



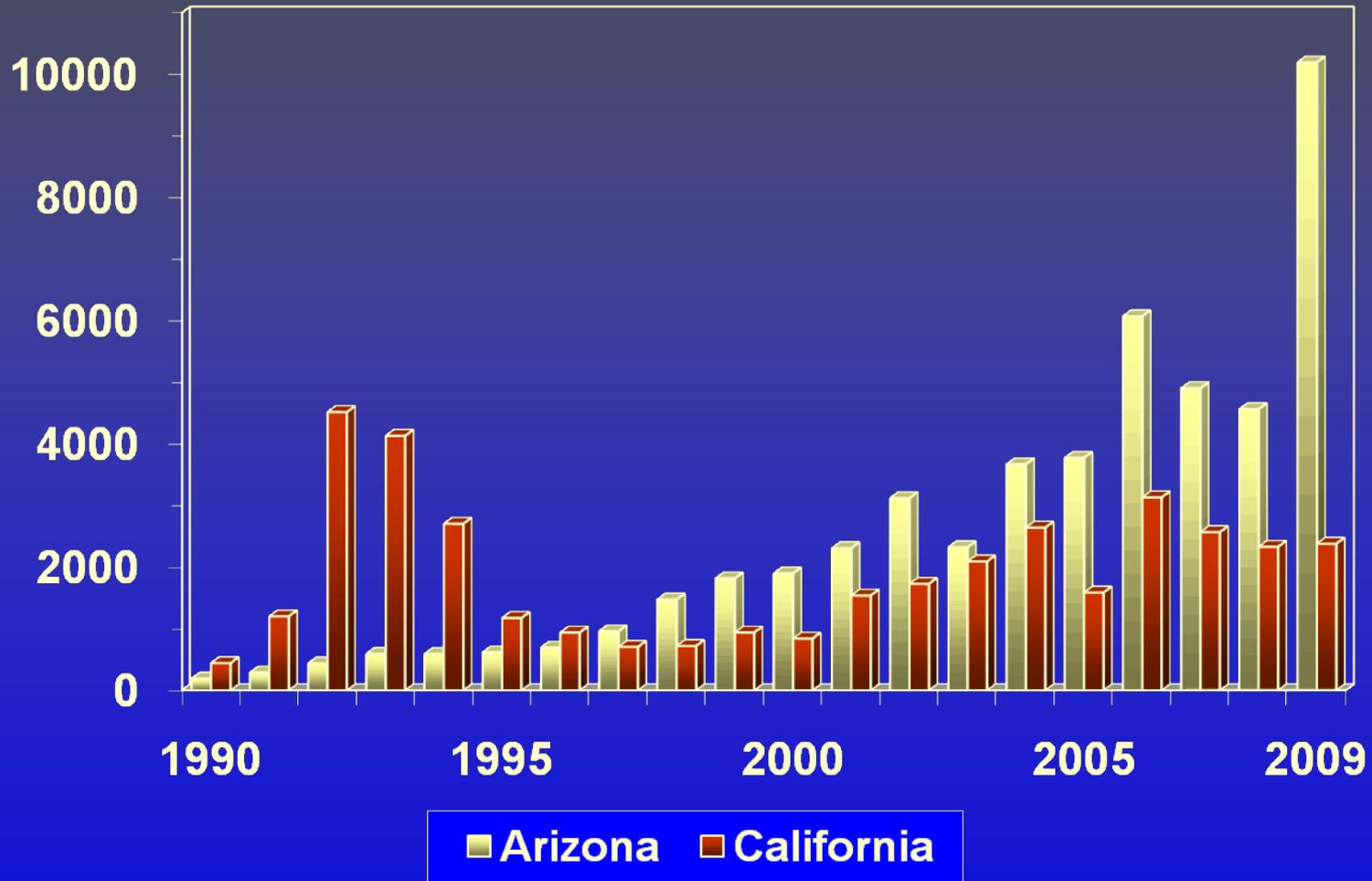
Most Valley Fever Causes Pneumonia



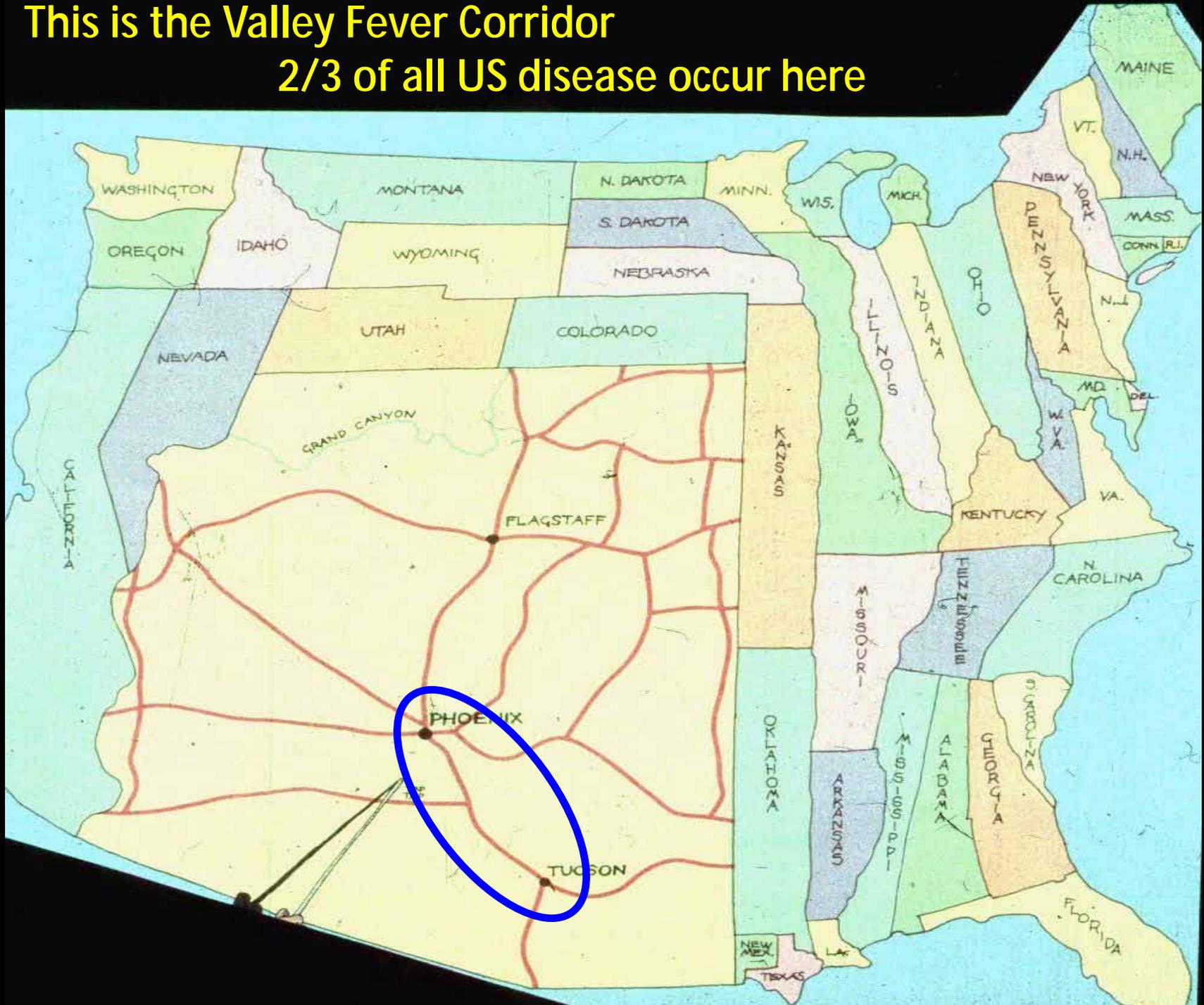
Some people
Get
Wide-spread
Infections
--
100 deaths
Annually



Reported Valley Fever



This is the Valley Fever Corridor
2/3 of all US disease occur here



Valley Fever in Arizona

Findings from a telephone survey
10% of reported cases in 2007

Impact on People

- Illness lasted an average of 6 months
- 75% of workers off for over 1 month

Impact on Health Care

- 25% needed more than 10 doctor visits
- 40% hospitalized (\$86 million in 2007)

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THE ISSUE: VALLEY FEVER



MICHAEL CHOW/THE ARIZONA REPUBLIC

Left fielder Conor Jackson dives for a double during an April game at Chase Field. The D-Backs are not sure when he will return.

MYSTERY DISEASE BRINGS HOME NEED FOR ACTION

When a mysterious disease puts a Major League Baseball player on the disabled list, people tend to notice.

Conor Jackson has valley fever. The case took months to diagnose. There's no cure or vaccine. The D-Backs outfielder, who has been too weak for workouts, could spend the season recuperating.

managing the disease.

The initiative, called the Valley Fever Corridor Project, has raised a third of the \$60,000 budget for the coming fiscal year. Surely, Arizonans can come up with the rest and drum up support for the rest of the five-year program.

