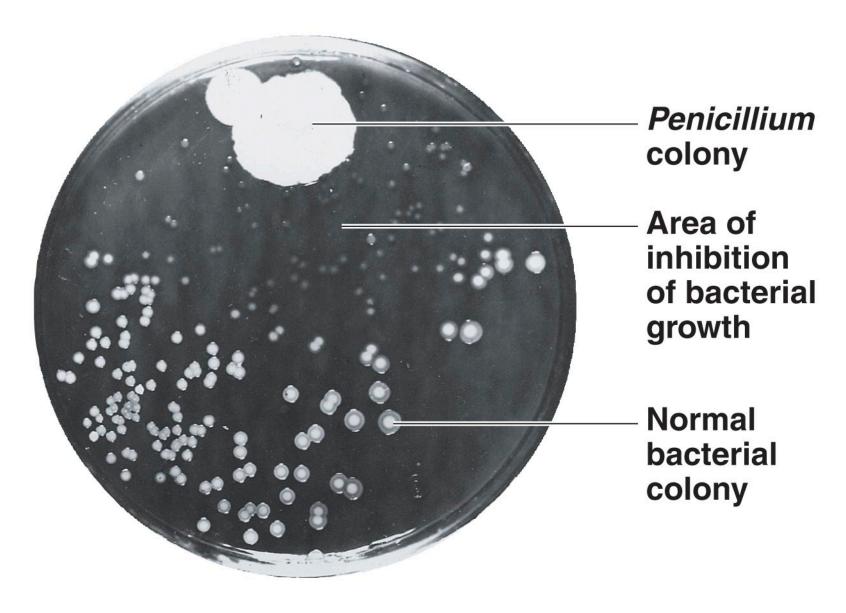
# Discovery of penicillin



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# **Table 20.1**

# **Representative Sources** of Antibiotics

Microorganism	Antibiotic
Gram-Positive Rods	
Bacillus subtilis	Bacitracin
Paenibacillus polymyxa	Polymyxin
Actinomycetes	
Streptomyces nodosus	Amphotericin B
Streptomycems venezuelae	Chloramphenicol
Streptomyces aureofaciens	Chlortetracycline and tetracycline
Saccharopolyspora erythraea	Erythromycin
Streptomyces fradiae	Neomycin
Streptomyces griseus	Streptomycin
Micromonospora purpurea	Gentamicin
Fungi	
Cephalosporium spp.	Cephalothin
Penicillium griseofulvum	Griseofulvin
Penicillium chrysogenum	Penicillin

ADRIAMYCIN, ONE OF OUR MOST POTENT CHEMOTHERAPY DRUGS, COMES FROM THE DIRT FROM AN ITALIAN CASTLE.



# MY HOBBY: BREAKING INTO AIRPLANE HANGARS AND REPLACING THE ADS ON THEIR GIANT BANNERS WITH COOL FACTS

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Hans Rosling: "200 Countries..." or "The River of Myths"

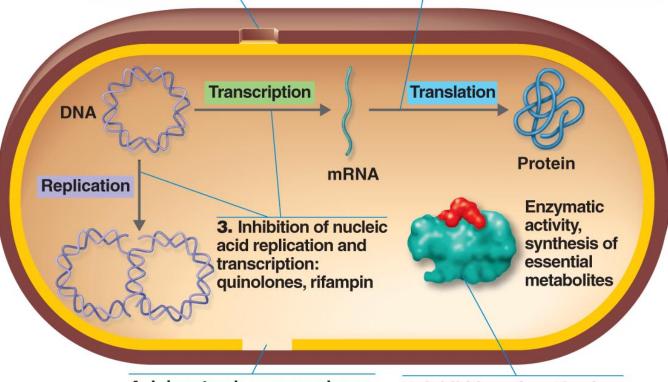
#### **Table 20.2** The Spectrum of Activity of Antibiotics and Other Antimicrobial Drugs **Eukaryotes Prokaryotes Gram-Negative Gram-Positive** Chlamydias, Rickettsias<sup>†</sup> Mycobacteria\* **Bacteria Bacteria Helminths** Fungi Protozoa **Viruses** Niclosamide Ketocon-Penicillin G azole (tapeworms) Streptomycin Mefloquine (malaria) Acyclovir Praziquantel (flukes) Tetracycline Isoniazid

<sup>†</sup>Obligately intracellular bacteria.

