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# H. pylori: Updates in Management

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# Outline

- The importance of treating H. pylori
- Who to test are the guidelines sufficient to identify at risk patients?
- Navigating the complexities of management updates and highlights



The importance of eradication

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# **IT'S STILL OUT THERE**

1980s

H. pylori discovered

1994

 NIH consensus conference recognized HP as a cause of gastric and duodenal ulcers

1994

 International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) and World Health Organization (WHO) classified H. pylori as a Class I (definite) human carcinogen



2015

 Recognized as an important transmissible infectious disease involving the stomach

- Cigarette smoking
- HPV
- HCV

Screen for class 1 carcinogens

### We don't screen

- •H. Pylori
- •The most successful human pathogen
- •~50% human population infected



But the guidelines say...

# **WHO TO TEST**

## **Familiar Cases**

### 29yo Caucasian female

- Epigastric abdominal pain
- No alarm features

# 73yo African American male

- Colorectal cancer screening
- Arthritis
- Asymptomatic

### 59 yo Korean female

- GERD
- FHx gastric cancer



# H. Pylori screening





Gastric MALT lymphoma



Dyspepsia <60yo



Active peptic ulcer disease



Taking ASA/
Prior to NSAIDs



h/o peptic ulcer



**Unexplained IDA** 



h/o early gastric cancer



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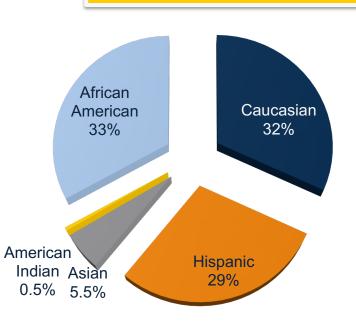
\*Assymptomatic not tested

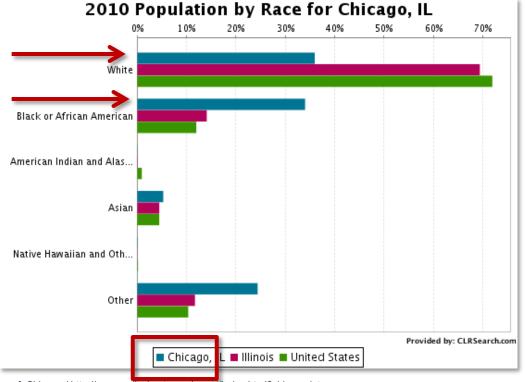
### THOUGHT TO BE

# The prevalence of disease is low

The question: what is the prevalence among patients in Chicago

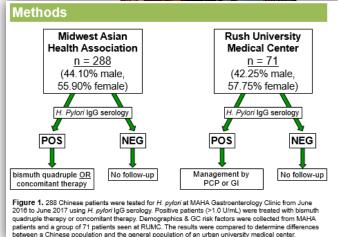


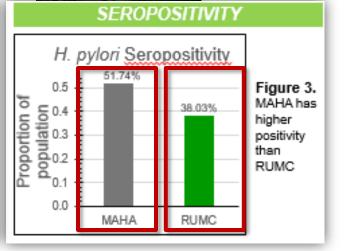




http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Demographics of Chicago / http://www.radicalcartography.net/index.html?chicagodots







Principles to know and what is on the horizon

# TREATMENT: NAVIGATING THE CHAOS

## Not

Treat to > 90%

Table 2 Recommended first-line therapies for *H pylori* infection

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Clarithromycin triple PPI (standard or double dose) BID 14 Yesa

Clarithromycin (500 mg)

Amoxicillin (1 grm) or Metronidazole (500 mg TID)

BID

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No

Though this was in the ACP guidelines,

most trials were from Europe and Asia

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		pylori infection

PPI (standard dose)

Levofloxacin (250 mg)

Nitazoxanide (500 mg)

Doxycycline (100 mg)

PPI (double dose)

