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# Aspiration Pneumonia Management in Flood Victims

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## Flood: Current Situation and Future Projection of the Indonesian Archipelago

Distribution of Major Disaster Type and Death Victim in Indonesia (1815-2014)

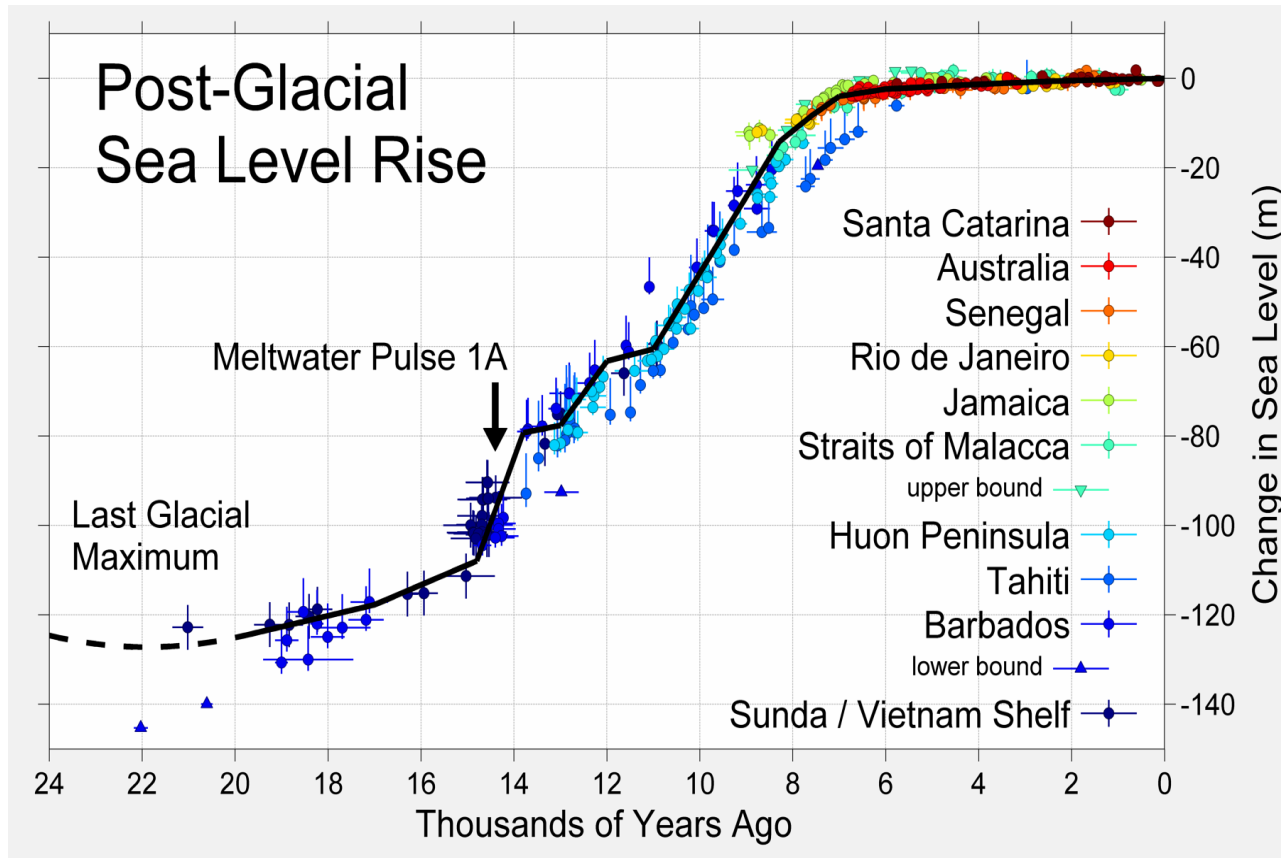
No	Type of Disasters	Event	Victims
1.	Earthquake	297	15,518
2.	Earthquake and Tsunami	10	167,779
3.	Eruption	126	78,627
4.	Floods	5,204	18,860
5.	Floods and Landslide	411	2,294
6.	Landslides	2,254	2,035
7.	Strong Wind	2,879	292
8.	Conflict	108	6,010
9.	Forest Fire	191	10
10.	Drought	1,692	2
	Total	13,172	291,427



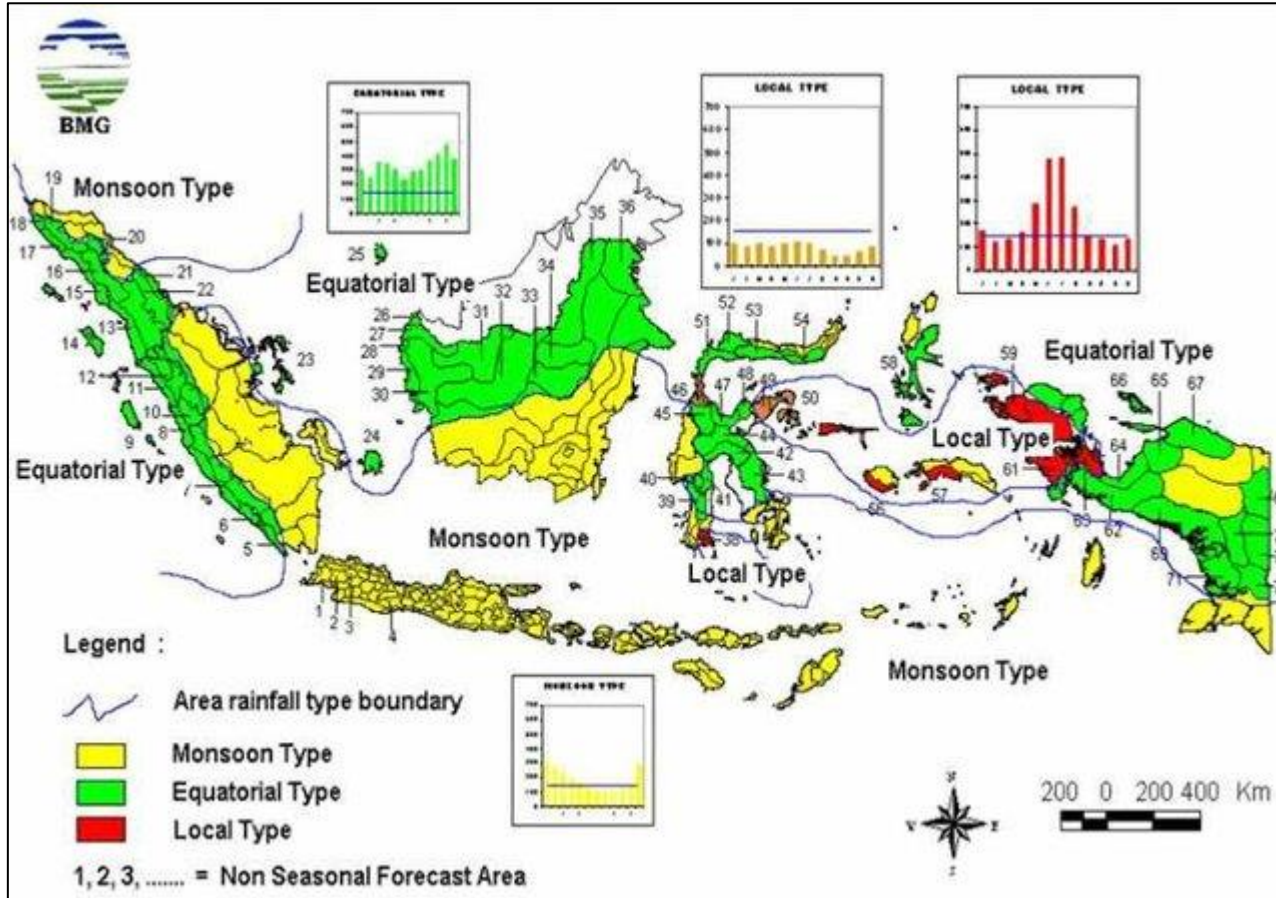
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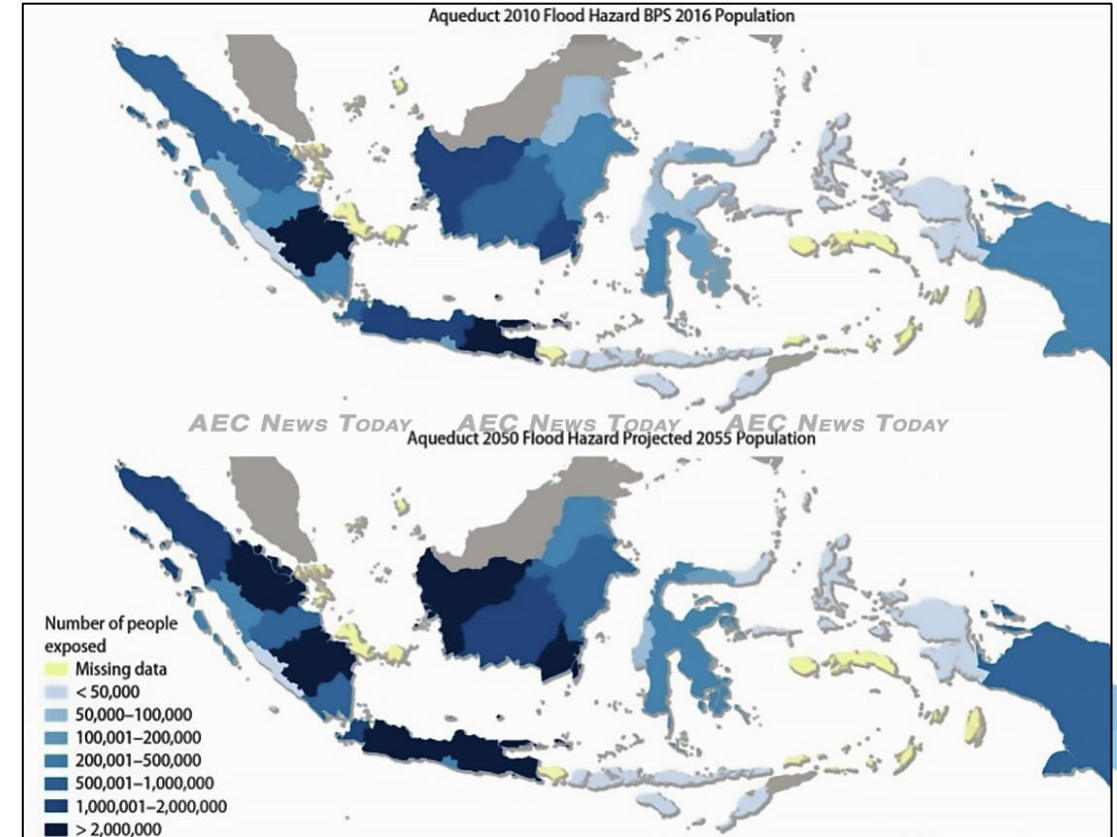
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Map of rainfall distribution in Indonesia (source: BMKG, 2015)



