Finding the right drug combinations

Pharmacists at the Singapore General Hospital are working out the best combinations of antibiotics to fight off various drug-resistant bacteria.

• Pharmacists prepare at least 80 different types of antibiotic combinations in a well plate.



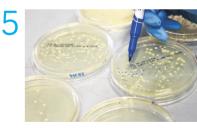
• Bacteria is added to each of the "wells" and allowed to incubate.



• After 24 hours, scientists check to see which "wells" have no bacteria growth, and take samples from them.



• Bacteria samples are transferred to larger petri dishes and incubated overnight.



• Bacteria shows up as spots on the petri dish. Scientists look for the dishes with the fewest amount of spots to learn which is the optimal combination of antibiotics.