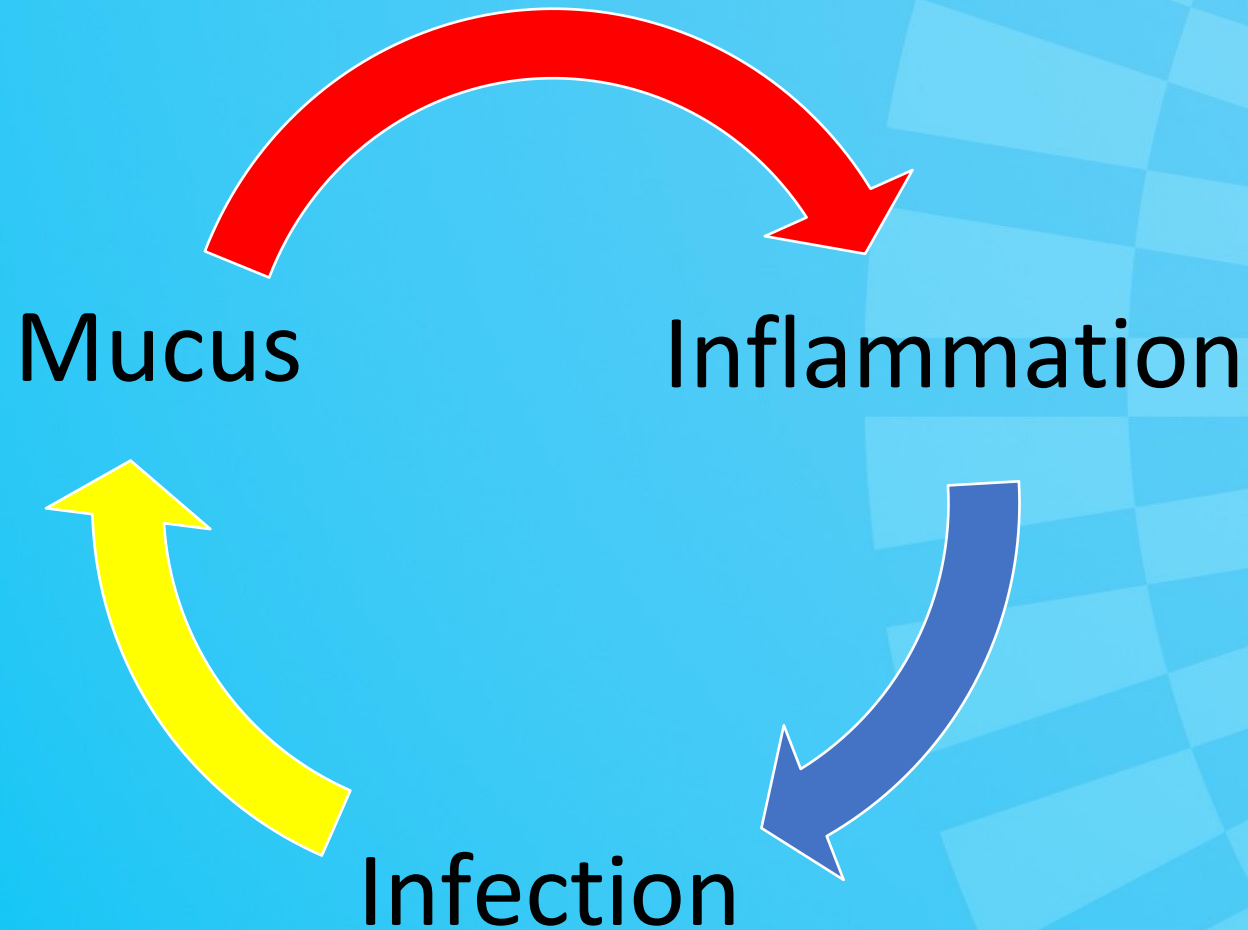


# Impact of Infection on the Lives of People with Cystic Fibrosis

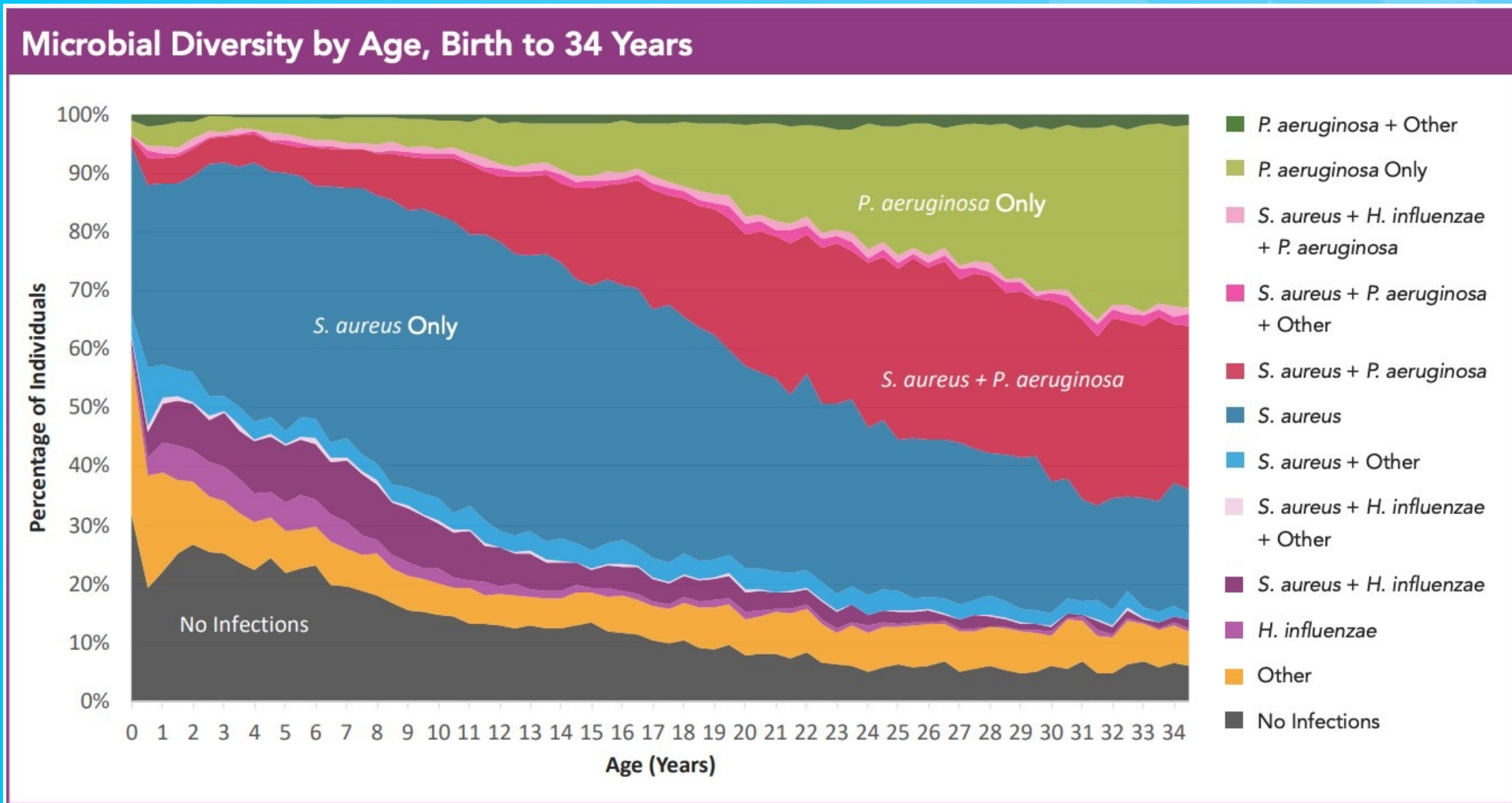


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# Cystic Fibrosis is Characterized by a Lifetime of Respiratory Infections

