



# Prevention, Management, and Reporting of Carbapenem-Resistant Enterobacteriaceae

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# Understanding multidrug-resistance

- Multidrug-resistant organisms (MDROs) are a group of bacteria with important resistance patterns
- Sometimes just one key drug will define a MDRO
  - Methicillin-resistance in *Staphylococcus aureus*
- Gram-negative bacteria can develop resistance to multiple classes of antibiotics
  - Resistance elements travel together so one bacteria can become resistant to many classes: Penicillins, cephalosporins, carbapenems, fluoroquinolones, aminoglycosides
- Seen in Enterobacteriaceae, *Pseudomonas* and *Acinetobacter*



## Understanding multidrug-resistance cont.

- Limited treatment options
- Increased length of stay, costs, mortality
- Possibly more pathogenic/virulent



# Important gram-negative bacteria

<b><i>Family</i></b>	<b><i>Genus</i></b>	<b><i>Common species</i></b>	<b><i>Common culture sites</i></b>
<b><i>Enterobacteriaceae</i></b>	<i>Escherichia</i>	<i>E. coli</i>	Urine
	<i>Klebsiella</i>	<i>K. pneumoniae</i> and <i>K. oxytoca</i>	Urine, resp.
	<i>Enterobacter</i>	<i>E. cloacae</i> and <i>E. aerogenes</i>	Urine
Not <b><i>Enterobacteriaceae</i></b>	<i>Pseudomonas</i>	<i>P. aeruginosa</i>	Urine, resp., wound
	<i>Acinetobacter</i>	<i>A. baumannii</i>	Urine, resp.

# ABCs of MDROs

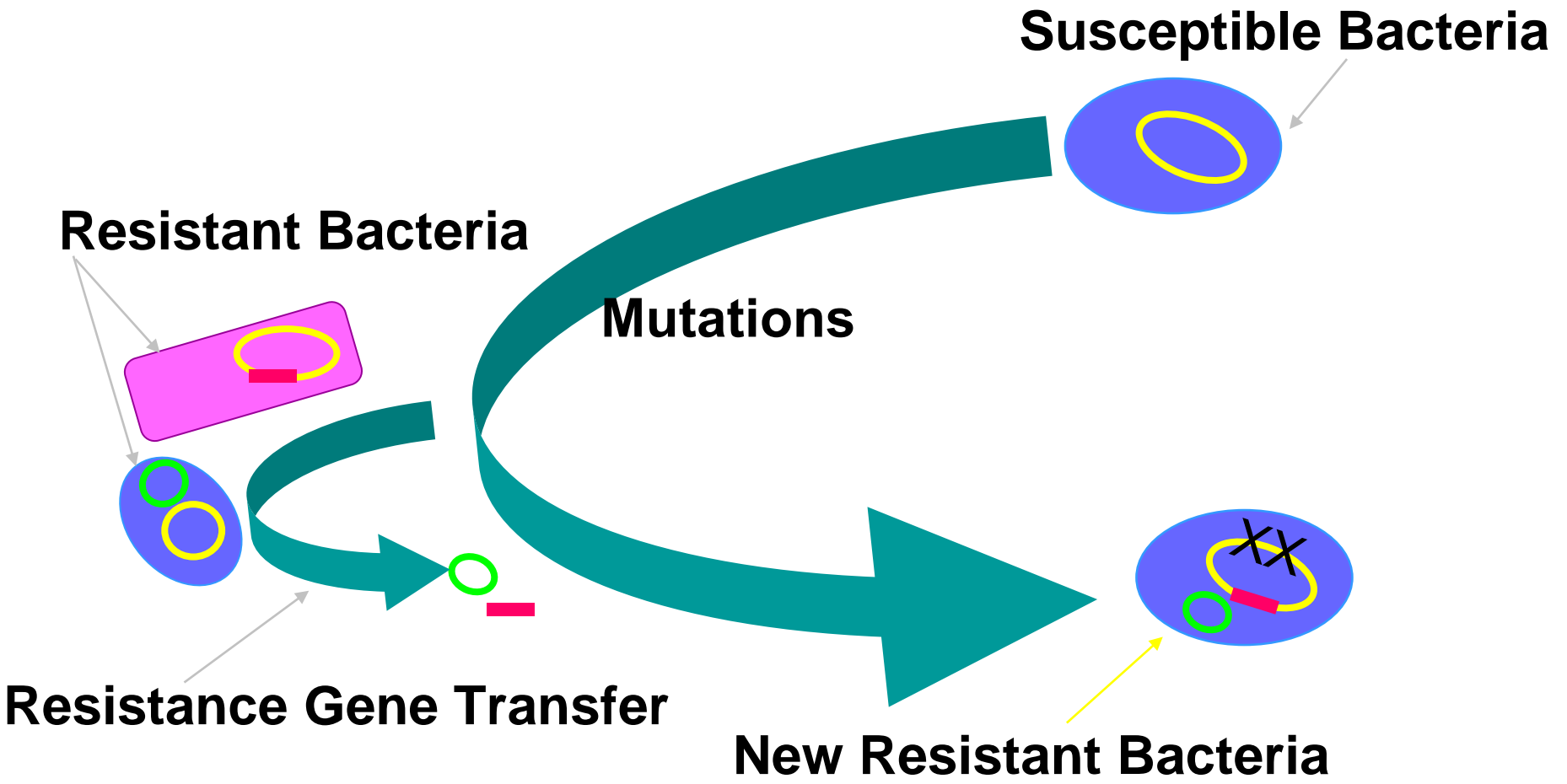
<b>Bacteria</b>	<b>Abbrev.</b>	<b>Antibiotic Resistance</b>
Enterobacteriaceae	ESBL	Extended spectrum penicillins and cephalosporin
Enterobacteriaceae	CRE	Carbapenem
Klebsiella pneumoniae	CRKP	Carbapenem
Pseudomonas/ Acinetobacter	CRPA/CRAB	Carbapenem
<b>Carbapenemase</b>	<b>Abbrev.</b>	<b>Antibiotic Resistance</b>
Klebsiella pneumoniae carbapenemase	KPC	Carbapenem



