

Surviving a Multi drug resistant infection: my/one patients experience

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No hospital, pancreatitis



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Emerging therapies for multidrug resistant *Acinetobacter baumannii*

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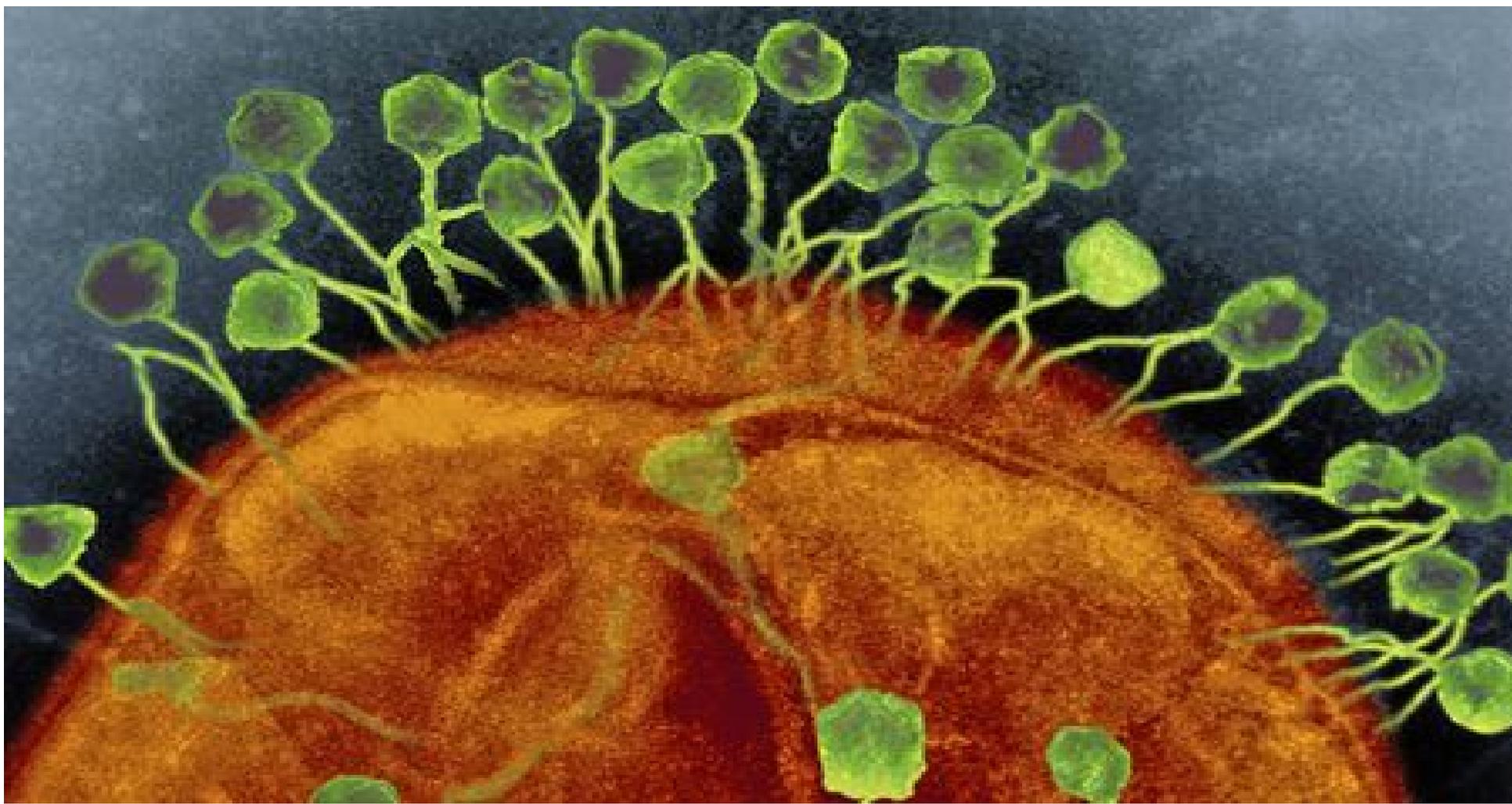
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The global emergence of multidrug resistant *Acinetobacter baumannii* has reduced the number of clinically available antibiotics that retain activity against this pathogen. For this reason, the development of novel prevention and treatment strategies for infections caused by *A. baumannii* is necessary. Several studies have begun to characterize nonantibiotic approaches that utilize novel mechanisms of action to achieve antibacterial activity. Recent advances in phage therapy, iron chelation therapy, antimicrobial peptides, prophylactic vaccination, photodynamic therapy, and nitric oxide (NO)-based therapies have all been shown to have activity against *A. baumannii*. However, before these approaches can be used clinically there are still limitations and remaining questions that must be addressed.

