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to build a national network for microbial risk knowledge management, learning and transfer, for the community of scientists, and students via educational programs and community of professionals in the field and in our communities.

to develop models, tools and information that will be used in a credible risk assessment framework to reduce or eliminate health impacts from deliberate use of biological agents of concern in the indoor and outdoor environment.

Project II

Dynamic models of disease risk:
Population Outcomes

Project IV

Assessment of public attitudes and existing response plans. Static risk characterization. Decision models.

population risk

governmental response plans
public behavior

Project I

Models of Exposure:
Microbial Persistence and Transport (Fate)

Project III

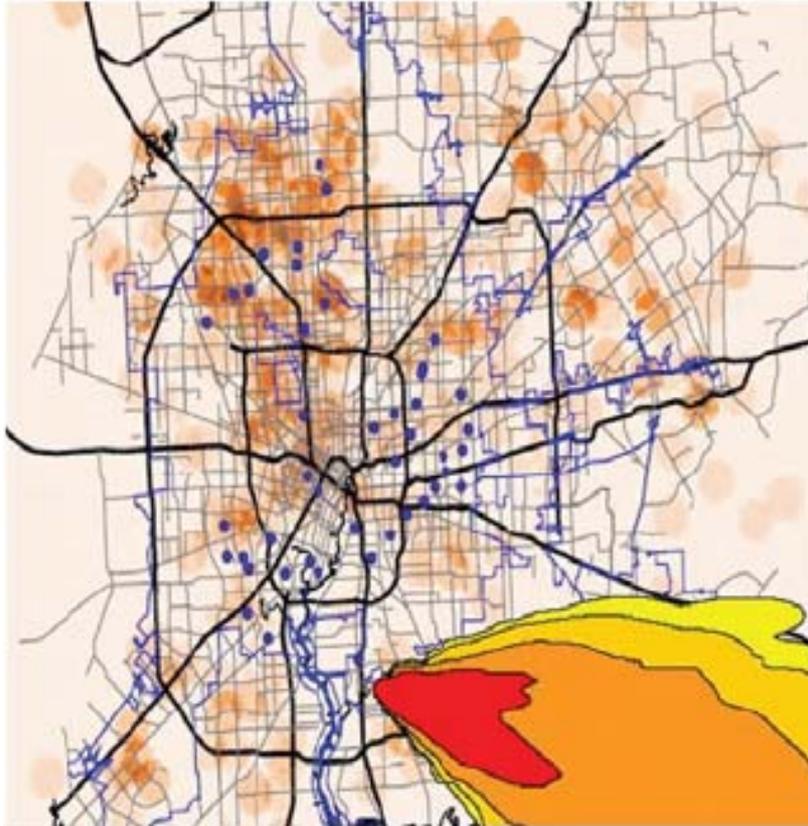
Probability of Infection Models
Microbial dose-response

Project V Knowledge Management: Evolution of the QMRA field
Knowledge sharing, Knowledge leveraging.

