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Multi-drug Resistant Organisms – Prevention and Response

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Objectives

- Describe the SHARPPS program
- Discuss multi-drug resistant organisms and the public health significance of these organisms across the continuum of care
- Describe the role of public health in investigating cases and outbreaks in healthcare facilities



Surveillance for Healthcare Associated & Resistant Pathogens Patient Safety Program

Mission

To work in partnerships to prevent, detect, and respond to events and outbreaks of healthcare-associated and antimicrobial resistant infections in North Carolina.



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Defining MDROs

Multidrug-Resistant Organisms (MDROs)





resistant Pseudomonas

Extended-Spectrum Beta-Lactamases (ESBLs)

- Enzyme \rightarrow Produced by Gram-negative bacteria
- Difficult to treat
- Endemic in United States
 - Can be community acquired
- Spread via direct and indirect contact with colonized/infected patients and contaminated environmental surfaces.
- Improper treatment → organisms may produce another enzyme called carbapenemase



Carbapenem-Resistant Enterobacteriaceae (CRE)

- First recognized in US in 2001
- Enterobacteriaceae = gut bacteria
 - Klebsiella spp.
 - E. Coli
 - Enterobacter spp.
- Resistant to nearly all antibiotics
- Many ways to be resistant
 - Carbapenemase producing CRE (CP CRE)
 - Klebsiella pneumoniae carbapenemase (KPC),
 - New Delhi metallo-β-lactamase (NDM),
 - Verona integron encoded metallo-β-lactamase (VIM),
 - Imipenemase metallo-β-lactamase (IMP)
 - Oxacillinase-48 (OXA-48)





Public Health Significance of Carbapenemase Producing CRE

- "Urgent public health threat" CDC
- Highly resistant
- Mobile resistance elements
- >9,000 healthcare-associated infections each year
- Up to 50% mortality













Responding to MDROs



What is a healthcare facility?

- Long-term care
- Skilled-nursing
- Hospital
- Dental office
- Dialysis
- Outpatient



Why are investigations in healthcare facilities different?

- Vulnerable population
 - Increased Incidence
 - Higher mortality
- Common source
- Communal living
- Can be initiated or propagated by activities, staff, or other characteristics of the facility

We investigate to prevent, or stop, an outbreak



CRE Case Investigation: Goals

- Identify if transmission/dissemination is occurring
- Identify affected patients
- Ensure appropriate control measures are promptly implemented
- Characterize the organism

CRE Case Investigation: Components

- Initial investigation
 - Healthcare/community exposures
- Infection control considerations
- Contact Investigation
 - Healthcare
 - Healthcare personnel
 - Household
- Prospective laboratory surveillance (clinical cultures)

10 Steps of an Outbreak Investigation

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- 7. Evaluate hypotheses / perform additional studies (as necessary)
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- 9. Communicate findings
- 10. Maintain surveillance

Verify the diagnosis

Confirm that a case meets the case definition by reviewing the isolate's susceptibility information





What am I looking for?

- Organism identification
 - May use a culture or "NAAT" ("nucleic acid amplification test")
- Antimicrobial susceptibility results
 - Also called "MICs" ("minimum inhibitory concentration") with "interps" ("interpretation")

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Next:

• Notify patient and healthcare facilities as appropriate

Ensure implementation of control measures

Initial control measures



Gown and gloves





Hand hygiene



Prevent opportunities for transmission







Investigate to stop transmission & prevent future outbreaks



Major Findings from recent investigations



- •Hand hygiene: inconsistent X
- •Wound care: reusing scissors, interruptions in flow from clean to dirty
- OT/PT: contact precautions not adequately maintained, lack of dedicated equipment **X**
- Contact precautions: implemented to varying degrees
- Lack of inter-facility notification X
- Outdated policies X



Additional Control Measures

- 1. Staff Education
- 2. Laboratory notification
- 3. Cohort infected residents
- 4. Contact precautions
- 5. Hand Hygiene
- 6. Environmental cleaning
- 7. Communicate CRE status to transferring and receiving facilities
- 8. Review infection prevention policies and procedures
- 9. Antimicrobial Stewardship



Review the patient's risk factor information

- Demographics & clinical presentation of infection
- Travel
- Healthcare
 - Complex medical devices (e.g., duodenoscopes)
 - Long term care facility stay
 - Other healthcare exposures
 - Medical devices (catheters, foley, trach, etc) in place within 2 calendar days prior to culture
 - Antibiotics

Contact investigation

- Screening may be recommended for high risk contacts
- Coordinated through the antimicrobial resistant laboratory network (ARLN)
- In consultation with DPH and CDC



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Surveillance - CP-CRE Nationally Notifiable

- Improved detection
- Track trends and spread over time
- Rapid response and containment
- Prevention and control



CRE Reporting in NC - Next Steps

- Assess clinical laboratory capacity to detect CRE
- Update CRE laboratory guidance
- Rule change
- Build NCEDSS module

• In the mean time.....

CRE activities in NC

- Outbreak response
- Sentinel event investigations
- Education
- Mechanism testing
- Colonization screening
- Special projects
 - Targeted surveillance
 - Non-big three surveillance



More patients get infections when facilities do not work together.

(Example: 5 years after CRE enters 10 facilities in an area sharing patients)





SOURCE: CDC Vital Signs, August 2015.

Responding to MDROs

- Detect MDROs
 - Increased awareness and testing
 - ARLN
- Ensure rapid response & containment
 - Prevent transmission
 - Inter-facility communication
- Stewardship efforts
 - Antimicrobial resistance subcommittee
 - Get Smart Campaign
- Education
 - Collaborative effort (SPICE, DPH, LHD)





Resources

• MDROs

- Management of Multidrug Resistant Organisms in Healthcare Settings, 2006 <u>https://www.cdc.gov/hicpac/mdro/mdro_toc.html</u>
- Interim Guidance for a Public Health Response to Contain Novel or Targeted Multidrug-resistant Organisms (MDROs) https://www.cdc.gov/hai/outbreaks/docs/Health-Response-Contain-MDRO.pdf
- NC DPH CRE information for Long-Term Care Facilities
 <u>http://epi.publichealth.nc.gov/cd/hai/docs/CREinfoLTCfacilities.pdf</u>
- Antimicrobial Stewardship
 - <u>http://epi.publichealth.nc.gov/cd/antibiotics/campaign.html</u>
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Questions?

