Genomic surveillance in routine infection prevention and control practice is a priority

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The problem: healthcare-associated infection

The current way to detection hospital outbreaks

Standard practice is ‘shoe leather epidemiology’
(same species of pathogen, same time, same place)

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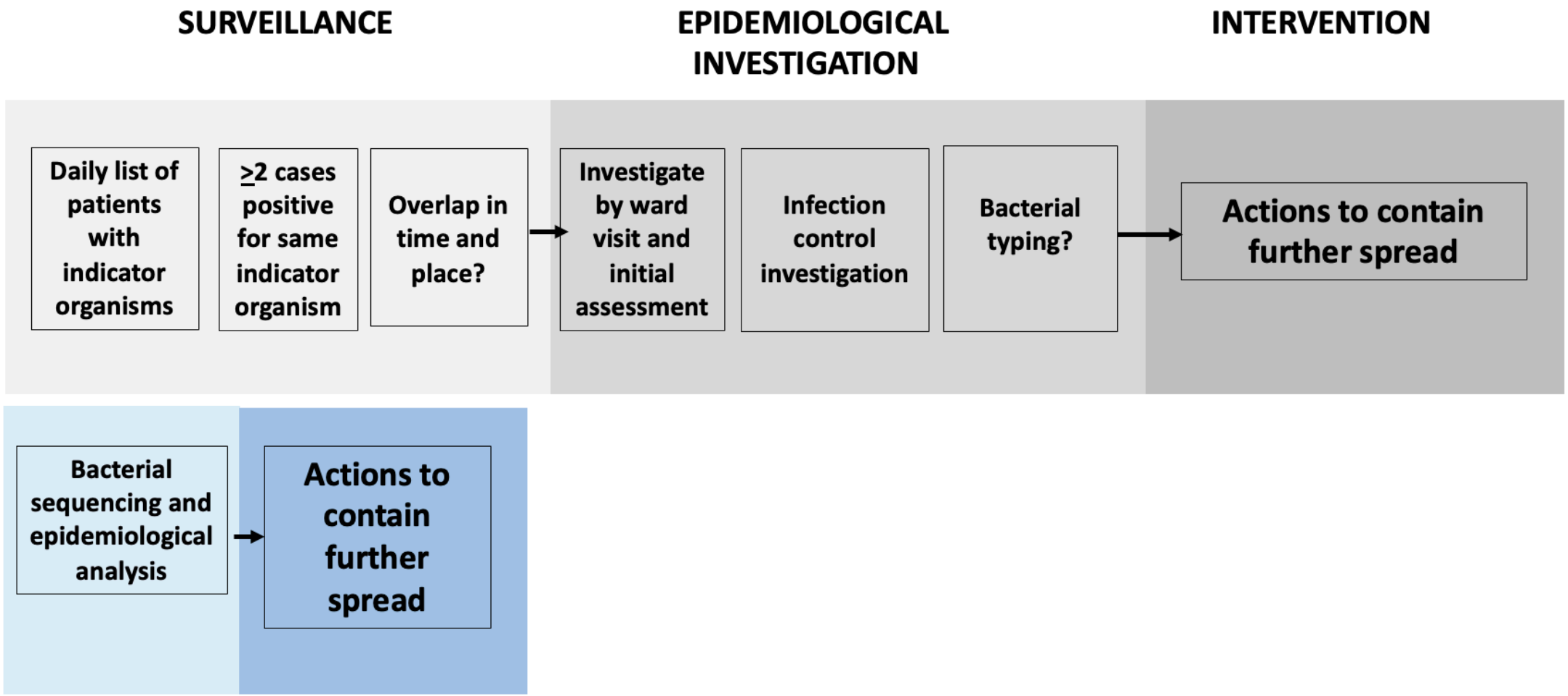
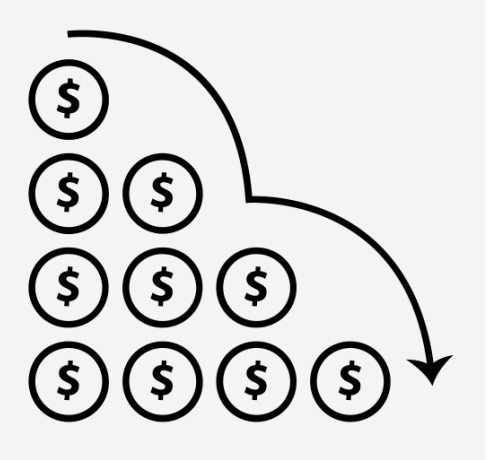
A different future for IPC practice



What difference can it make?

Improves accuracy of outbreak investigation	Improves decision-making	Saves money
		
• Detects more outbreaks • Refutes pseudo-outbreaks *Coll et al. Science Transl Med. 2017;9(413)*	• Targets IPC interventions • Reduces wasted effort *Blane et al., Microbial Genomics 2024;10:001235*	• Proactive genomic surveillance of MRSA is likely to be cost-effective *Dymond et al. Clin Infect Dis.2020; 70(8):1613-1619.*