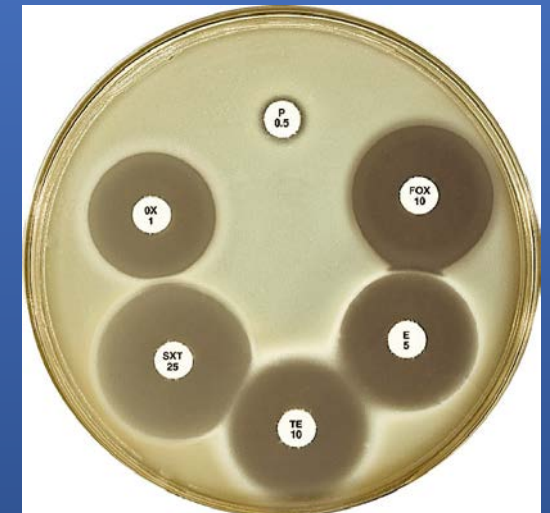


The Clinical Microbiology Laboratory: Our Role in Antimicrobial Stewardship

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- None

At the conclusion of this program, you will be able to:

- Describe the **primary role** of a clinical microbiology laboratory; focus on bacteriology.
- List examples of when it is **appropriate** to perform susceptibility testing on reported bacteria.
- Discuss tests used to determine if a bacterium is **susceptible or resistant to an antimicrobial agent**.

Scenario:

Physician sends a specimen to the microbiology lab.

What does he/she want to know?

Does the specimen contain pathogens? What type? How many?

What are the antimicrobial susceptibility profiles of the pathogens in the specimen?

Scenario:

IP practitioner / epidemiologist reviews microbiology laboratory reports.

What does he/she want to know?

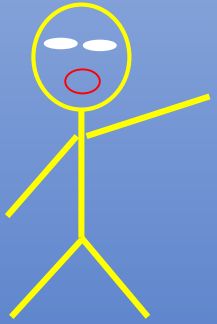
*Could the pathogens isolated
have been acquired while the
patient was in the facility?*

*What can be done to
prevent further spread of
the pathogens?*



= some key messages!

Examining Patient Specimens for Microorganisms



Instructions for collecting / transporting specimens for microbiology tests...



O and P Exam - 2 Vials



Stool sample – Enteric PCR
Bacterial/Fungal PCR



Universal Viral Transport
Viral PCRs, GC/CT PCR, Ureaplasma



Bronchoalveolar Lavage
Viral PCRs
Bacterial Cultures



Blood culture
Aerobic and Anaerobic
bacterial culture

Processing specimens in a biological safety cabinet

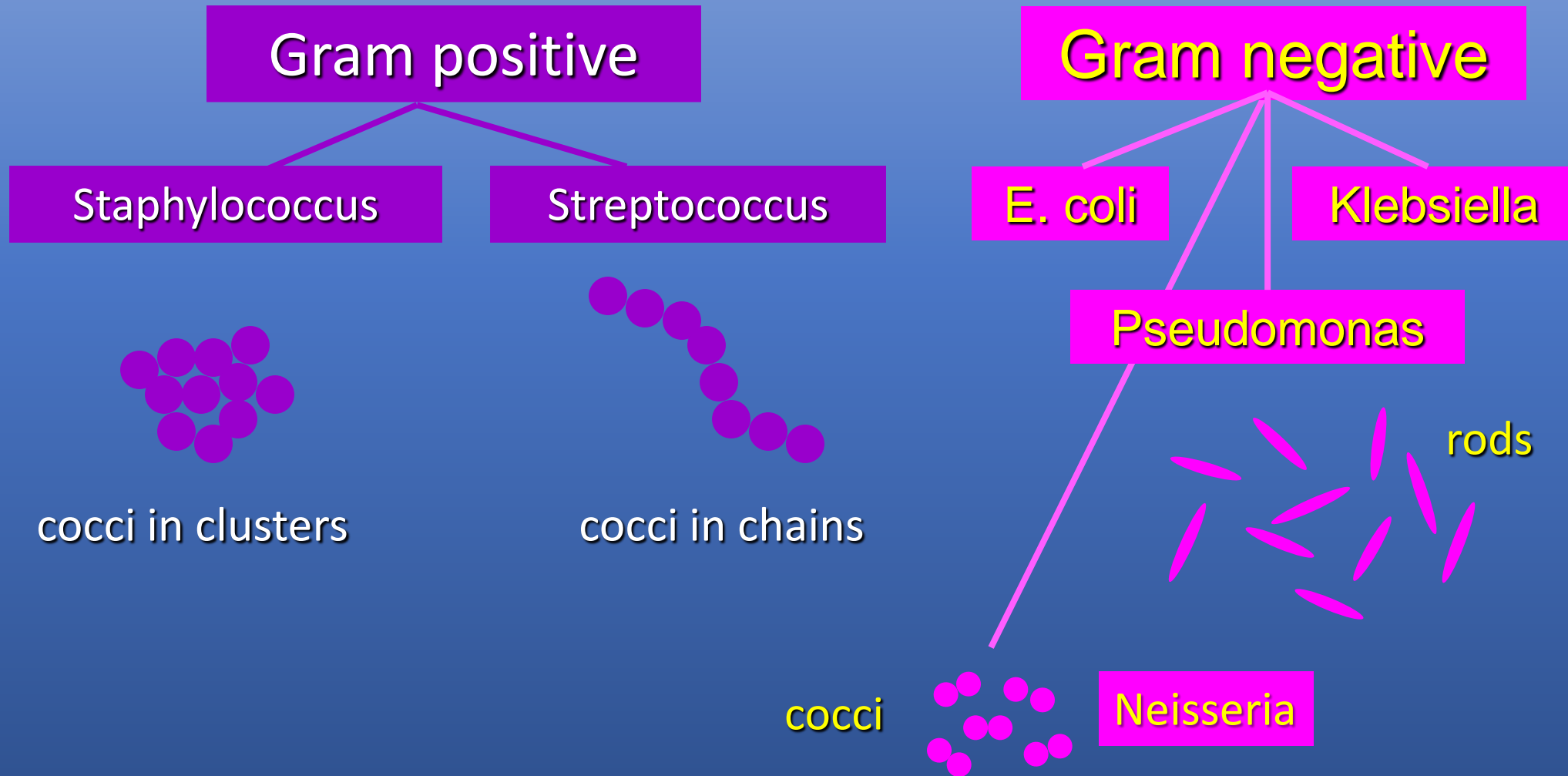


Perform / Report **Direct** Gram Stain for Bacteria

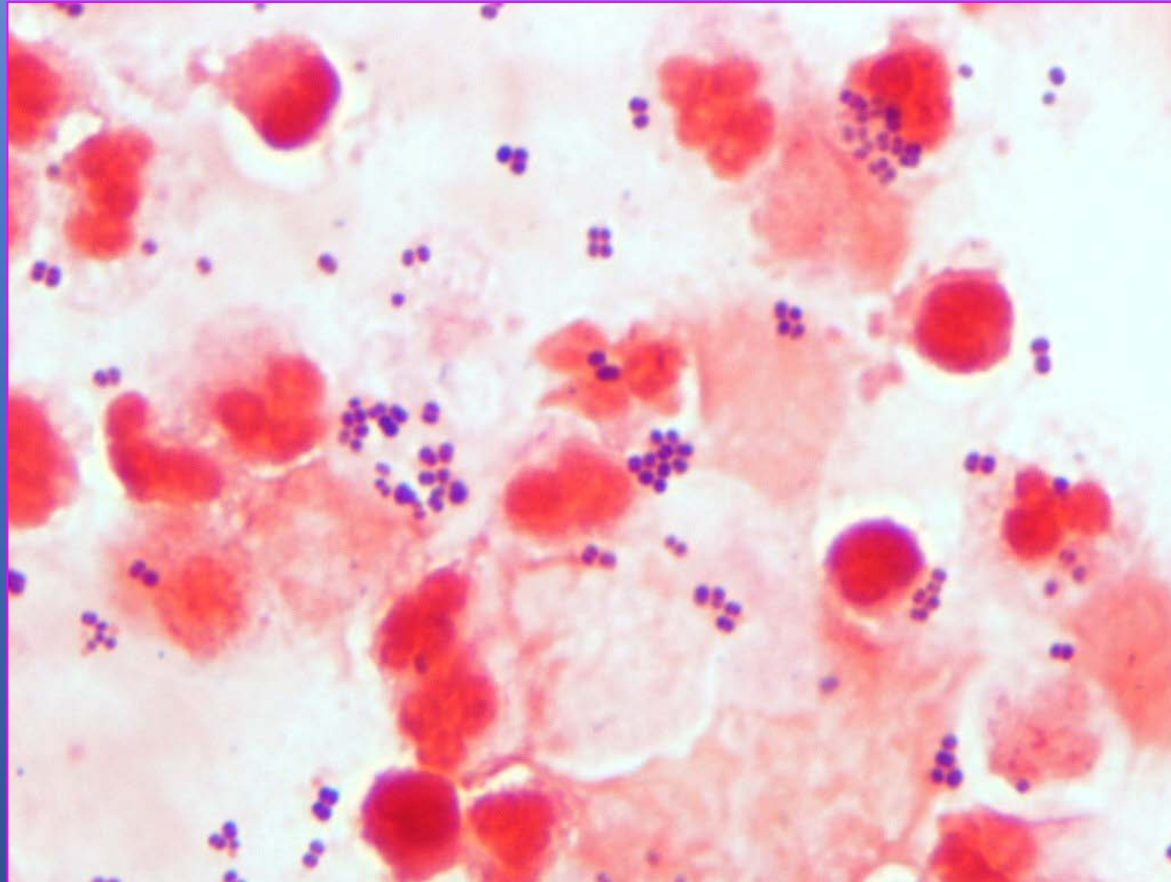


- **Report results within a few hours**
- **Quick insight into possible cause of an infection**

