

PROJECT

EDUCATIONAL APPLICATION FOR MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS

CLIENT

PFIZER PHARMACEUTICALS / TYGACIL

ROLE

PRODUCT DESIGN LEAD

PROJECT:

SUMMARY:

To supplement their branded material in the field, Pfizer wanted to create an **UNBRANDED, EDUCATIONAL tablet application** on “the challenges of antibiotic resistance”, for sales reps to use on their calls to doctors—both to **build TRUST**, & to **help SEGUE** into a Tygacil detail.

DESIGN BRIEF POINTS:

- **AUDIENCE: Infectious Disease Doctors** (usually practicing in hospitals)
- **OBJECTIVE:** Create an unbranded, educational detail aid application to *engage* doctors on *infectious disease topics & treatment challenges*, to supplement branded sales material in the field.
 - Help build Pfizer’s **CREDIBILITY as a trusted provider of high quality** medical information that can help improve outcomes in treatment of infectious diseases
 - Lay the **groundwork for a TYGACIL DETAIL**, as the two relate & support each other
- **PERSONALITY/TONE:** “First-rate, timely, *practical, scientific & educational*”
- **CONTENT REQUIREMENTS & MAPPING:** (given as **13** separate pages):
 - Information on the **(8) most common antibiotic classes** (incl. the bacterial resistance methods they’re susceptible to)
 - Information on the **(5) most common bacterial resistance methods** (incl. the antibiotics that they can resist)



CHALLENGES:

CONTEXT OF USE (Interruptive / Lack of trust):

Users were **busy doctors** — usually working in **hospitals** — who saw the reps **in between VERY sick patients**; their mind was elsewhere, and they ***neither had the time nor the interest to be interrupted*** to be “sold” something — especially since they tend **not to TRUST** pharmacy reps **or find VALUE** in their existing materials.

- Most doctors prefer to avoid sales reps altogether
- According to one study, **30 seconds** was the average time doctors spent with reps, who reported that the doctors do not appear to find enough **value** in the information to justify staying any longer. (*trust / credibility issue*)
- According to another study, the Pharma industry is one of the **least trusted industries**, surpassed only by Oil & Tobacco.

THIS MEANT THAT THE VALUE OF THE PRODUCT HAD TO BE COMMUNICATED IN UNDER 30 SECONDS

HOWEVER, THE DRUG *DID* HAVE SUBSTANTIAL EFFICACY:

Because Tygacil was a first-in-class antibiotic, it would (at least initially) be inherently unaffected by resistant bacteria (also, clinical trials showed the drug was quite efficacious).

So the reps ***did*** have something valuable to say, ***if only they could convey such complex information quickly enough*** for doctors to realize it as such & hear what they had to say.

STRICT REGULATORY REQ'S & CONSERVATIVE CLIENTS:

- **CONSERVATISM:** Client's preferred, text-heavy way of mapping & dividing content (*"less pages, more page states!"*)
- **PFIZER'S "COPY CLEARANCE COMMITTEE":** Team of medical professionals who review all material for strict accuracy
- **FDA REVIEW / COMPLIANCE**

CHANGING TEAM ROLES & REQUIREMENTS:

- **CHANGING TEAM: NO COPYWRITER** (at first) **or SCIENTIFIC ADVISOR:** but worked out b/c of interest & holistic approach
- **CHANGING CLIENT REQUIREMENTS:** Initial requirements had the “MOR” interactive as part of a larger piece on rising bacterial resistance, but client saw much potential in “MOR” & wanted to offer it as a standalone product, ***but plans were obscure***

FINAL PRODUCT: MAIN / INTRO SCREEN

MECHANISMS OF BACTERIAL RESISTANCE

β -lactams

Vancomycin

Macrolides

Tetracyclines

Fluoroquinolones

Aminoglycosides

Glycylcyclines

Rifampin,
Sulfonamides &
Metronidazole

Key Mechanisms of Bacterial Resistance:

Alteration of target site

Mutation of attachment porins (ribosomal subunits, PBPs, etc.) resulting in reduced affinity for, or prohibition of binding to, the antibiotic

Efflux pumps

Expulsion of the antibiotic from the bacterial cell

Reduced cell wall permeability

Often results from a decrease in porin size (gram-negative only)

Antibiotic-targeting enzymes

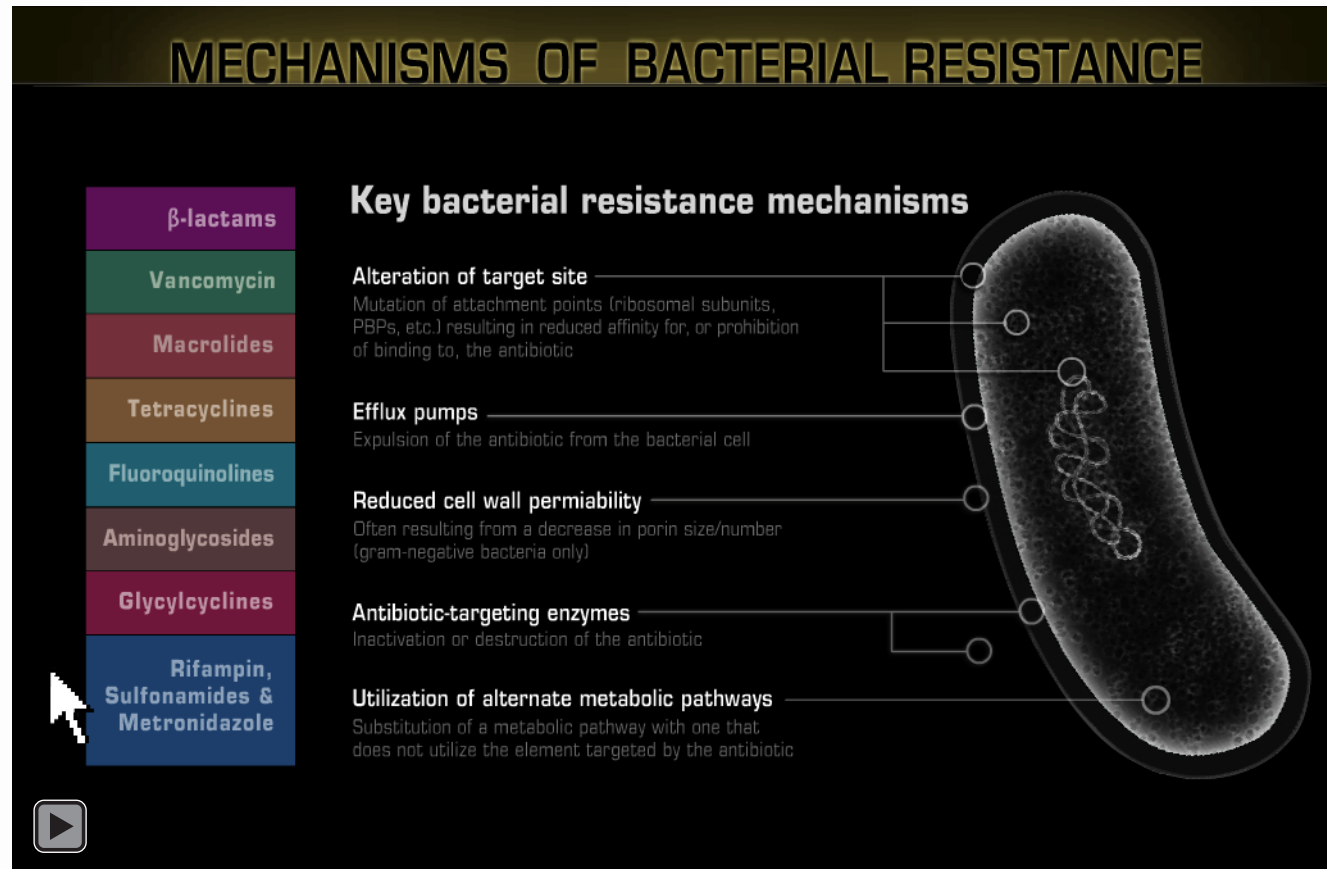
Inactivation or destruction of the antibiotic

Utilization of alternate metabolic pathways

Substitution of a metabolic pathway with one that does not utilize the element targeted by the antibiotic



ANIMATED DEMO: INFORMATION IS MEANINGFULLY INTRODUCED



RESEARCH: USERS & TECHNOLOGY

USER RESEARCH

Targeted users were **Infectious disease doctors.**

But as the context of use usually involved sales reps, I also researched **Pharma sales reps & their interactions with doctors**

INTERVIEWS:

Pfizer didn't allow for doctors or sales reps (conservative industry)

IMMERSION in the industry space: (*"acting as if"*)

I sought industry trade publications & websites for both doctors & pharma sales reps. The most relevant information came from:

- 1 **Websites for pharma sales reps with an active user base**, particularly "Cafe Pharma" forums
- 2 **Trade publications & news sites**, e.g., "Medical Media & Marketing"



SECONDARY RESEARCH (published reports):

Mostly focused on doctors' attitudes re: interacting w/sales reps

- They're often **not interested** in meeting with sales reps at all
- They don't **trust** or **value** the information they get from reps, as it is biased; In fact, they see the pharma industry one of the least trustworthy, surpassed only by big oil & tobacco
- When they do meet w/ reps, they do so for **30 seconds** (avg).

