



The CDC big three; challenges from the laboratory perspective

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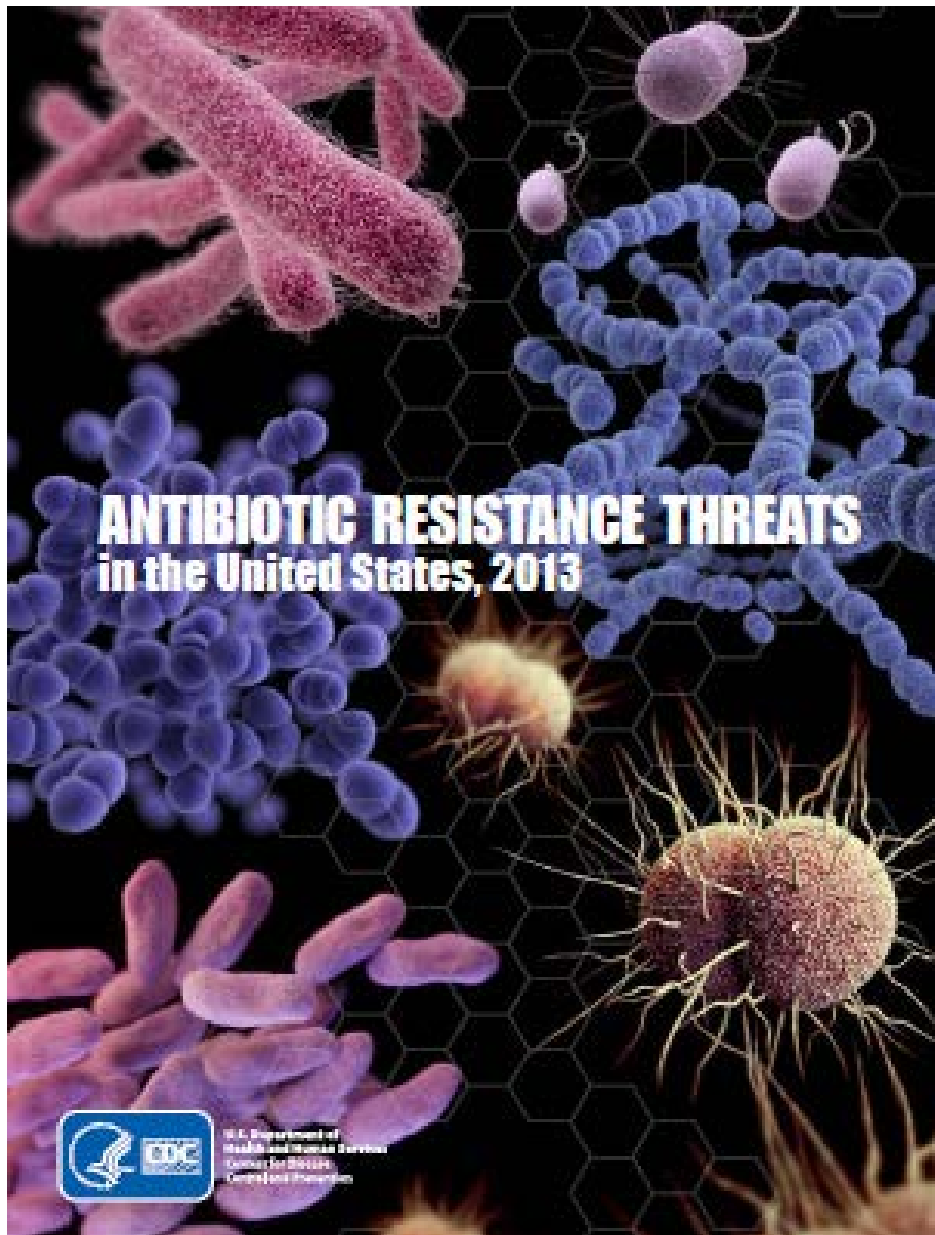
Outline

- Describe the capabilities and challenges of novel tools used for the detection of carbapenemase-producing organisms.
- Contrast *Clostridium difficile* testing algorithms.
 - Are labs using the best strategy?
- Describe impact of current laboratory practices as it relates to GC

Call to Action

“is a snapshot of the complex problem of antibiotic resistance today and the potentially catastrophic consequences of inaction.”

- Urgent Threats
 - Significant risk
 - Limited treatment options
- Serious Threats
 - Reduced incidence or more treatment options
- Concerning Threats

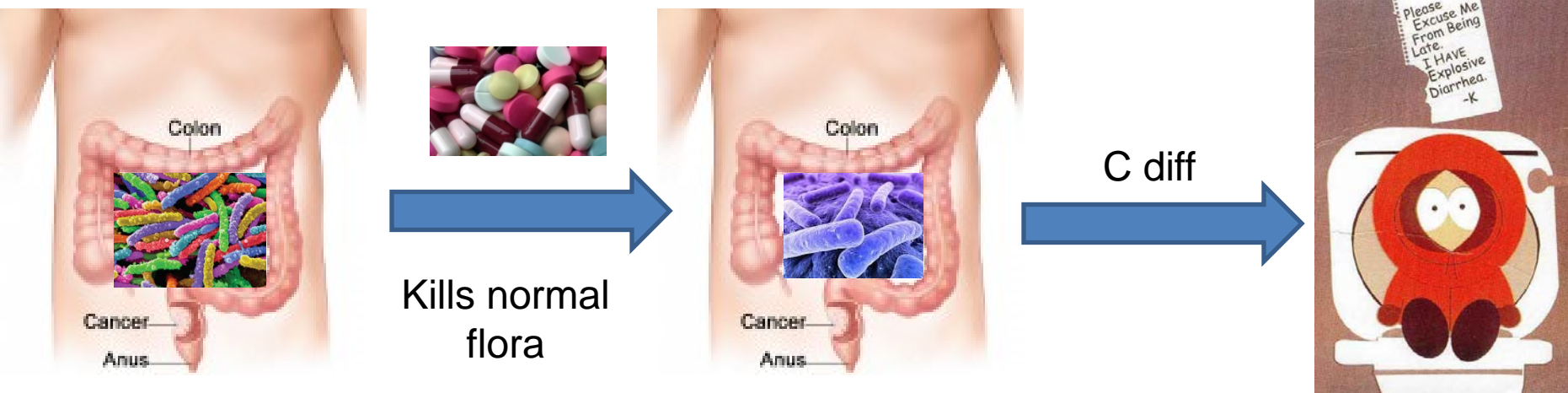
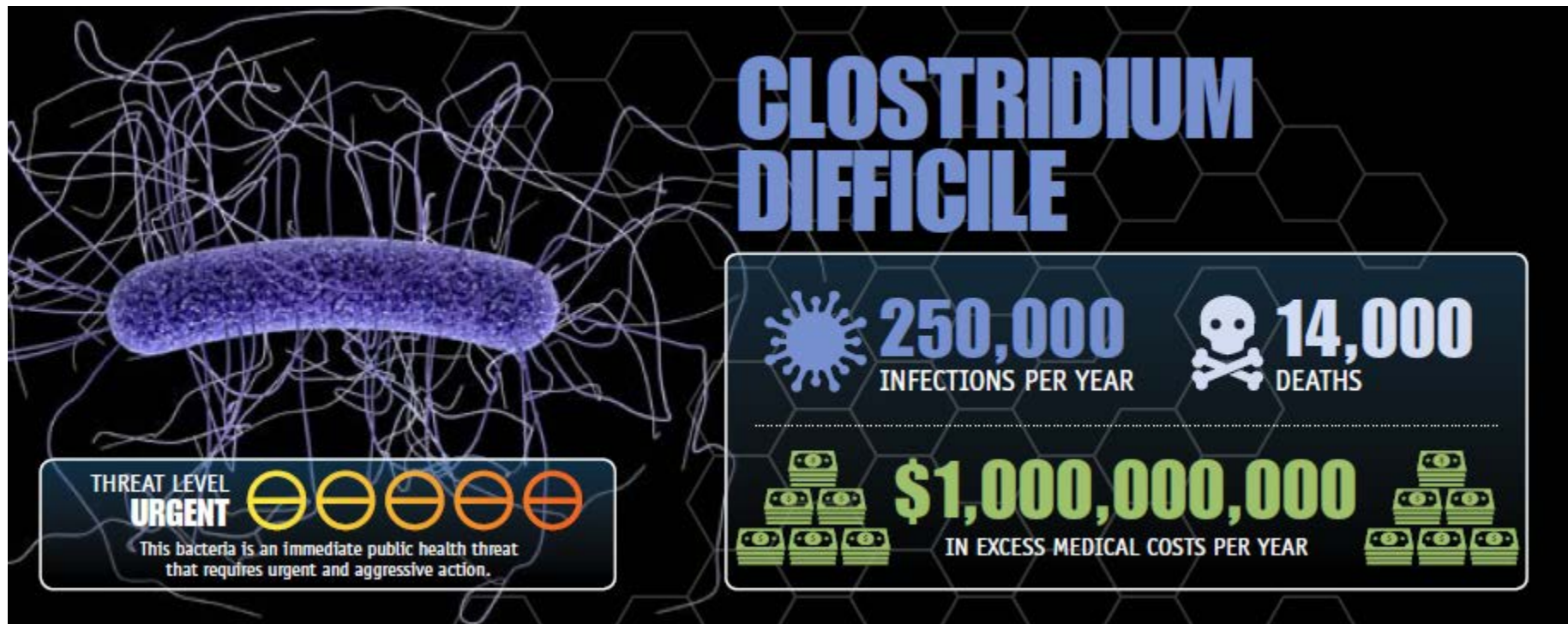


