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ANTIMICROBIAL STEWARDSHIP

Definitions

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AMS/Antimicrobial stewardship : Co-ordinated interventions designed to improve & measure the appropriate use of antimicrobial agents by promoting the selection of optimal drug regimen including dosing, duration of therapy & route of administration.

AMS programme : Organisational/system-wide health care strategy to promote appropriate use of antimicrobials through the implementation of evidence based interventions.

Ultimate goals :

- Promote optimal antibiotic usage.
- Improve clinical outcomes.
- Decreased antimicrobial resistance.
- Improve resource utilization.

Consequences of irrational antibiotic usage :

- Antibiotic resistance.
- Adverse events related to antibiotic usage (side effects).
- Hospital acquired infections (e.g. C. difficile diarrhea, Pseudomonas etc).
- Increased cost of care.
- Improper utilization of resources.

AMS - appropriate microbial selection. Not always means de-escalation/restriction.

5 Ds of AMS :

Diagnosis.

Drug

Dose

Duration (shortest).

De-escalation (review culture reports & change antibiotics to a lower spectrum if permitted)



Core elements :

Leadership commitment : Dedication of necessary manpower, money, IT support for the cause.

Accountability : Senior physicians & hospital administrators can be appointed to manage the programme.

Drug expertise : clinical pharmacists guide regarding the dosage, dose adjustment etc.

Action : Prospective audits, intervention tracking etc used in the programme.

Tracking : measurement of actions is required.

Reporting : AMS team should have regular communication with the treating team.

Education : AMS can also be driven by educating the nursing staff along with doctors.

Stewardship program intervention

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1. Persuasive :

- Education.
- Feedback.

2. Restrictive :

- Preauthorization.
- Automatic stop orders.
- Selective susceptibility reporting - E.g. a patient is

infected & the organism is susceptible to low and high doses of an antibiotic both, The lab report can selectively mention the lower dose antibiotics only & the physician may be forced to use the drugs from them.

ACCESS GROUP

This group includes antibiotics and antibiotic classes that have activity against a wide range of commonly encountered susceptible pathogens while showing lower resistance potential than included in watch and reserve groups. Access antibiotics should be widely available, affordable and quality-assured to improve access and promote appropriate use.

Selected access group antibiotics shown here are included on the WHO EML as essential first-choice or second-choice empirical treatment options for specific infectious syndromes.

Amikacin	Cefazolin	Nitrofurantoin
Ampicillin	Chloramphenicol	Phenoxymethylpenicillin
Ampicillin + clavulanic acid	Clinidamycin	Procaine benzylpenicillin
Ampicillin	Clasactin	Spectinomycin
Benzathine benzylpenicillin	Doxycycline	Sulfamethoxazole + trimethoprim
Benzylpenicillin	Gentamicin	
Cefalexin	Metronidazole	

Freely available & don't require any preauthorization

WATCH GROUP

This group includes antibiotics and antibiotic classes that have higher resistance potential and includes most of the highest priority agents among the Critically Important Antimicrobials (CIA) for Human Medicine and/or antibiotics that are at relatively high risk of selection of bacterial resistance. Watch group antibiotics should be prioritized as key targets of national and local stewardship programmes and monitoring.

Selected watch group antibiotics shown here are included on the WHO EML as essential first-choice or second-choice empirical treatment options for a limited number of specific infectious syndromes.

Azithromycin	Ciprofloxacin
Cefixime	Clarithromycin
Colistidine	Meropenem
Ceftazidime	Piperacillin + tazobactam
Ceftriaxone	Vancomycin
Cefuroxime	

RESERVE GROUP

This group includes antibiotics and antibiotic classes that should be reserved for treatment of confirmed or suspected infections due to multi drug-resistant organisms, and treated as "last-line" options. Their use should be limited to highly specific patients and settings, when all alternatives have failed or are not suitable. They could be prioritized as key targets of national and international stewardship programmes, involving monitoring and utilization reporting, to preserve their effectiveness.

Selected reserve group antibiotics shown here are included on the WHO EML when they have a favourable risk-benefit profile and proven activity against "Critical Priority" or "High Priority" pathogens identified by the WHO Priority Pathogens List, notably carbapenem-resistant Enterobacteriaceae.