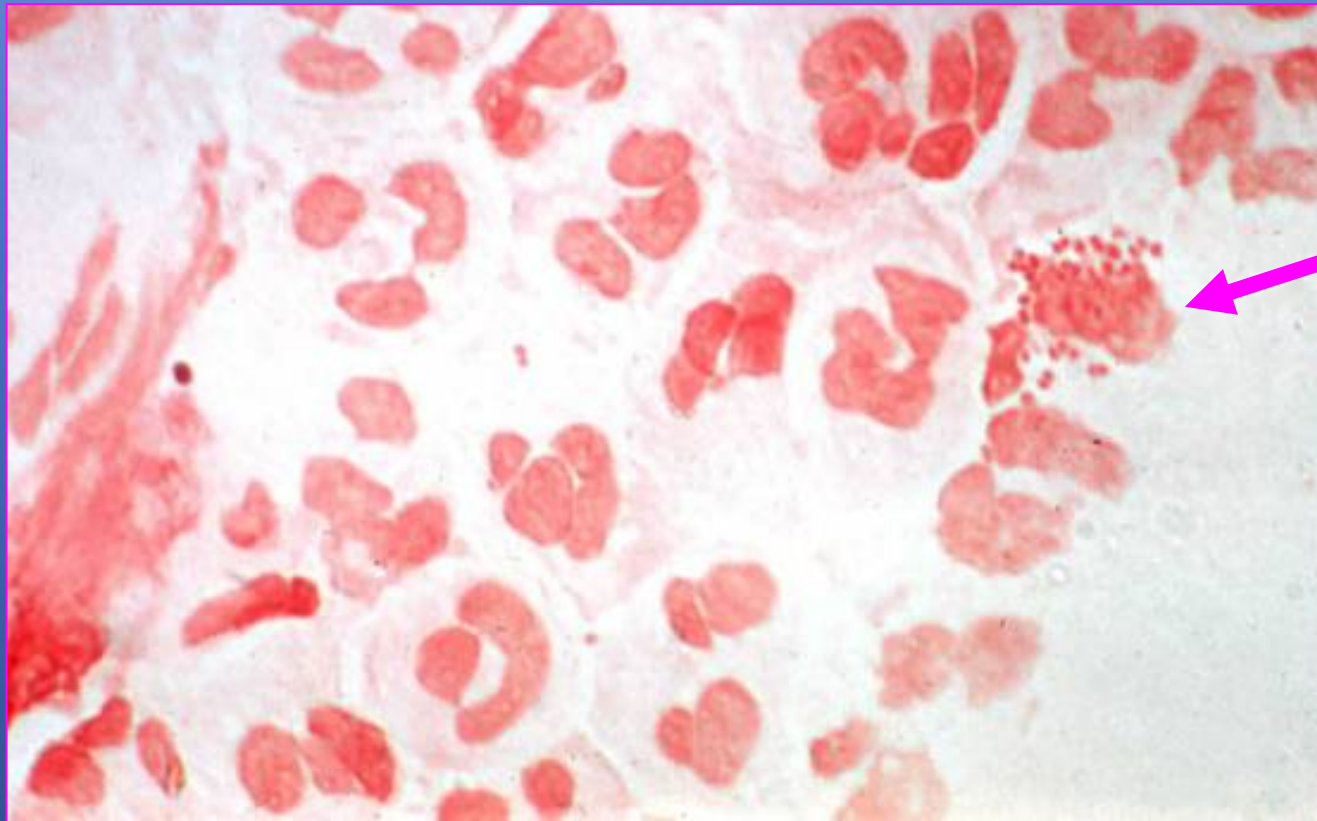
Gram Reactions for Select Bacteria



Direct Gram stain (pus from wound): Gram-positive cocci in clusters + white blood cells



Direct Gram stain (urethral discharge): Gram-negative diplococci (gonorrhoeae) within white blood cells



Place inoculated plates in incubator...



Should I identify these bacteria? Should I perform antimicrobial susceptibility tests on them?

next day



Criteria Used to Identify Bacteria

Traditional methods:

- Gram stain and microscopic exam
- Growth rate and colony appearance on various types of agar media
- Reactivity with various chemicals / reagents

Modern (molecular) methods:

- DNA / RNA content of microorganisms
- Protein profile (MALDI-TOF) of microorganisms



MALDI-TOF = Matrix-assisted laser desorption ionization – time of flight mass spectrometry

Case

Sick Patient!

- 85 year old
- Sick for 3 days; getting progressively worse
 - Shortness of breath
 - Fever, chills, sweats, productive cough
- Temperature of 102°F
 - Sputum cultures
 - Blood cultures

Send sputum NOT saliva; send 2 blood cultures; appropriate volumes!

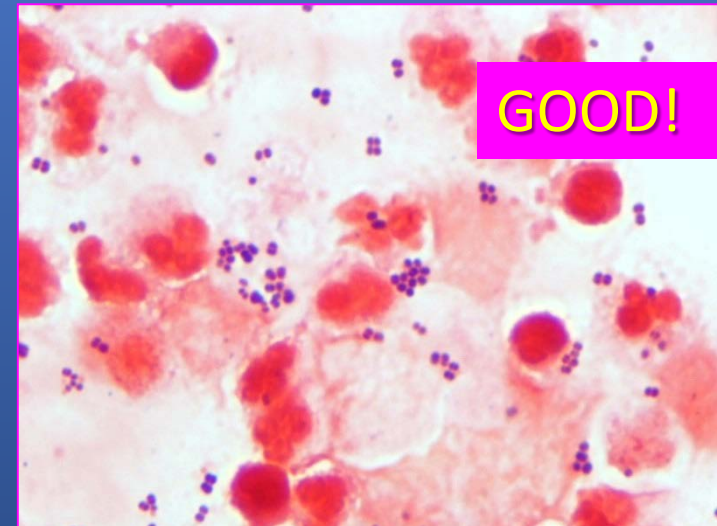
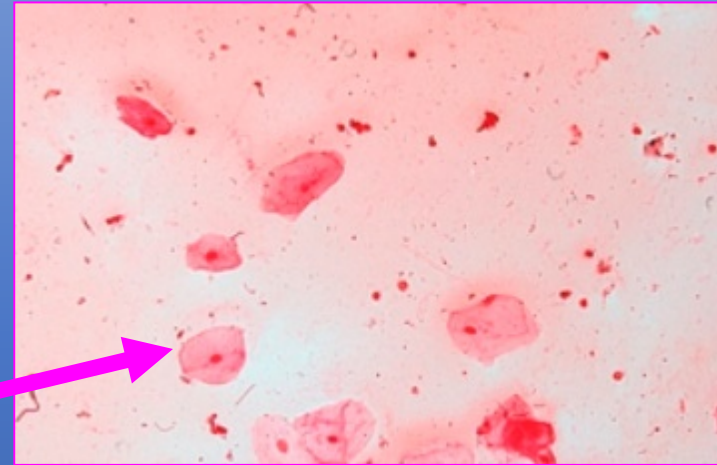


Direct Gram Stain

Assess Sputum Specimen Quality

- ◆ If **saliva vs. sputum** collected, may NOT recover “pathogens”
- ◆ Prepare **direct Gram stain** (put specimen on slide)
- ◆ Count number of **squamous epithelial cells (SEC)**

# SEC / low power field	Interpretation
<10	No significant “mouth” contamination
≥10	Indicates poorly collected specimen



Direct Gram Stain Results

Case

Many WBCs

Many Gram-positive cocci in clusters

Moderate normal oral flora

Physician thinks
staphylococcus!

When *Staphylococcus* suspected...

- Questions:
 - Is this *Staphylococcus aureus*?
 - If yes, is this methicillin-resistant *S. aureus* (MRSA) or methicillin-susceptible *S. aureus* (MSSA)?
 - Is this another species of *Staphylococcus*, typically lumped into “coagulase-negative staphylococci” (CoNS) group?
 - Often contaminant; less clinically significant than MRSA or MSSA

For serious infections....

MSSA

MRSA



Usual
Therapy



Oxacillin* or
Nafcillin*

Vancomycin

*Methicillin very similar but no longer available

Case

Blood specimen for bacterial culture: blood is injected directly into bottle of broth at bedside and sent to the lab.

Timing – collect before antibiotics given
Volume – check instructions;
2 sets!



Bottles are placed in blood culture instrument and continuously monitored. If bacteria are present, they multiply, react with “indicator” and sound an alarm when a threshold is reached.



