

# AMS AND THE PEADIATRIC SETTING

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# Antimicrobial Stewardship in the Pediatric Setting

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## **Abbreviations**

AMS = Antimicrobial Stewardship

AMR = Antimicrobial Resistance

ABx = Antibiotics

PPx = Prophylaxis

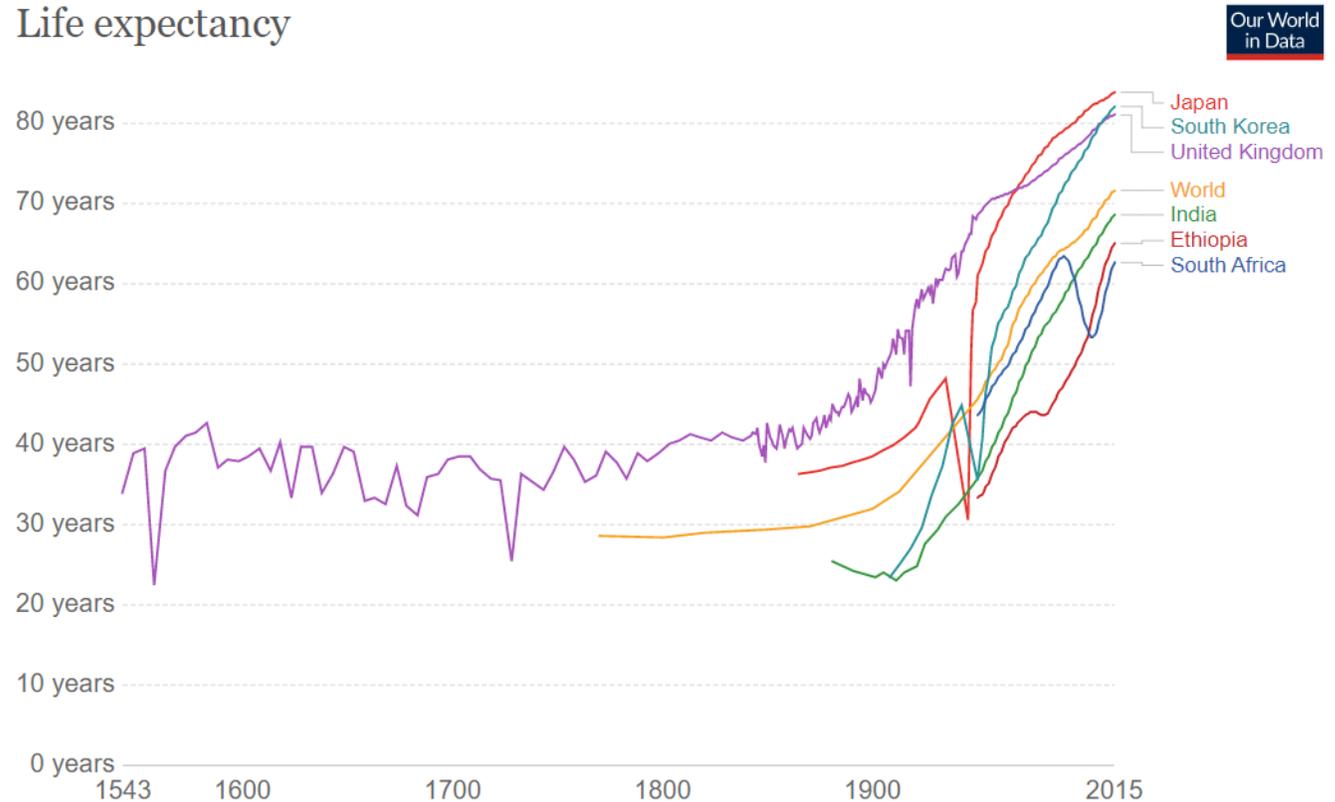
# Session Outline

- Historical view on antibiotics and AMR
- Antibiotic utilization in children
  - Community setting
  - Hospital setting
- AMS strategies in pediatrics
  - Community setting
  - Hospital setting
- AMS metrics in pediatrics – what to measure?

# Major Victories in Public Health

- Clean water
- Sanitation
- Antibiotics
- Vaccinations

Life expectancy



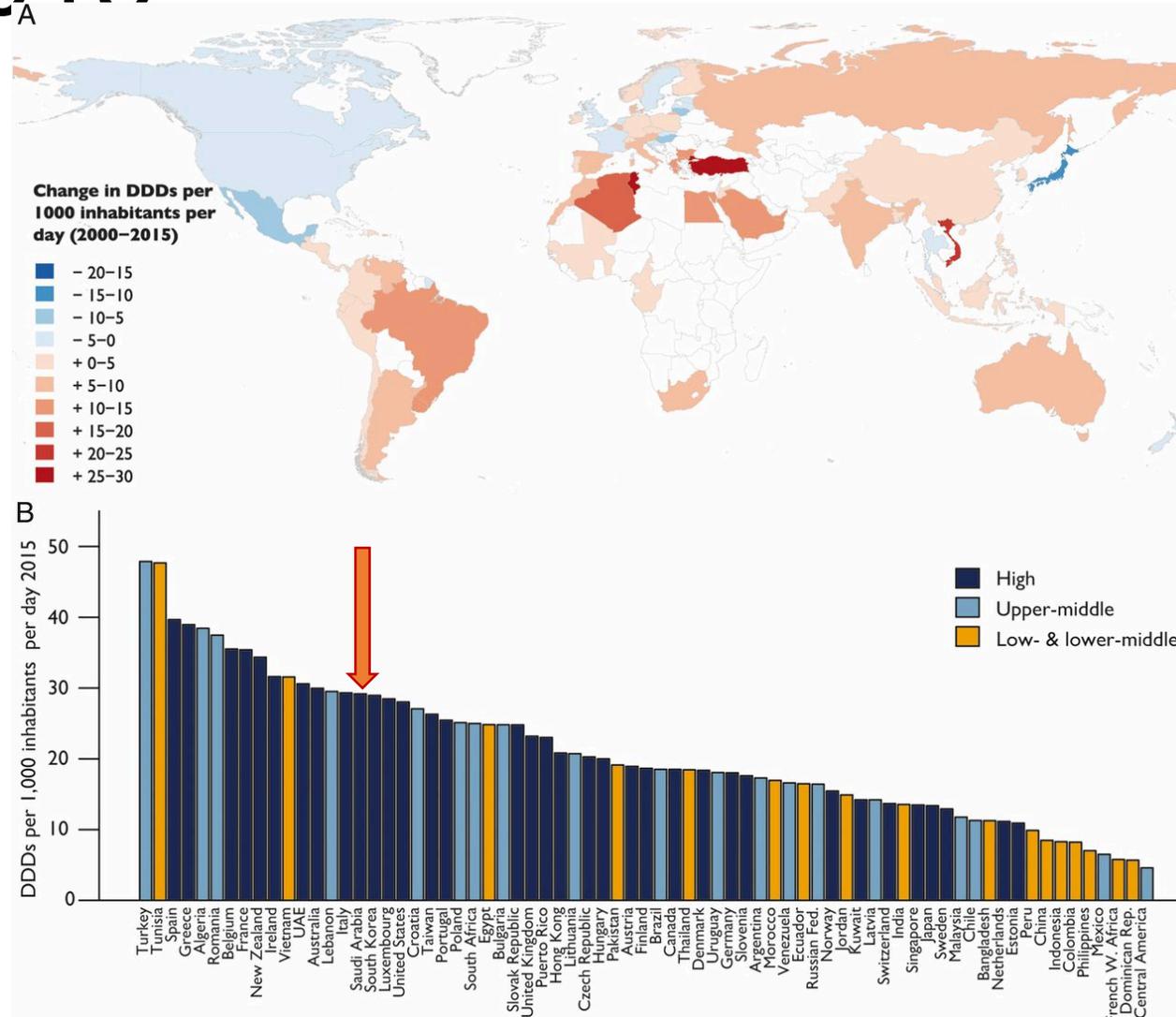
Our World  
in Data

Source: Riley (2005), Clio Infra (2015), and UN Population Division (2019)  
Note: Shown is period life expectancy at birth, the average number of years a newborn would live if the pattern of mortality in the given year were to stay the same throughout its life.  
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# Modern Medicine Era

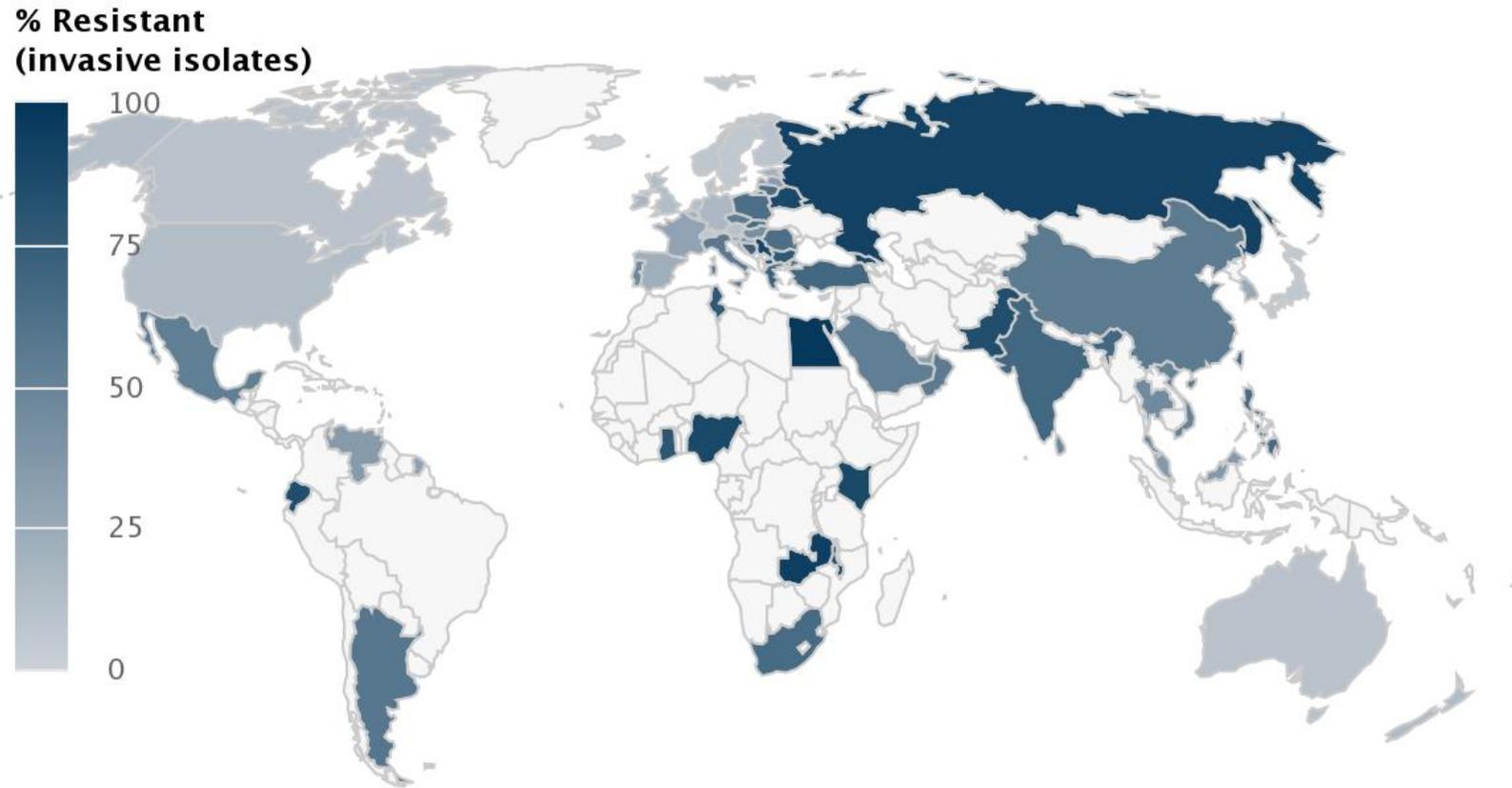
- Intensive care
- Safe surgeries
- Cancer care
- Neonatal care
- Organ Transplantation

# Global antibiotic consumption by country: 2000–2015



# AMR - Where do we stand?

Resistance of *Klebsiella pneumoniae* to  
Cephalosporins (3rd gen)

