

Biofilm Understanding

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Don't Stop Your Curiosity



Human Microbiome



“Good Bacteria” in a wound ?

Commensals are considered microbes that provide benefits to the host organism

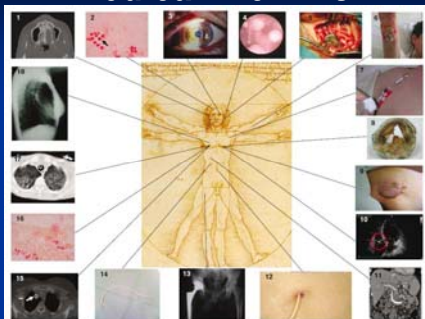
Notably, these interactions require redundant, complex host/microbe interactions that involve various host systems, including

- dendritic cells, keratinocytes, and antimicrobial peptides
- (defensins, alarmins, phenol soluble modulins, lipopeptides),

which do not exist in the wound bed.

Answer – NO Good bacteria in a wound

Medical Biofilms



Del Pozo and Patel *Clin Pharm Ther* Vol 82, 2007
 Medical biofilm paradigm *Journal of Wound Care* Vol 19(2), 2010
 Biofilm and Chronic Infections *JAMA* Vol 299(22), 2008

Medical Biofilms

	General Infections	
	Medical Biofilm	US Incidence
	Diabetic foot ulcers	(P) 3 M
	Venous leg ulcers	(P) 2.5 M
	Decubitus ulcers	(P) 3.5 M (P) 27% NH
	Surgical site infections	500,000
	Burn wounds	1.1 M
	Chronic meningitis	1,400-2,800
	Bacterial prostatitis	(P) 162,800
	All odontogenic infections	11,000
	Chronic tonsillitis	430,000
	Gallstones	36,000-60,000
	Crohn's disease	24,000-40,000
	Ulcerative colitis	(P) 30 M
	COPD	110,000
	Iron chelation	1.2 M
	Pneumonia (non-VAP)	\$14-\$25 B, 54,000 deaths
	Nosocomial	
	Medical Biofilm	US Incidence
	Vascular graft infection	16,000
	Cardiac pacemakers	4,000-20,000
	Peritoneal dialysis peritonitis	20-25,000 on CPD
	Ventilator acquired pneumonia	135,000
	Endotracheal tubes	100s of thousands
	Urinary catheter cystitis	Millions
	Central venous catheters	250,000
Total		20 Million

Medical Biofilms Context

For Comparison

Disease	Incidence
Cardiovascular Disease	2.28 M per year
Cancer	1.5 M per year
Diabetes	1.5 M per year, ages
Medical Biofilm	> 10M per year

First Medical Device Biofilm

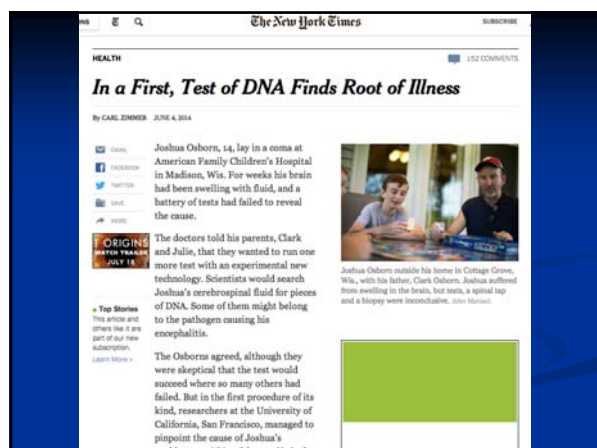
Microbial DNA

PCR - Panel of
Microbes 8-20

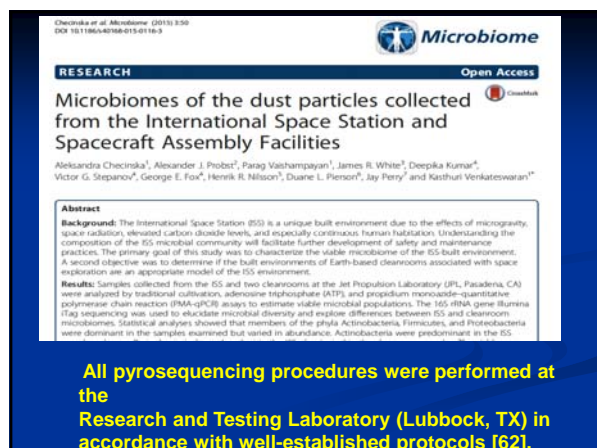
NGS - Next
Generation
Sequencing

25,000
Species

Barrier to Technology
Cost and Time to Deliver








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The microbiome of diabetic foot osteomyelitis