INTERVIEWING CO-WORKERS

Account Executives often spoke to their Pfizer contacts about the *issues facing sales reps in the field* & their *daily life & challenges*

EMPATHY

Who likes being accosted by unsolicited sales calls?

In this context (*hospitals, in between seeing very sick patients*), Doctors would be uninterested & preoccupied. In most cases, I imagined they'd only stop to speak to a rep if:

- They were bored (unlikely), or
- If they thought the rep could offer them **valuable, relevant information to help them with the treatment decisions that they were faced with, esp. those at THAT MOMENT.**

TECH RESEARCH

I was responsible for:

- **CODING** (or supervising other coders)
- **QA TESTING** (or supervising)

The project was to be run within a **CRM platform (Exploria SPS)**. I interviewed my tech contact there at the start of the project to discover specs & limitations — and continued to work closely with him throughout the project (Pfizer would later ask me to document my coding practices to distribute to other vendors!).

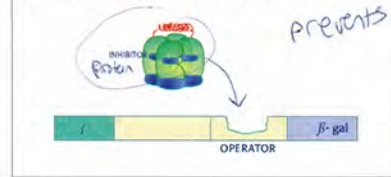
- **HARDWARE:** Tablet performance/speed was high & consistent
- **SOFTWARE:** The app worked w/ Exploria's API via XML & either Javascript or Actionscript. I chose **A.S.** as it cut time by 1/3rd

RESEARCH: SUBJECT MATTER DEPICTION

ENSURE ACCURACY OF ANIMATIONS + ILLUSTRATIONS;

Learn what will be appropriate & “familiar” to users

Negative regulation involves the inhibitor protein that is made to keep the β -gal gene turned off. The inhibitor binds to the operator, and blocks RNA polymerase from starting mRNA transcription for the β -gal gene.



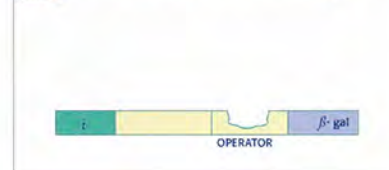
When lactose is present, it binds to the inhibitor and prevents the inhibitor from attaching to the operator.



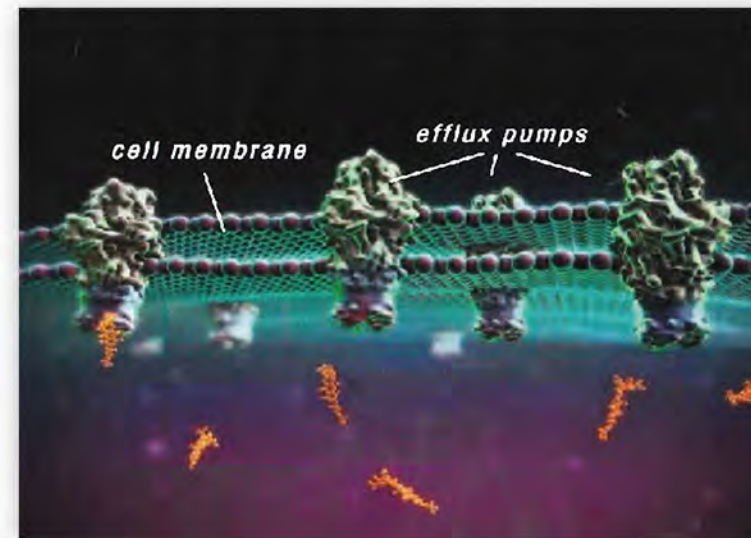
This frees the site for RNA polymerase. mRNA is transcribed and β -gal is made. (Any inhibitor already attached to the operator spontaneously detaches and then gets bound by lactose)



The lac operon is also positively regulated. As well as getting rid of the inhibitor, an activator must also attach to the DNA to turn on β -gal synthesis.



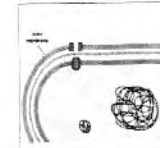
This only happens when glucose is absent. The lack of glucose stimulates production of a molecule called cAMP. cAMP then attaches to a protein, the cAMP receptor protein (CRP).



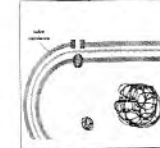
Mechanisms of Bacterial Resistance to Membranes and Transport Systems

Resource Type: Visual: Animation

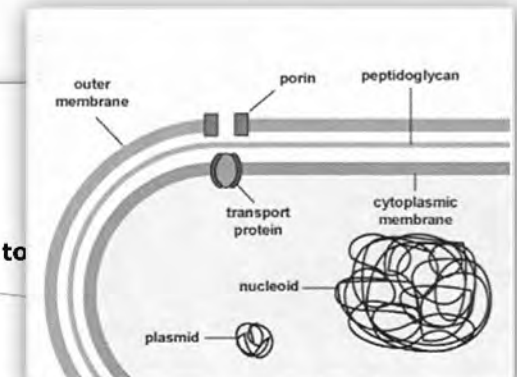
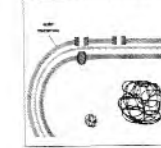
Animation 1



Animation 2



Animation 3



STRATEGY

UPDATE DOCTOR PERSONA The doctors do not find reps trustworthy and often do not want to speak to them

BUILD TRUST by providing unbiased, scientifically accurate information—not marketing materials.

CREATE VALUE / USEFUL TOOL: The product needs to convey it's usefulness to doctors in **under 30 seconds!**

- Build in the flexibility for each user to consume the information that is **most relevant to him or her at that time**
 - “**What antibiotic should I use** to treat the patient I’m going to see now, who hasn’t responded to any other antibiotic yet?”
- Take a more **HOLISTIC** approach—**fewer pages & more page states**—so users can more easily **compare & contrast information**
- **Make it EASY** to consume by **decreasing COGNITIVE LOAD**—**No more walls of text!**

Ensure that the product immediately APPEARS useful... to get doctors to stop & use it in the first place!

- Incl. applying a different look & feel from the existing branded (a.k.a., biased & untrustworthy) Tygacil material

GENERAL GUIDING PRINCIPLES:

ALWAYS AIM TO PROVIDE USEFULNESS (highest-level goal):

- Usefulness is the most valuable thing we can provide users:
- **Unuseful** information in our environment is often just treated as “*noise*” to tune out

MAKE INFORMATION AS EFFORTLESS TO CONSUME AS POSSIBLE (and *then* some):

- **ATTENTION** *is a limited resource* in humans; **INFORMATION consumes our attention.**
- An **OVERABUNDANCE** of information both **competes for** and **fragments** our attention, as our brains use more resources **working** to filter out what is significant to us, from what is insignificant..

TO SOLVE A PROBLEM, YOU MUST FIRST UNDERSTAND THE PROBLEM (essential):

- **RESEARCH** is indispensable; we must do whatever is necessary to *learn & understand*:
 - Target users
 - Context of use
 - Industry space
 - Business problem

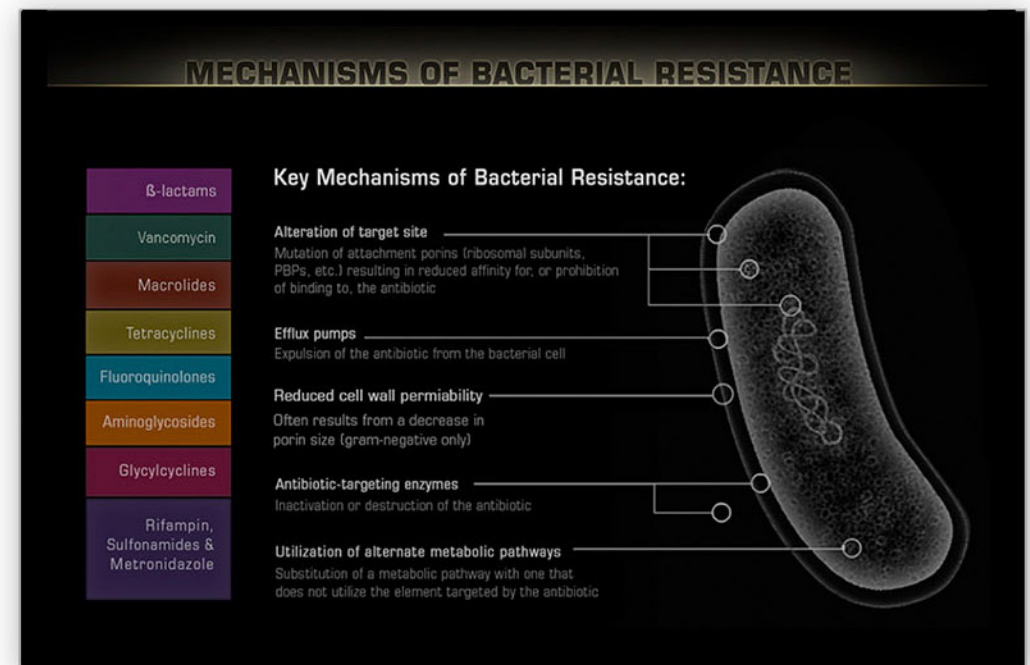
VISUALLY DIFFERENTIATING THE UNBRANDED FROM THE BRANDED

