

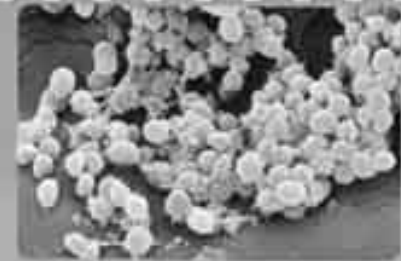
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Catheter-related infections and biofilms

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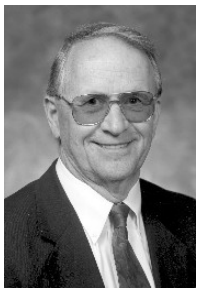
Biofilm

Mikroorganismen live "sessile" and "planctonic"



1683 **Leeuwenhoek:**

„an unbelievably great company of living animalcules ...“

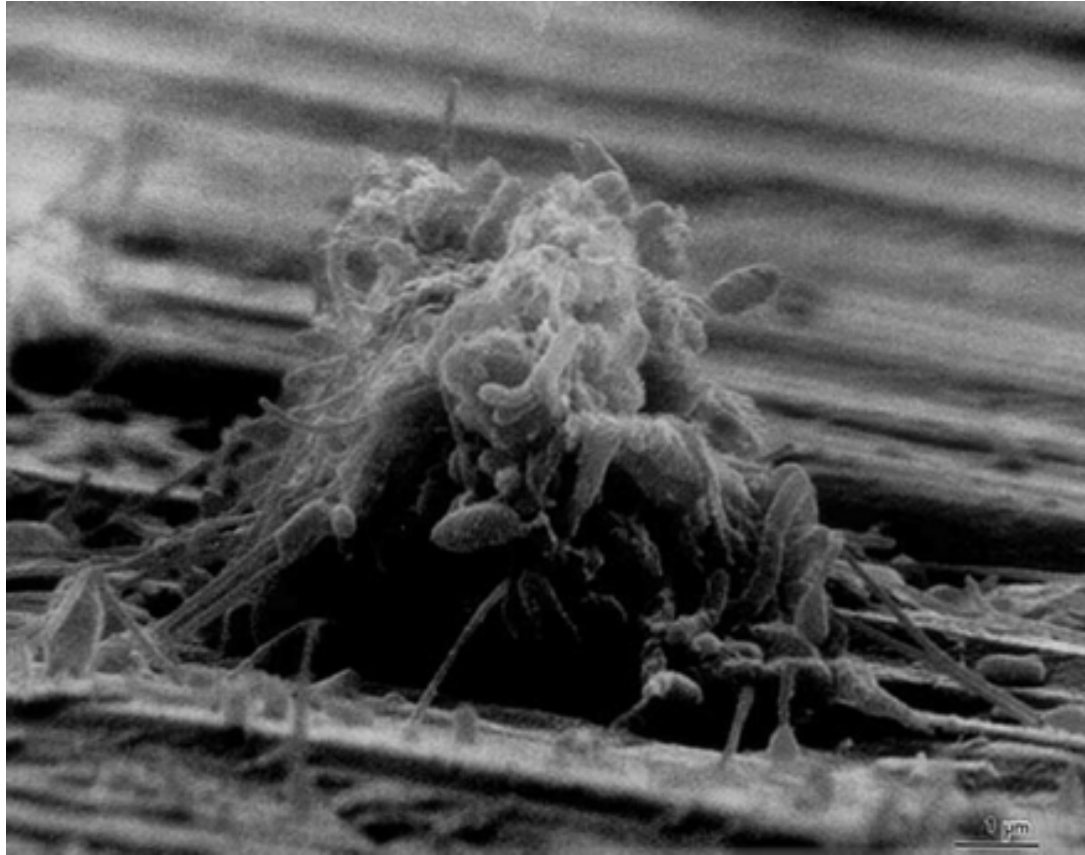


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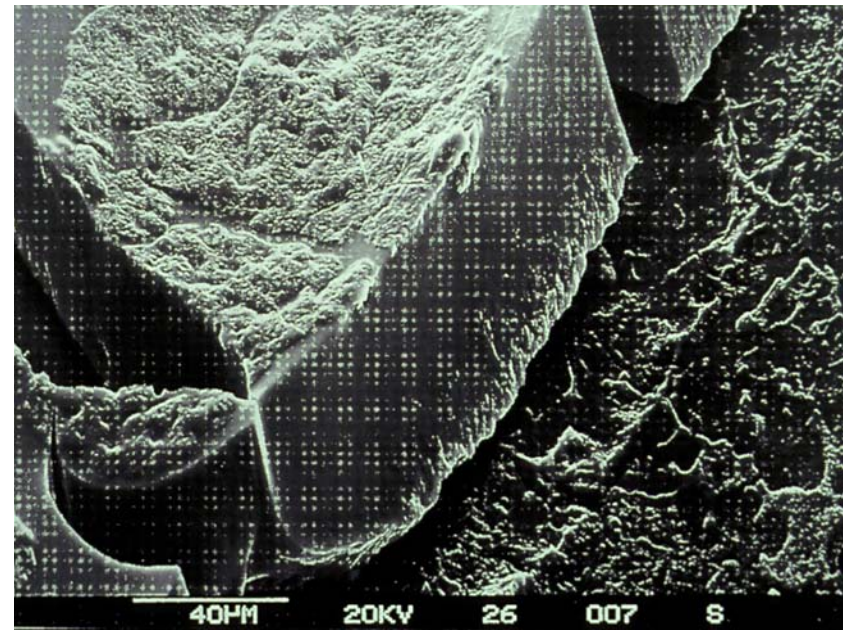
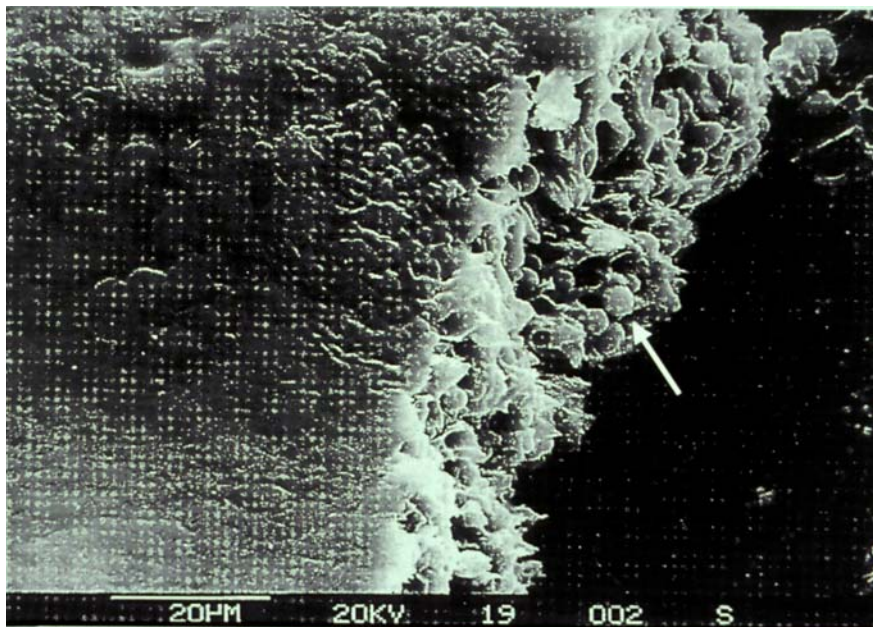
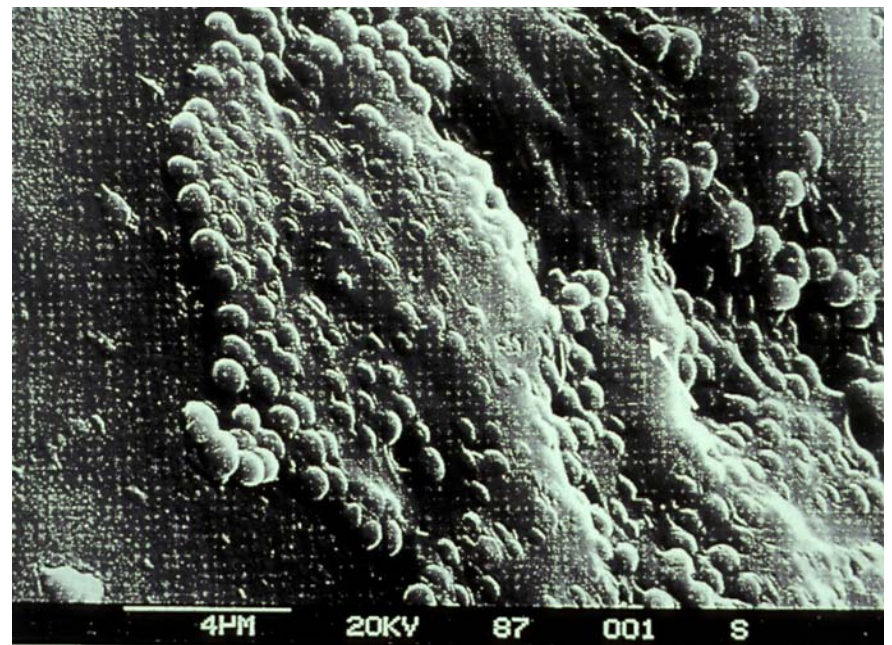
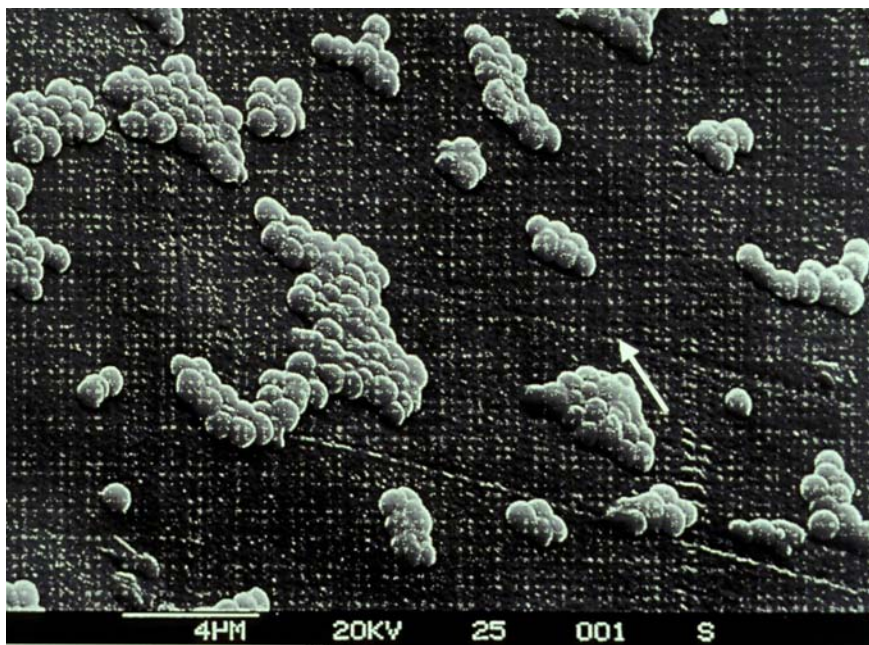
- **Technical systems**
- **Device-related infections**
- **Chronic infections**