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10.1007/s10096-015-2544-1
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No pathogens were identified in 8 out of the 34 bone samples (23.5 %) with conventional culture techniques. Two out of those eight negative samples did not sequence either.


Our results show that, by using a 16S rRNA sequencing technique, anaerobes were detected in 86.9 % of the positive bone samples (vs. 23.1 % with conventional techniques).

Biofilm Infection

- (a) Bacteria adhered to surface
- (a) Direct visualization of biofilm morphology
- (a) Confined to a particular location
- (a) Resistant to appropriate antibiotics
- (b) Resistant to biocides
- (b) Large number with high diversity in a host lesion
- (b) Infections that wax and wane with exacerbations
- (b) Secondary signs of infection

Surface selects (but is not necessary) for biofilm formation
The current "gold standard" for diagnosing biofilm
Biofilm seems to limit its size (quorum sensing)
A hallmark of biofilm is high resistance to antibiotics
A hallmark of biofilm is high resistance to biocides

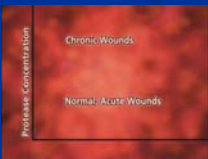
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(b) Wolcott JWC Vol19(2), 2010



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Biochemical Impairment of Chronic Wounds

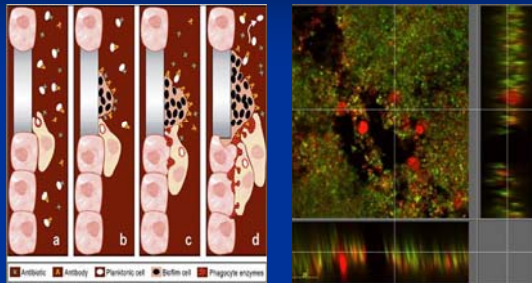
- Elevated proinflammatory cytokines
- Elevated proteinase activity – MMPs
- Diminished activity of growth factors
- Degraded receptor sites (degradation blocked by the addition of MMP inhibitors)



Biofilm Development



Host Defenses

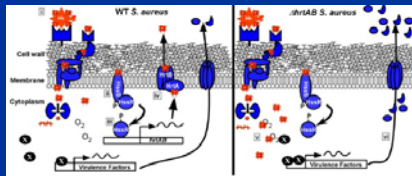


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Molecular Mechanisms

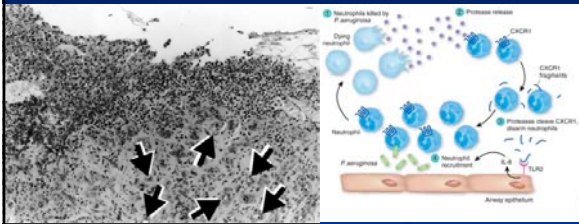
Staphylococcus Heme Sensing System

"... resulting in the tempering of virulence to avoid excessive host tissue damage."



Torres A Staphylococcus aureus Regulatory System that Responds to Host Heme and Modulates Virulence Cell Host and Microbe Vol 1, 2007

Neutrophils

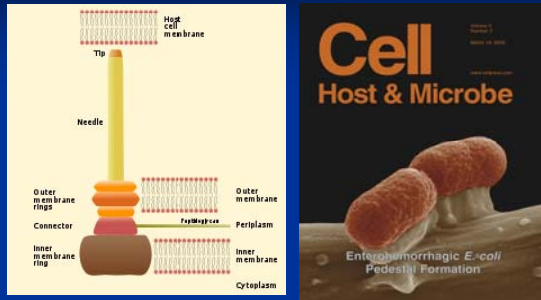


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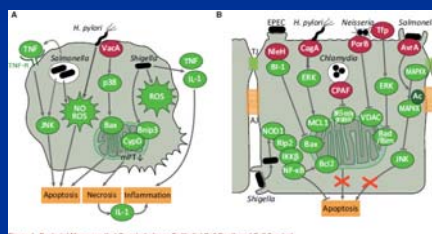
Senescence