MINIMIZED ASSOCIATION to promotional (branded) materials: they serve different information to users & should visually communicate that: **Branded** materials are based on ad campaigns (making them untrustworthy), while **Unbranded** materials are **educational**, not **promotional**, & looked more like the learning materials they were based on. **Visual treatments** also reflected their corresponding real-world subject matter

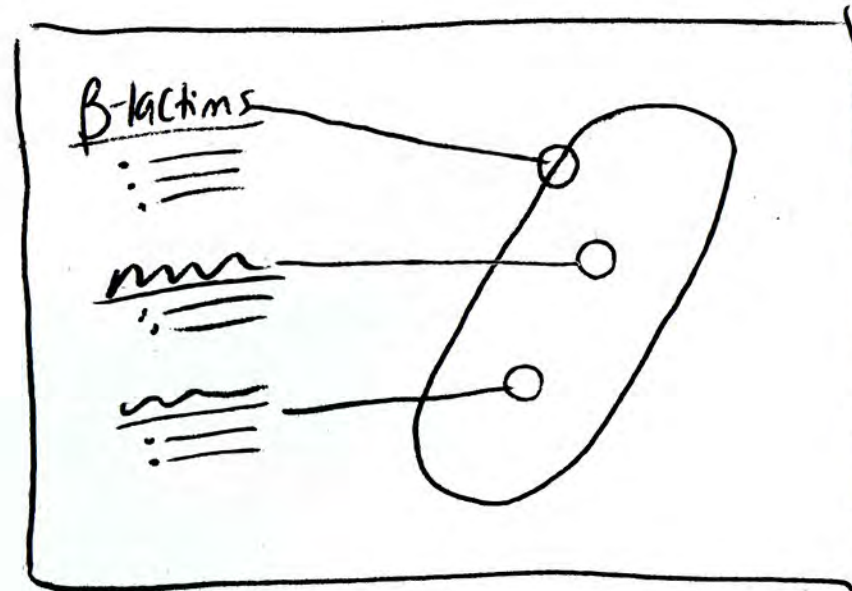
EXISTING BRANDED LOOK & FEEL



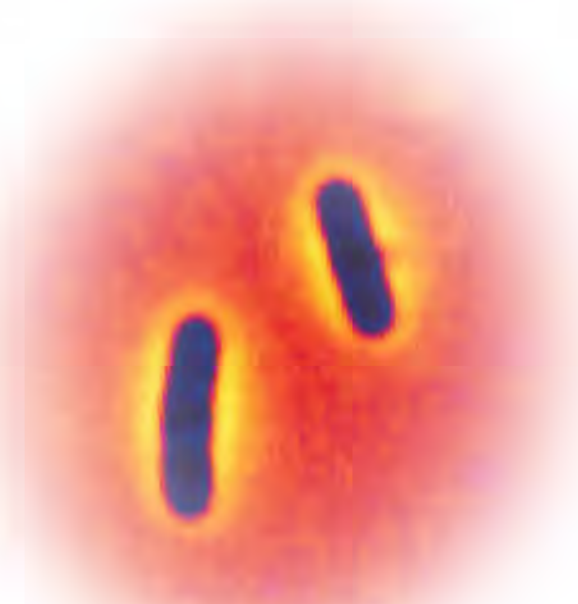
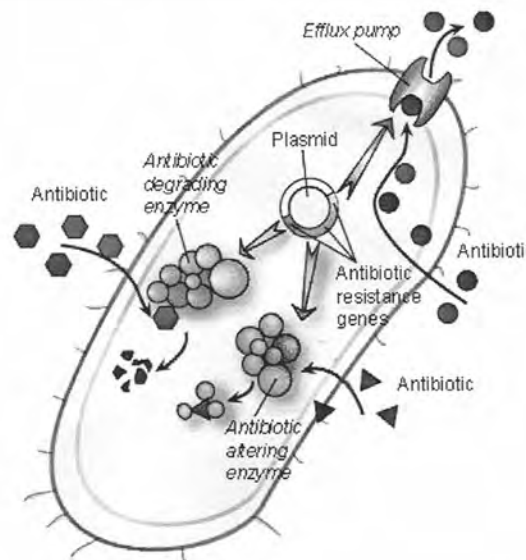
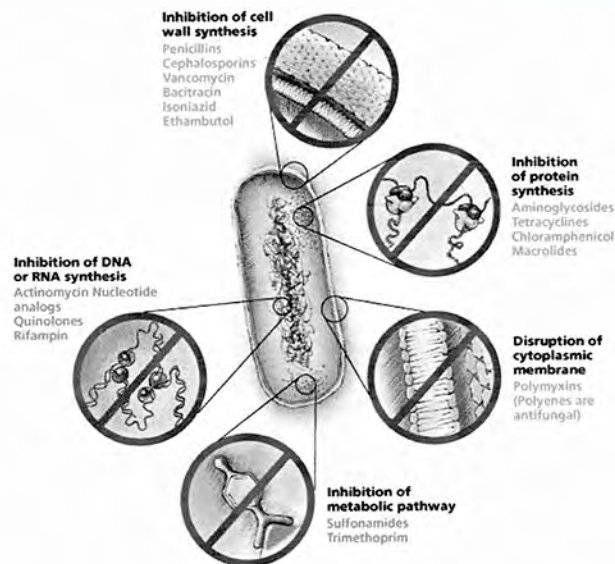
UNBRANDED LOOK & FEEL



IDEATION : INSPIRATION & SKETCH FOR ORIGINAL WIREFRAME



Click & Zoom
for more



BASIS FOR INFORMATION ARCHITECTURE / APP STRUCTURE:

CONTENT IS KING!

INFORMATION ARCHITECTURE arose through thoughtful organization & **chunking** content into 2 **natural** categories: **Antibiotics** and **Bacterial Resistance Mechanisms**.

- **Chunking & Placement:** Bacteria & their resistance methods are **conceptually related**, so are designed to be **spatially & visually related**, so users can **offload** the task of having to recall where different info. is located.

MAKE INFORMATION USEFUL & EASY TO CONSUME:

APP STRUCTURE IS MAINTAINED through all screen states, making it easier for users to **stay oriented** as information on screen changes & **more easily spot relationships** between the data.

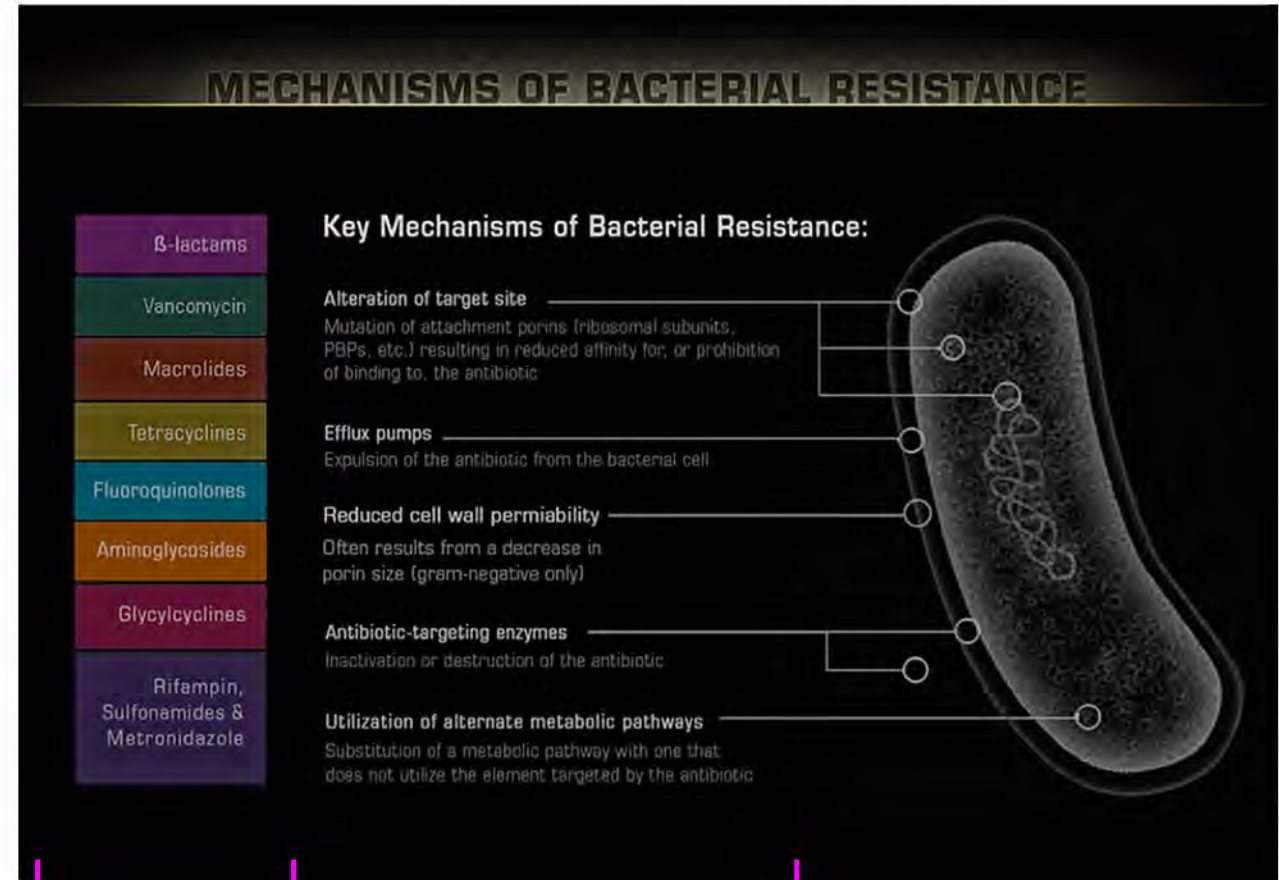
- **Less Screens, More Screen States** (holistic /compare)
- **The Consistent Structure** *anchors* users as they explore relationships between screens in a way that is most **relevant to them in their current context**. (e.g., which antibiotic to use with next patient).

