



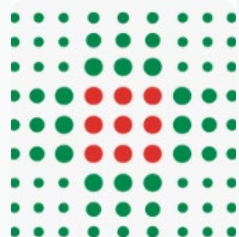
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Valutazione del Ruolo della Profilassi Antibiotica nella Toracostomia con Drenaggio nei Trauma toracico: Studio Retrospettivo Monocentrico

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Qual è l'incidenza dell'empiema nel paziente con trauma toracico dopo drenaggio toracico?

Contesto clinico	Incidenza di empiema riportata	Note / Fattori di rischio
Trauma toracico generale (tutti i pazienti con drenaggio toracico)	~ 3%	Dato medio complessivo riportato da EAST.
Trauma penetrante	Maggiore del 3% (non quantificato con precisione, ma superiore rispetto al contusivo)	Associato a rischio più elevato di infezioni pleuriche.
Trauma contusivo	<3%	Rischio inferiore rispetto al penetrante.
Retained hemothorax (emotorace residuo dopo drenaggio)	fino a 25–33%	Forte fattore di rischio; spesso richiede VATS precoce per ridurre complicanze.
Drenaggio toracico prolungato	Rischio aumentato	Durata elevata del tubo toracico → maggiore rischio di colonizzazione/infezione.
Più drenaggi nello stesso emitorace	Rischio aumentato	Trauma più complesso e manipolazioni ripetute → più empiema.

Practice Management Guidelines for Management of Hemothorax and Occult Pneumothorax

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L'utilizzo della profilassi antibiotica nella toracostomia di emergenza nei pazienti con TT è ancora oggetto di dibattito



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Periodo: 1990- 2022

Metodologia: Revisione sistematica + metanalisi con metodologia GRADE

Risultati:

- Metanalisi: antibiotici riducono significativamente empiema (OR 0.47, $p=0.01$).
- Effetto maggiore nei traumi penetranti (OR 0.25, $p=0.002$).
- Nessuna riduzione significativa di polmonite né mortalità.
- Beneficio meno chiaro nei traumi chiusi.

Raccomandazione condizionata: somministrare antibiotici profilattici al momento dell'inserzione di TT in pazienti adulti con trauma toracico, per ridurre rischio di empiema.



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Certainty assessment							№ of patients		Effect		Certainty
№ of studies	Study design	Risk of bias	Inconsistency	Indirectness	Imprecision	Other considerations	prophylactic antibiotics	no antibiotics	Relative (95% CI)	Absolute (95% CI)	
Empyema (Prospective)											
11	randomised trials	not serious	not serious	not serious	not serious	none	7/659 (1.1%)	42/562 (7.5%)	OR 0.22 (0.11 to 0.45)	57 fewer per 1,000 (from 66 fewer to 40 fewer)	⊕⊕⊕⊕ High
Empyema (Prospective)											
2	observational studies	serious ^a	not serious	not serious	not serious	none	37/398 (9.3%)	54/456 (11.8%)	OR 0.95 (0.58 to 1.53)	5 fewer per 1,000 (from 46 fewer to 52 more)	⊕○○○ Very low
Empyema (Retrospective)											
1	observational studies	very serious ^a	serious ^b	not serious	not serious	none	19/740 (2.6%)	2/199 (1.0%)	OR 2.60 (0.60 to 11.24)	16 more per 1,000 (from 4 fewer to 92 more)	⊕○○○ Very low
Penetrating Empyema (Prospective)											
8	randomised trials	not serious	not serious	not serious	not serious	none	5/358 (1.4%)	29/326 (8.9%)	OR 0.25 (0.10 to 0.59)	65 fewer per 1,000 (from 79 fewer to 34 fewer)	⊕⊕⊕⊕ High
Blunt Empyema (Prospective)											
4	randomised trials	not serious	not serious	not serious	not serious	none	1/193 (0.5%)	5/129 (3.9%)	OR 0.25 (0.06 to 1.12)	29 fewer per 1,000 (from 36 fewer to 4 more)	⊕⊕⊕⊕ High

Antibiotic prophylaxis for tube thoracostomy placement in trauma: a practice management guideline from the Eastern Association for the Surgery of Trauma