Principal Investigators

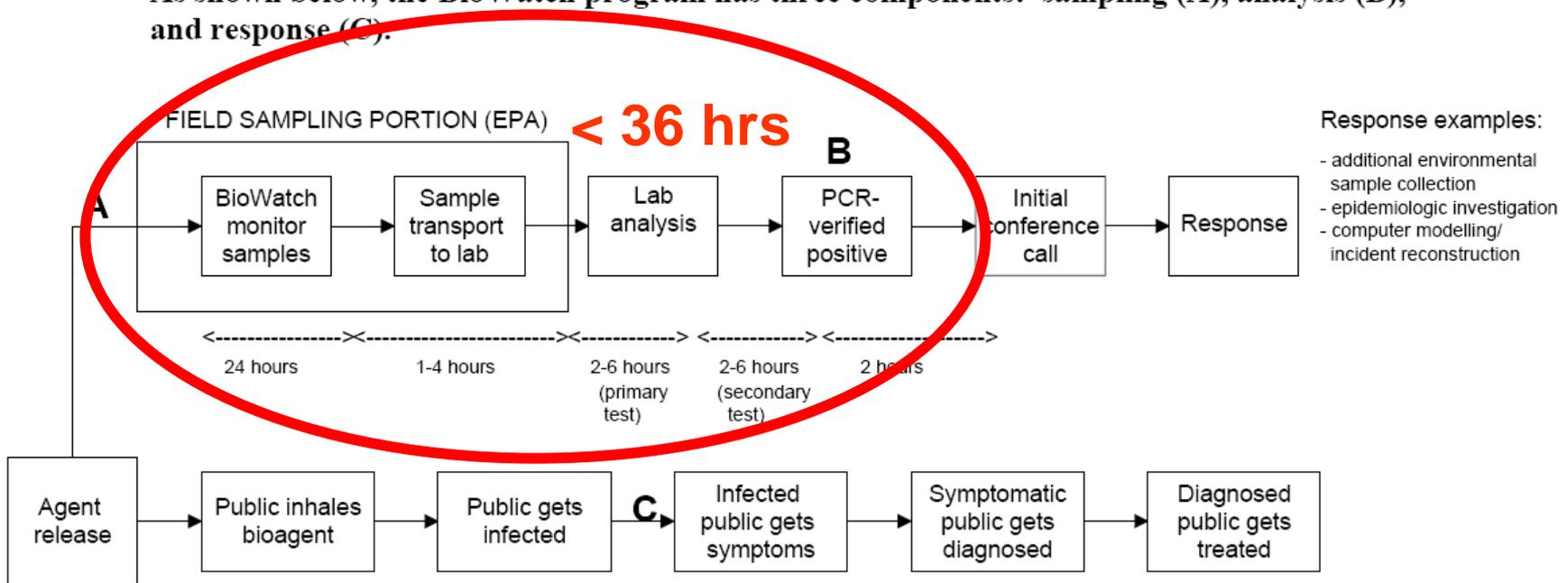
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BioWatch Program



BioWatch Program Model

As shown below, the BioWatch program has three components: sampling (A), analysis (B), and response (C).



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SPECIAL REPORT

How safe is your water?

A USA TODAY investigation finds:

- ▶ 58 million people got water last year that violated testing and purity standards.
- ▶ 25 million people got water that had 'significant' violations posing 'serious threats to public health.'

SPECIAL REPORT: DRINKING WATER'S HIDDEN DANGERS

Law oversight raises to

GENERATION SEX
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Contaminated waters threaten an environmental disaster
THE TOXIC TIMEBOMB

WATER RESOURCES IMPACT

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'Get out' order as killer diseases spring from the putrid waters

Thousands refuse to leave as five hurricane survivors die from bug that causes cholera, reports Tim Reid



FIVE survivors of Hurricane Katrina have died after becoming infected with a bacterium that causes cholera, and officials say that outbreaks of other diseases are emerging from the putrid floodwaters in New Orleans.
 With a health disaster looming in a city awash with toxic and stinking effluent, Mayor Ray Nagin ordered police and National Guard troops yesterday to remove forcibly the estimated 10,000 people still in their homes, many of whom are still refusing to leave.
 Officials confirmed that high levels of E. coli and coliform bacteria had been found in New Orleans's stagnant waters.

