



# **ESCMID Diagnostic & Management Guideline for Candida Diseases 2011**

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**ICU (medical & surgical)**  
**Other non-immunocompromised, other  
immunocompromised situations**

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# Prophylaxis: Which Agents?

Population	Intention	Intervention	SoR	QoE	Reference	Comment
Recent abdominal surgery AND recurrent gastrointestinal perforations or anastomotic leakages	To prevent intraabdominal candida infection	Fluconazole 400mg/d	B	I	Eggimann CCM 1999	Placebo, N=43
	As above	Caspofungin 70/50mg/d	C	II <sub>u</sub>	Senn ICM 2009	Single arm, N=19
Critically ill surgical patients with an expected length of ICU stay ≥ 3d	To delay the time to fungal infection	Fluconazole 400mg/d	C	I	Pelz Ann Surg 2001	Placebo, N=260
Ventilated for 48h and expected to be ventilated for another ≥72h	To prevent invasive candidiasis / candidaemia	Fluconazole 100mg/d (in the context of SDD)	C	I	Garbino ICM 2002	Placebo, N=204



## Empiric Therapy: When is it Indicated?

Population	Intention	Intervention	SoR	QoE	Reference
At risk + persistent FUO	Reduce overall mortality	Antifungal treatment (unspecified)	C	III	Garey CID 2004 Morrell AAC 2005 Parkins JAC 2007 Kumar Chest 2009
Adult ICU patients with fever despite broad-spectrum antibiotics, APACHE II >16	Resolution of fever	Fluconazole 400mg/d	D	I	Schuster Ann Int Med 2008

### Definitions:

- Empiric = persistent FUO / **Fever driven approach**
- Pre-emptive = treatment based on a validated marker / **Diagnosis driven approach**



## Pre-emptive Therapy: β-D-Glucan

Population	Intention	Intervention	SoR	QoE	Reference	Comments
ICU	Early treatment of invasive candidiasis / candidaemia	To treat when β-D-glucan test is positive	C	II <sub>b</sub>	Desmet JCM 2009 Digby Clin Diagn Lab Immunol 2003 Koo CID 2009 Mohr JCM 2011 Presterl Int JID 2009 Takesue WJSurg 2004 Pickering JCM 2005	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Low specificity</li><li>• Low sensitivity</li><li>• High NPV</li><li>• False positives with<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Haemodialysis</li><li>• Other fungal or</li><li>• Bacterial infection</li><li>• Wound gauze</li></ul></li><li>• Maybe useful in PCP</li></ul>



## Pre-emptive Therapy: *Candida* sp. isolated from respiratory secretions

Popula- tion	Intention	Intervention	SoR	QoE	Reference	Comment
Any	Cure	Any antifungal	D	II <sub>u</sub>	Meersseman Int Care Med 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• No data from ICU populations</li><li>• Case series with haematological malignancy</li></ul>

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## Targeted Treatment: Yeast in Blood Cultures

Population	Intention	Intervention	SoR	QoE	Reference
Candida isolated from <b>one</b> (peripheral blood or central line) blood culture defines candidaemia	Cure	Antifungal treatment	A	II	De Pauw CID 2008 Lecciones CID 1992 Kullberg Lancet 2006
Candidaemia	Cure	Antifungal treatment	A	III	Bodey EJCMID 1992 Edwards ICAAC 1982 Groll J Infect 1996 Kume Pathol Int 2003

### Comment:

- Previous definitions described **asymptomatic patients** with a blood culture positive for candida. It has been debated whether such patients need antifungal treatment.
- This is a very rare clinical situation, since usually a blood culture would be triggered by a clinical sign (e.g. fever)
- Even surveillance blood cultures positive for candida should prompt immediate treatment.

