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ISPD Peritonitis Guideline Recommendations: 2022 Update on Prevention and Treatment



PERITONEAL
DIALYSIS
INTERNATIONAL

Definitions and measurement of peritonitis



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- Time-specific peritonitis
- Outcomes-specific definitions

Prevention of peritonitis



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- Exit-site care
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(including indications for catheter removal)



- Refractory peritonitis
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Return to PD after cessation of PD

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These recommendations are evidence-based where evidence is available, and if multiple reports are available, findings from the more recent publications have been incorporated by the committee.

Philip Kam-Tao Li, Kai Ming Chow, Yeoungjee Cho, et al. *ISPD Peritonitis Guideline Recommendations: 2022 Update on Prevention and Treatment*. *Perit Dial Int*. DOI:10.1177/089686608221080586
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DEFINITIONS OF PERITONITIS

We recommend *that peritonitis should be diagnosed when *at least two of the following are present:**

- 1) *clinical features consistent with peritonitis, that is, abdominal pain and/or cloudy dialysis effluent***
- 2) *dialysis effluent white cell count > 100/ μ L (after a dwell time of at least 2 h), with > 50% polymorphonuclear leukocytes***
- 3) *positive dialysis effluent culture (1C)***

Cellular causes

PMN leucocytes

Culture-positive infectious peritonitis

Infectious peritonitis with sterile cultures

Eosinophils

Dialysate eosinophilia

Chemical peritonitis

Monocyte/macrophages

Specimen taken from 'dry' abdomen
(after prolonged peritoneal rest)

Red blood cells

Hemoperitoneum

Malignant cells

Lymphoma

Peritoneal metastasi

DIFFERENTIAL DIAGNOSIS OF CLOUDY EFFLUENT

Non-cellular causes

Fibrin

Triglycerides (milky white appearance of effluent)

Calcium channel blockers

Lymphatic obstruction

Acute pancreatitis

MEASUREMENT OF PERITONITIS

- **We recommend** that every programme should monitor, *at least on a yearly basis, the incidence and outcomes of peritonitis (1C).*
- **We recommend** *that the parameters monitored should include the PD-related peritonitis rate, organism-specific peritonitis rates, antimicrobial susceptibilities of the infecting organisms, culture negative peritonitis and peritonitis outcomes (1C).*
- **We recommend** that the **overall peritonitis rate should be no more than 0.40 episodes per year at risk (1C).**

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The *algorithm of initial management* for PD patients presenting with a clinical diagnosis of peritonitis

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- **CLINICAL EVALUATION**
- **EXAMINE EXIT SITE AND CATHETER TUNNEL**
- **COLLECT PD FLUID FOR CELL COUNT, DIFFERENTIAL COUNT, GRAM STAIN AND CULTURE**

• **We recommend that *PD effluent* be tested for cell count, differential, gram stain and culture whenever peritonitis is suspected (1B).**

• **We recommend that the **blood culture bottle(s)** be the preferred technique for bacterial culture of *PD effluent* (1C).**

• **We recommend that PD patients presenting *with cloudy effluent* be presumed to have peritonitis and treated as such until the diagnosis can be confirmed or excluded (1C).**

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- Start IP antibiotics as soon as possible
- Allow to dwell for at least 6 hours
- Empirical gram-positive and gram-negative coverage *based on patient history and center sensitivity patterns (1C)*

Gram-positive coverage
First-generation cephalosporin or vancomycin (1B)

Gram-negative coverage
Third-generation cephalosporin or aminoglycoside (1B)

Monotherapy with 4° generation cephalosporin (2B)

- Pain control
- IP heparin
- **Recommend anti-fungal prophylaxis (1B)**

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- We recommend that ***IP antibiotics be the preferred route of administration*** as long as the compatibility and stability of the IP antibiotics allow, *unless the patient has features of systemic sepsis (1B)*.
- We suggest that *IP aminoglycoside be administered as daily intermittent dosing (2B)*.
- We recommend that ***prolonged courses of IP aminoglycoside be avoided (1C)***.
- We suggest that *adjunctive oral N-acetylcysteine therapy may help to prevent aminoglycoside ototoxicity (2B)*.
- There is insufficient evidence to make a recommendation as to whether patients on APD should be temporarily switched to CAPD during treatment of peritonitis (Not Graded).

