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UNDERSTANDING EXTENDED SPECTRUM BETA-LACTAMASE PRODUCING ORGANISMS (ESBLs)

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Learning Objectives

1. Understand what are ESBL enzymes
2. Recognize how to detect ESBL organisms
3. Understand what makes ESBL organisms more difficult to treat

Abbreviations

- AMR – antimicrobial resistance
- AMS – antimicrobial stewardship
- CDC – Center for Disease Control
- CFU – colony forming units
- CRE – carbapenem resistant enterobacterales
- CTX-M – cefotaximase-Munich
- C-UTI – complicated urinary tract infection
- DOT – duration of therapy
- ESBL - extended spectrum β -lactamase enterobacterales
- GU – genitourinary
- IDSA – Infectious Disease Society of America
- MDRO – Multi-Drug Resistant Organisms
- MIC – minimum inhibitory concentration
- Pip/Tazo - piperacillin-tazobactam
- RBC – red blood cells
- SMX/TMP - sulfamethoxazole-trimethoprim
- UA – urinary analysis
- UTI – urinary tract infection
- WBC – white blood cells

Drug Classes Discussed

- Cephameycins
 - Cefoxitin
 - Cefotetan
- Aminopenicillins
 - Amoxicillin
 - Ampicillin
- Fluoroquinolones
 - Levofloxacin
 - Ciprofloxacin
 - Moxifloxacin
- Carbapenems
 - Meropenem
 - Imipenem-Cilastatin
 - Ertapenem
- β -Lactam + β -Lactamase Inhibitor Combinations
 - Ceftazidime-Avibactam
 - Meropenem-Vaborbactam
 - Imipenem-Cilastatin-Relebactam
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Question #3

What would be the most appropriate choice of antibiotic for DM?

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2. Meropenem/vaborbactam
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4. Levofloxacin
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Antimicrobial Resistance



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Development of Resistance

- In 1945 during his Nobel prize acceptance speech, Alexander Fleming warned about resistance development due to inappropriate antibiotic use
- The CDC estimates that 47 million courses of antibiotics are prescribed unnecessarily every year
- It is estimated that 30% of antibiotics prescribed in the ambulatory setting are not indicated

Rapid Rates of Resistance

Antibiotic approved		Resistance development	
Penicillin 1	194	Penicillin-resistant E. coli	1940
Cefotaxime 0	198	ESBL E. coli	1983
Ceftazidime 5	198	ESBL Klebsiella pneumoniae	1987
Imipenem/cilastatin	1985	KPC-producing K. pneumoniae	1996
Ceftazidime/avibactam 5	201	Ceftazidime/avibactam-resistant enterobacterales	2015
Cefiderocol 9	201	Cefiderocol-resistant enterobacterales	2020

Cost of Antimicrobial Resistance

- Deaths associated with antimicrobial resistance were estimated to be 4.95 million people in 2019
- Deaths directly attributed to antimicrobial resistance were estimated to be 1.27 million people in 2019
- Annual cost due to AMR for the United States is estimated to be \$20 billion every year

Prevention of MDRO Spread

- Standard precautions for all MDRO
 - Good hand hygiene
 - Gloves
- Contact precautions
 - Gowns + gloved for staff and visitors
 - Single patient rooms
 - Duration is a more conflicted topic
- Difficult to track spread
 - Contacted patients will likely have no signs

Extended Spectrum β -Lactamase Producing Enterobacterales (ESBL)