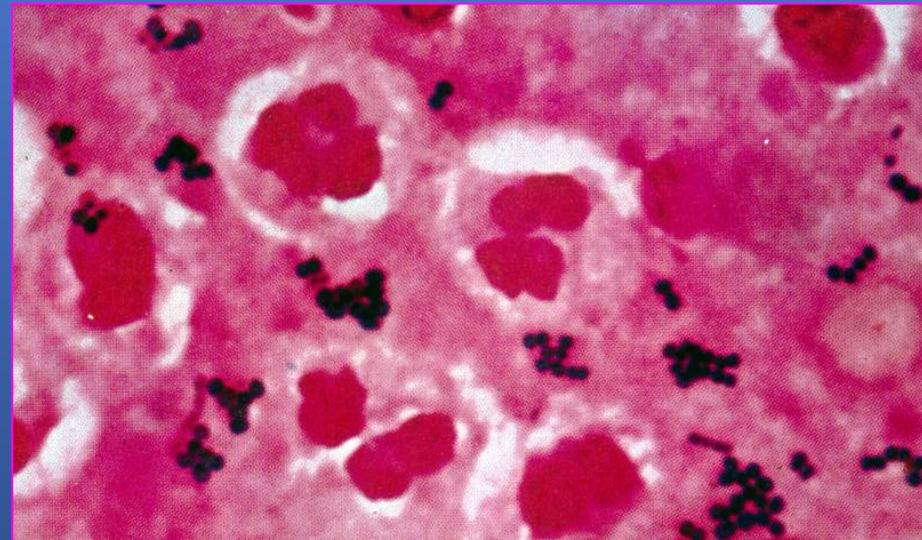
“Positive” blood cultures are Gram stained, subcultured and subjected to other “tests”!

Case

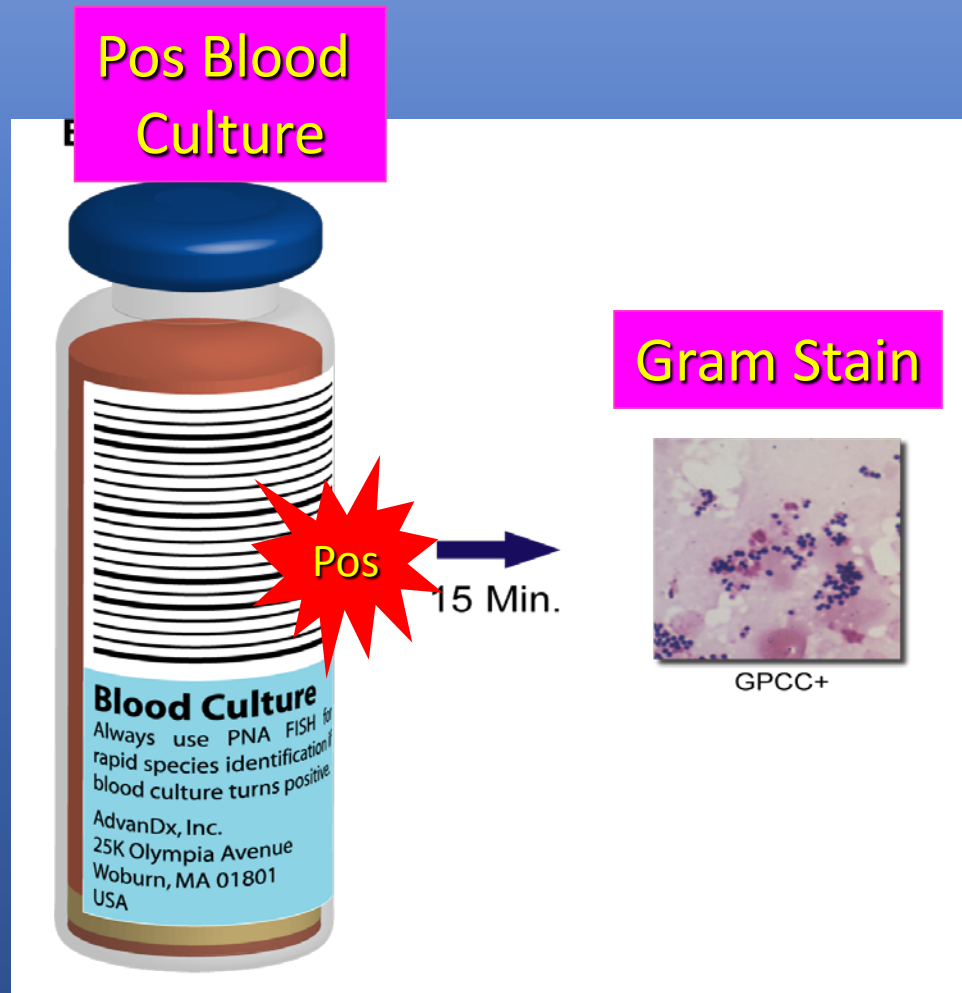
Preliminary
Report



Gram stain: gram-positive cocci in clusters



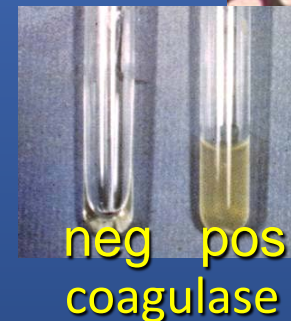
Blood "Traditional" Culture Workup (1)



Sheep's Blood Agar Medium

Colonies show:
Staphylococcus spp.
Perform coagulase test to determine if *S. aureus*

16-20 hours



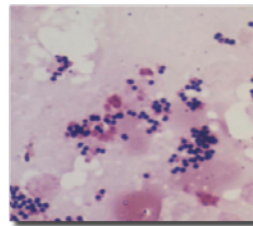
Blood “Molecular” Culture Workup (2)

Pos Blood Culture



15 Min.

Gram Stain



GPCC+



1-2 hours



Molecular Assay Results:
MSSA or MRSA or CoNS



i.e. Luminex Verigene

Sick Patient (Blood Culture)

Final Report with
Optional Comment

Gram Stain:

Gram-positive cocci in clusters

Culture:

Staphylococcus aureus (MRSA)

Clindamycin	R
Daptomycin	S
Linezolid	S
Oxacillin	R
Vancomycin	S

Case

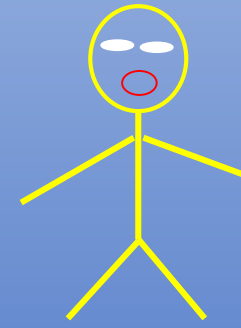
“MRSA isolated. Please check infection control policies.”

Blood Culture Contaminants

- ◆ Coagulase-negative staphylococci (CoNS)
- ◆ Diphtheroids
- ◆ *Bacillus* spp.
- ◆ *Propionibacterium* spp.
- ◆ Viridans streptococcus
- ◆ *Micrococcus* spp.

Usually, for these bacteria to be considered as causing infection, two sets of blood cultures must be positive PLUS patient must show specific signs and symptoms of bloodstream infection.

Urine Collection / Transport



- ◆ Must test within 2 hours of collection if stored at room temp
- ◆ Must test within 24 hours if refrigerated
- ◆ Must test within 2 days if in boric acid preservative

- If UTI symptoms – send for culture!
- Best if culture performed ONLY on specimens with significant pyuria (auto-reflex to culture); e.g., IF positive for leukocyte esterase and/or nitrite tests which suggest infection, THEN culture.

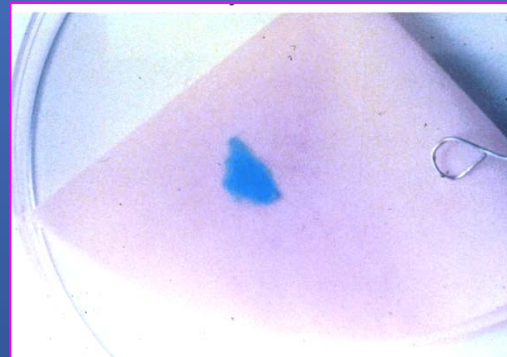
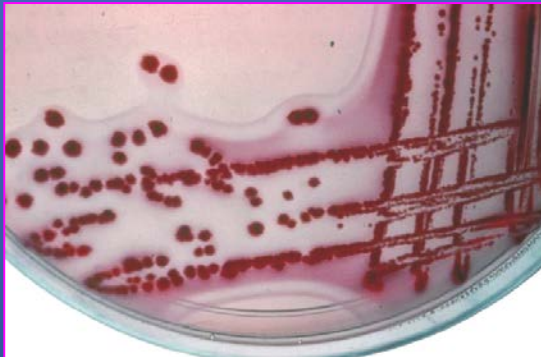
Most Common Pathogens Urinary Tract Infections

◆ Community acquired

- *E. coli* most common
- *Klebsiella*, other Enterobacteriaceae
- *Staphylococcus saprophyticus*

◆ Hospital acquired

- *E. coli*, *Klebsiella*, other Enterobacteriaceae
- *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*
- Enterococci; staphylococci



E. coli

Spot indole test (positive)

Surveillance Cultures (vs. Diagnostic Cultures)

- Lab processes differently
- Must order as “surveillance culture”
- Must send appropriate specimen
- Only tested for “targeted” pathogen (e.g. MRSA)

Nares Swab



MRSA

Rectal Swab



CRE

CRE = carbapenem-resistant Enterobacteriaceae

Tests to Detect Antimicrobial Susceptibility

When do we do antimicrobial susceptibility tests (ASTs)?

- ◆ If 1 or 2 potential pathogens isolated from culture
- ◆ If it is likely that the bacteria are causing an infection
- ◆ If bacteria have a susceptibility pattern that is unpredictable

Urine Culture

Report:

> 10⁵ CFU/ml *E. coli*

**Significant quantity of potential pathogen.
E. coli common pathogen in urinary tract infections.
No contaminants.**

Perform AST!