Projection of flood hazard map of Indonesia (source: BPS, 2016)

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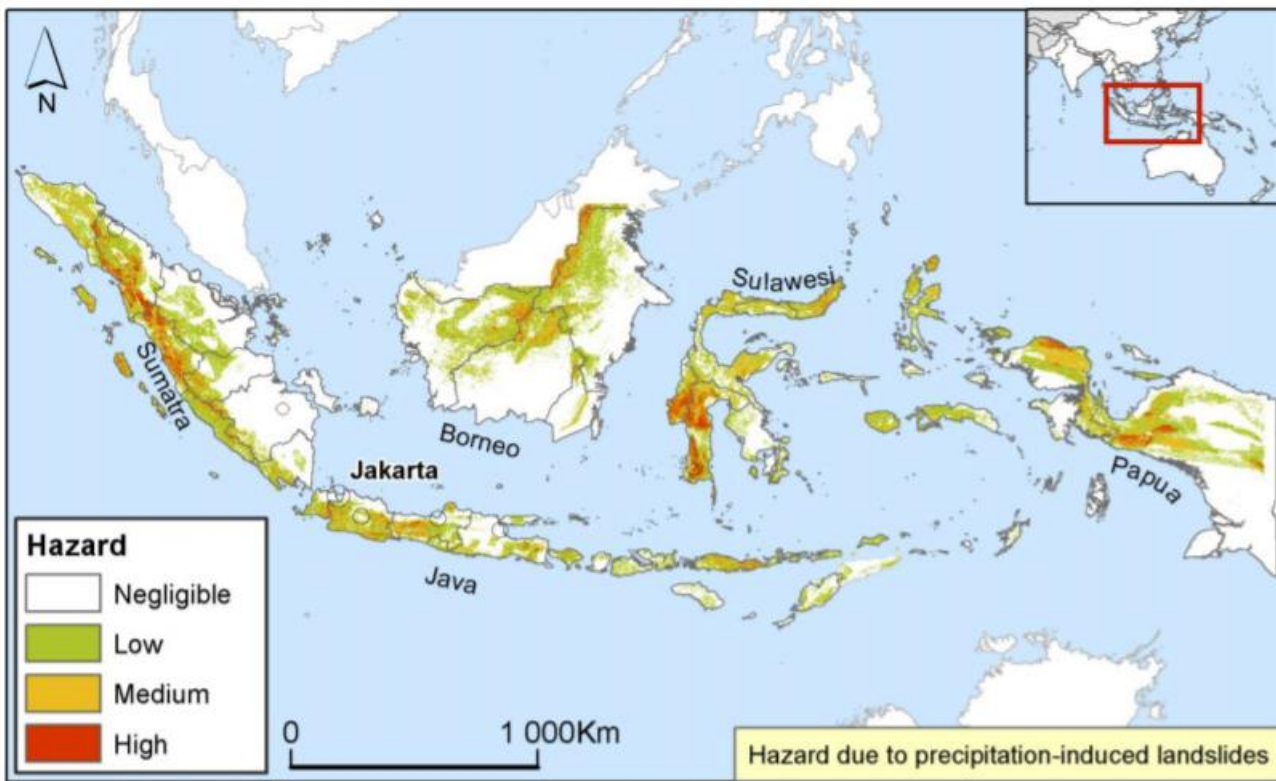


Figure 4. Map of precipitation-triggered landslides hazard distribution for Indonesia.

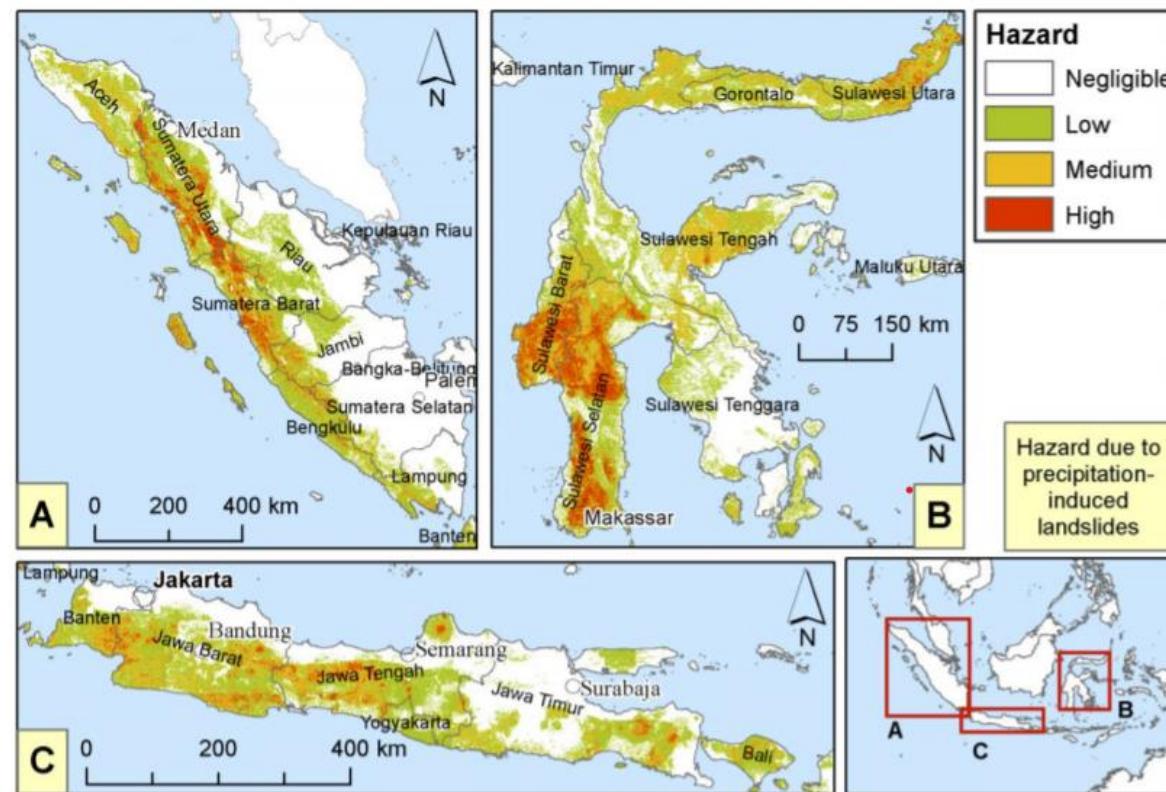


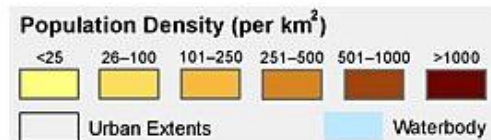
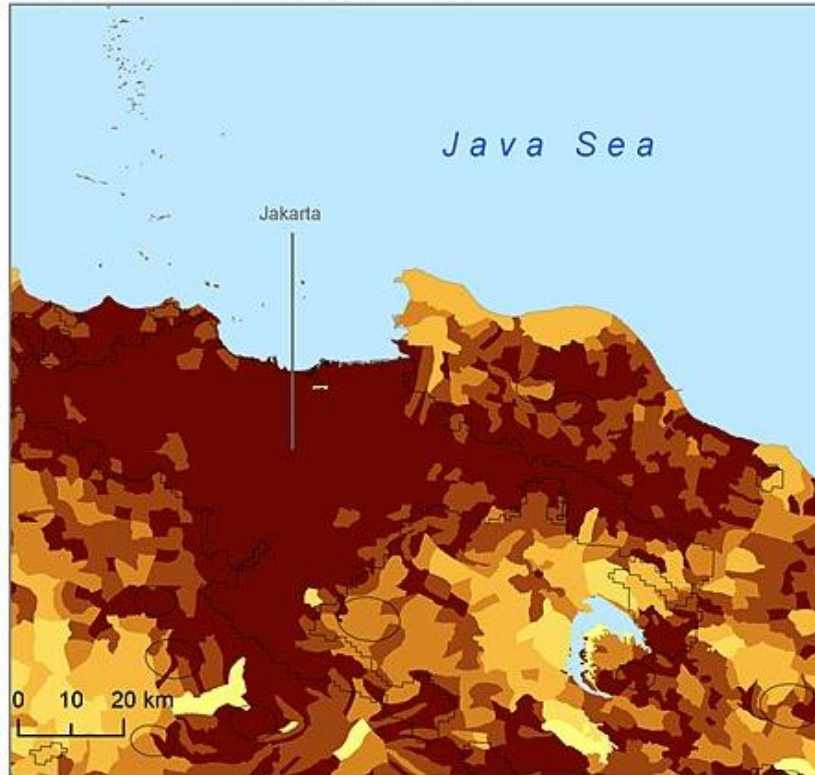
Figure 5. Maps of precipitation-triggered landslides hazard distribution for: (A) Sumatra, (B) Sulawesi, and (C) Java and Bali.