\*Growth of these bacteria frequently occurs within macrophages or tissue structures.

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- 1. Inhibition of cell wall synthesis: penicillins, cephalosporins, bacitracin, vancomycin
- 2. Inhibition of protein synthesis: chloramphenicol, erythromycin, tetracyclines, streptomycin



- **4.** Injury to plasma membrane: polymyxin B
- **5.** Inhibition of synthesis of essential metabolites: sulfanilamide, trimethoprim

#### **Key Concept**

Antimicrobial drugs function in one of the following five ways: inhibiting cell wall synthesis, inhibiting protein synthesis, inhibiting nucleic acid synthesis, injuring the plasma membrane, or inhibiting synthesis of essential metabolites.

# (a) Natural penicillins

#### **Common nucleus**

Penicillin G (requires injection)

$$CH_{2} - CH_{2} - CH_{3} - CH_{3} - CH_{3}$$

$$O = C - NH - CH - CH - CH_{3} - CH_{3}$$

$$O = C - NH - CH_{3} - CH_{3}$$

$$B-lactam ring$$

$$O = C - NH - CH_{3} - CH_{3}$$

$$CH_{3} - CH_{3} - CH_{3}$$

$$CH_{3} - CH_{3} - CH_{3}$$

Penicillin V (can be taken orally)

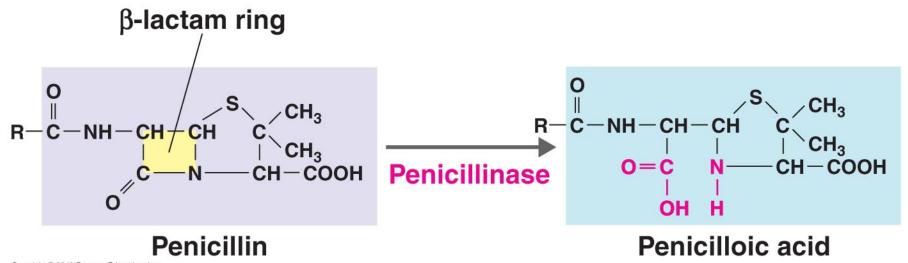
# (b) Semisynthetic penicillins

#### **Common nucleus**

Oxacillin:
Narrow spectrum, only
gram-positives, but resistant
to penicillinase

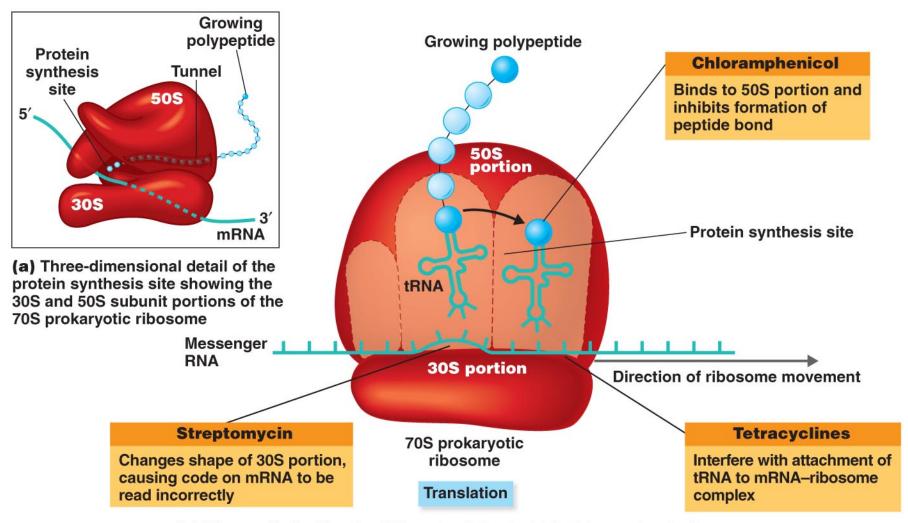
Ampicillin: Extended spectrum, many gram-negatives