Bismuth quadruple

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Regimen	Drugs (doses)	Dosing frequency	Duration (days)	
Clarithromycin triple	PPI (standard or double dose)	BID	14	
	Clarithromycin (500 mg)			
	Amoxicillin (1 grm) or Metronidazole (500 mg TID)			
Bismuth quadruple	PPI (standard dose)	BID	ER Bis Quad: RCT 91%	
	Bismuth subcitrate (120–300 mg) or subsalicylate (300 mg)	QID		
	Tetracycline (500 mg)	QID		
	Metronidazole (250–500 mg)	QID (250)	MA 77.6%-85%	
		TID to QID (500)		
Concomitant	PPI (standard dose)	BID	ER Concomitant:	
	Clarithromycin (500 mg)			
	Amoxicillin (1grm)		RCT 90%	
	Nitroimidazole (500 mg) <sup>c</sup> PPI, Amox, Levofloxacin (500 mg QD), Nitroimidazole (500 mg) <sup>c</sup> BI	D	MA 81.7%-88%	

BID, twice daily; FDA, Food and Drug Administration; PPI, proton pump inhibitor; TID, three times daily; QD, once daily; QID, four

Bismuth subcitrate (120-300 mg) or subsalicylate (300 mg)

\*Several PPI, clarithromycin, and amoxicillin combinations have achieved FDA approval. PPI, clarithromycin and metronidazole is not an FDA-approved treatment

PPI, bismuth, tetracycline, and metronidazole prescribed separately is not an FDA-approved treatment regimen. However, Pylera, a combination product containing

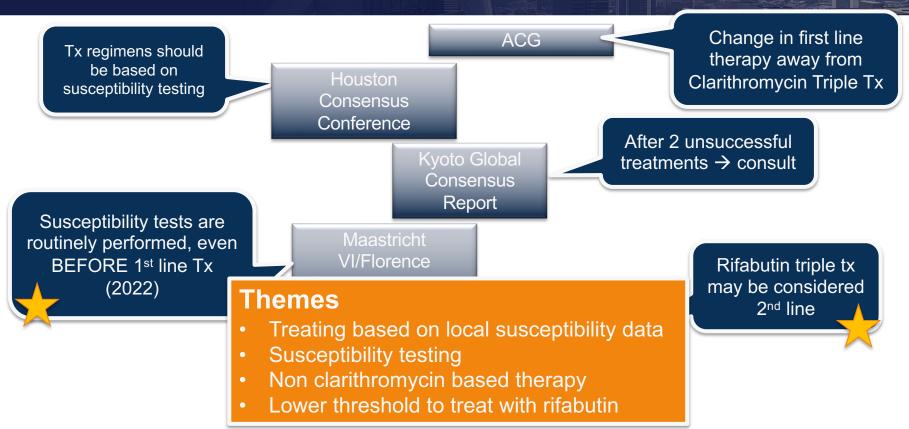
Chey WD et al. Am J Gastroenterol 2017; 112:212-238 Lt BZ et al. Comparative effectiveness and tolerance of treatments for Helicobacter pylori: systematic review and network meta-analysis. BMJ 2015; 351: h4052/ Venerito M et al. Meta-analysis of bismuth quadruple therapy versus clarithromycin triple therapy for empiric primary treatment of Helicobacter pylori infection. Digestion 2013; 88: 33 – 45/ Gisbert JP et al. Update on non-bismuth quadruple (concomitant) therapy for eradication of Helicobacter pylori. Clin Exp Gastroenterol 2012; 5: 23 – 34/ Gatta L et al. Global eradication rates for Helicobacter pylori infection: systematic review and meta-analysis of sequential therapy. Bmj 2013; 347: f4587.

QD

QD

BID QD

# There is no shortage of guidelines



### Local Susceptibility Data

### **MEETING SUMMARY, continued**

There are data regarding the effectiveness of bioavailability of iron, thyroxin, L-DOPA, possibly delayirdine, and ketoconazole.64-66

Antibiotic susceptibility testing and treatment of H pylori infection approved by both the panel and the

- Statement 15: We recommend that empiric eradication therapy for H pylori be based on region or population-specific antibiotic susceptibility data (91% agree/strongly agree, Grade 1B).
- Statement 16: We recommend consulting an expert following 2 proven unsuccessful treatment attempts with different antibiotics suggesting multidrug resistance (82% agree/strongly agree, Grade 1B).
- Statement 17: We recommend that validated diagnostic testing of stool or gastric mucosal biopsy by culture and susceptibility, or molecular analysis be universally available (100% agree/strongly agree, Grade 1).
- Statement 18: We suggest that antibiotics that may be routinely evaluated for susceptibility include amoxicillin, clarithromycin, levofloxacin, metronidazole, and tetracycline (100% agree/strongly agree, Grade 2C).
- Statement 19: We recommend that professional societies provide the research needed to support evidence-based reimbursement decisions for antibiotic susceptibility testing for H pylori (100% agree/strongly agree, Grade 1).