Urine Culture

Report:

>10⁵ CFU/ml *Corynebacterium spp.*

40,000 CFU/ml *E. coli*

10,000 CFU/ml Yeast

10,000 CFU/ml *Lactobacillus spp.*

Likely contaminated culture. (high numbers of species that are unlikely pathogens).

Do **NOT** perform AST!

Encourage new specimen if UTI suspected!



Sputum Culture

Gram Stain:

Many oral flora

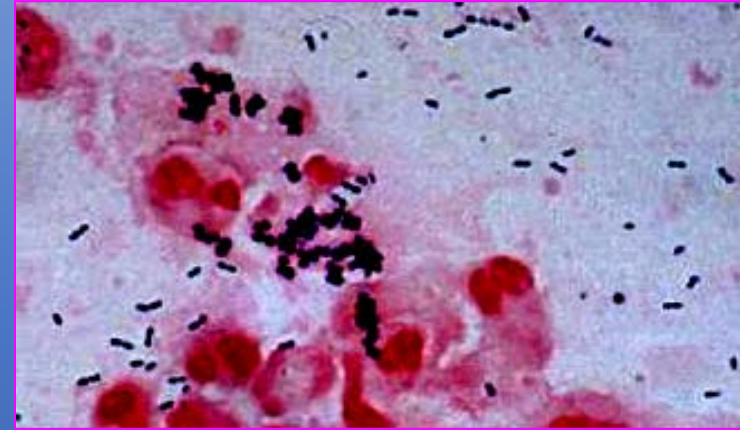
Many Gram positive diplococci

Many WBCs

Culture:

Many Normal Flora

Many *Streptococcus pneumoniae*



Good correlation of Gram stain with culture.

Significant quantity of potential pathogen.

***S. pneumoniae* relatively common pathogen in respiratory tract infections.**

Perform AST!

Foot Wound Culture

Gram Stain:

- Many Gram positive cocci in clusters
- Many pleomorphic Gram positive rods
- No WBCs

Culture:

- Many coagulase-neg staphylococci
- Many diphtheroids
- Few *E. coli*-like colonies
- Few *Proteus*-like colonies

Poor correlation of Gram stain with culture.
Small quantity of potential pathogens.
“Skin flora” suggests likely contaminated culture.
Do **NOT** perform AST!



Throat Culture

Many Group A Streptococcus

“Group A Streptococcus is always susceptible to penicillin.”

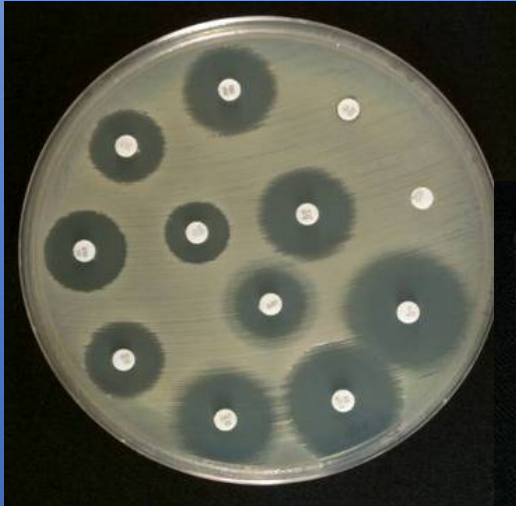
Not necessary to perform AST on bacteria that are always (predictably) susceptible to the antimicrobial agents typically prescribed.

*Why do we **NOT** do susceptibility tests on every potential pathogen isolated?*

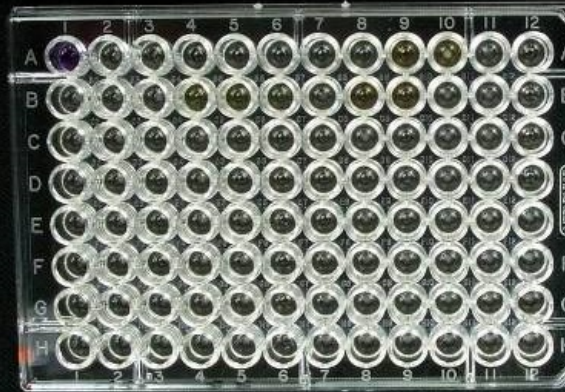
- ◆ **AST results on a report** suggest that bacteria are causing an infection
- ◆ **Reporting results when NOT needed** may lead to:
 - **Unnecessary or inappropriate** therapy
 - **Selection** of resistant bacteria
 - Put patient at risk for ***Clostridium difficile***
 - **Failure to look further** to identify **true cause** of the patient's problem

Antimicrobial Susceptibility Tests

Disk diffusion
(Kirby Bauer)



Broth microdilution
MIC



**MIC = minimal inhibitory concentration
(lowest concentration of drug that
inhibits growth of the test bacteria)**

Reported results:

- **Susceptible (S)** – drug likely to work providing it can get to the infection site
- **Resistant (R)** – drug won't work
- **Intermediate (I)** – drug may or may not work depending on site of infection and patient's status



Pick colonies



Prepare inoculum suspension



Remove sample

Disk Diffusion Testing



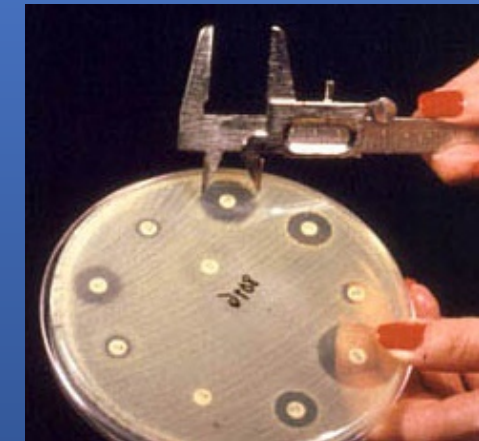
Swab plate



Add disks



Incubate overnight



Measure zones

Zone Diameter “Breakpoints” (mm) Enterobacteriaceae

Drug	S	I	R
Ciprofloxacin	≥21	16-20	≤15
Gentamicin	≥15	13-14	≤12



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Table 2A. Enterobacteriaceae (Continued)

