

# Management of Nosocomial Respiratory Infections

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**Abstract:** Purpose: Nosocomial Pneumonia is the infection of the lower respiratory tract that occurs during or after hospitalization of patients who did not have the incubation stage of infection on admission to hospital. Nosocomial pneumonia is the leading cause of mortality due to hospital acquired infections. In this study, we aimed to determine and manage nosocomial pneumonia in intensive care unit in the University Hospital Centre "Mother Teresa", Tirana. Methods: In this study included 480 patients aged ( $65 \pm 30$ ) hospitalized in intensive care unit during March 2014 - October 2014. Results: In this study included 480 patients of which 18 patients resulted nosocomial respiratory infections, 11 patients resulted nosocomial urinary infections, 13 patients resulted in nosocomial surgical infections and 6 patients resulted nosocomial blood infections. All patients were examined clinically. In total there have been these tests: 18% blood cultures, 6.5% wound drainage, 30% intubation tubes, 22% aspiration tubes, 26.8% crop throat secretions and 30% uroculture. Data were collected from patients who have had fever 48 hours after admission to intensive care. The overall percentage of nosocomial respiratory infection was 37% in comparison with other nosocomial infections. Percentage of nosocomial infection was higher among males (63%) than in females (37%). The average age of these patients with surgical infections nosocomial was ( $65 \pm 30$ ) years and a major cause of these infections was *Pseudomonas Aeruginosa* in 27% of cases. Conclusions: Nosocomial pneumonia is common in patients admitted to the intensive care unit of the University Hospital Center Central. The main recommendations should be given on diagnostic strategies, testing, antibiotic selection and duration of treatment. We also need to collect data on how the prevention of hospital infections in general and in particular nosocomial pneumonia.

**Keywords:** Nosocomial pneumonia, hospital infection, strategies, management, etc.

## 1. Introduction

Nosocomial pneumonia is infection of the lower respiratory tract that occurs during or after hospitalization of patients who did not have the incubation stage of infection on admission to hospital. Diagnosis of this disease is based on: clinical signs, elevated temperature, purulent secretions, relevant changes in radiography and microbiological diagnosis of intubation tubes, pipes aspiration, culture throat secretions, etc. (10) Nosocomial Pneumonia is the leading cause of morbidity and also represent one of the main causes of death in some countries due to hospital acquired infections. Treatment of respiratory tract infections implies a constant search for strong and therapy represents an economic burden on health services and society. In this context, prevention of infections is absolutely necessary. A thorough understanding of the latest developments in assessment and management of nosocomial pneumonia is critical to infection control professionals and hospital epidemiologists, considering cases and the cost of this important problem of patient safety. The main recommendations are then given to diagnostic strategies, testing, antibiotic selection and duration of treatment. We also need to collect data on how the prevention of hospital infections in general and in particular nosocomial pneumonia.

### 1.1 The etiology of nosocomial pneumonia (11.1)

*Streptococcus pneumoniae* and *Haemophilus influenzae* can cause postoperative pneumonia especially in patients who have lung disease prior. Gram negative bacilli such as *Klebsiella pneumoniae*, *Escherichia coli*, *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*, *Serratia marcescens*, *Enterobacter* species and *Acinetobacter* species. Infection with *Legionella* may appear

hospital ventilation system or water supply system, especially in immunocompromised patients.

Other organisms as *parainfluenza* respiratory syncytial virus and other respiratory viruses, *Candida albicans* and *Aspergillus fumigatus* rarely.

*Pneumocystis pneumonia* causes carini to immunocompromised persons, particularly those HIV-positive, but this is more a community acquired infection.

Opportunistic pulmonary diseases caused by different mycobacteria, including *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* may appear and be transferred to the other patients. (11)

### 1.2 Minimum Requirements

- Decontaminated equipment in proper order.
- Hand hygiene before and after contact with the patient.
- Preferably, the tracheal aspiration of used gloves (non-sterile) and catheter for use.
- The change gloves after each patient and procedure.

## 2. Methods

In this prospective study we aimed to determine and manage nosocomial pneumonias in central resuscitation. In this study included 480 patients aged ( $65 \pm 30$ ) hospitalized in intensive therapy during the period March 2014 - October 2014. The diagnosis of this disease is based on: clinical signs, elevated temperature, puss, relevant changes in radiography and diagnosis microbiological intubation tubes, pipes aspiration, culture throat secretions, Blood cultures, etc. Data were collected from patients who have had fever 48 hours after admission to intensive care.

### 3. Results

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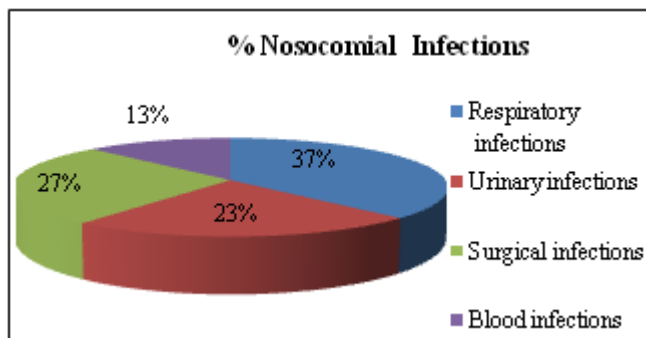


Figure 1

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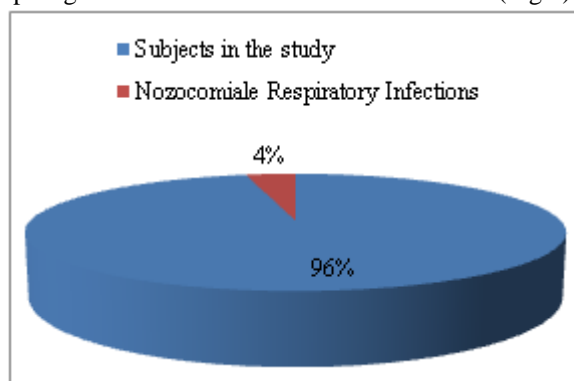