Urgent Threats

Clostridium difficile

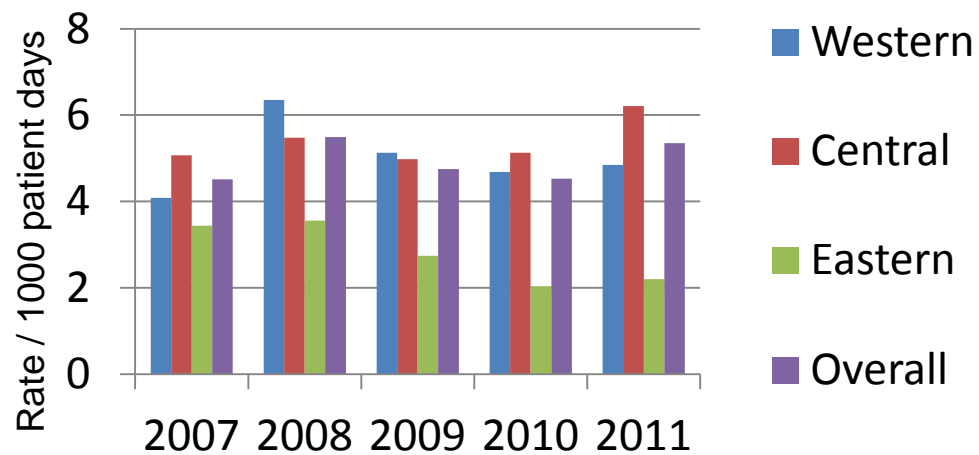
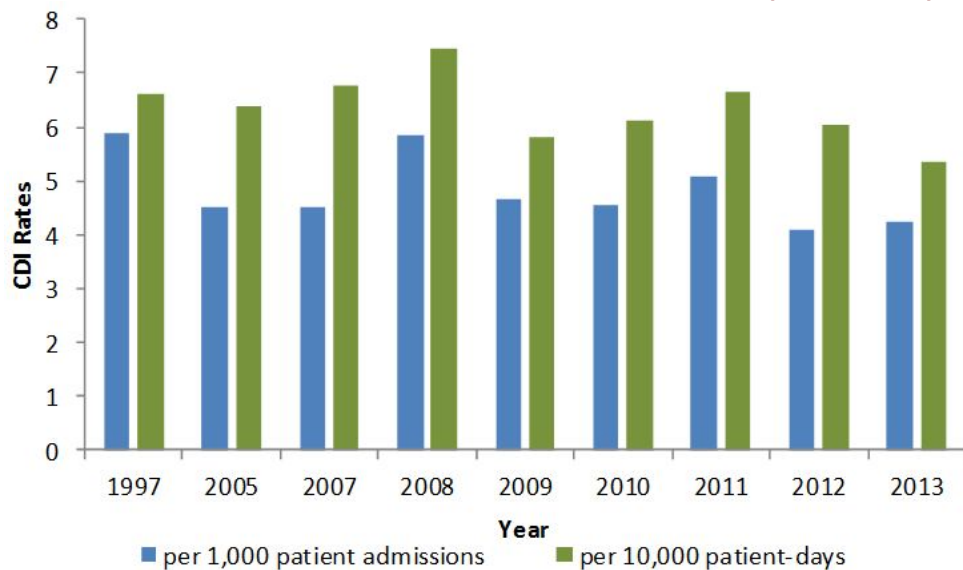
Carbapenem-resistant Enterobacteriaceae

Drug-resistant *Neisseria gonorrhoeae*



C.Diff in Canada

(PHAC)



Ideal Assay

- Want a rapid, accurate inexpensive test
- Tests of limited sensitivity lead to false negatives and potential for further spread and morbidity
- Tests of low specificity lead to unnecessary isolation (or cohorting that could increase risk of exposure) and treatment
- *No Single test fits these requirements*



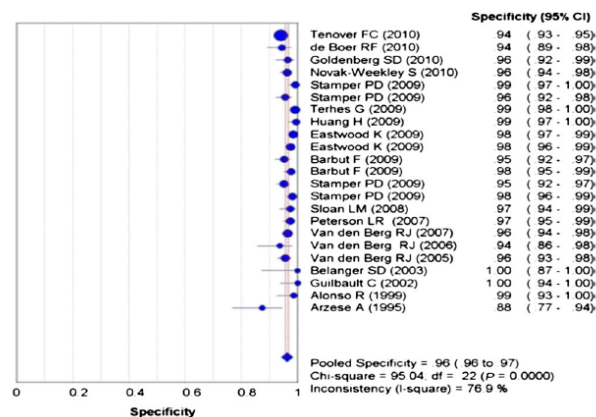
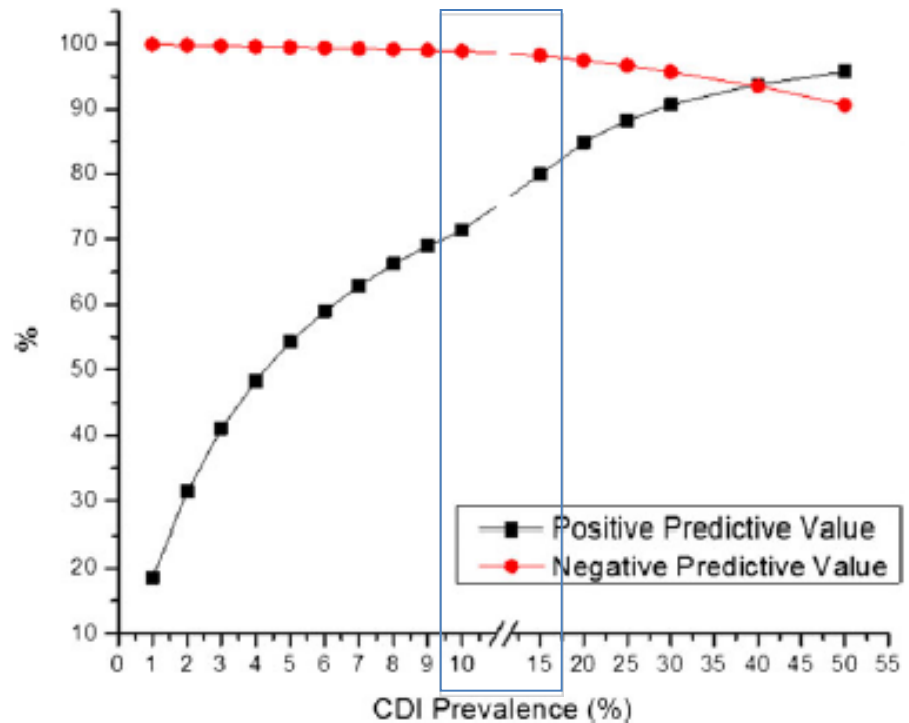
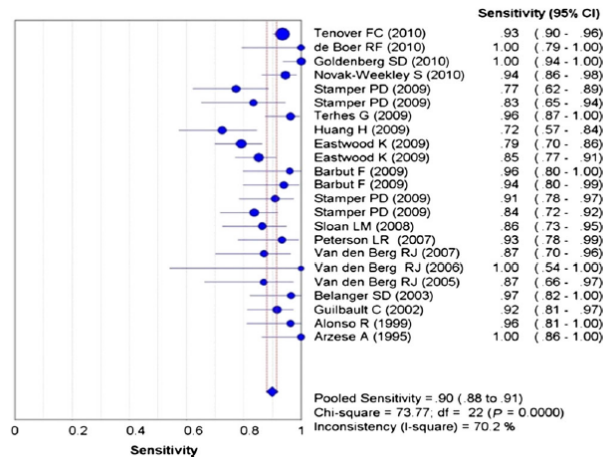
Assay	Pros	Cons	sens	Spec	Cost
Immunoassay for Toxin A / B	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Rapid• Easy to use	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Lacks sensitivity	69-99% (as low as 38%)	92 -100%	+
glucose dehydrogenase	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Very high NPV• batchable	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Not specific• Positive needs confirmation	88 – 100%	83 -100%	+
Cell Culture Cytotoxic assay	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Identifies presence of the toxin	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Takes 48 hrs for a negative• Requires tissue culture	70-100	90-100	++
Toxigenic culture	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• “gold standard”	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Test takes upto 5 days• Cumbersome	90-100	98-100	+++
NAAT	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Can be rapid• Very sensitive	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Expensive• Does not differentiate colonization	88-91%	96-97%	++++

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Deshpande et al., 2011. Clin Infect Dis 53:e81-e90

Performance of NAAT a Systemic Review

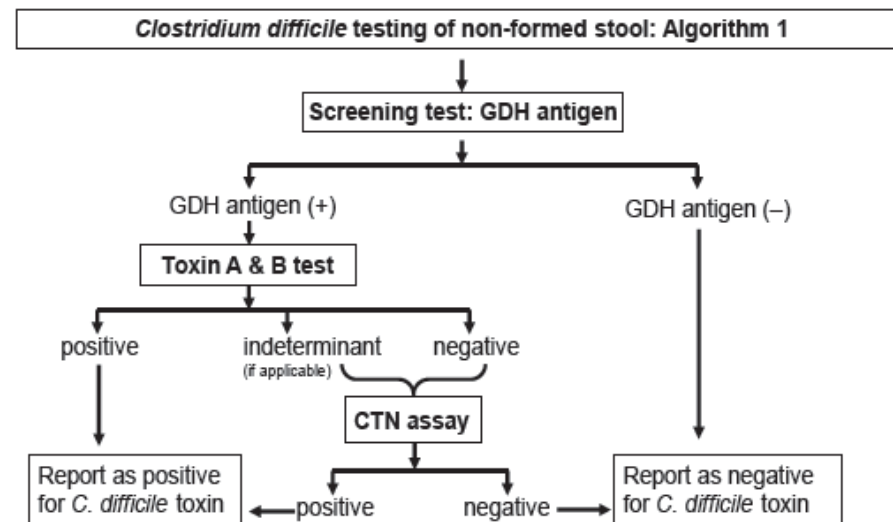
(Deshpande et al., 2011. Clin Infect Dis 53:e81-e90)

- Pooled sens – 90%
- Pooled spec – 96%



Multi-Step Algorithms

- Options:
- NAAT alone
 - How do you confirm
 - What is the batch size
- Screen with GDH
 - excellent NPV and EIA can be run daily
- But requires confirmation
 - Confirm with Tox A/B EIA
 - confirm with CCCNA
 - Confirm with NAAT



Alfa, and Sepehri. Can J Infect Dis Med Microbiol 2013;24(2):89-92.