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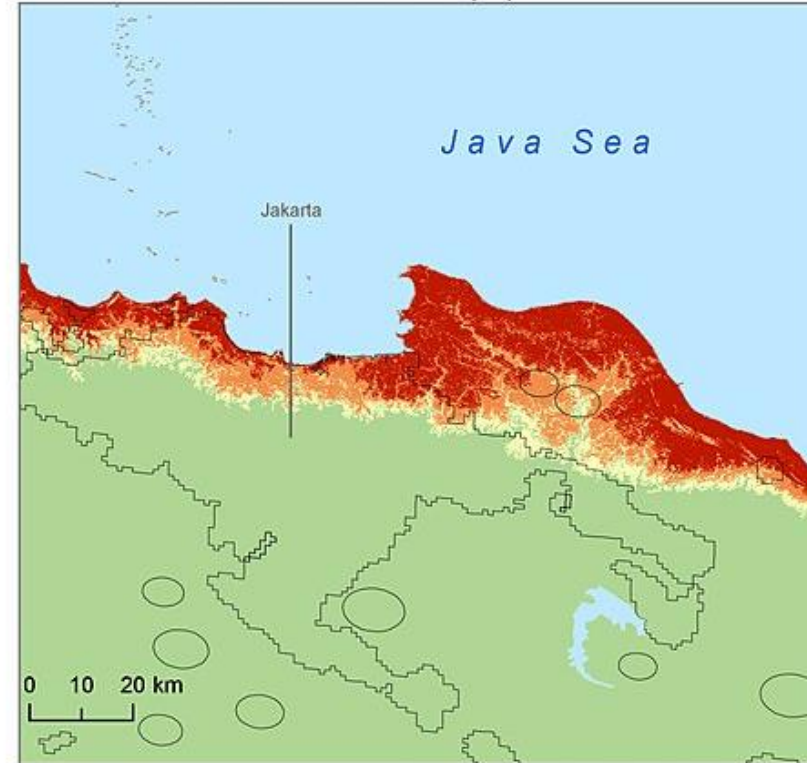


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Population Density (per km<sup>2</sup>)

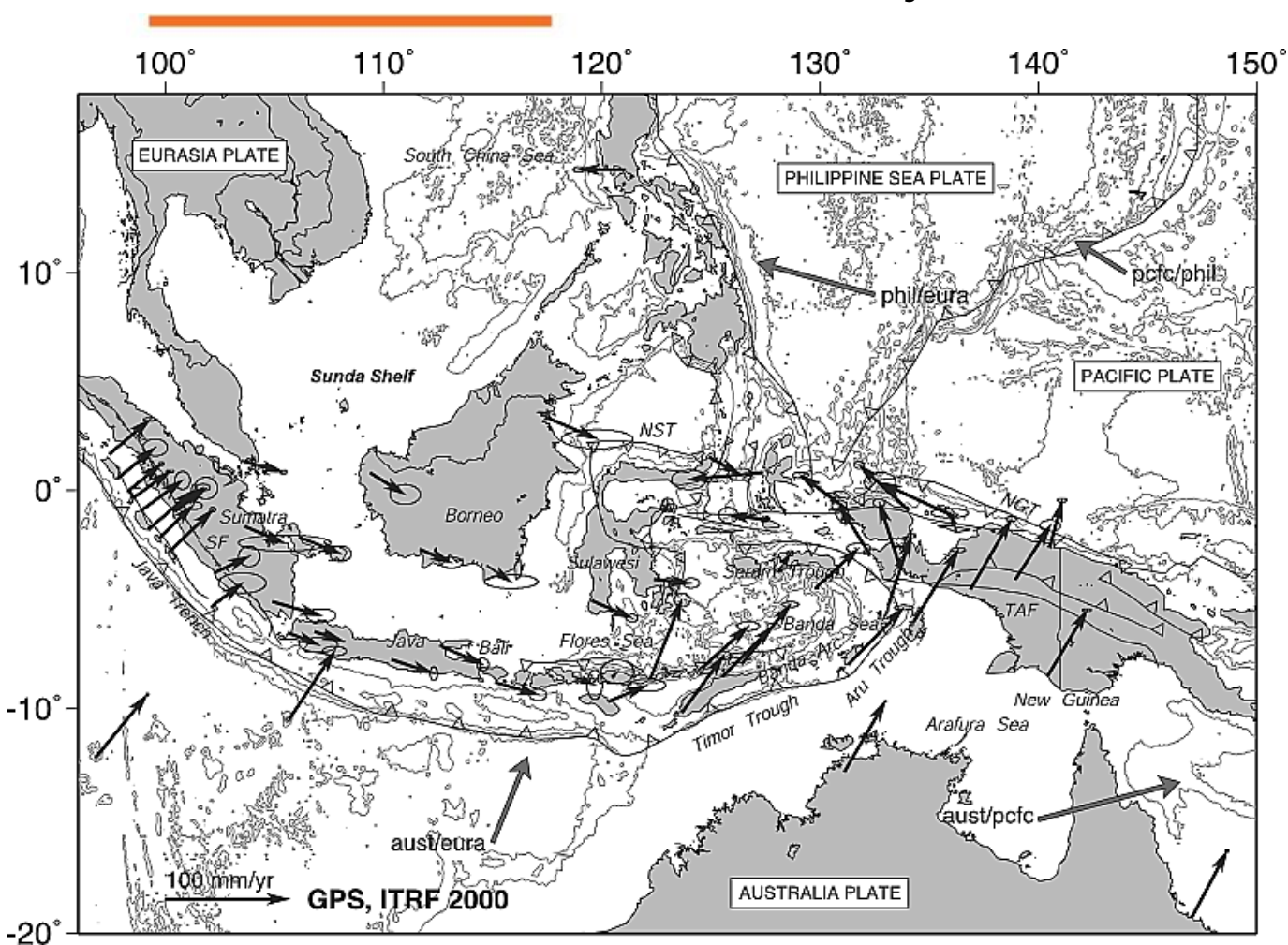


Low Elevation Coastal Zone (m)