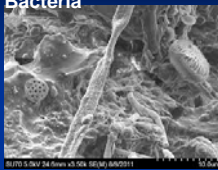
Putting Enterohemorrhagic *E. coli* on a Pedestal (Mar2009)

Molecular Mechanisms of Senescence

"...new paradigm of bacterial pathogenesis"



Kim *Cell Host and Microbe* Vol 8(1), July 2010

Planktonic Bacteria Single Cell	Bio Film "Community of Bacteria"
	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Cause of Acute Infection ◆ Will grow in traditional Culture 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Cause of 80% of Infections ◆ Cause of Chronic Wounds ◆ Will not grow in traditional culture ◆ Biofilm cells express a radically different phenotype than planktonic bacteria
	<u>Only Diagnostic tool is Molecular</u>

Molecular Diagnostics of Nail Samples With Clinical Signs of Infection

- 50 % of Nail Samples had fungal Species Identified
- 50 % of Nail samples had no fungal species but did have Bacteria species identified

Nails with Fungal species identified also had Bacteria

10,000 Nail Samples

Economic Impact in Diabetic Foot Wounds

Treatment in 2005	Treatment in 2013
189 patients	215 Patients
Culture and Systemic Antibiotics	Molecular and Topical Antibiotics
Total Payments for related codes	Total Payments for related codes
\$11,444	\$3,060
Reduction in total charges of 68%	

DNA Analysis vs. Traditional Cultures

51 Chronic wounds- Parallel Samples

16 S DNA Sequencing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 46 /51 Staph Identified ■ 32 / 51 Pseud Identified 	Traditional Culture <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 28/51 Staph Identified ■ 8 / 51 Pseud Identified
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DNA Sequencing Outperformed Traditional Cultures

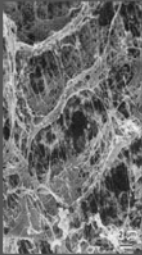
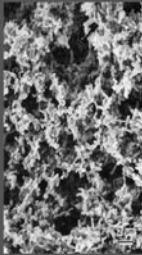
DNA Sequencing identified 145 Genera – Cultures 14 !