Young and elderly in danger of infection

By Sam Lister, Health Correspondent
 THE STAGNANT, heavily polluted floodwaters still covering much of New Orleans provide a fertile breeding ground for countless infectious bacteria.
 Of the diseases likely to be present, several samples of dangerous Gulf Coast bacteria have already been detected in water testings and the wounds of those caught in the floods.
 Some of the most dangerous waterborne diseases such as cholera, dysentery and typhoid, which are often associated with the aftermath of natural disasters in the developing world, are likely to pose less of



Walkerton — 5 years later Tragedy Could Have Been Prevented

by Steve E. Hrudehy and Richard Walker

In May 2000, several serious flaws in the Walkerton, Ont., municipal drinking water system aligned to permit a breakthrough of *E. coli* O157:H7 and *Campylobacter* bacteria, causing seven deaths and more than 2,300 cases of waterborne disease. These included 27 cases of hemolytic uremic syndrome, a serious kidney ailment with potential lifelong implications. Most of the cases of kidney disease were among children aged one to four. Other Walkerton residents have also reported enduring illness.



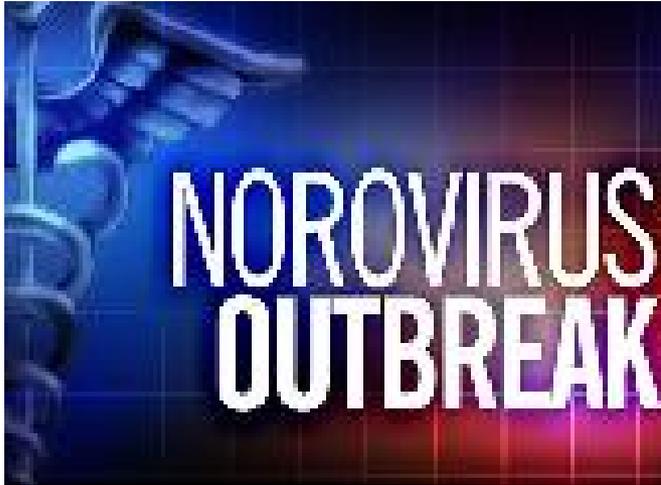
TALES FROM THE

TRIP

GOOD LORD, JENKINS, DON'T
OPEN IT! REMEMBER THE
CURSE OF MILWAUKEE!!



CARLSON



By kgw.com Staff

— FAIRFAX COUNTY

Senior Community Hit by Possible Norovirus

By [Leef Smith](#)

