimikrobiální rezistence				
CTX-M	KPC	<i>mecA/C</i>	NDM	<i>vanA/B</i>
IMP	<i>mcr-1<sup>a</sup></i>	<i>mecA/C</i> a MREJ (MRSA)	OXA-48-like	VIM

# Molecular diagnostics

10 hours (intensive)

broad-range PCR (16S rRNA gene)  
+ Sanger sequencing



# Use of 16S on various materials

	Heart valves	Joint aspirates	Blood ICU
<b>Samples total</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>230</b>	<b>476</b>
Samples positive	55	135	186
Samples positive by both culture and 16S PCR	11	73	87
<b>Samples positive by 16S PCR only</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>73</b>
Samples positive by culture only	0	3	26
<b>Added values of 16S PCR (% from all samples)</b>	<b>56 %</b>	<b>19 %</b>	<b>7 %</b>
False negativity of 16S PCR (% from all samples)	0 %	2 %	7 %

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3.5 hours

multiplex PCR and T2MR



# T2MR and „ESCAPE“

- a group of six virulent and resistant bacteria (in the T2MR list, *E. coli* replaces *Enterobacter*)
- health care-associated infections
- may escape conventional ATB therapy due to their MDR phenotype

<i>Escherichia coli</i>	E (Ec)
<i>Staphylococcus aureus</i>	S
<i>Klebsiella pneumoniae</i>	K
<i>Acinetobacter baumannii</i>	A
<i>Pseudomonas aeruginosa</i>	P
<i>Enterococcus faecium</i>	E

Back to blood culture



# Blood culture

Gold standard of microbiological diagnostics of sepsis (BSI)

To collect	Traditional approach	Novel approach
<i>Which material</i>	blood	blood
<i>When</i>	when the temperature rises	on suspicion of BSI
<i>How</i>	„paired blood cultures" <b>2x to 3x twin bottles</b>	Single sampling <b>1x four to six bottles</b>

one blood culture  $\neq$  one bottle

one blood culture = a set of bottles taken at a given time, or all bottles taken during a single septic episode (24 hours)

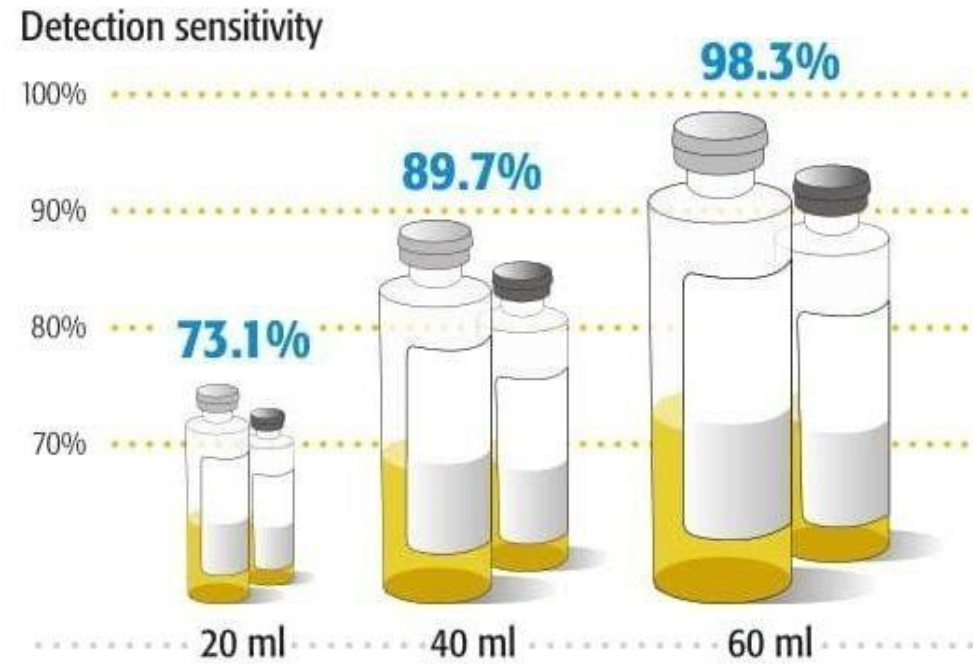
## Collection of a sufficient amount of blood