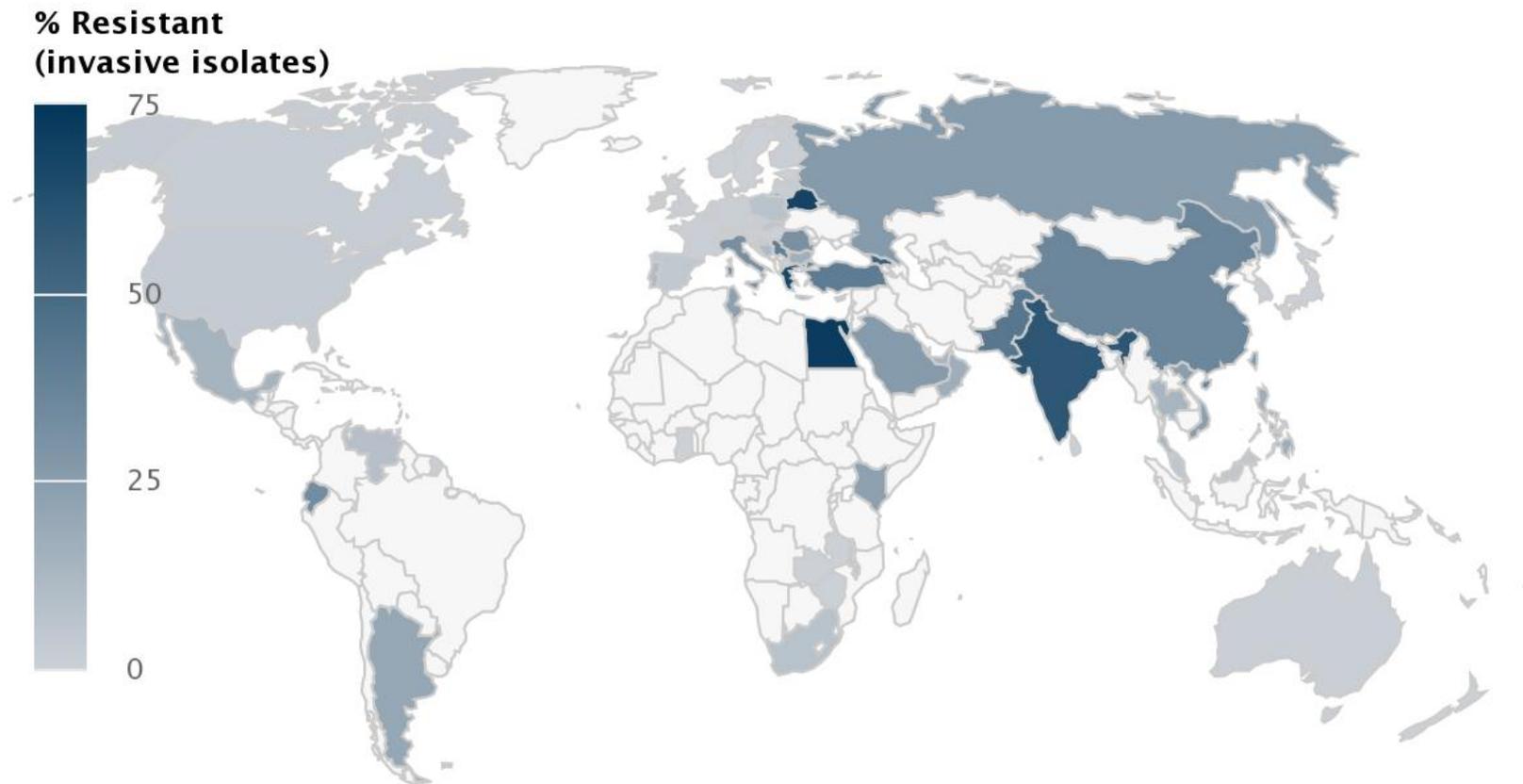


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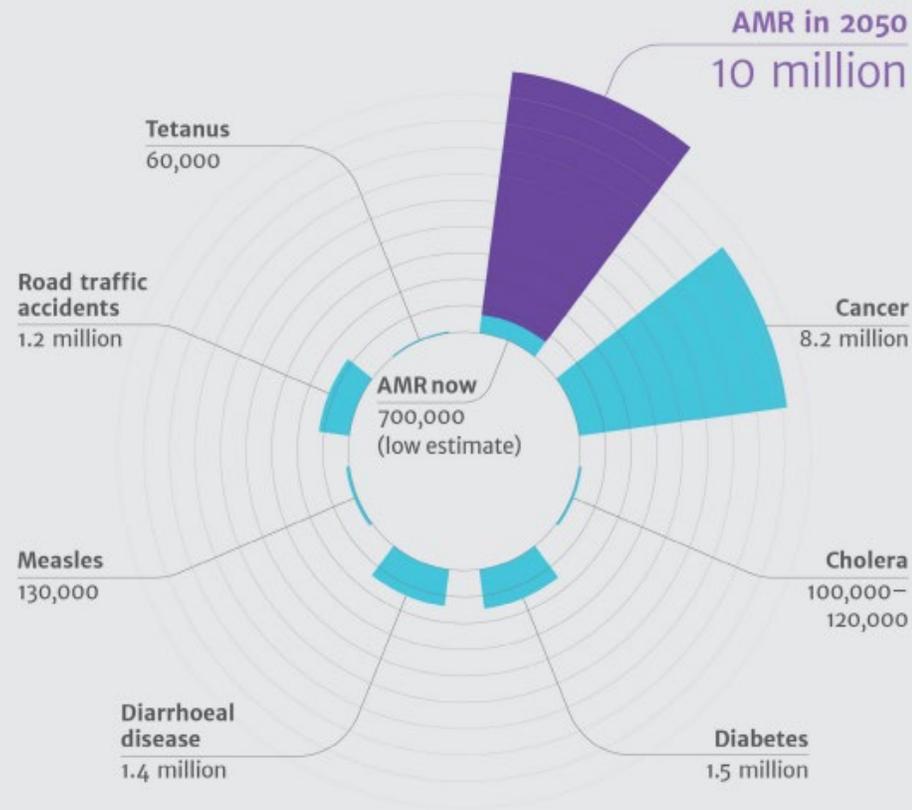
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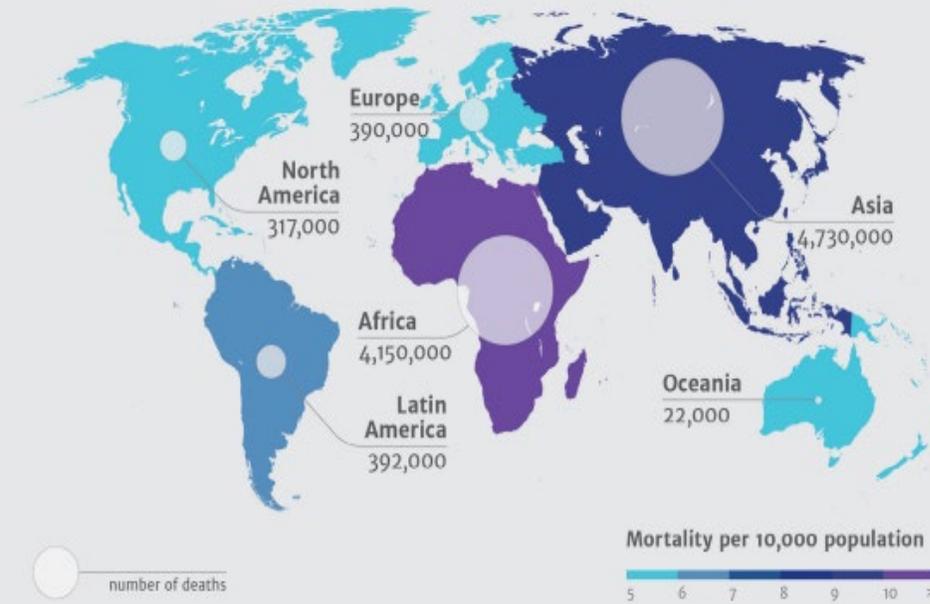
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## Deaths attributable to AMR every year compared to other major causes of death



## Deaths attributable to AMR every year by 2050



# Fighting Back Against Antibiotic Resistance



1. Preventing infections, preventing the spread of resistance



2. Tracking



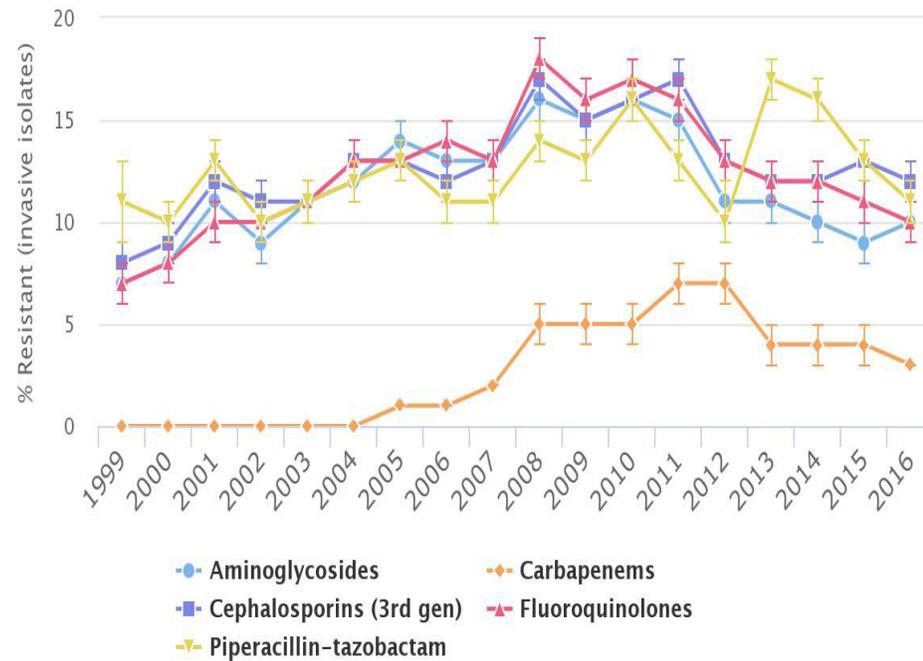
3. Improving antibiotic prescribing/Stewardship



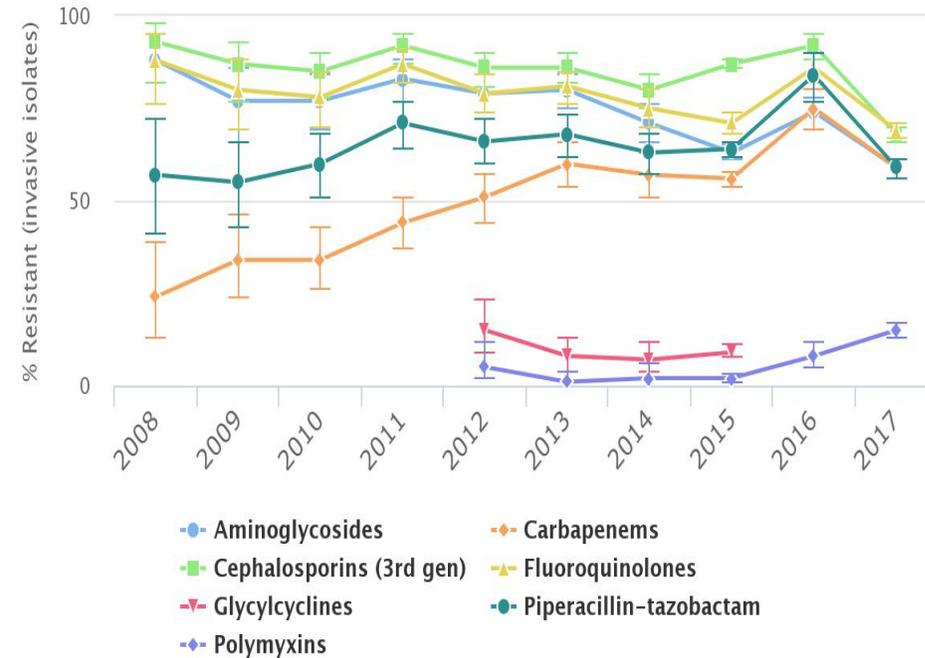
4. Developing new drugs and diagnostic tests

# A Global Issue = A Global Action

Antibiotic Resistance of *Klebsiella pneumoniae* in United States



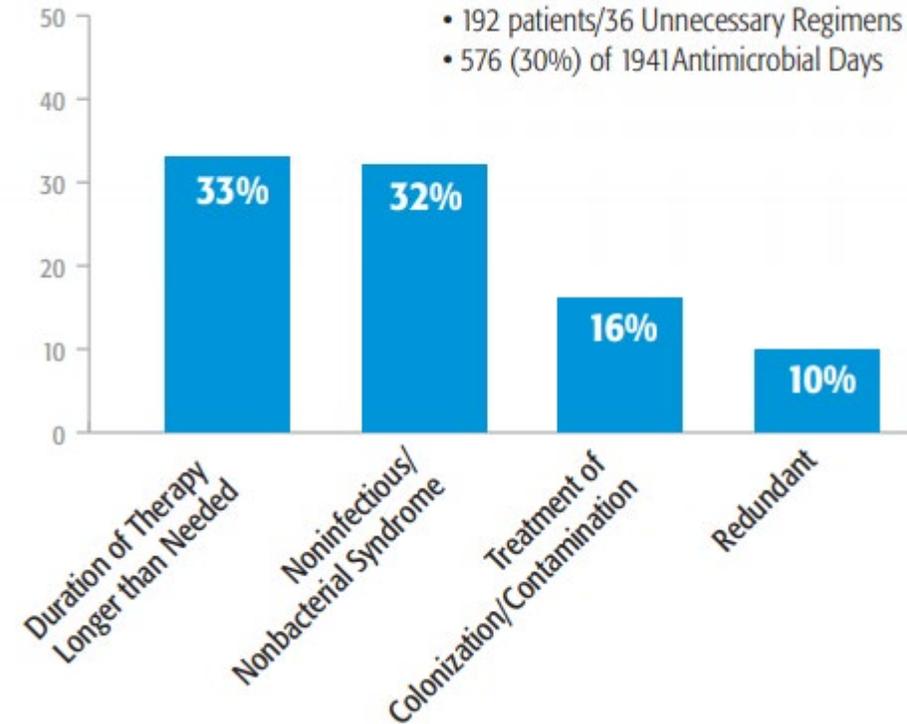
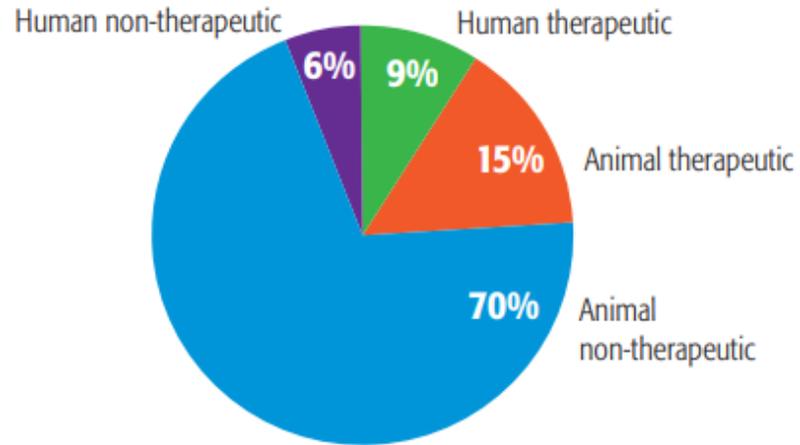
Antibiotic Resistance of *Klebsiella pneumoniae* in India



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# Antibiotic Misuse



# Antibiotic Prescribing in Children

- Who is prescribing?
  - 74% general practices (community-based setting)
  - 11% hospital inpatient
  - 7% hospital outpatient
  - 5% dental practices
  - 3% other community setting



# Antibiotic Prescribing in Children

Top 10 Indications in Children (%)		Top 10 Indications in Neonates (%)	
Bacterial lower respiratory tract infection	18.7	Sepsis	36.4
Prophylaxis for medical problems	15.1	Prophylaxis for maternal risk factor	12.2
Prophylaxis for surgical disease	9.9	Prophylaxis for newborn risk factor	11.3
Sepsis	9.0	Lower respiratory tract infection	8.7
Treatment for surgical disease	6.1	Prophylaxis for surgical disease	5.4
Urinary tract infection	5.6	Prophylaxis for medical problems	5.1
Febrile neutropenia in oncologic patient	4.8	Catheter-related blood stream infection	3.4
Upper respiratory tract infection	4.6	CNS infection	3.2
Skin/soft tissue infection	4.4	Treatment for surgical disease	2.6
Viral lower respiratory tract infection	3.7	Skin/soft tissue infections	2.6

# Abx Prescription in Community Setting in Children Under 5 Years of Age

**Table 1. GP diagnosis and association with antibiotic prescription**

GP working diagnosis	Children with diagnosis, <i>n</i> (%)	Proportion prescribed oral antibiotics (%)	Proportion of antibiotic prescriptions, %
Tonsillitis/sore throat	58 (5.8)	54/58 (93.1)	20.7
Ear infection	51 (5.1)	42/51 (82.4)	16.1
LRTI	90 (9.0)	63/90 (70.0)	24.1
UTI	54 (5.4)	26/54 (48.1)	10.0
URTI	297 (29.7)	43/297 (14.5)	16.5
Other	167 (16.7)	18/167 (10.8)	6.9
No diagnosis given	68 (6.8)	5/68 (7.4)	1.9
Viral illness	145 (14.5)	9/145 (6.2)	3.4
Gastroenteritis	42 (4.2)	1/42 (2.4)	0.4
Conjunctivitis	27 (2.7)	0/27 (0)	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>999</b>	<b>261 (26.1)</b>	<b>100</b>

