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~~**Dentistry-related infections**~~
~~**Endocarditis for dummies**~~
**Everything you needed to know about infective
endocarditis ... well, almost**
Bottom Line

- people at high risk for IE
 - have underlying valvular/structural heart disease
 - offer bacteria easy access to the heart
- there is no good evidence that dental procedures cause IE
- if you can't prove both **continuous bacteremia** and **endocardial disease** it probably ain't IE
- avoid empiric therapy
- IE requires bactericidal drugs at bactericidal concentrations for a prolonged duration (usually 4-6 weeks)