PAMPs, DAMPs and our evolving understanding of Sepsis and SIRS

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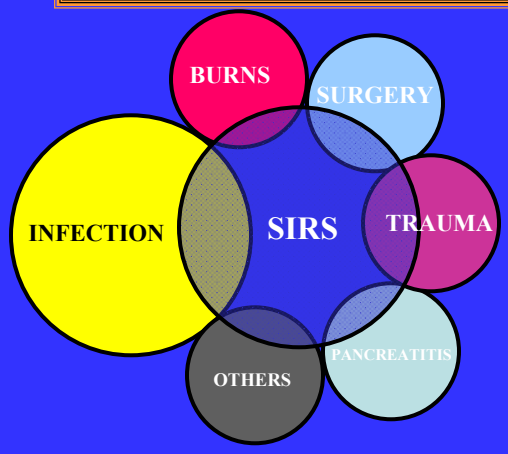
Systemic Inflammatory Response Syndrome (SIRS)



≥ 2 of the following:

- **Temp >38°C, <36°C**
- **Pulse >90**
- **RR >20, PCO2 <32**
- **WBC >12,000, <4000 or >10% bands**

Inflammatory response to illness of any source

Burden of SIRS

1/3 of all hospitalized patients

– ***More than half*** of all ICU patients

– Nearly ***all*** SICU patients

– Morbidity and mortality 2° organ failure

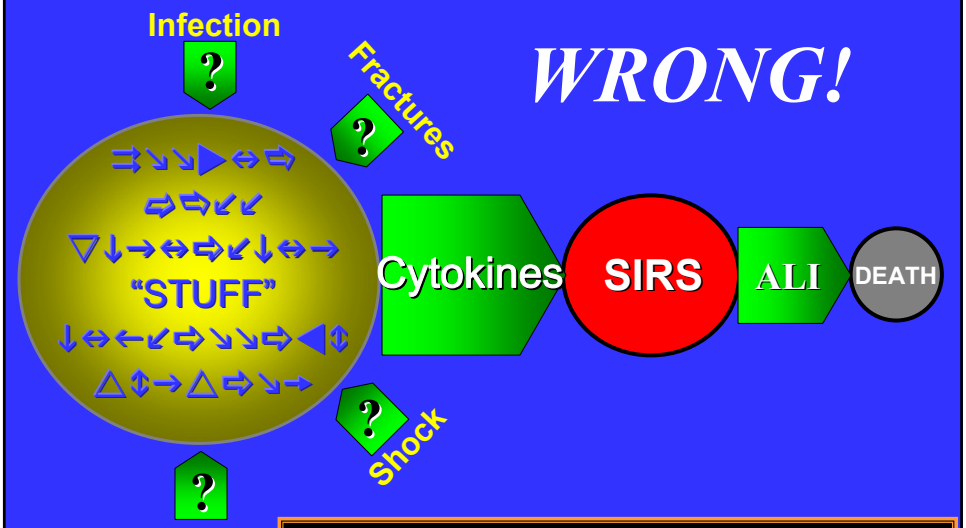
- ***Lung (ALI / ARDS)*** > liver/kidney

Inflammation can reflect Infection or 'Sterile SIRS'