*LRTI = lower respiratory tract infection. URTI = upper respiratory tract infection. UTI = urinary tract infection.*

# Abx Use in Children in Hospital Setting

- Retrospective cohort at 40 Children Hospitals in the **US** in 2008
  - **60%** of all admitted children received at least one antibiotic during their hospitalization
- Cross Sectional PPS at 226 pediatric hospitals in **41 countries** in 2012 included 17,693 pediatric patients
  - **37%** received antibiotics
  - **33%** received at least 1 antimicrobial for prophylaxis use
  - **80-87%** of all surgical ppx continue > 1 day

# Abx Use in Children in Hospital Setting

- Retrospective cohort in pediatric/neonatal intensive care units in 6 major medical centers in the US (2008-2013)
  - 73% of labeled pediatric ventilator-associated condition who received > 4 days of antibiotics had no associated positive respiratory or non-respiratory diagnostic test
  - The mean duration of new antimicrobial use is 8.8 days ± 11.5 days in PICUs

# Abx Use in Saudi Arabia

Cross sectional point prevalence survey of all inpatients in  
26 MOH hospitals – 2016

- 47% were receiving antibiotics
- 23.4% administered for surgical ppx (**78% > 24 hours**)
- Adherence to antibiotic guidelines was 48%
- Indication of antibiotic was not documented in 51% of prescriptions

# What Drives the Extensive Use of Antibiotics in Children

- Infections have been and remain the most common cause of death in children under 5 globally
- Abx are cheap
- Abx generally are well tolerated

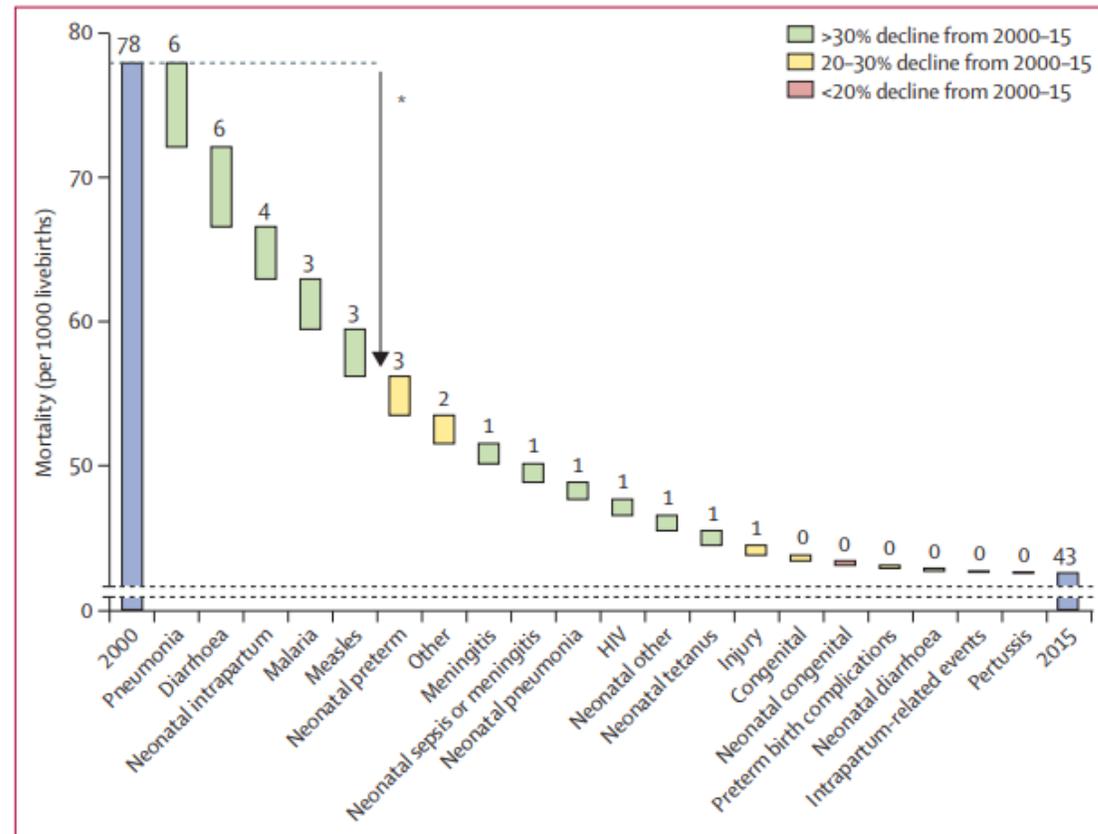
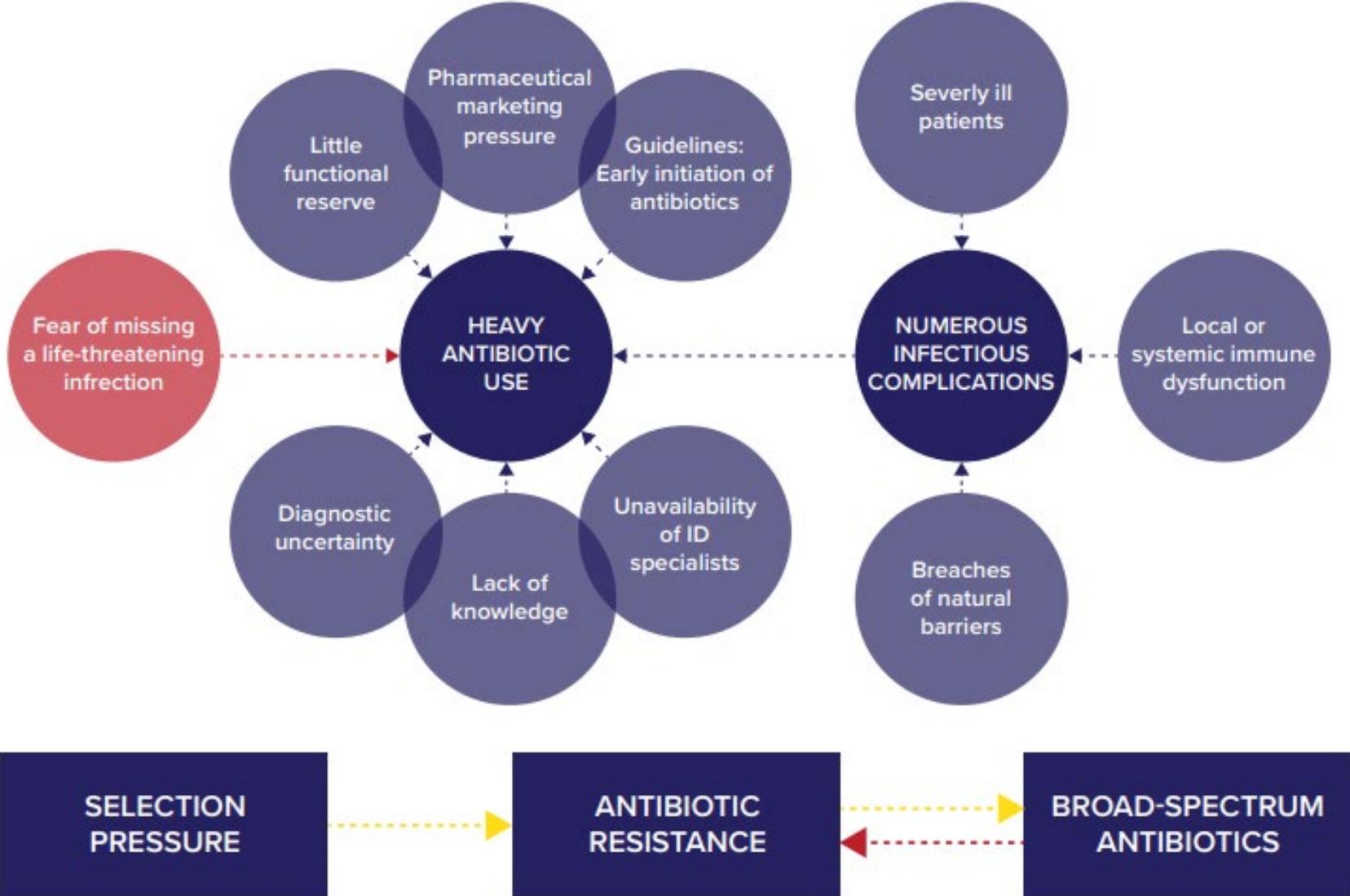


Figure 2: Global trends in cause-specific mortality rates in neonates and children aged 1–59 months, 2000–15

\*About 61% of the reduction comes from pneumonia, diarrhoea, malaria, and measles among 1-59-month olds and neonatal intrapartum related events.

# The Complicated Decisions Around Antibiotic Prescription



# Factors Influencing Antibiotic-Prescribing Decisions

- Factors influencing parent health-seeking behavior for children with RTI
  - To eliminate the risk of a potential health threat
  - Experience during previous illnesses (previously Abx prescription or test)
  - Cannot afford to visit the doctor again
  - Low tolerance to fever



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# Factors Influencing Clinician Antibiotic-Prescribing Decisions

- Factors influencing clinician's antibiotic prescribing decision for children with RTI
  - Perceived vulnerability of children (a bit more careful with children as they change quickly and cant tell you..)
  - Clinical assessment and diagnostic process (how the child appears at the moment or if there is any abnormal clinical sign in ear/throat/chest)



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# Factors influencing clinician antibiotic-prescribing decisions

- Factors influencing clinician's antibiotic prescribing decision for children with RTI
  - Uncertainty in diagnosis, prognosis (one can't tell if viral vs. bacterial – can't risk leaving a developing serious RTI)
  - Repercussions of “missing something” in a child (fear of litigation or risk to professional status)
  - Nonclinical influences (multiple consultations during the same illness)



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# Why Does it Matter?

## Abx Use Consequences in Children

- Patients <21 years of age in four free standing children hospitals in the US:

Exposure to **ANY** antibiotic (**regardless of the spectrum and duration**)



RR of having an extended-spectrum-beta-lactamase-producing (ESBL) *Escherichia coli* or *Klebsiella pneumoniae* isolate within 30 days was **2.2 times higher than those without Abx exposure**

# Why Does it Matter?

## Abx Use Consequences in Children

- Children infected with CRE *in 3 major free-standing children hospitals in US:*
  - More often hospitalized in the ICU (61% vs. 40% in CSE)
  - More often had health-care associated infections (71% vs 38% in CSE)
  - Higher 30-day mortality = 8.3% in CRE patients (infection-related mortality was 6.5% in CRE and 0% in CSE)

# Apart from AMR - Why Does It Matter? Antibiotic-Associated Adverse Events



ANTIBIOTICS ARE RESPONSIBLE  
FOR ALMOST

**1** OUT OF **5**

EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT VISITS  
FOR ADVERSE DRUG EVENTS



ANTIBIOTICS ARE THE  
MOST COMMON CAUSE OF  
EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT VISITS  
FOR ADVERSE DRUG EVENTS  
IN CHILDREN UNDER  
18 YEARS OF AGE.

# Apart from AMR - Why Does It Matter?

## Antibiotic-Associated Adverse Events

- During a one-year period in a major medical center in the US **375 children** visited the emergency department or urgent care clinic for antibiotic adverse drug reactions (2013-2014)
  - Total cost for these visits was \$170,893.20
  - Of these ADRs, **17% were likely avoidable**
- *Clostridioides difficile* infection (Hospital-Onset)
  - Increased risk of mortality OR 6.73 (3.77-12.02)
  - Increased length of stay-5.5 days (4.5-6.5 days)
  - Increased hospital costs-\$93K (80-107,200)

# A Word about AMS in Neonatal Units

- Age-specific considerations:
  - Have greater susceptibility to infections compared with any other age group
  - Microbiologically proven infections are difficult to prove (volume challenge)
- Overuse of antimicrobials is associated with a number of factors unique to this population
  - Increased risk of necrotizing enterocolitis
  - Increased risk of candidemia
  - Long-term sequelae such as asthma, obesity and inflammatory bowel disease
  - Prolonged antimicrobial courses drive multi resistant Gram-negative colonization
  - Infections with multi resistant Gram-negative bacteria are associated with adverse neurodevelopmental outcomes, increased length of stay and mortality

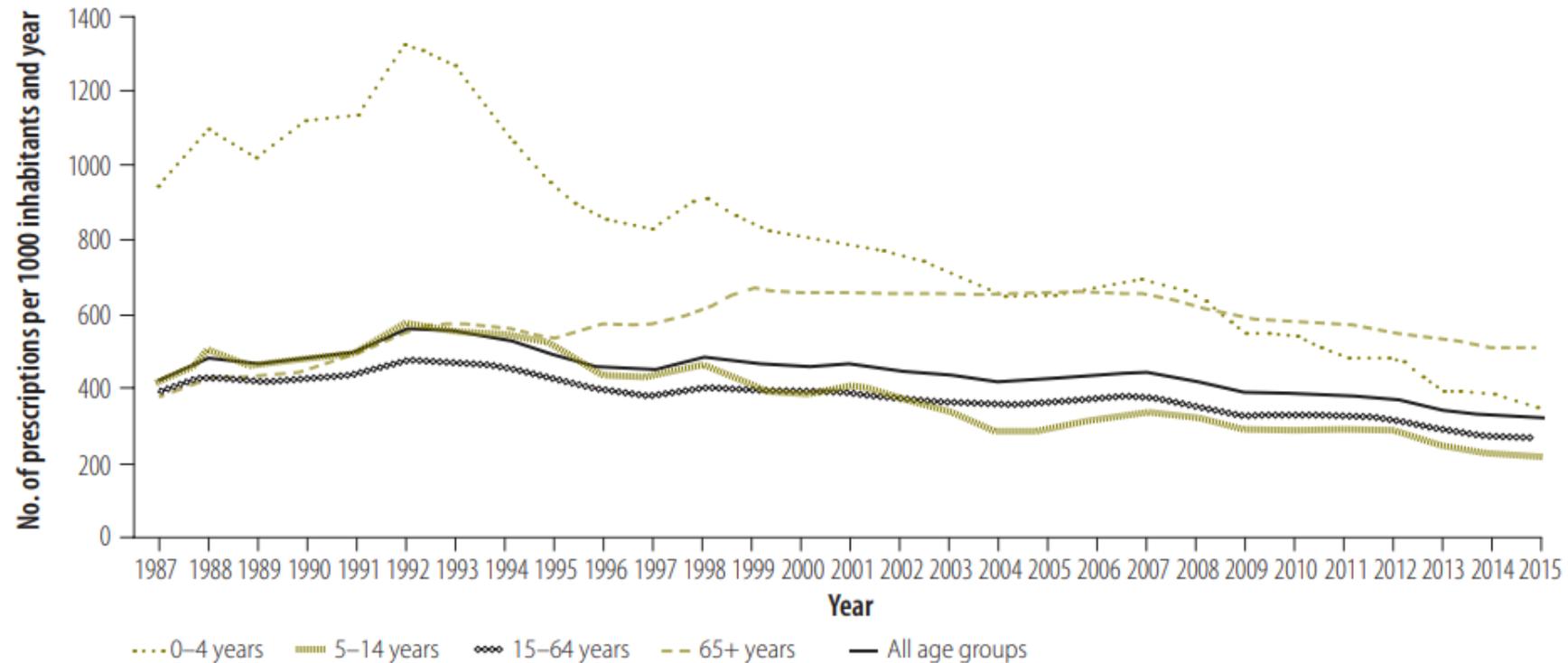


# Pediatric AMS in Community-Based Settings

- Issue with access to care
- Issue with access to antibiotics
- Some employed strategies to decrease inappropriate antibiotic prescribing:
  - Nation-wide approach– variable results
    - Sweden vs. UK
  - Antibiotic shared decision approach
  - Immediate vs. delayed prescription