"if we don't have local susceptibility data, how do we know our region ISN'T <15% resistant to clarithromycin?"

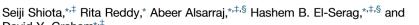
### **Antimicrobial Resistance Incidence** and Risk Factors among Helicobacter pylori-Infected Persons, United States

William M. Duck,\* Jeremy Sobel,\* Janet M. Pruckler,\* Qunsheng Song,\* David Swerdlow,\* Cindy Friedman.\* Alana Sulka.\* Balasubra Swaminathan.\* Tom Taylor.\* Mike Hoekstra.\* Patricia Griffin,\* Duane Smoot,† Rick Peek,‡ DavidC. Metz,§ Peter B. Bloom,¶ Steven Goldschmid,¶ Julie Parsonnet.# George Triadafilopoulos.# Guillermo I. Perez-Perez.\*\* Nimish Vakil.++ Peter Ernst.±± Steve Czinn.§§ Donald Dunne.¶¶ and Ben D. Gold\*

David Y. Graham\*,<sup>‡</sup>



### Antibiotic Resistance of *Helicobacter pylori* Among Male United **States Veterans**



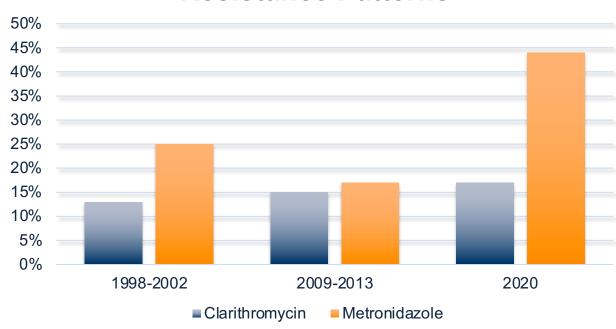
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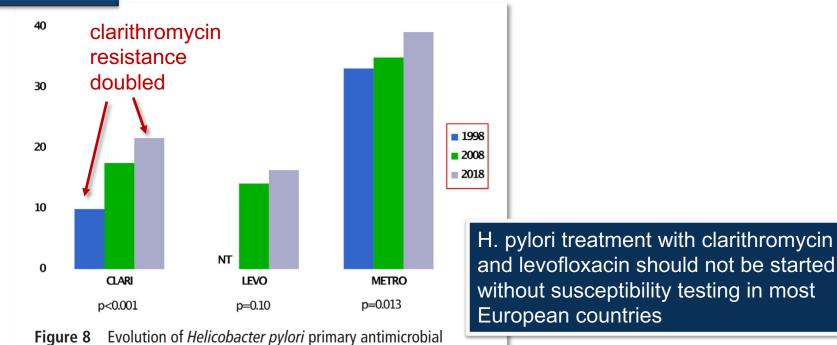


# Rise of Resistance

### **Resistance Patterns**

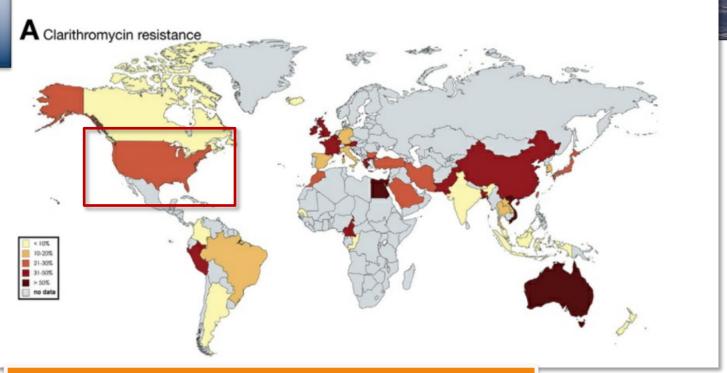


# Rise of Resistance



resistance in Europe (1998–2018). NT, not tested.