these infections. In this review, recent advances in nonantibiotic approaches that are currently being explored for prevention and treatment of *A. baumannii* infections are described.

Phage therapy

Bacteriophages, or phages, are viruses that infect, and in some cases lyse, bacterial cells. The potential use of bacteriophages as antibacterial agents was recognized at almost the same time as their discovery nearly a century ago [9]. However, the dawn of the antibiotic era slowed interest in this area in western countries. In the present context of infections caused by multidrug-resistant bacteria for which there are a decreasing number of active antimicrobials, research exploring the use of phage therapy as an alternative treatment has been renewed. In 2010



Phage Hunt



Dr. Ry Young
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Phage Technology



Lt. Commander
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Tom's *A.baumannii* isolate being attacked by Navy phages

Courtesy of Dr. Robert Pope,
National Biodefense Analysis & Countermeasures Center,
Dept of Homeland Security

— 500 nm —

Her Husband Was Dying From A Superbug. She Turned To Sewer Viruses Collected By The Navy.

Scientists have long dismissed "phage therapy" as a fringe idea pushed by eccentrics who enjoy fishing in sewage. But now the Navy is betting on it.

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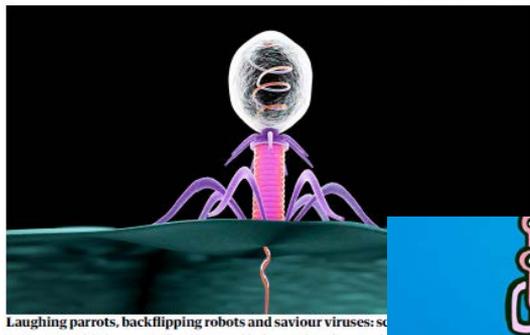
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Could gargling a virus that eats bacteria solve the SUPERBUG CRISIS? As overused antibiotics become less and less effective, a tantalising discovery may revolutionise healthcare

- Steffanie Strathdee feared the worst when husband Tom Patterson comatosed
- Husband of 13 years lay in a deep coma, the victim of an aggressive superbug
- His heart, lungs and major organs were all shutting down with little hope left
- Apparently miraculous recovery is result of natural phenomenon that could combat growth of antibiotic-resistant infections and also treat sore throats



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Laughing parrots, backflipping robots and saviour viruses: s

Sewage Saved This Man's Life. Someday It Could Save Yours.

Bacteriophages — viruses found in soil, water and human waste — may be the cure in a post-antibiotic world.

By Lauren Weber

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Tom Patterson and Steffanie Strathdee in a horse-drawn carriage in November 2015. The photo was taken in a town in the Big Bend National Park, Texas.

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Phage Therapy's Role in Combating Antibiotic-Resistant Pathogens

Jeff Lyon

Sometimes, what's old is new again—even in the ever-advancing world of phage therapy. Under Schooley's direction after applying for and receiving Emergency



Robert T. Schooley, MD

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Phage therapy: revival of the bygone antimicrobial

The idea of using bacteriophages as vectors for antimicrobial therapy has existed for decades, but development towards clinical application still lags behind. Geoff Watts reports.