Ceftazidime + avibactam	Reserved for select- few culture proven interventions.
Colistin	
Fosfomycin (intravenous)	
Linezolid	
Meropenem + vaborbactam	
Pasomicin	
Polymyxin B	

3. Structural :
 - Round the clock lab support.
 - RDTs (for dengue, malaria etc)
 - Availability of therapeutic drug dosage monitoring (vancomycin, voriconazole, posiconazole etc) - Problems : poor patient outcome & antibiotic resistance.
 4. Local guidelines.
 5. Ward rounds.
 6. Antibiograms (snapshot view of susceptibility profile & data from clinical samples needs to be combined).
 7. Tracking drug allergies & adverse events.
- 9 common areas for improvement :
- Overprescribing - e.g antibiotics for URI/ diarrhea.
 - Overly use of broad spectrum antibiotics - e.g for

- community acquired pneumonia/CAP, Piptaz gets started
- Unnecessary combination treatment - Piptaz/carbapenem + metronidazole.
 - Wrong choice - e.g daptomycin for pneumonia (inactivated on alveolar surface).
 - Wrong dose - e.g meropenem 1gm TDS for meningitis.
 - Wrong route - e.g IV vancomycin for C.difficile infection.
 - Wrong dosing interval - e.g Beta-lactams given OD.
 - Wrong duration - for CAP, post discharge oral antibiotics given for 3 days for IV course in hospital.
 - Delayed administration - e.g we are not able to inject antibiotics within 1 hour in a septic shock patient.

Case scenario 1 :

During your weekly ward rounds as an AMS physician, you find that 2 catheterized patients are being treated with antibiotics. Only one of them had symptoms suggestive of Catheter Associated UTI (fever with no other localization).

Both the patients are being treated with Tab Nitrofurantoin (SR) 100mg BD based on the culture sensitivity report.

Comments : Asymptomatic patients need not be treated. In presence of fever with UTI, we suspect complicated UTI/ Ascending tract infection where nitrofurantoin isn't the correct treatment choice as it doesn't reach the therapeutic concentration.

Quinolone / Co-trimoxazole would be a better choice.

Case scenario 2 :

During your weekly ward rounds as an AMS physician, you find that a case of probable IPA is on day 6 of voriconazole (tablet, 200mg BD). He is on O₂ by facemask (6-8lit/min) and has poor oral intake. On reviewing charts you find that no loading dose was given.

Comments : Check if TDM is available.

If yes, u can check therapeutic levels.

If sub therapeutic levels present - Switch to IV & give loading

dose (6mg/kg 2 doses followed by maintenance dose of 4mg/kg 2 daily BD).

Desirable voriconazole therapeutic drug level : 1-6.

Case scenario 3 :

You are reviewing the charts of patient in the ICU who has developed VAP. Given the high incidence of Carbapenem Resistant Enterobacteria/CRE in the ICU, he was started on Polymyxin B (with a loading dose) when he was clinically suspected to have VAP. Today is day 4 of treatment and on reviewing you discover a culture report that was updated 24 hours ago which shows Klebsiella

pneumoniae sensitive to meropenem/Imipenem/Pip-Taz/Cef Sul

Comment : (Right approach) De-escalation.

Case scenario 4 :

On the same day, you find another patient with VAP due to Pseudomonas aeruginosa. On this occasion also, patient was empirically started on Polymyxin B. However, after timely review of culture reports, treatment was de-escalated to Pip-Taz. However, the patient has failed to show significant clinical response despite 5 days of therapy.

Pseudomonas susceptibility profile - Pip-Taz, Cef-Sul, meropenem, Imipenem

Comments : Pseudomonas are inducible Amp C producers (resistant to third generation cephalosporins). Susceptibility can get converted to resistance while on treatment.

Clinical scenario 5 :

A 14yr old boy presented to the emergency with right upper limb cellulitis, secondary to trauma. He is also running with high grade fever. He was empirically started on Ceftriaxone and vancomycin in the emergency. Blood was sent for culture sensitivity before starting the antibiotics.

Blood culture grew S.aureus sensitive to vancomycin,

teicoplanin, linezolid, ceftazidime (MSSA).

Primary team insists on continuing the initial treatment.

Comments : In cases of MSSA, Vancomycin & Teicoplanin therapy is inferior to lower generation cephalosporins.

Case scenario 6 :

70yr old male presents to emergency with complaints of cough & shortness of breath along with fever for 3 days. He was recently admitted for a similar complaint around 2 months back & required ICU care with IV drugs. He has been started on Ceftriaxone & azithromycin.