Biofilm: Definition

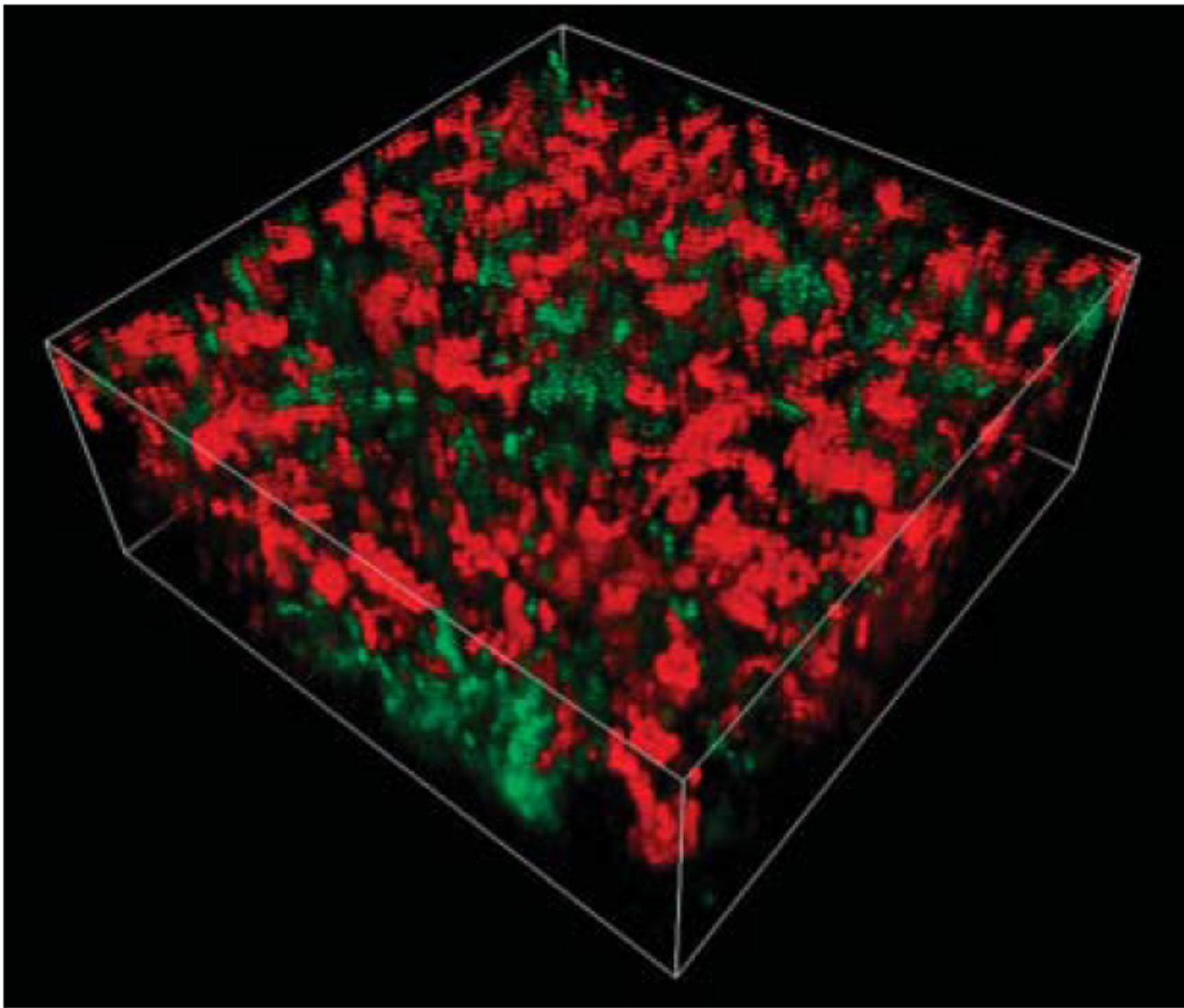
- A community of microorganisms irreversibly attached to a surface, producing extracellular polymeric substances, exhibiting an altered phenotype compared with corresponding planktonic cells, especially with regard to gene transcription, and interacting with each other.