# Rise of Resistance



Maastricht VI consensus → do not use Clarithro (unless it is KNOWN that there is <15% resistance in that particular region)

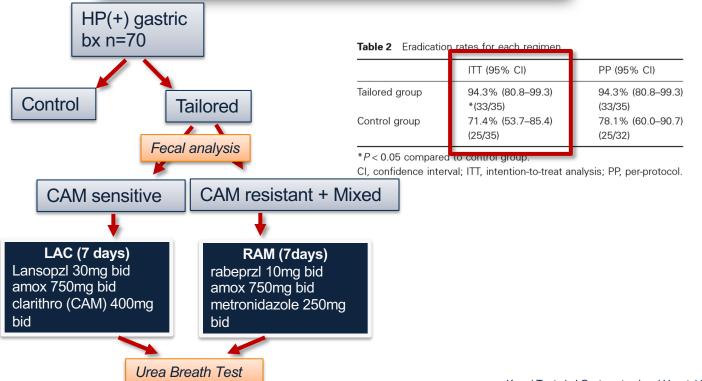
# Susceptibility Guided Therapy

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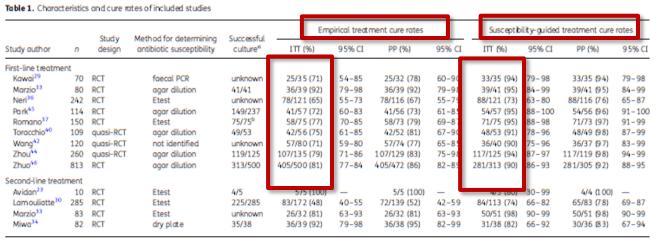
### Tailored eradication therapy based on fecal *Helicobacter* pylori clarithromycin sensitivities

Takashi Kawai,\* Tetsuya Yamagishi,\* Kenji Yagi,† Mikinori Kataoka,\* Kohei Kawakami,\* Atsushi Sofuni,† Takao Itoi,† Yoshihiro Sakai,† Fuminori Moriyasu,† Yoshiaki Osaka,‡ Yu Takagi,† Tatsuya Aoki,† Emiko Rimbara,§ Norihisa Noguchi§ and Masanori Sasatsu§

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# Susceptibility Guided Therapy



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>o</sup>Successful culture rate was unknown in the studies that included only patients with positive culture.

Caution with the comparison...

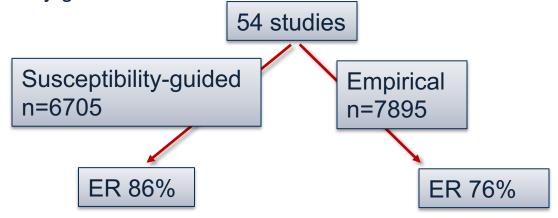
<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>b</sup>Three patients with initial negative culture had a repeat endoscopy and a second culture.

# Empirical vs. Susceptibility-Guided Treatment of *Helicobacter pylori* Infection: A Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis

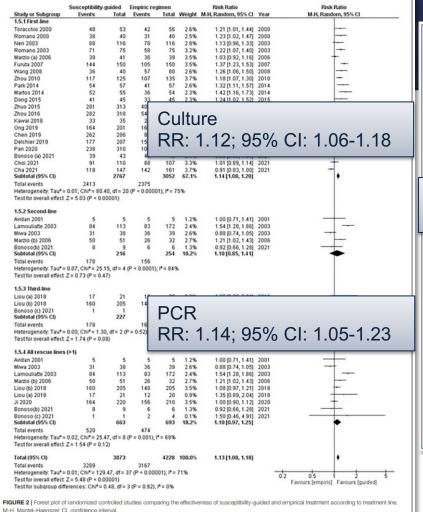
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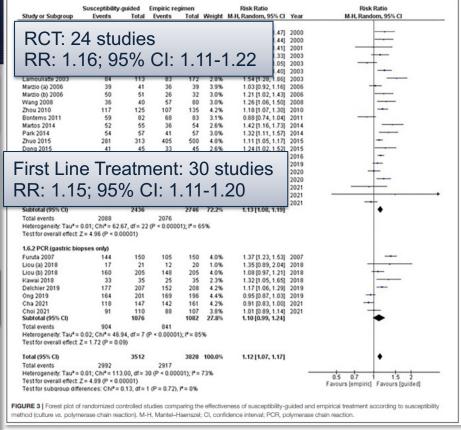
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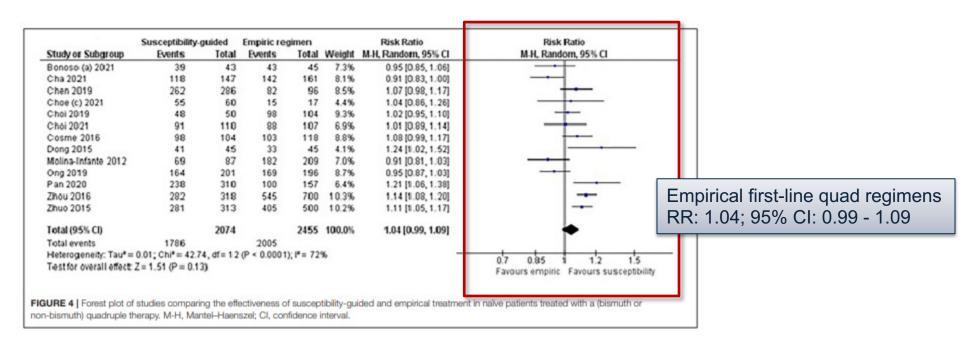
- Aim: meta-analysis comparing empirical vs. susceptibility-guided treatment of H. pylori
- Methods: electronic search through August 2021 for studies comparing empirical vs susceptibility-guided treatment



RR: 1.12; 95%CI: 1.08-1.17



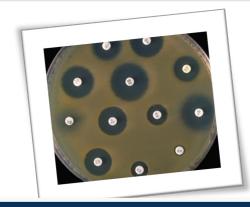




### No differences in efficacy

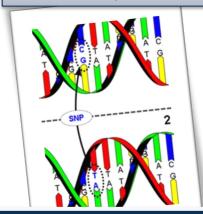
## Culture vs. Molecular

When we think about susceptibility we think culture and sensitivity



- Requires endoscopy
- Organism is fastidious to grow
- Special handling and media
- Time to process

Molecular testing becoming more feasible and practical



- Cannot be used for all antibiotics
- Genotype may not equate with phenotype

stance mechanisms

### **BEST ADVANTAGE**

Molecular methods allow for non invasive means of susceptibility testing

## Rifabutin Therapy

### Maastricht VI

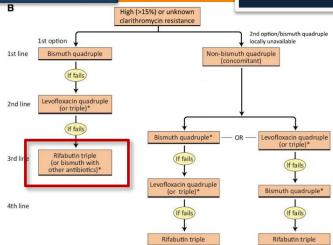
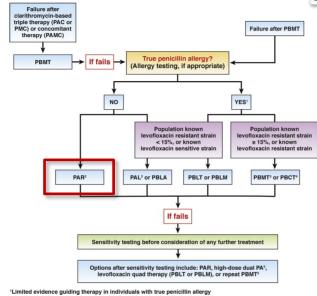


Figure 1 Algorithm for empirical Helicobacter pylori eradication if individual antibiotic susceptibility testing is not available. Bismuth quadruple: proton pump inhibitor (PPI), bismuth, tetracycline and metronidazole. Clarithromycin triple: PPI, clarithromycin and amoxicillin; only use if proven effective locally or if clarithromycin, sensitivity is known. Non-bismuth quadruple (concomitant): PPI, clarithromycin, amoxicillin and metronidazole. Levofloxacin quadruple: PPI, levofloxacin, amoxicillin and bismuth, Levofloxacin triple: the same but without bismuth, In cases of high fluoroguinolone resistance (>15%), the combination of bismuth with other antibiotics, high-dose PPI-amoxicillin dual or rifabutin, may be an option. \*High-dose PPI or P-CAB (vonoprazan where available) plus amoxicillin may be another option. P-CAB, potassium-competitive acid blocker; PPI, proton pump inhibitor.