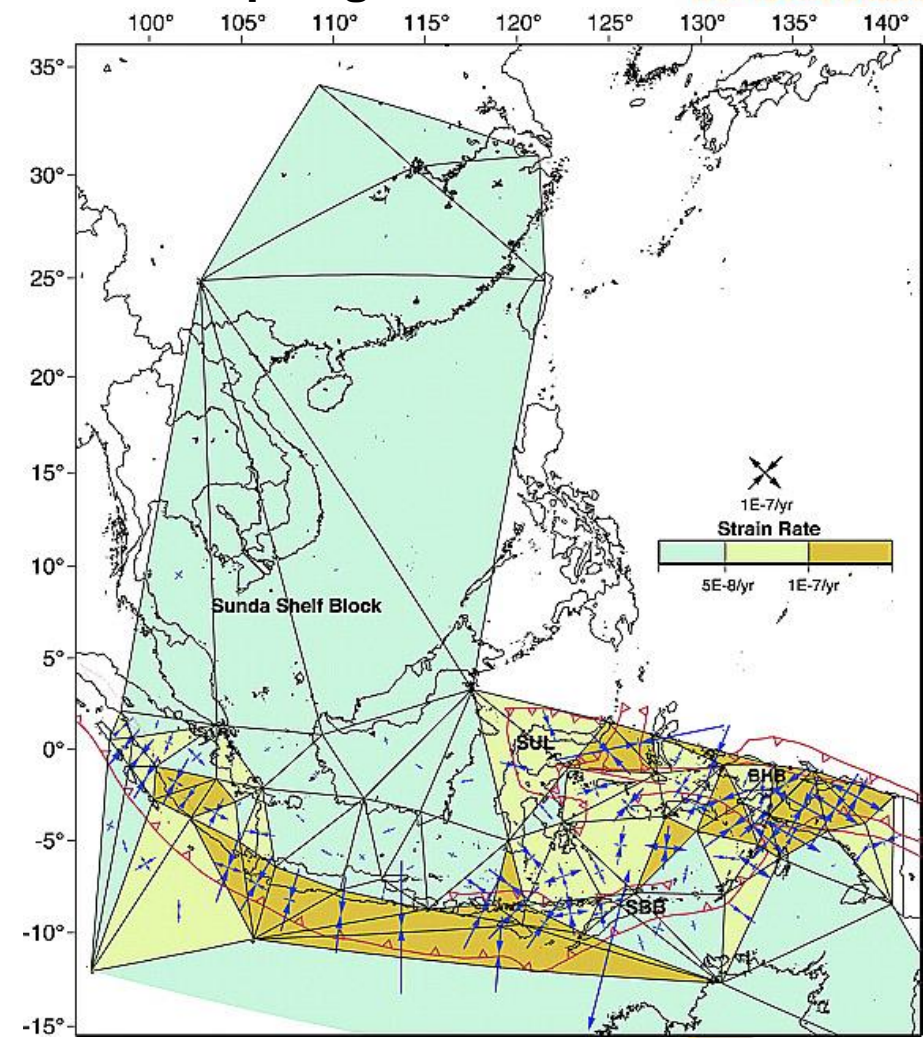


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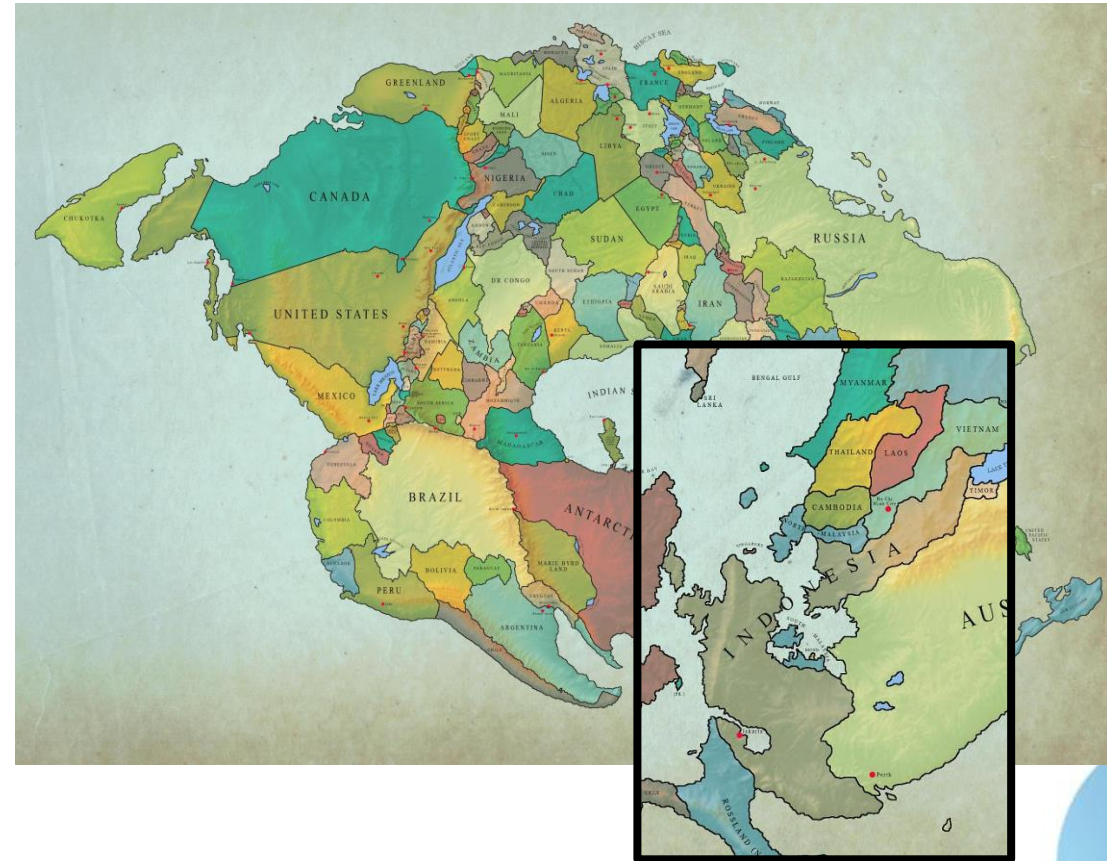
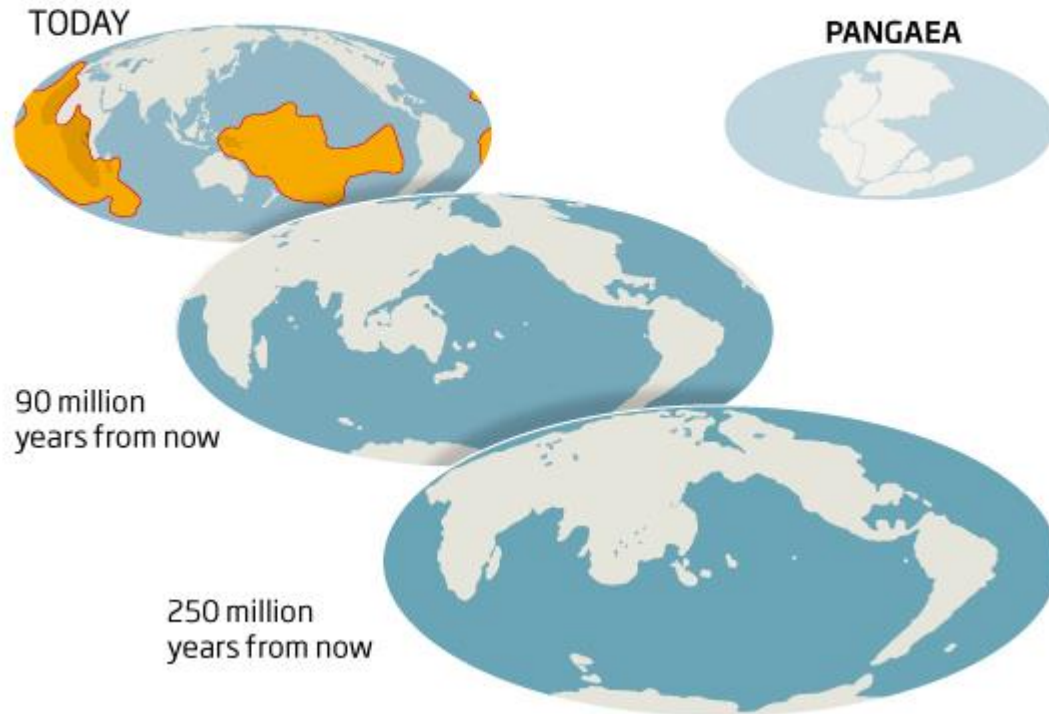


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### Not-so-super continent

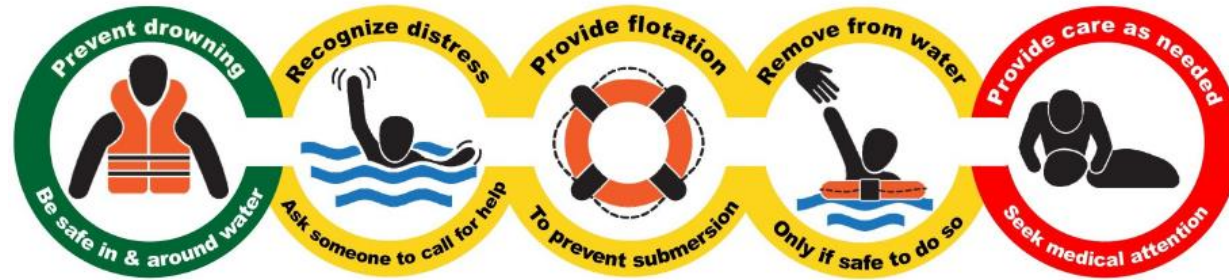
The next supercontinent will coalesce in 250 million years - but two mantle superplumes (shown in orange) could keep Antarctica and South America isolated

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# Drowning and Its Sequential Events to Aspiration Pneumonia