Background

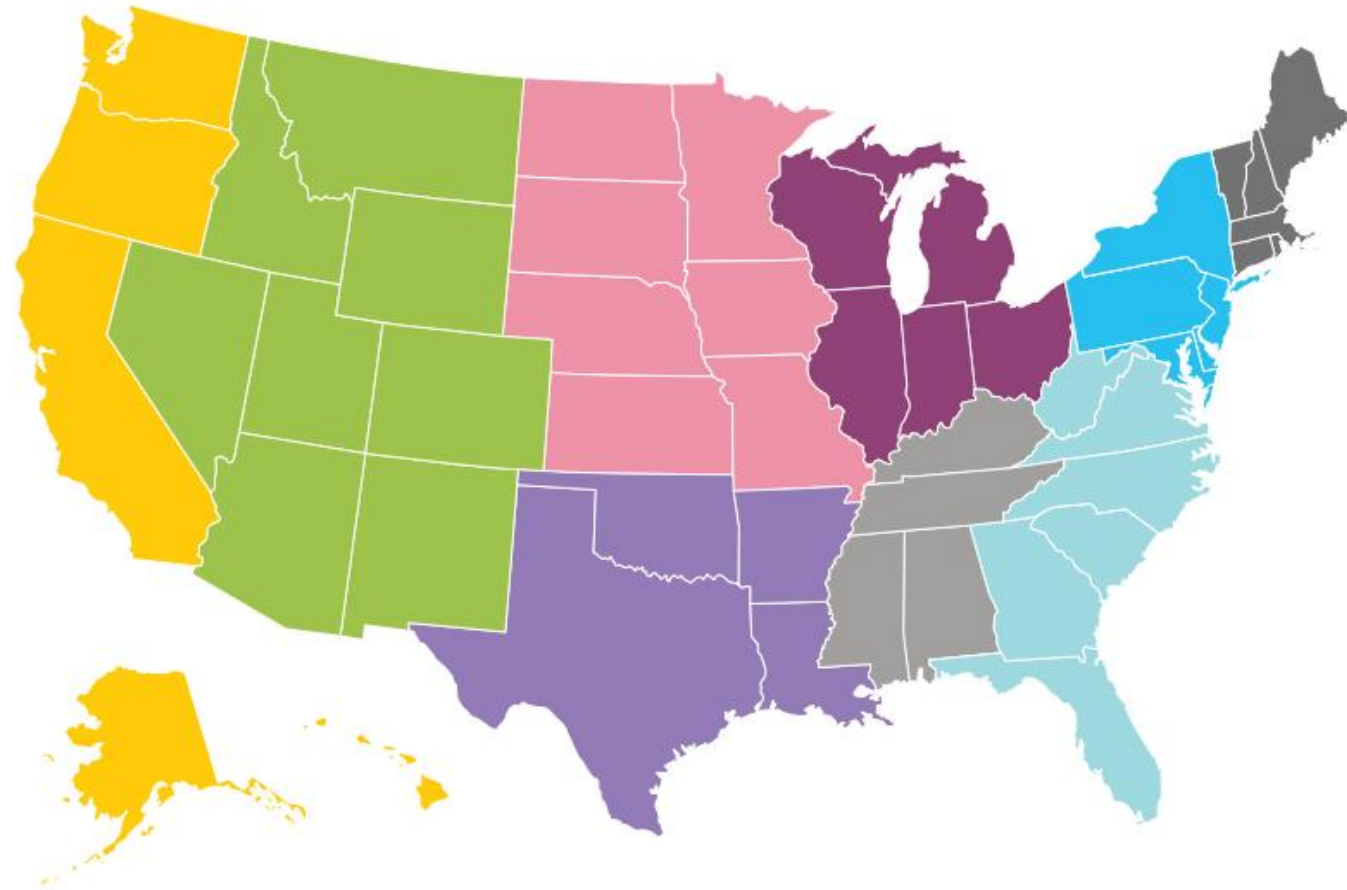
Rates grew by 53% from 2012 to 2017 and continuing to rise