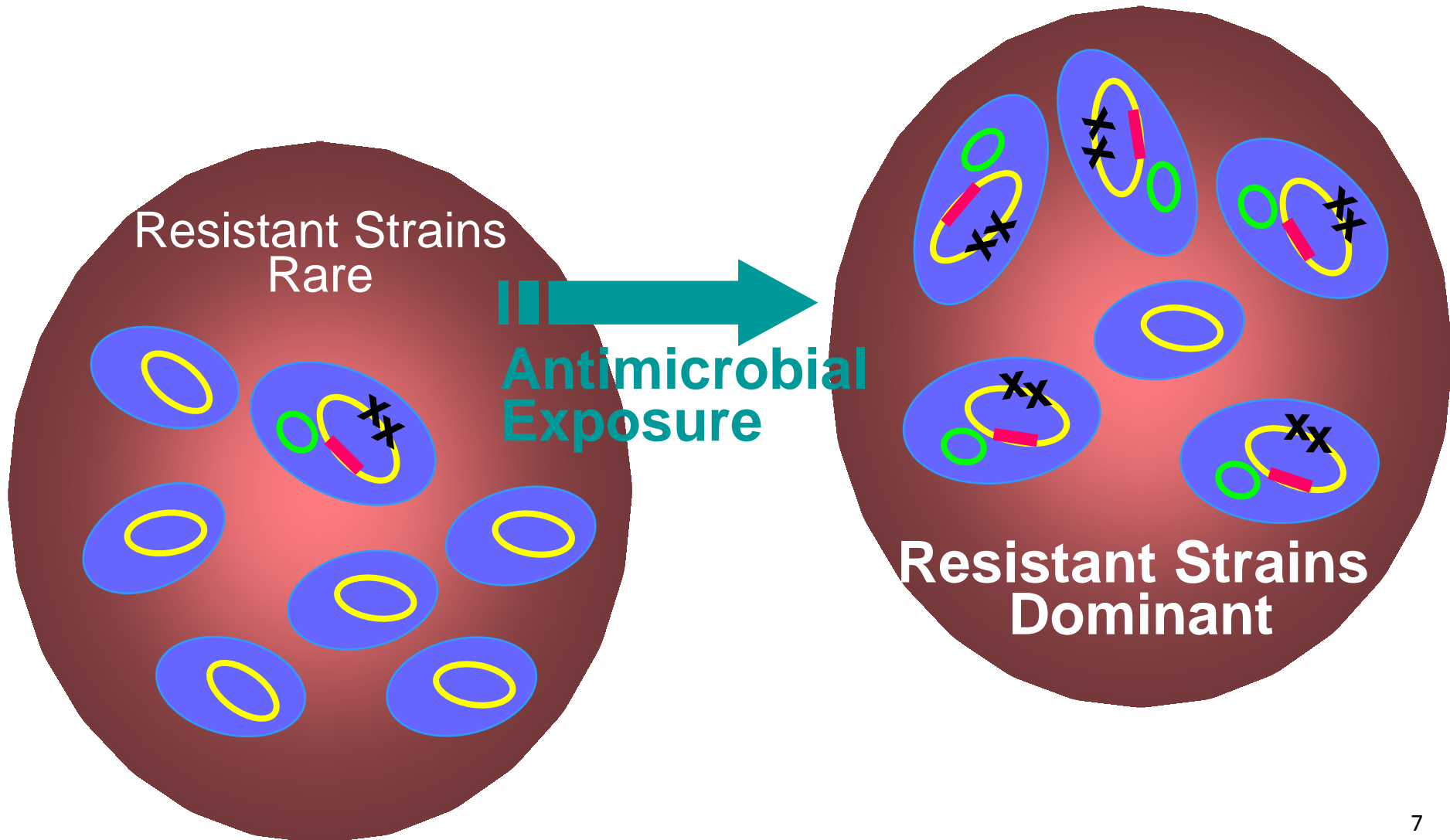
# Emergence of MDROs

- Increasing numbers of patients with MDROs over past several decades
- Overuse or inappropriate use of antibiotics selects for resistant pathogens
- Transfer of genetic material between bacteria so that bacteria acquires resistance
- Spread facilitated by susceptible patients and poor adherence to infection prevention practices

# Emergence of Antimicrobial Resistance



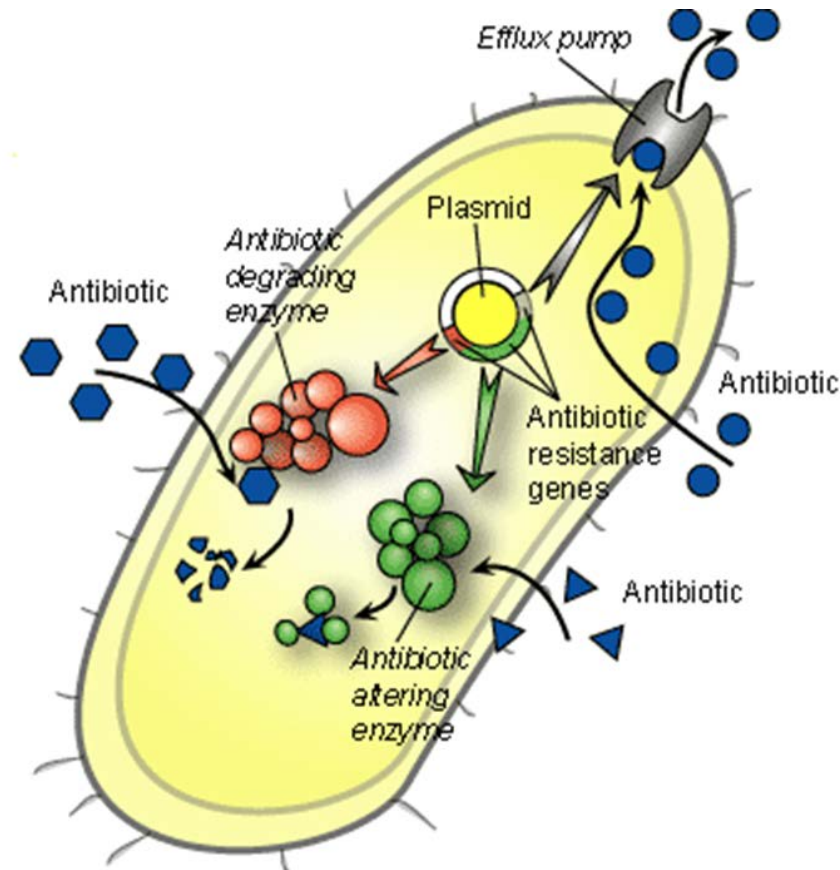
# Selection for antimicrobial-resistant Strains





# Mechanisms of antibiotic resistance

- Reduce exposure
  - Pump antibiotics out
  - Increase cell barriers to block entry
- Change their cell structure
  - Blocks binding and function of antibiotics
- Production of proteins that destroy antibiotics
  - Beta-lactamases
  - Cephalosporinases
  - Carbapenemases



# Common resistance patterns in Enterobacteriaceae

- Enterobacteriaceae: Family of gram-negative bacilli
- Named because they colonize the lower GI tract
- Cause of healthcare-associated urinary tract infections, pneumonia and blood-stream infections