Comments : Higher end antibiotics should be started review is required.

Case scenario 7 :

you are reviewing a case of hospital acquired meningitis - (post EVD). the drain fluid has grown pseudomonas aeruginosa sensitive to meropenem & Imipenem. Treating team has started meropenem 1g IV TDS but with no significant improvement.

Comments : Dose of meropenem for meningitis : 2g IV TDS.

Case scenario 8 :

65yr old T2DM presented with diabetic foot. A tissue culture was sent & as per culture reports patient was started on Levofloxacin 750mg OD. during hospital stay, he developed HAP & sepsis with renal dysfunction. Patient had a cardiac arrest & died.

Comments : Review charts daily as dose modification for levofloxacin wasn't done. It has cardiac toxicity (torsades de pointes) & the patient might have had cardiac arrest.

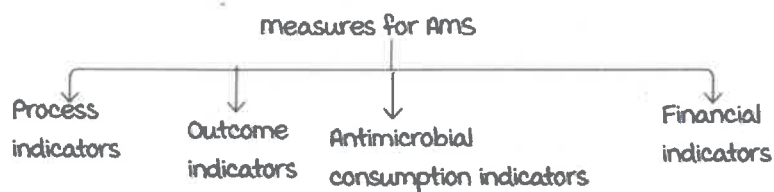
OPD scenarios :

- Ofloxacin-ornidazole combination for viral gastro-

enteritis.

- Amoxicillin/ Azithromycin for URI.
- Nitrofurantoin along with urinary alkalizer for cystitis. Fluoroquinolones/ co-trimoxazole should be used instead with alkalizers.

Assessing the impact :



Outcome measures/indicators for AMS programmes :

Used in AMS activities to capture quantitative change in e.g patient/ economic outcomes, antibiotic use. etc.

Process measures/indicators for AMS programmes :

It aims to capture information about the key processes that contribute to achieving the desired outcomes.

Process indicators :

- Percentage of cases where therapy is appropriate.
- Frequency at which de-escalation occurs.
- Timely cessation of antibiotics given for surgical prophylaxis.
- Antibiotics not prescribed to treat asymptomatic bacteria.
- Appropriate cultures obtained before starting antibiotics.
- Adherence to hospital-specific guidelines.
- Acceptance of ASP recommendations.
- Frequency of performance of antibiotic time-outs/ reviews.
- Timely administration of appropriate antibiotics.

Outcome indicators

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Length of stay.

Cure of infection.

Risk adjusted mortality.

Hospital readmissions for select infections.

Hospital onset *C. difficile* infections.

Rates of HAIs.

Adverse drug reactions (number/percentage/rate).

Antimicrobial consumption indicators :

Days of therapy/DOTs - one DOT represents the administration of a single agent on a given day regardless of number of doses administered/ dosage strength.

Defined daily dose/ DDD - Assumed avg maintenance dose/day for a medicine used for its main indication in adults as established by WHO Collaborating Centre for drug statistics & methodology.

e.g for meropenem - ATC/DDD on WHO site is 3g.

x hospital used 12000 g of meropenem = 4000 DDD = 300,000 patient days.

$4000 / 300000 \times 1000 = 13.33 \text{ DDD}$.

similar values for different wards /hospitals can be calculated. Allows fair comparison.

No patient level data is needed.

Disadvantages : Not based on prescribed doses.

Not useful in pediatric & neonatal ward/hospital.

underestimated in renally impaired, overestimates in indications that require higher doses.

Standardized antimicrobial administration ratio/ SAAR - It is a ratio comparing observed/reported, antimicrobial use to the antimicrobial use predicted by a referent, or baseline, .. population.

Antibiotic	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	DOT
Ceftriaxone	x (2 doses)	x (2 doses)	x (1 dose)			3
Cefixime			x (1 dose)	x (2 doses)	x (2 doses)	3
Total						6

Length of therapy/LOT : 5 days.

DOT :

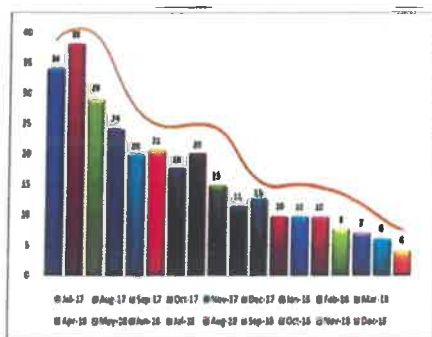
It allows patient population comparison.