THE DESIGN MUST QUICKLY CONVEY VALUE:

The **context** is a hospital corridor, as **users (doctors)** are **rushing between sick patients & don't want to talk to reps**. If they do, reps have 30 sec. (avg.) to give doctors a **reason** to stay longer. You must **EARN** their attention.

- **Convey value immediately** so docs will **stop**. Adapt to their viewpoint; **give them a tool** to help.

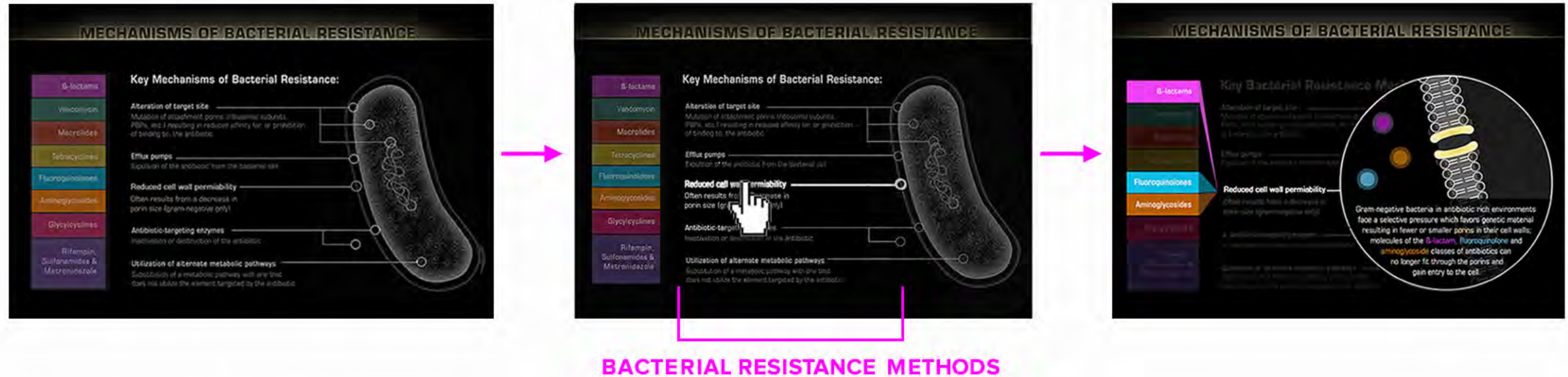
MAIN SCREEN / INITIAL APP STATE



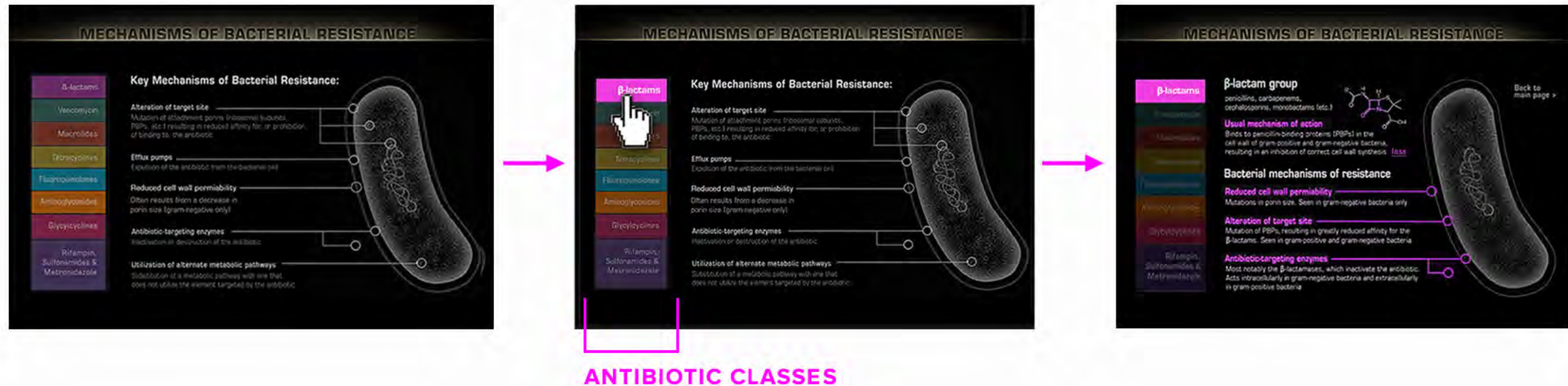
ANTIBIOTICS — RESISTANCE MECHANISMS

TWO BASIC WAYS TO EXPLORE THE INFORMATION

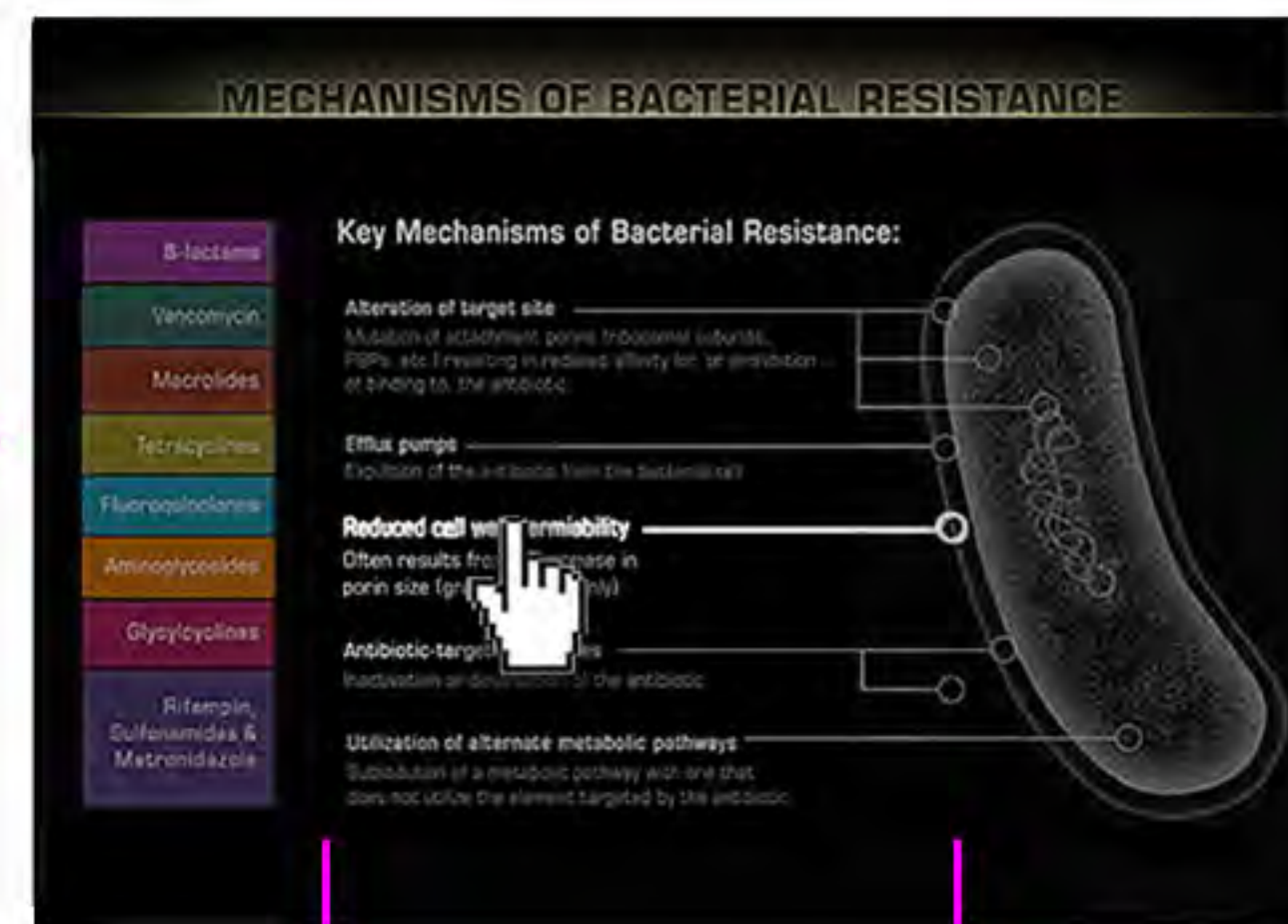
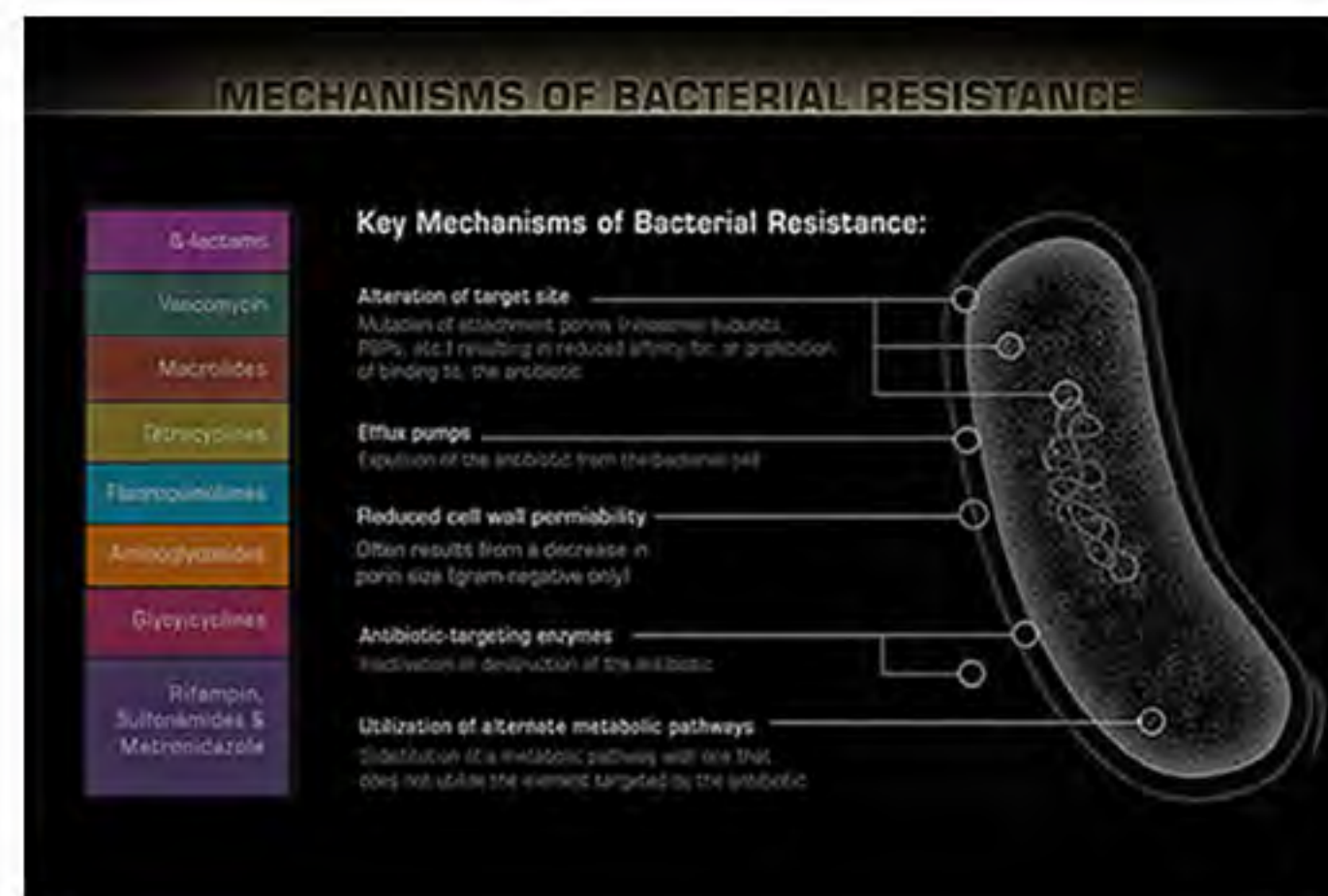
BY BACTERIAL RESISTANCE METHOD