Hemoperitoneum ***vs*** bacterial peritonitis

Aspiration ***vs*** bacterial pneumonia

Mechanistic understanding of SIRS

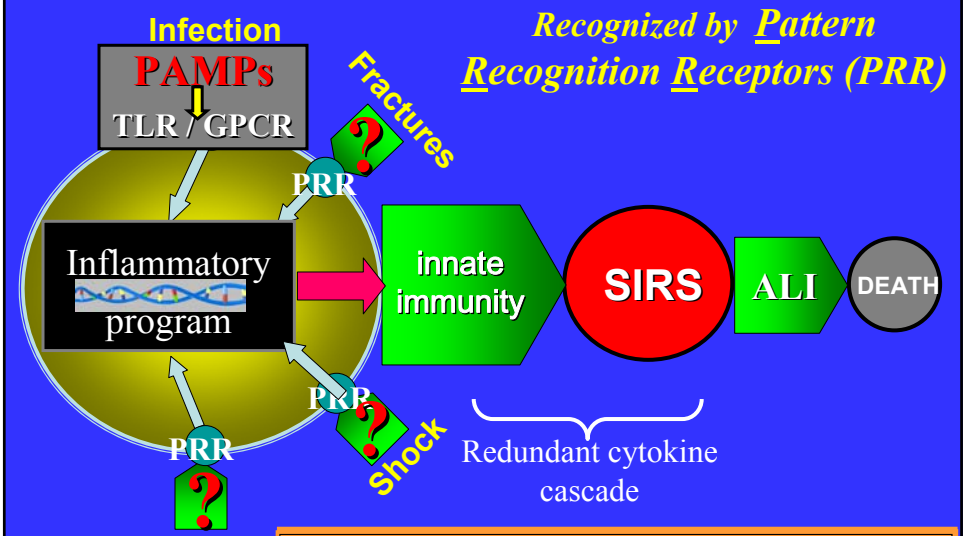


WRONG!

'DANGER' molecules

In non-infective conditions

Recognized by Pattern Recognition Receptors (PRR)



Injury → DAMPs → PRR

Innate immunity

- Ancient (invertebrates, multi-celled)
  - ✓ PMN, Mϕ, DC, NKC
- No clonal expansion
  - ✓ **PRR** on germ-line (TLRs, GPCRs)
  - ✓ multi-functional
- Immediate response to *danger motifs*
- Rapid responses in trauma, sepsis

PAMPs

Exogenous *infective* motifs

(LPS, FPs, bacterial sugars, 'CpG' DNA, dsRNA, flagellin…)

- *Bind PRRs → immune activation*
  → Cytokines etc
- Symptomatic infective SIRS ***("sepsis")***
  ↑ NO• release → vasodilatation
  ↑ PMN-EC interactions → capillary leak

?? DAMPs…

Non-infective motifs

? Endogenous products of tissue injury

- ? Intracellular motifs released by mechanical injury
- ? Membrane motifs changed by toxins
- ? New motifs 2' to metabolic, I/R stress
  Bind PRRs → immune activation
  Cytokines etc

?? …symptomatic non-infective SIRS

Intracellular DAMPs

Putative DAMP	*PRR*
HMGB-1	TLR4
S-100	RAGE
HSP 30/60	TLR4
B7-H3	TREM

- ✓ Few known
- ✓ Signal through PRR's like PAMPs

Mitochondria as *DAMPs*

…*why are clinical sepsis and SIRS so often indistinguishable*?

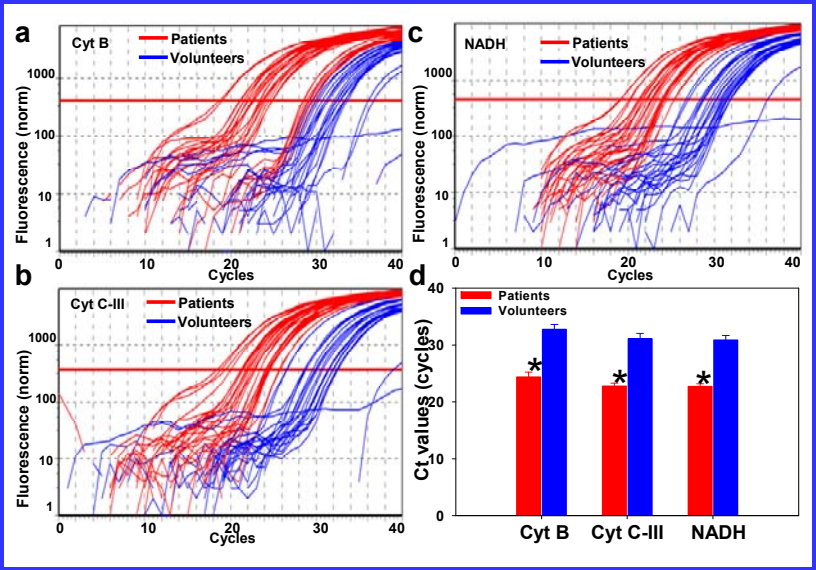
- Mitochondria were saprophytic bacteria
  - ✓ Became endo-symbionts
  - ✓ Evolved into organelles
- ***?'Septic' response to MT?***

Do mitochondria contain DAMPs?