Biofilm on the metal surface of a water system

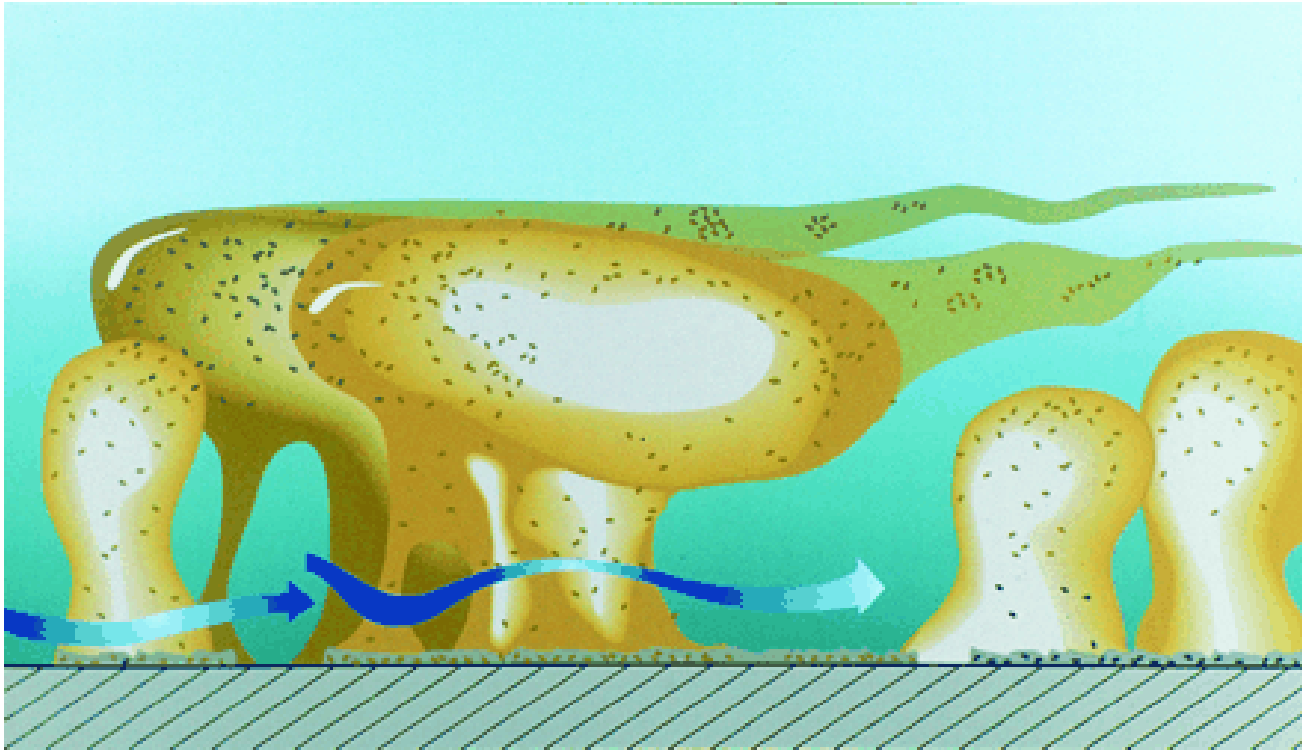


***Staphylococcus