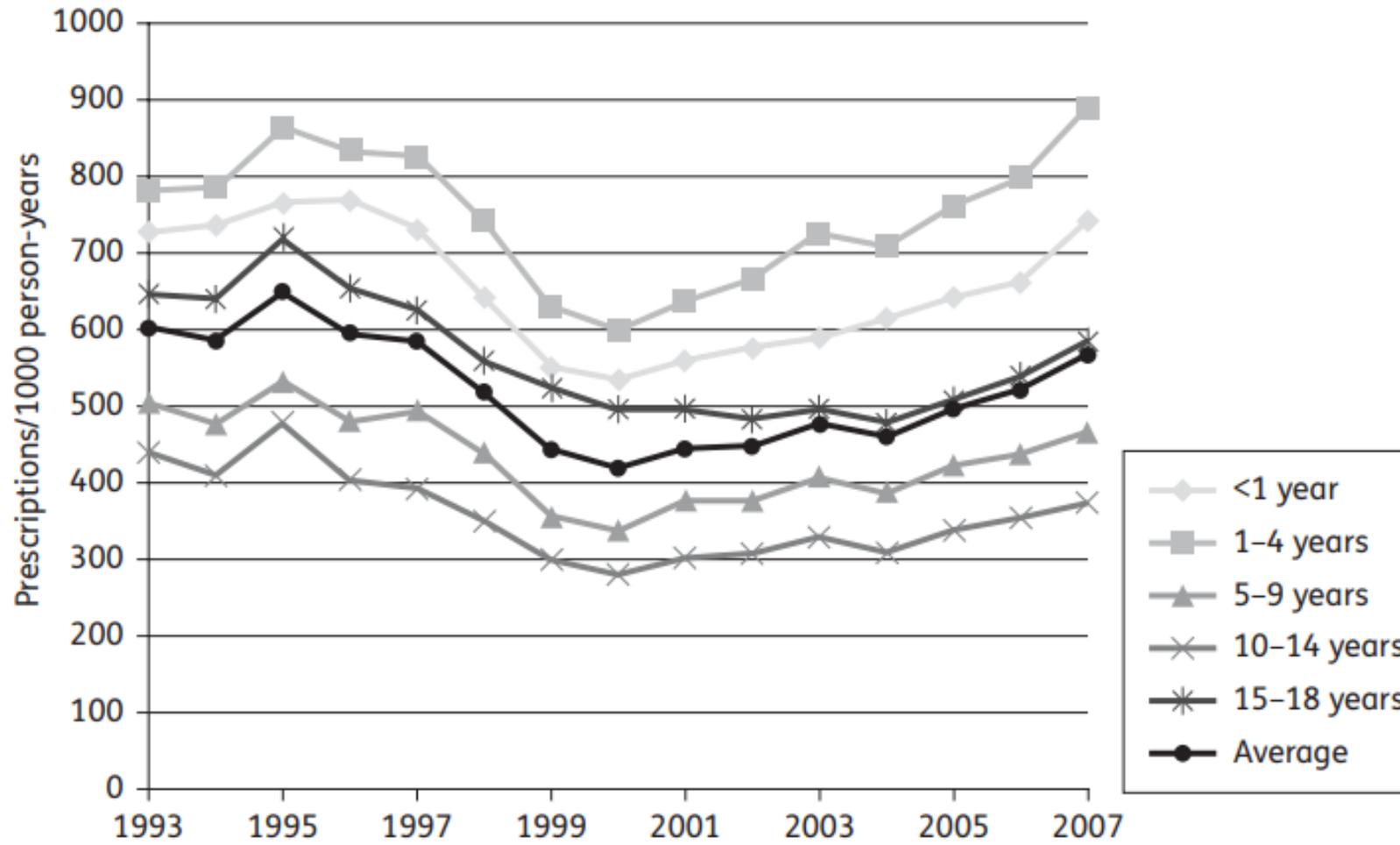
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Fig. 1. Sales of antibiotics for systemic use in outpatient care, Sweden, 1987–2015

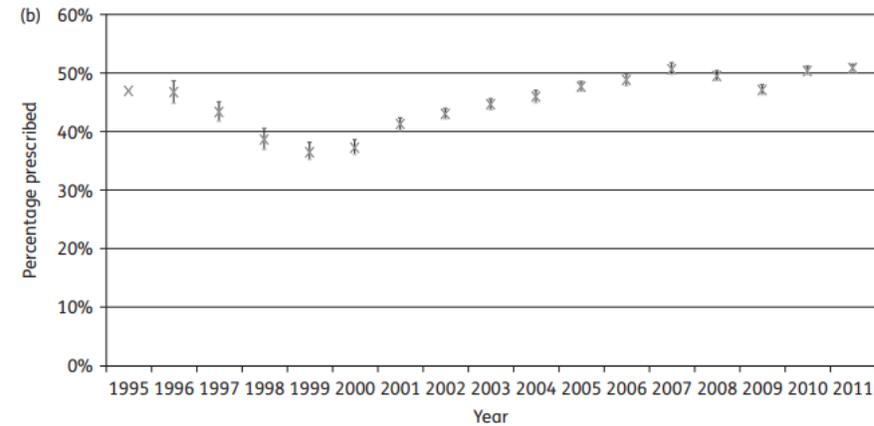
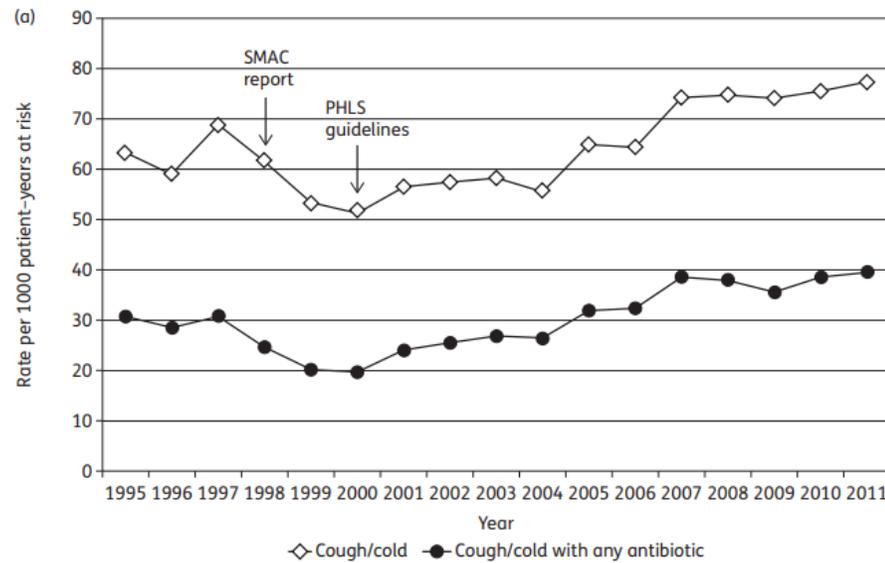


Notes: Includes all antibiotic sales on prescriptions, presented as prescriptions per 1000 inhabitants and year for both sexes by different age groups.  
Source: Public Health Agency of Sweden, 2016.<sup>9</sup>

# Pediatric AMS in Community-Based Settings



# Trends in Antibiotic Prescribing in Primary Care – UK 1995-2011



(a) Incidence of selected cough/cold diagnoses and of episodes with antibiotic prescribed, 1995–2011. (b) Percentage of cough/cold episodes prescribed an antibiotic, 1995–2011 (with 95% CIs for within-practice year-on-year variation).

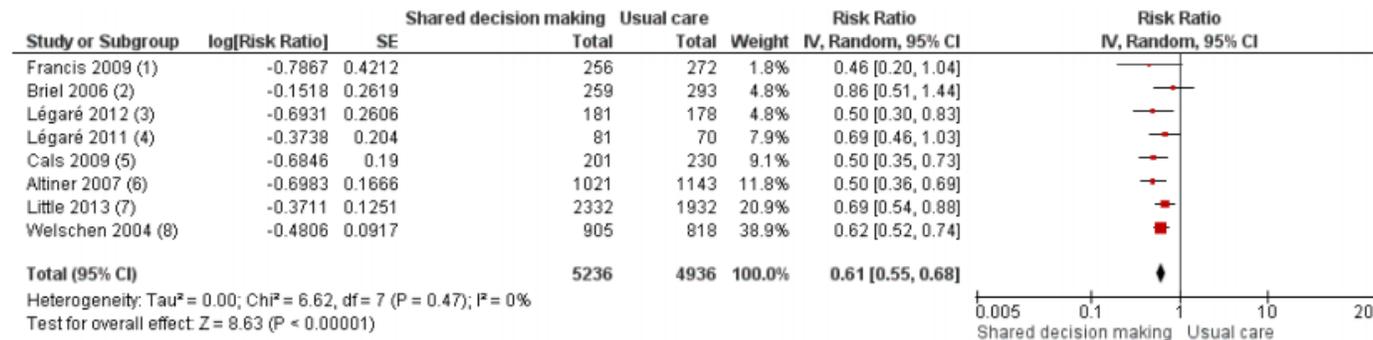
# Strategies for Reducing Antibiotic Prescribing in Community Settings

- Shared decision-making during office visits
  - Telling parents that antibiotics are not effective against viruses did not have an impact on parents' beliefs about the need to consult or their expectations concerning antibiotics
  - Parents believed that antibiotics were needed to treat more severe illnesses
  - Antibiotic prescriptions tended to confirm parents' beliefs about what indicated illness severity, which often took into account the wider impact on a child's life
  - Most parents poorly understand the risk of antimicrobial resistance

# Strategies for Reducing Antibiotic Prescribing in Community Settings

- Shared decision-making during office visits
  - Reduce antibiotic use for ARIs in primary care (immediately after or within six weeks of the consultation), compared with usual care, from 47% to 29%
  - Reduction in antibiotic prescribing occurred without an increase in patient-initiated re-consultations or a decrease in patient satisfaction with the consultation

**Figure 4. Forest plot of comparison: I Shared decision making versus usual care (control), outcome: I.1 Antibiotics prescribed, dispensed or decision to use (short-term, index consultation to  $\leq 6$  weeks).**

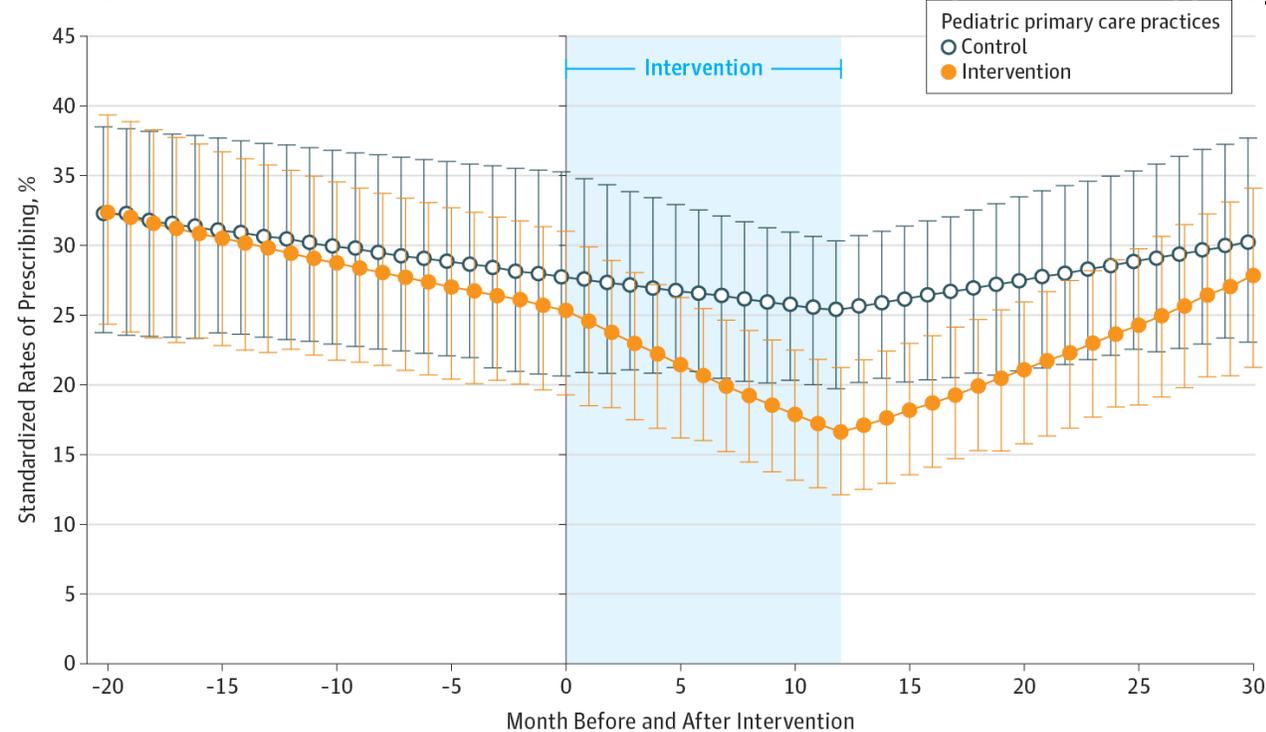


# Strategies for Reducing Antibiotic Prescribing in Community Settings

- Shared decision-making during office visits
  - Safety netting significantly reduce the rate of antibiotic prescribing in children
    - A cluster randomized controlled trial using an interactive booklet on RTI in children used by clinicians to give parents clear information about symptoms suggestive of severe illness and the action required **reduced Abx prescribing from 40.8 to 19.5%**
- Delayed prescribing
  - Antibiotic prescription can be collected at the parents' discretion after 72 hours if they feel that their child is not improving
  - Parents are extremely reassured
  - Overall use of antibiotics reduced by 80% in some studies