Listed as a serious threat on CDC antibiotic resistance threat report

Estimated 197,400 cases in 2019

Estimated mortality rate of 4.6% based on 2019 CDC data

ESBL Resistance Patterns

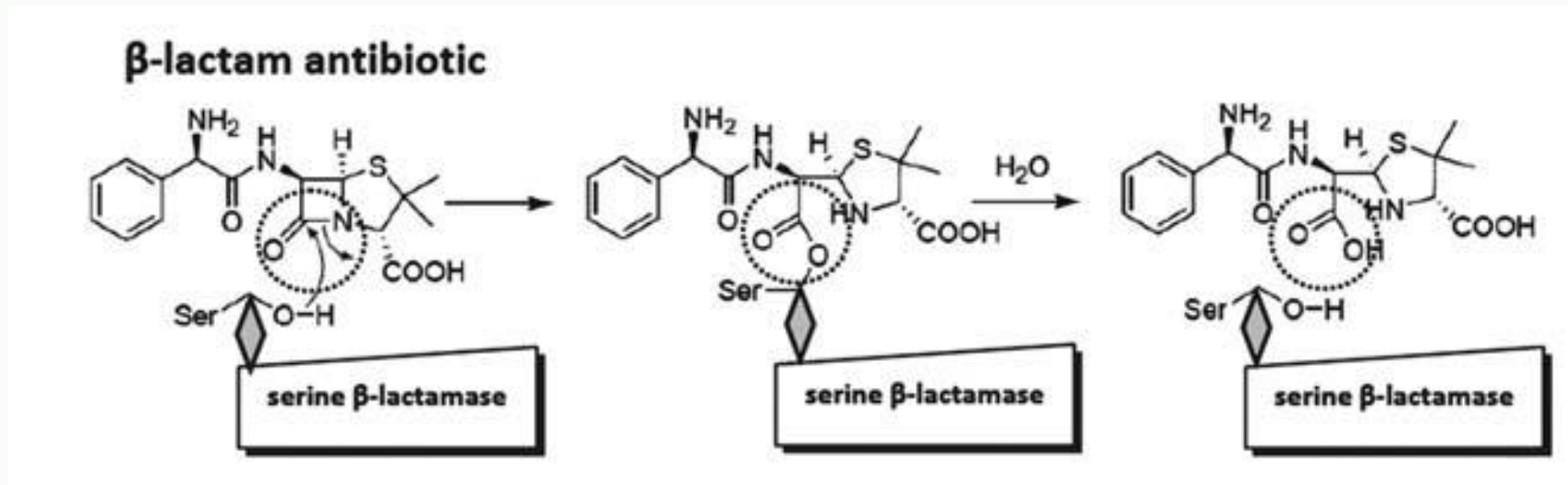


<p>West North Central ESBL = 10.5% LEVO-R = 21.5% TMP-SMX-R = 30.4%</p>	<p>National ESBL = 15.7% LEVO-R = 