GPBs – Corralling Corynebacterium

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* What they are
* What they do
* How they’re classified
* How to kill them

**What they are**

* Heterogenous group of gram-positive rods

**How they’re classified (i.e. how Jame classifies them)**

* Nonbranching
  + **Bacillus**
  + **Corynebacterium**
  + Listeria
  + Lactobacillus
  + Erysipelothrix
* Branching
  + Nocardia (Acid variable)
  + Actinomyces (Non-acid fast)
* Mycobacteria (Acid-fast; their own thing)

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| ID | Corynebacterium spp |
| Site + Spp. | Lipophilic: Skin/Mucous membrane   * Jeikeium * Urealyticum * Hofmanii * Xerosis   Non-lipophilic: URT   * Diptheriae * Ulcerans * Pseudotuberculosis |
| Clinical syndromes | Diptheroids   * CAPD peritonitis * Opportunistic infection   Diptheria   * C.diptheriae/ulcerans + corynebacteriophage (Corynephage beta) carrying exotoxin gene:   + A Fragment (“Active”): Reduces protein synthesis   + B fragment (“Binds cell”): Porin 🡪 Active transport of A toxin into cell * Transmission; Direct or Droplet * Sx:   + URT Diptheria; pseudomembrane of dead cells; can obstruct URT   + Toxin 🡪 AKI, myocarditis, neurotoxicity (paralysis of eye, neck, throat muscles)   + Skin: Limb lesions, can ulcerate. * Severity; *diptheriae>ulcerans* |
| Lab ID | Microbiology   * Agar: Hoyle’s (Diptheria) or CBA * O2/FA * Bug:   + Palisading GBP   + Nonsporing   + Nonmotile   + No capsule   Species ID   * API Coryne * MALDI-TOF * Toxin PCR * Biochem:  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | |  | Diptheria | Other | | Catalase | + | + | | Urease | -/v | + | | Nitrate | - | + | |
| Rx | Diptheroids: VNC, Daptomycin  Diptheria:   * Antitoxin * Penicillin/Macrolide, 14d |