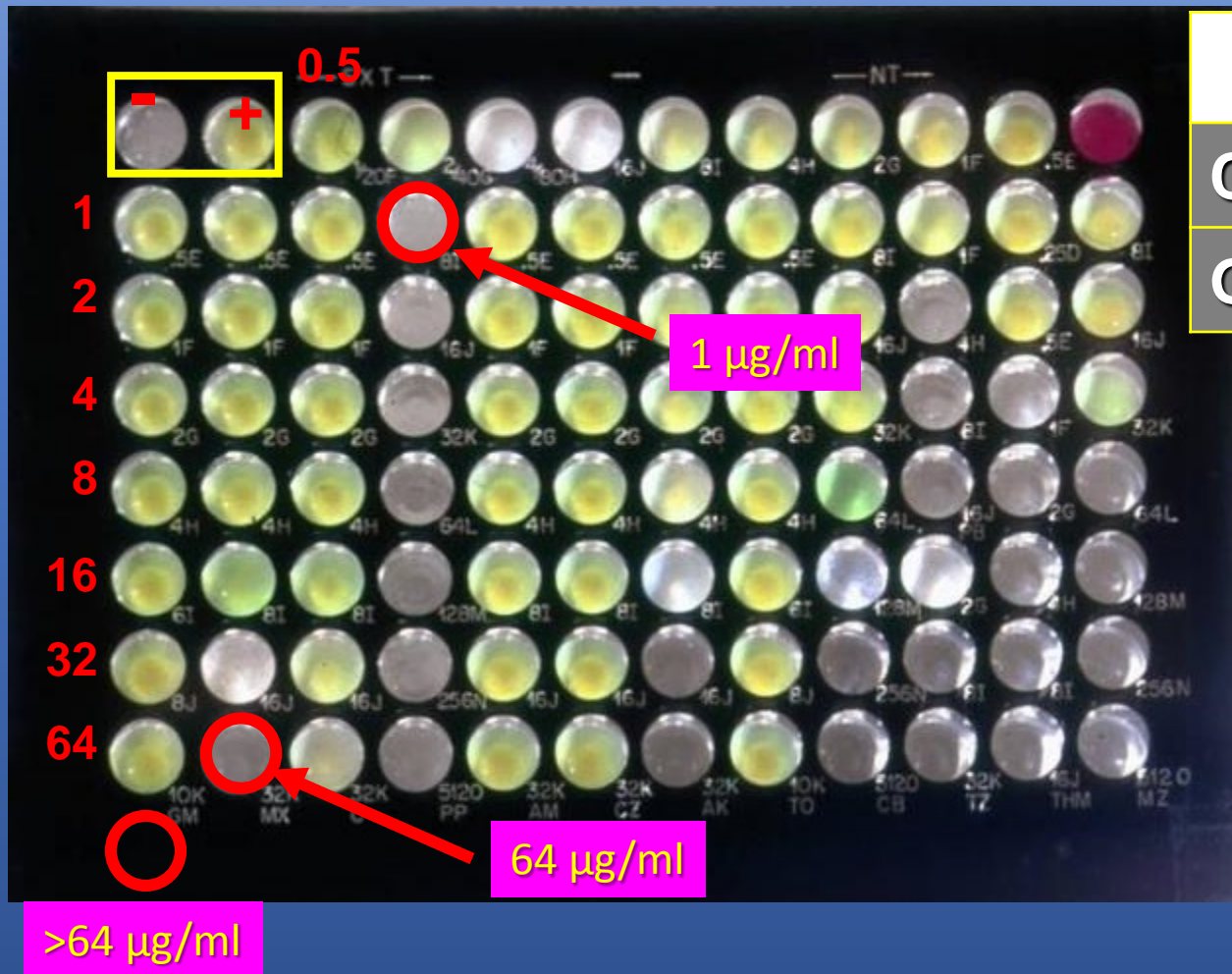
Test/Report Group	Antimicrobial Agent	Disk Content	Interpretive Categories and Zone Diameter Breakpoints, nearest whole mm			Interpretive Categories and MIC Breakpoints, µg/mL				Comments	
			S	SDD	I	R	S	SDD	I		R
PENICILLINS											
A	Ampicillin	10 µg	≥17	–	14–16	≤13	≤8	–	16	≥32	(4) Results of ampicillin testing can be used to predict results for amoxicillin. See general comment (2).
O	Piperacillin	100 µg	≥21	–	18–20	≤17	≤16	–	32–64	≥128	
O	Mecillinam	10 µg	≥15	–	12–14	≤11	≤8	–	16	≥32	(5) For testing and reporting of <i>E. coli</i> urinary tract isolates only.
β-LACTAM COMBINATION AGENTS											
B	Amoxicillin-clavulanate	20/10 µg	≥18	–	14–17	≤13	≤8/4	–	16/8	≥32/16	
B	Ampicillin-sulbactam	10/10 µg	≥15	–	12–14	≤11	≤8/4	–	16/8	≥32/16	
B	Ceftolozane-tazobactam	30/10 µg	≥21	–	18–20	≤17	≤2/4	–	4/4	≥8/4	(6) Breakpoints are based on a dosage regimen of 1.5 g every 8 h.
B	Ceftazidime-avibactam	30/20 µg	≥21	–	–	≤20	≤8/4	–	–	≥16/4	(7) Breakpoints are based on a dosage regimen of 2.5 g (2 g ceftazidime + 0.5 g avibactam) every 8 h over 2 days.
B	Piperacillin-tazobactam	100/10 µg	≥21	–	18–20	≤17	≤16/4	–	32/4–64/4	≥128/4	
O	Ticarcillin-clavulanate	75/10 µg	≥20	–	15–19	≤14	≤16/2	–	32/2–64/2	≥128/2	
CEPHEMS (PARENTERAL) (Including cephalosporins I, II, III, and IV. Please refer to Glossary I.)											
(8) WARNING: For <i>Salmonella</i> spp. and <i>Shigella</i> spp., 1st- and 2nd-generation cephalosporins and cephamycins may appear active <i>in vitro</i> , but are not effective clinically and should not be reported as susceptible.											
(9) Following evaluation of PK-PD properties, limited clinical data, and MIC distributions, revised breakpoints for cephalosporins (cefazolin, cefotaxime, ceftazidime, ceftioxiime, and ceftioxime) and aztreonam were first published in January 2010 (M100-S20) and are listed in this table. Cefuroxime (parenteral) was also evaluated; however, no change in breakpoints was necessary for the dosage indicated below. When using the current breakpoints, routine ESBL testing is no longer necessary before reporting results (ie, it is no longer necessary to edit results for cephalosporins, aztreonam, or penicillins from susceptible to resistant). However, ESBL testing may still be useful for epidemiological or infection control purposes. For laboratories that have not implemented the current breakpoints, ESBL testing should be performed as described in Table 3A.											
Note that breakpoints for drugs with limited availability in many countries (eg, moxalactam, cefonicid, cefamandole, and cefoperazone) were not evaluated. If considering use of these drugs for <i>E. coli</i> , <i>Klebsiella</i> spp., or <i>Proteus</i> spp., ESBL testing should be performed (see Table 3A). If isolates test ESBL positive, the results for moxalactam, cefonicid, cefamandole, and cefoperazone should be reported as resistant.											
(10) <i>Enterobacter</i> , <i>Citrobacter</i> , and <i>Serratia</i> may develop resistance during prolonged therapy with 3rd-generation cephalosporins as a result of derepression of AmpC β-lactamase. Therefore, isolates that are initially susceptible may become resistant within 3 to 4 days after initiation of therapy. Testing repeat isolates may be warranted.											
A	Cefazolin	30 µg	≥23	–	20–22	≤19	≤2	–	4	≥8	(11) Breakpoints when cefazolin is used for therapy of infections other than uncomplicated UTIs due to <i>E. coli</i> , <i>K.</i>

This document includes updated tables for the Clinical and Laboratory Standards Institute antimicrobial susceptibility testing standards M02, M07, and M11.

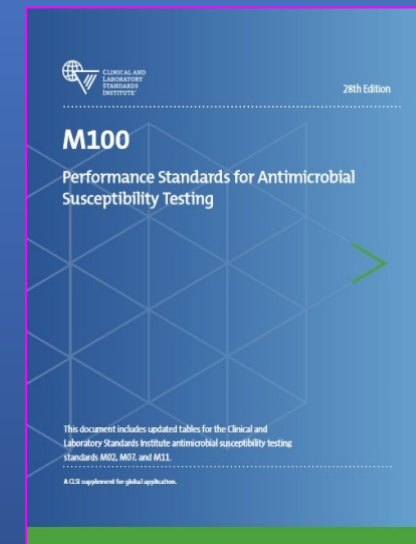
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MIC Testing

MIC "Breakpoints" (µg/ml) Enterobacteriaceae



Drug	S	I	R
Ciprofloxacin	≤1	2	≥4
Gentamicin	≤4	8	≥16

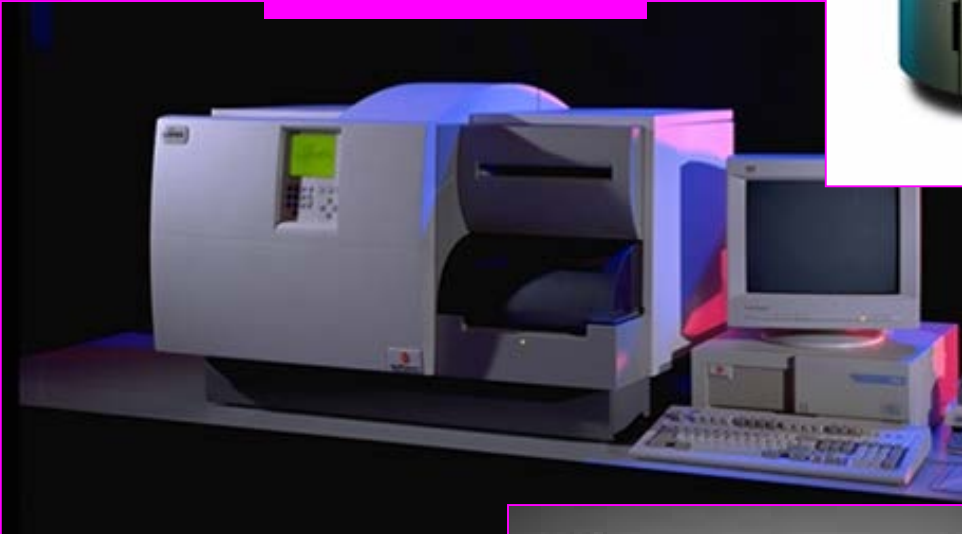


Commercial Antimicrobial Susceptibility Test Systems

Etest



Vitek 2



MicroScan

Sensititre



Phoenix



Susceptibility

	Morganella morganii <small>iso1</small>	
	MIC (MCG/ML)	
Amikacin		
Ampicillin	R	R
Azithromycin		
Cefepime	<=1	S
Ceftazidime		
Ceftazidime/Avibactam		
Ceftolozane/Tazobactam		
Ceftriaxone		
Ciprofloxacin	>=4	R
Colistin		
Ertapenem	<=0.5	S
Fosfomycin		I ²
Gentamicin	<=1	S
Imipenem		
Levofloxacin		
Meropenem		
Minocycline		
Moxifloxacin		
Nitrofurantoin	64	I
Oral Cephalosporins		
Piperacillin + Tazobactam	<=4	S
Tobramycin		
Trimethoprim/Sulfamethoxazole	>=320	R

Lab Report

Review of S, I, R most important for IP

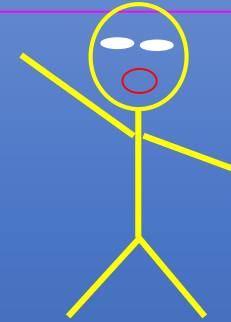
For MIC tests, must report S, I, R with or without MIC value.



“Typical” *E. coli* - NO “R”!

Agent	#1	#2
Ampicillin	S	R
Cefazolin	S	R
Cefepime		R
Ceftriaxone		R
Ciprofloxacin	S	R
Ertapenem		S
Gentamicin	S	S
Meropenem		
Nitrofurantoin	S	R
Piper-tazo		S
Trimeth-sulfa	S	R

Acquired “R” to all PO agents. Request fosfomycin – usually not tested routinely!