How do Multi-step Algorithms Perform?

- Novak-Weekley et al, J Clin Microbiol 2010 48:889-893
 - Prospective study 432 stool samples (72 pos – prevalence 16.7%)

TABLE 1. Summary of algorithm versus stand-alone testing options compared to direct/enriched toxigenic culture

Parameter ^a	Test(s)				
	EIA only	GDH + EIA	GDH + EIA + cytotoxin ^b	GDH + Xpert ^c	Xpert only ^d
No. of specimens	432	432	431	432	428
Sensitivity	58.3 (42/72)	55.6 (40/72)	83.1 (59/71)	86.1 (62/72)	94.4% (68/72)
Specificity	94.7 (341/360)	98.3 (354/360)	96.7 (348/360)	97.8 (352/360)	96.3 (343/356)
Accuracy	88.7 (383/432)	91.2 (394/432)	94.4 (407/431)	95.8 (414/432)	96.0 (411/428)
PPV	68.9 (42/61)	87.0 (40/46)	83.1 (59/71)	88.6 (62/70)	84.0 (68/81)
NPV	91.9 (341/371)	91.7 (354/386)	96.7 (348/360)	97.2 (352/362)	98.8 (343/347)

- Hart et al., Eur J Clin Microbiol Infect Dis (2014) 33:1555–1564
 - Pediatrics n=150 (36% prevalence)

Test	Sensitivity (%)	Specificity (%)
GDH	87	97
Toxin A/B	29	100
Illumigene	89	100
GeneOhm	89	99
CCNA	33	100

Table 2 Statistical

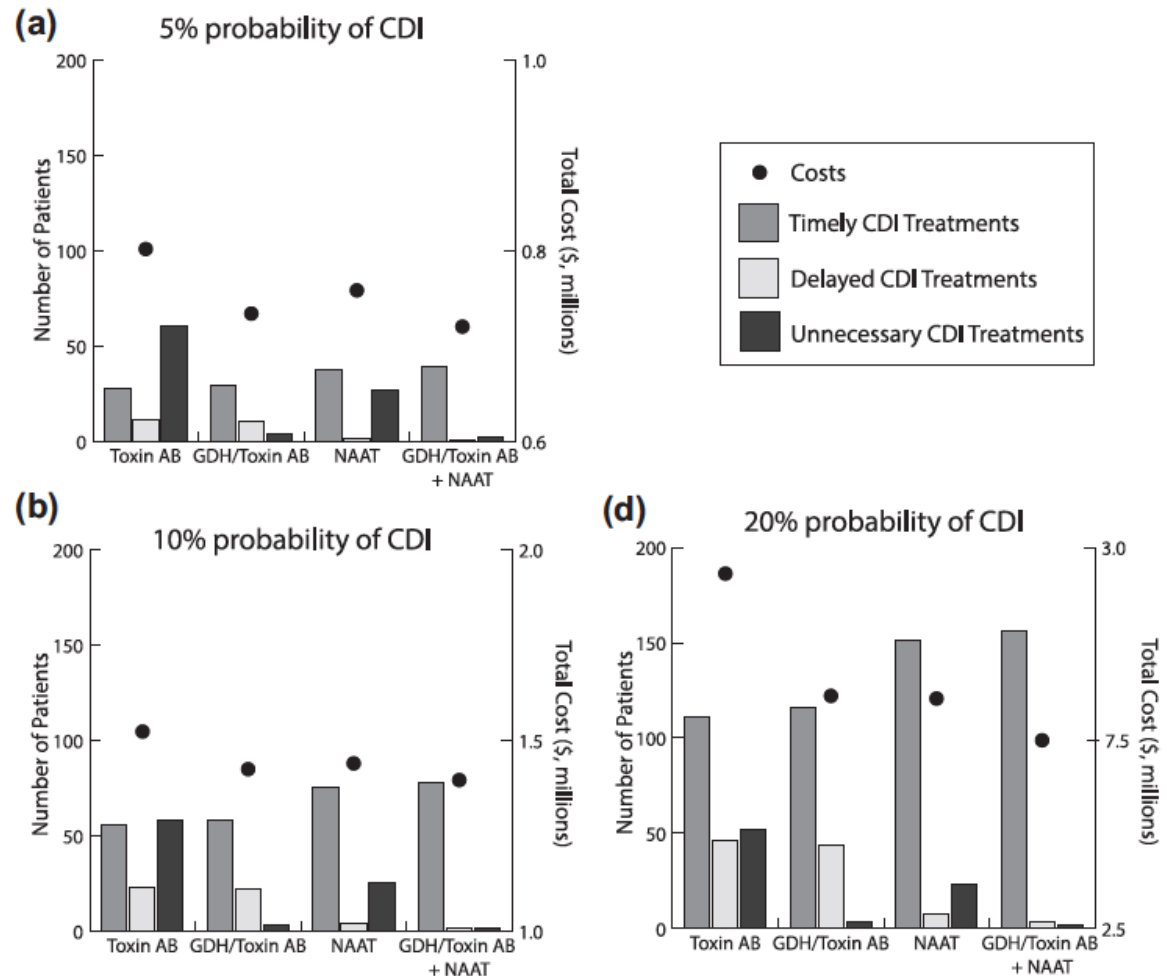
Test	Sensitivity (%)	Specificity (%)	PPV (%)	NPV (%)
GDH + AB	28	97	81	75
GDH + Illumigene	85	100	100	94
GDH + GeneOhm	83	99	97	93
CCFA + CCNA	30	100	100	76

Which is Cost Effective

- Bartsch et al., 2015 (Clin Microbiol Infec 21:77e)
 - Modeled the cost of different algorithms
 - Tox A/B
 - GDH + Tox A/B
 - NAAT
 - GDH/TOX A/B + NAAT
 - Factored in isolation costs, treatment delays, inappropriate treatment, potential for secondary cases

GDH-Tox A/B + NAAT is Cost Effective

- GDH/ToxA/B + NAAT also had fewest unnecessary bed delays




What about antimicrobial
resistance?

DRUG-RESISTANT NEISSERIA GONORRHOEAE

THREAT LEVEL
URGENT



This bacteria is an immediate public health threat that requires urgent and aggressive action.


246,000
DRUG-RESISTANT
GONORRHEA INFECTIONS



188,600 RESISTANCE TO
TETRACYCLINE

11,480 REDUCED SUSCEPTIBILITY
TO CEFIXIME

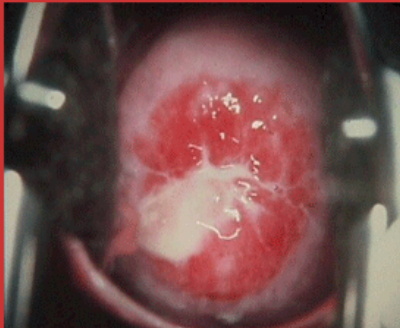
3,280 REDUCED SUSCEPTIBILITY
TO CEFTRIAXONE