# Targeted Treatment of Candidaemia

## Polyenes

Compound	SoR	QoE	Reference	Comment
Amphotericin B, deoxycholate, any dose	D	I	Ullmann CID 2006 Bates CID 2001 Anaissie CID 1996 Rex NEJM 1994 Philips EJCMID 1995 Mora-Duarte NEJM 2002	
Amphotericin B, liposomal	B	I	Kuse Lancet 2007 Dupont Crit Care 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Similar efficacy as micafungin</li> <li>• Higher toxicity than micafungin</li> </ul>
Amphotericin B, lipid complex	C	II <sub>a</sub>	Anaissie ICAAC 1995 Ito CID 2005	
Amphotericin B, colloidal dispersion	D	II <sub>u</sub>	Noskin CID 1998	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mostly immunocompromised patients (HCT, haematology/oncology or SOT) rather than ICU patients</li> </ul>



# Targeted Treatment of Candidaemia

## Echinocandins

Compound	SoR	QoE	Reference	Comment
Anidulafungin 200/100	A	I	Reboli NEJM 2007	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Broad spectrum</li> <li>• Resistance rare</li> <li>• Fungicidal</li> <li>• Local epidemiology</li> <li>• <i>C. parapsilosis</i>, <i>C. krusei</i></li> <li>• Safety profile</li> <li>• Less drug-drug interactions than caspofungin</li> </ul>
Caspofungin 70/50	A	I	Mora-Duarte NEJM 2002 Pappas CID 2007	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Largely as above</li> </ul>
Micafungin 100	A	I	Kuse Lancet 2007 Pappas CID 2007	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Largely as above</li> <li>• Consider EMA warning label</li> </ul>

# Targeted Treatment of Candidaemia

## Azoles

Compound	SoR	QoE	Reference	Comment
Fluconazole	C	I	Anaïssie CID 1996 Rex NEJM 1994 Rex CID 2003 Philips EJCMID 1995 Reboli NEJM 2007 Tuil CCM 2003 Abele-Horn Infect 1996 Leroy CCM 2009 Gafer-Gvili Mayo Clin Proc 2008	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Limited spectrum</li> <li>• Inferiority to anidulafungin (<u>especially</u> in the subgroup with high APACHE scores),</li> <li>• <i>C. parapsilosis</i></li> </ul>
Itraconazole	D	II <sub>a</sub>	Tuil CCM-2003 (abstract)	
Posaconazole	D	III	No reference found	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PO only</li> </ul>
Voriconazole	B	I	Kullberg Lancet 2005 Ostrosky EJCMID 2003 Perfect CID 2003	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Limited spectrum compared to echinocandins</li> <li>• Drug-drug interactions</li> <li>• IV in renal impairment</li> <li>• Need for TDM</li> </ul>

# Targeted Treatment of Candidaemia Combinations

Compound	SoR	QoE	Reference	Comment
Efungumab + Lipid-associated amphotericin B	D	II	Pachl CID 2006	
Amphotericin B deoxycholate + Fluconazole	D	I	Rex CID 2003	Efficacious, but <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increased risk of toxicity in ICU patients</li> <li>• No survival benefit</li> </ul>
Amphotericin B deoxycholate + 5-fluorocytosine	D	II	Abele Horn Infect 1996	
other two-drug combinations	D	III	Leroy CCM 2009	

# Targeted Treatment of Candidaemia: Duration & Diagnostics

Population	Intention	Intervention	SoR	QoE	Reference
No organ involvement	Avoid organ involvement	Treat for 14 days after the end of candidaemia	B	II	Oude-Lashof CID 2011
		Take 1 blood culture per day until negative	B	III	No reference found
	Detect organ involvement	Transoesophageal echocardiography	B	II <sub>a</sub>	Fernández-Cruz ICAAC 2010
		Fundoscopy	B	II	Oude-Lashof CID 2011 Rodriguez Med 2003 Brooks Arch Int Med 1989 Parke Ophthalmol 1982
		If CVC, PICC, or intravascular devices, search for thrombus	B	III	No reference found
Any	To simplify treatment	Step down to fluconazole after 10 days of IV, if <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Species is susceptible</li> <li>• Patient tolerates PO</li> <li>• Patient is stable</li> </ul>	B	II	Reboli NEJM 2007 Mora-Duarte NEJM 2002 Pappas CID 2007

CVC, Central venous catheter; PICC, Peripherally inserted central catheter.