- 13 'endogenous' peptides
  - ✓ begin with n-formyl-met
  - ***? Do they activate FP receptors***
- 'Bacteria-like' DNA
  - ✓ ***Unmethylated 'CpG' repeats***
  - ***? Do they activate TLR-9***

Does mechanical tissue injury cause circulation of mitochondrial debris ? (MTD)

mtDNA circulates after blunt trauma



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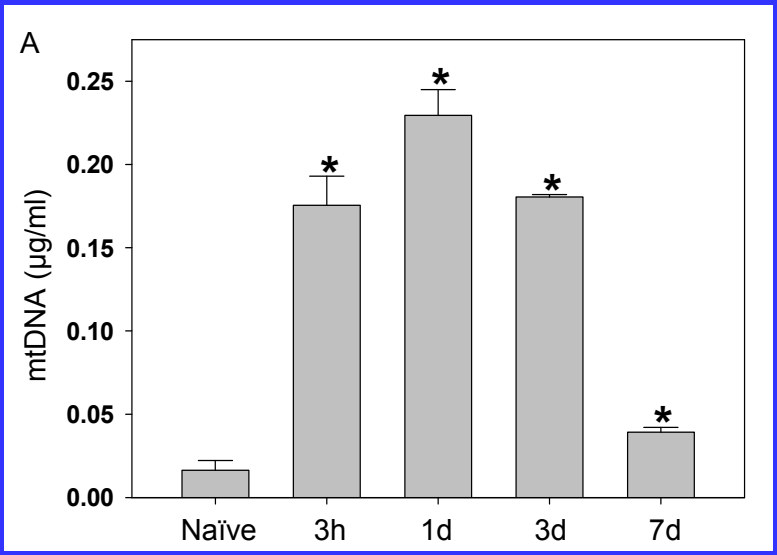
Do shock / ischemia-reperfusion injury result in circulation of MTD ?

Plasma mtDNA in rat HS



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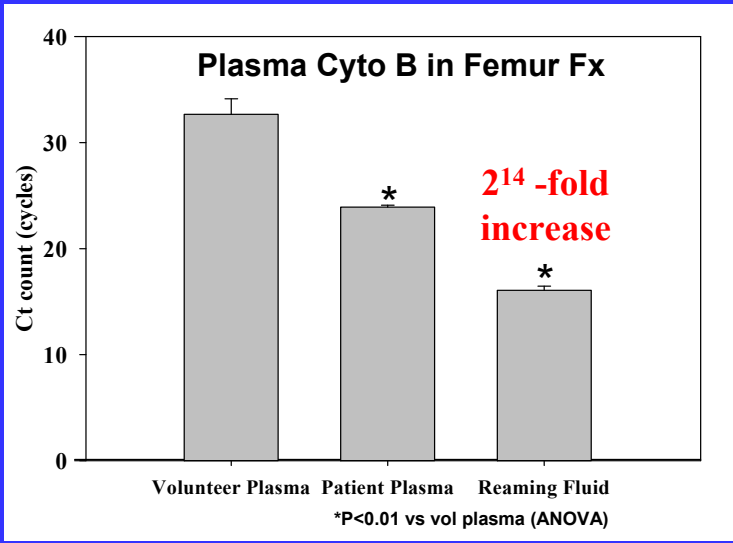
mtDNA appears in plasma of FFx patients