24.3% TMP-SMX-R = 32.1%</p>	<p>East North Central ESBL = 11.6% LEVO-R = 20.7% TMP-SMX-R = 26.8%</p>	<p>New England ESBL = 11.9% LEVO-R = 22.2% TMP-SMX = 33.5%</p>	<p>Mid Atlantic ESBL = 29.6 LEVO-R = 38.1% TMP-SMX-R = 43.5%</p>
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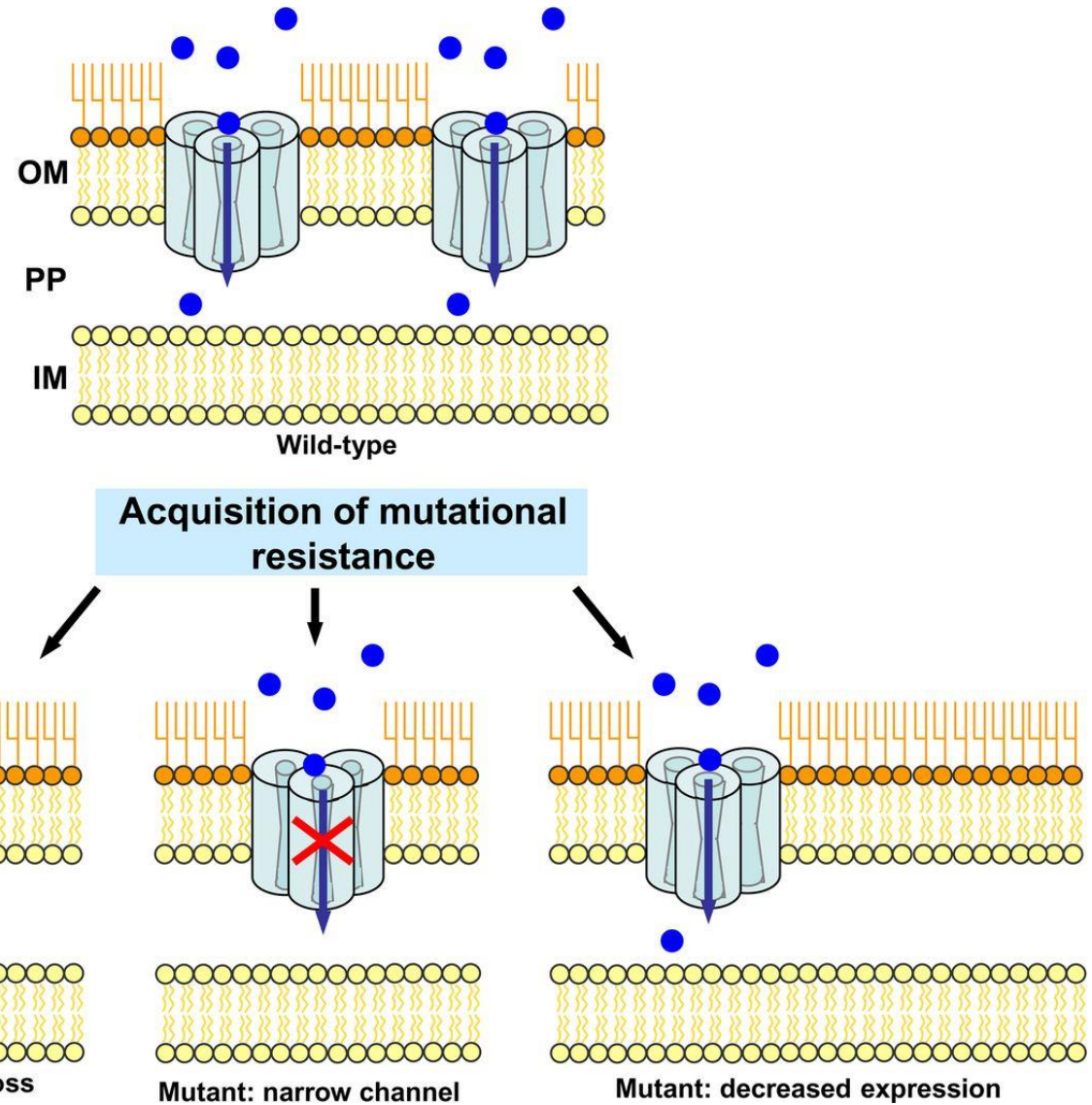
Mechanisms & Genes