# Catheter-Related Blood Stream Infection

Population	Intention	Intervention	SoR	QoE	Reference
Candidaemia if treated with azoles or deoxycholate amphotericin B	To clear candidemia To improve survival	Remove indwelling lines	B	II	Liu J Infect 2009 Weinberger J Hosp Inf 2005 Leroy CCM 2009 Rex CID 1995 Almirante JCM 2005 Rodriguez CMI 2007
if treated with liposomal amphotericin B or echinocandin			D	II	Nucci CID 2010 Kucharikova AAC 2010 Kuhn AAC 2002 Mukherjee IJAA 2009

## Comment:

In patients treated with liposomal amphotericin B, caspofungin or micafungin removal of indwelling lines within 48 hours after treatment initiation was not associated with a higher survival rate neither at 28 nor 42 days.

# Chorioretinitis/Endophthalmitis

## Azoles & Surgery

Population	Intervention	SoR	QoE	Reference
Chorioretinitis/ Endophthalmitis, susceptible species	Fluconazole	A	II <sub>u</sub>	Essman Ophth Surg Lasers 1997 Luttrull AmJOpht 1995 Laatikainen AmJ Ophth 1992 Akler CID 1995 Riddell CID 2011
	Voriconazole	A	II <sub>u</sub>	Thiel AAC 2007 Oude-Lashof CID 2011 Breit Am J Ophth 2005 Hakki AAC 2006 Riddell CID 2011
Endophthalmitis, i.e. vitreal involvement	Amphotericin B deoxycholate intraocular injection	B	II <sub>u</sub>	Essman Ophth Surg Lasers 1997 Grueb Cornea 2006 Payne Arch Ophthalmol 2010
	Vitrectomy	B	II <sub>u</sub>	Essman Ophth Surg Lasers 1997

# Chorioretinitis/Endophthalmitis

## Polyenes & Echinocandins

Population	Intervention	SoR	QoE	Reference
Chorioretinitis/ Endophthalmitis	Amphotericin B deoxycholate	C	II	Oude-Lashof CID 2011
	Amphotericin B deoxycholate + 5-fluorocytosine	C	III	Edwards Medicine 1974 Parke Ophth 1982 McQuillen CID 1992 Essman Ophth Surg Lasers 1997
	Liposomal amphotericin B	B	III	Oude-Lashof CID 2011 Goldblum Ophth Res 2004 Neppert Klin Mbl Augheilk 1992
	Liposomal amphotericin B + 5-fluorocytosine	B	III	No reference found
	Amphotericin B deoxycholate	C	III	Virata CID 1999
	Amphotericin B lipid complex + 5-fluorocytosine	B	III	Darling J Infect 2000
	Caspofungin	D	II <sub>u</sub>	Gauthier CID 2005 Cornely JAC 2007 Sarria CID 2005 Hakki AAC 2006 Spriet JAC 2009

# Central Nervous System



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Population	Intervention	SoR	QoE	Reference
Meningitis	Liposomal amphotericin B +/- 5-fluorocytosine	B	III	Houmeau Arch Fr Pediatr 1993 Ng Arch Int Med 1995 Jarlov ScandJID 1995
	Amphotericin B deoxycholate +/- 5-fluorocytosine	D	II <sub>u</sub>	Casado CID 1997 Chen ScandJID 2004 Smego Rev Inf Dis 1984 Chen ScandJID 2004
	Amphotericin B deoxycholate +/- 5-fluorocytosine	D	III	Perfect JAC 1994 (animal model)
	Fluconazole	C	III	Aleixo J Infect 2000 Chen ScandJID 2004 Cruciani EJCMI 1992
	Voriconazole	C	III	Schwartz Blood 2005 Weiler AAC 2011 Kullberg Lancet 2005
	Caspofungin	D	III	Liu JCM 2004 (case) van Hal EIC 2008 (case)