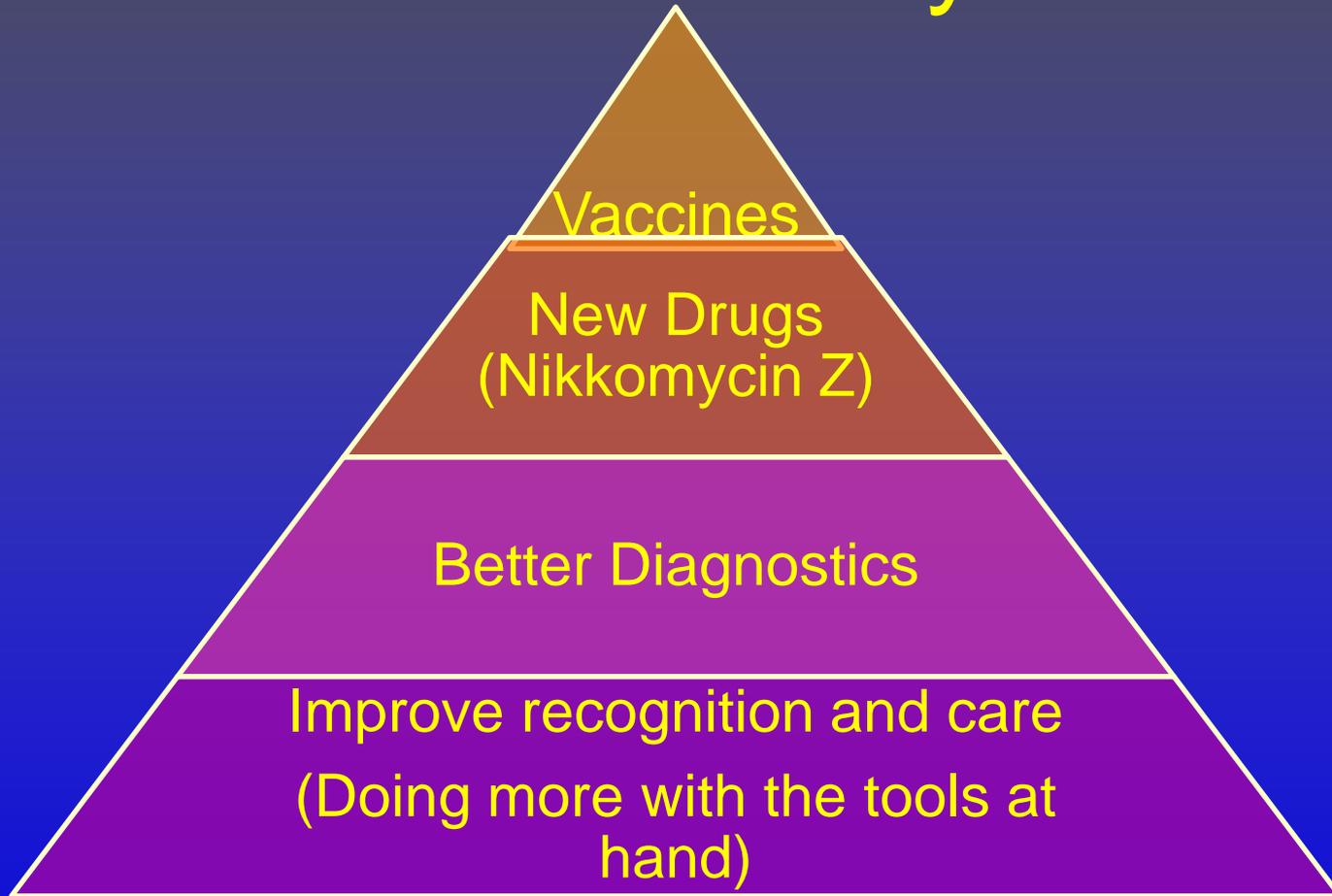
Then, let's get serious about the bigger picture. Valley fever usually causes nothing worse than flulike

“The case took months to diagnose. There’s no cure or vaccine. The D-Back’s centerfielder, who has been too weak for workouts, could spend the season recuperating.”

–June 8, 2009 –

First two blood tests were negative before finally establishing a diagnosis.

Improving the Management of Coccidioidomycosis



RESOLUTION TO PROMOTE PUBLIC AWARENESS OF VALLEY FEVER IN THE MAG REGION

WHEREAS, Valley Fever infections are increasing in Arizona; and

WHEREAS, Valley Fever is the second most commonly reported infectious disease in Arizona; and

WHEREAS, Maricopa County has more Valley Fever infections than any other county in Arizona; and

WHEREAS, enhanced surveillance of Valley Fever cases demonstrates a serious impact of Valley Fever on the health of Maricopa citizens; and

WHEREAS, by teaching the public and healthcare providers about Valley Fever, the seriousness of the disease may be reduced, and early diagnosis promoted; and

WHEREAS, through educational campaigns, the Arizona Department of Health Services, the Valley Fever Center for Excellence, the Arizona Infectious Diseases Society, and many other organizations are united to inform the public and healthcare providers in Arizona; and

WHEREAS, Arizona is the focal point of quality clinical care and research for Valley Fever;

NOW, THEREFORE, The Maricopa Association of Governments resolves to promote public awareness of the efforts of the Valley Fever Center for Excellence and its Valley Fever Corridor Project, thereby increasing public awareness of Valley Fever throughout the MAG member agencies.