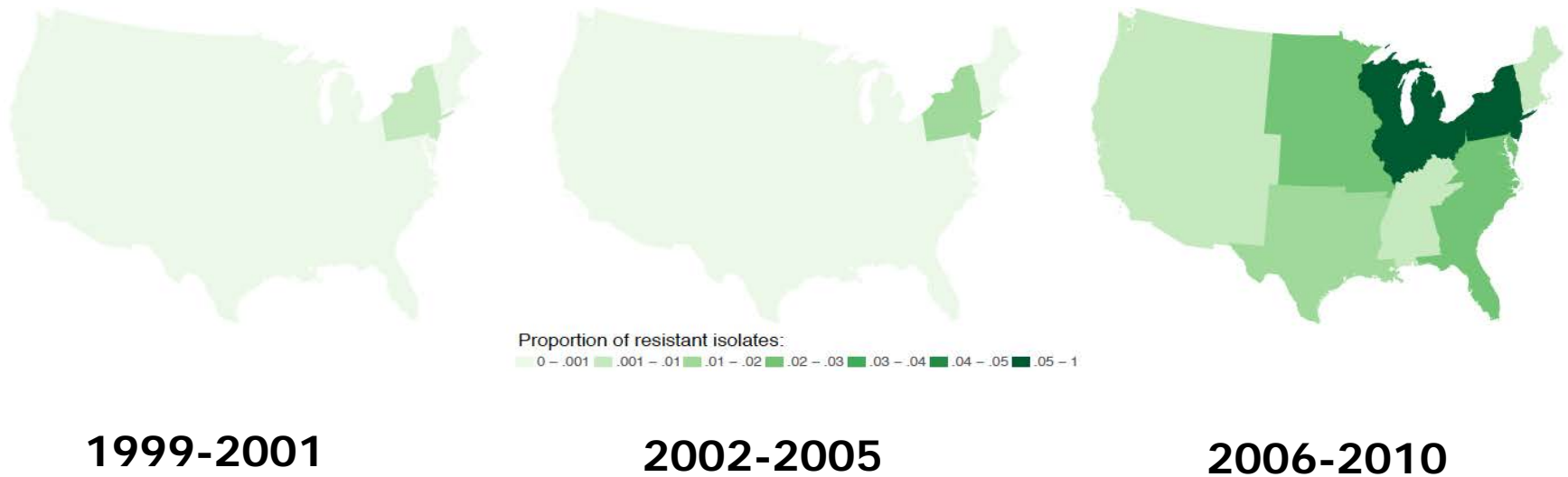
<i>Enterobacteriaceae</i>	Abbrev.	Antibiotic Resistance
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>E. coli</i></li><li>• <i>K. pneumoniae</i> and <i>K. oxytoca</i></li><li>• <i>E. cloacae</i> and <i>E. aerogenes</i></li></ul>	ESBL	Extended spectrum $\beta$ -lactamase; causes resistance to penicillins and cephalosporins
	CRE	Carbapenem-resistance



# Carbapenem Resistant Enterobacteriaceae

- Since 1985 carbapenems used to treat infections of ESBL gram-negative pathogens
- Resistance to carbapenems evolved in Enterobacteriaceae (1992)

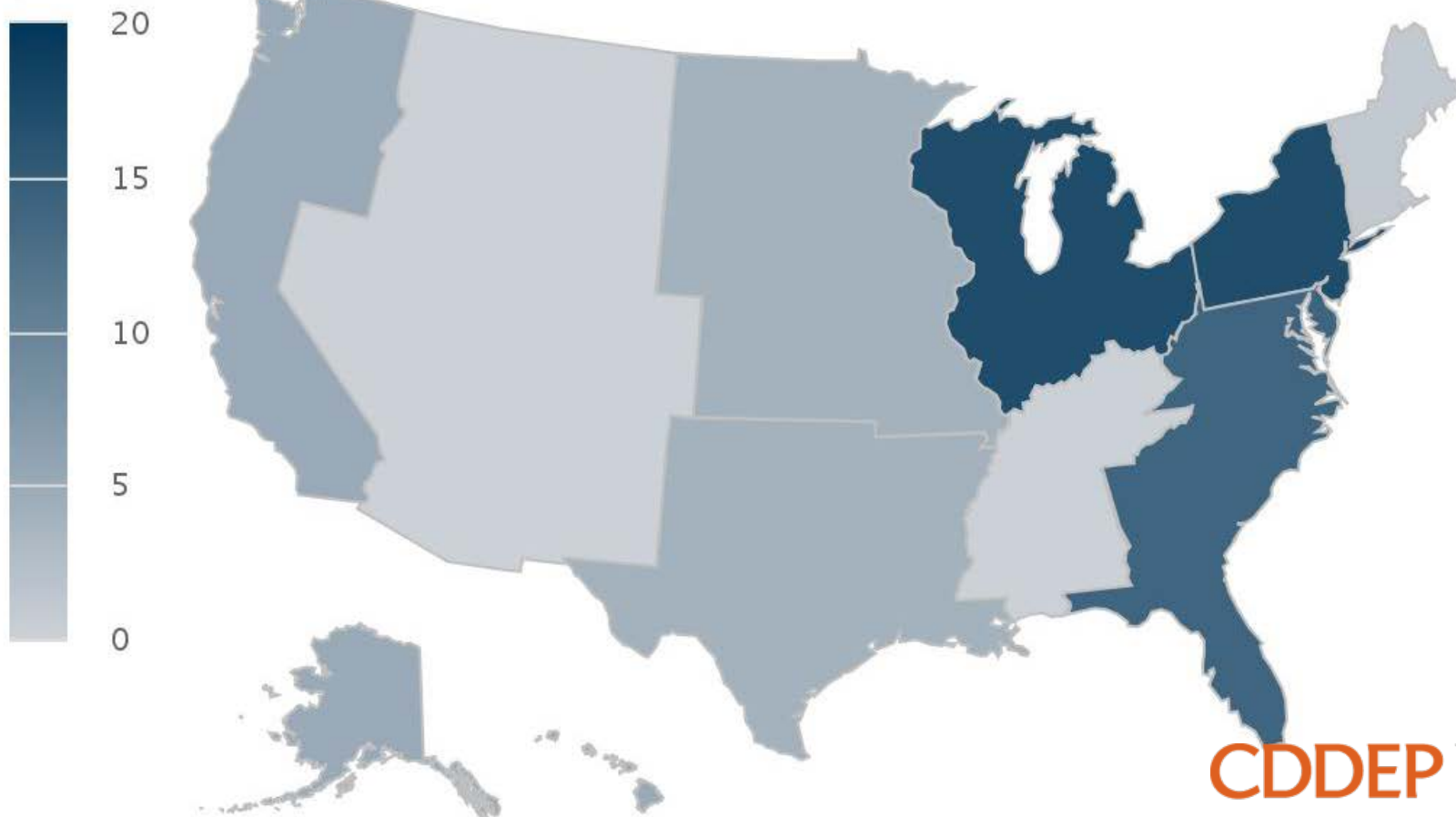
# Spread of CRE *Klebsiella* in the United States: 1999–2010



# Spread of CRE *Klebsiella* in the United States: 2012

Source: The Surveillance Network

% Resistant  
(invasive isolates)