epidermidis* on plastic**

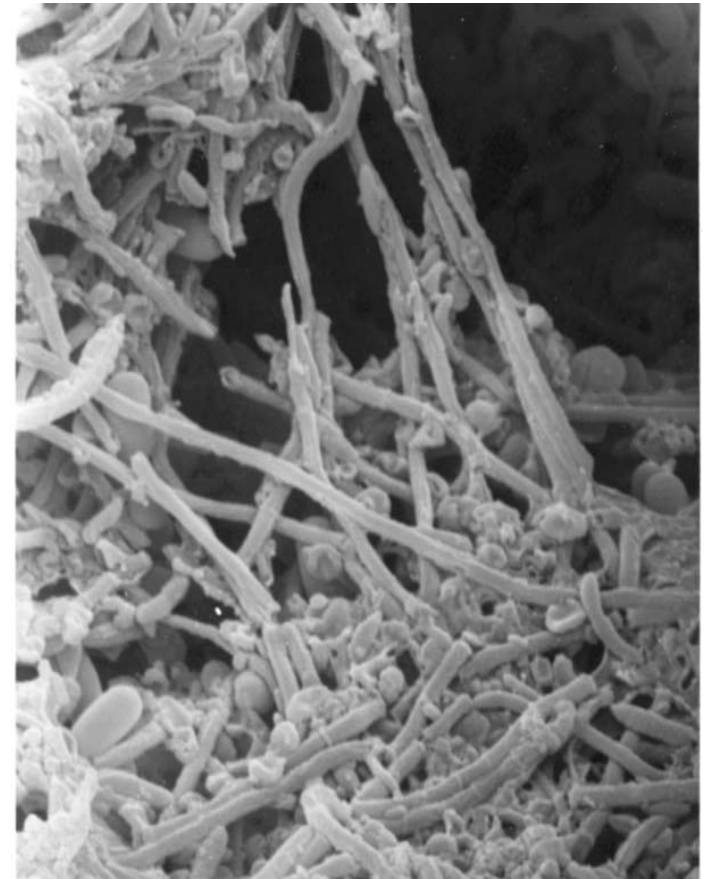
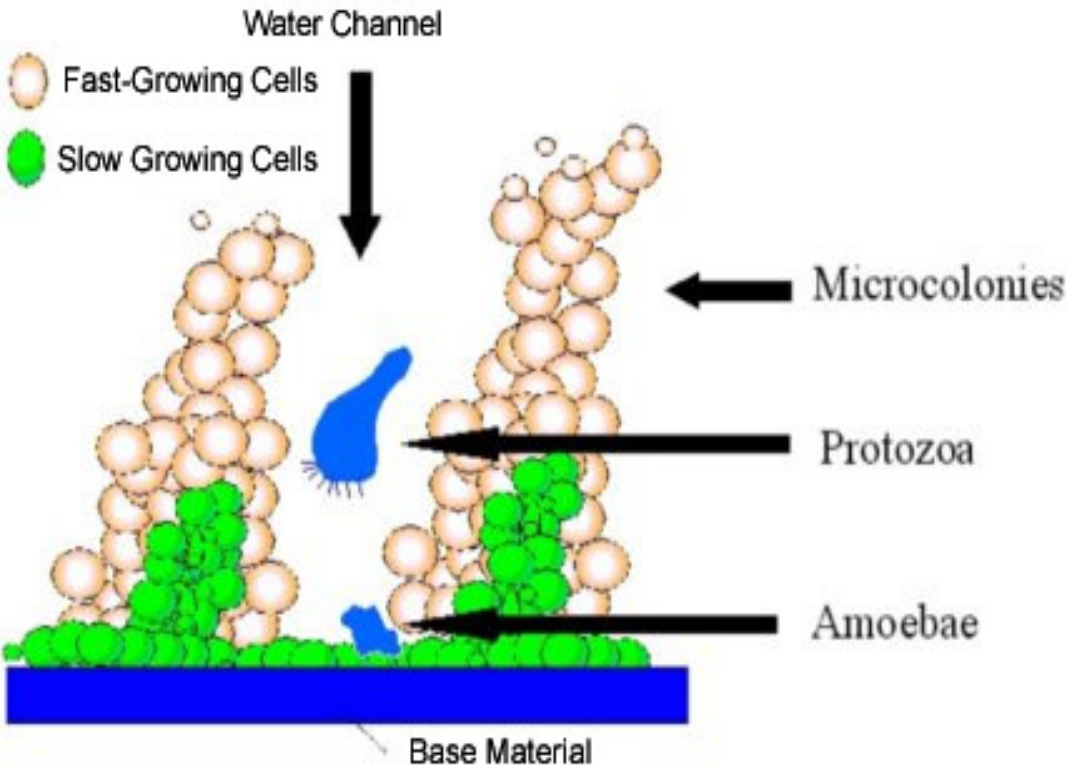