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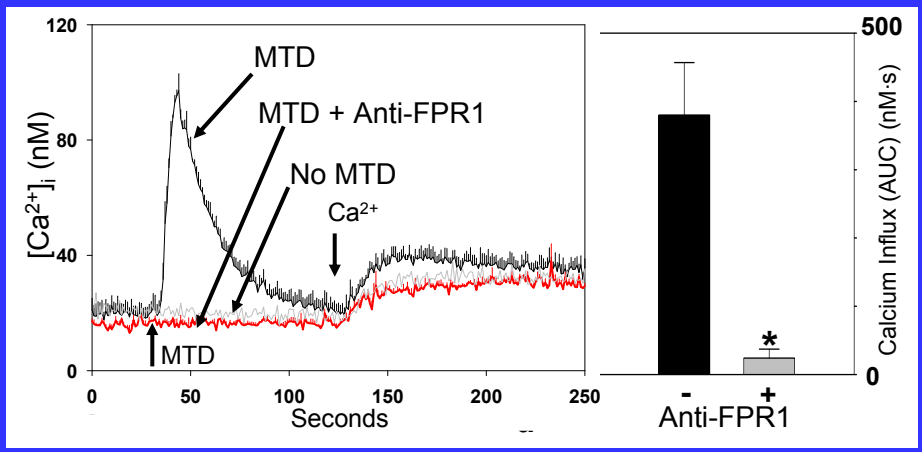
Do MTD activate inflammatory cell signaling ?

mtFPs activate $[Ca^{2+}]_i$ (via FPR1)



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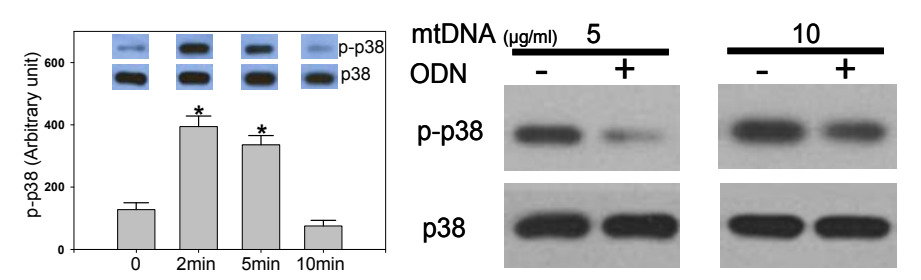
mtDNA activates p38 via TLR9



TLR9 blocked by CQ, ODNs

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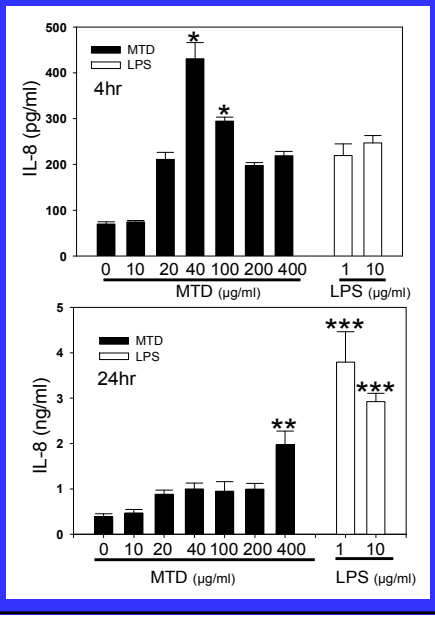
Does MTD activate inflammatory cell phenotypes ?

MTD activates cytokine production



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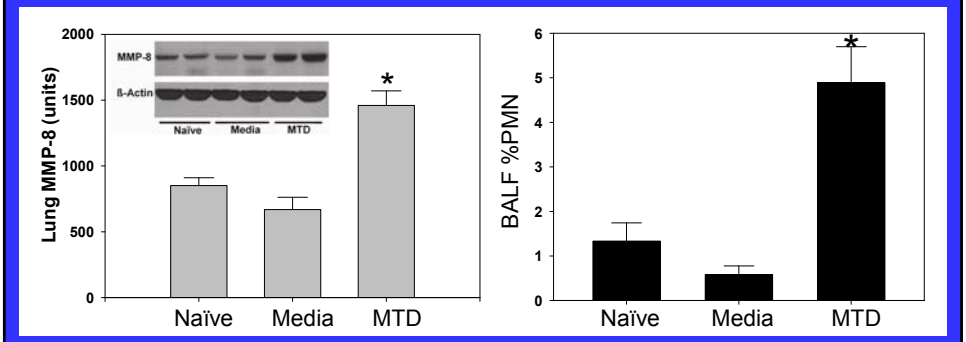
mt**DNA** activates PMN / EC interactions

Do mitochondrial DAMPs activate innate immunity in vivo?