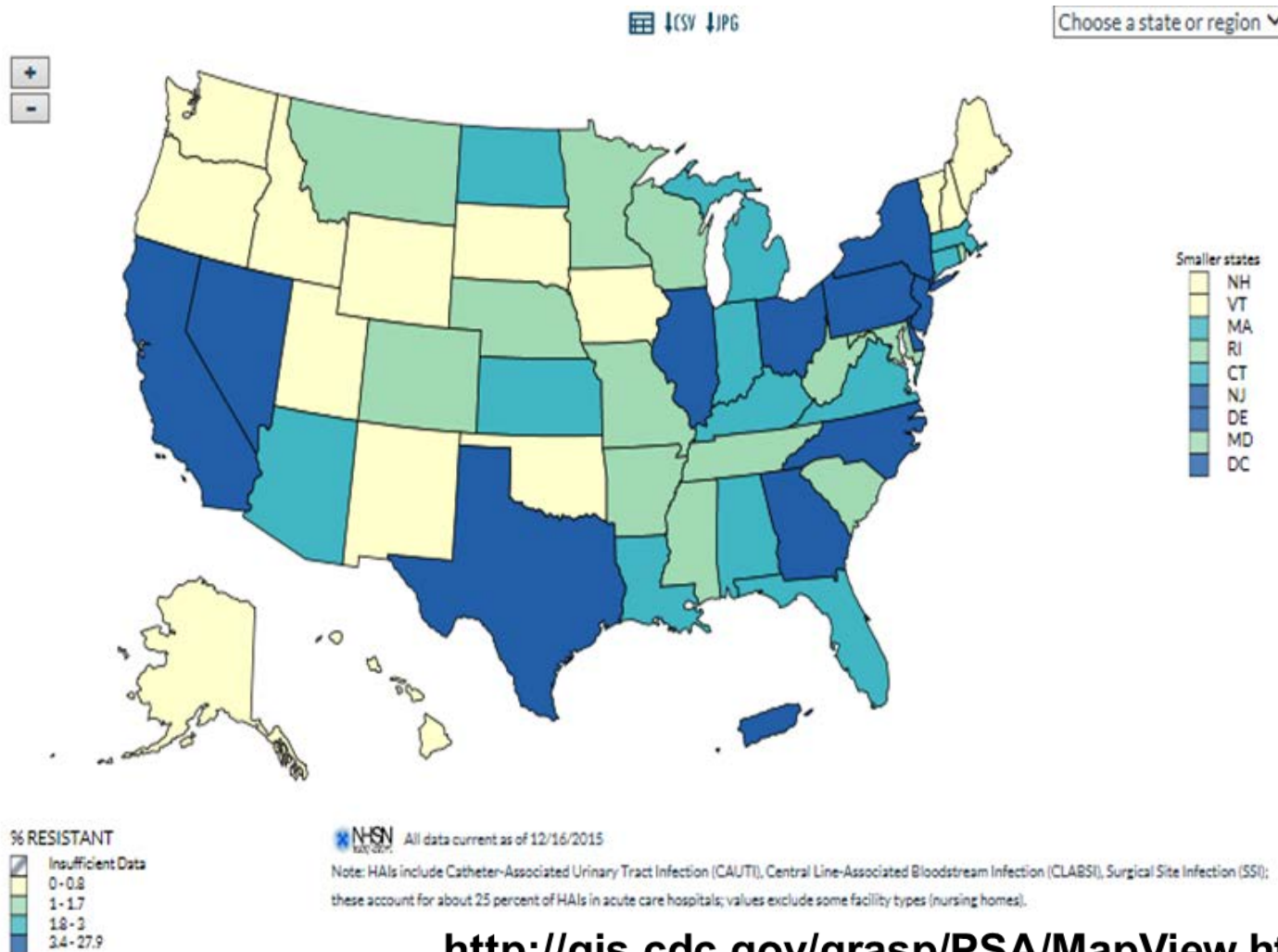


2012

Center for Disease Dynamics, Economics & Policy (cddep.org)



# Antibiotic Resistance Patient Safety Atlas: Prevalence of CRE 2015



<http://gis.cdc.gov/grasp/PSA/MapView.html>



## Antibiotics: Beta Lactam classes

- Penicillin, methicillin, amoxicillin and ampicillin
- Extended spectrum agents: piperacillin, ticarcillin
- Can be combined with a drug to help them overcome bacterial resistance
  - Amoxicillin + clavulanate = Augmentin
  - Ampicillin + sulbactam = Unasyn
  - Piperacillin + tazobactam = Zosyn
- Cephalosporins
  - More gram positive activity: Cephalexin, Cefazolin
  - More gram negative activity: Ceftriaxone, Ceftazidime, Cefepime
  - New broader spectrum, including MRSA: Ceftaroline

# Antibiotics: Carbapenems

- Extremely broad-spectrum, among the most powerful antibiotics we currently have available
- Spectrum includes *Streptococci*, susceptible *Staphylococci*, *Enterobacteriaceae*, *Pseudomonas*, *Acinetobacter sp.*, and anaerobic bacteria

Drug	Route of Administration
Imipenem	IV
Meropenem	IV
Ertapenem	IM, IV
Doripenem	IV



# Mechanisms of Carbapenem Resistance

- Amp C beta lactamases
- ESBL with porin mutation
- Carbapenemases
  - *K. pneumoniae* carbapenemase (KPC)
    - Most common
    - Bla<sub>kpc</sub> gene on plasmids
  - Verona -integron encoded metallo-beta-lactamase (VIM)
  - New Delhi metallo-beta lactamase (NDM)



## Carbapenem-resistance in gram-negative bacteria

- Carbapenems are reserved for severe, complicated infections with multiple and often resistant bacteria
- “Extremely broad-spectrum” antibiotics
- Resistance to carbapenems significantly limits treatment options for life-threatening infections
- Emerging resistance mechanisms can be spread
- Carbapenemases are found on mobile genetic elements
- Resistance genes travel together on these mobile elements; bacteria can become resistant to many classes
- “Pan-resistant” CRE have been identified with no effective antibiotic therapies available



## Sample Susceptibility Profile of CRE Organism

Antimicrobial	Interpretation	Antimicrobial	Interpretation
Amikacin	I	Chloramphenicol	R
Amox/clav	R	Ciprofloxacin	R
Ampicillin	R	Ertapenem	R
Aztreonam	R	Gentamicin	R
Cefazolin	R	Imipenem	R
Cefpodoxime	R	Meropenem	R
Cefotaxime	R	Piperacillin/Tazo	R
Cetotetan	R	Tobramycin	R
Cefoxitin	R	Trimeth/Sulfa	R
Ceftazidime	R	Polymyxin B	MIC >4µg/ml
Ceftriaxone	R	Colistin	MIC >4µg/ml
Cefepime	R	Tigecycline	S



## **CRE Surveillance: Awareness is key**

- Know whether CRE has been detected in your community
- Contact infection prevention programs of local referral partners
- Ask the coordinator of the Healthcare-associated Infections (HAI) program at the state health department
- Know if CRE has been detected from residents receiving care in your facility
- History of CRE colonization or infection should be communicated at time of admission or transfer
- Review clinical cultures to see if CRE has been isolated from residents in your facility