## DROWNING CHAIN OF SURVIVAL A call to action



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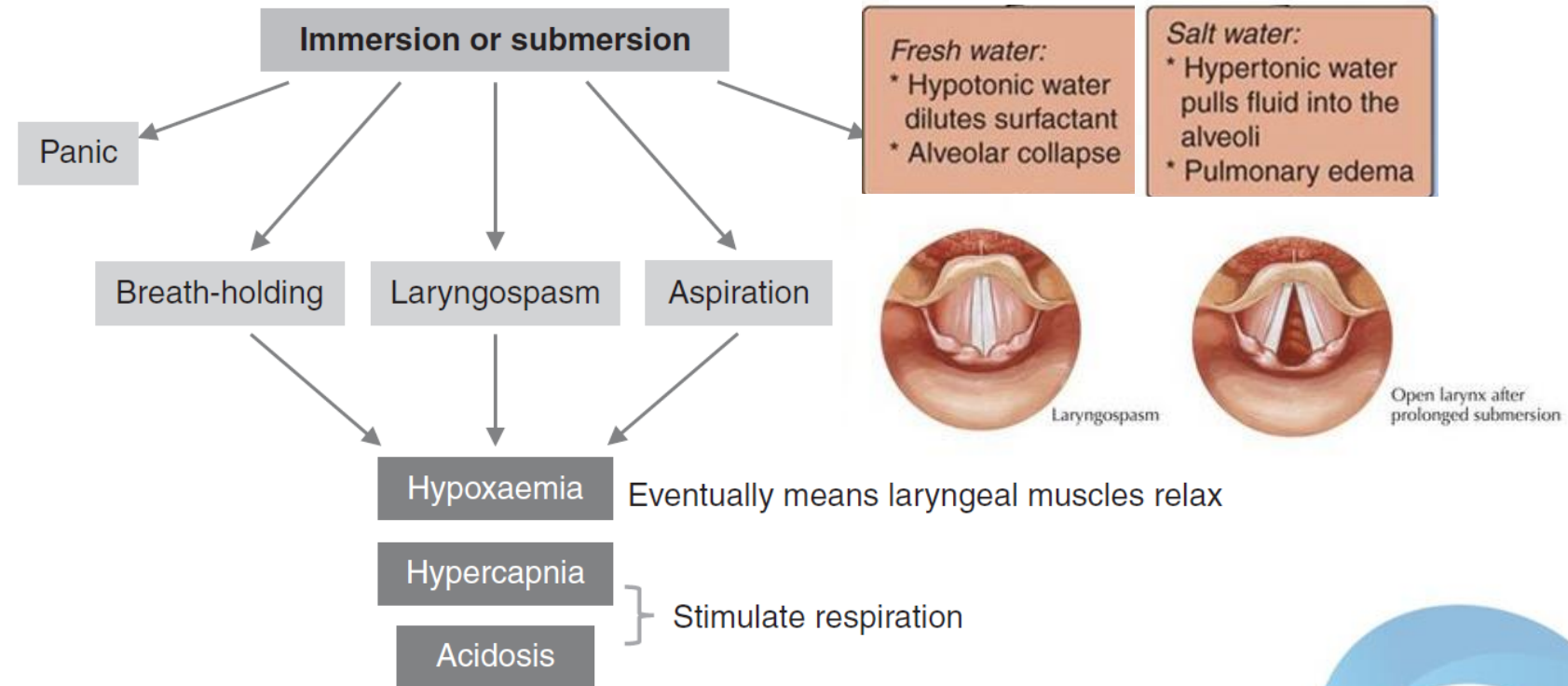
## Drowning and Its Sequential Events to Aspiration Pneumonia

### Drowning

Process of experiencing respiratory impairment from submersion or immersion in liquid.

If the victim is **rescued at any time**, the process of drowning is interrupted: a **non-fatal drowning**. If the victim **dies** at any time this is **fatal drowning**.

Terms such as “near-drowning”, “dry or wet drowning” and “secondary drowning” should not be used.



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## Drowning and Its Sequential Events to Aspiration Pneumonia

### Incidence

Lee et al.: 12 pulmonary infections among 102 drowning cases (11%)

Cerland et al.: 22 pulmonary infections among 144 drowning cases (15%)

Oakes et al.: 16 pulmonary infections among 40 drowning cases (40%)

Kennedy et al.: 7 pulmonary infections among 13 drowning cases (54%)

### Morbidity and Mortality

Common cases: males, children, and otherwise healthy subpopulation

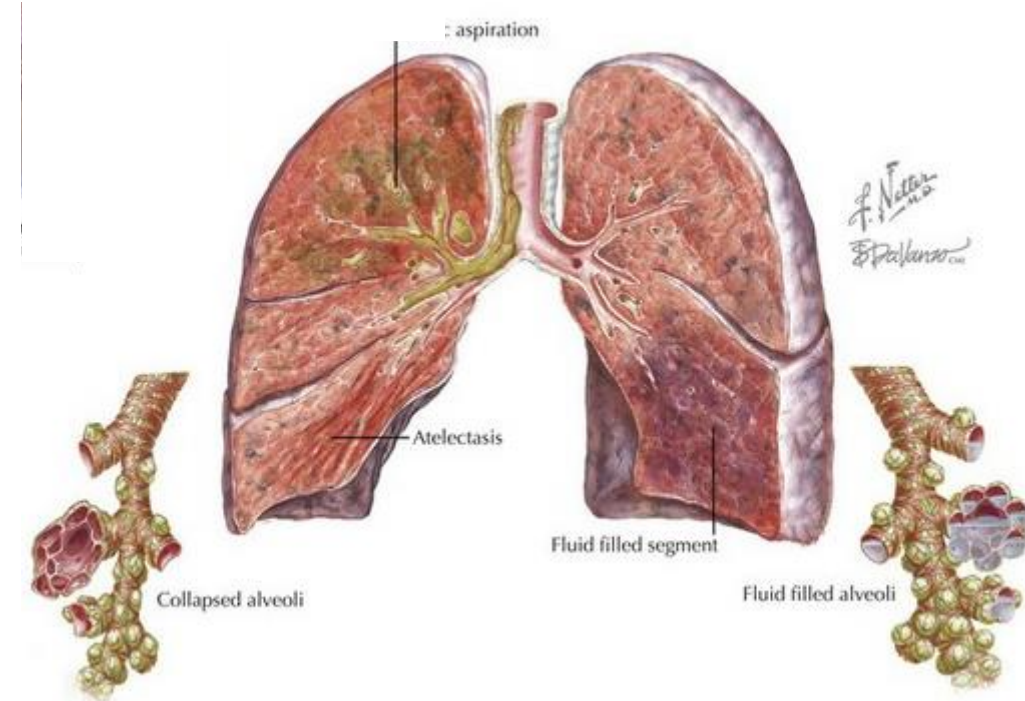
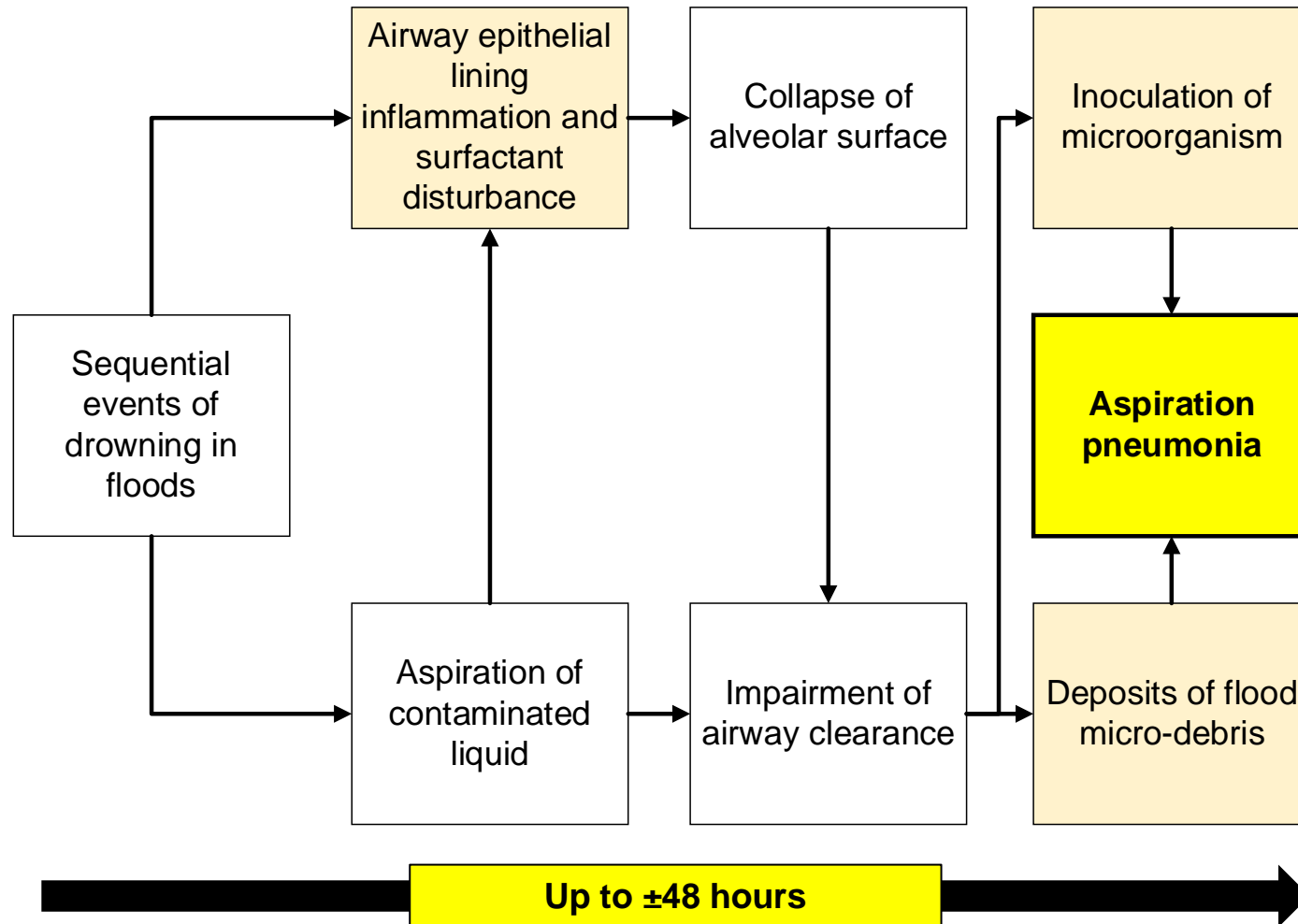
Case fatality rate: **up to 60%**

