



Pharmacodynamic and Pharmacokinetics of Antibiotics in the Critically Ill

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Message from the Guest Editor

Patients both in wards and in intensive care units (ICU) often develop severe infections which are associated with significant mortality rates. Recent and novel technologies for the microbiological diagnosis of these infections have been developed and significantly assist in ensuring the adequacy of antibiotic treatments.

Unfortunately, treatment of bacterial infections may be complicated by alterations in the pharmacokinetics (PK) and pharmacodynamics (PD) of antimicrobial agents.

Several tools have been developed or are in development for the quantification of antimicrobial concentrations even within a few hours after sample collection.

Antibiotic efficacy may be affected by specific and single antibiotics as well as patient covariate data; therefore, therapeutic drug monitoring (TDM), when available and fast provided, gives the clinicians bedside help to improve antibiotic treatment quality and adequacy.





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Message from the Editor-in-Chief

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