# Endocarditis

Population	Intention	Intervention	SoR	QoE	Reference
Native valve	Decrease mortality	Surgery within 1 week	A	II <sub>u</sub>	Falcone Medicine 2009 Ellis CID 2001 Lefort ICAAC 2009
		Liposomal Ampho B +/- 5-fluorocytosine	B	II <sub>a</sub>	Lefort ICAAC 2009
		Caspofungin +/- 5-fluorocytosine	C	II <sub>a</sub>	Lefort ICAAC 2009
Prosthetic valve	Decrease mortality	Early surgery	A	III	Falcone Medicine 2009 Boland Mycoses 2010
Prosthetic valve, if surgery contra-indicated	Suppression of infection	Fluconazole	C	III	Boland Mycoses 2010
	Cure	Liposomal Ampho B	B	III	Boland Mycoses 2010
	Cure	Caspofungin	B	III	Boland Mycoses 2010
Pacemaker, ICD, VAD	Cure	Removal	A	III	Baddley EJCMID 2008 Aslam CID 2010

ICD = implantable cardioverter defibrillator, VAD = ventricular assist device

# Joint Infection

Population	Intention	Intervention	SoR	QoE	Reference
Arthritis	Cure	Fluconazole 400, ≥6 wks	A	II <sub>u</sub>	Pérez-Gómez Sem Arth Rheum 1998 Hansen Scand JID 1995
		Liposomal Ampho B / ABLC 2 wks, followed by Fluconazole 400, total ≥6 wks	A	II <sub>u</sub>	Hansen Scand JID 1995
		Echinocandin ~2 weeks followed by Fluconazole 400, total ≥6 wks	B	III	Cornely JAC 2007 Sim Hon Kon Med J 2005
		Voriconazole 2x3 mg/kg ≥6 wks	B	III	Sili CID 2007
Prosthetic joint infection	Cure	Prosthesis removal	A	III	Tunkel AJM 1993
Prosthetic joint infection with prosthesis retention	Chronic suppres- sion	Fluconazole life long	A	III	Merrer J Infect 2001 Kelesdis Scand JID 2010 Levine Clin Orthop Relat Res 1986

# Urinary Tract Infection



Population	Intention	Intervention	SoR	QoE	Reference
Asymptomatic	Eliminate candiduria	None	A	III	Revankar 2010 Kauffman CID 2000
		Fluconazole 200mg d1-14*	C	I	Sobel CID 2000 Kauffman CID 2000
		Removal of urinary catheter	B	I	Sobel CID 2000
		Ampho B bladder irrigation	C	II <sub>r</sub>	Tuon IJID 2009 Kauffman CID 2000
Pyelonephritis	Cure	Caspofungin 70/50mg for 9-28d	C	III	Sobel CID 2007
		Fluconazole +/- 5-FC**	A	III	No reference
		Ampho B deoxycholate +/- 5-FC	A	III	No reference
Cystitis	Cure	Fluconazole	A	III	Sobel CID 2000 Kauffman CID 2000
		Amphotericin B +/- 5-fluorocytosine	B	III	Sobel CID 2000 Kauffman CID 2000
Fungus balls	Cure	Surgical intervention	A	III	Bartone J Urol 1988 Shih Urol 2005

\*In pre-operative patients treatment is indicated to suppress candiduria; \*\*if species is susceptible.

# Bone Infection



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Population	Intention	Intervention	SoR	QoE	Reference
Osteomyelitis / spondylodiscitis	Cure	Surgical debridement*	C	III	Hendricks CID 2001 Miller CID 2001
	Cure	Fluconazole 400 mg 6-12 months	A	II <sub>u</sub>	Hennequin CID 1996 Sugar DMID 1990 Miller CID 2001
	Cure	Liposomal Ampho B / ABLC 2-6 wks followed by fluco- nazole 400 mg, total 6-12 months	A	II <sub>u</sub>	Hennequin CID 1996 Miller CID 2001
	Cure	Echinocandin 2-6 wks follow- ed by fluconazole 400 mg total 6-12 months	B	III	Cornely JAC 2007 Legout Scand JID 2006
	Cure	Voriconazole 2x3 mg/kg ≥6 weeks	B	III	Schilling Med Mycol 2008

\*Indications for surgery are instability, or e.g. large abscess.