Can help in identifying antibiotics for stewardship (Pre/Post design).

Favors those who use broad spectrum mono therapy over those who use narrow spectrum combination therapy.

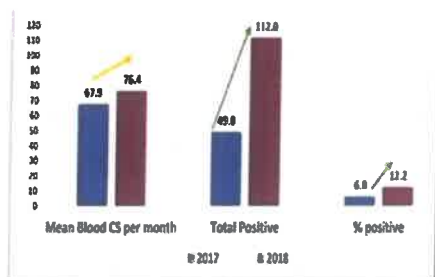
DOT for patients that receive a dosing interval > 24 hrs doesn't reflect patient exposure (only reflects antibiotic administration).

Overestimation with 1 time doses (e.g surgical prophylaxis).



Reported redundant anaerobic coverage during 18 months.

mean blood CS per month & blood culture positivity rates.



Summary : AMS is the need of the hour.

It is a team effort.

Better patient care > personal ego.

Labour, cost & resource intensive activity.

Short term & long term results.

ANTIMICROBIAL RESISTANCE

In some patients even on starting the right drug in the right concentration, the outcome might be poor because the pharmacokinetics and pharmacodynamics in the patient of the drug changes.

Definition

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WHO definition :

microorganisms that are not inhibited by achievable systemic concentration of the antimicrobial agent.

The micro organism may be sensitive to a drug at a higher concentration but that may not be achievable in the blood leading to resistance to the antibiotic.

Classification of drug resistance :

Multiple drug resistant (MDR) :

Non-susceptible to ≥ 1 agent in > 3 antimicrobial categories.

Extreme drug resistant (XDR) :

Non-susceptible to ≥ 1 agent in all but ≤ 2 categories.

Pan drug resistant (PDR) :

Non-susceptible to all antimicrobial agents.

If so employ experimental therapy like fast therapy (not currently used).

Source of resistance :

1. Natural/Intrinsic resistance : By virtue of its composition.

Example :

Gram-negative organisms are not killed by vancomycin.

Gram-positive are resistant to colistin.

Both are due to structural make of the organism.

Intrinsic resistance examples :

- *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* :

Amoxicillin

Cefoxitin

Tigecycline

minocycline

Ertapenem

- *Acinetobacter baumannii* :

Penicillin

Cephalosporins

Chloramphenicol

Fosfomycin

Aztreonam :

A popular combination of polymyxin sparing regimen (Ceftazidime + Avibactam + Aztreonam) is used nowadays. But this combination will not work for *Acinetobacter* because as Aztreonam does not work against *Acinetobacter*.

Ertapenem

Trimethoprim.

Ceftran maybe sensitive to *Acinetobacter*.

Organism	Intrinsic resistance
<i>Bacteroides</i> (anaerobes)	aminoglycosides, many β -lactams, quinolones
All gram positives	aztreonam
Enterococci	aminoglycosides, cephalosporins, lincosamides
<i>Listeria monocytogenes</i>	cephalosporins
All gram negatives	glycopeptides, lipopeptides
<i>Escherichia coli</i>	macrolides
<i>Klebsiella</i> spp.	ampicillin
<i>Serratia marcescens</i>	macrolides
<i>Pseudomonas aeruginosa</i>	sulfonamides, ampicillin, 1 st and 2 nd generation cephalosporins, chloramphenicol, tetracycline
<i>Stenotrophomonas maltophilia</i>	aminoglycosides, β -lactams, carbapenems, quinolones
<i>Acinetobacter</i> spp.	ampicillin, glycopeptides

In Enterococcal infection, combination of aminoglycoside + cephalosporins is effective.

a. Acquired resistance :

Due to :

mutation of genes :

Like point mutation, deletions, insertions.

Acquisition of foreign resistance genes :

In the form bacteriophages/plasmids/naked DNA.

For the organism it has a fitness cost or maintenance cost. Certain organism that was resistant earlier turns sensitive later because :

Under pressure the organism gains a component making it resistant \rightarrow over time the organism loses that component making it sensitive.