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SUBSEQUENT MANAGEMENT OF PERITONITIS

- **We recommend** *that antibiotic therapy be adjusted once results and sensitivities are known (1C).*

SUBSEQUENT MANAGEMENT OF *PERITONITIS GRAM-POSITIVE*

**Staphylococcus
Aureus**

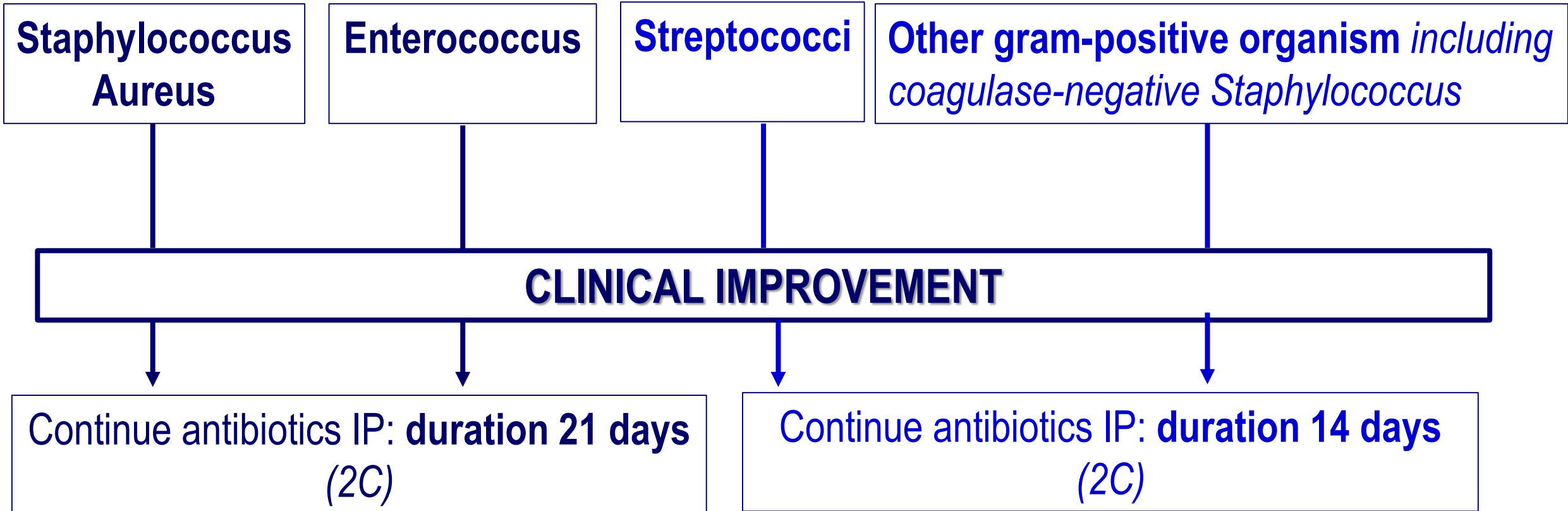
Enterococcus

Streptococci

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CONTINUE GRAM-POSITIVE COVERAGE BASED ON SENSITIVITIES
STOP GRAM-NEGATIVE COVERAGE

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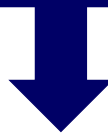
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**NO CLINICAL IMPROVEMENT BY 5 DAYS
ON APPROPRIATE ANTIBIOTICS**