Phage Therapeutics at IPATH

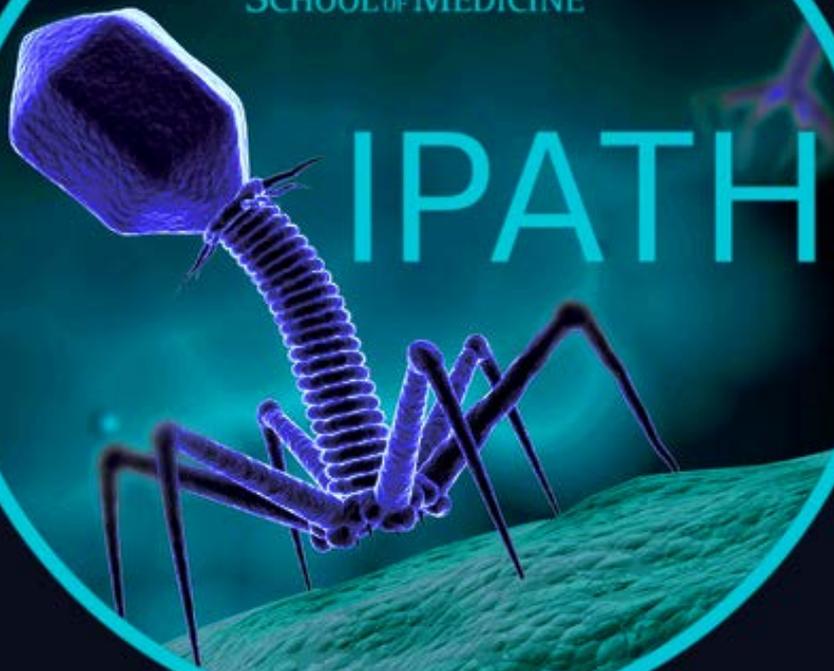
Patient #	Age	Underlying Condition	Organism	Outcome
1 (Tom Patterson)	67	Disseminated infection	<i>A. baumannii</i>	Success
2	67	Bilateral Lung Transplant	<i>P. aeruginosa</i>	Success
3	74	Open Head Trauma	<i>A. baumannii</i>	Inadequate trial
4	23	CF; Pre Lung Transplant	<i>P. aeruginosa</i>	Lung Tx List
5	65	Infected LVAD	<i>P. Aeruginosa +</i>	Success
6	~63	Infected LVAD	<i>S. aureus</i>	Success
7	61	Prosthetic Joint Infection	<i>S. aureus</i>	Inadequate trial



A case report on the successful use of a genetically modified phage cocktail to treat a human MDR infection will be published within the next few weeks. This is also the first human case of a Mycobacterium infection to be treated with phage therapy, that holds hope that phage therapy could be used to treat TB. The patient was treated by IV in the UK; the people and process involved was a direct result of Tom Patterson's case.

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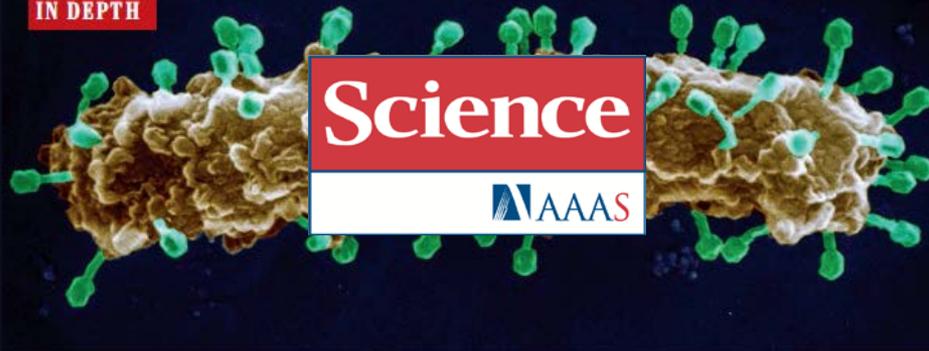
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U.S. center will fight infections with viruses

Proving ground for phage therapy will organize full clinical trials of the approach

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IPATH Center for Innovative Phage Applications and Therapy, The CF trial is being funded by NIAID in partnership with WRAIR.