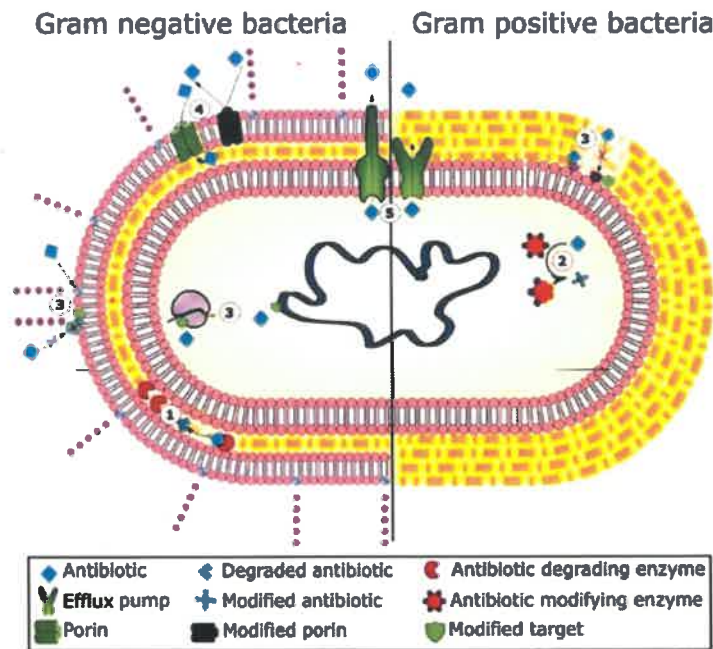
Example : Chloramphenicol, Colistin.

A single mechanism is seldom responsible for Antimicrobial-

Resistance (AMR) in a bacteria

The outcome is based on a multiple complex processes and it may not be always possible to interpret resistance mechanism by microbiology/culture report.

mechanisms of AMR :



Alteration in structure of cell membrane (binding site) :

Example :

Colistin (**positively charged**) attracted towards the negatively charged polysaccharide → Change in composition of cell membrane → will not bind.

In *Neisseria gonorrhoea* there is alteration in the structure of penicillin binding protein.

In Aminoglycosides there could be drug modifying enzymes as well as alteration in the structure of its binding site.

Degradation of antibiotics : the most important.

2 types of enzymes :

Degrading enzymes :

Like Beta lactamases.

Antibiotic degrading enzyme → come in contact with the antibiotics →

leave the antibiotic useless.

modifying enzymes :

Like Aminoglycosides modifying enzymes (AME).

It works by acetylation /adenylation / phosphorylation.

In case of glycopeptide antibiotics :

Over production of the targets.

It increases the thickness of the cell wall or altered cell wall components -> failure of drug therapy.

	B-LACTAM	AMINO-GLYCOSIDE	GLYCOPEPTIDE	MACROLIDE	SULFONAMIDE	TETRACYCLINE	TRIMETHOPIM	QUINOLONE	GLYCOPEPTIDE	LIPIDIC ANTIBIOTIC
Enzymatic inactivation	+++	+++	+++	++ (gram-negative)	-	-	-	-	-	-
Decreased permeability	++ (gram-negative)	++ (gram-negative)	++ (gram-negative)	++ (gram-negative)	-	++ (gram-negative)	++ (gram-negative)	++ (gram-negative)	++ (gram-negative)	++ (gram-negative)
Altera of target site	++	++	++	++	++	++	++	++	++	++
Production of target site	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Overproduction of target	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Breaks of release pores	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Base of antibiotic	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+

major mechanisms of resistance to Beta Lactam antibiotics :

- Enzymatic degradation
- Efflux pumps
- Decreased permeability
- Altered binding site

Beta Lactamases (BL):

Splits the amide bond of the β -lactam ring

Types of BL :

- Penicillinase (e.g. TEM-1)
- Cephalosporinase (TEM-2, SHV-1)
- ESBL (e.g. CTX-M, PER-1, VEB-1, TEM/SHV derived /OXA)
- AmpC
- Carbapenemases (e.g. KPC, MBLs, OXA)