**Biofilm of *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* (red) and
Klebsiella pneumoniae (green)**

3D reconstruction of confocal laser scanning microscopy



**Biofilm -
„the coral reefs of microorganisms“**



Biofilm:

- **Complex composition:**
 - Different microorganisms
 - Organic substances: Glykocalix, host
 - Anorganic substances
 - High water content
- **Organisation in space and time**

Biofilm – Natural function



Protection from

Antimicrobial Substances

Phage

Amoeba

Dessication

Exchange of

Nutrients

Signals

Genetic information

Quorum Sensing

Cell-density dependent bacterial signalling

acetylated

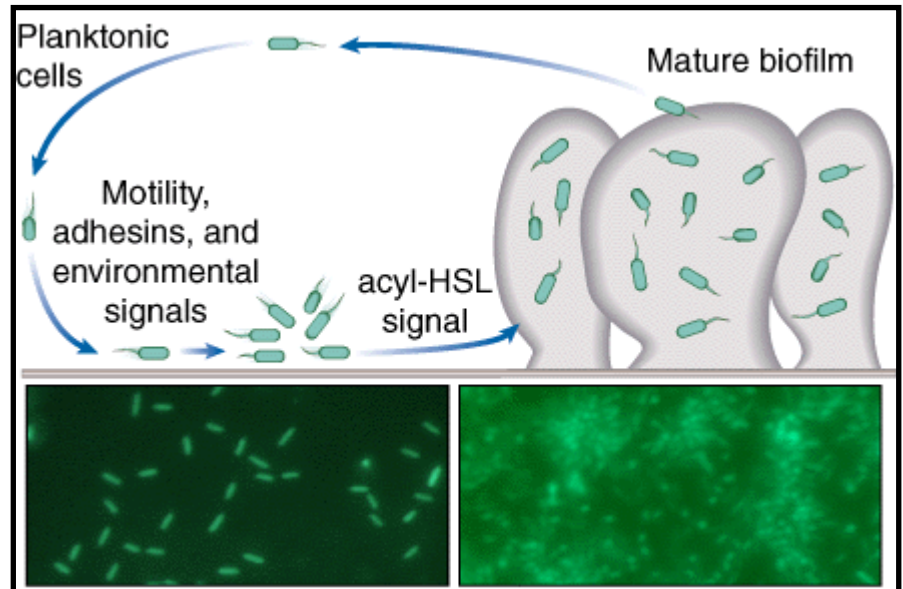
homoserinlactone

- efflux-mediated transport -

Autoinducer →

Expression of

QS-controlled Genes, „cross talk“



Quorum Sensing-controlled genes in *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*

Elastase A, B

Alkalic Protease

Phospholipase C

Rhamnolipid

Exotoxin A

Pyocyanin, Pyoverdin

Alginate

Katalase, Superoxid-Dismutase

Proteasen

Hemolysin,

Biosurfactant

EL2-Blockade

Fe-binding

Slime capsule

H₂O₂, O₂

Mortality of mice at 48 h post-burn/infection with *P. aeruginosa*

	% Mortality
PAO1, wild type	94.3
<i>lasR</i>⁻	28.3
<i>rhII</i>⁻	46.7
<i>lasI/rhII</i>⁻	6.7
<i>lasI/rhII</i>⁻ + <i>lasI</i> plasmid	73.3
<i>lasI/rhII</i>⁻ + <i>rhII</i> plasmid	46.7
<i>lasI/rhII</i>⁻ + <i>lasI/rhII</i> plasmid	93.3

"From whence I conclude, that the Vinegar with which I washt my Teeth, kill'd only those Animals which were on the outside of the scurf, but did not pass thro the whole substance of it."