Washington Post Staff Writer

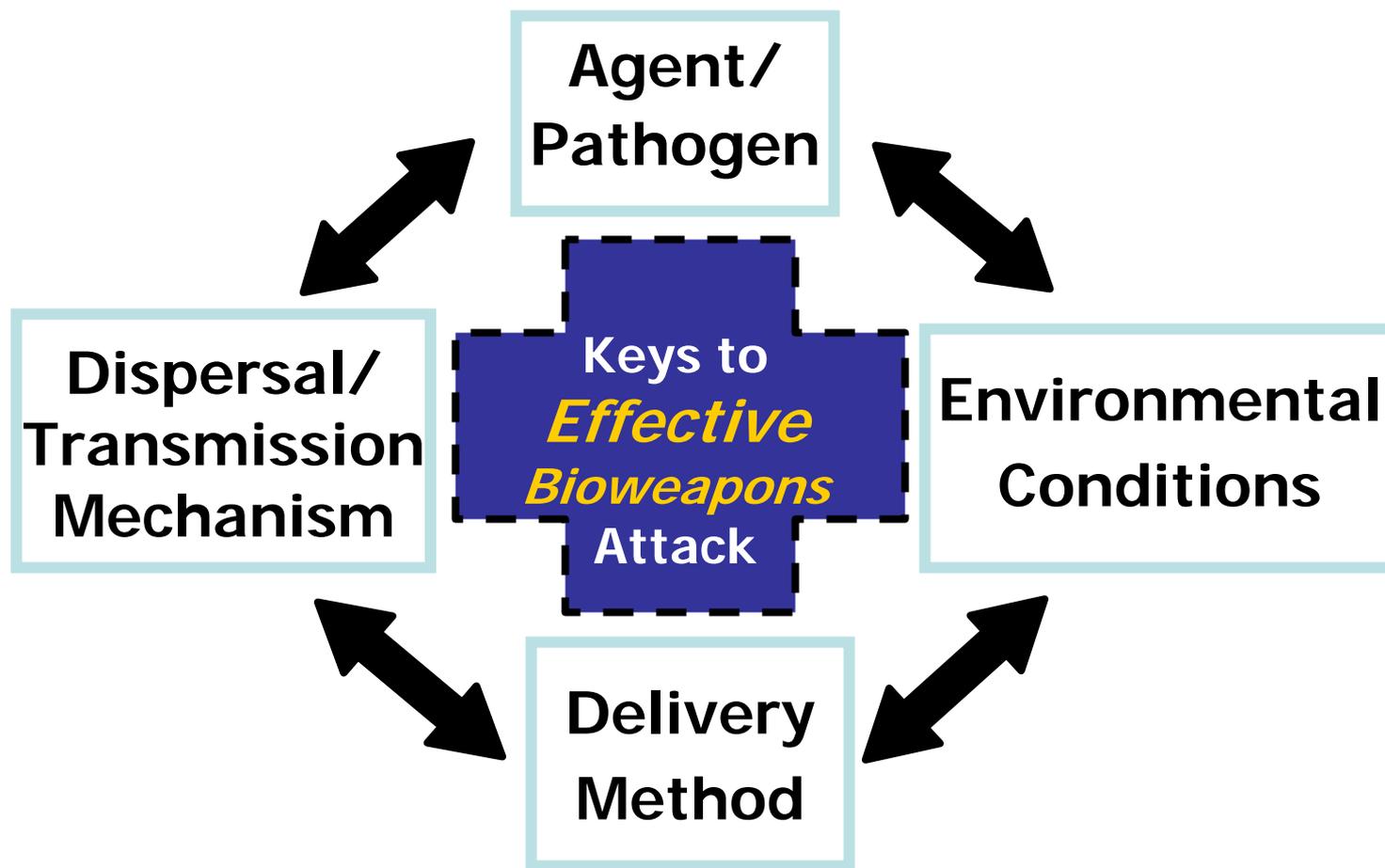
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Washington-area hotel closes for cleaning after norovirus sickens dozens of guests

The Associated Press

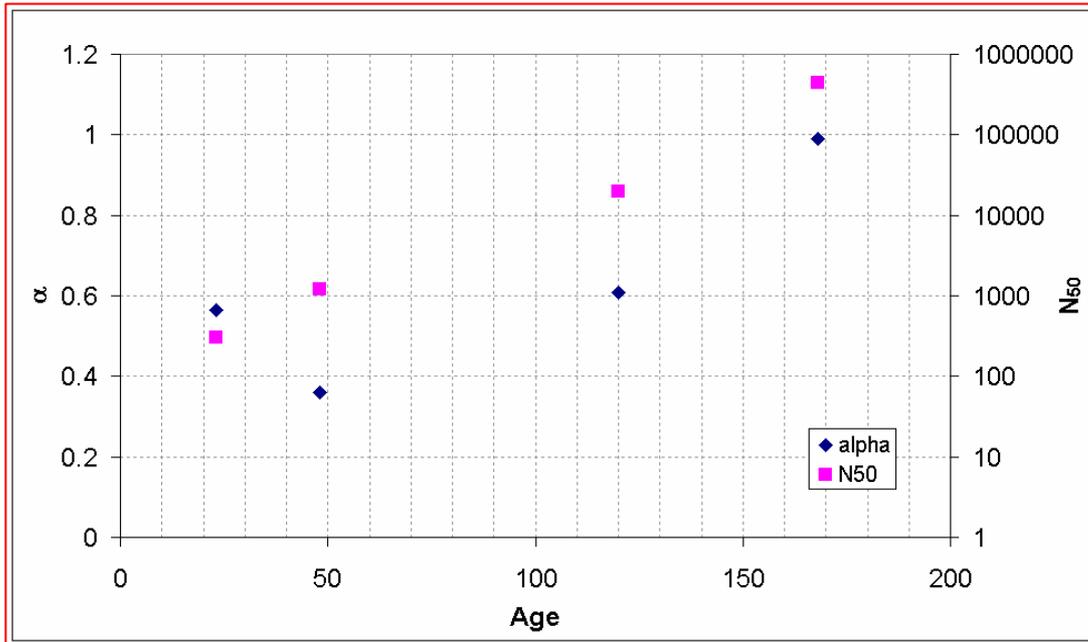
Published: March 2, 2007 **ARLINGTON, Virginia:** A hotel near a Washington, D.C., airport was closed for cleaning after as many as 150 guests were sickened by the highly contagious norovirus, hotel and county health officials said.