Ambler classification of BL

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CLASS	ACTIVE SITE	ENZYME TYPE	SUBSTRATES	EXAMPLE
A	Serine	Penicillinases	Benzylpenicillin, aminopenicillins, carboxypenicillins, ureidopenicillins, narrow-spectrum cephalosporins	PC1 in <i>Staphylococcus aureus</i> TEM-1, SHV-1 in <i>Escherichia coli</i> , <i>Klebsiella pneumoniae</i> , other gram-negative bacteria
		Extended-spectrum (β -lactamase)	Substrates of broad spectrum plus oxymino- β -lactams (cefotaxime, ceftazidime, ceftiozone) and aztreonam	In Enterobacteriaceae, TEM derived, SHV derived, CTX-M derived; PER-1, VEB-1, VEB-2, GES-1, GES-2, IBC-2 in <i>Pseudomonas aeruginosa</i>
		Carbapenemases	Substrates of extended-spectrum plus cephamycins and carbapenems	KPC-1, KPC-2, KPC-3 in <i>K. pneumoniae</i> ; MBLs, SMC family
B	Metallo- β -lactamases (Zn ²⁺)	Carbapenemases	Substrates of extended-spectrum plus cephamycins and carbapenems	NDM-1 in Enterobacteriaceae, IMP, VIM, GIM, SPM, SIM integes in <i>P. aeruginosa</i> , <i>Acinetobacter</i> spp.
C	Serine	Cephalosporinases	Substrates of extended-spectrum plus cephamycins	AmpC-type enzymes in Enterobacteriaceae, <i>Acinetobacter</i> spp.
D	Serine	Oxacillinases	Aminopenicillins, ureidopenicillin, cloxacillin, methicillin, oxacillin, and some narrow-spectrum cephalosporins	OXA-family in <i>P. aeruginosa</i>
		Extended-spectrum	Substrates of broad-spectrum plus oxymino- β -lactams and monobactams	OXA-derived in <i>P. aeruginosa</i>
		Carbapenemases	Substrates of extended-spectrum plus cephamycins and carbapenems	OXA-derived in <i>Acinetobacter</i> spp.

AmpC, Azapicillin C, CTX-M, cefotaxime-M, GES, Guyana extended-spectrum β -lactamase, GIM, German enipenase, IMP, integron-born cephalosporinase, IBC, imipenem hydrolyzing, IMP, imipenem, KPC, *K. pneumoniae* carbapenemase, NDM, New Delhi metallo- β -lactamase, MBL, novel metallo- β -lactamase, MBL, metallo- β -lactamase, PC1, penicillin 1, PER, *Pseudomonas* extended resistance, SHV, *Serratia* hydrolyzable, SMC, *Serratia marcescens* extended-spectrum β -lactamase, SPM, Sao Paulo metallo- β -lactamase, SMC, *Serratia marcescens*, VIM, Verona integron-encoded metallo- β -lactamase, VIM, Verona integron-encoded metallo- β -lactamase

Active space

Based on structure/aminoacids constituents of enzymes.
 EDTA & Aztreonam : effective against metallo BL but better to prefer combination therapy.

	Extended spectrum (ESBL)	AmpC
Inhibition by BLI (older)	S	R
Cefoxitin/Cefotetan	S	R
Ceftriaxone (3rd gen CS)	R	R
Cefepime	S/R	S

Cefoxitin rather than clinical use, it is more significant in indicating ESBL.

Older BLI : Clavulanic Acid , Sulbactam, Tazobactam.

Newer BLI : Avibactam, Relebactam.

These work against AmpC.

Combination of Ceftazidime + Avibactam + Aztreonam

effective against many organisms :

Avibactam : ESBL, AmpC, KPC, OXA48 type of carbopenem.

Aztreonam : covers NDM.

Inducible AmpC (Chromosomal)	Organisms
S	Serratia
P	Pseudomonas Proteus Providencia
A	Acinetobacter
C	Citrobacter freundii
E	Enterobacter spp

mnemonic : 'space'

Inducible AmpC :

Chromosomally mediated resistance (not plasma acquired).

Isolated organisms maybe initially sensitive but on starting this -> patient fails to respond.

Due to presence of beta lactam antibiotics -> induction of AmpC production -> organisms will become resistant.

Hence only option will become carbapenem.

Extended spectrum AmpC :

New enzyme class.

Resistance to carbapenems.

more difficult to treat.

Once this extended spectrum AmpC becomes more important clinically leads to carbapenem.

