Carbapenem-Resistant Enterobacteriaceae

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Carbapenem-Resistant Enterobacteriaceae (CRE)
Enterobacteriaceae

- Normal human gut flora & environmental organisms
- More than 70 species
- Range of human infections:
  - UTI
  - Wound infections
  - pneumonia
  - bacteremia

- Important cause of healthcare- and community-associated infections
  - Some of the most common organisms encountered in clinical laboratories
Pathogens Reported to National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN) 2009-2010

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<th>Overall percentage</th>
<th>CLABSI</th>
<th>CAUTI</th>
<th>VAP</th>
<th>SSI</th>
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<td>E. coli</td>
<td>12% (2)</td>
<td>4%</td>
<td>27%</td>
<td>6%</td>
<td>9%</td>
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<td>K. pneumoniae</td>
<td>8% (4)</td>
<td>8%</td>
<td>11%</td>
<td>10%</td>
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<td>P. aeruginosa</td>
<td>8% (5)</td>
<td>4%</td>
<td>11%</td>
<td>17%</td>
<td>6%</td>
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<td>Enterobacter spp.</td>
<td>5% (8)</td>
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<td>4%</td>
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These three groups of organisms make up about 25% of organisms reported to NHSN Device and Procedure module.

Enterobacteriaceae

- Antibiotic resistance has been a concern for decades
  - β-lactamases
  - Extended-spectrum β-lactamases

- Carbapenems
  - Imipenem, meropenem, doripenem, ertapepnm

- Resistance before 2000, combination of mechanisms
  - 1986-1990 in NNIS 2.3% of Enterobacter NS to imipenem
Isolate collected in 1996 during an ICU surveillance project from NC
Class A β-lactamase
## Change in CRE incidence, 2001-2011

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<th>Organism</th>
<th>2001 Isolates</th>
<th>2001 Tested</th>
<th>2011 Isolates</th>
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<th>2011 Non-susceptible</th>
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<td><em>Klebsiella pneumoniae</em> and <em>oxytoca</em></td>
<td>654</td>
<td>253 (38.7)</td>
<td>1,902</td>
<td>1,312</td>
<td>136 (10.4)</td>
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<td><em>E. coli</em></td>
<td>1,424</td>
<td>421 (29.6)</td>
<td>3,626</td>
<td>2,348</td>
<td>24 (1.0)</td>
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<td><em>Enterobacter aerogenes</em> and <em>cloacae</em></td>
<td>553</td>
<td>288 (52.1)</td>
<td>1,045</td>
<td>728</td>
<td>26 (3.6)</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td>2,631</td>
<td>962 (36.6)</td>
<td>6,573</td>
<td>4,388</td>
<td>186 (4.2)</td>
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Why are CRE Clinically and Epidemiologically Important?

- Cause infections associated with high mortality rates

Why are CRE Clinically and Epidemiologically Important?

- Resistance is highly transmissible
  - Between organisms – plasmids
  - Between patients
How CRE Take Over

1. Lots of germs, 1 or 2 are CRE

2. Antibiotics kill off good germs

3. CRE grow

4. CRE share genetic defenses to make other bacteria resistant
Why are CRE Clinically and Epidemiologically Important?

- Treatment options are limited
- Pan-resistant strains identified, could be decades before new agents are available to treat
Why are CRE Clinically and Epidemiologically Important?

- Potential for spread into the community
  - *E. coli* common cause of community infection

Isozumi R et al. EID 2012: 1383-4
Kumarasamy K Lancet ID 2010;
Walsh TR Lancet ID 2011:355-362
Lewis JS, et al. Poster Presentation, 49th ICAAC 2009, San Francisco
Tangden T et al. AAC 2010: 3564-3568
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In most areas in the U.S. this organism appears to infrequently identified

Facilities Reporting at least One CRE (CAUTI or CLABSI) to NHSN, First Half of 2012

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<th>Facility characteristic</th>
<th>Number of facilities with CRE from a CAUTI or CLABSI (2012)</th>
<th>Total facilities performing CAUTI or CLABSI surveillance (2012)</th>
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<td>All acute care hospitals</td>
<td>181</td>
<td>3,918</td>
<td>(4.6)</td>
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<td>Short-stay acute hospital</td>
<td>145</td>
<td>3,716</td>
<td>(3.9)</td>
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<td>Long-term acute care hospital</td>
<td>36</td>
<td>202</td>
<td>(17.8)</td>
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CRE Occur in All Settings

Current Healthcare System

- Home Care
- Acute Care Facility
- Outpatient/Ambulatory Facility
- Long Term Care Facility
Inter-Facility Transmission of MDROs (Including CRE)

Figure 3. Patient flow among regional health care facilities. Outbreaks of infection with multidrug-resistant organisms have been found to follow the flow of colonized patients across institutions.