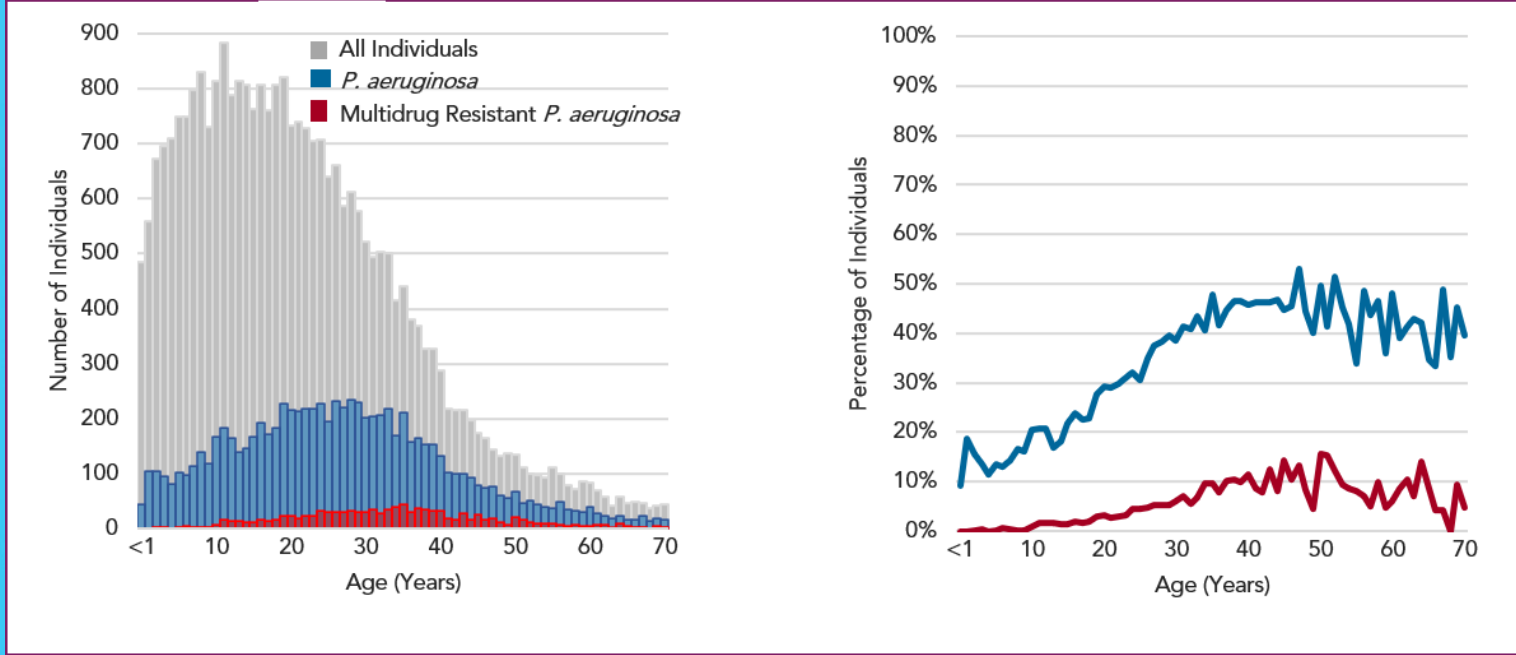


# Prevalence of Respiratory Pathogens in CF

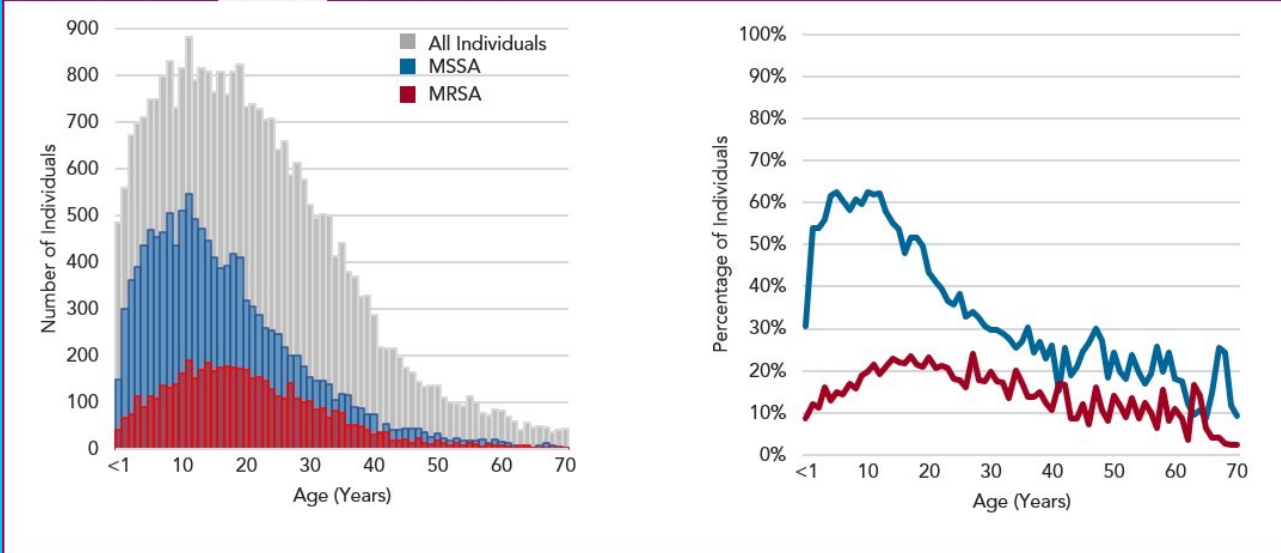


# Antimicrobial Resistance