Engineered bacteriophages for treatment of a patient with a disseminated drug-resistant *Mycobacterium abscessus*

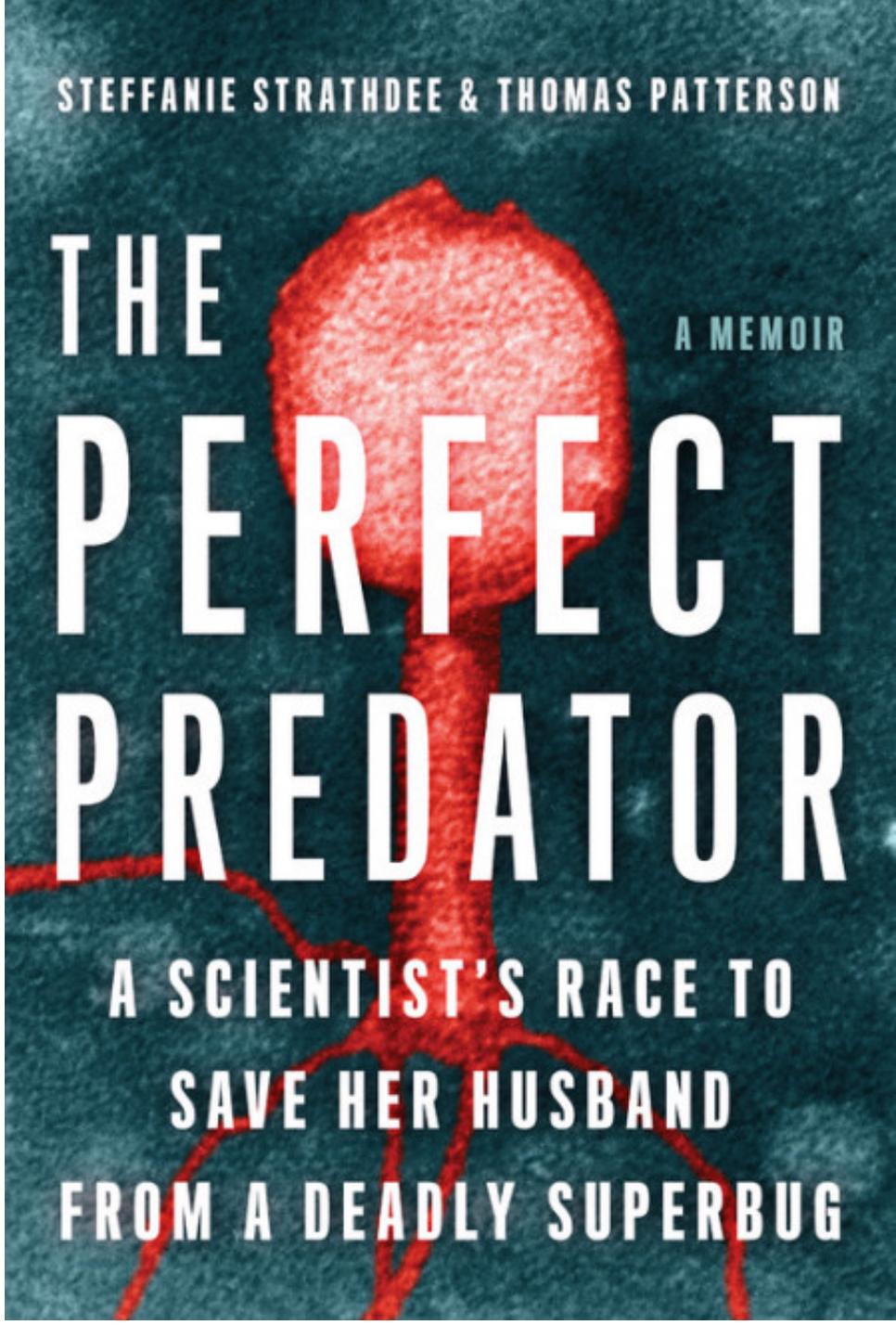
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Patient Perspective

- Nine months in hospital, 7 cases of septic shock
 - Hallucinations/delusions
 - Origin: Toxins, Sleep deprivation, ICU psychosis
 - While in a coma: I could hear you
 - Lesson: be careful what you say around patient
 - Cognitive deficits avoided via mental stimulation
- Stigma
 - ICU infection precautions
 - I was a pariah
 - Phage therapy = virus
- I was privileged: national and international effort
- I represent evidence based hope for Phage therapy

STEFFANIE STRATHDEE & THOMAS PATTERSON



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A SCIENTIST'S RACE TO
SAVE HER HUSBAND
FROM A DEADLY SUPERBUG

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