BY ANTIBIOTIC CLASS



EXPLORING BY BACTERIAL RESISTANCE METHOD



BACTERIAL RESISTANCE METHODS



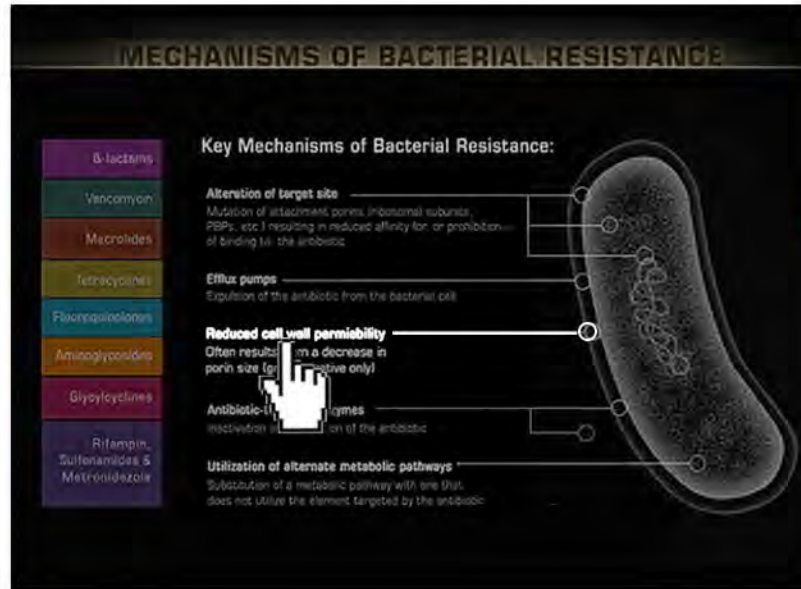
EXPLORING BY RESISTANCE MECHANISM

MAIN SCREEN

Clicking a BACTERIAL RESISTANCE MECHANISM

reveals an explanatory
animation about it,
along with the
**antibiotic classes that
are susceptible to it**

...more page STATES
instead of separate
pages!



MAIN PAGE: SHOWING RM #3 DETAILS



SUSCEPTIBLE
ANTIBIOTICS
FOR THE
SELECTED
RESISTANCE
METHOD ARE
HIGHLIGHTED

THE USER
CAN CLICK
ANYWHERE
OUTSIDE
THE CIRCLE
TO CLOSE
THE CURRENT
SCREEN STATE
AND RETURN
TO THE INITIAL
PAGE LAYOUT

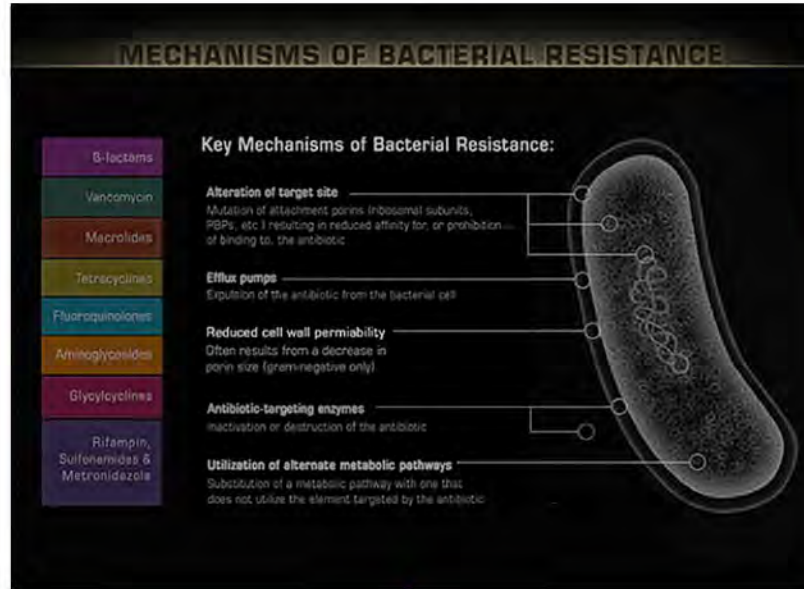
RESISTANCE
MECHANISM
INFORMATION
& ANIMATION