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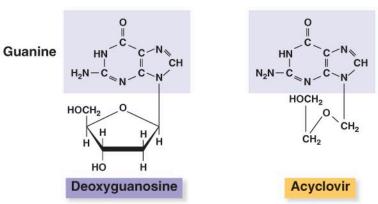


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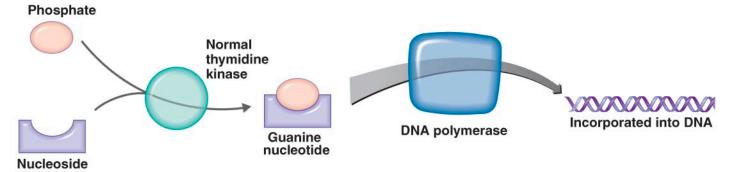
#### Inhibitors of protein synthesis



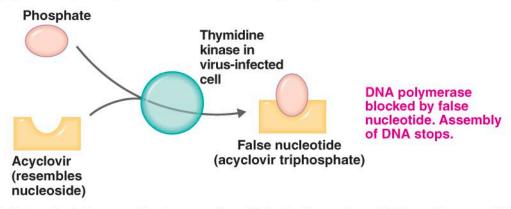
(b) Diagram indicating the different points at which chloramphenicol, the tetracyclines, and streptomycin exert their activities



(a) Acyclovir structurally resembles the nucleoside deoxyguanosine.

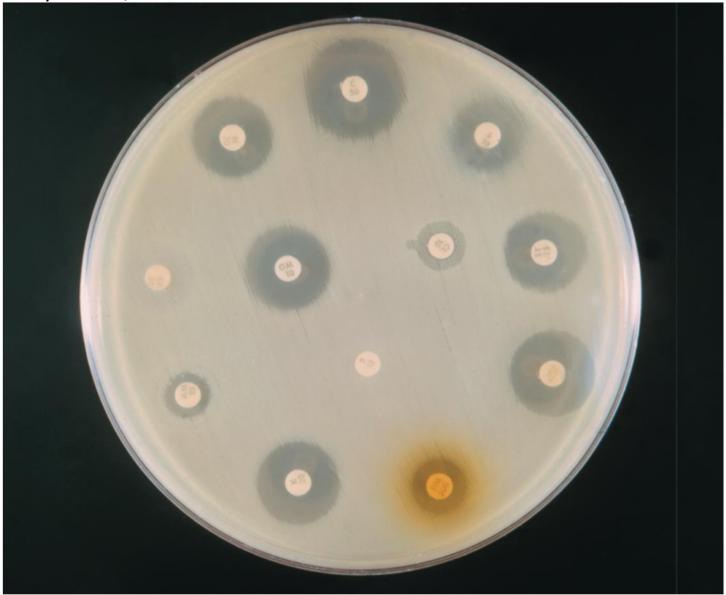


(b) The enzyme thymidine kinase combines phosphates with nucleosides to form nucleotides, which are then incorporated into DNA.

