Excluded Patients’ Outcomes

Of the 57 patients that were excluded one was lost to follow up, one was transferred to hospice care, one had only mucosal contamination, 2 had surgical site infection, and 15 had only cutaneous/soft tissue infection. In 27 cases *Nocardia* was considered colonization and no treatment was prescribed. Six patients were treated for pulmonary nocardiosis based on chest x-ray findings alone, and in 4 cases with COPD and bronchiectasis *Nocardia* was considered a colonizer but a short course of therapy was given to prevent pulmonary nocardiosis. Thirteen of these patients had a chest CT outside the 60-day interval.

Co-pathogens.

Out of all colonized patients, cultures with additional pathogens were positive in 17 patients, 6 patients had more than 2 co-pathogens isolated in respiratory culture. Out of the 17 patients with co-pathogens, 12 had diagnosis of bronchiectasis. Co-pathogens were in the order of frequency: *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* in 6 patients, *Mycobacterium avium complex* in 5 patients, *Aspergillus sp.* in 3 patients, *Serratia marcescens* in 2 patients. Isolated once were: *Stenotrophomonas maltophilia*, CVM, Influenza A virus, MRSA, *Haemophilus influenzae*, *Mycobacterium Tuberculosis*, *Mycobacterium Abscessus*, *Achromobacter xylosoxidans*, *Cryptococcus neoformans*, *Paecilomyces Lilacinus*, non-typable yeast.