Neurological sequelae exists

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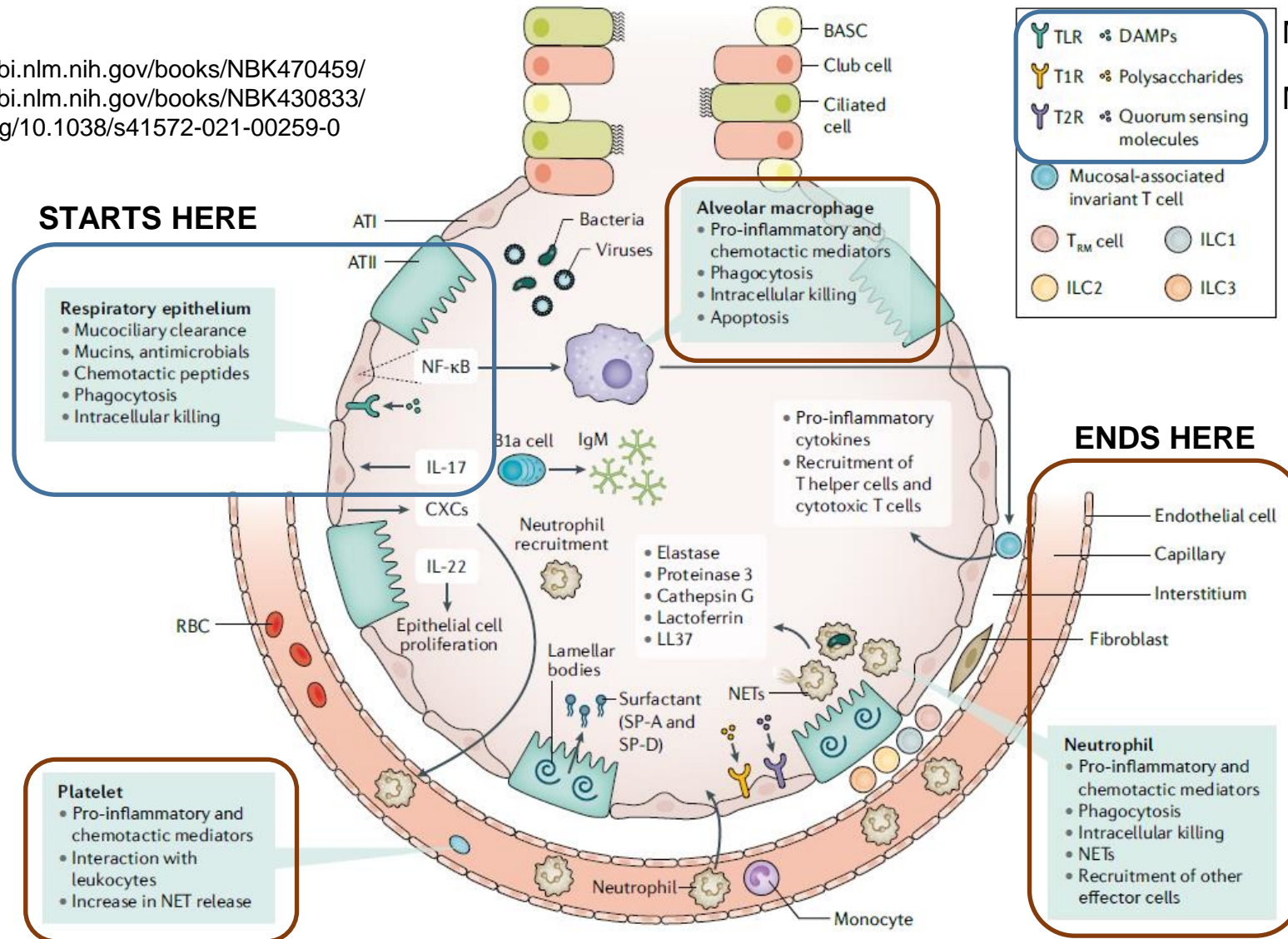


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Micro-debris  
 Microorganisms

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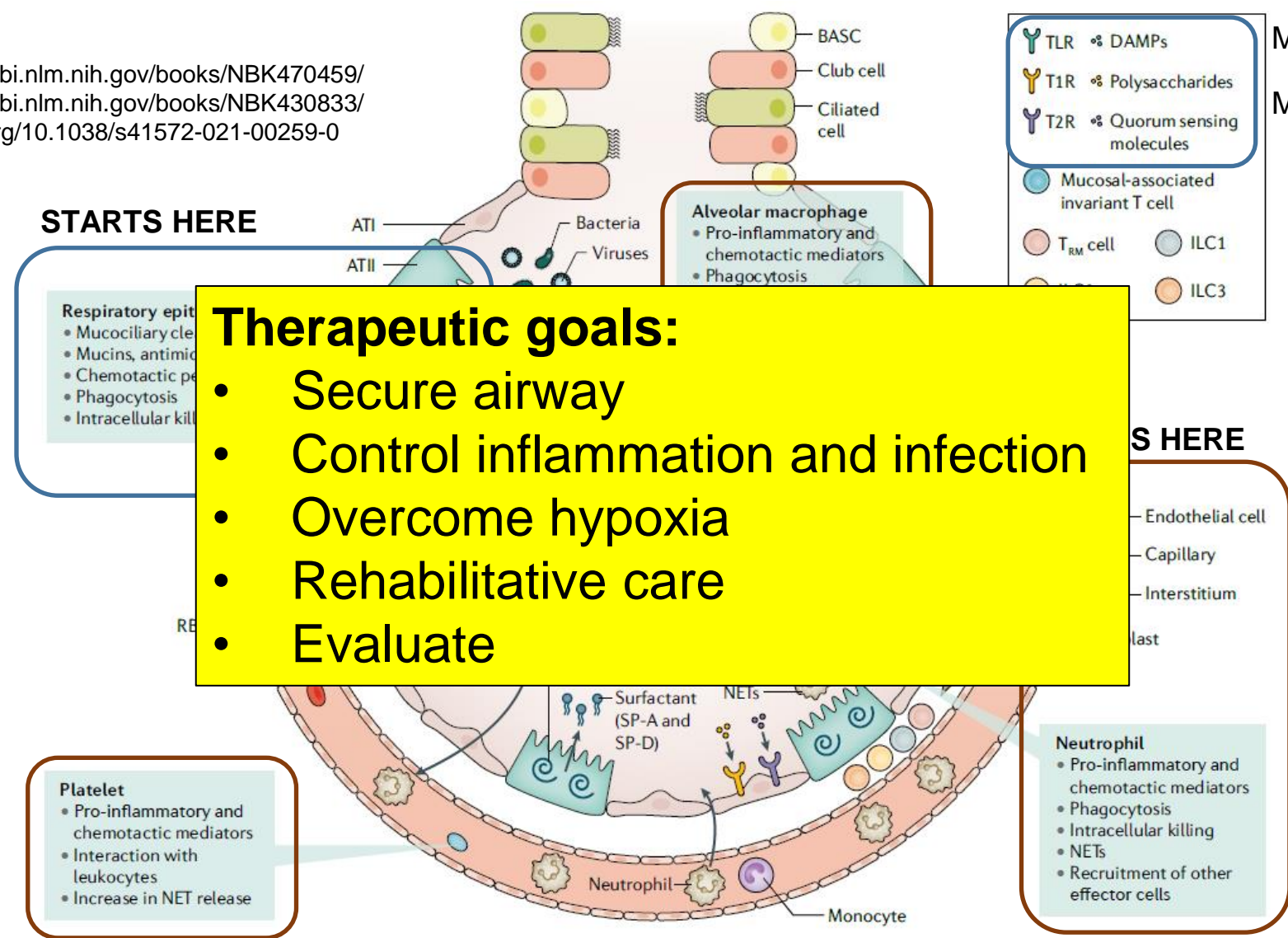


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## Aspiration Pneumonia in Flood Victims

Type of organisms causing drowning associated pneumonia.

Organism	<i>n</i>
<i>Aeromonas</i> spp.	5 <sup>a</sup>
<i>Pseudomonas aeruginosa</i>	3
<i>Escherichia coli</i>	2
<i>Citrobacter koseri</i>	1
<i>Enterobacter cloacae</i>	1
<i>Haemophilus</i> spp.	5
<i>Streptococcus pneumoniae</i>	3
<i>Staphylococcus aureus</i>	1
No germ	2
Oral flora	3
Multiple germs	5

<sup>a</sup> Two patients died of ARDS due to drowning associated pneumonia treated with the amoxicillin-clavulanate association.

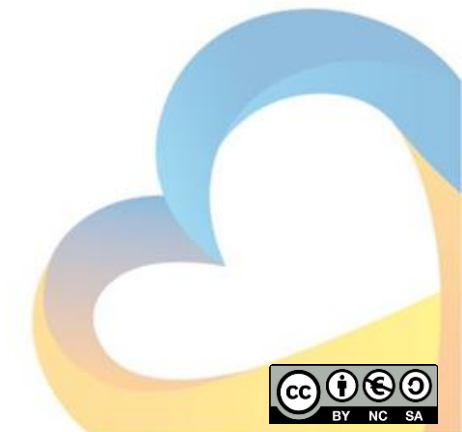
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**Table 2.** Type of environmental exposure related to organisms causing near-drowning-associated pneumonia.