# Risk Factors for Colonization and Infection with MDROs

- Sharing personal items (towels, razors)
- Close contact, crowded living conditions
- Advanced age
- Severely ill
- Chronic medical conditions
- Prior exposure to antibiotics
- Invasive procedures
- Repeated contact with healthcare system



# CRE Prevention Strategies

- **Identification**
  - Laboratory notification
  - Communication of CRE status during interfacility-transfer
  - Screening contacts of known CRE carriers
  - Active surveillance for CRE colonization
- **Prevention of emergence**
  - Careful use of invasive medical devices
  - Antibiotic stewardship
- **Prevention of spread**
  - Hand hygiene
  - Contact precautions
  - Cohorting of residents and staff
  - Environmental cleaning
  - Chlorhexidine bathing



# CDC Definition

- Enterobacteriaceae resistant to carbapenems
  - Doripenem, meropenem, imipenem: MIC  $\geq$  4;
  - Ertapenem: MIC  $\geq$  2; or
  - Documented carbapenemase



# Communication Measures

- Notification of medical director, infection prevention personnel, and antibiotic stewardship committee
- Protocols for prompt notification by laboratory
- Limit exposures to antimicrobials and invasive devices
- Education of staff
- Clear signage
- Education of case family and visitors
- Report to Public Health, especially if h/o international travel





# Infection Control Measures

- Hand hygiene
- Standard/contact precautions



## Challenges with contact precautions in LTC settings

- **Staff concerns about negative impact of gown/glove use on residents**
  - Unlikely to change practices if aware of an MDRO
  - Isolation could negatively impact a resident's well-being
- **Lack of private rooms / limited ability to move residents**
  - Moving rooms is disrupting to residents and staff
  - Ability to identify carriers to cohort is limited (no active surveillance in most facilities)
- **Determining duration of contact precautions**
  - Unable to restrict resident mobility and participation in social events/therapy for prolonged periods
  - Unlikely to document clearance of carriage



# Contact Precautions for High Risk Patients

- Post-acute care and are still debilitated by recent hospitalization
- Totally dependent of ADLs
- Ventilator dependent
- Incontinent of stool or urine and cannot be reliably contained
- Wounds or drainage difficult to control
- Cognitively unable to maintain personal hygiene



## Precautions for Low Risk Patients

- Contact precautions may not be necessary for patients:
  - Continent of urine and stool
  - Less dependent on staff for ADLs
  - Cognitively able to follow hand/personal hygiene
  - Do not have draining wounds
- These patients need not be restricted from common gatherings
- Standard precautions should **ALWAYS** be used



# Discontinuation of Contact Precautions

- Case-by-case basis and based on risk factors
- Repeat culture **NOT** recommended
- **Per CDC:**
  - Patient can be re-screened 6-12 months after last (+) test
  - Only if they are not on many devices & have been off antibiotics for at least 2 weeks
  - Need 2 consecutive (-) screens 1-2 weeks apart to confirm clearance



## Supplemental Precautions

- Consider cohorting patients with CRE
- Dedicate equipment on a case-by-case basis
- Consider chlorhexidine bathing particularly if there are multiple cases of CRE



## Room Placement

- Private room if feasible
- If private rooms are not available, efforts to cohort with other patients with CRE
- If not feasible, cohort with patients at lowest risk for acquiring CRE
  - No indwelling devices, no open wounds, and less dependent on staff



# Environmental Considerations

- Alert facility management services of the CRE patient
- Ensure daily (or more frequently if soiled) cleaning and disinfection of high-touch surfaces in room and outside room in common areas
- Ensure use of EPA detergent/disinfectant and that manufacturer's recommendations are followed
- If feasible, monitor thoroughness of cleaning (UV fluorescence marker, ATP bioluminescence monitor)





# Epidemiology Assessment

- Facilities with CRE+ patient should review all lab records for the past year and every 6-12 months for other CRE cases
- Identify any patients who shared a room with newly + CRE patient during preceding 6 months
- Consider screening these roommates
- Consider testing for carbapenemases



## Inter-Facility Transfer

- Notify receiving facility of patient CRE status
- Facilities with ongoing CRE outbreaks should inform receiving facilities of the presence of CRE in the facility
- Receiving facilities may screen or pre-emptively place in contact precautions



## Separating colonization from infection

- “Colonizing” bacteria may not be harmful, even when they are antibiotic-resistant  
Example: CRE cultured from a rectal swab may not harm the colonized person
- Only when bacteria invade our bodies and cause signs/symptoms of illness do we need treatment with antibiotics
- Separating colonization from infection can be difficult  
Examples: Bacteriuria in an older adult; respiratory secretions from a person on a ventilator
- However, both colonized and infected people can serve as a source for spreading resistant organisms