- β -lactamase enzymes deactivate most β -lactams
- CTX-M, TEM, SHV, OXA are common β -lactamase enzymes around the world
- CTX-M-15 is the most commonly seen β -lactamase enzyme in the United States
- Over 300 different or variations of β -lactamase enzymes that have been discovered

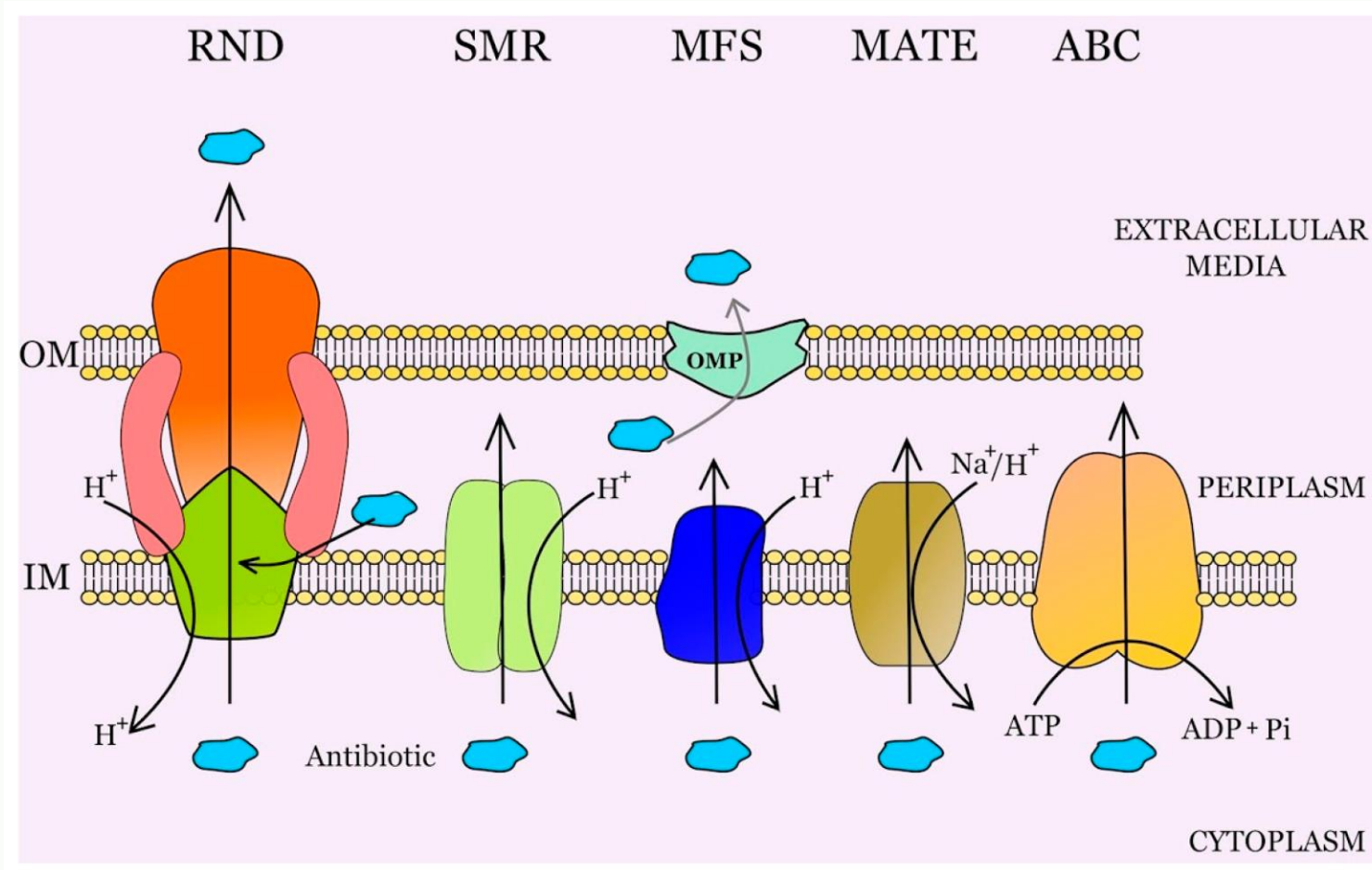
Mechanism of β -Lactamase



Mechanism of Resistance: Membrane Permeability



Mechanism of Resistance: Efflux Pumps



Sensitivities

- ESBL genes can be tested
- Ceftriaxone MIC > 2
- Resistance to **most** penicillins, cephalosporins, and aztreonam
- Carbapenem activity is preserved
- Many ESBL have poly-resistance

Most Common ESBL Producing Bacteria

Escherichia coli

Klebsiella pneumoniae

Klebsiella oxytoca

Proteus mirabilis

Any gram-negative bacteria

Cystitis Treatment

Primary therapy

- Nitrofurantoin or SMX/TMP

Secondary therapy

- Levofloxacin, ciprofloxacin, carbapenems

Alternative therapy

- Single-dose aminoglycoside or fosfomycin

Fosfomycin Pearl

- Fosfomycin should only be used in ESBL E. coli
- Most other bacteria carry a *fosA* hydrolase gene
- This enzyme will confer fosfomycin resistance to the bacteria by conjugating glutathione to fosfomycin

Widespread Fosfomycin Resistance in Gram-Negative Bacteria Attributable to the Chromosomal *fosA* Gene

The Role of *fosA* in Challenges with Fosfomycin Susceptibility Testing of Multispecies *Klebsiella pneumoniae* Carbapenemase-Producing Clinical Isolates

Pyelonephritis Treatment

Primary treatment

- SMX/TMP, levofloxacin, ciprofloxacin

Secondary therapy

- Ertapenem, meropenem, imipenem-cilastatin

Alternative therapy

- Full course aminoglycosides

ESBL Outside the GU System

Preferred treatment

- Meropenem, imipenem-cilastatin, ertapenem

Step-down therapy

- SMX/TMP, levofloxacin, ciprofloxacin

Ertapenem Pearl

- Ertapenem should be used with caution in patients with hypoalbuminemia or who are critically ill
- Ertapenem is extremely protein bound which greatly increases its half-life
- This study shows that patients had a 5-times higher risk of mortality when using ertapenem compared to meropenem or imipenem/cilistatin
- Odds Ratio difference was 4.6 in ertapenem compared to 1.2 in imipenem/meropenem
- Significant correlation between ertapenem mortality and low albumin with Odds Ratio 2.45

Association between hypoalbuminemia and mortality among subjects treated with ertapenem versus other carbapenems: prospective cohort study