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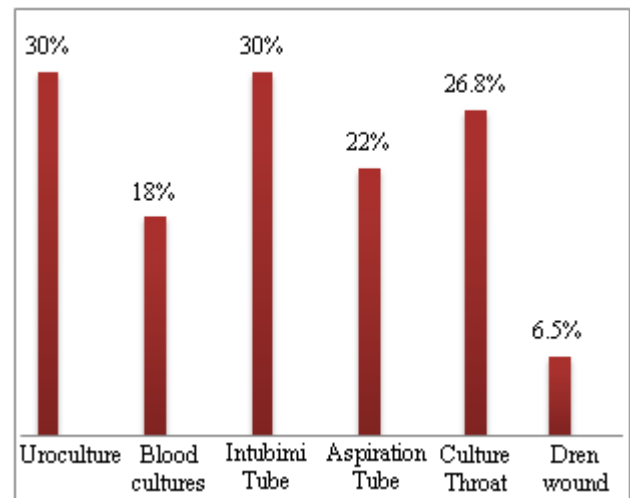


Figure 3

- Etiological cause in respiratory infections Nosocomial is *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* in 27% of cases as follows (Figure 4):

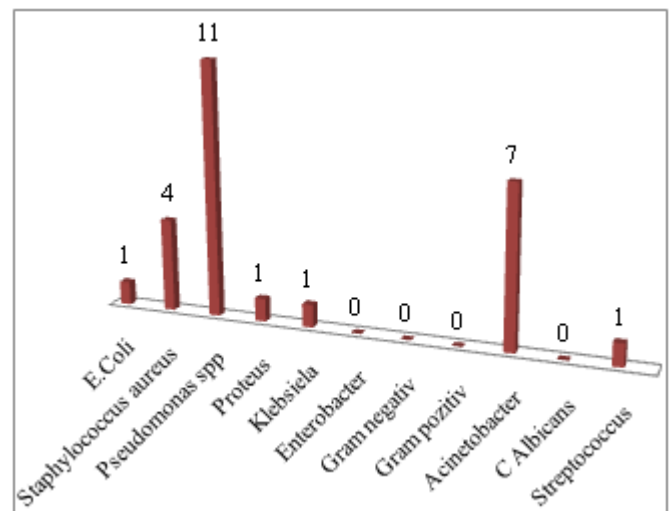
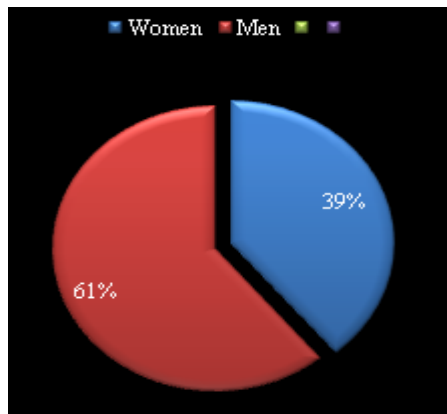
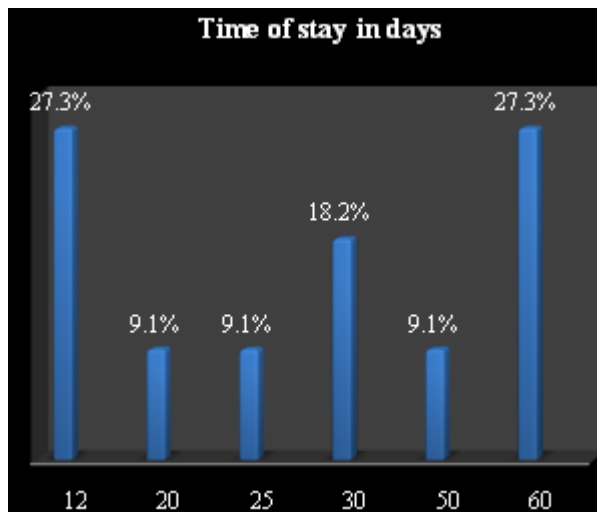


Figure 4

- The average age of affected pacintev nosocomial surgical infections was  $(65 \pm 30)$  years and see that men have a higher percentage of women against infection from these infections. (Fig 5)

**Figure 5**

- The average time of stay in hospital patients nosocomial respiratory infections (Fig 6)

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#### 4. Discussions

Risk factors for nosocomial pneumonia postoperative trauma, arsons and shootings have been identified as causes of the onset of nosocomial pneumonse. The importance of initial therapy in reducing mortality in nosocomial pneumonia is reinforced by numerous studies. (8,9) New technique to study colonization and ways of spreading pathogenic organisms in the intensive care unit were added to understand how pneumonia develops, the role of infection control measures and types of strategies are necessary to prevent it. Oral decontamination, ventilation is a technique to prevent pneumonia and mortality rate associated with it. Implementation of antibiotiko therapy aims also reduce the frequency of nosocomial pneumonia. (3,5)

#### 5. Conclusions

This prospective analysis of patients hospitalized with the diagnosis of nosocomial pneumonia, *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* reveals the cause of high rates of antibiotic resistance, inappropriate antibiotic therapy which then increases mortality. (11) Nosocomial pneumonia is common in patients admitted to the intensive care unit of the University Hospital Center Central. The main recommendations should be given on diagnostic strategies, testing, antibiotic selection and duration of treatment. We

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