is a Problem in Cystic Fibrosis

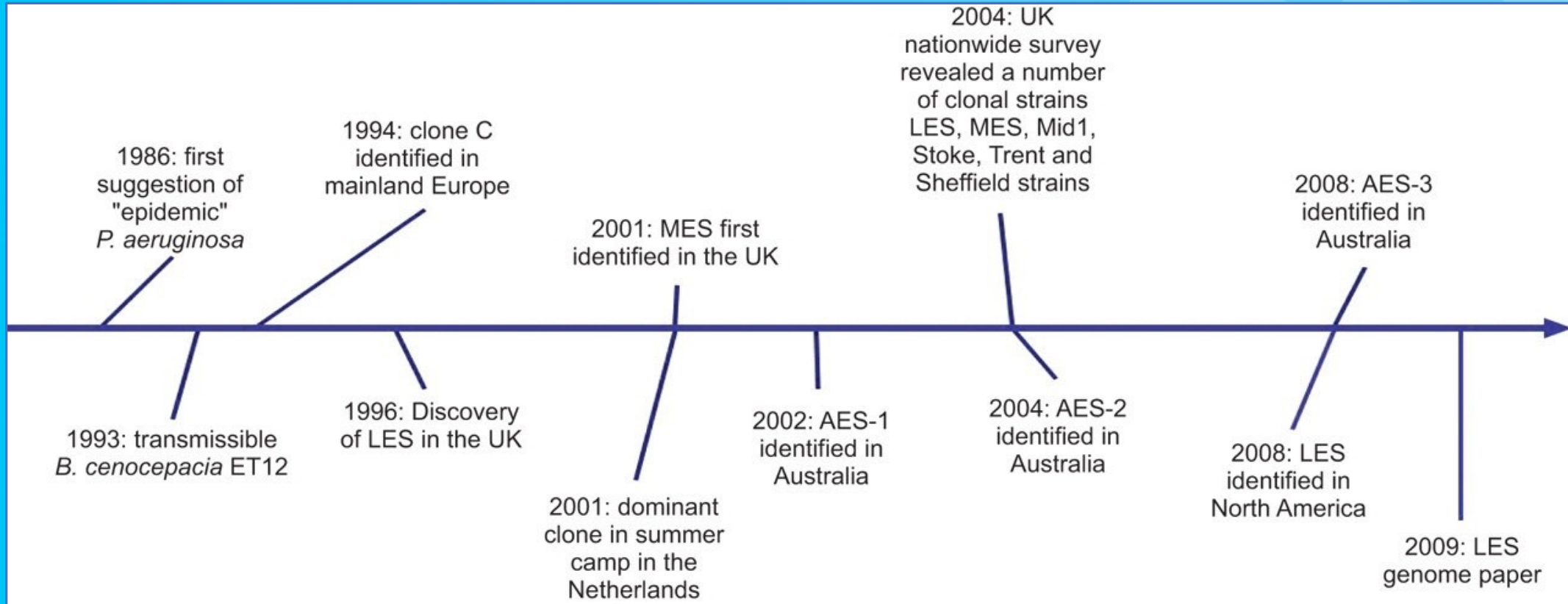
**P. aeruginosa and Multidrug-Resistant P. aeruginosa by Age in Years, 2020**