Bush-Jacoby/Functional classification of BL¹

GROUP	ENZYME TYPE	INHIBITION BY CLAVULANATE	MOLECULAR CLASS	NO. OF ENZYMES	EXAMPLES*
1	Cephalosporinase	No	C	57	<i>Enterobacter cloacae</i> P99 (C), MBR-1 (P)
2a	Penicillinase	Yes	A	20	<i>Bacillus cereus</i> I, <i>Staphylococcus aureus</i> (B)
2b	Broad spectrum	Yes	A	16	SHV-1 (B), TEM-1 (P)
7be	Extended-spectrum	Yes	A	81	<i>Klebsiella oxytoca</i> K1 (C), TEM-3 (P), SHV-2 (P)
2b ¹	Inhibitor-resistant	Diminished	A	13	TEM-30 (RT-7) (P)
2c	Carbapenemase	Yes	A	15	AER-1 (C), PSE-1 (P), CARB-3 (P)
2d	Cloxacillinase	Yes	D or A	21	<i>Streptomyces cacaoi</i> (C), OXA-1 (P)
2e	Cephalosporinase	Yes	A	19	<i>Proteus vulgaris</i> (C), FEC-1 (P)
2f ¹	Carbapenemase	Yes	A	3	NDM-1 (C), NDM-A (C), KPC (P), Sme-1 (C)
3	Carbapenemase	No	B	15	<i>Stenotrophomonas maltophilia</i> L1 (C), NDM-1 (P), IMP-1 (P)
4	Penicillinase	No		7	<i>Burkholderia cepacia</i> (C), SAR-2 (P)

*B, Both; C, chromosomal; P, plasmid

¹New groups, derived from Bush K, Jacoby GA, Medeiros AA. A functional classification scheme for β -lactamases and its correlation with molecular structure. *Antimicrob Agents Chemother*. 1995; 39:1211-1223

AER, *Aeromonas*; CARB, carbapenemase; FEC, isolated from feces; IMP, imipenem hydrolyzing; IMP, imipenem; RT, inhibitor-resistant TEM, KPC, *K. pneumoniae* carbapenemase; MBR, Miriam Hospital; NDM, New Delhi metallo- β -lactamase; NDM-A, not metalloenzyme carbapenemase-A; OXA, oxacillin; PSE, *Pseudomonas*-specific enzyme; SAR, southern Africa-related enzyme; SHV, sulhydryl variable; TEM, tetracycline

Carbapenemases

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Carbapenemases :

Class A - *Klebsiella pneumoniae* carbapenemase (KPC) :
Inhibited by newer BLIs (avibactam/relebactam / vaborbactam)

Class D - OXA :

OXA-48 is inhibited by avibactam

Does not act against non OXA-48.

Non OXA-48 Carbapenemase (OXA-a3, OXA-51) more important in *Acinetobacter*.

Class B OR metallo-beta-lactamase :

New Delhi metallo-beta lactamase (NDM) -I in
Carba
Enterobacteriaceae.

Others : IMP, VIM, SIM, GIM, SPM.

Inhibited by EDTA, Aztreonam.

methods for detecting carbapenemases :

Disc potentiation test, Double disc synergy test, modified Hodge's test, Carba NP, eCIM, mCIM.

Carba R :

Like gene expert, *Clostridium difficile* toxin detection cartridge, nucleic acid amplification tests.

Indicate type of beta lactam.

Eg :

Clinically isolated organism is a carbapenem resistant with resistance due to :

- KPC → Ceftazidime + Avibactam.
- KPC + NDM → Ceftazidime + Avibactam + Aztreonam.
Because NDM neutralised by Aztreonam.
- KPC + Oxa 48 → Ceftazidime + Avibactam.
- Oxa 23 :

Ceftazidime + Avibactam + Aztreonam not effective.

Polymyxin best therapy will be helpful.

Examples of other mechanisms :

OprD Porin loss :

Imipenem resistance in Enterobacter aerogenes, Klebsiella pneumoniae and Pseudomonas aeruginosa.

may retain meropenem sensitivity.

Efflux pumps :

mexAB-OprM against meropenem in Pseudomonas.

AcrAB multidrug efflux pump in E. coli for penicillin.

Altered PBPA (Pen A gene) :

Penicillin and cephalosporin resistance in N.gonorrhoeae.

Q. What determines the resistance to any beta-lactam antibiotic in addition to presence of the enzymes?

1. Rate of production of enzyme
2. Rate of hydrolysis
3. Rate of diffusion into periplasm
4. Affinity for the antibiotic
5. All

Interpret the resistance mechanism in an isolate (GNB) based on the sensitivity profiles :

Antibiotic	Sensitivity 1	Sensitivity 2	Sensitivity 3
Ceftriaxone	R	R	S
Ceftazidime	S	R	S
Ciprofloxacin	R	R	S
Amikacin	R	S	S