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Certainty assessment							No of patients		Effect		Certainty
No of studies	Study design	Risk of bias	Inconsistency	Indirectness	Imprecision	Other considerations	prophylactic antibiotics	no antibiotics	Relative (95% CI)	Absolute (95% CI)	
Pneumonia (Prospective)											
10	randomised trials	not serious	not serious	not serious	not serious	none	24/573 (4.2%)	47/477 (9.9%)	OR 0.37 (0.19 to 0.73)	60 fewer per 1,000 (from 78 fewer to 25 fewer)	⊕⊕⊕⊕ High
Pneumonia (Prospective)											
1	observational studies	very serious	serious ^b	not serious	not serious	none	6/272 (2.2%)	4/272 (1.5%)	OR 1.51 (0.42 to 5.42)	7 more per 1,000 (from 8 fewer to 60 more)	⊕○○○ Very low
Pneumonia (Retrospective)											
1	observational studies	very serious ^a	not serious	not serious	not serious	none	21/740 (2.8%)	0/199 (0.0%)	OR 11.92 (0.72 to 197.69)	0 fewer per 1,000 (from 0 fewer to 0 fewer)	⊕○○○ Very low
Mortality (Prospective)											
2	randomised trials	not serious	not serious	not serious	not serious	none	1/56 (1.8%)	1/54 (1.9%)	OR 0.97 (0.10 to 9.58)	1 fewer per 1,000 (from 17 fewer to 135 more)	⊕⊕⊕⊕ High
Mortality (Prospective)											
1	observational studies	serious ^a	not serious	not serious	not serious	none	24/272 (8.8%)	29/272 (10.7%)	OR 0.81 (0.46 to 1.43)	18 fewer per 1,000 (from 55 fewer to 39 more)	⊕○○○ Very low
Mortality (Retrospective)											
1	observational studies	very serious ^a	not serious	not serious	not serious	none	3/740 (0.4%)	3/199 (1.5%)	OR 0.27 (0.05 to 1.33)	11 fewer per 1,000 (from 14 fewer to 5 more)	⊕○○○ Very low



E le raccomandazioni in passato?

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Practice Management Guidelines for Prophylactic Antibiotic Use in Tube Thoracostomy for Traumatic Hemopneumothorax: The EAST Practice Management Guidelines Work Group