**MSSA and MRSA by Age in Years, 2020**



# Lessons Learned over Time: Nosocomial and Community Transmission



- *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*
- *Burkholderia cenocepacia*

# Infection Prevention and Control Guidelines for CF

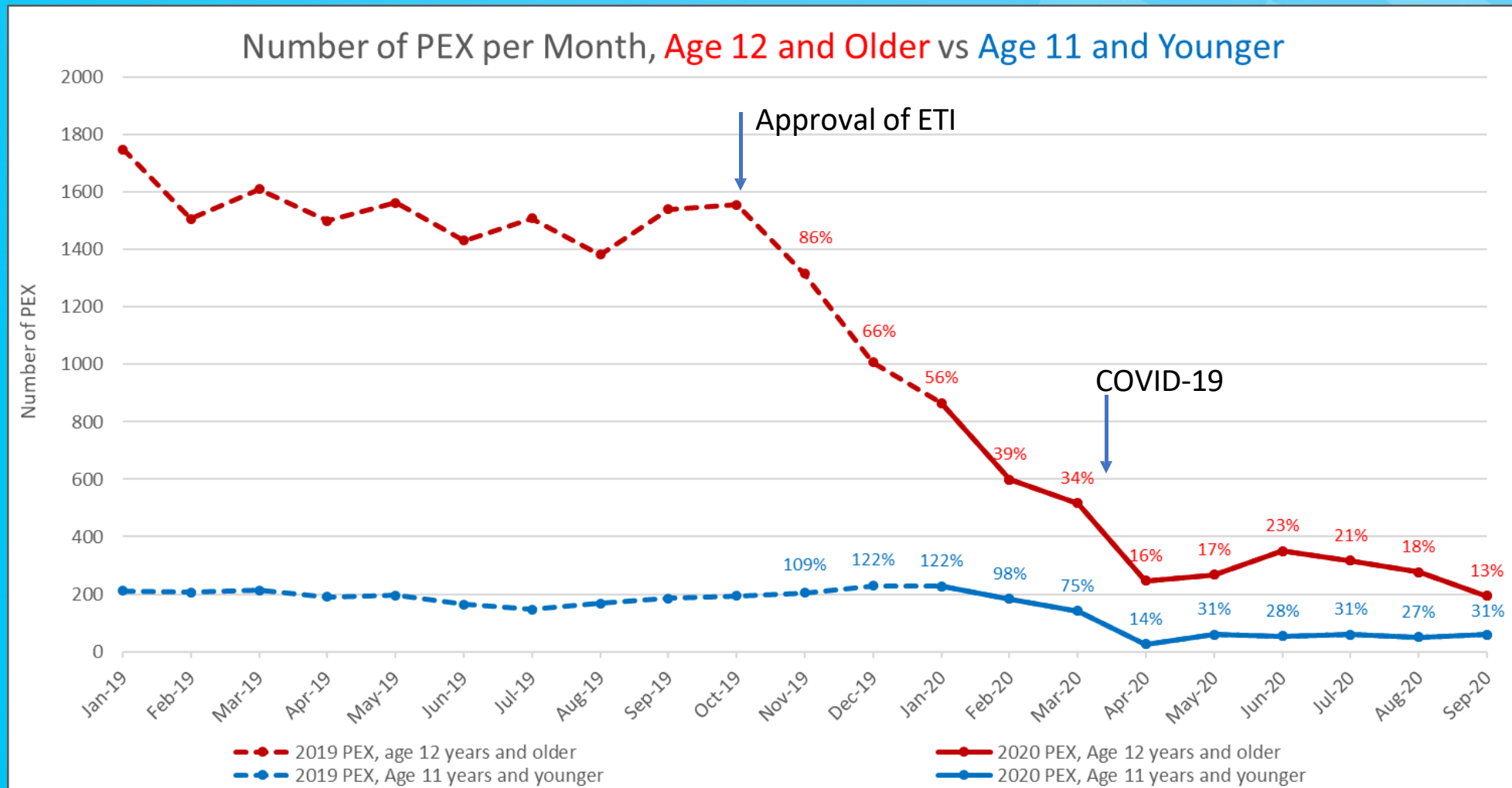
- Contact precautions for all CF patients regardless of pathogen status
- Mask use by patients in common areas in health care settings
- A minimum six-foot distance between patients
- Standards for reducing infection risk with pulmonary function testing
- Auditing the cleaning and disinfection of environmental surfaces