Piperacillin-Tazobactam – Merino Trial

- Compared Pip/Tazo to meropenem for bloodstream infections
- Differences between susceptibilities and clinical results
- Not recommended for use over other agents
- Controversy around results of trial

Effect of Piperacillin-Tazobactam vs Meropenem on 30-Day Mortality for Patients With E coli or Klebsiella pneumoniae Bloodstream Infection and Ceftriaxone Resistance: A Randomized Clinical Trial

Merino Controversy

- Secondary analysis findings
 - Possibly more resistant pathogens in the pip/tazo group
 - Updated breakpoints where initially susceptible pathogens were actually resistant
 - Findings showed there may not be a difference between treatments, but it is questionable whether the study's power was enough
- Deemed pip/tazo to still be clinically inferior to meropenem based on available evidence

Cefepime and Cephamycins

Cefepime

- May show susceptibilities but not recommended for use
- Studies have shown high failure rates
- More data may be needed to assess true efficacy

Cephamycins

- Not enough data
- Many cephamycins being studied are not available in the US
- Cefoxitin and cefotetan are the most common
- Not recommended

β -Lactam- β -Lactamase Inhibitor Combinations and Cefiderocol

- Reserved for carbapenem resistant organisms
 - Meropenem-vaborbactam, ceftazidime-avibactam, imipenem-cilastatin-relebactam, and cefiderocol
- Ceftolozone-tazobactam should be avoided as treatment

Review

- Bacteria & Resistance:
 - E. coli, Klebsiella pneumoniae, Klebsiella oxytoca, Proteus mirabilis
 - CTX-M, TEM, SHV, OXA
- Susceptibility:
 - Ceftriaxone MIC > 2
 - Multi-resistance
- Treatment:
 - Cystitis - Nitrofurantoin or SMX/TMP
 - Pyelonephritis - SMX/TMP, levofloxacin, ciprofloxacin
 - Other sources - Meropenem, imipenem-cilastatin, ertapenem

Carbapenem-Resistant Enterobacterales

(CRE)



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Background

On CDC urgent threats list

13,100 cases in 2017

8.4% mortality rate based on their 2017 data

Multiple potential enzymes involved including KPC, NDM, VIM, OXA-48

Identification

- Enterobacterales with evidence of carbapenem resistance
 - Resistant to a carbapenem
 - Confirmed carbapenemase gene

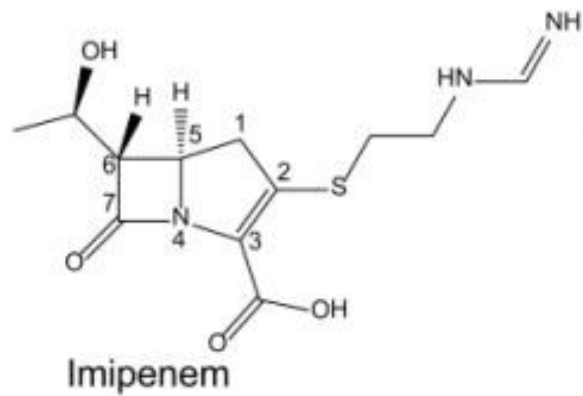
- Most common bacteria
 - Enterobacterales
 - *Klebsiella* spp.
 - *Serratia marcescens*
 - *E. coli*

Resistance

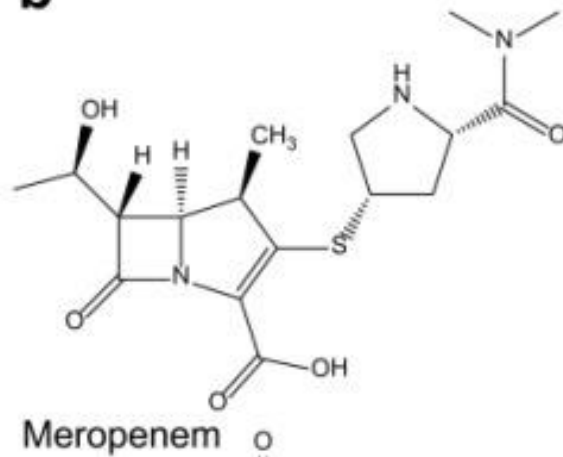
- Various mechanisms of resistance
 - Carbapenemase production
 - Membrane permeability alterations
 - Efflux pumps
 - Enhanced ESBL production
- Majority of resistance is carbapenemase producing bacteria
 - 60% of all CRE cases

