

Utility of Pneumotest® (Pneumo plus Bio Fire®) to escape antibiotic resistance performing a fast and reliable management of pneumonia in the emergency room

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Introduction: The etiological diagnosis of pneumonia is still a heat for physician involved in emergency departments. Antimicrobial resistance, in fact, depend mainly by unadequate use of antibiotics. So, easy and fast tests to allow a right antimicrobial diagnosis in patients with pneumonia in emergency department are welcome.

Materials and methods: We describe a case of pneumonia performed in emergency department with support of a film array

pneumonia panel (PneumoPlus®) able to identify nucleic acids of different bacterial or viral agents.

Results: This clinical approach was successful for early diagnosis and treatment.

Discussion: This approach facilitated not only early diagnosis but also early treatment, adequate antibiotic drugs, reduction of bacterial resistance, reduction of hospital stay and healthcare costs.