EXPLORING BY RESISTANCE MECHANISM

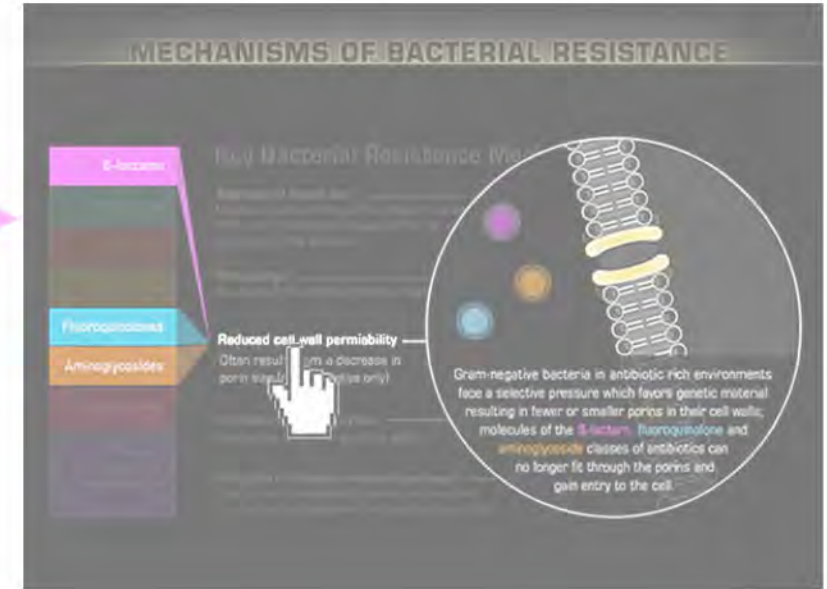
MAIN SCREEN

Clicking through the different resistance mechanisms:

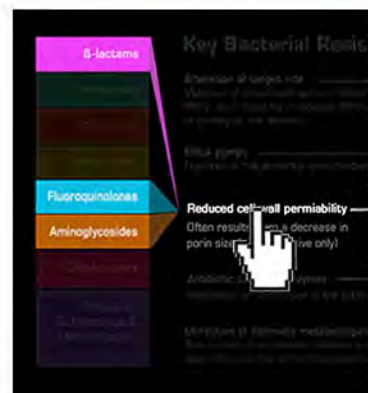
This allows doctors to easily spot **relationships between the antibiotics they are prescribing their patients, and the resistance patterns** those patients may be displaying.



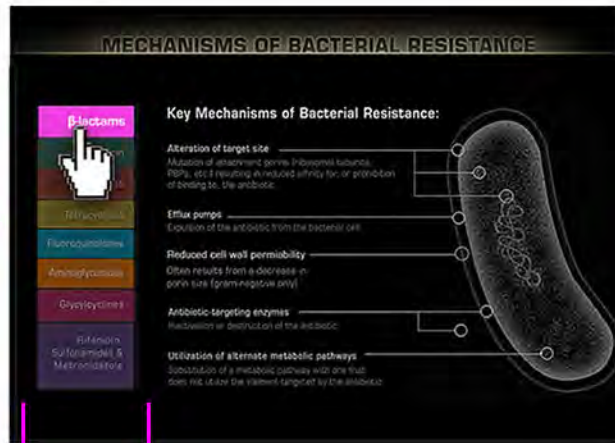
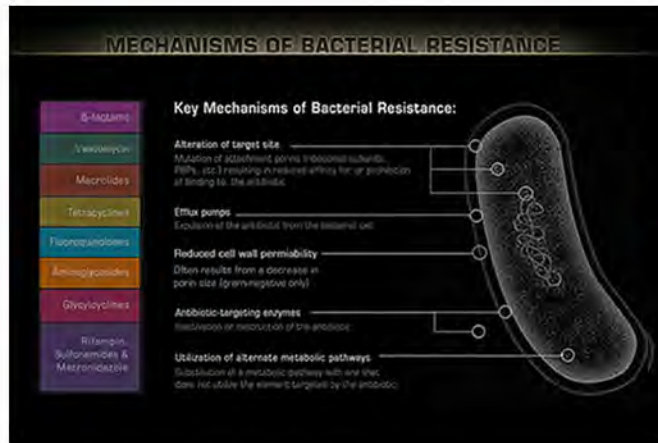
MAIN PAGE: SHOWING RM #3 DETAILS



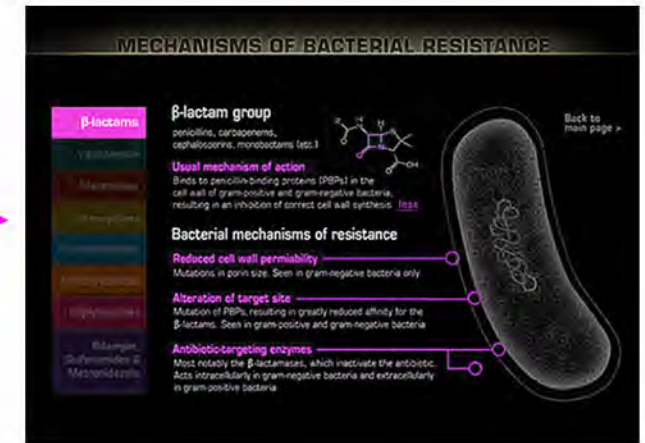
CREATING VALUE: Users can click through successive RM's to easily compare & contrast their susceptible antibiotics IN ONE SPOT



EXPLORING BY ANTIBIOTIC CLASS



ANTIBIOTIC CLASSES



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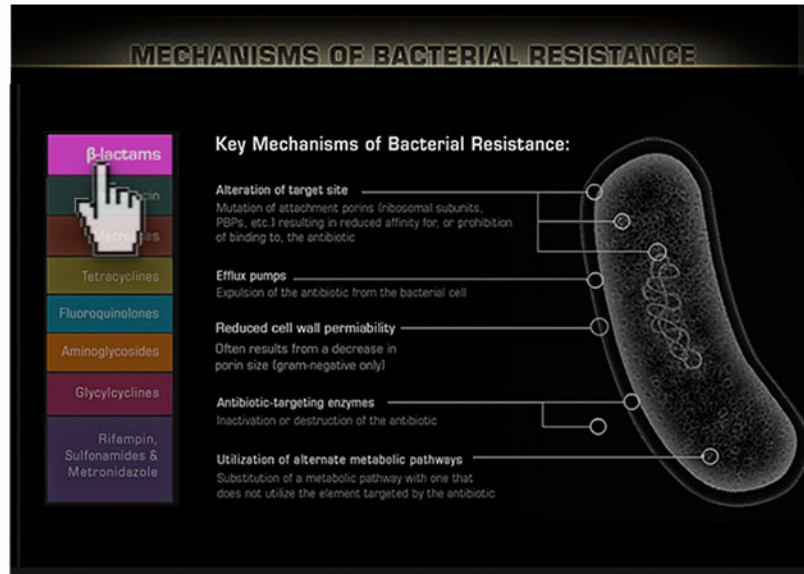
CLICKING ON AN ANTIBIOTIC CLASS

takes the user to the corresponding

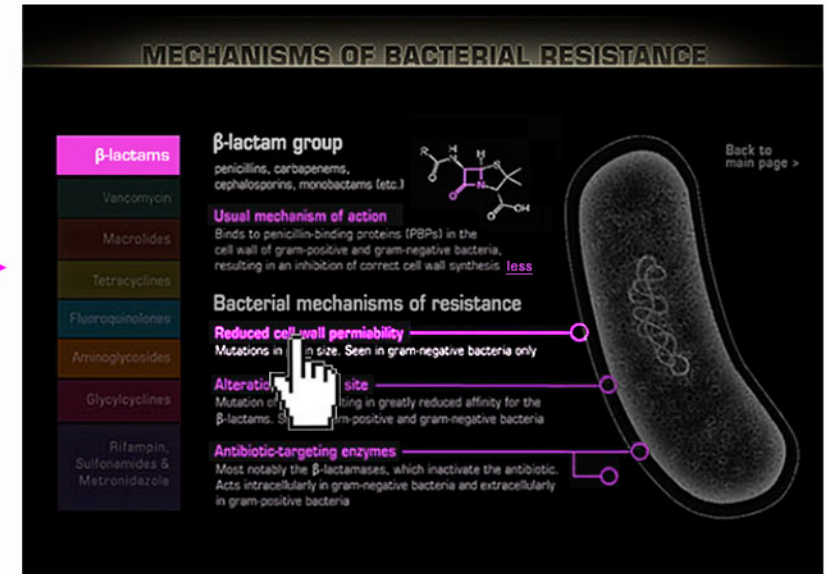
ANTIBIOTIC CLASS PAGE, revealing:

- Information on that **antibiotic class**
- The **types of bacterial resistance** it's susceptible to

APP MAIN PAGE



ANTIBIOTIC CLASS PAGE: ("β-LACTAM GROUP")



As with all the app's pages, the **POSITION of analogous information is maintained** to keep users **oriented**, without the need to use extra cognitive effort: they can more **easily and immediately SEE the differences between antibiotic properties as screen states change**, without having to rely on their memory of information from previous pages.

This gives doctors **relevant information for their immediate situation** ("which antibiotic to prescribe their next patient"), as it helps them quickly identify antibiotics that are most susceptible to the bacterial defense mechanisms that threaten their patients' lives.