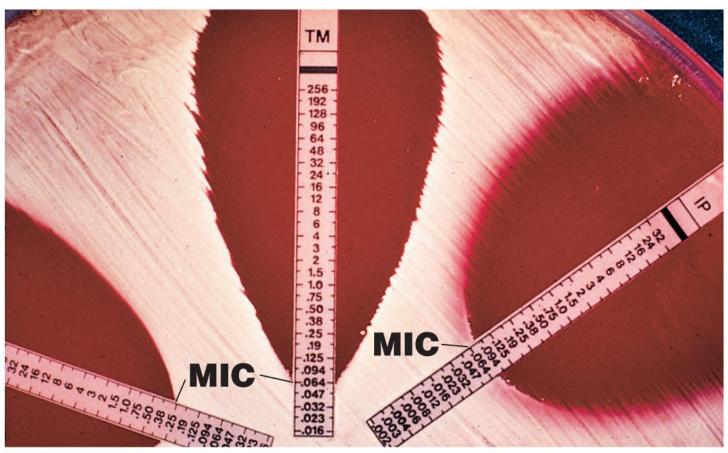


(c) Acyclovir has no effect on a cell not infected by a virus, that is, with normal thymidine kinase. In a virally infected cell, the thymidine kinase is altered and converts the acyclovir (which resembles the nucleoside deoxyguanosine) to a false nucleotide, which blocks DNA synthesis by DNA polymerase.

Kirby-Bauer / Disk-diffusion

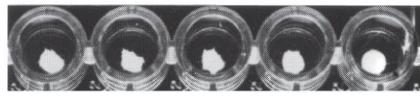


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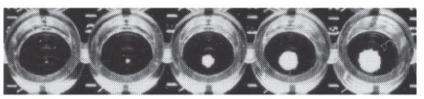


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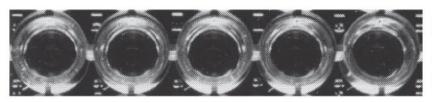
#### **Broth dilution tests**



Doxycycline (Growth in all wells, resistant)



Sulfamethoxazole (Trailing end point; usually read where there is an estimated 80% reduction in growth)



Streptomycin (No growth in any well; sensitive at all concentrations)

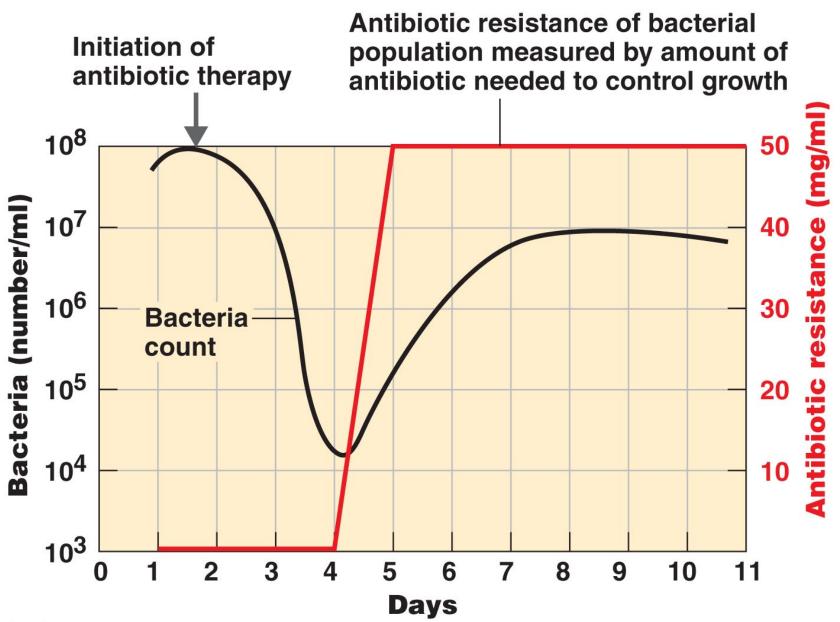


**Ethambutol** 

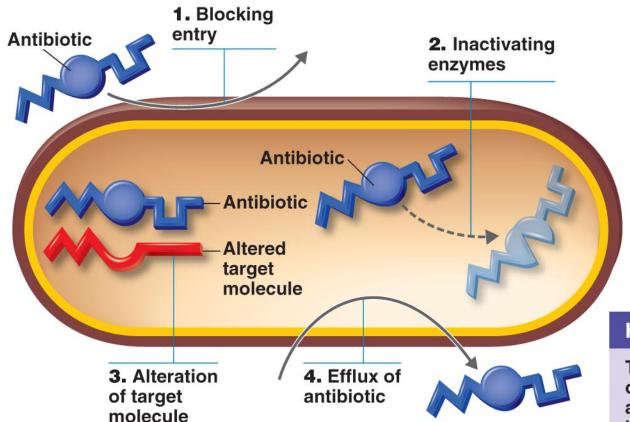
Kanamycin

(Growth in fourth wells; equally sensitive to ethambutol and kanamycin)