PAR after 2nd failure



<sup>2</sup>With high-dose or high-potency PPI, amoxicillin 750 mg TID

<sup>3</sup>High-dose metronidazole (1.5-2g divided)

<sup>4</sup>Only if clarithromycin sensitive strain

<sup>5</sup>High-dose dual PA = amoxicillin 2-3g daily in 3-4 divided doses + high-dose PPI BID. PA in place of PAR may be considered, although one study from the US demonstrated superiority of PAR compared to PA as first-line treatment (Graham et al. 2020); however, this has not been directly compared in refractory H pylori treatment.

P. PPI: C. Clarithromycin: A. Amoxicillin: M. Metronidazole: B. Bismuth: T. Tetracycline: R. Rifabutin: L. Levofloxacin

PAR as 2<sup>nd</sup> line

Figure 2. Treatment algorithm for refractory H pylori infection. PAL, PPI, amoxicillin, levofloxacin; PAR, PPI, amoxicillin, rifabutin; PBCT, PPI, bismuth, clarithromycin, tetracycline: PBLA, PPI, bismuth, levofloxacin, amoxicillin: PBLT. PPI, bismuth, levofloxacin, tetracycline: PBLM, PPI, bismuth. levofloxacin. PBMT. metronidazole: PPI, bismuth, metronidazole, tetracycline,

# Rifabutin Therapy

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	Empiric therapies
Bismuth quadruple therapy Bismuth subsalicylate q.i.d. 14 d	Bismuth (e.g., Pepto-Bismol) 2 tablets or 2 capsules q.i.d. 30 mi before meals, tetracycline HCl 500 mg, and metronidazole 500 m 30 min after meals q.i.d. plus a PPI, 30 min b.i.d. before breakfas and with the evening meal (see PPI recommendations below)
Pylera. 3-in 1 formulation of bismuth quadruple therapy with bismuth citrate) metronidazole and tetracycline 14-d	Give combination tablets 4 times daily (with meals and at bedtime plus a PPI 30 min before breakfast (see PPI recommendations below). If the pharmacist will only dispense a 10-d supply, use 1 d or consider using 14-d generic bismuth quadruple therapy instead (see above)
Rifabutin triple therapy. 14-d	Rifabutin 150 mg b.i.d. 30 after breakfast and the evening meal amoxicillin 1 g t.i.d. 30 after breakfast, the evening meal, and bedtime plus 40 mg of esomeprazole or rabeprazole 30 min befo breakfast and the evening meal (see PPI recommendations below
Talicia 3-in 1 formulation of rifabutin/ amoxicillin/omeprazole triple therapy. 14-d	4 capsules t.id., as directed by the package insert
Therapies only effective as susceptibility-base	d therapy. Do not use empirically unless proven to cure >90% locally
Clarithromycin triple therapy. 14-d	Clarithromycin 500 mg b.i.d., amoxicillin 1 g b.i.d. 30 min after meal plus a PPI b.i.d. 30 min before breakfast and the evening me (see PPI recommendations below)
Metronidazole triple therapy. 14-d	Metronidazole 500 mg b.i.d., amoxicillin 1 g b.i.d., 30 min after meal plus a PPI b.i.d. 30 min before breakfast and the evening me (see PPI recommendations below)
Levofloxacin triple therapy. 14-d <sup>a</sup>	Levofloxacin 500 mg in a.m., amoxicillin 1 g b.i.d., 30 min after meal plus a PPI b.i.d. 30 min before breakfast and the evening me (see PPI recommendations below)
	PPI recommendations
	affected by CYP2C19 metabolism (i.e., rabeprazole or esomeprazole) and erably 40 mg) of rabeprazole or esomeprazole b.i.d.
Therapies containing un	nnecessary antibiotics that should not be used
	herapeutic benefit and serve to increase global antimicrobial resistance include erapies and vonoprazan clarithromycin and amoxicillin triple therapy (3).
b.i.d., 2 time daily; HCl, hydrochloride; PPI, proton pump inhibitor; q.i.d. <sup>a</sup> The US Food and Drug Administration recommends fluoroquinolones b Table adapted from reference (4), with permission.	