# Impact of IPC Practices on People with CF



# What about the burden of infection?

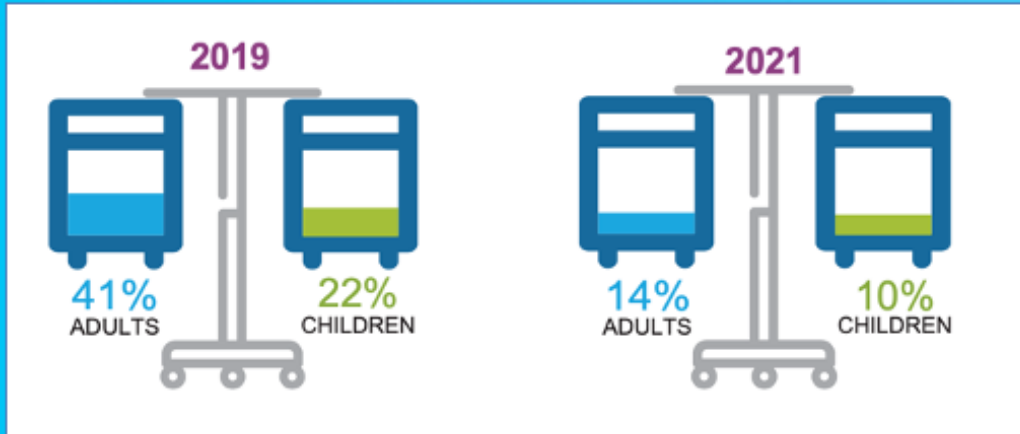








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# What happened during 2021?