2 urine *E. coli* isolates

Broad Spectrum drug results suppressed when “S” to narrow spectrum drugs!

Potential outbreak?



Agent	#1	#2	#3	#4	#5
Ampicillin	S	R	R	R	R
Cefazolin	S	R	R	R	R
Cefepime		R	R	R	R
Ceftriaxone		R	R	R	R
Ciprofloxacin	S	R	R	R	R
Ertapenem		S	R	R	R
Gentamicin	S	S	S	S	S
Meropenem			R	R	R
Nitrofurantoin	S	R	R	R	R
Piper-tazo		S	R	R	R
Trimeth-sulfa	S	R	R	R	R

3 more *E. coli* isolates
ALL CRE!

CRE = carbapenem-resistant
Enterobacteriaceae

CRE = R to
doripenem,
ertapenem,
imipenem OR
meropenem

Bacterial Culture Urine (Edited)

40,000 CFU/mL *Morganella morganii* (A)
Susceptibility Setup Date: 01/18/2018

<10,000 CFU/mL *Klebsiella pneumoniae* (A)
Susceptibility Setup Date: 01/20/2018

Carbapenem Resistant Enterobacteriaceae (CRE).

This organism is positive for the KPC Carbapenemase. Infectious diseases consult strongly suggested. This patient requires contact precautions, consult HSIC 002.

Susceptibility

	<i>Morganella morganii</i> ^{iso1}		<i>Klebsiella pneumoniae</i> ^{iso2}	
	MIC (MCG/ML)		MIC (MCG/ML)	
Amikacin			16	S
Ampicillin	R	R	R	R
Azithromycin			>32	%
Cefepime	<=1	S	>32	R
Ceftazidime			>32	R
Ceftazidime/Avibactam			<=2	S
Ceftolozane/Tazobactam			>32	R
Ceftriaxone			>32	R
Ciprofloxacin	>=4	R	>2	R
Colistin			<=2	WT ¹
Ertapenem	<=0.5	S	>4	R
Fosfomycin		I ²		S
Gentamicin	<=1	S	16	R
Imipenem			16	R
Levofloxacin			>8	R
Meropenem			>16	R
Minocycline			16	R
Moxifloxacin			>8	%
Nitrofurantoin	64	I	256	R
Oral Cephalosporins			R	R
Piperacillin + Tazobactam	<=4	S	>128	R
Tobramycin			16	R
Trimethoprim/Sulfamethoxazole	>=320	R	>4/80	R

Nitrofurantoin should not be used in patients with impaired renal function (Creatinine Clearance <60 mL/min) or in patients with suspected or confirmed pyelonephritis.

This *Klebsiella pneumoniae* has unusual Carbapenem results; Infectious Disease consult suggested.

Lab Report

CRE with comments

Additional ESBL testing

- Cefazolin, cefotaxime, ceftazidime, ceftriaxone, and aztreonam are resistant
- Additional testing for Extended- Spectrum Beta-lactamases (ESBL) is not necessary if current break points are implemented
 - Published in January 2010 (M100-S20)
- Suggested methods for ESBL testing (if old breakpoints are used)
 - Disk Diffusion
 - MIC
- Clinical Organisms
 - *E. coli*
 - *K. pneumoniae*
 - *K. oxytoca*
 - *Proteus mirabilis*

ESBL Testing

- Ceftazidime
- Ceftazidime-clavulanate
- And
- Cefotaxime
- Cefotaxime-clavulanate

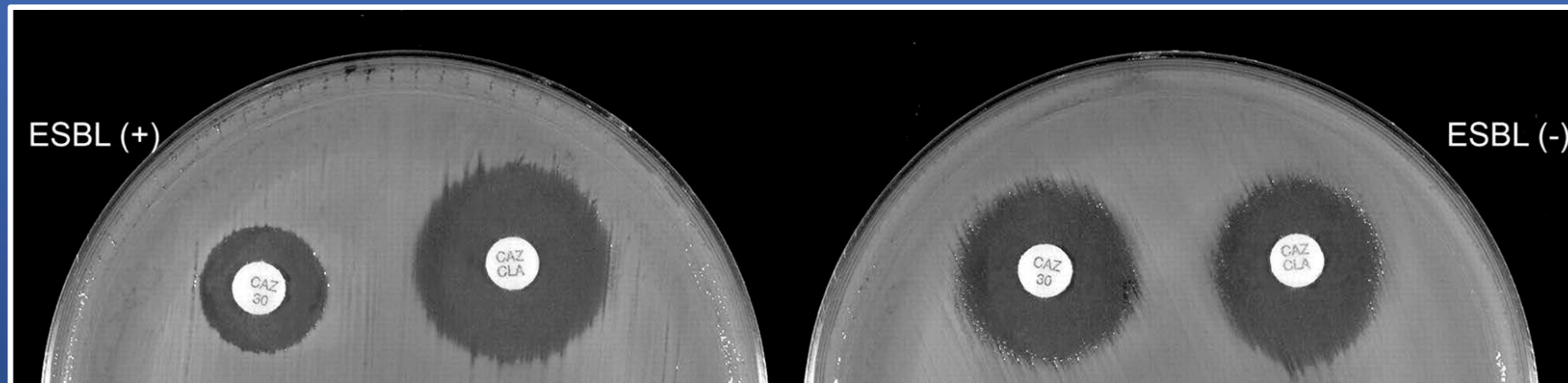
ESBL + Results:

MIC = ≥ 3 twofold concentration decrease

i.e. Ceftazidime MIC = 8 $\mu\text{g/ml}$

Ceftazidime-clavulanate MIC = 1 $\mu\text{g/ml}$

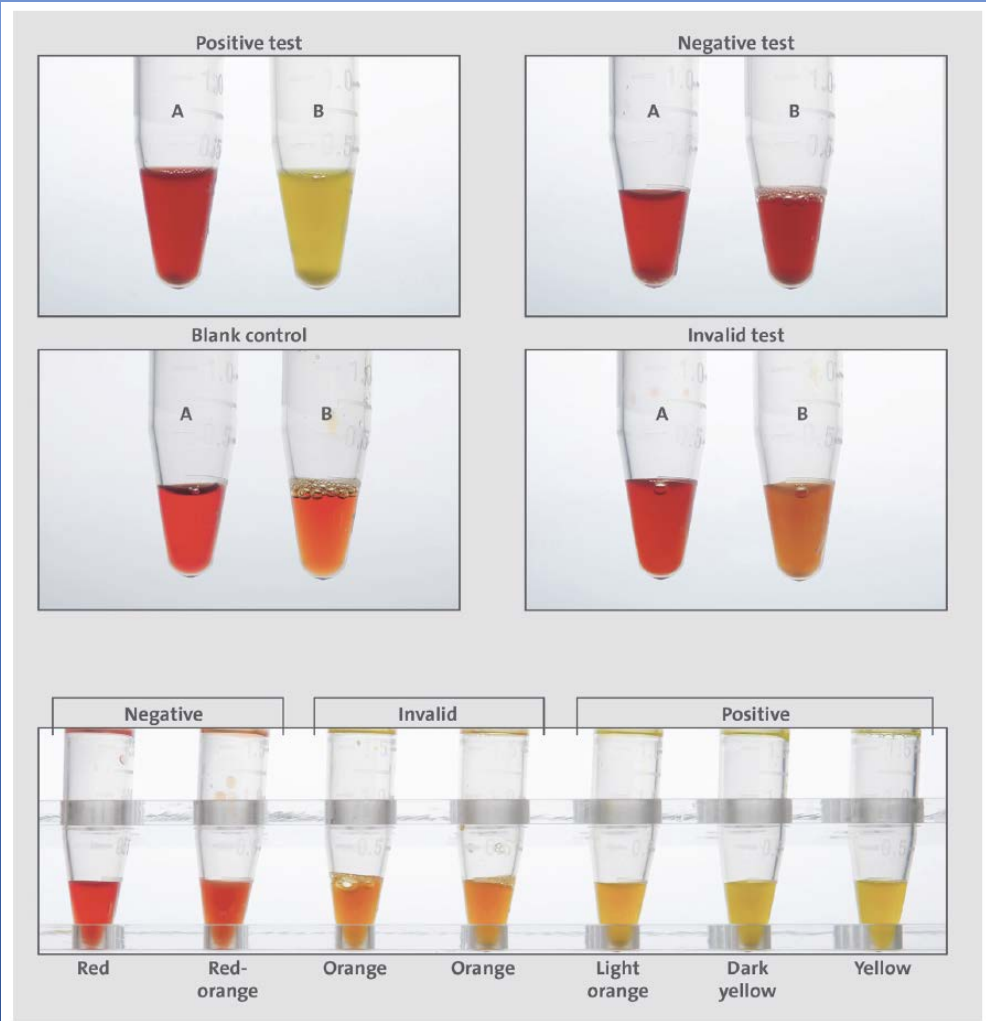
Disk Diffusion = ≥ 5 mm increase in zone size