**SURGICALLY REMOVE PD CATHETER
AFTER CATHETER REMOVAL *PATIENT TO REMAIN ON TREATMENT FOR 14 DAYS***

SUBSEQUENT MANAGEMENT OF *PERITONITIS GRAM-NEGATIVE*

Pseudomonas

Stenotrophomonas

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IP ceftazidime or cefepime +
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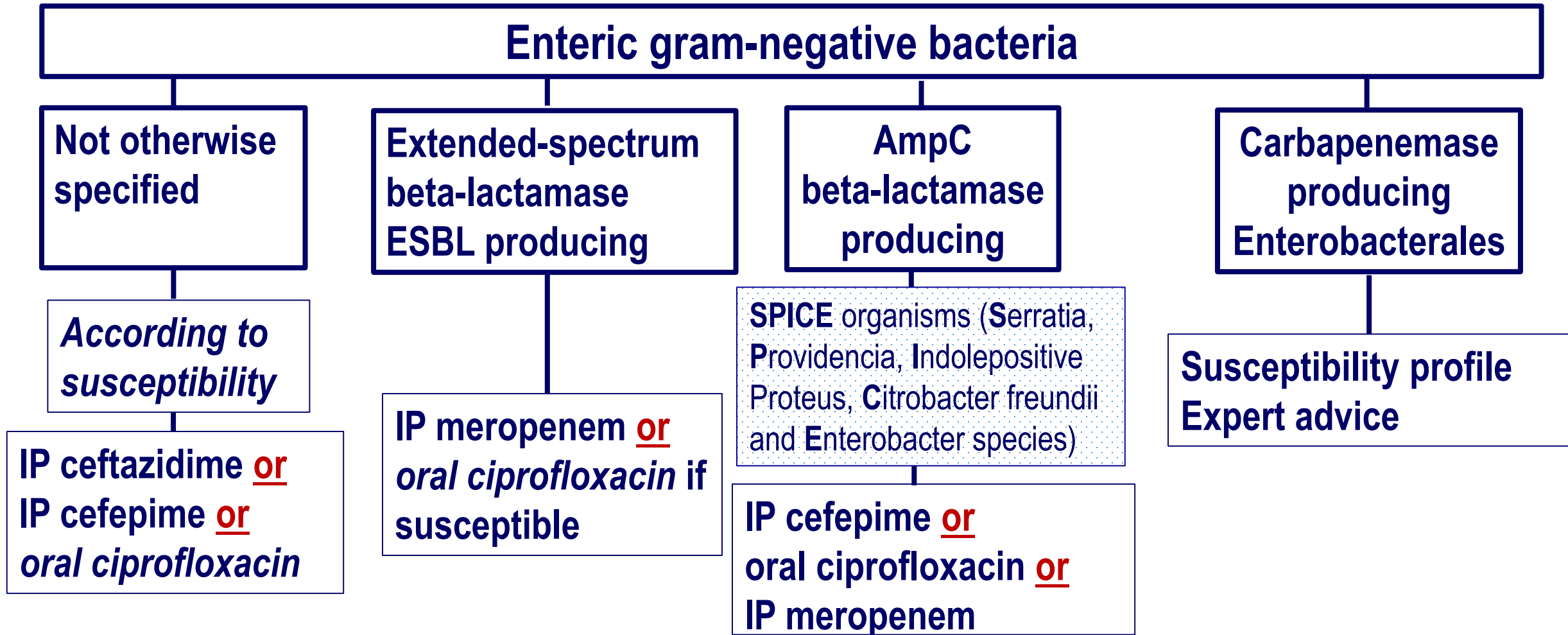
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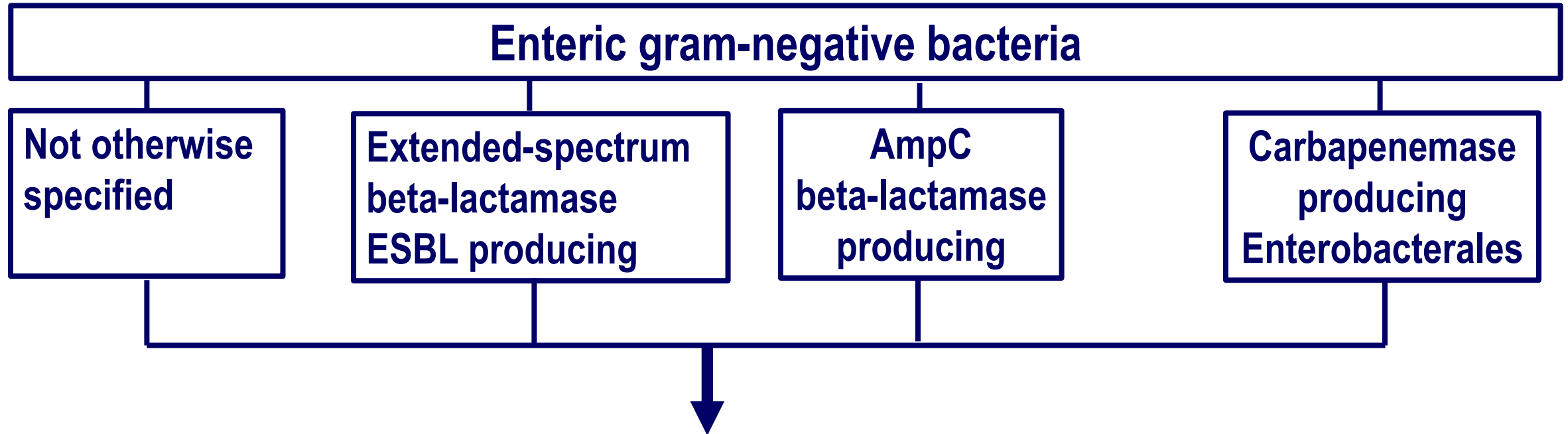
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Peritonitis resolves but persistent exit site or tunnel infection → *consider simultaneous catheter removal and re-insertion*