## Pulmonary Exacerbations 2019 vs. 2021

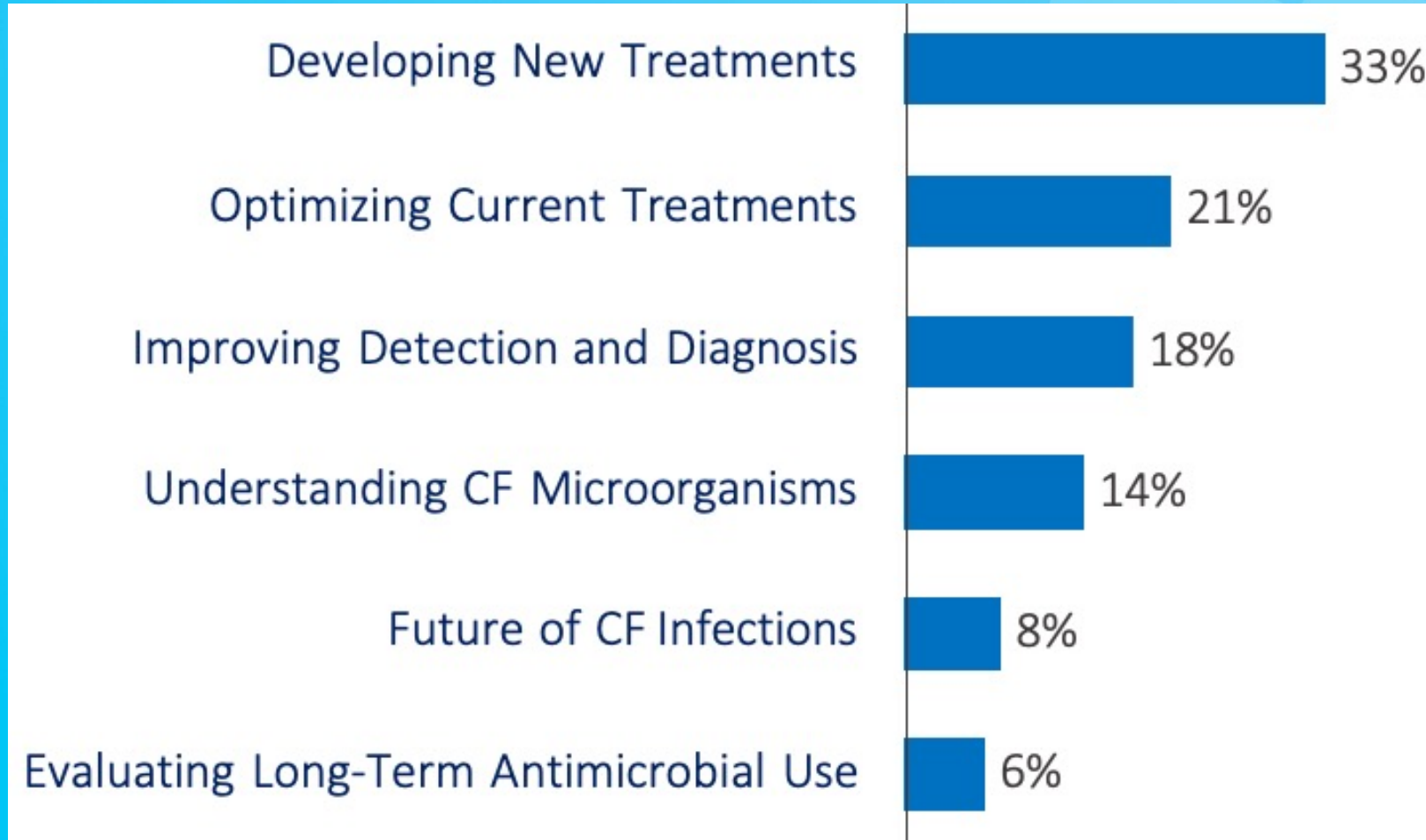


Bacteria	2019 Percent With Infection	2021 Percent With Infection
 <i>Pseudomonas aeruginosa</i>	43%	28%
 <i>Stenotrophomonas maltophilia</i>	12%	6%
 Methicillin-resistant <i>Staphylococcus aureus</i>	25%	18%
 <i>Achromobacter xylosoxidans</i>	6%	3%
 <i>Burkholderia cepacia</i> complex	3%	1%
 Nontuberculous mycobacteria	14%	10%