2,460 REDUCED SUSCEPTIBILITY
TO AZITHROMYCIN



820,000 GONOCOCCAL INFECTIONS
PER YEAR

GONNORHEA

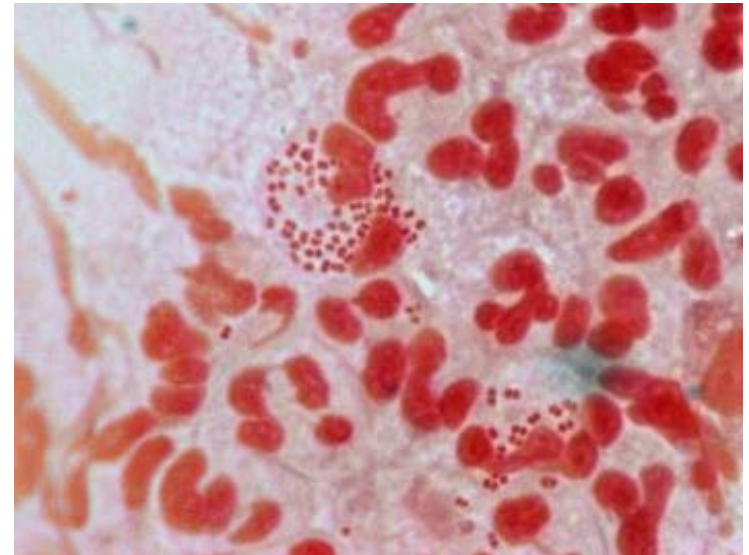


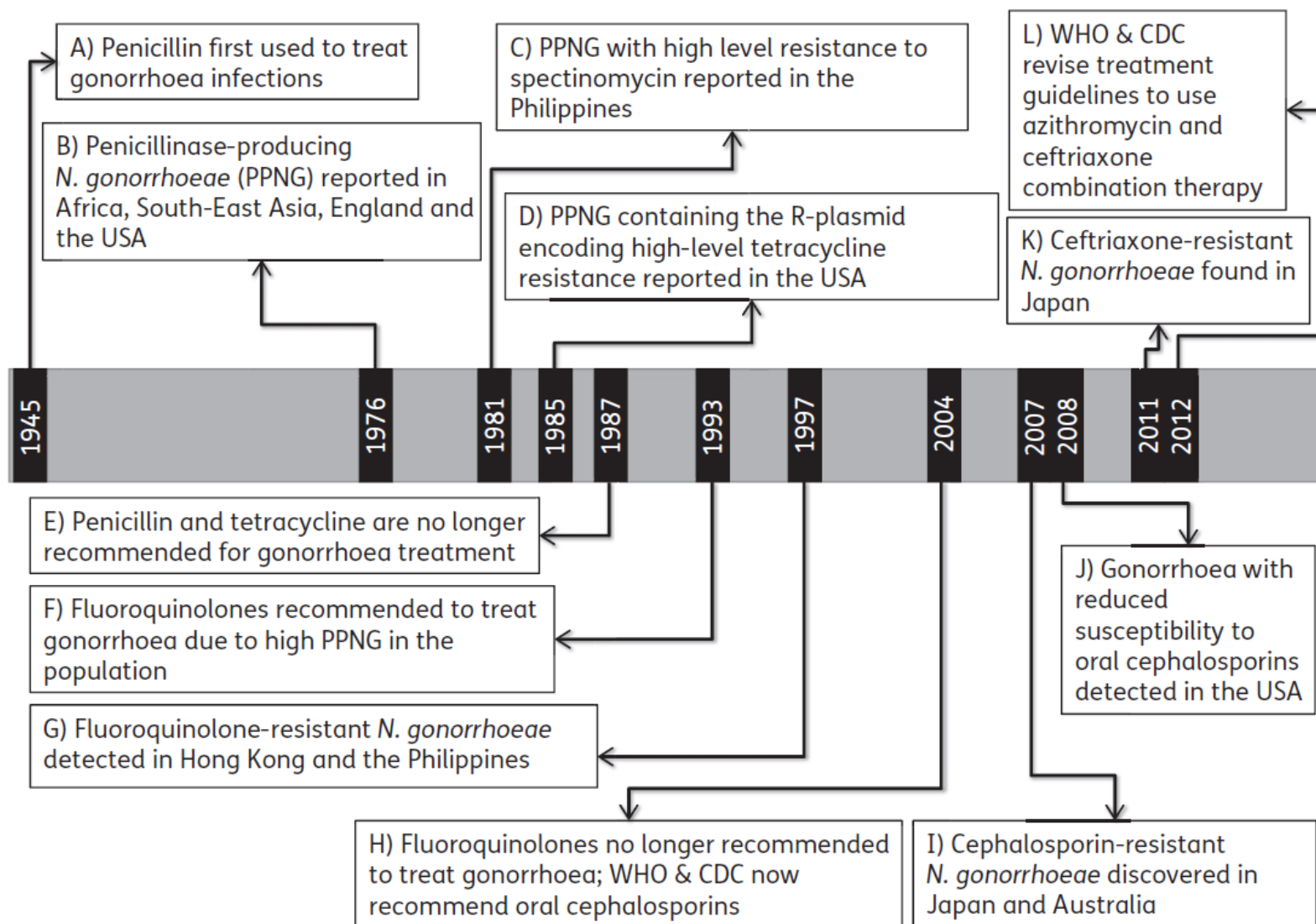
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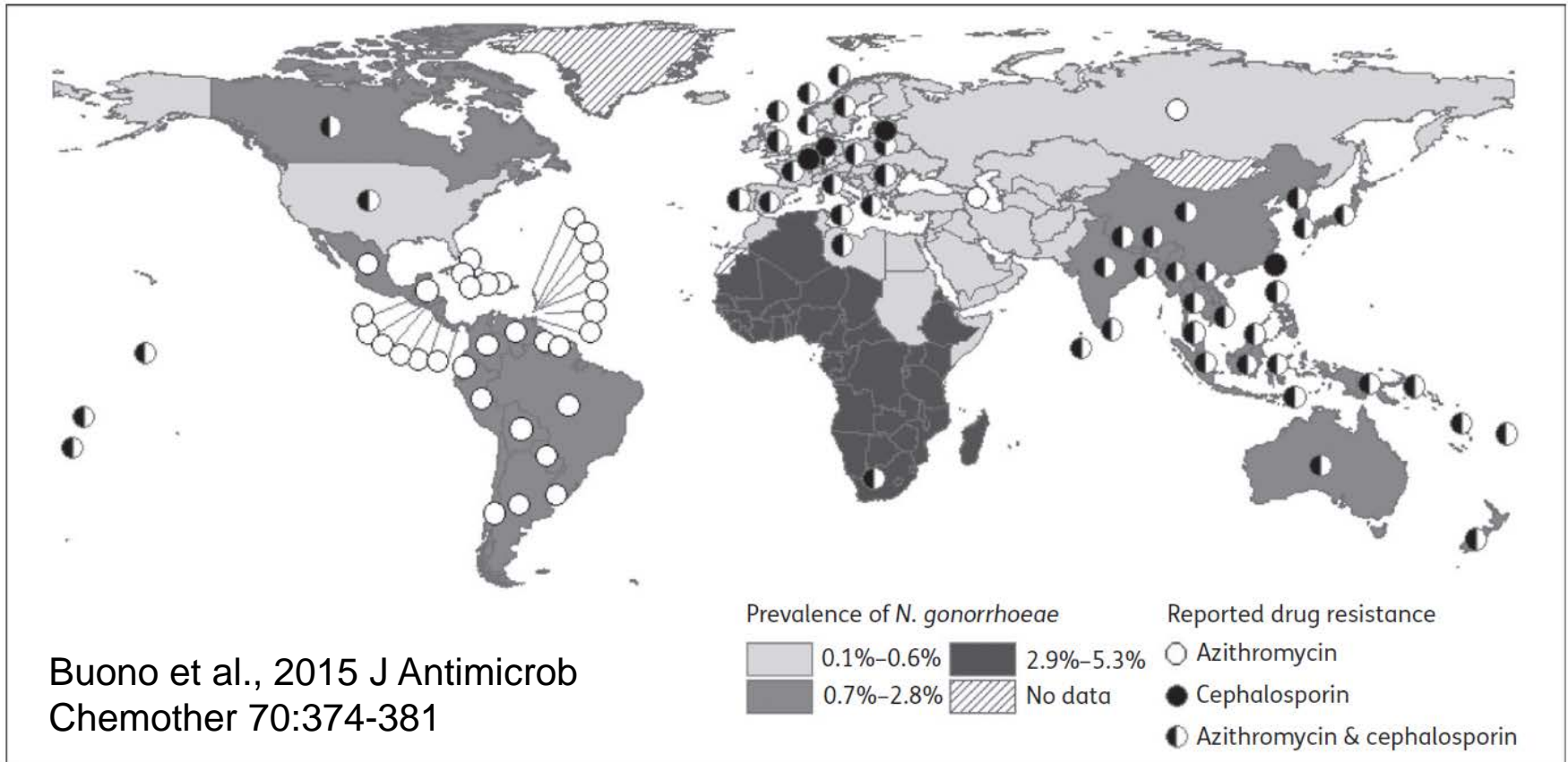
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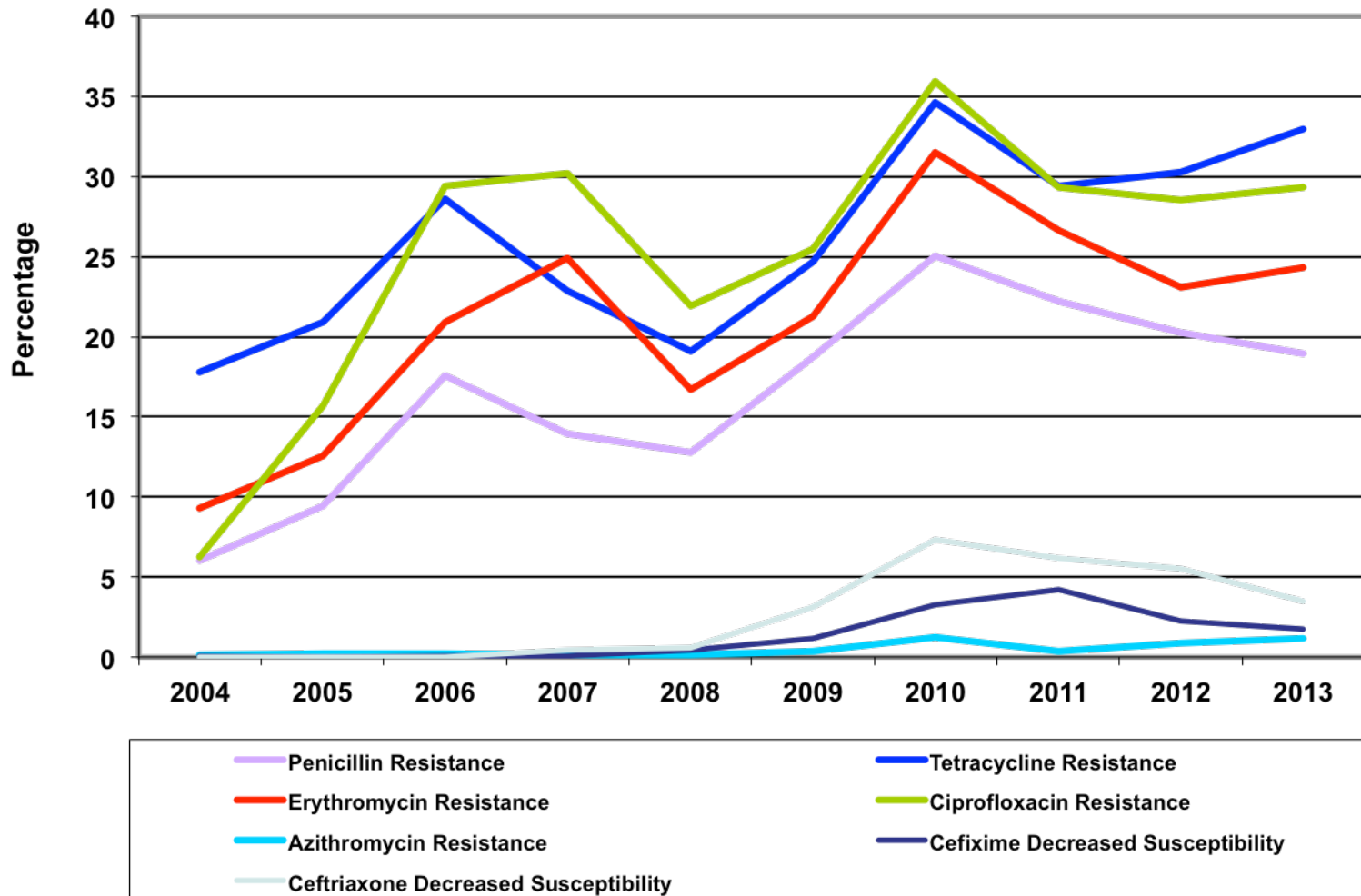
- Selection Pressure allows for Horizontal gene transfer from non GC Neisseria particularly in the throat
- WHO recommends only drugs with >95% efficacy be used as first line rx
- Ideally we could have individualized treatment to ensure narrowest spectrum used