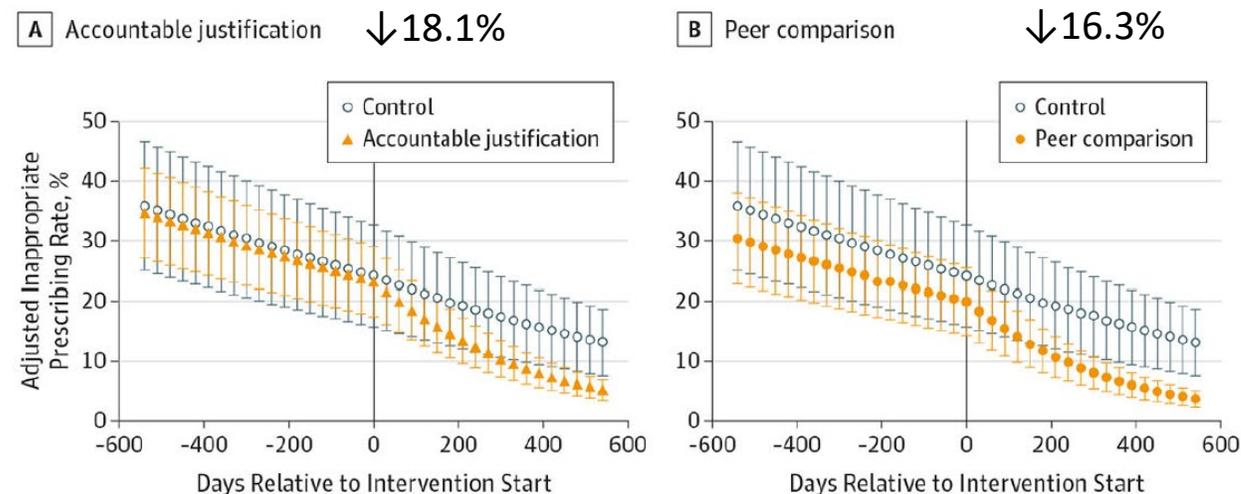
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- Outpatient antibiotic stewardship
  - Real-time prospective audit and feedback – very challenging



# Strategies for Reducing Antibiotic Prescribing in Community Settings

- Outpatient antibiotic stewardship
  - Timely review of microbiology results to decide whether antibiotics need to be continued
    - Implementation of a protocol to routinely follow up pediatric urine culture results within a community based setting → **increased discontinuation rate of antibiotics from 4 to 84%** and avoiding 40% of antibiotic days prescribed
  - Peer-comparison has significant impact on antimicrobial prescribing rates



# Pediatric AMS in the Inpatient Setting

- Elements of pediatric inpatient AMS include a variable mix of the following:

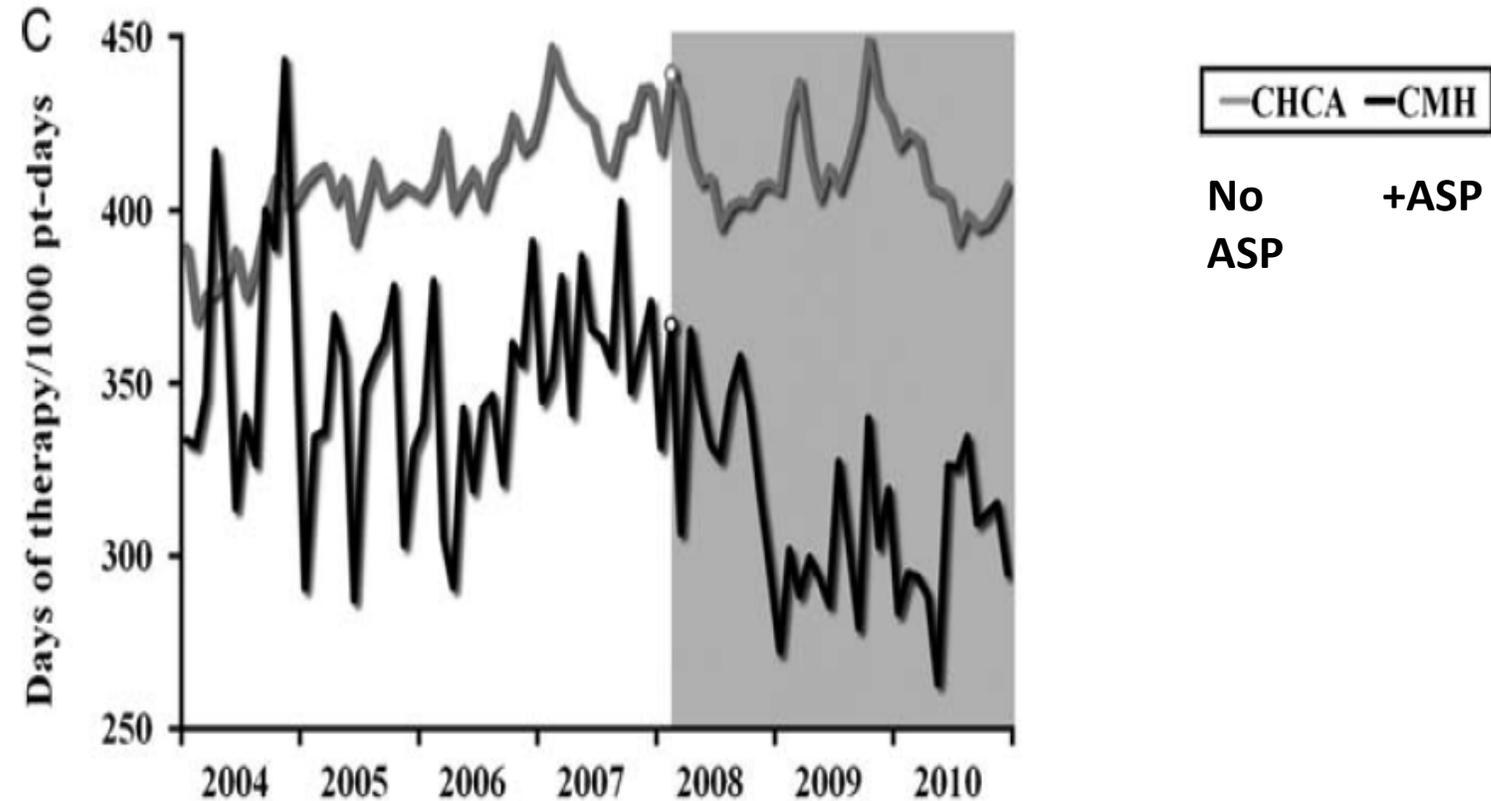
Strategy	Pros	Cons
1- Antibiotic restriction and preauthorization	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Immediate effect on prescribing rate</li><li>• Easy to implement</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Perception of autonomy loss</li><li>• Potential delays in appropriate antibiotic administration</li><li>• Increase use of other antibiotics</li><li>• Lack of education about AMS principles</li></ul>

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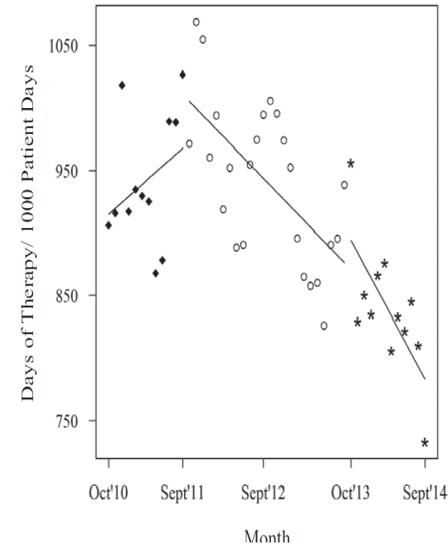
Strategy	Pros	Cons
2- Prospective audit and feedback	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Very effective</li><li>• Improves patient safety</li><li>• Increase ID consultations</li><li>• Safe net for potential medication error or bug-drug mismatch</li><li>• Allows education and facilitate behavior change</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Labor intensive</li><li>• Personnel dependent</li><li>• Requires training</li><li>• Leadership acceptance</li><li>• Need a reliable system in real-time identification of patients on antibiotics</li><li>• Depends on prescribers to accept the recommendation of the AMS team</li><li>• Documentation</li></ul>

# Impact of Prospective Audit and Feedback



# Stewardship Rounds – Handshake Rounds

- Children’s Hospital Colorado 2013
- Review of ***all prescribed*** antimicrobials and perform a rounding-based, in-person approach to feedback by a pharmacist–physician team
- Significant drop in antimicrobial days of therapy
- Significant increase in ID consultation from all studied units
- High acceptance rate – up to 86%
- Widely accepted and adopted model in US children’s hospitals



# Antimicrobial Stewardship Program in a Pediatric Intensive Care Unit of a Tertiary Care Children's Hospital in Saudi Arabia—a Pilot Study

**ANTIMICROBIAL STEWARDSHIP  
Quality Project**

Department	Date of Admission to PICU	Date of Transfer out from PICU	MRN	Patient Age			Gender	Weight	Primary Team
				Years	Months	Days			

Underlying Diagnosis/ Problem list	CVL <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, Site: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> No	Surgery <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, Type: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> No
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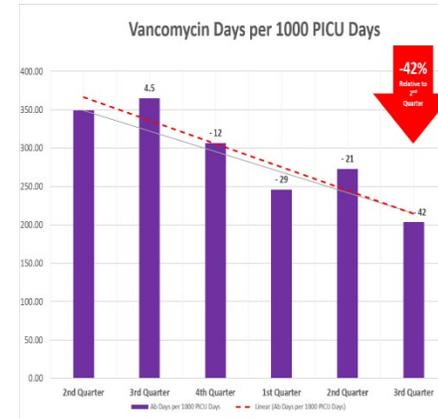
Positive culture	Name of the Isolated organism	Date of Specimen Collection
Site 1: _____		
Site 2: _____		
Site 3: _____		

DRUG	DOSE	Freq.	Route	Date of First Dose in PICU	Started By:	Expected Therapy Duration *	Reason For Treatment *	ID Consulted		Type of treatment (Empirical, Targeted)	Ventilated		Inotropes		Ending date		Intervention *	
								Yes	No		Yes	No	Yes	No	Date	Rec. By:	SA	PR

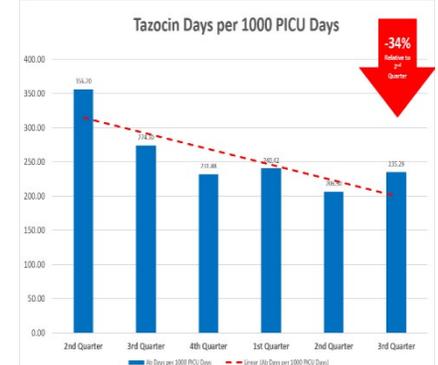
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Started By:	Suggested Action (SA)	PICU Team Response (PR)
1- PICU team	J- Justifiable Indication	A - Agree with the above recommendations
2- ID team	RA - Reassessment of the team for the number of antimicrobial	E- Escalated
3- Primary Team,		DE- Deescalated
4- Quality Project Team		D- Discontinue
		P- Partial agreement

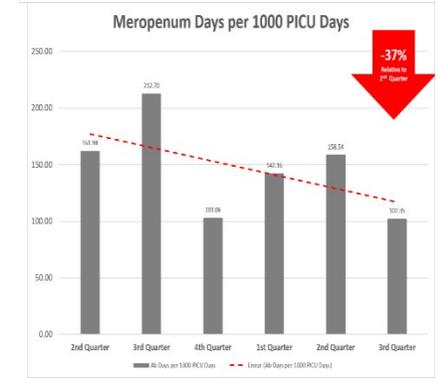
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Vancomycin  
- 42%