Attachment

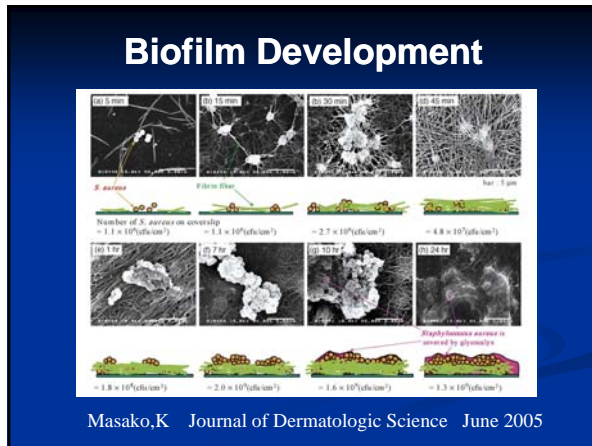


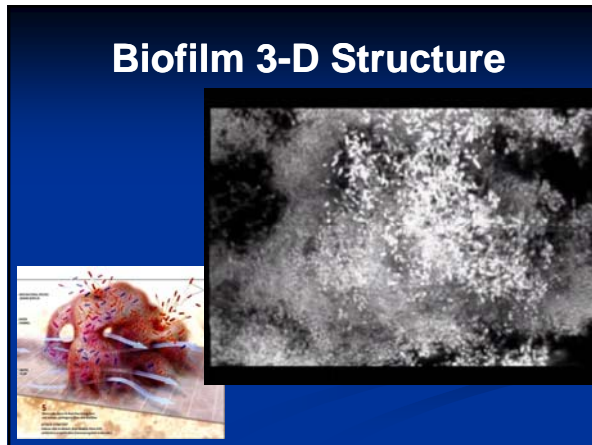
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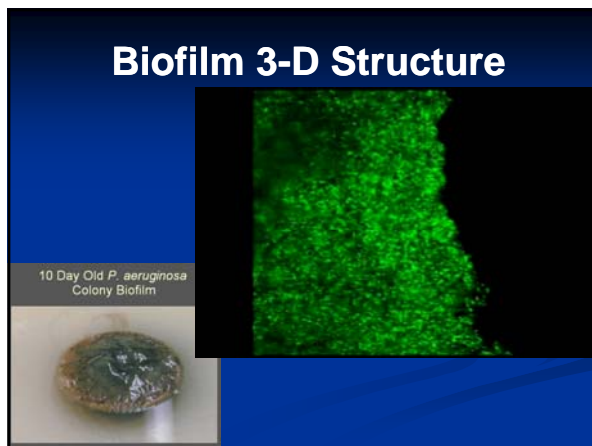
SEM of *P. aeruginosa* Biofilm

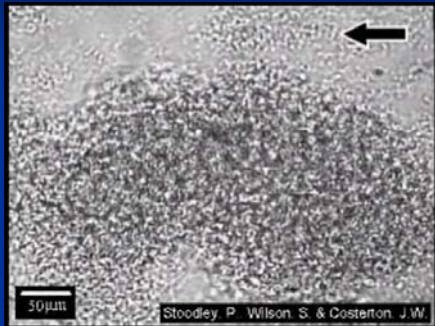
Control
Clarithromycin







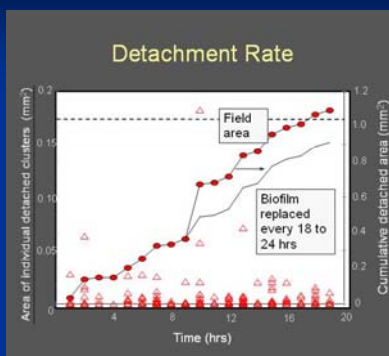
Biofilm Detachment



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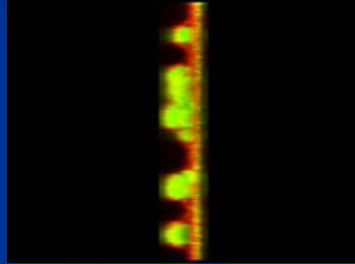


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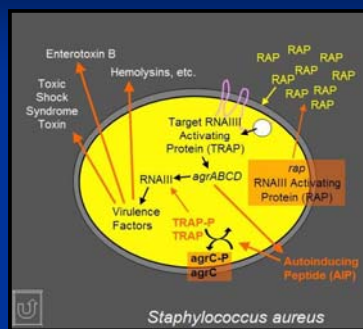


Eradicating Detachment Fragments

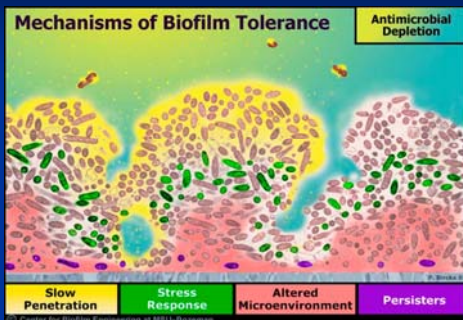
- Red is dead
- Reconstitute



Quorum Sensing

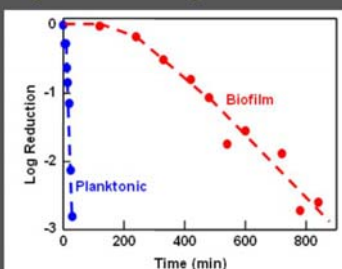


Biofilm Defenses

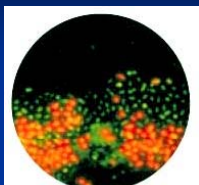


Slow Penetration

Glutaraldehyde (50 mg/L)
Against *Ps. aeruginosa* Biofilm



Biocides vs. Biofilm

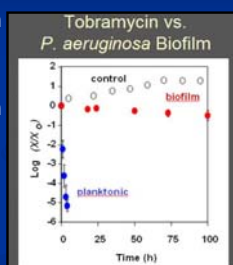


AFTER 60 MINUTES of exposure to bleach, many cells in this biofilm were dying (green), but many others, especially in the interior, still remained active (red).