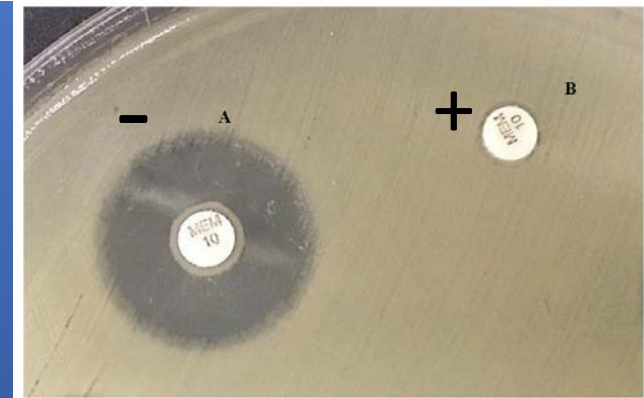
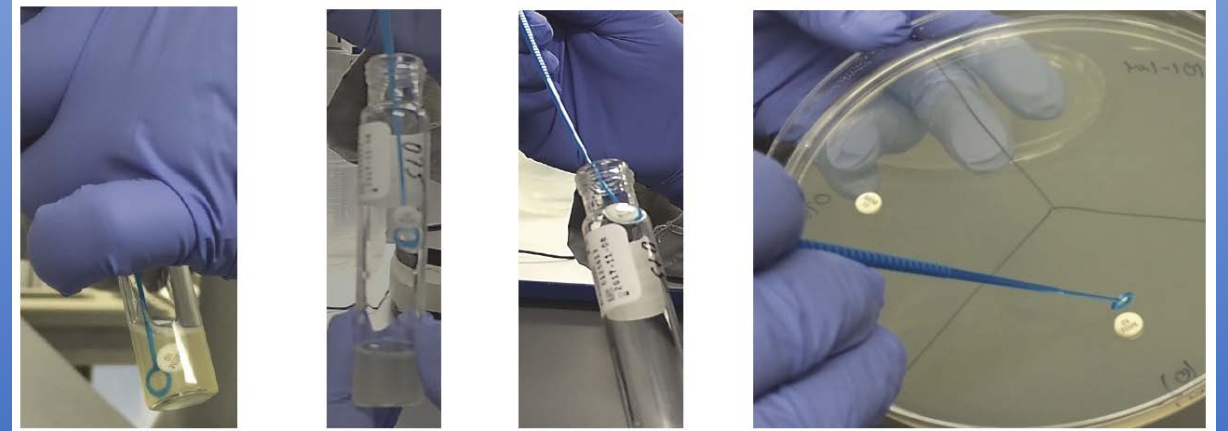
Additional Carbapenamase Testing

- Carbapenamase-producing isolates test Intermediate or Resistant to 1 or more carbapenems using the current breakpoints
 - Ertapenem is the most sensitive indicator; imipenem and meropenem
 - Also test resistant to 1 or more 3rd generation cephalosporins
- If using breakpoints from 2010, **mCIM +/- eCIM, the CarbaNP test or a molecular assay should be used to detect resistance**
- Not recommended for routine use if using the current breakpoints
 - Infection control or epidemiology
- *Enterobacteriaceae* and *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*

CarbaNP



mCIM



eCIM



Figure 26. mCIM and eCIM Test Interpretation: Positive mCIM and eCIM. "A" above

Carbapenemase Testing

	CarbaNP	mCIM	mCIM w/ eCIM	Molecular Assay
Organisms	<i>Enterobacteriaceae</i> and <i>Pseudomonas aeruginosa</i>	<i>Enterobacteriaceae</i> and <i>Pseudomonas aeruginosa</i>	<i>Enterobacteriaceae</i> that are + by mCIM	<i>Enterobacteriaceae</i> and <i>Pseudomonas aeruginosa</i>
Strengths	Rapid	No special reagents needed	No special reagents needed	Determines the type of carbapenemase
Limitations	-Special reagents are needed (in-house and short shelf life) -Invalid results occur with some isolates	Requires overnight incubation	Requires overnight incubation	Special reagents and equipment are needed Specific to targeted genes

The Cumulative Antibigram Report

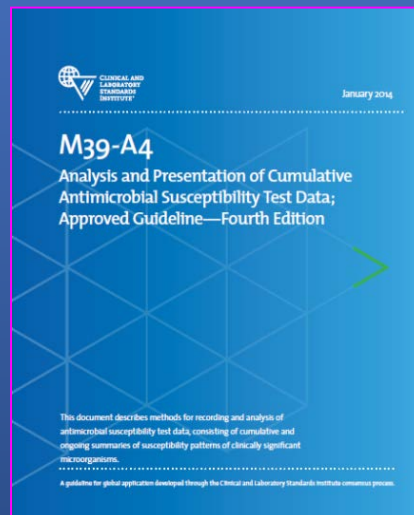
Antibiogram = report that lists percent of isolates of common species susceptible (%S) to individual antimicrobial agents.

- Analyzes data from routine antimicrobial susceptibility tests performed in the clinical laboratory
- Separate report prepared for each healthcare facility
- Primarily used to guide empiric therapy
- Sometimes used to monitor resistance
 - Changes in %S from year to year
- Highly impacted by culturing practices
 - If cultures only done when patients fail therapy, antibiogram will...
 - not be representative of all isolates causing infection in a facility
 - overestimate “resistant” bacteria causing infection in a facility

Recommendations

Preparation of Cumulative Antibiogram

- ❑ Analyze/present data at least **annually**
- ❑ Include only species with ≥ 30 isolates of each species
- ❑ Include **diagnostic** (not surveillance) isolates
- ❑ Include the **1st isolate/patient**; no duplicate patient isolates



Often difficult to get 30 isolates in LTCFs

Appendix E1. Cumulative Antimicrobial Susceptibility Report Example – Antimicrobial Agents Listed Alphabetically (Hypothetical Data)

Memorial Medical Center
1 January – 31 December 2012 Cumulative Antimicrobial Susceptibility Report*
Percent Susceptible

Gram-Negative Organisms	No. Strains	Amikacin	Ampicillin	Cefazolin	Cefotaxime	Ceftazidime	Ciprofloxacin	Nitrofurantoin†	Gentamicin	Meropenem	Piperacillin-tazobactam	Trimethoprim-sulfamethoxazole	Tobramycin
<i>Acinetobacter baumannii</i>	32	80	R	R	34	52	51	–‡	60	80	46	58	59
<i>Citrobacter freundii</i>	49	100	R	R	72	67	90	78	100	99	67	67	100
<i>Enterobacter aerogenes</i>	31	100	R	R	68	69	92	85	91	99	74	95	91
<i>Enterobacter cloacae</i>	76	99	R	R	61	62	92	81	90	99	77	84	90
<i>Escherichia coli</i>	1433	99	36	68	96	94	72	98	91	99	51	65	92
<i>Klebsiella pneumoniae</i>	543	99	R	72	91	92	84	74	94	95	86	81	94
<i>Morganella morganii</i>	44	100	R	R	85	81	99	R	100	99	64	75	100
<i>Proteus mirabilis</i>	88	100	87	80	99	99	89	R	90	100	70	73	93
<i>Pseudomonas aeruginosa</i>	397	97											
<i>Salmonella</i> spp.	32	–											
<i>Serratia marcescens</i>	50	100											
<i>Shigella</i> spp.	33	–	64	–	100	100	95	–	–	100	84	69	–
<i>Stenotrophomonas maltophilia</i>	72	R	R	R	R	63	6	R	R	R	–	98	R

* The percent susceptible for each organism/antimicrobial combination was generated by including the first isolate of that organism encountered on a given patient.

† Nitrofurantoin data from testing urine isolates only.

‡ (–) drug not tested or drug not indicated.

Abbreviations: No., number; R, intrinsic resistance.

**“Routine” Cumulative antibiogram
Generally...all isolates from a facility**

CLSI M39-A4.

E. coli - % Susceptible¹

Category	N	Cip	FM	T-S	CZ
All isolates	4167	77	93	71	92
18-40 yo female outpatient urine	797	90	95	79	96
>65 yo outpatient urine	1260	70	91	68	92

¹ First isolate/pt (CLSI M39-A4)

