

# Antimicrobial Resistance: *A Patient's* Perspective

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# “First, we save the life, then we save the limb.”

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- MRSA bacteremia
- 18 cm abscess
- MRSA pyomyositis
- Over 1 month in the hospital
- Next 3 months recovering at home
  - PICC line antibiotics
  - Follow up with Infectious Disease, Surgery
  - Extensive Physical Therapy
- Psychologically taxing

A person is lying in a hospital bed, partially visible in silhouette. The background is a window with a grid pattern, through which some medical equipment like IV bags and a stand are visible. The overall lighting is dim and reddish-pink.

*“Why did this happen to me?”*

*“How did I get this infection?”*

*“How do I prevent it from happening again?”*

*“Can we treat this?”*

*“Will it come back?”*


*“How do I know that the infection is gone?”*



Antimicrobial resistance is a threat to all of us. However, it burdens some populations more than others.



**Antibiotics: “safety net” of modern  
medicine**



# AMR from a *medical student's* perspective

- Core curriculum for microbiology/immunology training developed by Duke, UCSF, Stanford, Michigan
  - Introduces microbial complexity of anatomic sites
  - Develops clinical reasoning skills anchored in patient vignettes
  - Provides an emphasis on antimicrobial resistance and principles of antibiotic stewardship
- Questions on national board exams about antimicrobial resistance, principles of stewardship
- "Most important teaching is that of the moment!"

# AMR from an early researcher's perspective