Antibiotic Resistance

Biofilm

- Vanc vs Staph biofilm >1000x
- Tobra vs Pseudomonas biofilm





A Guide to Utilization of the Microbiology Laboratory for Diagnosis of Infectious Diseases: 2013 Recommendations by the Infectious Diseases Society of America (IDSA) and the American Society for Microbiology (ASM)^a

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The critical role of the microbiology laboratory in infectious disease diagnosis calls for a close, positive working relationship between the clinician and the microbiologist, who provide enormous value to the health care

Table Introduction-1. Transport Issues (General Guide)^a

Specimen Type	Specimen Required	Collection Device, Temperature, and Ideal Transport Time
Aerobic bacterial culture	Tissue, fluid, aspirate, biopsy, etc. Swab (2nd choice) – flocked swabs are recommended	Sterile container, RT Immediately Swab transport device, RT, 2 h
Aerobic and anaerobic bacterial culture	Tissue, fluid, aspirate, biopsy, etc. Swab (2nd choice) – flocked swabs are effective	Sterile anaerobic container, RT Immediately Anaerobic swab transport device, RT, 2 h
Fungal culture; AFB culture	Tissue, fluid, aspirate, biopsy, etc. Swab (2nd choice) for yeast and superficial mycobacterial infections only	Sterile container, RT 2 h Swab transport device, RT, 2 h
Virus culture	Tissue, fluid, aspirate, biopsy, etc. Swab – flocked swabs	Viral transport media, on ice, immediately Viral swab transport device, RT, 2 h
Suspected agent of bioterrorism	Refer to Centers for Disease Control and Prevention website: http://emergency.cdc.gov/biosecurity/STP/ResponseTableSpecimenCollection.pdf	
Serology	5 mL serum	Cox tube, RT , 2 h
Antigen test	As described in the laboratory specimen collection manual	Closed container, RT , 2 h
NAAT	5 mL plasma Other specimen	EDTA tube, RT , 2 h Closed container, RT , 2 h

Abbreviations: NAAT, nucleic acid amplification test; **RT**, Room Temperature.
^aThese are general guidelines. Specific collection and transport requirements may vary by specimen type and laboratory.

"The impact of proper specimen management on patient care is enormous"

"Specimen selection and collection are the responsibility of the medical staff and not the laboratory"



Nonviable Bacteria DNA

Bacterial Biofilms and Chronic Rhinosinusitis Kilty and Desrosiers


"Most convincing was the demonstration in a chinchilla model that live bacteria, although nonculturable, could persist in OME for weeks, whereas DNA strands and **DNA from intact but nonviable bacteria could not exist for more than a day** [21]."


"Given the extremely short half-life of mRNA, its presence was evidence that viable metabolically active bacterial organisms were likely present in OME."

"I need my Sensitivity for antibiotics"

- "Biofilm-growing microorganisms are significantly more tolerant to antibiotics [6] and corresponding breakpoints have not been established [34]. The S-I-R results can therefore not be used to predict therapeutic success in the case of biofilm infections and offer no guide to clinicians for treating such infections."