Critical Microbial Risk Variables: Deliberate (BT) *or* Natural Outbreaks



Adapted from Sidell et al., *Janes Chem-Bio Handbook*, 2nd ed.

Building Dose-Response Models



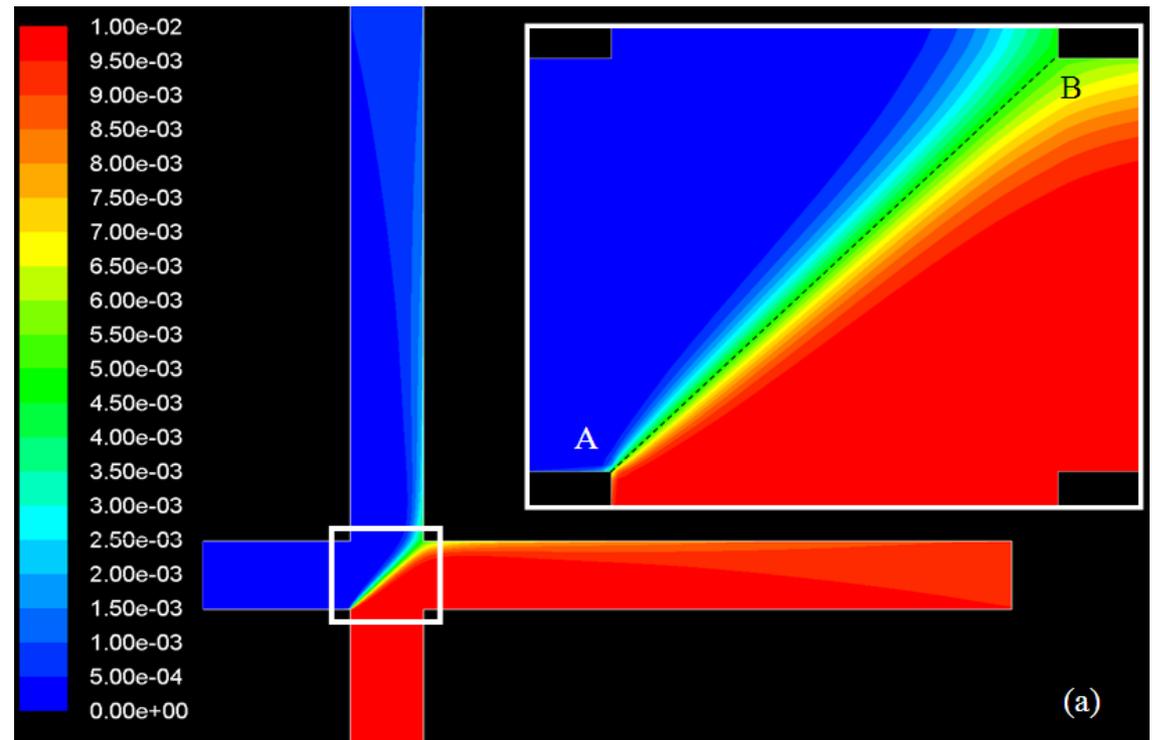
Key Finding: Lower Median infectivity For the Young