Cip, ciprofloxacin

FM, nitrofurantoin

T-S, trimethoprim-sulfamethoxazole

**CZ, cefazolin as surrogate for cephalexin
(oral cephalosporins)**

UCLA

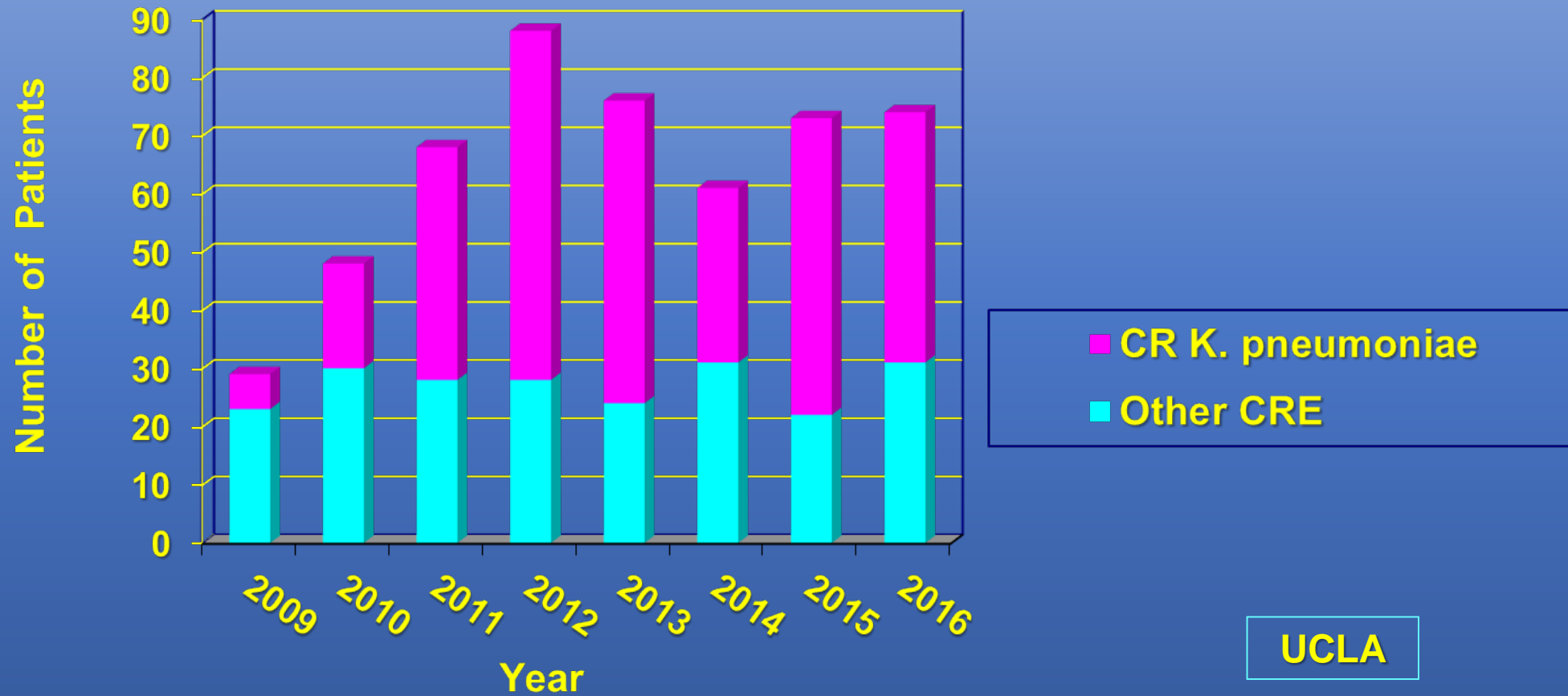
Routine Cumulative Antibiogram % Susceptible

Organism	N	Amp	P-T	Ceftriax	Erta	Mero	Amk	Gent	Cip	T-S
<i>K. pneumoniae</i>	450	R	88	85	95	98	98	92	88	82

- Meropenem = carbapenem
- 98% "S"
- ≈ 2% CRE

CRE = carbapenem-resistant Enterobacteriaceae

Number of CRE Patients



Examine all isolates (not just first isolate/patient).
Number of Enterobacteriaceae/year tested = approximately 5000 isolates.

CRE = carbapenem-resistant Enterobacteriaceae



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Gram-Negative Organisms



Percent Susceptible (Number of isolates tested)	# of all isolates tested (n of hospitals reporting)	Penicillins		Cephalosporins			Carbapenems		Aminoglycosides			Quinolone	Other
		Ampicillin/ Sulbactam	Piperacillin/ Tazobactam	Ceftriaxone	Ceftazidime	Cefepime	Ertapenem	Meropenem	Amikacin	Gentamicin	Tobramycin	Ciprofloxacin/ Levofloxacin	Trimethoprim/ Sulfamethoxazole
<i>Acinetobacter sp.</i>	3189 (66)	-	33 (1,873)	11 (1,475)	30 (2,184)	34 (1,864)	R	53 (1,561)	43 (2,004)	41 (2,970)	46 (2,126)	33 (3,024)	49 (2,859)
<i>Citrobacter freundii</i>	1975 (43)	R	97 (1,823)	82 (1,869)	83 (1,503)	98 (1,713)	99 (1,156)	99 (1,142)	100 (1,536)	92 (1,924)	93 (1,138)	91 (1,975)	81 (1,939)
<i>Citrobacter koseri</i>	631 (23)	-	99 (631)	96 (631)	97 (427)	100 (456)	100 (223)	100 (184)	99 (389)	99 (631)	99 (428)	99 (631)	96 (601)
<i>Enterobacter sp.</i>	8122 (66)	R	82 (7,507)	80 (7,307)	82 (6,204)	96 (7,040)	96 (4,417)	99 (4,638)	100 (6,235)	97 (7,972)	96 (4,630)	96 (8,120)	92 (8,018)
<i>Escherichia coli</i>	139212 (73)	55 (25,534)	93 (115,257)	86 (105,020)	86 (95,157)	86 (90,175)	100 (78,427)	100 (84,318)	99 (104,151)	86 (129,487)	81 (67,956)	70 (129,130)	66 (123,819)
<i>Klebsiella sp.</i>	30655 (72)	-	84 (25,586)	86 (23,006)	86 (19,120)	85 (19,895)	98 (15,578)	97 (17,025)	94 (22,223)	91 (27,934)	82 (16,128)	86 (28,047)	82 (26,934)
<i>Morganella sp.</i>	2235 (52)	-	96 (2,233)	88 (2,055)	81 (1,811)	98 (1,921)	100 (1,148)	100 (1,127)	99 (1,913)	71 (2,234)	86 (1,358)	60 (2,231)	55 (2,154)
<i>Proteus sp.</i>	16908 (68)	-	98 (15,836)	90 (15,682)	92 (13,067)	92 (13,832)	99 (9,018)	99 (9,903)	99 (13,470)	83 (16,554)	84 (10,176)	68 (16,738)	68 (16,491)
<i>Providencia sp.</i>	1618 (36)	-	73 (1,542)	66 (1,404)	55 (1,315)	77 (1,285)	88 (228)	90 (553)	91 (1,442)	11 (1,259)	14 (960)	11 (1,512)	46 (1,513)
<i>Pseudomonas aeruginosa</i>	22804 (73)	R	83 (20,040)	R	82 (18,315)	84 (19,015)	R	82 (14,261)	95 (19,491)	83 (22,271)	91 (19,850)	69 (22,132)	R
<i>Serratia sp.</i>	2676 (58)	R	91 (2,098)	90 (2,403)	91 (2,188)	97 (2,203)	97 (1,414)	98 (1,579)	97 (2,188)	97 (2,757)	85 (1,677)	88 (2,646)	97 (2,544)
<i>Stenotrophomonas maltophilia</i>	1719 (50)	R	R	R	37 (848)	R	R	R	R	R	R	79 (1,052)	90 (1,548)

Data not collected denoted by "-".
R. Intrinsic resistance

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Toolkit 3. The Nursing Home Antibrogram Program Toolkit: How To Develop and Implement an Antibrogram Program

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Abt Associates Inc. and Brigham and Women's Hospital prepared the Comprehensive Antibrogram Toolkit and presented it to the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality in June 2012 under ACTION Contract No. HHS2902006000111, Task Order No. 12.

Toolkit Effectiveness

This toolkit reflects the results of preliminary work with three nursing homes to develop the antibrogram, train staff, and implement the program.¹

Overview of the Toolkit

What Is an Antibrogram and

A nursing home-specific antibrogram m... prescribing. An antibrogram is a report t... send for laboratory testing—aggregated... each organism to various antibiotics. Re... empirically based decisions. Because ant... reduce prescribing of antibiotics with hi...

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Antibiotic Susceptibility Testing

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Formal Name: Bacterial and Fungal Susceptibility Testing

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At a Glance

Why Get Tested?
To determine the likelihood that a particular antibiotic or...

When To Get Tested?
As follow up to a positive bacterial or fungal culture, when you have an infection and one or more types of bacteria or fungi have been grown and isolated in a culture from a sample obtained from the site of suspected infection; when your infection is not responding to treatment

Test Preparation Needed?
None

Society of Infectious Diseases Pharmacists & American Society of Consultant Pharmacists

Recommendations for Antibrogram Development Long-Term Care Facility (LTCF) Addendum

The ability to generate an accurate annual cumulative susceptibility report (antibiogram) according to CLSI M39 guidelines is challenging for many LTCF due to selective culturing practices, small numbers of isolates, and ambiguity with regard to who should be responsible for antibiogram development for each LTCF (e.g., the LTCF contracted lab, the LTCF medical director, the LTCF consultant pharmacist, etc). Similar to acute care hospitals, the first step in the process of antibiogram development for LTCFs is to have a multidisciplinary planning meeting with all of the stakeholders in the LTCF in order to discuss and formulate a plan to meet the needs of each individual LTCF. For LTCF antibiogram development, this multidisciplinary group should be comprised of LTCF leadership, the LTCF medical director, LTCF consultant pharmacist, the LTCF lab provider, and representatives from the LTCF Antibiotic Stewardship Committee and local hospital, if applicable. Areas that should be addressed at the planning meeting include identification of:

- 1) the person responsible for preparing the antibiogram

Summary

- Assessment of patient's clinical symptoms together with reliable clinical microbiology laboratory results are essential for accurate diagnosis of infections.
 - Reliable clinical microbiology laboratory results are dependent on:
 - appropriate collection and transport of specimens.
 - accurate identification and antimicrobial susceptibility testing.
 - good communication between healthcare providers and lab.
- Review of clinical microbiology laboratory results is key to identification of potential nosocomial transmission of microbes.
- Additional clinical microbiology laboratory tests may be needed for epidemiological investigations.
- A local cumulative antibiogram can help guide empiric therapy decisions and monitor “%S” for antimicrobial agents appropriate for common pathogens.

Thank You!