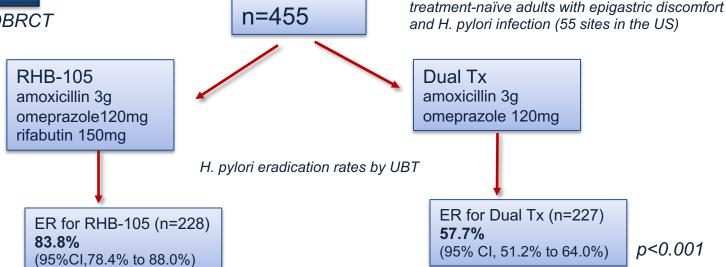
# Rifabutin Therapy

# Rifabutin-Based Triple Therapy (RHB-105) for *Helicobacter pylori* Eradication

A Double-Blind, Randomized, Controlled Trial

David Y. Graham, MD; Yamil Canaan, MD; James Maher, MD; Gregory Wiener, MD; Kristina G. Hulten, PhD; and Ira N. Kalfus, MD





#### Most common adverse events:

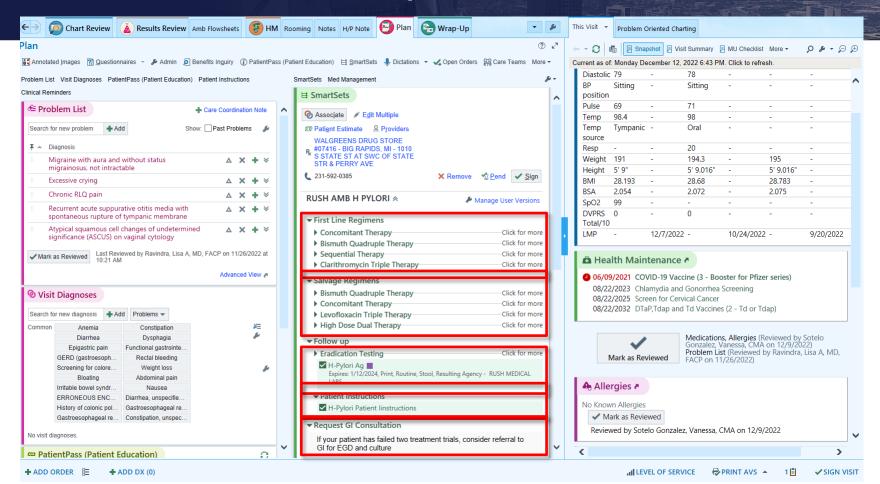
- diarrhea 10.1% vs 7.9%
- headache 7.5% vs. 7.0%
- nausea 4.8% vs. 5.3%

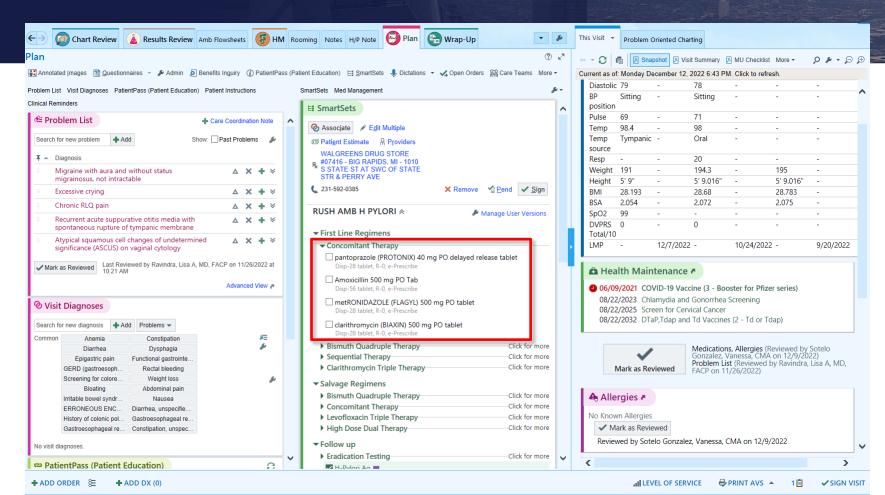
#### Limitations:

 excluded persons of Asian descent (bc of higher prevalence of poor cytochrome P450 2C19 metabolizers) Conclusion:
Potential for RHB-105 as
first line empirical therapy



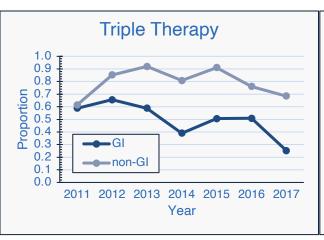
# Host Factors – Compliance!