Dr. Chuck Haas, Drexel University

KEY FINDING: Microbial Contaminant transport in water distribution systems Will be higher in key parts of the system

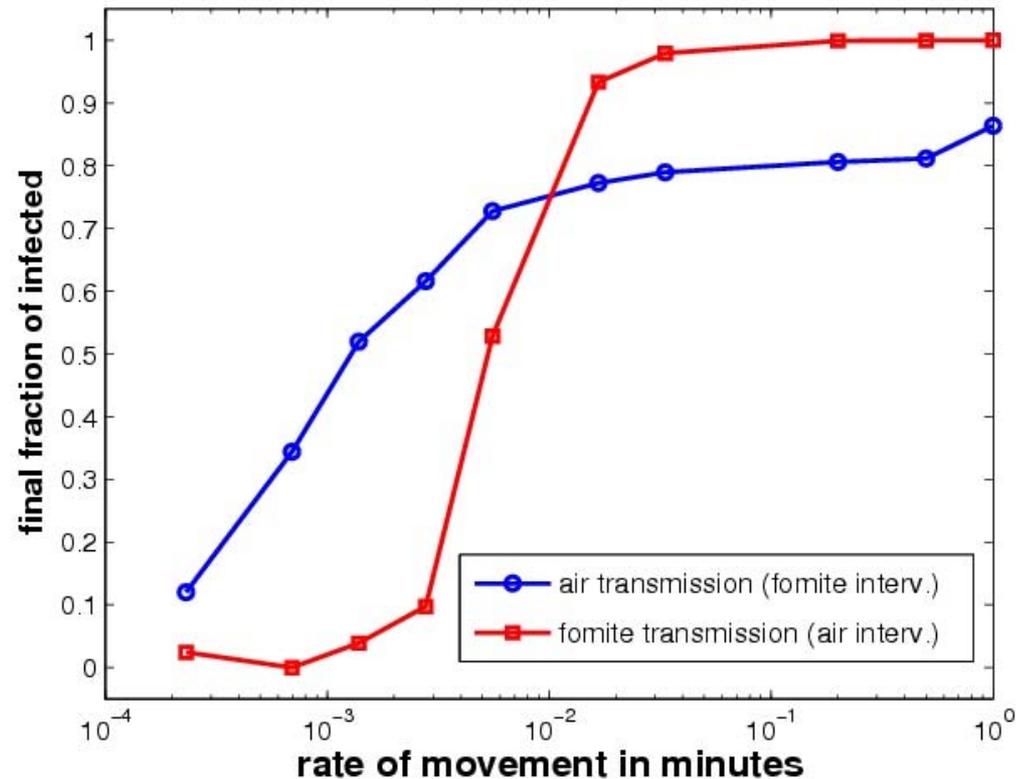
Dr. Chris Choi
University of Arizona



Model Development: Mode of Transmission and Movement

- Key Finding:
Infection over time
Changes from
Air to Fomite
Risks.

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And Dr. Jim Koopman
Univ. Michigan



Use of Markoff Chain model for microbe air-fomite interaction
(Rachel Jones Univ. Calif. Berkeley)