- essential to increase the sensitivity

only 1 to 10 bacterial cells in 1 mL of blood

Desired blood volume: 40 to 60 mL

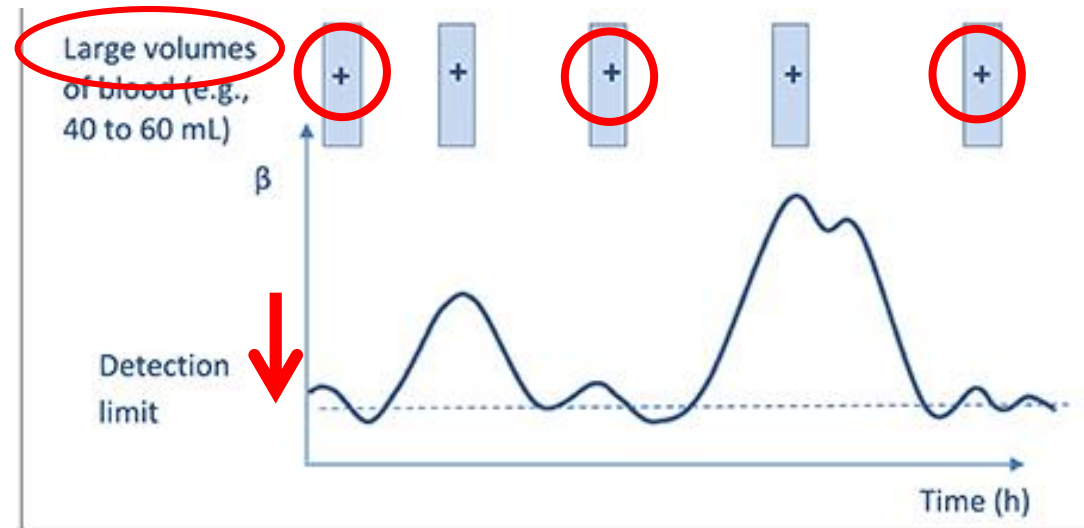
Taking just one single bottle is useless



*Lee et al. Detection of bloodstream infections in adults: how many blood cultures are needed? 2007.*

## Collection of a sufficient amount of blood

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**Intermittent bacteraemia for less than 24 hours is exceptional**

## Single sample

- essential to increase the specificity

**Common contaminants:** coagulase negative staphylococci, *Corynebacterium* spp., *Micrococcus* spp., *Bacillus* spp., *Cutibacterium acnes*.

paired "blood cultures" 3x



50% false positives

Single sample



25% false positives

contamination 3%

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# Practical aspects of blood culture collection

- Sufficient amount of blood, **40 to 60 ml** = 4 to 6 bottles (10 mL each)  
Fill the bottles completely (orientation according to the scale on the side of the bottle)
- Aerobic and anaerobic bottles in ratio **1 : 1**; to fill **aerobic bottles as the first in order**
- Mycotic bottle can be added to the basic set
- collection from the periphery
- start automatic blood incubation as early as possible

# Management of sepsis (from microbiological perspective)

- broad-spectrum AB therapy timely (within one hour of occurrence):
  - beta-lactam (carbapenem or piperacilin/tazobactam or cefepim)
  - + aminoglycoside (amikacin or gentamicin)
  - potentially + clindamycin (or linezolid) if production of toxin is suspected
- blood culture
  - + sometimes molecular diagnostics

# Infective endocarditis

- predisposing factors: valve replacement, pacemaker, iv. addicts, rheumatic fever