A. van Leeuwenhoek, 1684



MIC-values ($\mu\text{g/ml}$) of sessile and planktonic bacteria

	AB	Plankt.	Sessile
<i>S. aureus</i> ¹	VAN	2	20
<i>P. aeruginosa</i> ²	IMI	1	> 1,024
<i>E. coli</i> ²	AMP	2	512
<i>P. pseudomallei</i> ³	CEF	8	800
<i>S. sanguis</i> ⁴	DOX	0.063	3.15

¹Williams, 1997; ²Ceri 1999; ³Vorachit 2002; ⁴Larsen 1996

Reduced activity of antibiotics in biofilms



- **Reduced penetration?**

Psae and CIP, TOB; koag.-neg. Staph and TOB,

- **Slow growth?**

Esco and CET, koag.-neg. Staph and CIP; Psae and TOB

- **Modified importance of target?**

Esco and *rpoS*

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Medical devices associated with biofilm infections

- Endocardial Pacemakers
- Hickman Catheters
- Urinary Catheters
- Mechanical Heart Valves
- Acetubular Cup Failure
- Vascular Graft Infections
- Esophageal Mechanical Valves

Nos. Sepsis – estimated data for Germany 1998



6 Mio. ICU patient days (Stat. Bundesamt)

76% CVC application rate*

1.9 cases of sepsis/1,000 days*

25% mortality**

+ 8 days additional**

4.6 Mio. CVC days

9,000 CVC-ass. sepsis

2,200 deaths

70,000 additional ICU days

Education of physicians-in-training can decrease the risk for vascular catheter infection

1-day course on infection control practices and procedures

	Before course	6 m after	<i>P</i>
Need of full-size drapes	22 %	73 %	<0.001
Use of full-size drapes	44 %	65 %	<0.001
Cath. rel. inf. (/1,000 cath. days)	4.51	2.92	<0.01

Estimated cost savings: \$ 63,000 - 800,000

Prevention of central venous catheter-related bloodstream infection by use of an antiseptic-impregnated catheter

403 chlorhexidine-silver-sulfadiazine-catheters vs. control

- **Colonization** **13.5 vs. 24.1/100 catheters (p = 0.005)**
- **Bbloodstream infection** **1.0 vs. 4.7/100 catheters (p = 0.03)**
1.6 vs. 7.6/1,000 catheter-days
- **No adverse effects**

Rifampin for treatment of orthopedic implant-related staph infections

Stable orthopedic devices; debridement,
2 wks OXA/VAN + RIF; 3 - 6 months:

	CIP	CIP + RIF
Dosing	2 x 750 mg	2 x 750/450 mg
<i>n</i>	12	12
Cured	58%	100%
CIP ^R after failure	4/5	-