Carbapenem Structure

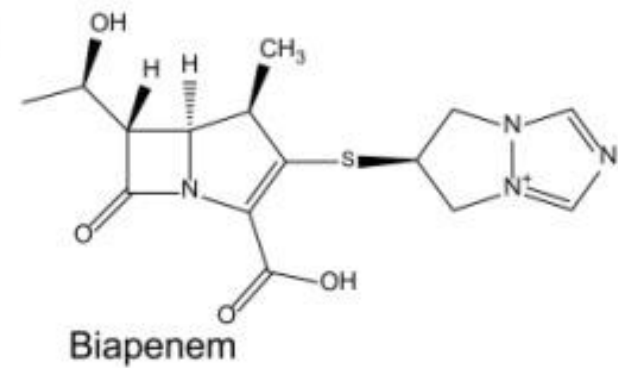
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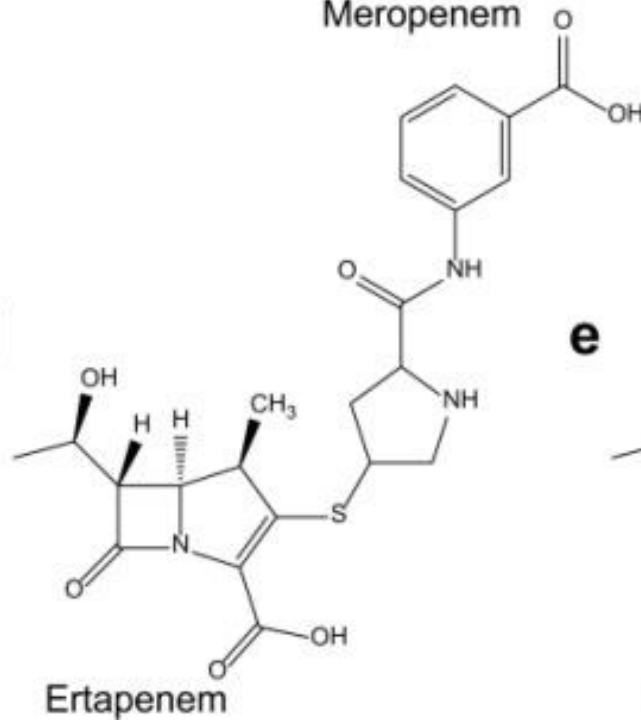
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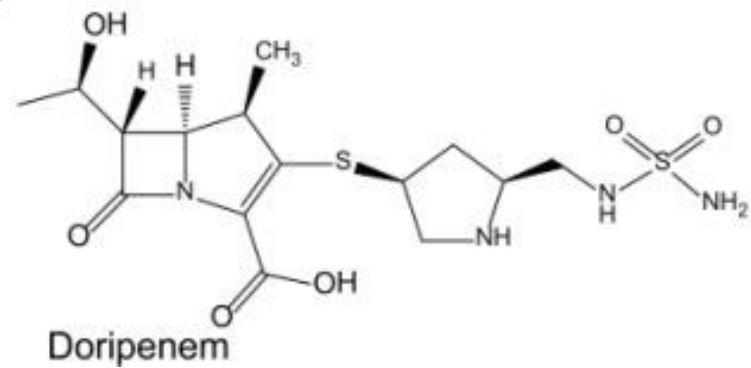
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KPC

- Klebsiella pneumonia carbapenamase (KPC)
 - Can be more organisms than just K. pneumonia
- Class A carbapenamase
- Most common carbapenamase in US and worldwide
- Preferred therapy
 - Meropenem-vaborbactam, ceftazidime-avibactam, and imipenem-cilastatin-relebactam
- Alternative therapy
 - Cefiderocol

NDM

- New Delhi metallo-B-lactamase (NDM)
- Class B carbapenemase
- Commonly in China, Pakistan, India, and Bangladesh
- Preferred therapy
 - Ceftazidime-avibactam in combination with aztreonam
 - Cefiderocol monotherapy

