

# Overview of the CarbaNP Test

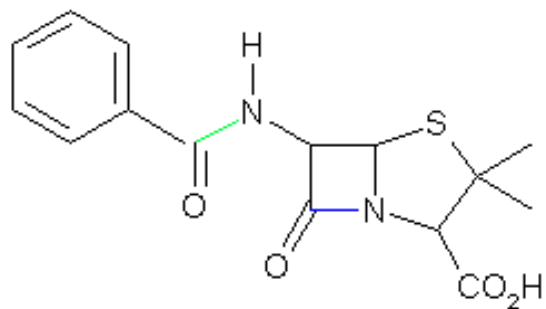
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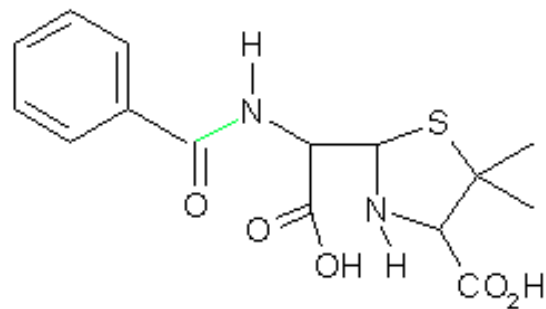
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Active Beta-Lactam Ring

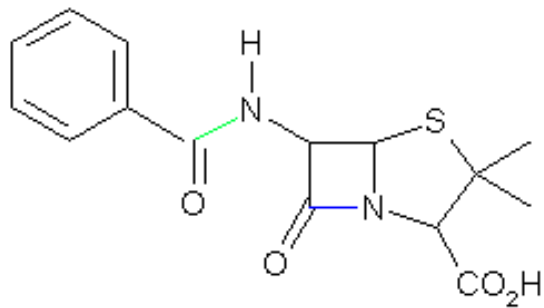
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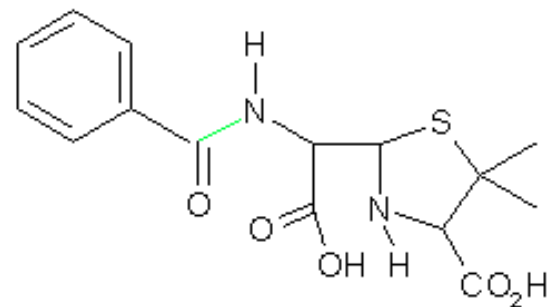
Inactive Beta-Lactam Ring  
(hydrolyzed)

pH >8.2

pH <6.8



carbapenemase



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# Manufactured Carba NP-type Assays:

## **Carba NP (Biomerieux)**

- CLSI-approved Method
- Make up stock solutions of reagents

## **Rapidec Carba NP (Biomerieux)**

- Strip instead of tubes



## **Rapid Carb Screen (Rosco)**

- Was FDA approved, recently removed
- Tablets instead of solutions (less prep work)

# Basic Principle of Carba NP

- 1.) Gather materials (reagents, tubes, plates).
- 2.) Prepare two 1.5 mL tubes with lysis buffer for each isolate to be tested.
- 3.) Add organism to prepared tubes.
- 4.) Allow organism to lyse.
- 5.) Add lysate to saline in a clean tube.
- 6.) Add imipenem to one tube of each set [1 control, 1 unknown].
- 7.) Incubate. Check for reaction every 30 minutes up to 2 hours.

# Basic Principle of Carba NP

Non-carbapenemase  
producer

Carbapenemase  
Producer



- imipenem

+ imipenem

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# Testing Details

- Cost of Test: \$2-3 (@ ISDH)
- Kit Shelf Life: ~12 months
- Time to Test: 40 min. – 2 ½ hours
- Hands on Time: 20-30 min (batch)

# Limitations of Testing

- Older cultures (>1d) may produce more indeterminate results
- Results are Media-dependent (do not use MAC)
- Weak carbapenemase-producers are difficult to detect:
  - SME
  - GES
  - OXA-48-like
- Muroid strains may produce false-negative results
- More organism inoculum may produce more reliable results

**NEXT UP: Wet Workshop - CarbaNP**  
**THEN: LimsNet Demo**