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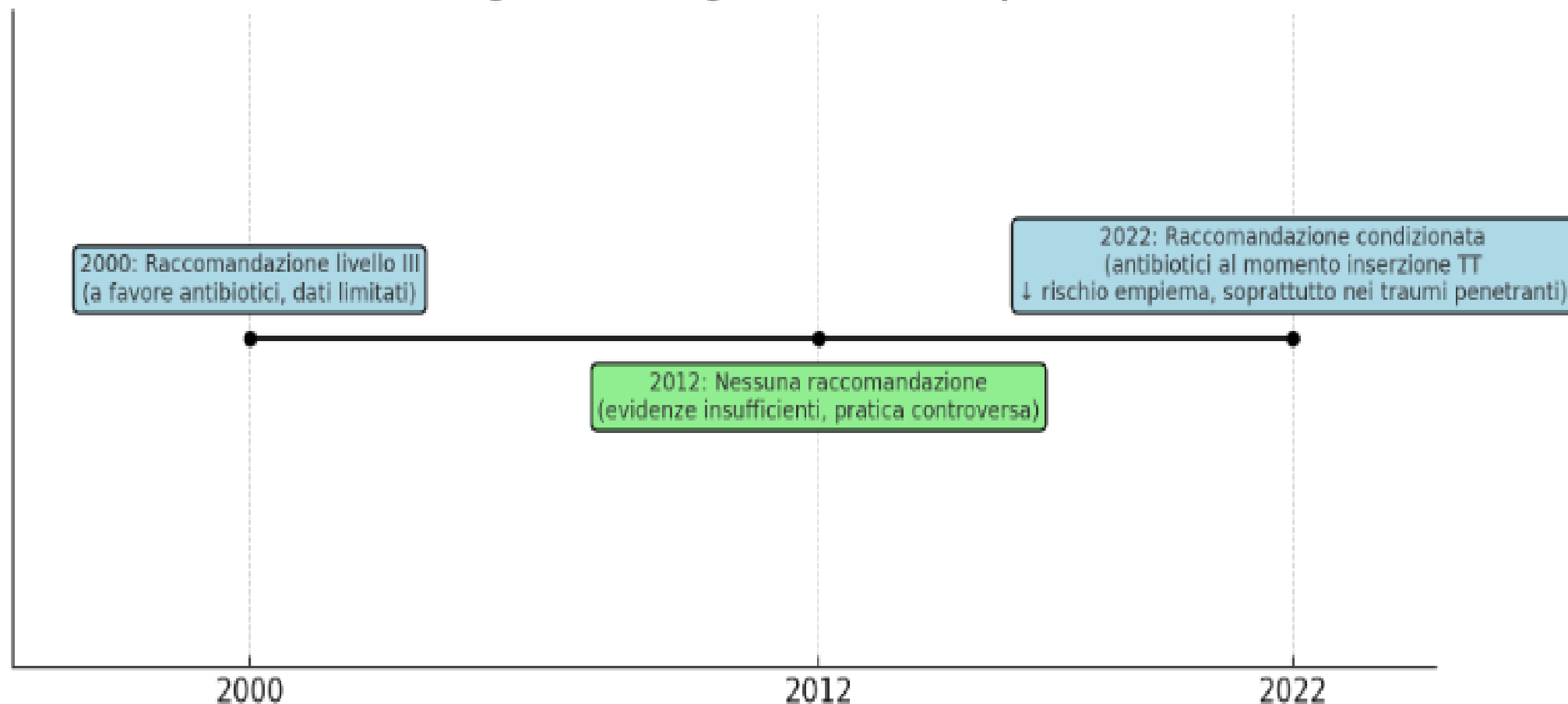
TABLE 1. Prophylactic antibiotics in trauma patients with tube (thoracostomy): evidentiary table

First Author	Year	Reference	Class	Antibiotic	No. of Patients	Duration*	Pneumonia (%)	Empyema (%)
Grover FL	1977	Prophylactic antibiotics in the treatment of penetrating chest wounds: A prospective double-blinded study. <i>J Thorac Cardiovasc Surg</i> 74:528-536	I	Clindamycin	38	1-5 days	10.5	2.6
				Placebo	37	N/A	35.1	16
Stone HH	1981	Cefamandole for prophylaxis against infection in closed tube thoracostomy. <i>J Trauma</i> 21:975-977	I	Placebo	43	48 h after CT	12	4.7
				Cefamandole	40	d/ced	0	2.5
Cant PJ	1993	Antibiotic prophylaxis is indicated for chest stab wounds requiring closed tube thoracostomy. <i>Br J Surg</i> 80:464-466	I	Cefazolin	57	24 h	12	0
				Placebo	56	24 h	34	9
Nichols RL	1994	Preventive antibiotic usage in traumatic thoracic injuries requiring closed tube thoracostomy. <i>Chest</i> 105:1493-1498	I	Cefonicid	63	Until CT removed	0	0
LeBlanc KA	1985	Prophylactic antibiotics and closed tube thoracostomy. <i>Surg Gynecol Obstet</i> 160:259-263	II	Placebo	56	24 h after CT	5	5
				Cephapirin	26	24 h after CT	3.8	0
Mandal AK	1985	Prophylactic antibiotics and no antibiotics compared in penetrating chest trauma. <i>J Trauma</i> 25:639-643	II	Placebo	26	24 h after CT	3.8	3.8
				Placebo	26	d/ced	3.8	3.8
LoCurto JJ Jr	1986	Prophylactic antibiotics and no antibiotics compared in penetrating chest trauma. <i>J Trauma</i> 25:639-643	II	Doxycycline	40	Until CT removed	0	0
				Placebo	40	Until CT removed	2.5	0
LoCurto JJ Jr	1986	Tube thoracostomy and trauma: antibiotics or not? <i>J Trauma</i> 26:1067-1072	II	Placebo	28	12 h after CT	14	18
				Cefoxitin	30	d/ced	3	0
Brunner RG	1990	The role of antibiotic therapy in the prevention of empyema in patients with an isolated chest injury (SS 9-10): A prospective study. <i>J Trauma</i> 30:1148-1154	II	No antibiotics	46	Until CT removed	6.5	13
				Cefazolin	44	Until CT removed	2.3	0
Demetriades D	1991	Antibiotic prophylaxis in penetrating injuries of the chest. <i>Ann R Coll Surg Engl</i> 73:348-351	II	Ampicillin IV before tube insertion	95	Pre-tube insertion	3.1	0
				Oral until CT d/ced	93	Oral until CT d/ced	2.1	1.1
Conclusions								
Evans JT	1995	Meta-analysis of antibiotics in tube thoracostomy. <i>Am Surg</i> 61:215-219	III	Meta-analysis performed of 6 randomized studies. Outcomes evaluated included empyema, effusion, pneumonia, wound infection, tracheitis. Concluded: Antibiotics should be used and maximize therapy for <i>Staphylococcus aureus</i> .				
Fallon WF Jr	1992	Prophylactic antibiotics for the prevention of infectious complications including empyema following tube thoracostomy for trauma: Results of meta-analysis. <i>J Trauma</i> 33:110-117	III	Meta-analysis of same 6 studies as Evans et al. Only evaluated 4 studies which used first- or second-generation cephalosporins. Determined impact on early empyema and other infectious complications. Concluded: Antibiotic prophylaxis with broad-spectrum first-generation cephalosporin may reduce the potential infectious complications, including empyema that are associated with tube thoracostomy.				