Resistance to Azithromycin and Cephalosporins is a global Problem



- Resistance to fluorquinolones is global

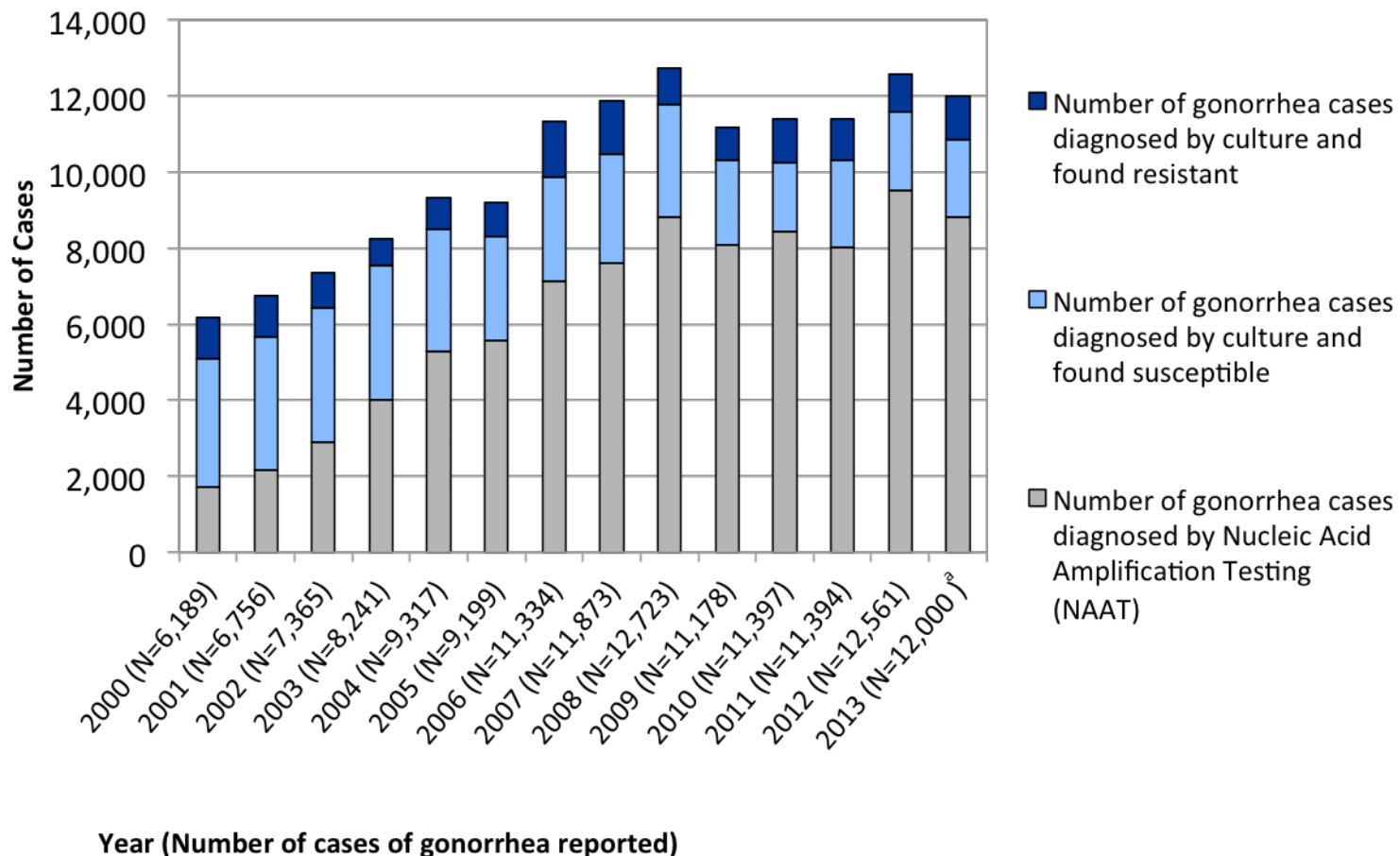
GC Resistance Rates in Canada are Increasing



Source: Irene Martin NML (National Surveillance of Antimicrobial Susceptibilities of *Neisseria gonorrhoeae* Annual Summary 2013)

Canadian Data

Molecular testing more common

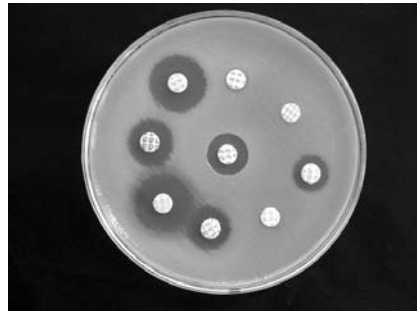
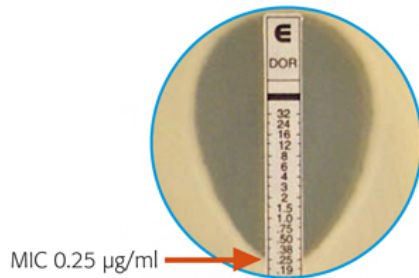


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Resistance Detection Methods



- Agar dilution methods are CLSI recommended standard
 - Time consuming
 - Labor intensive
- E test / disc diffusion have been used



Images:

- Prajna Sharma and Vishwanath 2012
- www.biomerieux-diagnostics.com/etest
- wikipedia

Molecular identification of resistance

- No commercially available method
- In house methods are available
 - Quinolone – gyrA and parC
 - Azithromycin - 23s rRNA and mtrR mutations
 - Cephalosporin – mosaic penA gene

Challenge

- Rapid evolution
- NAAT requires a known target
- Acquisition of plasmid and chromosomally mediated resistance
- Variability between penA alleles can lead to different MICs
- Wont pick up “unknown” mechanisms like phenotypic testing
- Mechanisms are shared with commensal organisms

Challenges

Multiplexing is possible but not all mechanisms are well characterized

NAAT Good

- TEM-1 [penicillin]
- Tet(M) [tetracycline]
- parC/gyrA [quinolone]
- mtrR [azithromycin]

NAAT not so good

- Cephalosporins
 - penA – high sequence variability
- Azithromycin
 - 23SrRNA allele availability

Data Starting to Emerge for NAAT from Residual Specimens

- Nicol et al., 2015 (Sex Transm Infect 91:91-93)
 - Three real time assays to detect gyrA, PPNG, and sequence for mosaic penA on residual specimen from Cobas 4800 CT/GC assay
 - 94% of specimens had enough DNA for amplification

Culture Based Surveillance

Canada - Enhanced surveillance of antimicrobial-resistant gonorrhea program (ESAG)

- NS has 3 clinics and callbacks,
- MB has 5 engaged service
- AB has 2 STI clinics (Edmonton and Calgary)
- Other P/Ts are showing interest but not fully participating as yet.