Organism	Freshwater	Saltwater	Contaminated, stagnant water
<b>Aerobic gram-negative bacteria</b>			
<i>Aeromonas</i> species	+++	+	+
<i>Burkholderia pseudomallei</i>	++		+
<i>Chromobacterium violaceum</i>	++		++
<i>Francisella philomiragia</i>	?	++	
<i>Klebsiella pneumoniae</i>		+	
<i>Legionella</i> species	+		
<i>Neisseria mucosa</i>		+	
<i>Pseudomonas aeruginosa</i>	+	?	++
<i>Shewanella putrefaciens</i>		+	
<i>Vibrio</i> species	?	+	
<b>Aerobic gram-positive bacteria</b>			
<i>Streptococcus pneumoniae</i>	++	+	
<i>Staphylococcus aureus</i>	?	?	
<b>Fungi</b>			
<i>Aspergillus</i> species	?	+	+
<i>Pseudallescheria boydii</i>	?	?	+++

NOTE. Data are as follows: +++ = frequently reported; ++ = occasionally reported; + = rarely reported; and ? = Potential cause of illness on the basis of environmental isolation.

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Organism	No. of cases			Case fatality rate	Unique epidemiology or comorbid condition(s) (no. of patients)	Time of near-drowning to pneumonia (no. of patients)	Comments (no. of patients) <sup>§</sup>
	Definite*	Probable <sup>†</sup>	Possible <sup>‡</sup>				
<b>Aerobic gram-negative bacteria</b>							
<i>Aeromonas</i> species	8	3	0	7/11	Cirrhosis (1)	Within 24 h (8)	Bacteremia (8)
<i>Burkholderia pseudomallei</i>	6	0	0	5/6	Location, Southeast Asia (5)	All illnesses occurred within 2 w	Lung cavity (1); miliary (4) and focal consolidation (1); bacteremia (4)
<i>Chromobacterium violaceum</i>	0	2	2	0/3	Location, Florida (3)	Delayed onset, >1 mo (3/4)	Hepatic abscess (3); bacteremia (3)
<i>Francisella philomiragia</i>	0	3	2	1/5	...	Within 5 days (5)	Bacteremia (5)
<i>Klebsiella pneumoniae</i>	0	0	1	0/1	...	Within 4 days (1)	...
<i>Legionella</i> species	0	3	0	2/3	Chronic lymphocytic leukemia (1)	Within 4 days (2); delayed onset, 6 w (1)	...
<i>Neisseria mucosa</i>	0	1	0	1/1	Alcoholism (1)	Within 24 hours (1)	Bacteremia (1)
<i>Pseudomonas aeruginosa</i>	2	2	0	2/4	Near-drowning in hot tub (3)	Within 5 days (4)	Bacteremia (2)
<i>Shewanella putrefaciens</i>	0	0	1	0/1		Within 4 days (1)	...
<i>Vibrio</i> species	0	0	2	2/2		Within 4 days (2)	Bacteremia (1)
<b>Aerobic gram-positive bacteria</b>							
<i>Streptococcus pneumoniae</i>	3	0	2	3/3	All <11 y of age	Within 24 h (3)	Bacteremia (5)
<i>Staphylococcus aureus</i>	0	0	1	?			
<b>Fungi</b>							
<i>Aspergillus</i> species	0	1	0	0/1		Within 7 days (1)	...
<i>Pseudallescheria boydii</i>	5	4	1	8/10	Chronic liver disease (1); diabetes mellitus (1)	Onset delayed >1 mo (3)	Disseminated infection, most commonly CNS (9)

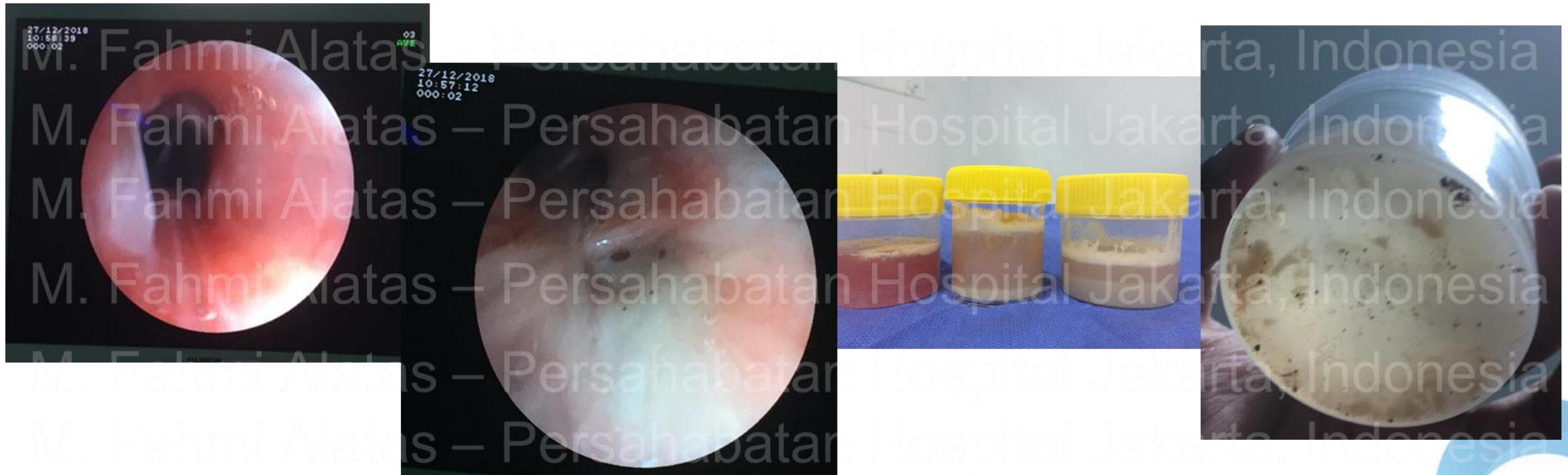
\* Definite = chest radiographic evidence of pneumonia or histopathologic evidence of pneumonia and a positive culture of a specimen from a normally sterile site (blood, pleural fluid, or CSF) and a positive culture of an airway specimen (same organism isolated from the sterile sight).  
<sup>†</sup> Probable = chest radiographic evidence of pneumonia or histopathologic evidence of pneumonia and a positive culture of a specimen from a normally sterile site (blood, pleural fluid, or CSF) or a positive culture of an airway specimen.  
<sup>‡</sup> Possible = chest radiographic evidence of pneumonia or histopathologic evidence of pneumonia or a positive culture of a specimen from a normally sterile site (blood, pleural fluid, or CSF) or a positive culture of an airway specimen.  
<sup>§</sup> Denominator reflects number of patients for which information was available.

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## Aspiration Pneumonia in Flood Victims

Micro-debris deposits as observed and obtained using bronchoscopy



Courtesy of **M. Fahmi Alatas, M.D.** (National Respiratory Referral Hospital Persahabatan – Dept of Pulmonology and Respiratory Medicine, Faculty of Medicine, Universitas Indonesia, Jakarta, Indonesia)

## Management of Aspiration Pneumonia in Flood Victims

### History Taking (if possible, or from witnesses) & Physical Exams

- Incidence details, preexisting illness
- Symptoms & signs: cough, breathlessness, consciousness impairment, fever or hypothermia, shock, cyanotic appearance, lung sounds, apneic, etc

Severity of respiratory impairment after the drowning process stopped.		
(1) Mild	(2) Moderate	(3) Severe
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Breathing</li> <li>• Involuntary distressed coughing<sup>a</sup></li> <li>AND</li> <li>• Fully alert</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Difficulty breathing</li> <li>AND</li> <li>• Disoriented but conscious</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Not breathing</li> <li>AND</li> <li>• Unconscious</li> </ul>
Morbidity category (based upon any decline from previous functional capacity <sup>b</sup> ) at the time of measurement.		
(A) No morbidity	(B) Some morbidity	(C) Severe morbidity
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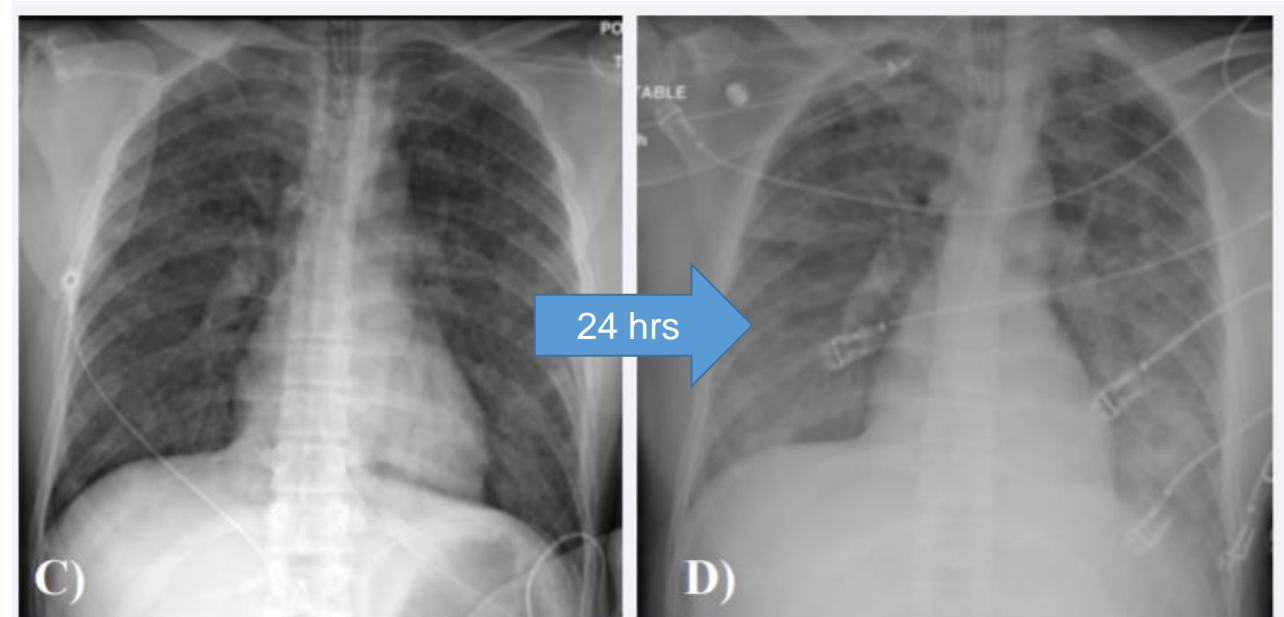
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## Management of Aspiration Pneumonia in Flood Victims