* N/A, not applicable; CT, chest tube; d/ced, discontinued



Evoluzione delle linee guida EAST sugli antibiotici in TT per trauma toracico





Cosa succede da noi?

- Studio retrospettivo osservazionale monocentrico condotto nel nostro Trauma Center dal gennaio 2022 a Luglio 2025
- Obiettivo: incidenza di empiema in pazienti sottoposti a drenaggio toracico entro 72H dal ricovero

ANNO	N.DRENAGGI <=72 ORE	ATB_SI	ATB_NO	N. DRENAGGI <=72 ORE (NO PIG TAIL)	ATB_SI	ATB_NO
2022	59	16	43	55	16	39
2023	48	13	35	47	13	34
2024	47	15	32	44	13	31
07/ 2025 (stima)	30	9	21	28	8	20
TOTALE	184	53	131	174	50	124

ANNO	EMPIEMA SI	EMPIEMA NO	TOTALE RIGA
ATB_SI	1	49	50
ATB_NO	1	123	124
TOTALE COLONNA	2	172	174



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Risultati

Gruppo	Empiema Sì / Totale	Incidenza (%)	Odds Ratio (vs ATB No)	IC 95%
ATB sì	1 / 50	2,0%	2,51	0,15 – 40,93
ATB no	1 / 124	0,8%	Ref.	—
Totale	2 / 174	1,1%	—	—