US - Gonococcal Isolate Surveillance Project (GISP) 26 sites



CARBAPENEM-RESISTANT ENTEROBACTERIACEAE



9,000

DRUG-RESISTANT
INFECTIONS
PER YEAR



600

DEATHS

CARBAPENEM-
RESISTANT
KLEBSIELLA SPP.

7,900



1,400

CARBAPENEM-
RESISTANT
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**CRE HAVE BECOME RESISTANT TO ALL
OR NEARLY ALL AVAILABLE ANTIBIOTICS**

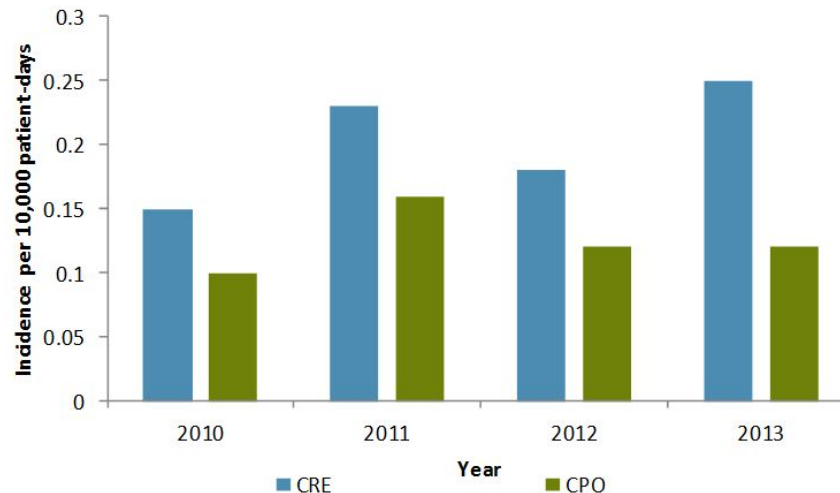


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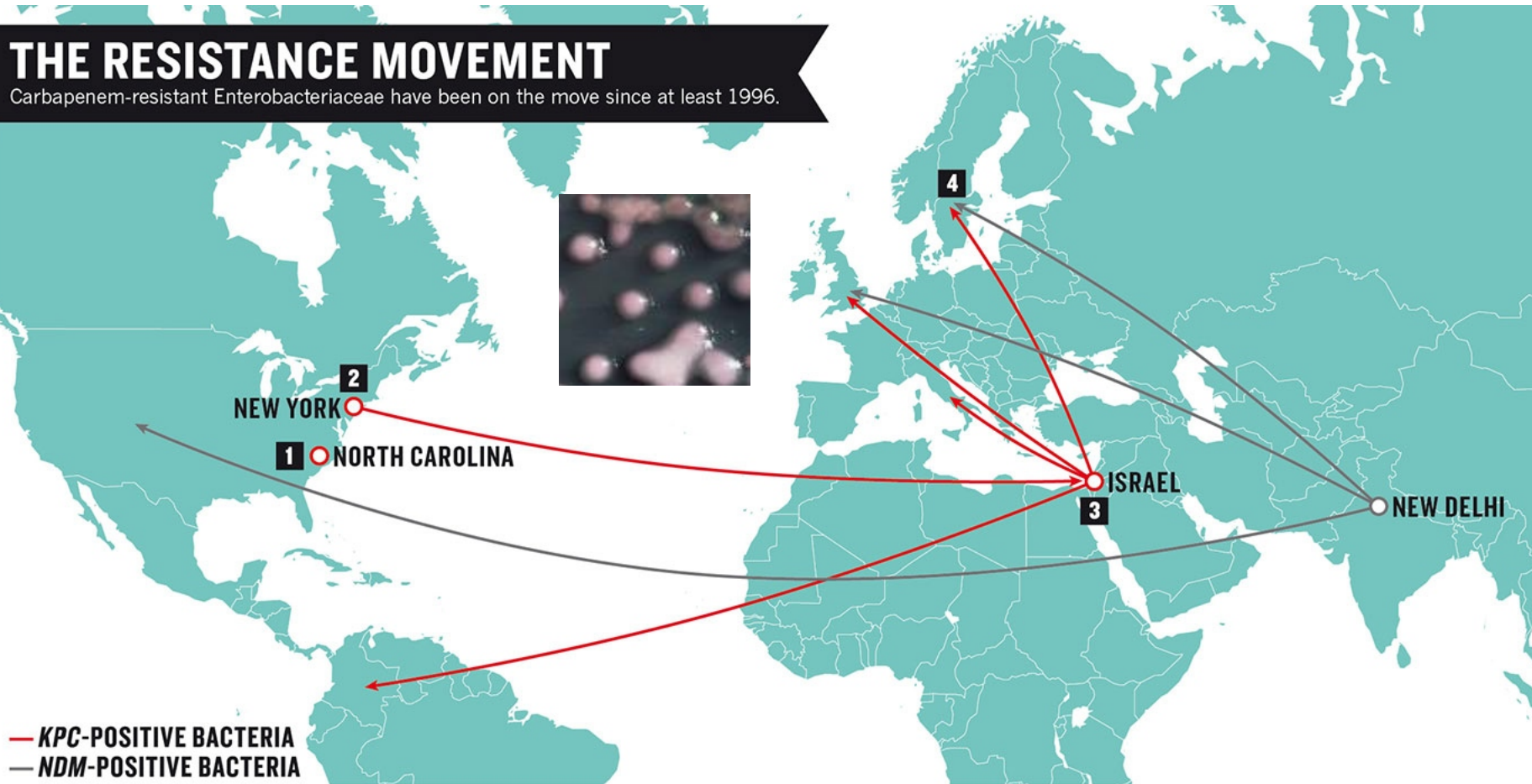
- Latest Canadian Data



Global Spread

THE RESISTANCE MOVEMENT

Carbapenem-resistant Enterobacteriaceae have been on the move since at least 1996.



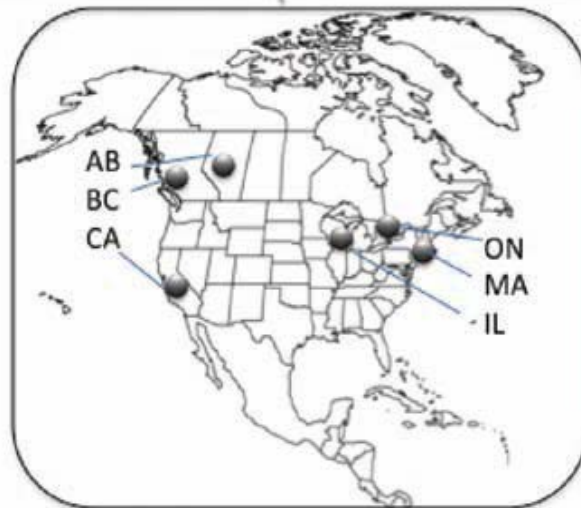
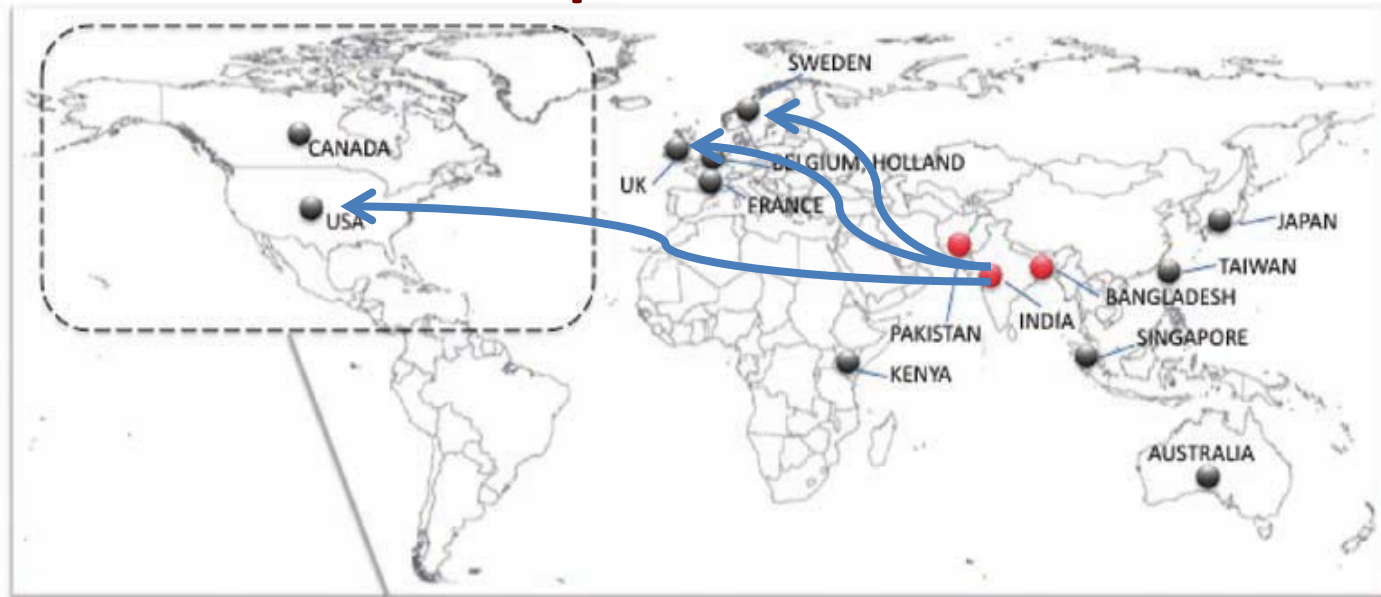
1 **2000:** Analysis of a 1996 sample from a North Carolinian hospital finds infectious *Klebsiella pneumoniae* carrying a gene called *KPC* that confers resistance to carbapenems.