### Supportive Examination for Diagnostics (& Therapeutics)

- Blood test & BGA test: leukocytosis, neutrophilia, hypoxemia, etc
- Radiographic (CXR, CT-scan): consolidation, atelectasis; commonly involving right upper or lower lung lobe; may occurs later
- Bronchoscopic (bronchoalveolar lavage/BAL): purulent lavage
- Microorganism culture: bacterium and fungi



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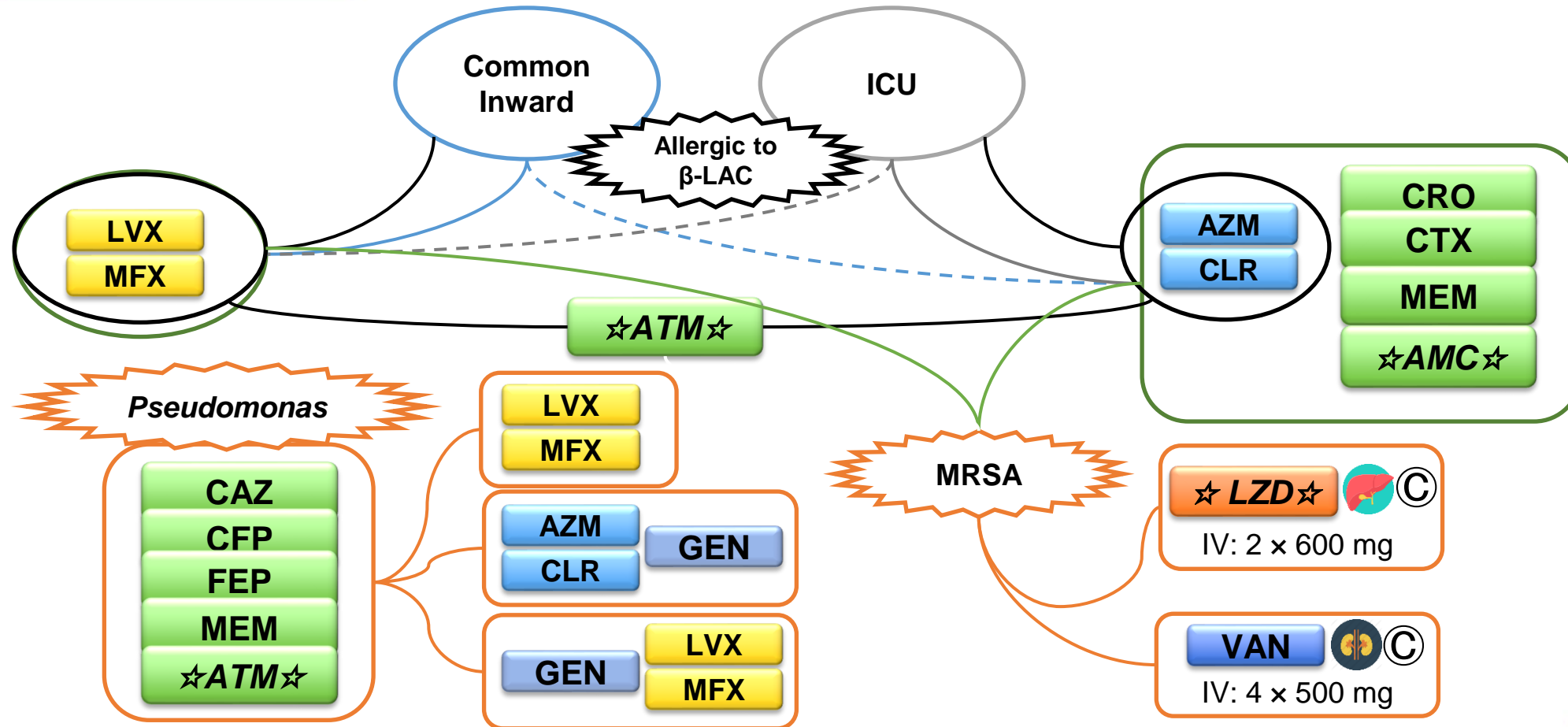
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### Therapeutic goals:

- **Secure airway**  
Suction, bronchoscopic lavage, nasogastric tube, endotracheal/tracheostomy tube, inhalation therapy, 45° head-tilt position
- **Control inflammation and infection**  
**Prompt antibiotics** (empirical → definitive), avoid corticosteroid unless complication develops, nutrients
- **Overcome hypoxia**  
HFNC, CPAP, immediate intubation + mechanical ventilation, maintain hemodynamics
- **Rehabilitative care**  
Neuro-rehabilitation, chest physiotherapy
- **Evaluate**

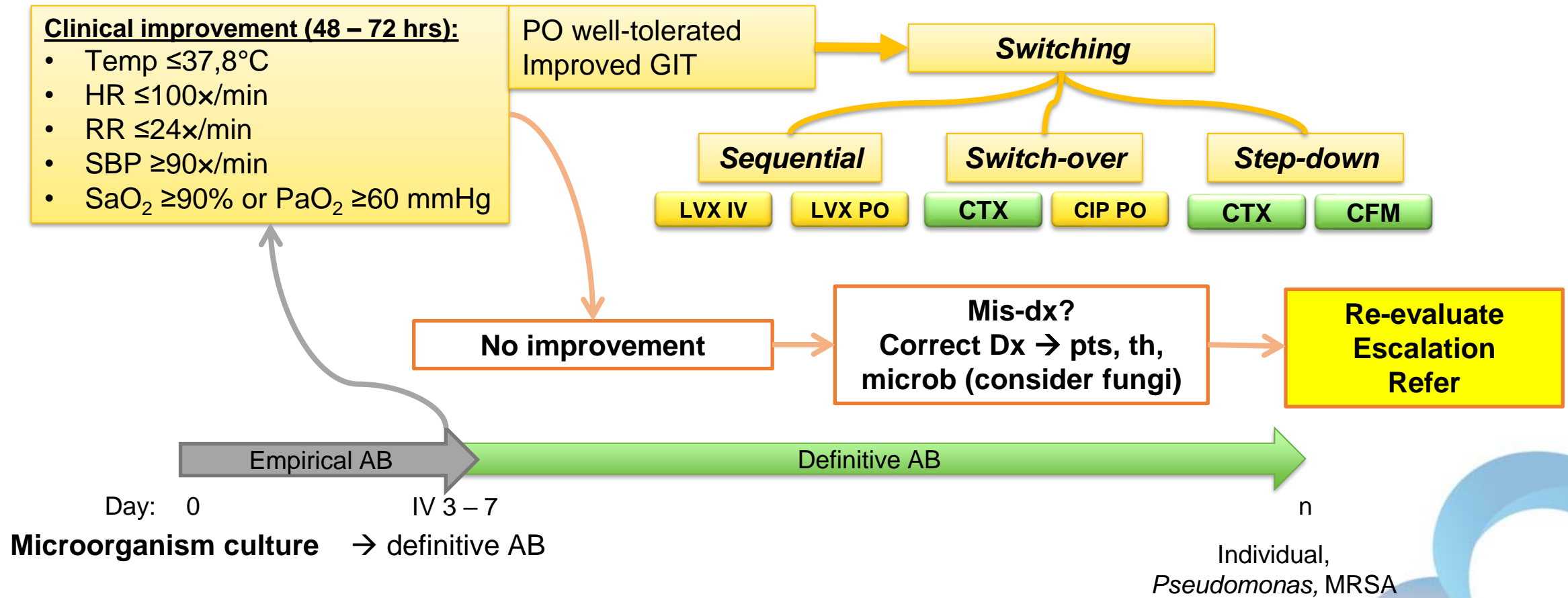
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# Summary

- Given its geographical situation, the Indonesian archipelago is vulnerable to precipitation & tectonic activity-induced floods
  - **pulmonologist must familiarize the management in flood victims**
- Aspiration pneumonia, incidence  $\pm$  10 – 20% & CFR 60%, resulted from “early-to-late” onset of inflammation, induced by sequential events of contaminated flood aspirates
  - **be aware of a pneumonia in later days** during hospital stay
- Studies revealed Gram-negative is the main culprit of aspiration pneumonia in floods victim
  - **prepare for bronchoscopy & early “heavyweight” antibiotics**
- Therapeutic goals: **SCORE** (Secure airways, Control inflammation and infection, Rehabilitative Care, and Evaluate)

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