2021 CF Foundation Patient Registry Highlights

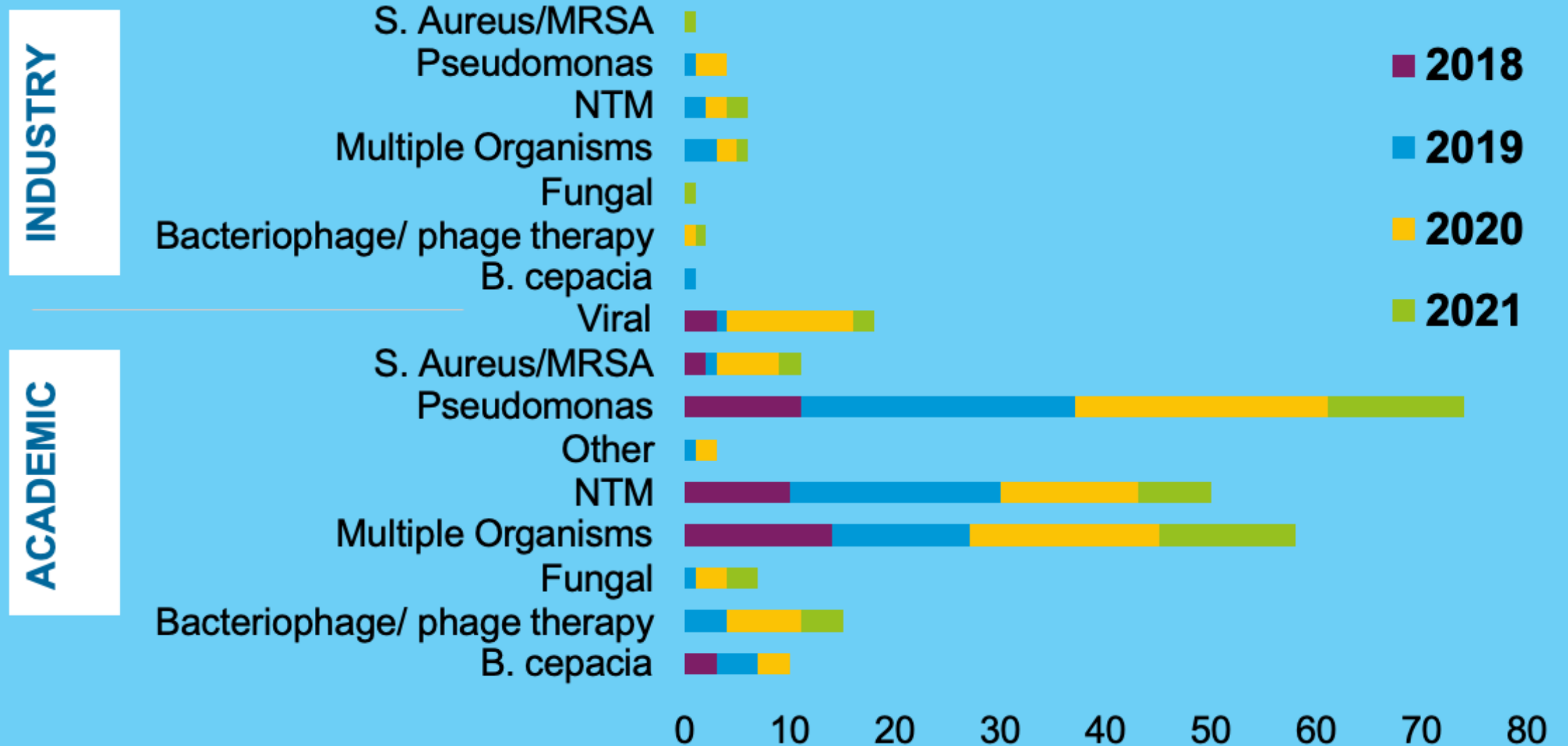
<https://www.cff.org/medical-professionals/patient-registry>

# Priorities for infection-related research



Ranked 1<sup>st</sup> by people with CF and their Families among areas of focus within infection-related research for the CF Foundation (N=303)

# CF Foundation Microbiological Research Portfolio



# Unanswered Questions: Will the CF infection landscape change?

- With less antibiotic use, will antimicrobial resistance decrease?
- Is masking here to stay?
  - Public
  - Healthcare
- With less cough and sputum, are pathogens less transmissible?
- Can people with CF be together in person safely?



How will we get answers?

- Continue performing cultures
- Continue collecting data
- Keep investing in research