2 **2003:** *KPC*-positive bacteria are found spreading rapidly through hospitals across New York City. By 2007, 21% of *Klebsiella* in the city carry the resistance gene.

3 **2005:** *KPC*-positive bacteria make their way from New York to several other countries, including Israel. From Israel, the bacteria travel to Italy, Colombia, the United Kingdom and Sweden.

4 **2008:** Doctors in Sweden find a new carbapenem-resistance gene, *NDM*. Traced back to India, *NDM*-positive bacteria have moved quickly.

Carbapenem Resistance- Global Spread



- Sporadic cases
- Likely endemic



CRE

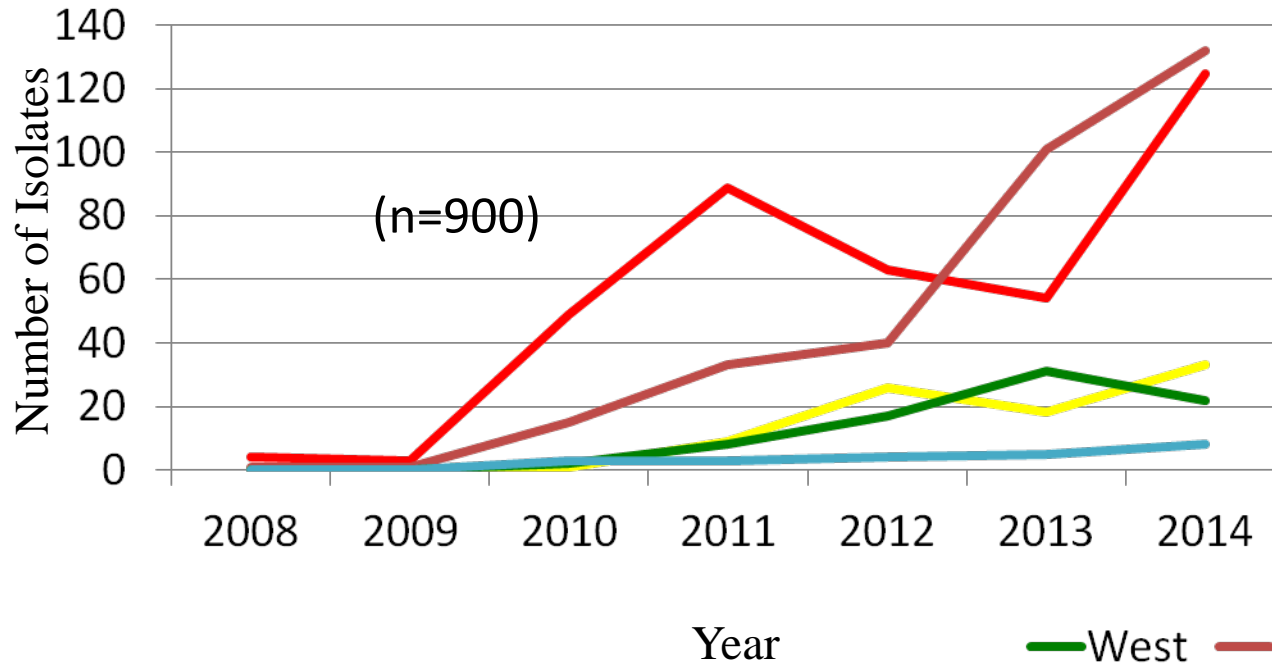
Variability in Mechanisms

1. A beta lactamase with a Porin mutation
2. Specific Carbapenamase enzymes

Enzyme Class / Characteristics	Different Types
Class A beta lactamase enzymes <ul style="list-style-type: none">•Hydrolyze all beta lactams•Inhibited by boronic acid and partially by calvulanic acid	KPC , SME , IMI, NMC, GES
Class B beta lactamase enzymes <ul style="list-style-type: none">•Highest carbapenemase activity•Generally only spare monbactam•Not inhibited by BL inhibitors•Required Zinc	Often named by place of origin NDM, IMP, VIM , GIM, SPM, SIM
Class D beta lactamase enzymes <ul style="list-style-type: none">•Spares ceftazidime•Often require another enzyme (ESBL) for complete resistance	OXA-48 ; OXA-181 Nordman et al., 2012 Clin Microbiol Infect 18: 432-438

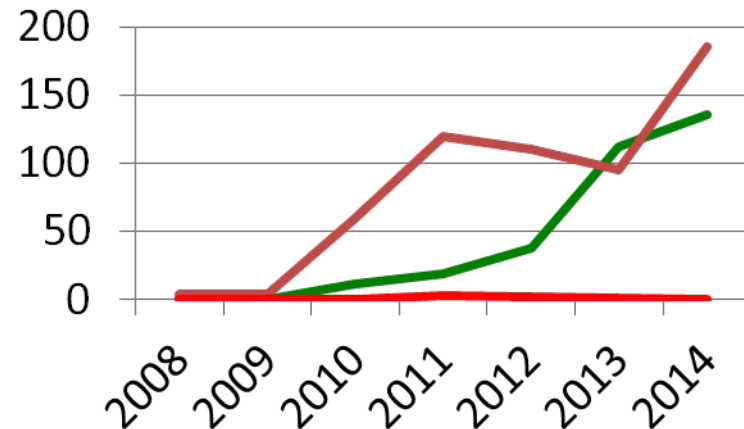
CPE in Canada: CPHLN Data

KPC NDM OXA-48 SME Other



Source: Mike Mulvey, NML

West Central East



CRE Detection

- Automated systems may not always be able to detect CRE

	MIC (mg/L)		
	Imipenem	Meropenem	Ertapenem
KPC	0.5 to >32	0.5 to >32	0.5 to >32
IMP/VIM/NDM	0.5 to >32	0.5 to >64	0.38 to >32
OXA-48/OXA-181	0.25 to 64	0.38 to 64	0.38 to >32

- CLSI have lowered breakpoints for better detection

Good Candidate
May lack
specificity

	CLSI		EUCAST	
	S (\leq)	R (\geq)	S (\leq)	R ($>$)
Imipenem	1	4	2	8
Meropenem	1	4	2	8
Ertapenem	0.5	2	0.5	1
Doripenem	1	4	2	8



Is Confirmation Necessary?

It Depends

- CLSI does not recommend confirmation
 - Breakpoints all that is necessary for treatment decisions
 - But not a lot of treatment data out there
 - Some carbapenemases are susceptible or intermediate to carbapenems (OXAs)
 - How do you screen for theses
 - Only necessary for epidemiology and infection control reasons

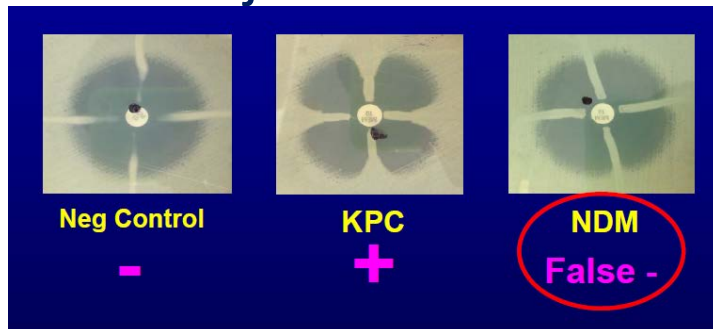


The Ideal System

- Rapid (same day results)
- Sensitive and Specific
- Easy to perform
- Easy to interpret results
- Identify the different resistance mechanisms
- Identify the different genetic variants
- In expensive

CRE Confirmation

- Phenotypic tests - None has 100% sensitivity or specificity
- Not good for OXA types
- Modified Hodge Test
 - Good for KPC and OXA
less for NDM
 - Lacks specificity
 - Time consuming
 - subjective
- Addition of inhibitors
- EDTA / boronic acid



Different growth-inhibition patterns:



Figure 2. Clear cut MBL negative: MP/MPI IC <0.125/<0.032



Figure 3. Clear cut MBL positive: MP/MPI IC >8/0.19 = >42



Figure 4. Phantom zone between MP/MPI is indicative of MBL

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Photo 9 : DDST test +ve

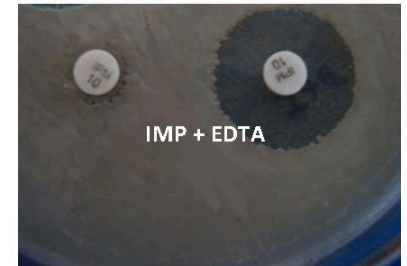


Photo 10 : Disc potentiation test +ve

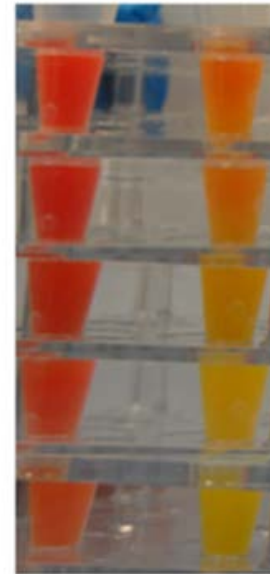
Basak and Monali-
www.intechopen.com/books/trends-in-infectious-diseases