Intravascular catheter exchange and duration of candidemia

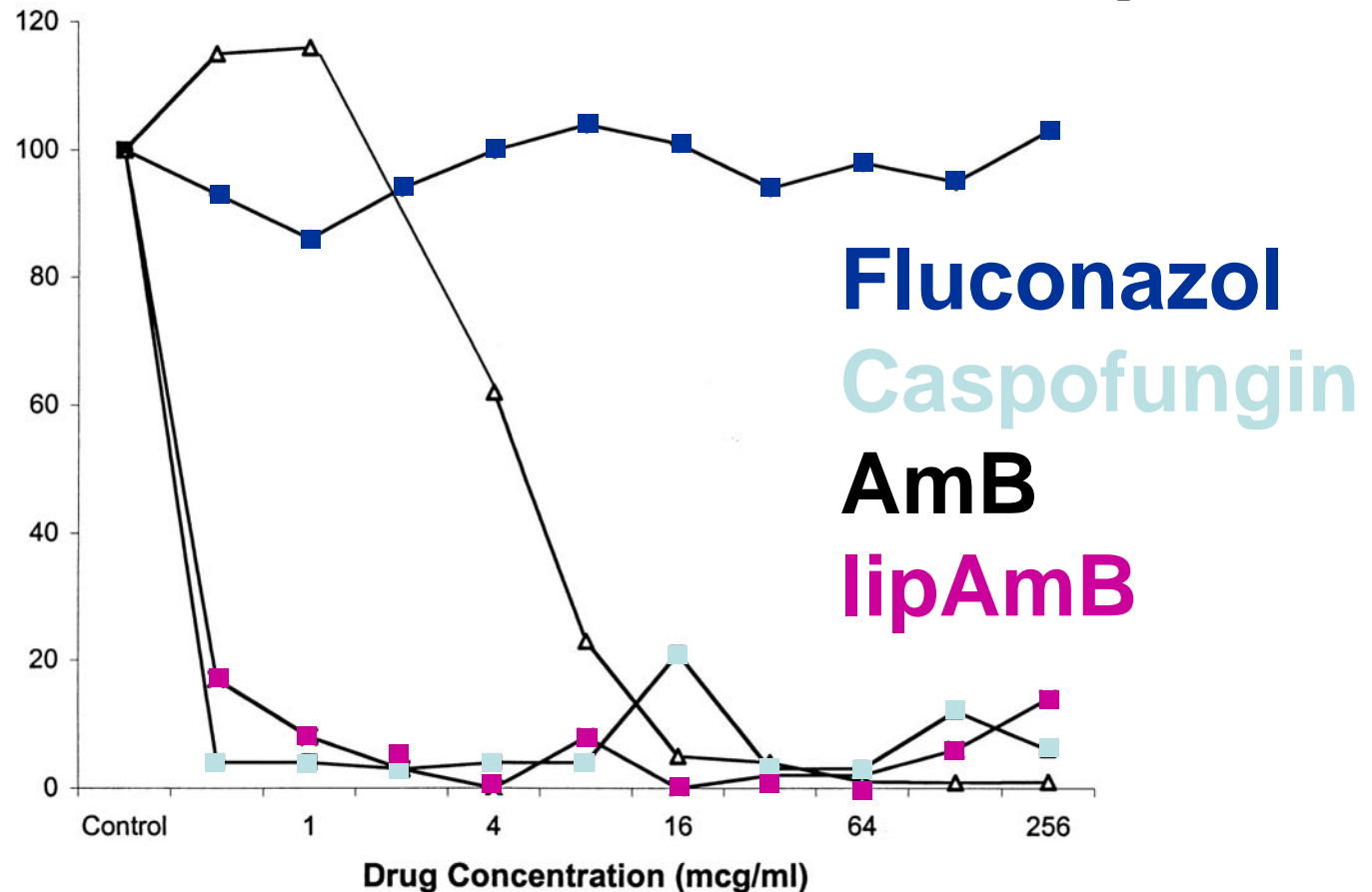
Amphotericin B 93 patients; fluconazole 94 patients:

	Catheter		
	removal	no removal	<i>p</i>
Days to clearance	2.6 ± 0.5	5.6 ± 0.8	< .001
APACHE II	14.5 ± 0.6	16.9 ± 0.8	.03

- change all lines
- do not change over guide wire

Candida biofilms: unique efficacy of lipAMB and echinocandins

Bioprosthetic model, *C. albicans/parapsilosis*



Approach	Mode of action		Key reference
pilicides	inhibits bacterial pilus biogenesis and surface attachment	71	
RNA III inhibiting peptide (RIP)	disrupts quorum-sensing pathways in staphylococci	72	
acyl-homoserine lactone mimetics	disrupts quorum-sensing pathways	73	
furanones	disrupts quorum-sensing pathways	74	
omigard (omiganan cationic peptide)	topical gel for prophylaxis settings including CRBSIs		http://www.cadencepharm.com
aganocides	hypochlorous acid-based compounds		http://www.novacal.com
ceragenins	depolarizes membrane potential; device coatings		http://www.ceragenix.com
lysostaphin	prevents or disrupts staphylococcal biofilms		http://www.biosynexus.com
device coatings	controlled release of antimicrobials from device surfaces		http://www.surmodics.com
			http://www.bacterin.com
hydrogel coatings	controlled release of silver compounds		http://www.bardmedical.com
surface acoustic waves	disrupts device adhesion and colonization	62	
pulsed ultrasound	enhances local release of antibiotic from cements	64	
electric direct current	prevents or disrupts biofilm colonization	63	
intelligent implants	MEMS-based release of antimicrobial(s) from reservoir	61	
gallium compounds	antimicrobial potentiator via disruption of iron metabolism	75	

Abbreviations: CRBSI, catheter-related bloodstream infection; MEMS, microelectromechanical systems.

Lynch, 2008

Authors are employees of Cumbre Pharmaceuticals Inc., which has a **rifamycin-quinolone hybrid antibiotic agent (CBR-2092)** in clinical development that is intended for the treatment of biofilm infections