MICROBIAL RISK ASSESSMENT FOR AIR, WATER and FOMITES

Choose monitoring endpoints

Describe Environment

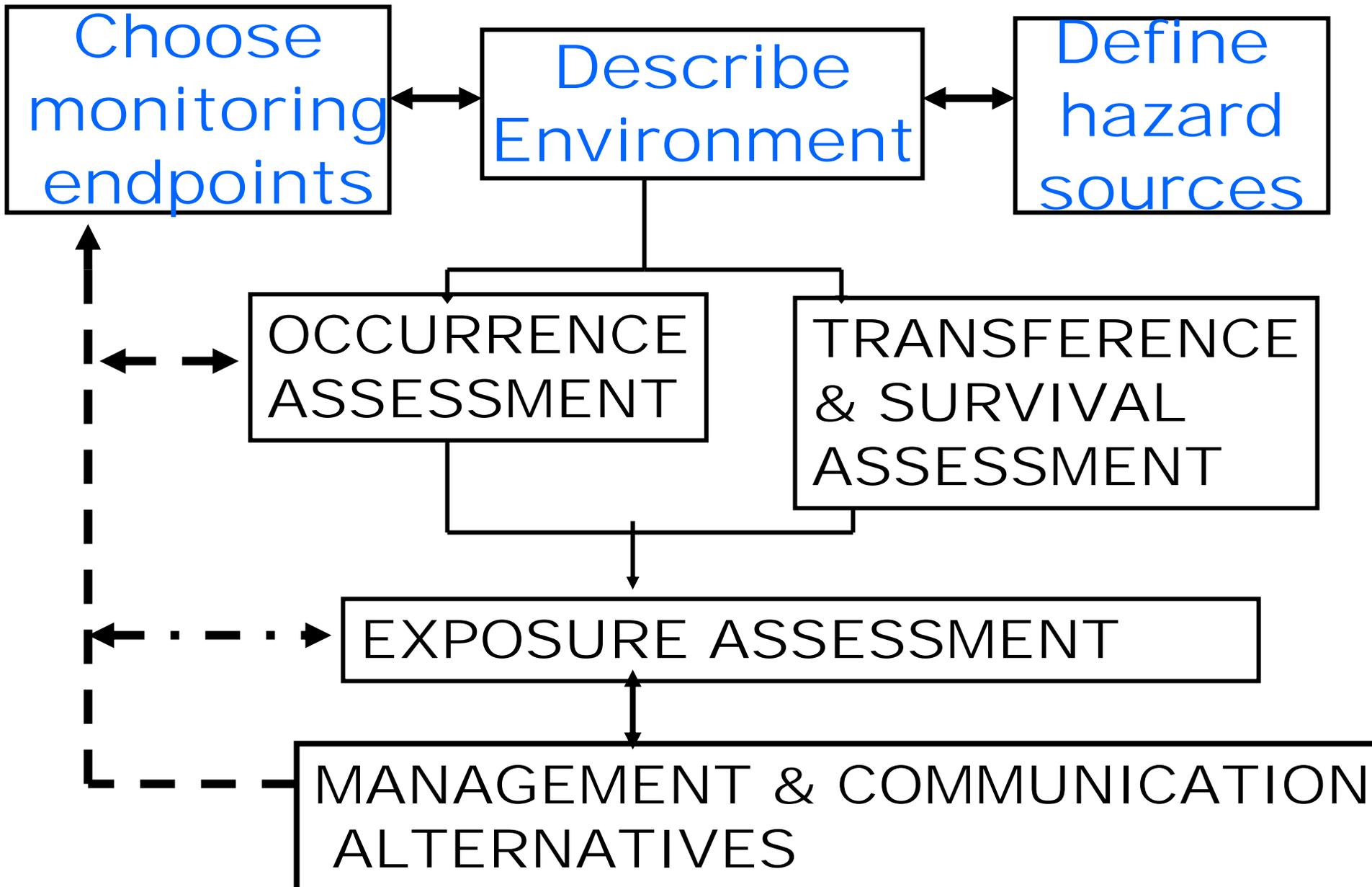
Define hazard sources

OCCURRENCE ASSESSMENT

TRANSFERENCE & SURVIVAL ASSESSMENT

EXPOSURE ASSESSMENT

MANAGEMENT & COMMUNICATION ALTERNATIVES





Outcomes

- Improved standard operating procedure for sampling
- Set of methods criteria and algorithms for addressing the interpretation of a negative
- Ability to better define outcomes with dose and response
- Models for air/surface/hand and water disease transmission risks
- Estimate intervention effects
- Apply above concepts to emerging problems eg. norovirus transmission
- Improved understanding of the science of QMRA and ability to communicate microbial risks.