Pip-Tazo  
- 34%



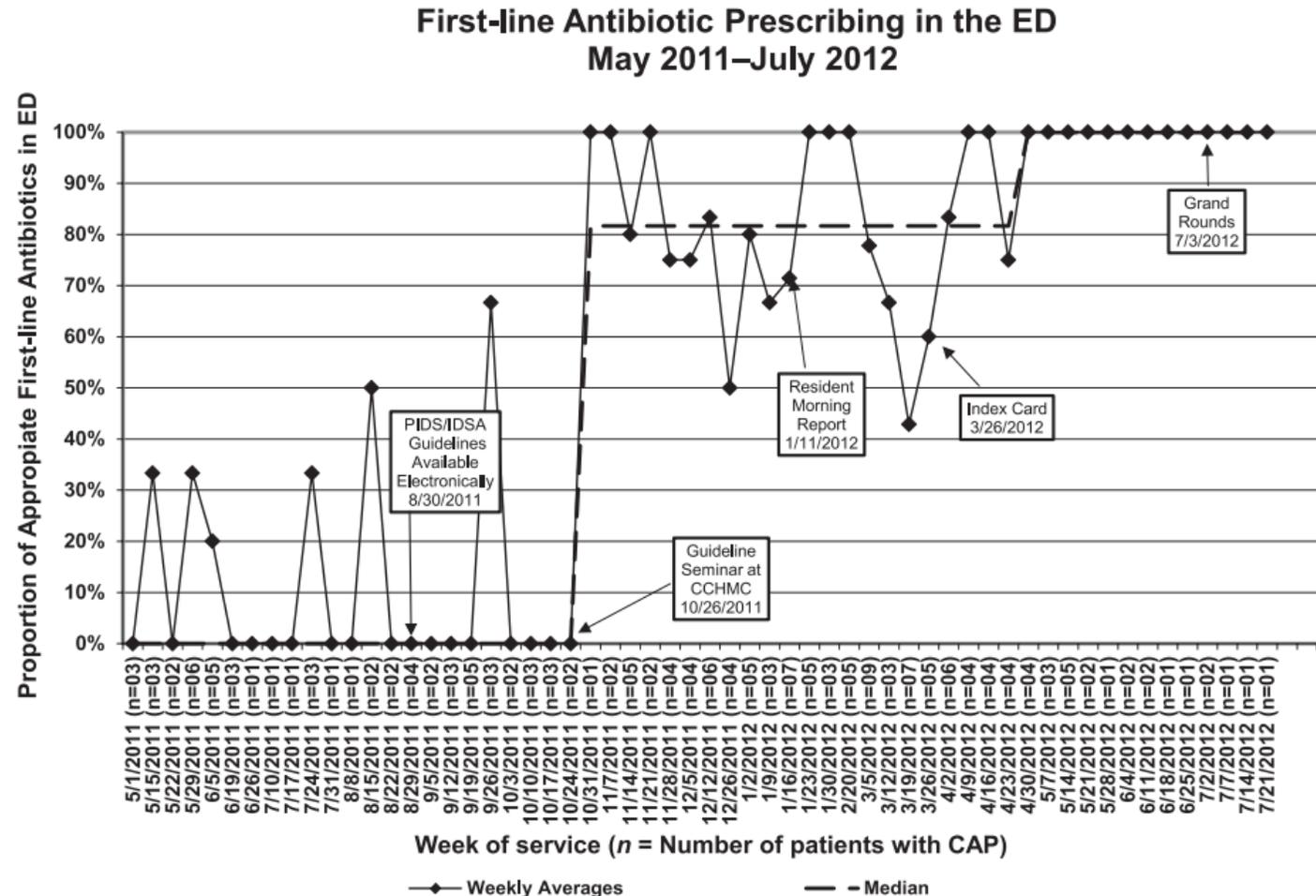
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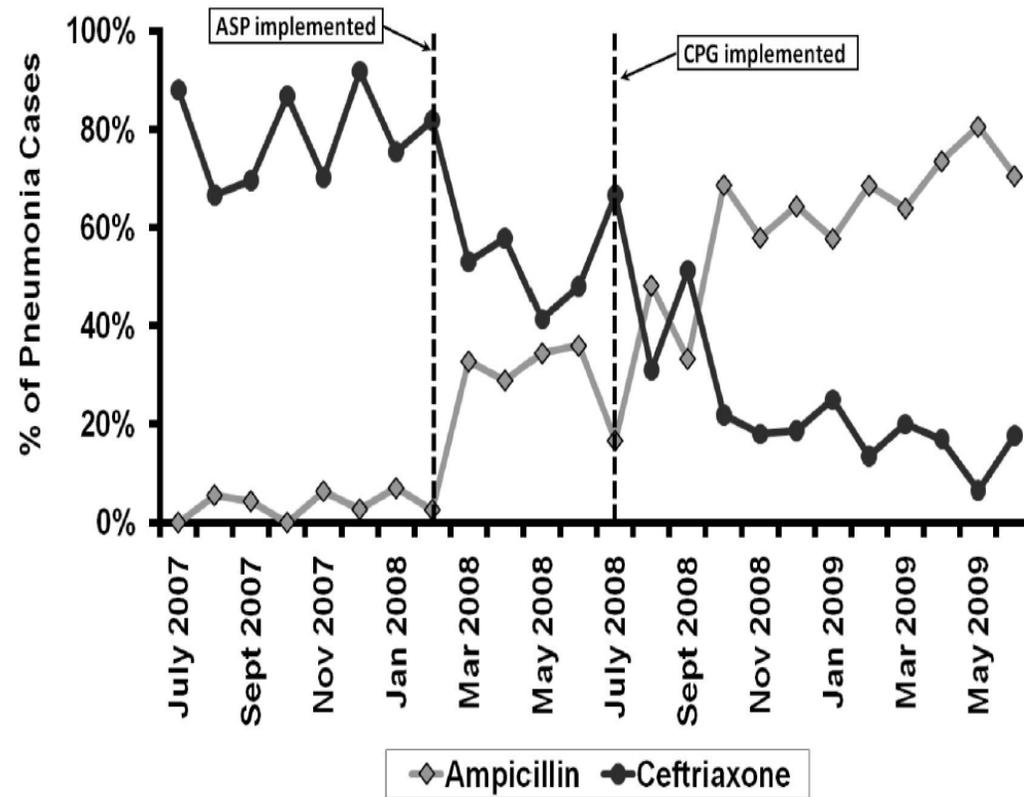
- Elements of pediatric inpatient AMS include a variable mix of the following:

Strategy	Pros	Cons
3- Implementation of institution-specific guidelines for common syndromes (e.g. CAP or Surgical prophylaxis)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Effective if widely accessible and associated with monitoring and feedback</li><li>• Utilization of digital apps and decision support software</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Requires periodic update and education</li><li>• Depends on physician's documentation of indication</li></ul>

# Example: Guideline Implementation and Adherence Monitoring



# Impact of Guidelines on Practice in One US Hospital



## Guidelines for Empirical Antimicrobial Therapy In Children

CENTRAL NERVOUS SYSTEM			
Indication	Suspected Pathogens	Antimicrobial of Choice	Alternative Therapy/Comments
<b>Meningitis</b>			
Neonate (up to 4 weeks)	Gr B Streptococcus, Gem negative Enteric Bacilli, Listeria	IV Ampicillin + IV Cefotaxime	
4 weeks - 3 months	Same as Neonates and Older Children	IV Ampicillin + IV Cefotaxime	Add Vancomycin in sick patients
Older Children	S. pneumoniae, N meningitidis, H influenzae	IV Ceftriaxone + IV Vancomycin	Deescalate antibiotic according to sensitivity
Encephalitis	Hepes Simplex Virus	IV Acyclovir	If meningoencephalitis is suspected, refer to empiric antibiotics for Meningitis. Ensure sending HSV and other viruses PCR from CSF Samples
V-P Shunt Related Infection	Congulise-negative Staphylococci, Enteric gram-negative bacilli	IV Vancomycin + IV Cefazolin	Review previous shunt infection episodes and cover previously isolated pathogens if documented sensitivity is available or consult ID

SEPTICEMIA/BACTEREMIA (Excluding Meningitis)			
Indication	Suspected Pathogens	Antimicrobial of Choice	Alternative Therapy/Comments
<b>Septicemia or Bacteremia</b>			
Neonates	Gr B Streptococcus, Gem negative Enteric Bacilli, Listeria, Enterococcus	IV Ampicillin + IV Gentamycin	
1-3 months	Same as Neonates and Older Children	IV Ampicillin + IV Cefotaxime	Add Vancomycin in severely ill patient
> 3 months	S. pneumoniae, Meningococcus, S. aureus, H. influenzae, E. coli	IV Ceftriaxone	Add Vancomycin in severely ill patient.
> 48 hours of Hospitalization	Hospital acquired Pathogens including P. aeruginosa, Klebsiella pneumoniae and E. coli, staph aureus	IV Piperacillin-Tazobactam + IV Vancomycin	Consider Aminoglycoside in severely ill patient
Sickle Cell Disease with sepsis	S. pneumoniae, H. influenzae, Salmonella	IV Ceftriaxone + IV Vancomycin	β-Lactam Allergy: Clindamycin + Ciprofloxacin

RESPIRATORY SYSTEM			
Indication	Suspected Pathogens	Antimicrobial of Choice	Alternative Therapy/Comments
<b>Pneumonia</b>			
Neonates	Group B Streptococcus, Gem negative Enteric Bacilli, Listeria	IV Ampicillin + IV Gentamycin	
<b>Community-acquired</b>			
1-3 months	S. pneumoniae, C. trachomatis, B. pertussis, S. aureus, H. influenzae	IV Cefotaxime + Macrolides	Obtain a viral NPA especially if <2 years and consider Adding Oseltamivir.
3 months - 12 years	Strept. Pneumo, mycoplasma, staph aureus	IV Ampicillin + Macrolides	IV Acetaminophen
Immunized	Strept. Pneumo, H. influenzae, M.P.S. Aureus	IV Ceftriaxone + Macrolides	
Non-immunized	Amorobes, enteric gram negative	IV Augmentin	IV Clindamycin
<b>Aspiration pneumonia</b>			
Complicated pneumonia	S. pneumoniae, S. aureus, H. influenzae, S. pyogenes, C. pneumoniae, M. pneumoniae	IV Ceftriaxone + IV Clindamycin + Macrolides	
<b>Healthcare associated Pneumonia</b>			
Ventilated	Gram negative bacilli including P. aeruginosa amorobes, staph aureus	IV Piperacillin-Tazobactam + IV Vancomycin + IV **Aminoglycosides	Cefepime + Clindamycin, **Add aminoglycoside if patient colonized with MDR organisms.
Non ventilated	Gram neg. bacilli, Staph aureus	IV Piperacillin/Tazobactam	

URINARY SYSTEM			
Indication	Suspected Pathogens	Antimicrobial of Choice	Alternative Therapy/Comments
<b>UTI</b>			
	E. coli, Proteus spp.	IV Ceftriaxone	Amikacin if ESBL is suspected

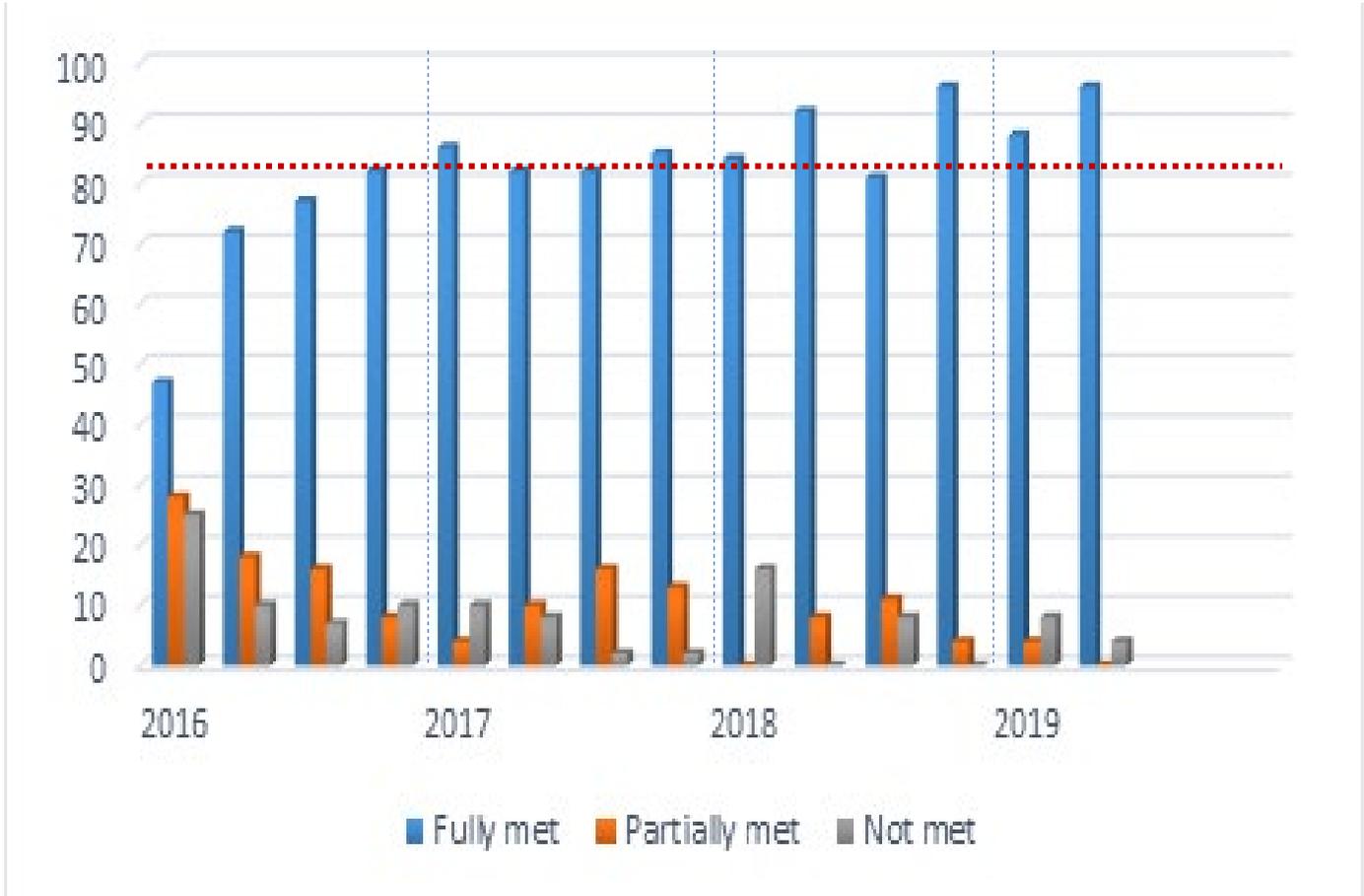
OTHER SYSTEMS			
Indication	Suspected Pathogens	Antimicrobial of Choice	Alternative Therapy/Comments
<b>Febrile Neutropenic Child</b>			
	Gram negative bacilli including P. aeruginosa	IV Piperacillin-Tazobactam + IV Amikacin + IV Vancomycin	Refer to Pediatric Febrile Neutropenia Guidelines
<b>Catheter-Related BSI</b>			
	S. aureus, CONS, enteric gram-negative bacilli, Pils P. Aeruginosa and MDR Gram negative bacteria in immunocompromised patient.	Cefazidime + Vancomycin	IV Cefepime + IV Vancomycin. Add aminoglycosides in severely ill patients and/or immunocompromised patients.
<b>Brucellosis</b>			
	B. melitensis B. abortus	Rifampicin + TMP/SMX	Add IV Gentamycin for hospitalized patient
< 8 years		Rifampicin + Doxycycline	
> 8 years		Rifampicin + Doxycycline	

SKIN & SOFT TISSUE INFECTIONS			
Indication	Suspected Pathogens	Antimicrobial of Choice	Alternative Therapy/Comments
<b>Cellulitis</b>			
	S. aureus, Gr A Streptococcus	IV Cloxacillin or Cefazolin	IV Clindamycin
<b>Necrotizing Fasciitis</b>			
	Gr A streptococcus, S. aureus, Polymicrobial, Clostridium spp.	IV Clindamycin + IV Cloxacillin	Consult ID on all cases Consult Pediatric Surgery
<b>Periorbital cellulitis</b>			
	Strept. Pneumo, staph aureus, GAS, H. Influenzae	Ceftriaxone or Augmentin	Clindamycin if MRSA is suspected
<b>Orbital cellulitis</b>			
	Strept. Pneumo, moraxella, GAS, anaerobes	Clindamycin + Ceftriaxone	IV Vancomycin + Ceftriaxone + Metronidazole

OSTEOARTICULAR			
Indication	Suspected Pathogens	Antimicrobial of Choice	Alternative Therapy/Comments
<b>Neonate</b>			
	Staph aureus, GBS-enteric gram negative bacilli	IV Cefotaxime + IV Vancomycin	
<b>All other age group</b>			
	Staph aureus, strep. Pneumo, strep. Pyogenes,	IV Clindamycin	IV Vancomycin **Add ceftriaxone for non-immunized patients.
<b>Sickle cell anemia</b>			
	Strept. Pneumoniae salmonella, Staph aureus	Clindamycin + Ceftriaxone	

GASTROINTESTINAL SYSTEM			
Indication	Suspected Pathogens	Antimicrobial of Choice	Alternative Therapy/Comments
<b>Enterocolitis</b>			
Neonates (NEC)	Enteric gram negative bacilli, Enterococcus spp., anaerobes	IV Ampicillin + IV Gentamycin + Metronidazole	
C. Difficile-Associated	C. Difficile	Stop offending antibiotic + PO Metronidazole	Alternative therapy: PO Vancomycin
<b>Peritonitis</b>			
Primary (spontaneous)	Strept. Pneumo, gram negative bacilli	IV Ceftriaxone	
Secondary (i.e., post perforation)	Gram negative bacilli, anaerobes	IV Ampicillin + Gentamycin + Metronidazole	Consult ID