ESCMID Guidelines for the diagnosis and treatment of biofilm infections

 PATHOGENIUS™ LABORATORIES <small>THE PATHOGENIUS DIAGNOSTIC SYSTEM</small>		
4321 Manito Sharp Frey Door 2, Lubbock, TX 79407 Ph: (806) 771-1134 Fax: (806) 771-1168		
Patient: [REDACTED]	Specimen: L HEEEL	Physician: Plishchuk, Michael
DOB: 02/21/1945	Received: 07/09/2016 12:43 PM	Phone: (732)605-4500
Patient ID: 02214508731	Completed: 7/13/2016	Fax: (732)605-6457
Gender: Female	Accession: 93227	Collected: 07/09/2016 12:43 PM
Level 2: Next-Generation Final Comprehensive Diagnostics Results		
Pathogenius Laboratories Level 2 testing (patent pending) is a relative quantitative universal test for bacteria/fungi. DNA sequencing methods are used to identify the pathogen's genetic signatures and the estimated percentage of organisms present in the specimen. Virtually all bacteria/fungi are screened for and the most predominant populations are reported.		
Level 1 Swab Results	Amount (N/A)	Level 2 Results
Total Bacterial Load	High	Detected Bacteria:
Enterococcus faecalis	Medium	Corynebacterium tuberculostrictum 48%
Methicillin resistance	Detected	Bacteroides fragilis 27%
Klebsiella pneumoniae	Not Detected	Enterococcus faecalis 11%
Streptococcus agalactiae	Not Detected	Porphyromonas brennisonii 6%
Streptococcus pyogenes	Not Detected	Solobacterium moorei 2%
Vancomycin resistance	Not Detected	Staphylococcus epidermidis 2%
Candida albicans	Not Detected	Peptoniphilus indolicus 2%
Enterococcus faecium	Not Detected	NO FUNGAL SPECIES DETECTED
Pseudomonas aeruginosa	Not Detected	
Staphylococcus aureus	Not Detected	
Serratia marcescens	Not Detected	

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DOB: 03/13/1953	Received: 03/24/2014 11:32 AM	Phone: (410)205-6237	
Patient ID: 218692186	Completed: 3/26/2014	Fax: (410)205-0794	
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Level 1Q Results	Amount per g	Level 2 Results	Additional Information
Bacterial Load (Medium)	10 ⁵ -10 ⁷	Detected Bacteria:	
		Brevibacterium latium 37%	
		Staphylococcus warnei 11%	
		Corynebacterium jeikeium 9%	
		Staphylococcus epidermidis 7%	
		Klebsiella pneumoniae 7%	
		Staphylococcus saprophyticus 4%	
		Staphylococcus lugdunensis 3%	
		Brevibacterium pseudovivans 2%	
		Corynebacterium tuberculostrictum 2%	
		Detected Fungi:	
		Debaryomyces hansenii	
		Aspergillus nidulans	
		Stagonosporopsis auriculiformis	
		Candida lusitanae	
		Malassezia restricta	
		Pyrenochaeta aliciae	

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***Corynebacterium tuberculostrictum*: a Potentially Misidentified and Multiresistant *Corynebacterium* Species Isolated from Clinical Specimens**

Nevertheless, partial 16S rRNA gene sequencing still represents the gold standard for the identification of this species. Due to the challenging identification of *C. tuberculostrictum*, we presume that this organism is often misidentified and its clinical relevance is underestimated.

MOLECULAR DIAGNOSTICS AND PERSONALIZED MEDICINE IN WOUND CARE / ASSESSMENT OF OUTCOMES		
Standard of Care Group	Group 1	Group 2
Traditional Culture with Systemic Antibiotics	Molecular Diagnostics with Systemic Antibiotics	Molecular Diagnostics with Customized Topical Antibiotics
% of Patient Healed	% of Patients Healed	% of Patients Healed
48.5% <small>244/503</small>	62.4% <small>298/479</small>	90.4% <small>338/396</small>

Median Number of Days to Heal by Wound Type			
Wound Type	Standard of Care Traditional Culture with Oral Antibiotics	Group 1 DNA Diagnostics with Oral Antibiotics	Group 2 DNA Diagnostics with Customized Topical Antibiotic
Pressure Ulcer	NA	107	28
Diabetic Foot Ulcer	168	84	32
Non-Healing Surgical Wound	176	75	44
Traumatic Abscess	39	33	14
Venous Leg Ulcer	177	98	37
Total	177	77 (p<0.001)	28 (p<0.001)

Benefits DNA Molecular Testing

- Fast Identification of Biofilms and their composition in patients referred to you—**Accuracy and Speed.**
- **GOLD STANDARD** of Microbial Diagnostics
- Medicare Covers the Test and pay \$190
- Less Expensive than a Culture

God always takes the simplest way.
Albert Einstein