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MANAGEMENT OF FUNGAL PERITONITIS

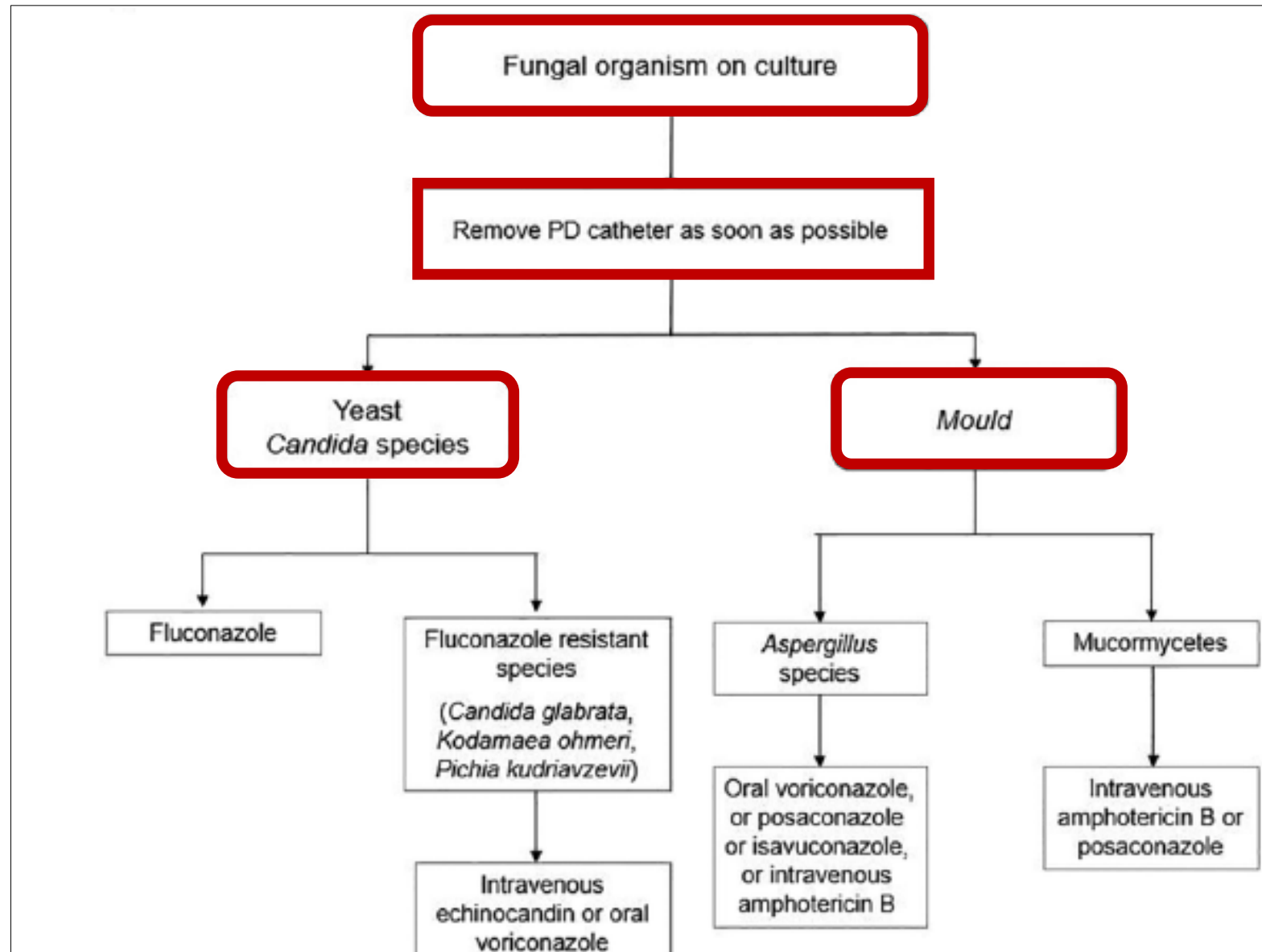
We recommend immediate catheter removal when fungi are identified in PD effluent (1C)

