

| <i>Pseudomonas aeruginosa</i> (n=22,804 from 73 Hospitals) | | | |
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| | Susceptibility (Range) | Number of Isolates | Number of Hospitals |
| Piperacillin-Tazobactam | 82.8% (62-100%) | 20,040 | 66 |
| Ceftazidime | 81.7% (6-94%) | 18,315 | 59 |
| Cefepime | 83.6% (65-98%) | 19,015 | 59 |
| Meropenem | 81.7% (54-97%) | 14,261 | 39 |
| Imipenem | - | - | - |
| Amikacin | 95.1% (74-100%) | 19,491 | 62 |
| Gentamicin | 83.2% (48-95%) | 22,271 | 70 |
| Tobramycin | 91.0% (77-97%) | 19,850 | 61 |
| Ciprofloxacin/Levofloxacin | 68.7% (45-90%) | 22,132 | 71 |

Comments from LA County Healthcare-Associated Infection and Antibiotic Resistance Committee:

Carbapenem resistance among *Pseudomonas* spp. is relatively common in Los Angeles County. These data are particularly relevant to the empiric management of sepsis, where microbiologically active therapy is crucial (Kolleff et al. *Chest*. 1999; Kumar et al. *Critical care Medicine*. 2006).

One potential approach to improve the probability of microbiologically active therapy is the inclusion of adjunctive therapy with a non-beta-lactam antibiotic. (IDSA HAP/VAP guidelines – Kalil et al. *Clinical Infectious Disease*, 2016; Gutierrez-Gutierrez et al. *Lancet Infectious Disease*. 2017) Fluoroquinolone susceptibility is relatively low, compared to aminoglycosides. This may be relevant to management of pneumonia and other hospital-acquired infections where *Pseudomonas* spp. infection is likely.