# Percentage of Compliance to Empiric Antibiotic Guidelines at CSH-KFMC at Hospital Admission



# Surgical Prophylaxis Manual Order Set

Surgical Antimicrobial Order Sheet (Adult)		Patient Label
A) Surgical antimicrobial prophylaxis order (Preset 24 hours):		
<p><b>Important instructions:</b>            *Prophylactic antimicrobials should be given as a single IV dose starting within <b>60 MINUTES prior</b> to incision and should not exceed 24 hrs post operatively for all types of surgery, regardless of the presence of indwelling catheters, drains or prostheses.            *For procedures lasting more than four hours or when excessive blood loss (&gt; 1.5 L) occurs, re-dosing is indicated every one to two half-lives of the drug in patients with normal renal function (Cefazolin every 4hrs, Vancomycin every 8hrs, Clindamycin every 4hrs, and Metronidazole every 6hrs).</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Adult dosage and duration</b>            -If Vancomycin or Fluoroquinolone is used, the infusion should be started <b>60-120 minutes</b> before incision in order to minimize the possibility of an infusion reaction.</p>	
<b>Operation</b>	<b>First line</b>	<b>Alternative (for severe <math>\beta</math>-lactam allergy or MRSA colonization)</b>
	Pt. Weight = _____ <b>• If BMI &gt; 35, or weight <math>\geq</math>120 kg, give 3gm of Cefazolin.</b>	Pt. Weight = _____ <b>• If weight <math>\geq</math> 90 kg, give 1.5 gm of vancomycin</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> Cardiac, (including cardiac devices, insertion procedure and Ventricular Assist Device (VAD). <input type="checkbox"/> Coronary artery bypass.	<input type="checkbox"/> Cefazolin 2 gm. IV x 1 dose	<input type="checkbox"/> Vancomycin 1gm IV over 60 min x 1 dose <input type="checkbox"/> Vancomycin 1.5 gm IV over 60 min x 1 dose
<b>Gastrointestinal</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Esophageal, gastroduodenal High risk only: (Morbid obesity, esophageal obstruction, decreased gastric acidity or gastrointestinal motility). <input type="checkbox"/> Biliary tract High risk only: (Age >70 years, acute cholecystitis, non-functioning gall bladder, obstructive jaundice or common duct stones). <input type="checkbox"/> Bariatric Surgery <input type="checkbox"/> Hernia repair (hernioplasty and herniorrhaphy)	<input type="checkbox"/> Cefazolin 3 gm. IV x 1 dose	<input type="checkbox"/> Clindamycin 900 mg IV over 30 min x 1 dose (For $\beta$ -lactam allergy but not MRSA colonization)
<b>Gastrointestinal</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Colectomy <input type="checkbox"/> Appendectomy, non-perforated <input type="checkbox"/> Small bowel surgery (e.g Crohn's)	<input type="checkbox"/> Cefazolin 2gm. IV X 1 dose <input type="checkbox"/> Cefazolin 3 gm. IV x 1 dose <b>Plus</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Metronidazole 500mg IV X 1 dose	<input type="checkbox"/> Ciprofloxacin 400mg. IV x 1 dose <b>Plus</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Metronidazole 500mg. IV over 30 min x 1 dose
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Genitourinary High risk:</b> (Urine culture positive or unavailable, preoperative catheter, trans rectal prostatic biopsy, placement of prosthetic material).	<input type="checkbox"/> Cefazolin 2gm. IV X 1 dose	<input type="checkbox"/> Ciprofloxacin 400mg IV x 1 dose
<b>Gynecologic and Obstetric</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Vaginal, abdominal or laparoscopic hysterectomy.	<input type="checkbox"/> Cefazolin 3 gm. IV x 1 dose	<input type="checkbox"/> Ciprofloxacin 400 mg. IV x 1 dose <b>Plus</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Metronidazole 500 mg. IV over 30min.x 1 dose
<input type="checkbox"/> Cesarean section.		<input type="checkbox"/> Clindamycin 900mg IV x 1dose <b>Plus</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Gentamicin 5 mg/kg IV x 1 dose
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Head and Neck Surgery</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Clean with placement of prosthesis (excludes tympanostomy tubes).	<input type="checkbox"/> Cefazolin 2gm. IV X 1 dose <input type="checkbox"/> Cefazolin 3 gm. IV x 1 dose	
<input type="checkbox"/> Clean-contaminated cancer surgery <input type="checkbox"/> Clean-contaminated procedures with the exception of tonsillectomy and functional endoscopic sinus procedures	<input type="checkbox"/> Cefazolin 2gm. IV X 1 dose <input type="checkbox"/> Cefazolin 3 gm. IV x 1 dose <b>Plus</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Metronidazole 500mg IV x 1 dose.	<input type="checkbox"/> Clindamycin 900mg IV x 1 dose
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Ophthalmic Surgery</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Gentamicin, Moxifloxacin, gramicidin or polymyxin B topically over 2 to 24 hours	<input type="checkbox"/> Cefazolin 100 mg sub conjunctively x 1 dose
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Orthopedic Surgery</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Neurosurgery</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Spinal surgery</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Cefazolin 2gm. IV X 1 dose	<input type="checkbox"/> Vancomycin 1 gm. IV over 60 min x 1 dose
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Thoracic (Non-Cardiac) and Vascular</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Arterial surgery involving prosthesis, the abdominal aorta, or a groin incision. <input type="checkbox"/> Lower extremity amputation for ischemia.	<input type="checkbox"/> Cefazolin 3 gm. IV x 1 dose	<input type="checkbox"/> Vancomycin 1.5 gm IV over 60 min x 1dose
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Plastic surgery</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Clean with risk factors or clean- contaminated.		
Physician Name (stamp) & signature:	Date / Time:	Witness Nurse:
<b>B) Post -Operative Antimicrobial Order:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> Yes , specify indication:.....		
Antimicrobial 1 : ..... Duration:.....Days		
Antimicrobial 2 : ..... Duration:..... Days		
Physician Name (stamp) & signature:	Date / Time:	Witness Nurse:

# Pediatric-Specific Cumulative Antibiogram

 <b>ANTIMICROBIAL SUSCEPTIBILITY OF CLINICAL ISOLATES AT KFMC</b> DEPARTMENT OF MICROBIOLOGY KING FAHAD MEDICAL CITY					
LOCATION	PEDIATRIC	YEAR	JANUARY - DECEMBER 2018	TABLE	GRAM NEGATIVE NON-FERMENTING BACTERIA

NO ISOLATES NAME	ISOLATE TESTED	CAZ	CPE	CIP	TZP	GM	AN	IMP	MER	SXT	CL	LEVO
<i>Pseudomonas aeruginosa</i>	323	85%	80%	78%	74%	83%	90%	64%	70%		100%	74%
<i>Acinetobacter baumannii</i>	67	51%	51%	45%	45%	43%	51%	43%	40%		97%	46%
<i>Stenotrophomonas maltophilia</i>	50	50%								94%		40%

ABBREVIATIONS FOR ANTIBIOTICS											
AMP	Ampicillin	AUG	Augmentin	CF	Cephalothin	CXM	Cefuroxime	CAZ	Ceftazidime	FOX	Cefoxitin
CPE	Cefepime	CIP	Ciprofloxacin	GM	Gentamicin	AN	Amikacin	SXT	Trimethoprim - Sulfamethoxazole	TZP	Piperacillin - Tazobactam
IMP	Imipenem	MER	Meropenem	NIT	Nitrofurantoin	ERY	Erythromycin	CL	Colistin	SM	Streptomycin
TC	Tetracycline	RA	Rifampin	TGC	Tigecycline	LEVO	Levofloxacin	CTX	Cefotaxime	DOXY	Doxycycline

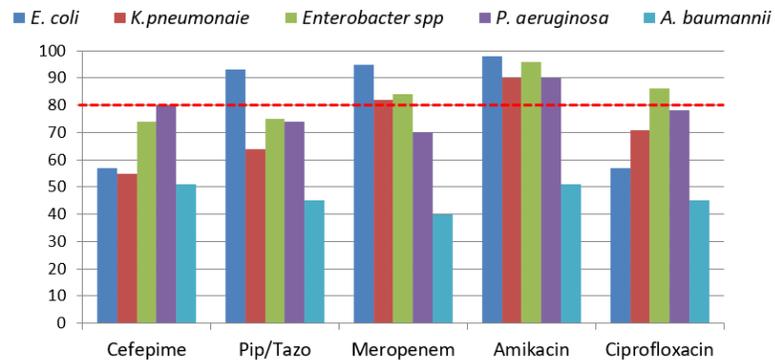
\* Tested on urinary tract isolates only

<b>&lt;= 69 %</b>	Caution in selecting this antibiotic is advised, discussion with Microbiologist or ID is recommended.	<b>70 % - 79 %</b>	recommended for empiric therapy if no other choice	<b>&gt;=80 %</b>	reasonably good susceptibility, recommended as first line empiric therapy for the suspected organism
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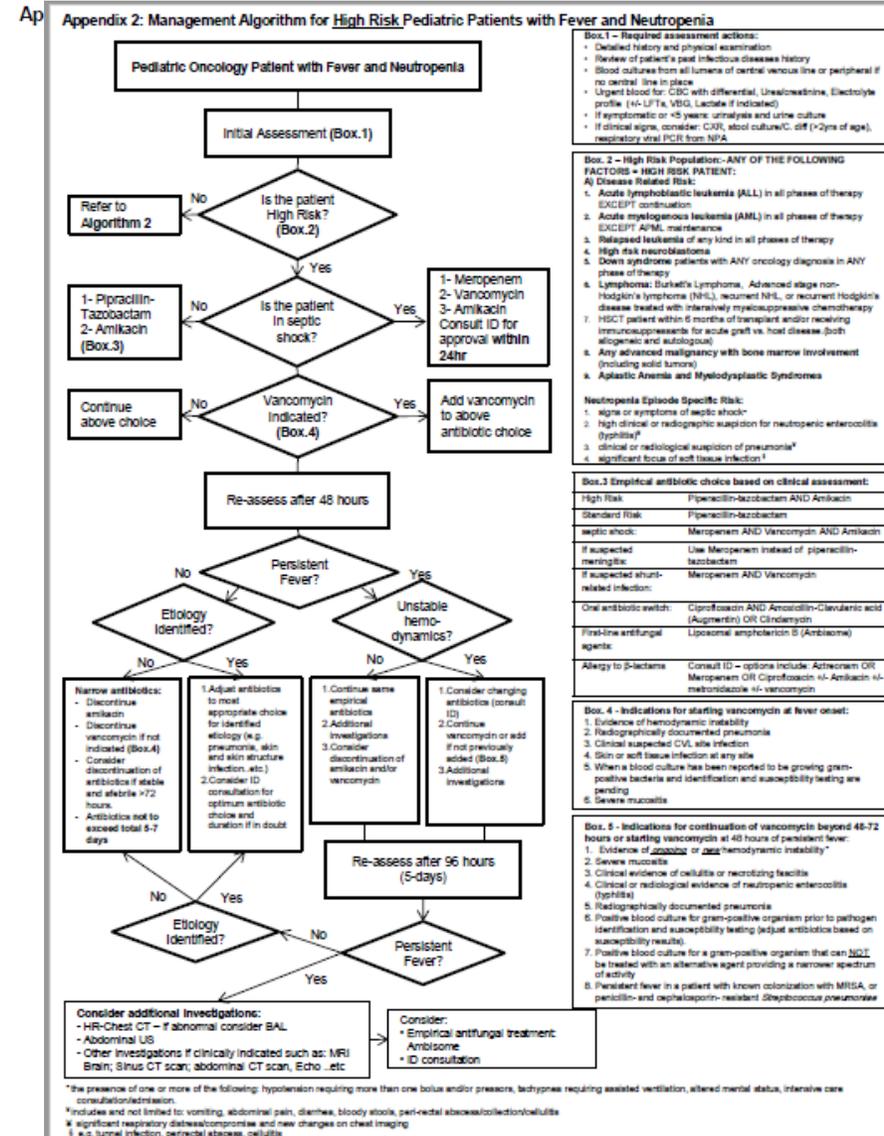
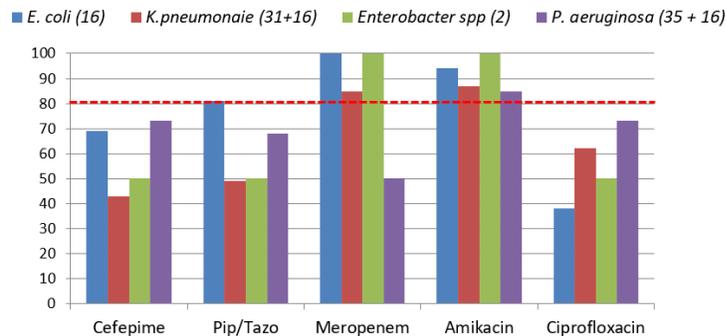
# Local Fever & Neutropenia in Children with Cancer Protocol

## Empiric Gram Negative Coverage Choice

2018 CSH Antibiogram for clinically important gram-negative bacteria

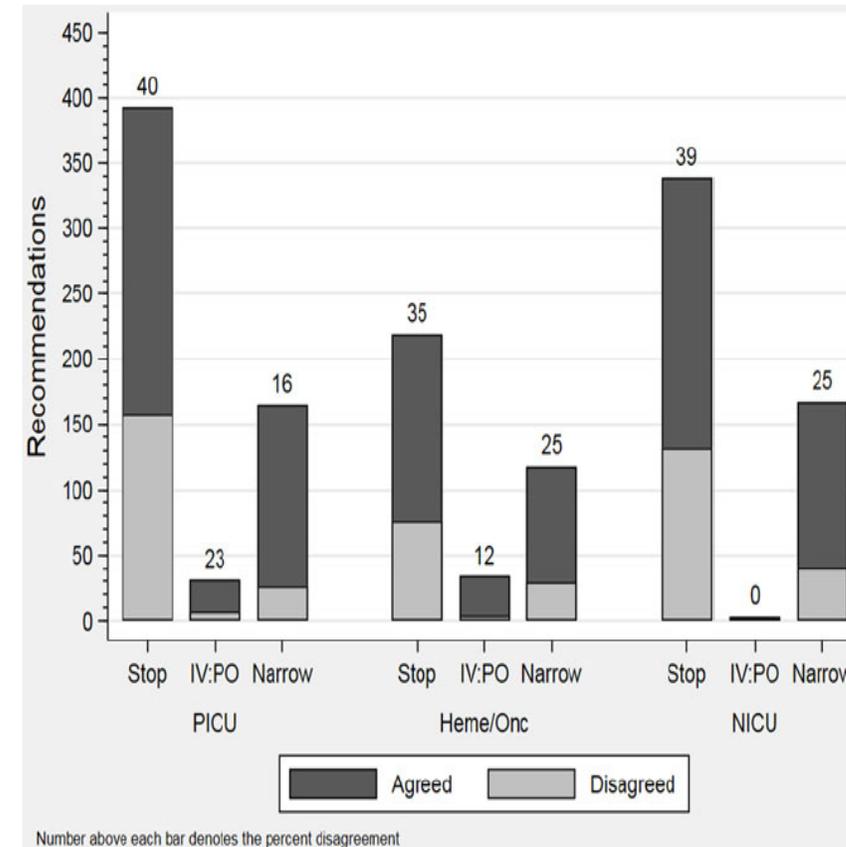


2017 + 2018 CSH Pediatric Oncology Antibiogram (manually combined)