Patient Safety

\*\*\*www.cdc.gov/handhygiene\*\*\*

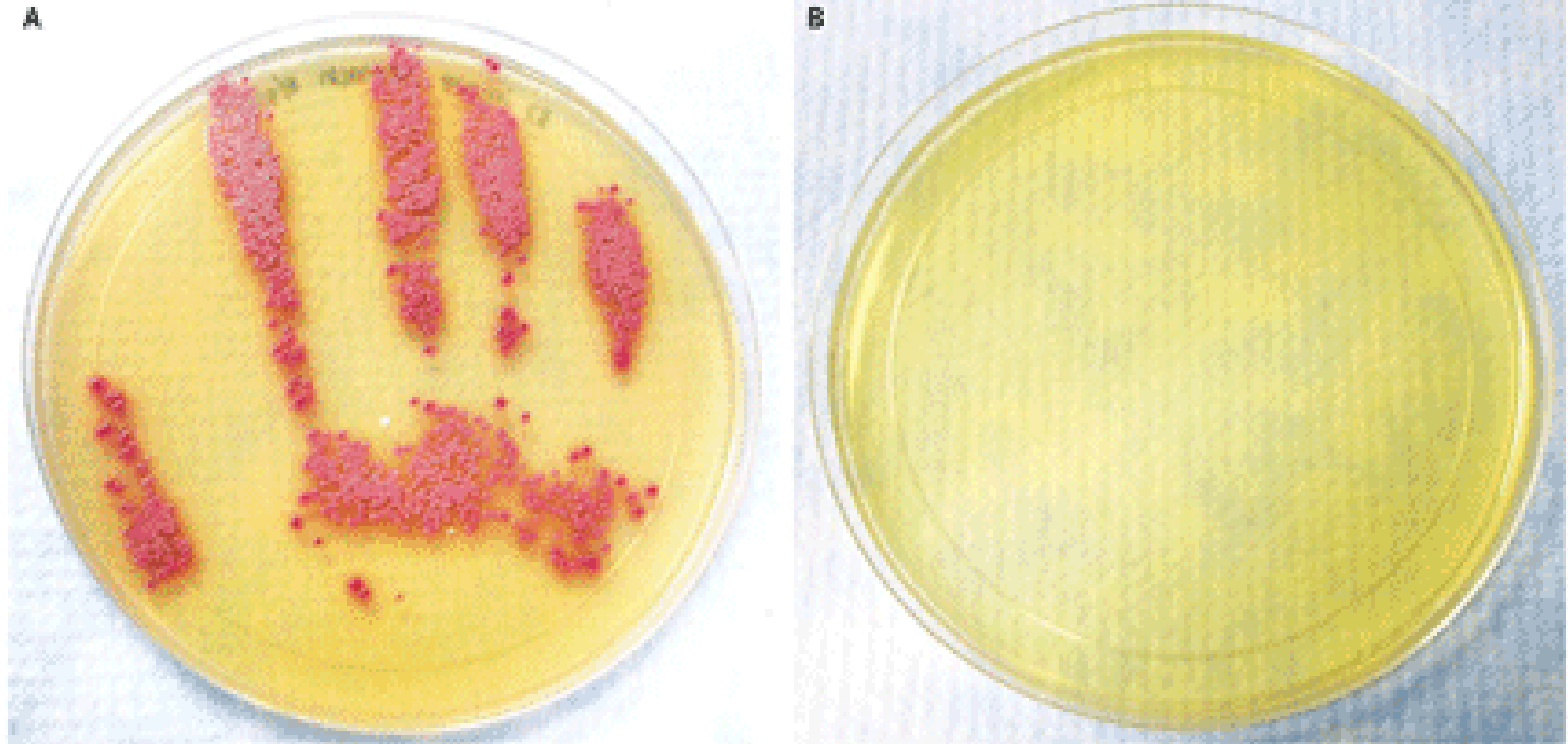
# CLEAN HANDS SAVE LIVES

## Protect patients, protect yourself



Alcohol-rub or wash  
before and after *EVERY* contact.







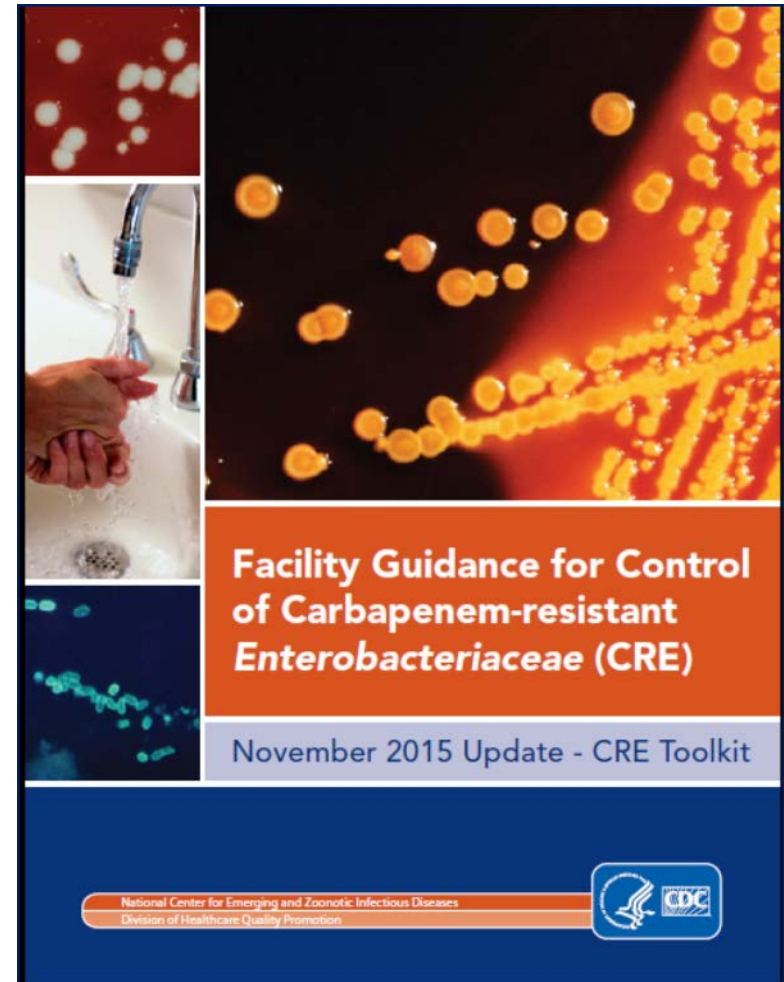
## Teach and reinforce the moments for hand hygiene (HH)

- Before and after physical contact with a resident
- Before donning gloves and after removing gloves
- After handling soiled or contaminated items and equipment, including linens
- Before performing an invasive procedures
- Before handling sterile or clean supplies
- When hands are visibly dirty or soiled with blood and/or bodily fluids\*
- After care of a resident with known or suspected infectious diarrhea\*
- Before and after eating or handling food\*
- After personal use of bathroom\*

\*Situations where soap and water preferred over alcohol-based hand rub 37

## CDC CRE Toolkit Updated November 2015

- To control the spread of CRE, healthcare facilities should:
- Quantify the magnitude of CRE within the facility
- Identify colonized and infected patients within the facility
- Implement interventions designed to stop the transmission of CRE



<http://www.cdc.gov/hai/organisms/cre/cre-toolkit/index.html>



# Los Angeles County Department of Public Health CRE and Antibioqram Health Officer Order

**Review of Reporting Requirements  
and Instructions**

February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2017







## Overview

- CRE definition
- Submitting data via NHSN
  - Group info
  - Required elements
- Submitting data via Epi form – SNFs only
- Antibigram
  - How to submit
  - Recommendations for preparation
- Questions

## CRE in Los Angeles County

- Voluntary CRE data reported into NHSN in 2015 from 22 hospitals
  - Pooled mean HO rate: 0.94 per 10,000 pt days
- Public Health Lab Enhanced CRE surveillance program
  - Over 600 isolates submitted by 30 laboratories in LAC
  - Predominant carbapenemase identified: KPC
- No current estimates since 2012 CRKP surveillance



## CRE and AR Health Officer Order

- Issued January 19, 2017 to acute care hospitals and skilled nursing facilities (SNFs) in Los Angeles County
- Mandated the following:
  - Facilities enrolled in NHSN report CRE via LabID
  - SNFs not enrolled in NHSN report via submission of CRE Epi form and lab report to LACDPH Morbidity Unit
  - All facilities that create an antibiogram to provide the most recent report to LACDPH



## Reporting in other Health Jurisdictions

- Pasadena Public Health Department and Long Beach Department of Health and Human Services issued their own Orders with the same reporting mandate to ACHs and SNFs in their jurisdictions
  - Facilities in those jurisdictions who are enrolled in NHSN will also join the LA County CRE NHSN group to fulfill the reporting requirement
  - Facilities not enrolled in NHSN will report to their local health department

## CRE Surveillance Definition

Any *Escherichia coli*, *Klebsiella oxytoca*, *Klebsiella pneumoniae*, or *Enterobacter spp.* demonstrating resistance by one or more of the following methods:

- Resistant to imipenem, meropenem, doripenem, or ertapenem by standard susceptibility testing methods (i.e., minimum inhibitory concentrations of  $\geq 4$  mcg/mL for doripenem, imipenem and meropenem or  $\geq 2$  mcg/mL for ertapenem) **OR**
- Production of a carbapenemase (e.g., KPC, NDM, VIM, IMP, OXA-48) demonstrated using a recognized test (e.g., polymerase chain reaction (PCR), metallo- $\beta$ -lactamase test, modified-Hodge test, Carba-NP, Carbapenem Inhibition Method (CIM)).