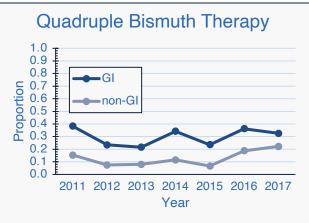


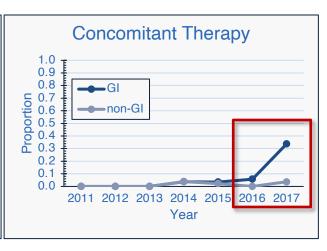


# Prescriber Factors – Updating Practice

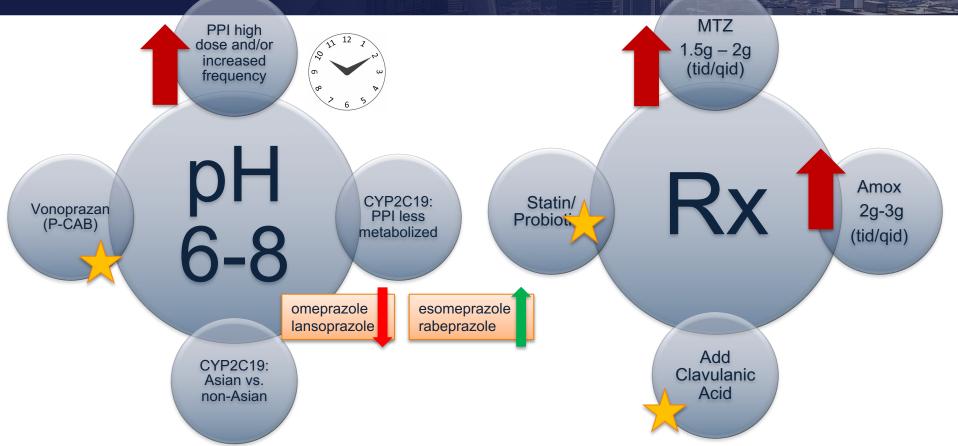


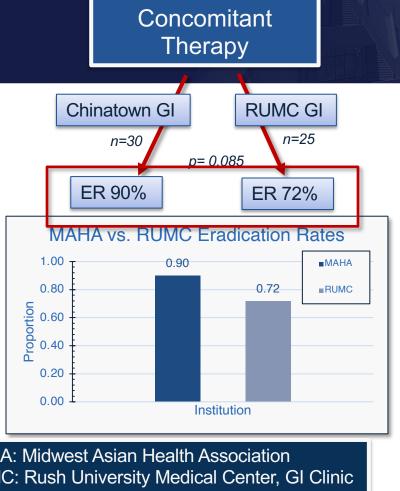




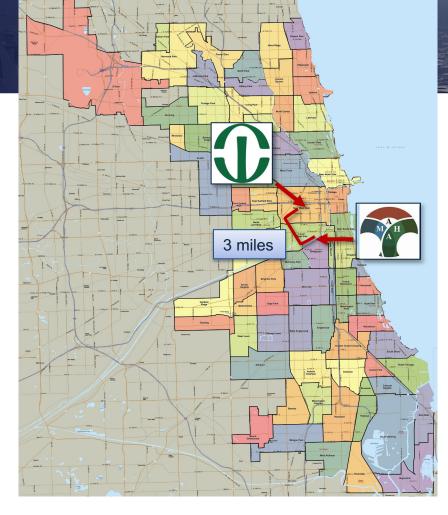


# Putting it together: Optimizing what we have





MAHA: Midwest Asian Health Association RUMC: Rush University Medical Center, Gl Clinic



## Back to our cases

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- No alarm features



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- Colorectal cancer screening
- Arthritis
- Asymptomatic



## 59 yo Korean female

- GERD
- Failed Triple Tx 5 yrs ago
- Quad therapy, no TOE
- FHx gastric cancer



# Summary

- United States' unique demographic in context of guidelines
- Optimize management based on understanding of patient, health systems, bacteria and available therapies
- New tools on the horizon
  - Potassium competitive acid blockers
  - Data on statins/ probiotics/ rifabutin
  - Increased use and experience with susceptibility testing