Treatment failure and mortality rates of fungal peritonitis remain high!

In view of the **high biofilm production** observed in fungal peritonitis, **we recommend immediate catheter removal as the best option to reduce the high mortality of fungal peritonitis.**

*Despite the availability of newer antifungal drugs, **catheter removal remains the cornerstone of managing fungal peritonitis.***

Management algorithm for fungal peritonitis



We suggest that treatment with an appropriate antifungal agent be continued for at least 2 weeks after catheter removal (2C)

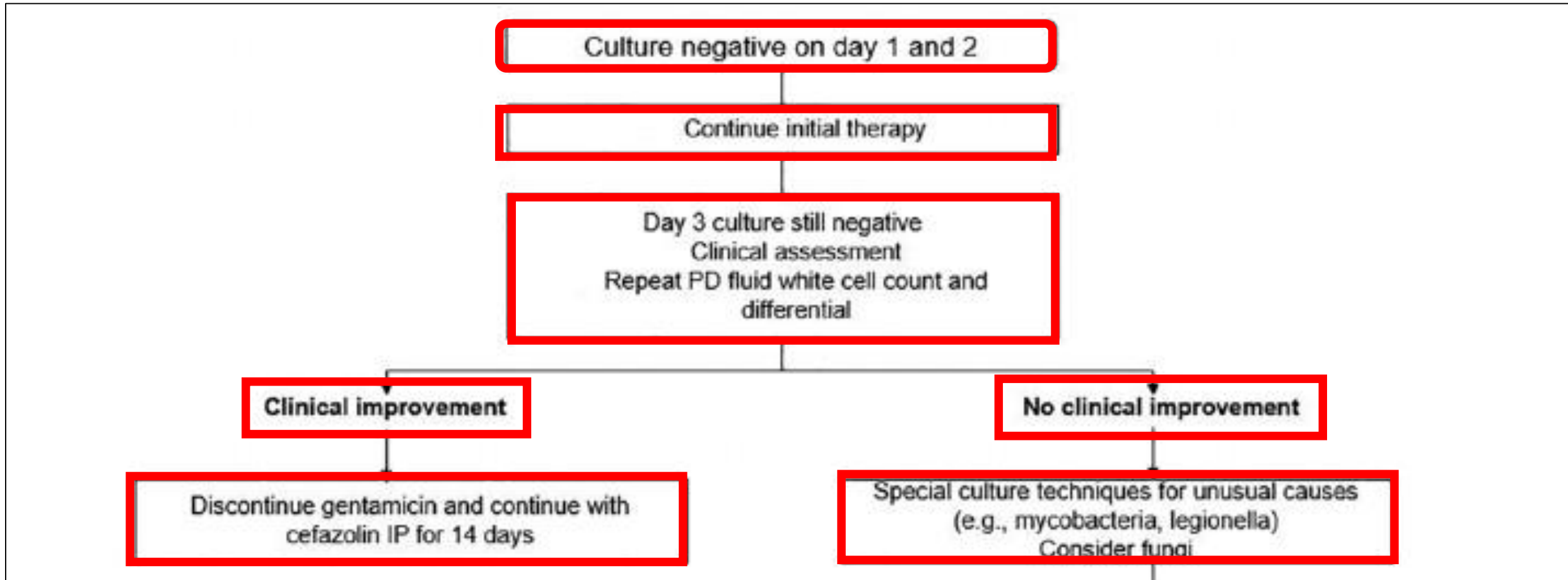
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- **We suggest that sampling and culture methods be reviewed and improved** if more than 15% of peritonitis episodes are culture negative (2C).