Decreasing concentration of drug



#### Mechanisms of resistance



### **Key Concept**

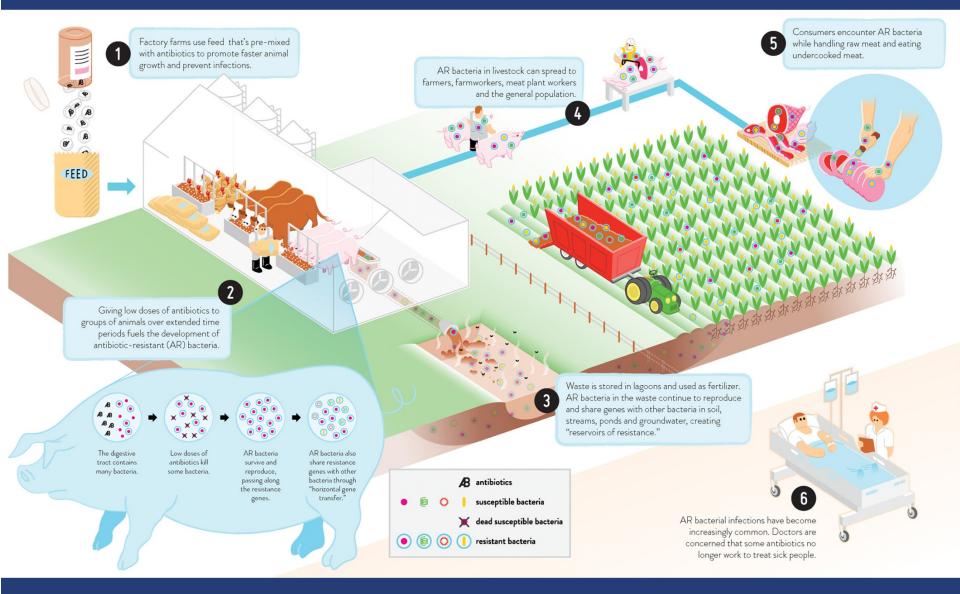
The four main mechanisms of microbial resistance to antimicrobial agents are blocking entry of the drug into the cell, inactivation of the drug by enzymes, alteration of the drug's target sites, and efflux of the drug from the cell.

# Antibiotic misuse

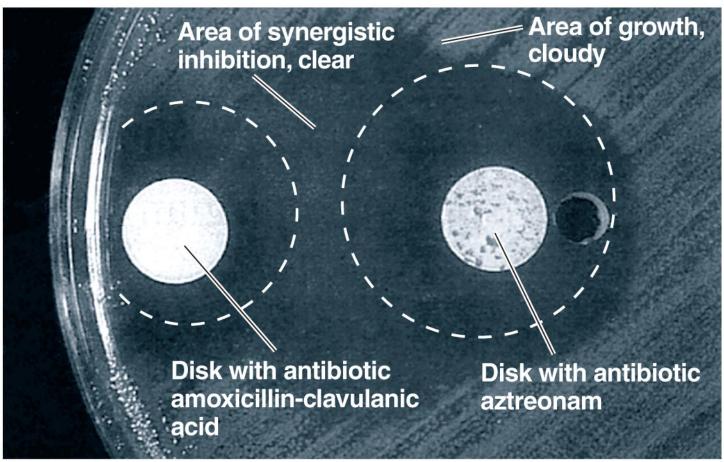


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# **How Antibiotic Misuse on Factory Farms Can Make You Sick**







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