OXA-48

- Oxacillinase (OXA)
- Class D carbapenemase
- Commonly found in *Acinetobacter* spp. or *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*
- Commonly in Saudi Arabia, Turkey, Morocco, Egypt, and EU
- Preferred therapy
 - Ceftazidime-avibactam
- Alternative therapy
 - Cefiderocol

VIM

- Verona integron-encoded metallo- β -lactamase (VIM)
- Class B carbapenemase
- Commonly in Japan, Taiwan, and China
- Preferred therapy
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Primary Treatments

Cystitis

- Nitrofurantoin, SMX/TMP, ciprofloxacin, or levofloxacin

Pyelonephritis

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All other sources

- Ceftazidime-avibactam, meropenem-vaborbactam, and imipenem-cilastatin-relebactam
- Alternative – cefiderocol

Review

- Bacteria:
 - Klebsiella spp., Serratia marcescens, Enterobacterales, E. coli
 - KPC, NDM, OXA-48, VIM
- Identification:
 - Carbapenem resistance
 - Carbapenemase gene
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IDSA Guidance Document on Gram-negative Resistance



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IDSA 2023 Guidance on the Treatment of Antimicrobial Resistant Gram-Negative Infections

Published by IDSA on 6/7/2023. Document is current as of 12/01/22, 7/1/2023

A Focus on Extended-spectrum β -lactamase-Producing Enterobacterales, AmpC β -Lactamase-Producing Enterobacterales, Carbapenem-Resistant Enterobacterales, *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* with Difficult-to-Treat Resistance, Carbapenem-Resistant *Acinetobacter baumannii*, and *Stenotrophomonas maltophilia*

This updated document replaces previous versions of the guidance document.



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Key Topics of this Document



- ESBL
- AMP-C
- CRE
- Pseudomonas
- CRAB
- Stenotrophomonas

GUIDANCE DOCUMENT CONSIDERATIONS



Applicable in pediatrics



Contains a
dosing & MIC guide

Duration of Therapy

- The duration of therapy should remain the same as a normal infection
 - Resistant bacteria do not require more time to eliminate
- Duration of therapy should begin once appropriate therapy is initiated
 - Exception in cystitis

Transitioning to Oral Therapy

Should not be delayed because of resistance, especially when:

- Susceptibility to an appropriate oral agent is demonstrated
- The patient is hemodynamically stable
- Reasonable source control measures have occurred
- Concerns about insufficient intestinal absorption are not present



IV to PO

Inferred Susceptibility

Ampicillin → Amoxicillin

Ampicillin/Sulbactam → Amoxicillin/Clavulanate

Cefazolin → Cefadroxil, Cephalexin

Ceftriaxone → Cefpodoxime, Cefuroxime

Cefepime → No oral conversion

Carbapenems → No oral conversion

Most treatments discussed do not have inferred susceptibility because oral products are not available. Cefepime, Pip/Tazo, and carbapenems are examples of this along with our broader β -lactam + β -lactamase inhibitor combinations

Utilization of medications that have both formulations may be helpful i.e. ciprofloxacin, levofloxacin, SMX/TMP

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ESBL

Sensitivities

- A marker to consider ESBL is if ceftriaxone MICs are greater than or equal to 2, but there can be other causes

ESBL

Most Common ESBL Producing Bacteria

Escherichia coli

Klebsiella pneumoniae

Klebsiella oxytoca

Proteus mirabilis

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Meropenem	>4	Resistant

CRE Resistance OXA-48 Gene

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Question #3

What would be the most appropriate choice of antibiotic for DM?

1. Meropenem
2. Meropenem/vaborbactam
3. Ceftazidime/avibactam
4. Levofloxacin
5. SMX/TMP

Blood Culture:

Escherichia coli

Antimicrobial	MIC	Interpretive category
Levofloxacin	<1	Sensitive
SMX/TMP	<2/38	Sensitive
Ceftriaxone	>2	Resistant
Cefepime	>16	Resistant
Pip/Tazo	>32/4	Resistant
Meropenem	>4	Resistant

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Question #3 Rationale

OXA-48

- Oxacillinase (OXA)
- Class D carbapenemase
- Commonly found in *Acinetobacter* spp. or *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*
- Commonly in Saudi Arabia, Turkey, Morocco, Egypt, and EU
- Preferred therapy
 - Ceftazidime-avibactam
- Alternative therapy
 - Cefiderocol

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