

Bacteraemia due to *Campylobacter fetus* in an immune suppressed patient

Bacteriemia por *Campylobacter fetus* subsp *fetus* en un paciente inmunosuprimido

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We report a case of bacteraemia by *Campylobacter fetus* subsp. *fetus* in a 77 year-old woman with immunosuppression secondary to steroid use. Diagnosis was suspected by finding Gram negative curved rods in blood cultures taken after 4 days of a febrile illness without local findings. Diarrhea was not present. There was no consumption of undercooked meat or non-pasteurized milk and no contact with pets. The patient was treated with sulbactam-cefoperazone due to the coexistence of urinary tract infection by multiresistant *E. coli*. The outcome was favorable and albeit susceptibility was not assessed, quinolone resistance was presumed because illness appeared during ciprofloxacin prophylaxis for urinary tract infection. In contrast to *C. jejuni* infections, *C. fetus* infections are associated to debilitated or immunosuppressed patients, bacteraemia is predominant, diarrhea is rarely observed and disease is not self-limited. © 2006 Sociedad Chilena de Infectología.