# Reporting for Facilities Enrolled in NHSN





## Compliance with Reporting Via NHSN

- Join new LA County CRE Group
- Confer rights to new group
- Add CRE to monthly reporting plan
- Create custom reporting fields
- Note this applies to all healthcare facilities enrolled in NHSN within Los Angeles County, Pasadena, and Long Beach Public Health jurisdictions



# Reporting for Facilities Not Enrolled in NHSN







## Reporting in Other Jurisdictions

- SNFs in Pasadena Public Health Department or Long Beach Department of Health and Human Services jurisdictions will report to the appropriate health department
- Long Beach DHHS reporting info
  - Submit lab report via fax to (562) 570-4374
  - Questions to Emily Holman:  
[emily.holman@longbeach.gov](mailto:emily.holman@longbeach.gov)
- Pasadena PHD reporting info
  - Submit CMR and lab report via fax to (626) 744-6115
  - Questions to (626) 744-6089





## Reporting to LACDPH Morbidity Unit

- Complete CRE Epi form available at <http://ph.lacounty.gov/acd/EpiForms.htm>
- Submit completed epi form and laboratory report with susceptibility data to the LACDPH Morbidity Unit at (888)397-3778
- Note: reference lab submission of lab report does not fulfill the reporting requirement; epi form must be submitted



# CRE Epidemiology Form – Patient Information

- Similar to the confidential morbidity report form include patient information (name, DOB, etc.)
- Include reporting facility name, address, and name and phone number of the person submitting the report

		<b>CARBAPENEM-RESISTANT ENTEROBACTERIACEAE            EPIDEMIOLOGY REPORT FORM</b> <i>Klebsiella spp., Escherichia coli, and Enterobacter spp.</i> Only for use by Skilled Nursing Facilities				
Acute Communicable Disease Control 313 N. Figueroa St., Rm. 212, Los Angeles, CA 90012 213-240-7941 (phone) 213-482-4856 (facsimile) www.lapublichealth.org/acd						
PATIENT INFORMATION						
Patient Name-Last	First	Middle Initial	Date of Birth	Age	Sex	
Race (check one)			Ethnicity (check one)			
<input type="checkbox"/> African-American/Black <input type="checkbox"/> Asian/Pacific Islander <input type="checkbox"/> Native American <input type="checkbox"/> White <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____			<input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic/Latino <input type="checkbox"/> Non-Hispanic/Non-Latino			
REPORTING FACILITY INFORMATION						
Reporting Facility Name		Name of Person Reporting		Reporting Facility Phone Number		
Reporting Facility Address- Number, Street		City	State	ZIP Code		

## CRE Epidemiology Form - Diagnostic Information

- This section of the form is similar to the NHSN event entry form
  - Specimen and organism information
  - Testing methods
    - Was the isolate tested for carbapenemases?
    - If so, what was the result?

DIAGNOSTIC TESTS		
Organism identified: <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Klebsiella spp.</i> <input type="checkbox"/> <i>E. coli</i> <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Enterobacter spp.</i>		Date of collection: _____
Specimen source: <input type="checkbox"/> Blood <input type="checkbox"/> Sputum <input type="checkbox"/> Wound- sterile site <input type="checkbox"/> Wound- non-sterile site <input type="checkbox"/> Urine <input type="checkbox"/> Rectal swab <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____		
Patient status at time specimen was collected:	Was the bacterial isolate tested for the presence of a carbapenemase?	If Yes, which tests were done (check all performed):
<input type="checkbox"/> Colonization <input type="checkbox"/> Infection <input type="checkbox"/> Unsure/unknown	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unk	<input type="checkbox"/> Broth MIC <input type="checkbox"/> PCR <input type="checkbox"/> ETest <input type="checkbox"/> CarbaNP
If Yes, what carbapenemase was detected (check all that apply):		
<input type="checkbox"/> <i>Klebsiella pneumoniae</i> carbapenemase (KPC) <input type="checkbox"/> New Delhi metallo- $\beta$ -lactamase (NDM) <input type="checkbox"/> Imipenemase (IMP) <input type="checkbox"/> OXA-48-like		
<input type="checkbox"/> Verona integron-encoded metallo- $\beta$ -lactamase (VIM) <input type="checkbox"/> Negative/none detected <input type="checkbox"/> Other specify: _____		



## CRE Epidemiology Form - Healthcare Presentation

- Information for this section should be taken from the resident's current admission
  - If resident admitted from a different healthcare facility in the 4 weeks prior to current positive test indicate the type of facility and name (if known)
  - Check off if the resident has been discharged or if they have died and include appropriate dates

HEALTHCARE PRESENTATION		
Date of admission:	Has the patient been a resident of your facility for more than 3 months? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unk	Was the resident admitted from a healthcare facility in the four weeks prior to their current positive test? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unk
If Yes, what type of facility? <input type="checkbox"/> Hospital <input type="checkbox"/> LTAC <input type="checkbox"/> Other SNF	Disposition: <input type="checkbox"/> Current resident <input type="checkbox"/> Discharged to hospital <input type="checkbox"/> Discharged to LTAC <input type="checkbox"/> Discharged to another SNF <input type="checkbox"/> Discharged home <input type="checkbox"/> Date of discharge: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Died - Date of Death: _____	
Facility name:		



# Antibiogram Reporting Instructions





## Submission of Antibigram Data

- Mandated facilities include:
  - General acute care hospitals
  - Long-term acute care hospitals
  - Skilled nursing facilities
- Submit annual antibiograms via email by **June 1<sup>st</sup>**
  - LA County and Long Beach: [hai@ph.lacounty.gov](mailto:hai@ph.lacounty.gov)
  - Pasadena: [hai@cityofpasadena.net](mailto:hai@cityofpasadena.net)



## Requirements

- Submit data in Excel format (.xls or .xlsx)
- Include (%S) from all specimen sources
- Report number of isolates tested for each drug-bug combo
- Report 1 year of inpatient data only
- *Pasadena: must follow CLSI susceptibility criteria*

*More information can be found in **Section 1** of the “Instructions for Complying with the 2017 Antibiogram Reporting Requirements” document*





## Recommendations for Preparation of an Antibiogram

- Include only final, verified results
- Include only drugs that are routinely tested
  - Do not include those tested on request, by reflex, or via stepped/cascade testing protocol
- Include the first isolate per patient per year
- Exclude results obtained from surveillance studies
- Use most current breakpoints (when possible)

*More information can be found in **Section 2** of the “Instructions for Complying with the 2017 Antibiogram Reporting Requirements” document*