Management algorithm for culture-negative peritonitis



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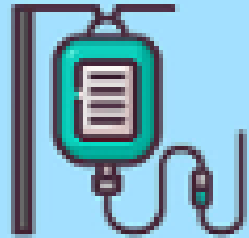
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- **We recommend** that *PD catheter be removed* in **refractory peritonitis** episodes, *defined as failure of the PD effluent to clear* **after 5 days** of appropriate antibiotics **(1D)**.
- **We recommend** timely PD catheter removal be considered for **relapsing, recurrent or repeat peritonitis episodes (1C)**.
- **We suggest** that *Pseudomonas peritonitis with concomitant exit-site and tunnel infection be treated with catheter removal (2D)*.
- For patients with **concomitant *S. aureus* /*Corynebacterium*/ Multiple gram positive organism exit-site or catheter tunnel infection** catheter removal should be considered.

**Return to PD after
cessation of PD**

*(due to peritonitis-related
catheter removal)*



We suggest that **simultaneous PD catheter removal and reinsertion** be considered *after culture of the PD effluent has become negative and the PD effluent white cell count is below 100/mL, in the absence of concomitant exit site or tunnel infection (2C).*

The simultaneous removal and reinsertion of catheter procedure should be carried out under perioperative antibiotic coverage

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We recommend that systemic prophylactic antibiotics be administered immediately prior to catheter placement (1A).

- **We recommend** PD patients take extra precautions to prevent peritonitis if domestic pets are kept (1C).
- **We suggest** pets not be allowed in the room where PD exchange takes place, and where dialysis tubing, equipment and machine are stored (2A).

treatment of exit-site or tunnel infection is necessary to reduce subsequent risk

PREVENTION OF PERITONITIS

We suggest prophylactic antibiotics after wet contamination of the PD system to prevent peritonitis (2D).

To prevent fungal peritonitis, we recommend that anti-fungal prophylaxis be co-prescribed whenever PD patients receive an antibiotic course, regardless of the indication for that antibiotic course (1B).

We suggest antibiotic prophylaxis prior to colonoscopy or invasive gynaecological procedure (2D).
We suggest drainage of PD fluid to keep the abdomen dry before endoscopic gastrointestinal and invasive or gynaecological procedures (2D).

We recommend that PD exchange technique and knowledge be regularly reassessed and updated, with an emphasis on direct inspection of practice of PD technique (1C).

- **We suggest** that avoidance and treatment of hypokalaemia may reduce the risk of peritonitis (2C).
- **We suggest** that avoiding or limiting the use of histamine-2 receptor antagonists may prevent enteric peritonitis (2C).