EXPLORING BY ANTIBIOTIC CLASS

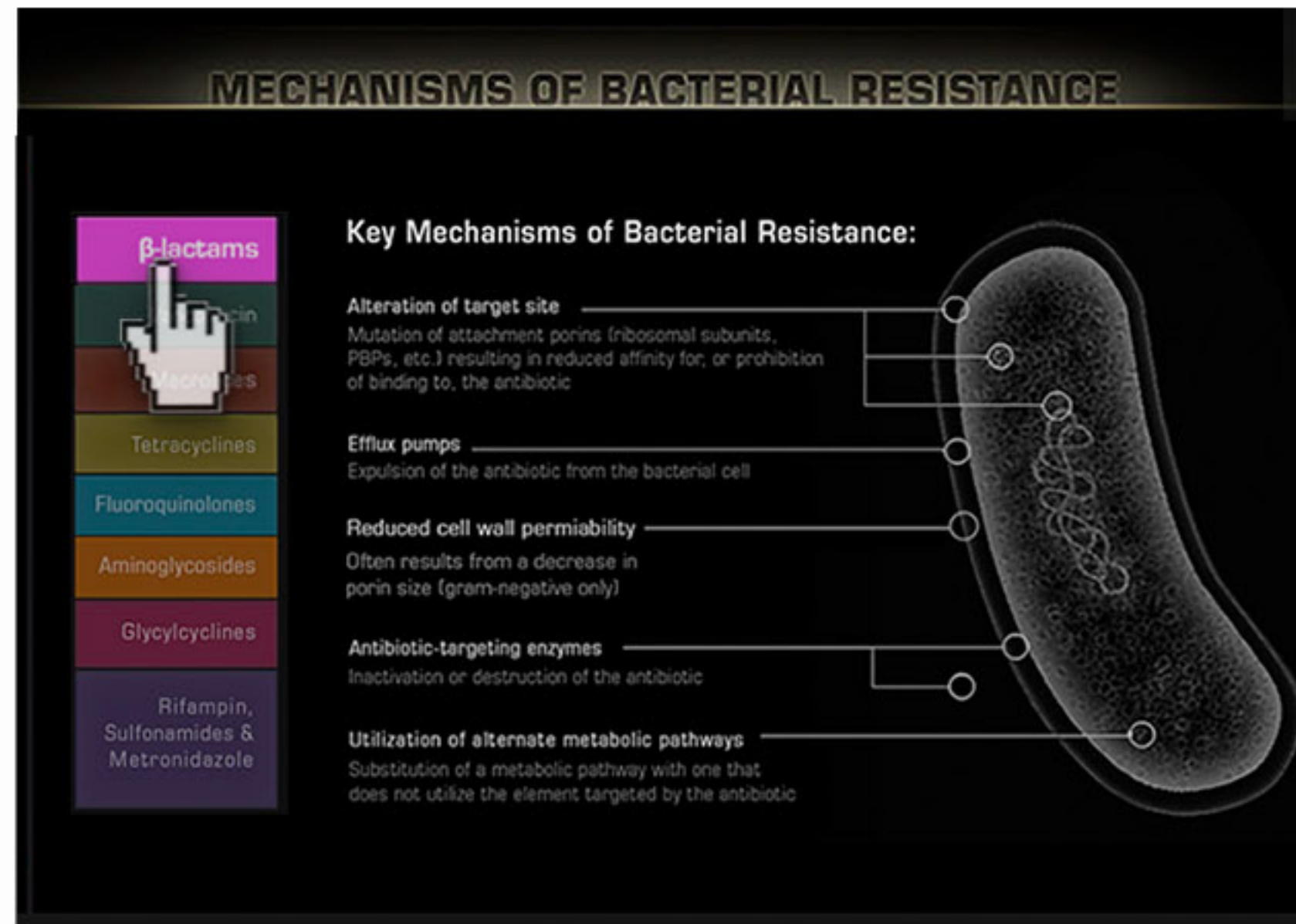
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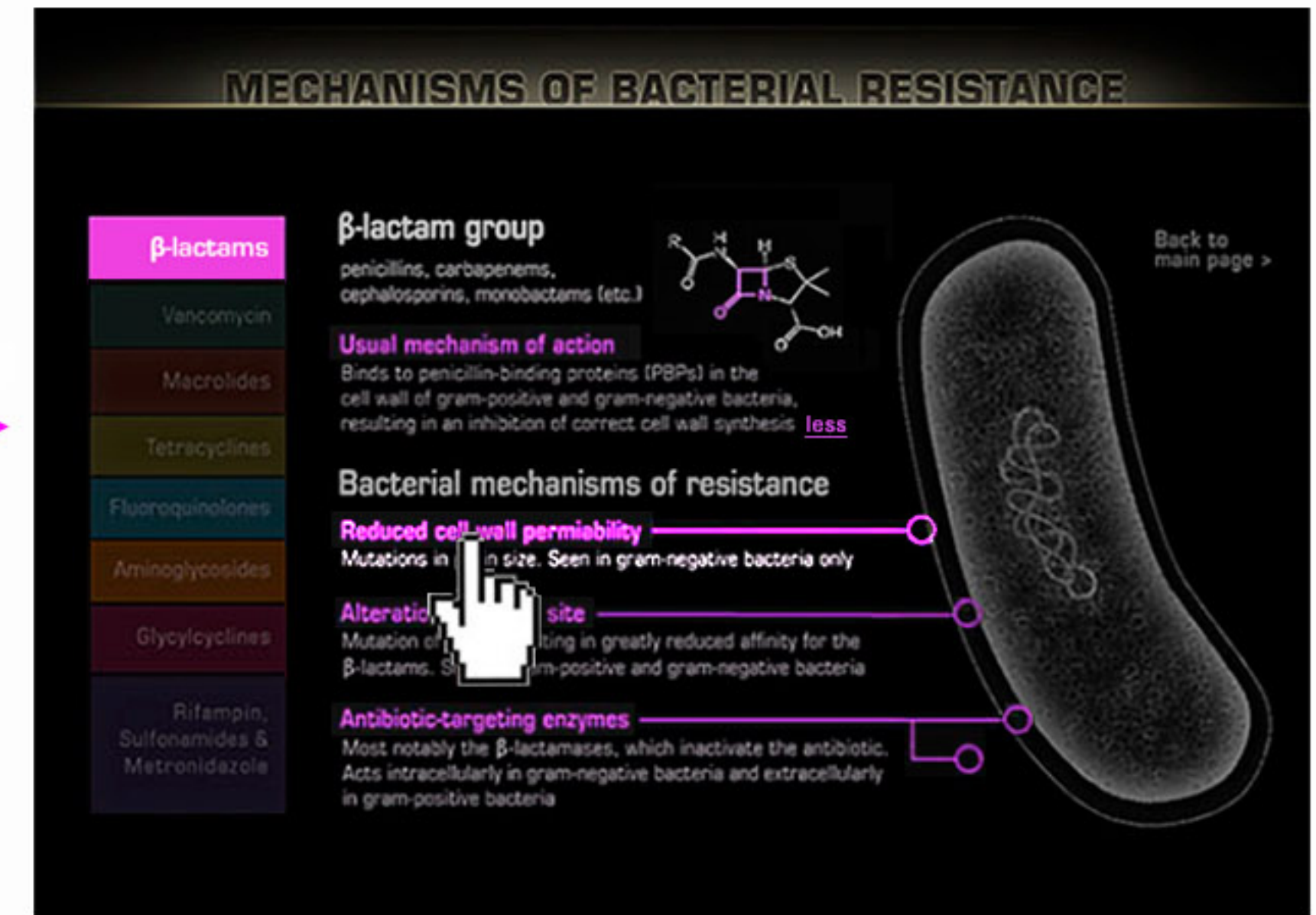
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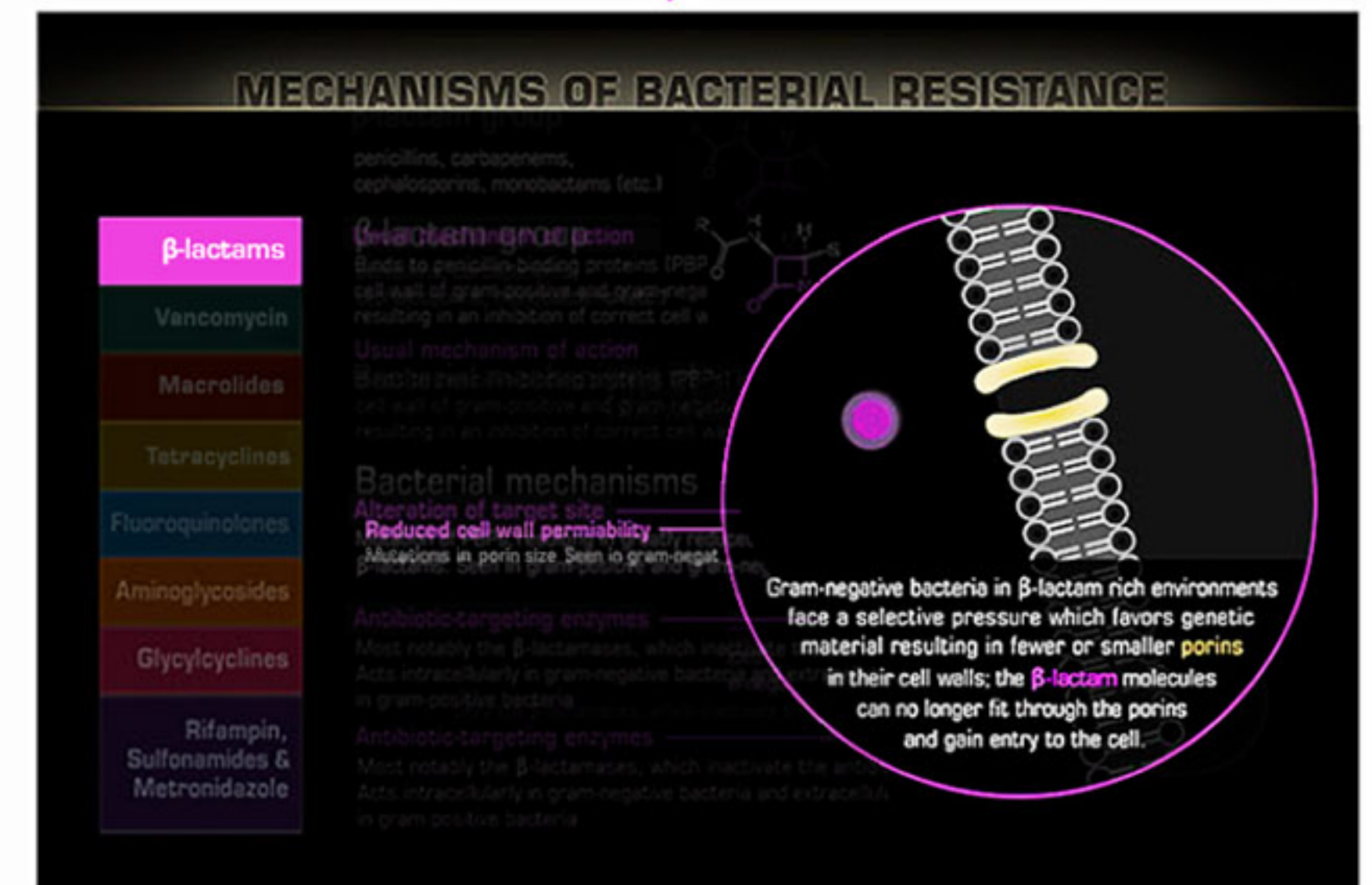