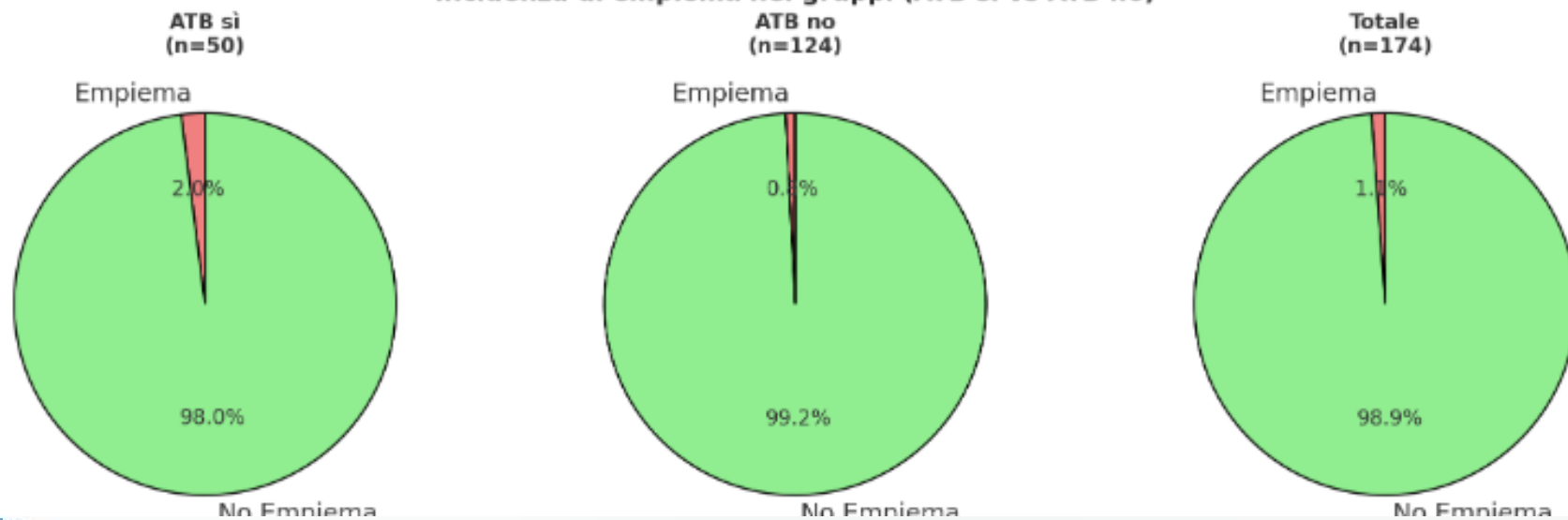
Categoria	ATB (casi/N)	Incidenza %	NO ATB (casi/N)	Incidenza %
Tutti i traumi – prospettici_EAST	44 / 1057	4,2 %	96 / 1018	9,4 %
Traumi penetranti – RCT_EAST	5 / 358	1,4 %	29 / 326	8,9 %
Traumi contusivi – RCT_EAST	N.R.	—	N.R.	—
Tutti i traumi – retrospettivi_EAST	19 / 740	2,6 %	2 / 199	1,0 %
Casistica Ria_OM	1 / 50	2 %	1 / 124	0,8%



Conclusioni

- L'incidenza di empiema post-drenaggio nel TT è risultata molto bassa(1%)
- Nessuna evidenza di beneficio della profilassi antibiotica
- I risultati sottolineano l'importanza del setting

Incidenza di empiema nei gruppi (ATB sì vs ATB no)



Antibiotic prophylaxis in trauma: Global Alliance for Infection in Surgery, Surgical Infection Society Europe, World Surgical Infection Society, American Association for the Surgery of Trauma, and World Society of Emergency Surgery guidelines

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Thoracic trauma

- Antibiotic prophylaxis in healthy patients sustaining blunt thoracic trauma is not indicated (moderate recommendation, intermediate-quality evidence).
- Antibiotic prophylaxis is not indicated in blunt thoracic trauma patients undergoing chest tube placement (moderate recommendation, intermediate-quality evidence).
- Antibiotic prophylaxis is indicated in penetrating thoracic trauma patients undergoing chest tube placement (moderate recommendation, intermediate-quality evidence).
- Antibiotic prophylaxis is indicated in all cases of delayed drainage of retained hemothorax (moderate recommendation, intermediate-quality evidence).
- Antibiotic prophylaxis is indicated in blunt and penetrating thoracic trauma cases undergoing surgical exploration (thoracotomy/thoracoscopy) (moderate recommendation, intermediate-quality evidence).



Take Home message

- L'uso della profilassi mirata appare ragionevole nei casi a maggior rischio, come procedure invasive in emergenza o condizioni di asepsi subottimale utilizzando uno shot singolo di cefazolina. In queste occasioni il potenziale beneficio supera il rischio di uso inappropriato di antibiotici.
- Il razionale delle linee guida GAIA 2024 può essere considerato valido e condivisibile
- Necessità di ulteriori studi, soprattutto multicentrici



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Grazie per l'attenzione