## Causing agents:

*S. aureus*, viridans streptococci (oral), *S. gallolyticus*, enterococci, HACEK, non culturable (*bartonella*, *coxiella*), candida

HACEK: *Haemophilus aphrophilus* (today *Aggregatibacter*), *Aggregatibacter actinomycetemcomitans*, *Cardiobacterium hominis*, *Eikenella corrodens*, *Kingella kingae*

# Infective endocarditis

Diagnosis is based on clinical findings, microbiology and imaging (oesophageal echo)

## Duke criteria:

Major criteria	Minor criteria
1. Two positive blood cultures with typical microorganisms collected at least 12 h apart (or one positive culture for <i>Coxiella burnetii</i> )	1. Fever > 38°C
2. Evidence of endocardial involvement (new murmur, echocardiographic evidence of cardiac mass, abscess, valve dehiscence)	2. Vascular phenomenon (systemic emboli, Janeway lesions)
	3. Immunologic phenomenon (Osler nodes, Roth spots)
	4. Predisposition to infective endocarditis (previous infective endocarditis or intravenous drug abuse)
	5. Microbiologic evidence that does not meet major criteria

2 + 0  
1 + 3  
0 + 5

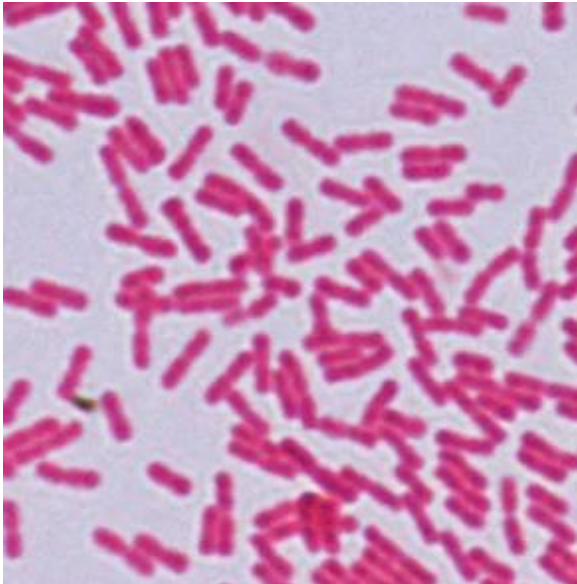
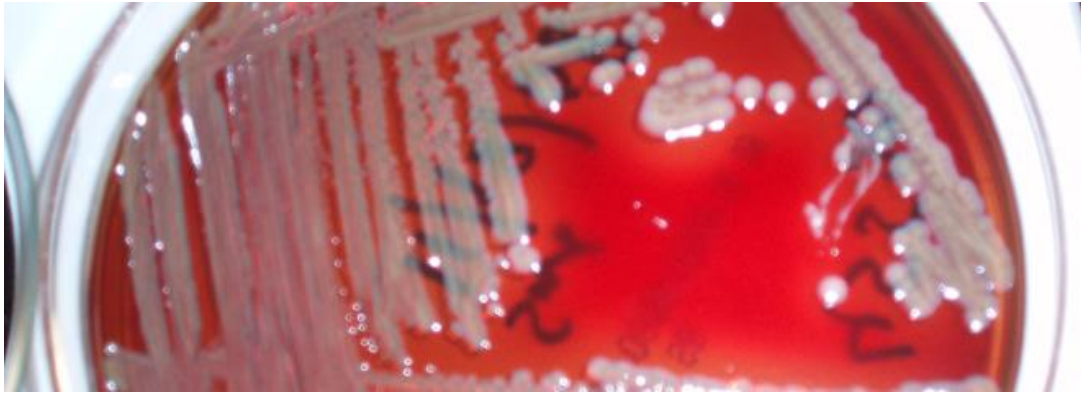
repeated sampling of haemocultures:

- need to catch microbes repeatedly
- 3x2 vials in total within 24 hours



# Thank you for your attention

children below 2 yrs of age



*Kingella Kingae*