CARBA NP Test

- Mix suspect colony
- decrease in pH from hydrolysis of carbapenem
- Reagent must be fresh and takes time to prepare
- False negative for OXA
- Can give invalid results (subjective)

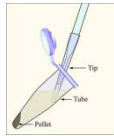


phenol red
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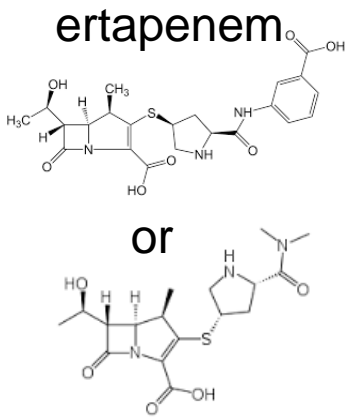


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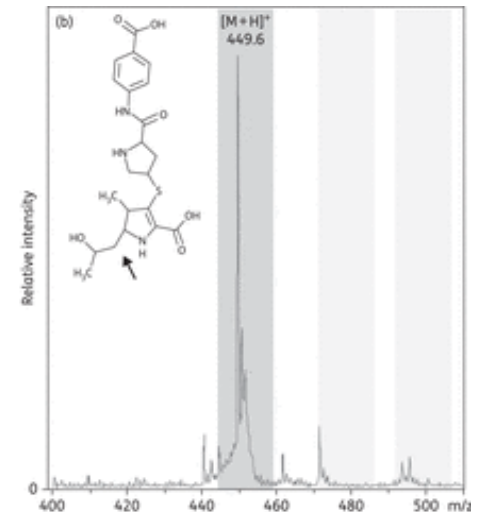
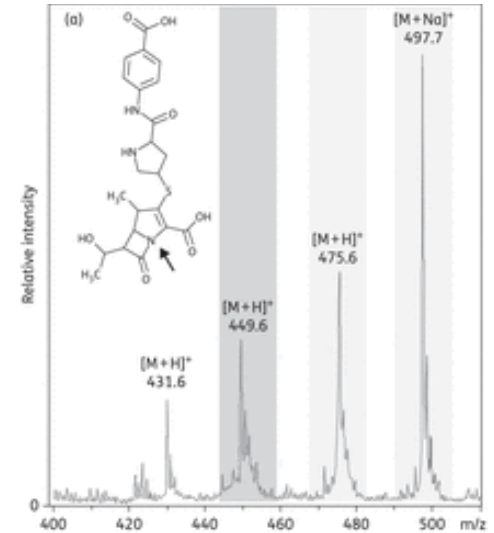
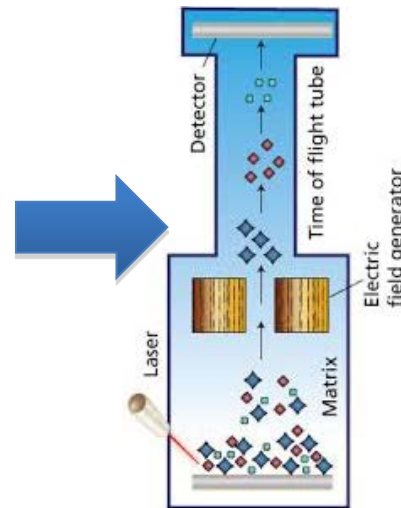
MALDI-TOF Identification of CRE



Washed
pellet



merpenem



Carvalhaes et al., 2014. J Antimicrob Chemother. 69(8):2132-6.

MALDI-TOF Identification of CRE

- Carvalhaes et al., 2014. J Antimicrob Chemother 69: 2132-2136
 - Direct detection of CRE from 100 randomly selected blood cultures
 - 21 isolates were CRE
 - All KPCs and one SM1 detected after 4 hours of incubation
 - 3/11 OXA required testing of bacterial colonies in detect carbapenemase activity
- Papagiannitsis et al 2015 J Clin Microbiol. 2015 Feb 18.
 - Addition of NH_4HCO_3 improved detection of OXA-48

- MALDI TOF
 - Can detect CRE independent of the enzyme produced, including novel enzymes
 - rapid
 - Requires molecular to characterize

Molecular Detection (NAAT)

- Biofire (FDA approved)
 - KPC
- Nanosphere (FDA approved)
 - KPC, NDM, OXA, IMP, VIM
- NucliSENS EasyQ VKPC
- Cepheid
 - KPC, NDM, OXA-48, IMP-1, VIM
- BD Max
 - KPC, NDM, OXA-48
- Check-Points
 - KPC, NDM, OXA-48, IMP, VIM
- Amplex - Hyperplex Superbug ID
 - all variants of VIM, IMP, KPC, OXA-48 NDM-1
- Expensive
- Requires molecular expertise
- Sensitivity dependant on amount of DNA
 - may require growth first
- Need to target the gene

CRE Screening

- Lots of questions that depend on local epidemiology
 - Who, how often etc
- Stools/rectal swabs most common specimen
- None will detect the type of carbapenemase
- Broth enrichment step may increase KPC detection (delays TAT)
- Direct to screening media
 - CRE specific



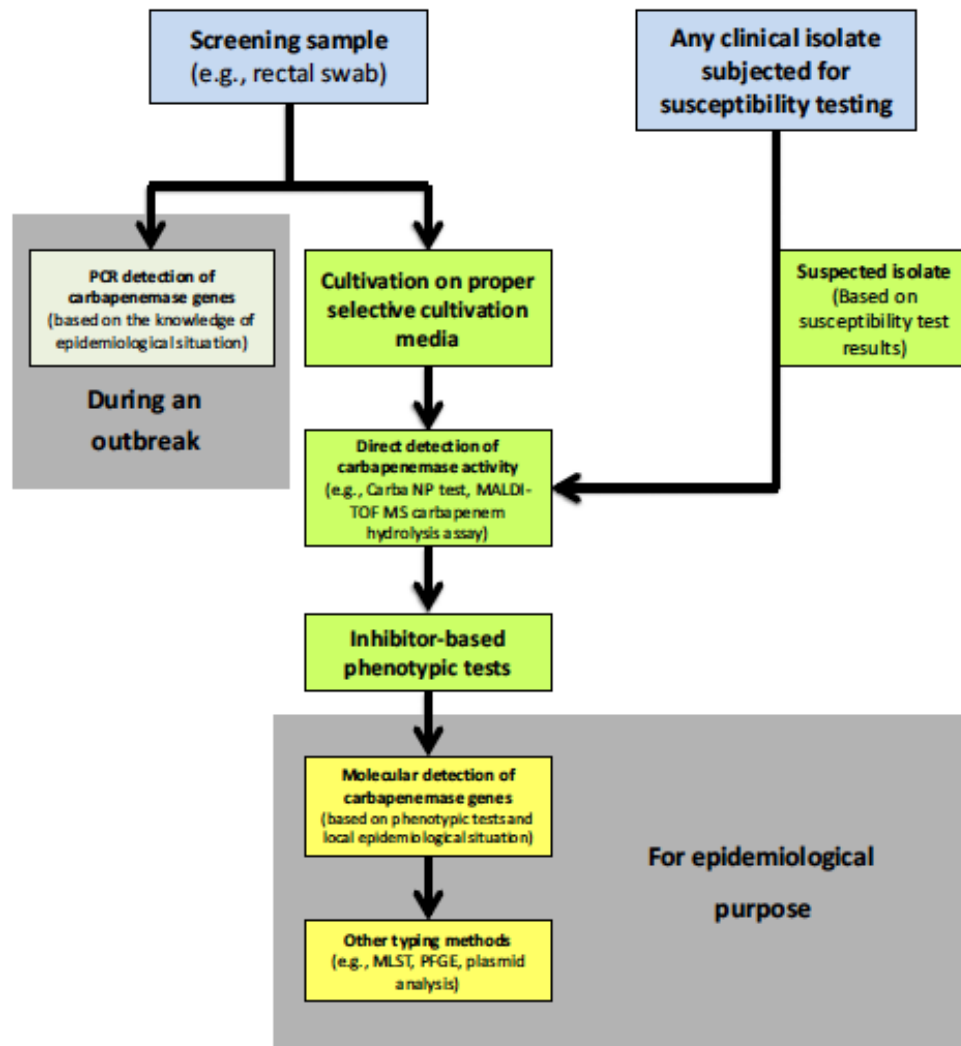
- ESBL surrogate screening

- Next gen / whole genome sequencing
- Microarray
- MALDI –ToF MS
 - Detect degradation products

Methods of Detection

	Modified Hodge Test	Carba NP	Molecular Detection	MALDI-TOF
Strengths	Relatively simple	rapid	Determines type of carbapenemase	Rapid Inexpensive Detects variety of MBL
Weaknesses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Can be subjective •False positives due to other mechanisms (ESBL or AMPC + porin mutation) •Some false negatives (NDM – can add zinc) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Can give invalid results (subjective) •Reagent preparation takes time •False negative for OXA 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Expensive •Requires molecular expertise •Need to target the gene (if it is not included it will not be detected) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Generate own spectral library •Requires molecular differentiation of types of resistance

Potential Algorithm



Conclusion

- Resistance is a problem
- Many different options for detecting resistance
- Must be tailored to your local context

Questions