KPC outbreak in Chicago, 2008

- Of 40 KPC patients, only 4 definitively acquired KPC in acute care hospital
- Most (60%) linked to 1 LTACH

CRE Prevalence in LTCF: By Type

Prevalence of CRE Carriage at admission to 4 acute care hospitals

Prabaker K et al. ICHE 2012; 33:1193-1199

0% from those admitted to the community
CRE Toolkit

http://www.cdc.gov/hai/organisms/cre/cre-toolkit/
Interventions

- Core
  - Hand hygiene
  - Contact Precautions
  - HCP education
  - Minimizing device use
  - Patient and Staff cohorting
  - Laboratory notification
  - Antimicrobial stewardship
  - CRE Screening
Contact Precautions

- CP for patients colonized or infected with CRE
- Systems in place to identify patients at readmission
- Education of HCP about use and rationale behind CP
- Adherence monitoring
- Consideration of pre-emptive CP in patients transferred from high-risk settings
Contact Precautions in Long-Term Care

- CP could be modified in these settings:
  - CP should be used for residents with CRE who are at higher risk for transmission
    - Dependent upon HCP for their activities of daily living
    - Ventilator-dependent
    - Incontinent of stool
    - Wounds with drainage that is difficult to control
  - For other residents the requirement for Contact Precautions might be relaxed
  - Standard Precautions should still be observed
Patient and Staff Cohorting

- CRE patients in single rooms (when available)
- Cohorting (even when in single rooms)
- Staff cohorting
- Preference for single rooms should be given to patients at highest risk for transmission such as patients with incontinence, medical devices, or wounds with uncontrolled drainage
CRE Screening

- Used to identify unrecognized CRE colonization among contacts of CRE patients
- Stool, rectal, peri-rectal
- Link to laboratory protocol http://www.cdc.gov/ncidod/dhqp/pdf/ar/Klebsiella_or_E.coli.pdf
- Applicable to both acute and long-term care settings
CRE Screening

- Description of types
  - Screening of epidemiologically linked patients
    - Roommates
    - Patients who shared primary HCP
  - Point prevalence survey
    - Rapid assessment of CRE Prevalence on particular wards/units
    - Might be useful if lab review identifies one or more previously unrecognized CRE patient on a particular unit
Regional Approach to CRE prevention
Surveillance and Definitions

- Facilities/Regions should have an awareness of the prevalence of CRE in their Facility/Region
  - Could concentrate on *Klebsiella* and *E. coli*
  - Could concentrate on those NOT SENSITIVE to a Carbapenem OR add RESISTANT to a third-generation cephalosporin to the definition to increase specificity
    - Ceftiaxone, cefotaxime, ceftazidime
- No easy way right now to check for carbapenemases
  - Many smaller laboratories lack the more sophisticated testing necessary to identify this type of resistance
Things to ask and do when receiving reports of Carbapenem-resistant Enterobacteriaceae infection or colonization in healthcare facilities

- Collect details about the event using the KDPH MDRO EVENT REPORTING FORM
- Determine whether an outbreak is occurring
- Ensure the reporting facility is taking appropriate control measures
- Provide additional educational materials and resources
- Any questions, call 502-564-3261 ext. 4248
Summary

- Carbapenem-resistance among Enterobacteriaceae appears to be increasing
  - Appears to be driven primarily by the emergence of carbapenemases
- Has the potential to spread widely
  - Healthcare and community settings
- Most areas in a position to act to slow emergence
- A regional approach to MDRO prevention is required
  - Public health well-positioned to facilitate and support regional prevention efforts
Resources

- http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/mm6124a3.htm
- http://www.cdc.gov/features/vitalsigns/hai/cre/
- (http://www.cdc.gov/ncidod/dhqp/gl_isolation.html)
- http://www.cdc.gov/handhygiene/
- http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/rfr5210a1.htm
- http://www.cdc.gov/media/dpk/2013/dpk-vs-hai.html
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