MTD → PMN attack on lung



MMP-8 in lung

PMN in BALF

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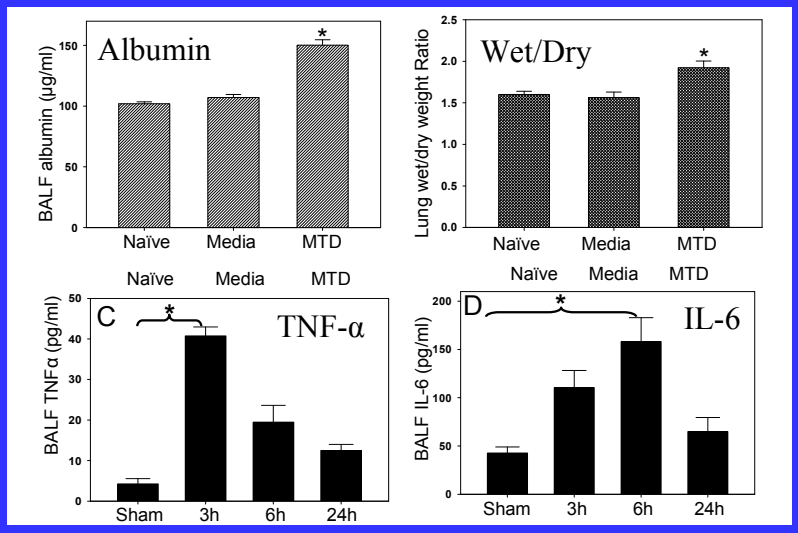
MTD causes ALI



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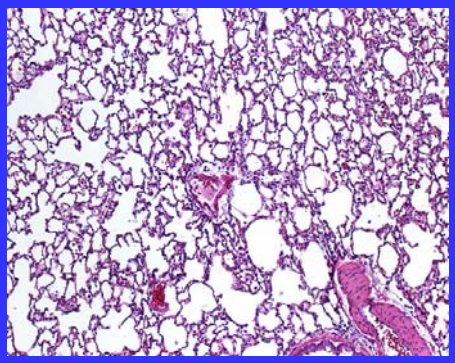

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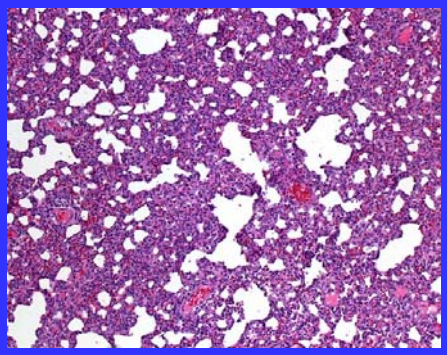

i.v. MT (=5% liver injury) at 6h

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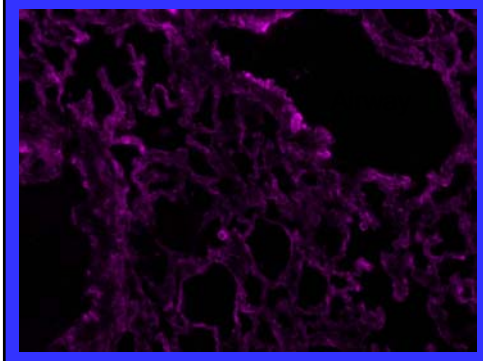
MTD ALI is oxidant-related



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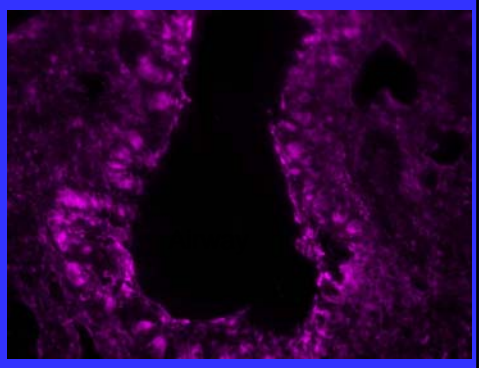