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From the antibiotic class page, users can **click on any of its resistance mechanisms to enlarge it & view more information**, just as they can do from the main page

A.B. CLASS PG SHOWING RESISTANCE METHOD DETAIL

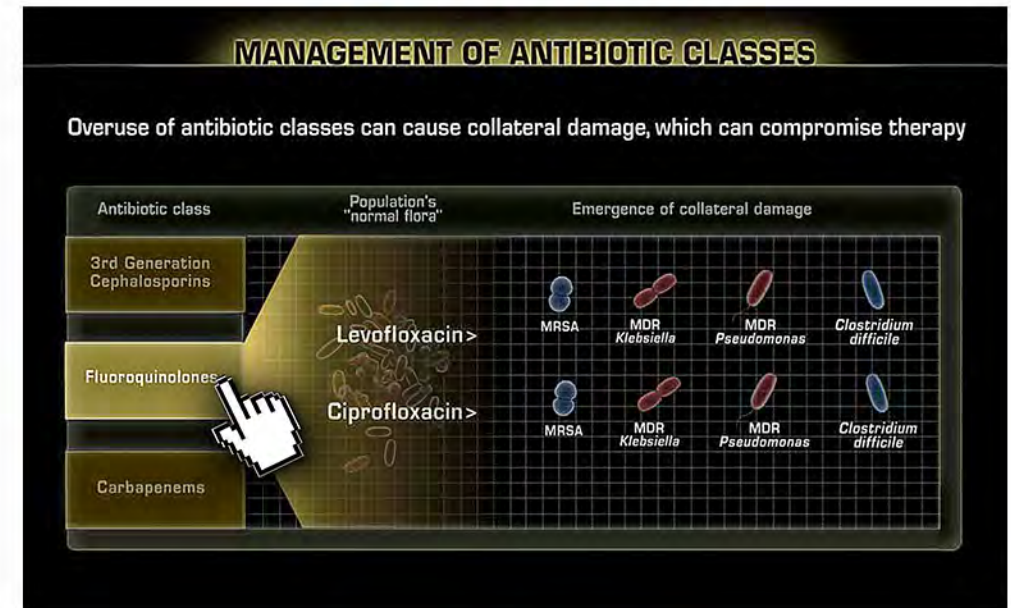


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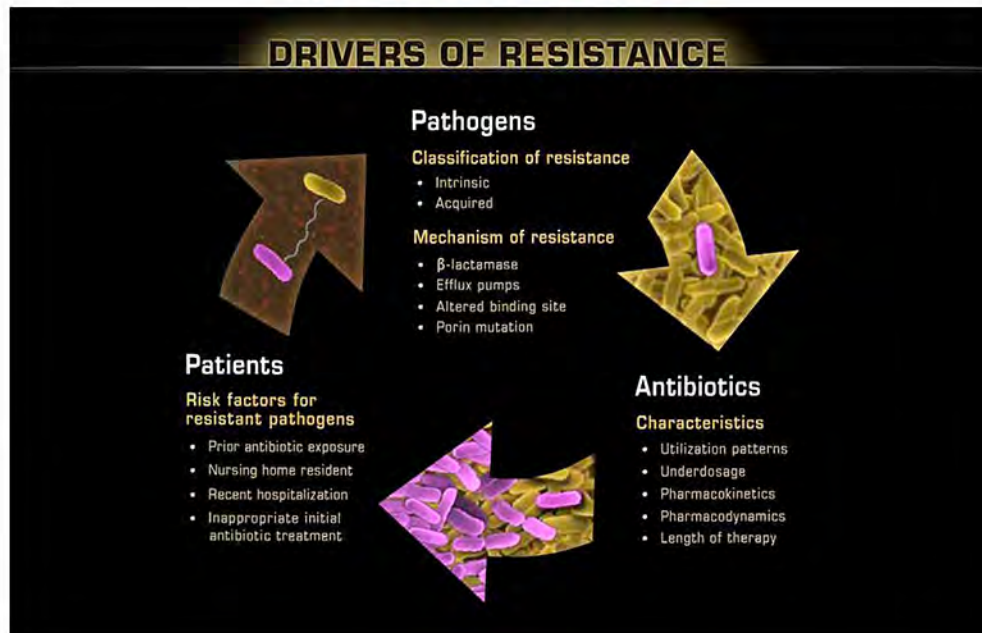
INTRO + TABLE OF CONTENTS



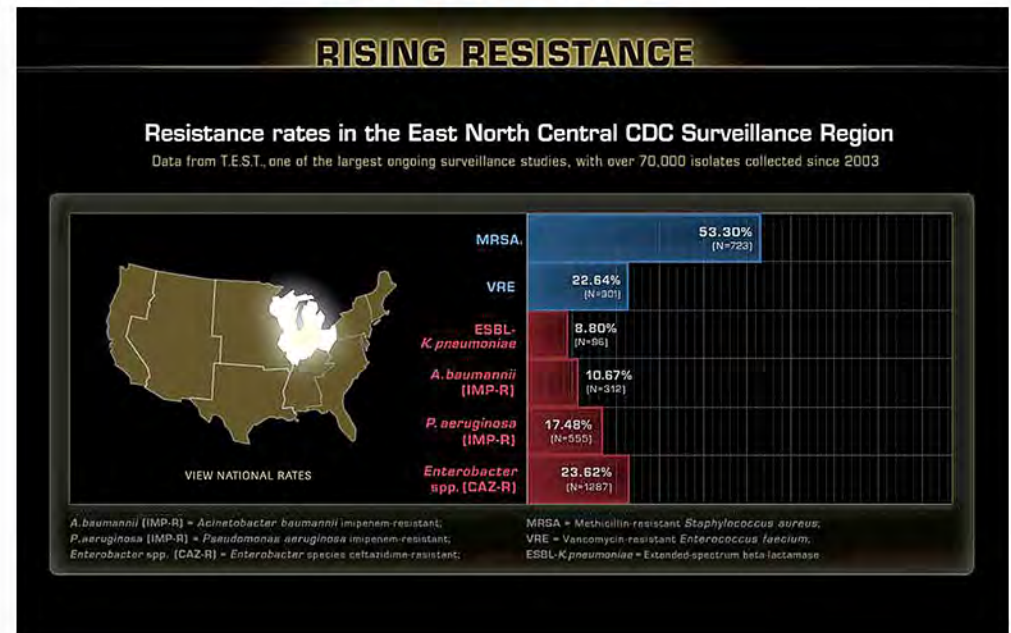
“COLLATERAL DAMAGE”



“DRIVERS OF RESISTANCE”



“RESISTANCE RATES”



ORIGINAL ANIMATED DEMO

