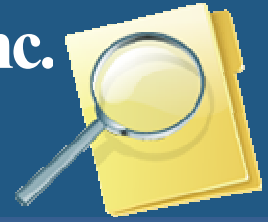


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*"Humans have lived  
so long with dogs  
that we have developed  
an antibody against distemper."*

*--Dr. Nakamura,  
Microbiology lecture,  
University of Montana-1977*

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## GERM WARFARE: HOW ARE "SUPERBUGS" CREATED?

The more we use antibiotics---to treat illness and to raise animals for food---the closer we come to ravaging infections that the 'miracle' drugs are powerless to treat.

Methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus*, or MRSA has received the most recent attention. Other organisms, not so familiar, that are developing resistance to antibiotics are *Enterococcus*, *Klebsiella*, *Acinetobacter*, *Pseudomonas*, and *Enterobacter*. All of these are in hospitals and now outside the hospitals.

MRSA is deadly. On December 1, 2007 a 48-year old special education teacher in Washington D.C. felt abdominal pains and was sent home with pain killers by an ER doctor with a diagnosis of probable ovarian cysts as the source of pain. Even though she was later hospitalized, she died on December 9<sup>th</sup> of MRSA.

Invasive MRSA infections strike roughly 94,000 people in the U.S. each year. An estimated 18,650 of them die, more than the number who die each year of AIDS...- *Centers for Disease Control & Prevention.*

### *What do bacterial infections cause?*

- Some ear infections
- Severe sinus infections
- Strep throat
- Urinary tract infections
- Many wound & skin infections

### *What do Viral infections cause?*

- Most ear infections
- Colds
- Influenza (flu)
- Most coughs
- Most sore throats
- Bronchitis
- Stomach flu (viral gastroenteritis)

*-Nutrition Action/Center for  
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## THE WORLD'S RICHEST NATION?

Switzerland has the highest median household income @ \$62,000 compared with the United States @ \$48,000. Income equality is greater in the U.S. than in other developed nations. *In Montana* women earn \$12,000.00 per year less for doing the same job as their male counterpart. [Money-2008 & MT. Statistics].

In comparison, based on World Bank Development Indicators published in July 2006, here are the 3 poorest countries in the world. GNP per capita for each country is shown in US dollars

1. Burundi ... \$90
2. Ethiopia ... \$110
3. Democratic Republic of Congo ... \$110

*-World Bank Development Indicators for 2006 Table 1.1*