MTD

4-HNE stains

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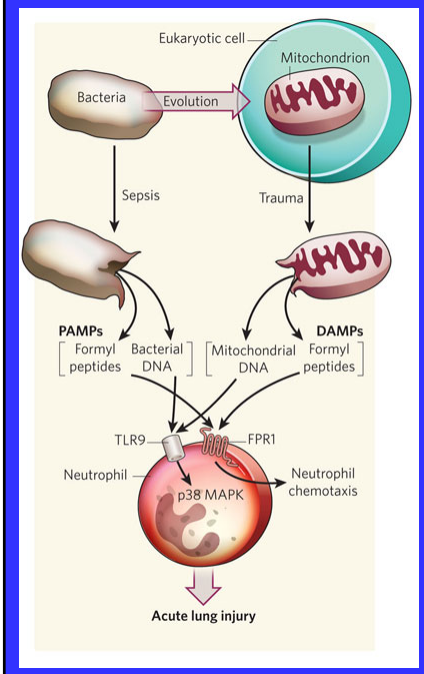

Evolutionary conservation of PAMPs and DAMPs in bacteria and mitochondria cause many similarities between sepsis and SIRS

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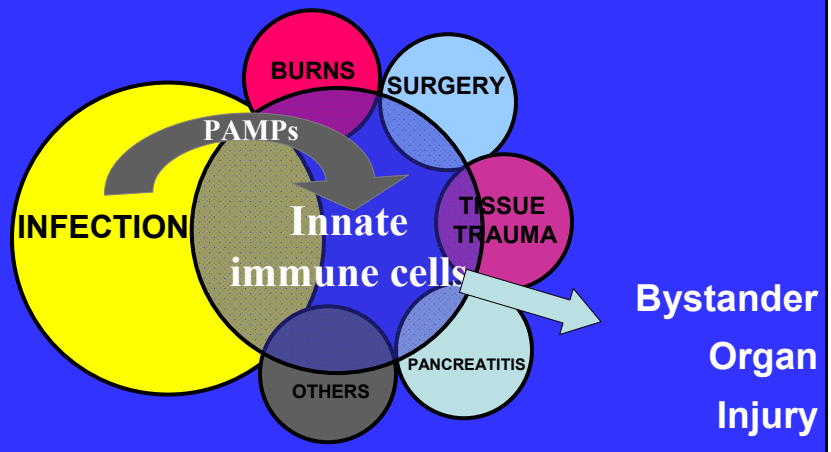
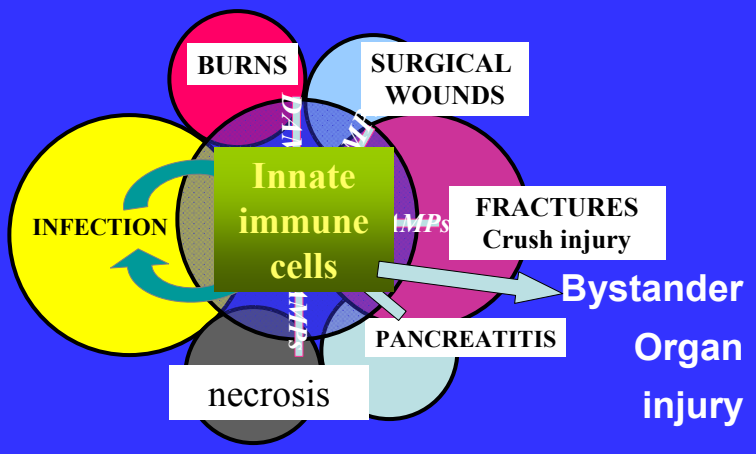
So what is 'septic' SIRS?



PAMPs from infection cause SIRS

What is non-infectious SIRS?



2° Sepsis *perpetuates* SIRS →MOF→death

Treatment of *infective* SIRS

1) Remove PAMPs (bio-markers)
- Antibiotic Tx
- Drainage, source control

2) Rx SIRS ***after*** source control
- Target PRR, signal cascades
- Steroids, aPC, anti-cytokine Tx
- (All *dangerous* w/o source control)

Treatment of *endogenous* SIRS

1) Remove DAMPs (bio-markers)
- ***Debride / drain*** sources
- ***Avoid*** antibiotics

*2) Prevent / treat SIRS **early***
- Target DAMPs and PRR
- Interrupt inflammatory signaling
- Safe w/o infection (*but ??healing*)

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