# Example Submission Template

Organism Name	Total number of isolates (N)	Ampicillin		Ceftaroline		Ceftriaxone		Ciprofloxacin	
		N isolates tested	%S	N isolates tested	%S	N isolates tested	%S	N isolates tested	%S
<i>E. faecalis</i>									
<i>E. faecium</i>									
<i>Enterococcus spp.</i>									
<i>Methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus</i>									
<i>Methicillin-sensitive Staphylococcus aureus</i>									
<i>Streptococcus agalactiae (Group B Strep)</i>									
<i>Streptococcus pneumoniae (Group A Strep)</i>									
<i>Streptococcus pneumoniae (meningitis)</i>									
<i>Streptococcus pyogenes</i>									
<i>N/A: not applicable</i>									
<i>*less than 30 isolates tested</i>									

1. <http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/acd/antibiogram.htm>

# Snapshot of resistance patterns: Facility antibiograms

	# of isolates	Amox/Clav	Ampicillin	Ampicillin/Subact	Aztreonam	Cefazolin	Ceftazidime	Ceftriaxone	Cefuroxime	Ciprofloxacin	Clindamycin	Erythromycin	Gentamycin	Imipenem	Levofloxacin	Linezolid	Oxacillin	Penicillin	Piperacillin	Ticar/Clav (Timen)	Tobramycin	Trimeth/Sulfa	Vancomycin
Numbers are the % of isolates susceptible / systemic infections																							
<b>GRAM NEGATIVE</b>																							
<b>E. coli</b>	485	95	62	65	97	94	98	98	95	88			94	99	88				64	93	94	86	
<b>Kl. oxytoca</b>	24	79	8	62	83	46	79	83	79	75			88	100	92				58	67	75	88	
<b>Kl. pneumoniae</b>	108	99	10	87	95	94	95	95	90	94			96	100	95				83	94	95	91	
<b>Pr. mirabilis</b>	58	100	82	83	94	92	100	100	100	85			83	100	86				83	100	85	86	
<b>P. aeruginosa</b>	66				74		93	29		74			84	88	74				95	90	97		
<b>GRAM POSITIVE</b>																							
<b>E. faecalis</b>	138		98							57		6			60	99		99					100
<b>E. Faecalis VRE</b>	4		100							0		0			0	100		100					0
<b>E. faecium</b>	18		21							16		8			16	100		16					100
<b>E. faecium VRE</b>	30		17							0		0			0	100		14					0
<b>S. agalactiae</b>	60		100								85				100	100		100					100
<b>S. aureus</b>	130	98	18	98		99		99		87	86	75	100		86	100	100	18				100	100
<b>S. aureus MRSA</b>	151	0	0	0		0		0		23	35	7	99		25	100	0	0				99	100
<b>S. epidermidis</b>	78	22	3	22		21		21		23	48	21	67		24	100	22	3				50	100
<b>S. pneumoniae</b>	17	100						88				94			100	100		81				88	100

# Antimicrobial Stewardship & Resources

<http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/acd/AntimicrobialStewardship.htm>

Acute Communicable Disease Control	
News & Updates	
Diseases & Conditions	
Health Care Professionals	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Guidelines/Manuals</li> <li>Reporting a Disease</li> <li>Materials</li> <li>Los Angeles Health Alert Network (LAHAN)</li> <li>Skilled Nursing Facilities</li> <li>Resources</li> </ul>	
Info for the Public (FAQ's)	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Report a Problem</li> <li>Health Advisories</li> <li>Health Ed Materials</li> </ul>	
Reports, Publications & Presentations	
Frequently Used Links	
Contact Information	
County of Los Angeles Department of Public Health Acute Communicable Disease Control 313 N. Figueroa Street, #212 Los Angeles, CA 90012 Phone: (213) 240-7941 Fax: (213) 400-1050	

### Acute Communicable Disease Control

#### Antimicrobial Stewardship

Antimicrobial stewardship is a set of coordinated approaches to improve the use of antimicrobials, such as antibiotics, within a healthcare facility. Antimicrobial stewardship is not only important in preventing the spread of [antimicrobial resistance](#), but also improves patient outcomes and reduces costs for healthcare facilities.

Everyone in a healthcare facility has a role in making sure antimicrobials are used appropriately. Check out the additional resources below to learn more about how you and your facility can develop and/or improve your antimicrobial stewardship program.

#### New Resources

- [2015 Los Angeles County Department of Public Health Hospital Questionnaire Regarding Nurse Competency and Education in Antimicrobials: A Summary \(10-28-16\)](#)
- [2015 IACDPH Hospital Questionnaire Regarding Antimicrobial Stewardship Programs: Final Results \(6-20-16\)](#)
- [NQF Antibiotic Stewardship Playbook \(May 2016\)](#)
- [IDSA/SHEA Guidelines for Implementing an Antibiotic Stewardship Program \(May 2016\)](#)

#### Additional Resources

- [CDC: Core Elements of Hospital Antibiotic Stewardship Program](#)
- [CDC: Core Elements of Antibiotic Stewardship for Nursing Homes](#)
- [CDC: Stewardship Program Examples](#)
- [CDPH: 2015 Antimicrobial Stewardship Program \(ASP\) Toolkit](#)



**Get Smart: Know When Antibiotics Work**  
Tri-fold Brochure  
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**Get Smart: Know When Antibiotics Work**  
Rx Pad



# Updates & More Resources

<http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/acd/antibiogram.htm>

The screenshot shows the website header with the County of Los Angeles Public Health logo, a search bar, and social media icons for Instagram, Facebook, Twitter, and YouTube. The main navigation bar includes links for Home, About, FAQ, Comment, Contact Us, and A-Z Index. The page content is divided into three columns:

- Left Column:** A sidebar menu for "Acute Communicable Disease Control" with links to News & Updates, Diseases & Conditions, Health Care Professionals, Guidelines/Manuals, Reporting a Disease, Materials, Los Angeles Health Alert Network (LAHAN), Skilled Nursing Facilities, and Resources.
- Middle Column:** The main content area titled "Acute Communicable Disease Control" with a sub-header "Antibiograms". The text explains that antibiograms provide information on antimicrobial susceptibility rates for bacterial pathogens, used to guide treatment for serious infections like carbapenem resistant enterobacteriaceae (CRE). It mentions that annual facility antibiograms are analyzed to create a community antibiogram for the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health (LAC DPH) to evaluate trends and patterns of antimicrobial resistance within LA County.
- Right Column:** A promotional graphic for "Get Smart About Antibiotics Week" (November 14-20, 2015) with the logo and website [www.cdc.gov/getsmart](http://www.cdc.gov/getsmart). Below it is a link to a "Get Smart: Know When Antibiotics Work Tri-fold Brochure" available in English and Spanish.



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- CRE reporting updates:  
<http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/acd/Diseases/CRE.htm>
- Antibigram reporting updates:  
<http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/acd/antibiogram.htm>