# Safety of ASP on High Risk Pediatric Patients

- In patients for whom an ASP recommendation was given, the **odds of mortality was significantly lower** (adjusted odds ratio [aOR], 0.72; 95% CI 0.54–0.96;  $P = 0.023$ )
- A stop recommendation was **not associated with increased odds of 30-day readmission** (aOR, 0.98; 95% CI, 0.82–1.17;  $P = 0.842$ )
- The LOS for agreement with ASP recommendations was **significantly shorter** compared to cases in which disagreement occurred (10.2 days vs 12.5 days;  $P = 0.021$ )



# Tracking & Reporting

- Collect baseline data
- Process measures
  - Recommendation acceptance rate
  - Dose optimization
  - Route optimization
  - Discontinuation of inappropriate antibiotics
- Outcome measures
  - Total antibiotic expenditures (cost, DOT/1000 patient days)
  - Impact assessment (C. difficile and MDRO rates) – will take time
  - 30-day readmission rates on cases that ASP intervened in

# AMS Metrics

- **Days of Therapy (DOT)/ 1000 patient days** (based on the hospital census)
- Antibiotic Use and Resistance (AUR) Module
  - Days of therapy (DOT)/ 1000 days present
  - More nuanced Assessment
  - Allows for benchmarking antibiotic use inter-and intra-facilities
  - National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN)/CDC require reporting this metric
- Defined Daily Doses (DDD)/ 1000 patient days
- Antibiotic spectrum index
- Other
  - DOT/Length of therapy (LOT)
  - Time to optimal therapy in invasive infections
  - Time of conversion from IV to PO for highly bioavailable antimicrobials

Barlam et al. CID. 2016;62(10):e51-e77.

<https://www.cdc.gov/nhsn/>

Gerber et al. Infect Control Hosp Epidemiol 2017;38:993–997.

Kronman et al. JPIDS. 2018;7(3):241–8

# AMS Metrics in Pediatrics

- DDD is not ideal – large weight range
- Prescribed daily dose (mg/kg/day/100 bed days)
- Neonatal DDD for 8 most commonly used antimicrobials considering an average body weight of 2 kg – not validated or widely used
- Days of therapy per 100 or 1000 patient-day – widely used especially in the US.
- Antibiotic spectrum index
- Other metrics of antimicrobial consumption:
  - Proportion of hospitalized children on antimicrobials
    - Specific cohort (healthcare associated vs. community acquired infections)
    - Specific antimicrobial benchmarking (e.g. piperacillin-tazobactam or meropenem)

# Antibiotic Spectrum Index

Antibiotic	AbSI Score
Dicloxacillin Sodium	1
Oxacillin	1
Amoxicillin	2
Ampicillin	2
Cephalexin	2
Erythromycin	2
Erythromycin-Sulfisoxazole	2
Metronidazole	2
Penicillin G Benzathine	2
Penicillin G Sodium	2
Penicillin V Potassium	2
Aztreonam	3
Cefazolin	3
Cefdinir	3
Cefixime	3
Cefpodoxime	3
Rifampin	3
Azithromycin	4
Cefprozil	4
Ceftazidime	4
Cefuroxime	4
Chloramphenicol	4
Clarithromycin	4
Clindamycin	4
Piperacillin	4
Sulfamethoxazole-Trimethoprim	4

Cefotaxime	5
Cefoxitin	5
Ceftriaxone	5
Colistimethate Sodium	5
Daptomycin	5
Doxycycline Hyclate	5
Gentamicin	5
Minocycline HCl	5
Telavancin	5
Tobramycin	5
Vancomycin	5
Amikacin Sulfate	6
Amoxicillin-Pot Clavulanate	6
Ampicillin-Sulbactam	6
Cefepime	6
Linezolid	6
Ticarcillin-Clavulanate	6
Ceftaroline	8
Ciprofloxacin	8
Piperacillin-Tazobactam	8
Ertapenem	9
Levofloxacin	9
Meropenem	10
Moxifloxacin HCl	10
Imipenem-Cilastatin	11
Tigecycline	13

# Antimicrobial Quality Metrics for Hospitalized Neonates and Children

1. Documentation of the reason for antimicrobial prescribing in the notes
2. Targeted therapeutic antibiotic prescribing
3. Parenteral administration of antibiotics
4. Number of antibiotic combination therapies
5. Broad-spectrum antibiotic prescribing
6. Antibiotic prevalence rates for hospital-acquired infections
7. Targeted broad-spectrum antibiotic prescribing for hospital-acquired infections
8. Empirical broad-spectrum antibiotic prescribing for community-acquired infections
9. Broad-spectrum antibiotic prescribing for surgical prophylaxis
10. Prolonged antibiotic prescribing for surgical prophylaxis

# Barriers to Implementing AMS in our Clinical Setting

- Lack of ASP expertise – relatively new concept
- Limited pediatric pharmacist time and number
- No protected time for physician ASP activities
- Lack of true accountability/structure for ASP
- Limited IT support
- Incomplete medical records/documentation
- Manual data collection – prone to error/human factors

# AMS @ CSH in 2020

## “Antibiotic Time Out”

The image shows a computer monitor displaying a hospital dashboard. The dashboard has a header with search filters for 'Consultant on Service', 'Nurse', 'Ward/Room', and 'MRN'. Below the header is a table with columns: Bed, Bed Status, MRN, DOA, G, LOS, EDOO, Acuity, Phase, Speciality, Consultant, Nurse, and a final column with status indicators. The 'Phase' column is highlighted with a red box. The table lists 21 rows of patient data, all with 'Occupied' status. The status indicators on the right are: 0 Occupied, 21 at On Pass, 0 Vacant, and 0 Blocked.

Bed	Bed Status	MRN	DOA	G	LOS	EDOO	Acuity	Phase	Speciality	Consultant	Nurse	
301A	Occupied	441024705	17/01/2020	M	3	20/01/2020		4	PEDIATRICS	DR.DAFALLAH	Nur	
301B	Occupied	440060981	14/01/2020	F	6	22/01/2020	1:3	2	GENERAL PEDIATRICS	Dr. ALAA	Nur-Zaina	ABX
301C	Occupied	441025844	17/01/2020	M	3	27/01/2020	1:4	2	PEDIATRICS	DR. DAFALLA	Nur-Zaina	
301D	Occupied	440060552	13/01/2020	F	7	20/01/2020	1:4	4	PEDIATRICS	DR. EGAB	Nur	
302A	Occupied	439024958	08/01/2020	F	12	20/01/2020	1:4	4	GENERAL PEDIATRICS	Dr. ALAA	JEANNE	ABX
302B	Occupied	441025080	16/01/2020	F	4	20/01/2020	1:4	4	PEDIATRICS	Dr. Egab	JEANNE	ABX
302C	Occupied	441021556	16/01/2020	M	4	20/01/2020	1:4	4	PEDIATRICS	Dr. ALAA	JEANNE	SW
302D	Occupied	441004239	16/01/2020	M	4	20/01/2020	1:4	4	GENERAL PEDIATRICS	Dr. Fatin	JEANNE	ABX
303A	Occupied	441024096	07/01/2020	M	13	22/01/2020	1:3	2	PEDIATRICS	DR.ALAA	PRINCES	ABX
303B	Occupied	436019327	08/01/2020	F	12	08/02/2020	1:4	2	GENERAL PEDIATRICS	DR.DAFALLAH	PRINCES	Procedur
303C	Occupied	435001777	08/01/2020	F	12	23/01/2020	1:3	2	PEDIATRICS	DR.DAFALLAH	JEANNE	ABX
304A	Occupied	440010648	14/01/2020	F	6	20/01/2020	1:4	4	GENERAL PEDIATRICS	Dr.Egab	ZAIDEE	ABX
304B	Occupied	441020600	16/01/2020	M	4	21/01/2020	1:4	3	PEDIATRICS	DR.DAFALLAH	ZAIDEE	ABX
305A	Occupied	441026071	17/01/2020	M	3	22/01/2020	1:4	2	PEDIATRICS	DR.FATIN	ZAIDEE	
305B	Occupied	440008927	17/01/2020	F	3	20/01/2020	1:4	4	GENERAL PEDIATRICS	Dr. Fatin	ZAIDEE	ABX
306A	Occupied	441019144	17/01/2020	F	3	20/01/2020	1:4	4	GENERAL PEDIATRICS	Dr. Fatin	MYCEL	
307A	Occupied	441012437	13/01/2020	M	7	20/01/2020	1:4	4	PEDIATRICS	DR. EGAB	PRINCES	ABX
309A	Occupied	441024403	15/01/2020	M	5	20/01/2020	1:4	4	PEDIATRICS	Dr.Egab	MYCEL	
310A	Occupied	440029692	19/01/2020	F	1	22/01/2020	1:4	1	PEDIATRICS		PRECIOUS	ABX
310B	Occupied	439032496	18/01/2020	M	2	28/01/2020	1:4	2			MYCEL	D
310C	Occupied	100053740	29/10/2019	M	83	20/01/2020	1:4	4	PEDIATRICS	DR.ALAA	PRECIOUS	

**Who:** Primary team including nurses

**When:** at 72 hours of antibiotic initiation

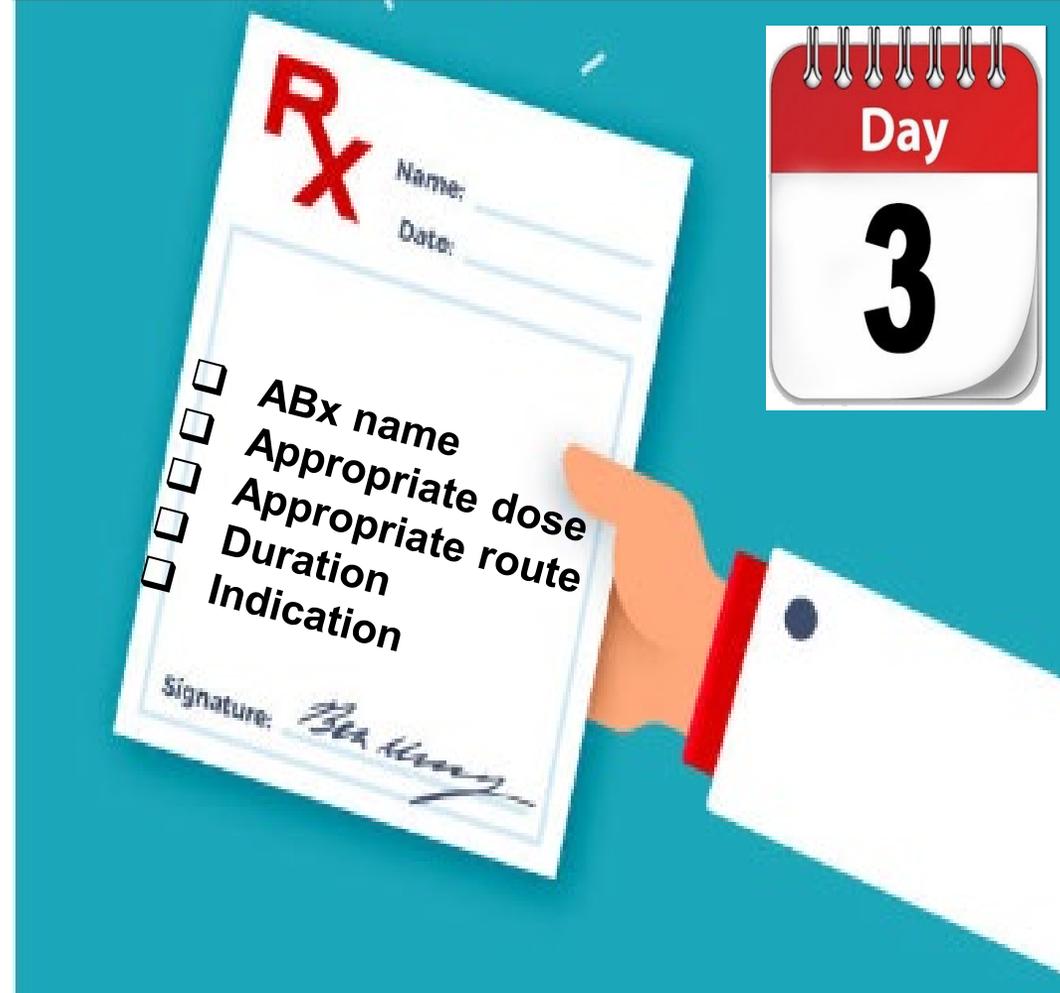
**Supported by** prospective audit and feedback rounds by ID + clinical pharmacist two days a week on cases non-consulted by ID team



**Goals:**

1. Improve documentation of indication and duration of therapy
2. Reduction of aminoglycosides and vancomycin days

# Antibiotic Time Out



# Pediatric AMS in Resource Limited Setting

- Assess your local antibiotic use
- Identify the most feasible strategy
- Identify a way to embed AMS in the regular workflow
- Enforce the importance role of accurate diagnostics
- Educate providers
- Obtain leadership buy-in
- Start with simple strategies:
  - Advocating against over the counter antibiotic access
  - Physician and parent education
  - Institution specific guidelines
  - Antibiotic time-out culture (indication and duration documentation)
  - Antibiotic restriction and preauthorization
- Collaborate with microbiology, clinical pharmacy, and infection prevention and control services

# Some Advices

- Assess your hospital readiness and gaps
- Build on what you currently have and keep improvement initiatives going
- Have good relationship with everyone – especially your ID colleagues
- Start small but aim big
- Talk to related stakeholders/services before implementing any new policy
- Start with antimicrobial restriction and empiric guidelines
- Then focus on appropriateness, de-escalation, and time-outs
- Don't be threatening to teams
- Don't get offended if they did not accept your recommendations
- Measure, measure, measure – ALL what you do
  - Be data driven – analytics are not the destination but part of the journey
- Education is your role!
- It's a global problem = **we ALL need to participate in taking an action Today**



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