Global drug Resistance: The Case of Streptococcus pneumoniae

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Acute respiratory infections – the leading cause of death in under 5s



Global overview of pneumococcal penicillin resistance



Penicillin-resistant (MIC $\ge 2 \ \mu$ g/ml)

Prevalence of penicillin- and macrolide-resistant S. pneumoniae

- Penicillin-resistant (defined as penicillin MIC \geq 2 µg/ml)
- Macrolide-resistant (defined as erythromycin MIC \geq 1 μ g/ml)



Alexander Project data 2000

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Risk Factors for Penicillin-Resistant Pneumococcal Infections

French retrospective study on 10 350 isolates

Risk factor	Odds ratio
Age < 15 years	2.01
Isolation from URT	2.36
Isolation from sinus and middle ear	1.63
HIV infection	2.01
β -lactam R _x in prev.6 months	1.99
Nosocomial acquisition	2.12

Bedos et al, CID, 1996

Fluoroquinolone Use and PRSP Canada, 1988-1998



Chen et al, NEJM, 1999, 341, 233-9

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Risk Factors for Drug Resistant Pneumococcal Carriage

Multi-resistant type 14 strain in a hospital in Topolcany, Slovakia

33% vs O.P. 0.8% Hospitalization carriage Prior hospitalization incidence 68% vs 23% Previous antibiotics incidence 78% vs 38% Hospital stay carriage on admission 0% carriage day 2 - 713% . 11 8-14 16% . 15-21 29% П >21 35%

Reichler et al, JID, 1996

Risk factors for Acquisition of Levofloxacin – Resistant Pneumococci in Hong Kong

- Nosocomial origin OR 16.2 (95% CI 2.1-122.2) P=0.007
- Exposure to a FQ in past 12 months OR 10.7 (95% CI 1.6 – 71.2) P=0.01
- Presence of COPD OR 10.3 (95% CI 1.6 66.2) P=0.01
- Residence in a nursing home OR 7.4 (95% CI 1.5 – 35.1) P=0.01

Ho et al, CID, 2001, 32, 701-7

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Association of Antibiotic Use with Resistance in the Pneumococcus



The logodds of resistance to penicillin among invasive isolates of *Streptoccus pneumoniae* (PNSP; ln(R/[1-R])) is regressed against outpatient sales of beta-lactam antibiotics in 11 European countries Bronzwaer et al, EID, March, 2002.

Association Between Antibiotic – Resistant Pneumococcal Carriage Rate and Regional Antibiotic Consumption: Iceland



Percentages of penicillin-sensitive and penicillin-resistant pneumococci



Arason et al, BMJ, 1996

Impact of Azithromycin on Pneumococcal Carriage and Resistance in Aboriginal Children

Single dose 20 mg/kg

	Pre-treatment	Post-treatment		
Carriage rate	54/79(68%)	2-3 weeks 2 months 6 months 11/38(29%) 29/37(78%) 34/39/(87%)		
Azithromycin- resistance	1/54 (1.9%)	6/11(54.5%) 10/29(34.5%) 2/34(5.9%)		
Azith resistant Serotypes I0F, 23A,45	1/79(1.3%)	16/75(21.3%) 2/32(6%)		

Leach et al. C'D. 199 Trachoma Study 15

Influe	nce o	of Antib	iotic	Class	son
Pen F	Resist	ant Pn	eum	lo Car	riage
Antibiotic	Number of cases	Courses in last 12 mos	Odds ratio	95% CI	p value
None	16	-	1.0	-	-
β-lactam	111 54	1 or 2 ≥ 3	6.75 6.00	1.8–25 1.4–25	<0.001 0.013
Co-trimoxaz	ole 54 42	1 or 2 ≥ 3	7.22 13.14	1.7–30 3.1–55	<0.001 <0.001
Erythromycir	11 ח 12	1 or 2 ≥ 3	8.56 12.16	1.1–64 1.9–75	0.03 0.007

The odds for co-trimoxazole and erythromycin being associated with PRP carriage were twice that for β -lactams in association with 3 or more antimicrobial courses

Arason et al, BMJ, 1996.

Impact of Reduction of Antibiotic Consumption on PRP Carriage

Incidence of PNSP (penicillin non-susceptible) peaked in 1992 (19.8%): declined to 13% in 1997

Predominant type 6B multi-resistant clone (Spanish-Icelandic)

From 1990 β-lactam consumption was not reduced BUT: trimethoprim sulfamethoxazole (TMP/SXT) and erythromycin use was reduced by 30%

Arason et al, BMJ, 1996.

Impact of reduction in macrolide and cotrimoxazole Usage on penicillin – resistant pneumococci in Iceland



Austin DJ, Kristinsson KG, Anderson RM Proc Natl Acad Sci U S A 1999 ;96:1152-6

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Association of Non – Adherent Antibiotic Use with Resistance in the Pneumococcus



The logodds of resistance of invasive isolates of *Streptococcus pneumoniae* to penicillin (PNSP; ln(R/(1-R))) is regressed against nonadherence rates to antibiotic therapy in four European countries

 Bronzwaer et al, EID, March, 2002.
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Low dose and long duration of β-lactam therapy as risk factors for penicillin-resistant pneumococcal carriage

	odds ratio	confidence interval
Oral β-lactams in past 30 days	3.0	1.1–8.3
Dose lower than clinically recommended	5.9 d	2.1–16.7
Treatment > 5 days	3.5	1.3–9.8

NB Data are based on 16 children carrying PRSP (of 864). Ten of these children had low dose, long duration treatment

Guillemot et al. JAMA. 1998.

Selection of Resistant Pneumococci by High Dose, Short Duration Amoxicillin Rx RELATIVE RISK OF PRSP IN CARRIERS

HIGH DOSE vs LOW DOSE	0.78 (0.65 – 0.95)	P = 0.01
DAY 28 vs DAY 0 HIGH DOSE	1.22 (1.02 – 1.48)	P = 0.03
DAY 28 vs DAY 0 LOW DOSE	1.60 (1.36 – 1.89)	P < 0.001

Schrag et al, JAMA, 2001, 286: 49 - 56

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Therapy for malaria with pyrimethamine-sulfadoxine (fansidar) increases pneumococcal resistance to trimethoprim - sulphamethoxazole

Feikin et al, JID, 2000, 181, 1501 – 5.

Impact of Fansidar Therapy for Malaria on Cotrimoxazole - Resistance in the Pneumococcus



TRANSITION RATE BETWEEN INITIAL VISIT AND 1-WEEK VISIT	K1	
No Treatment	6/50 (12%)	
Cotrimoxazole	29/69 (42%)	
SP	29/96 (30%)	

TRANSITION RATE BETWEEN INITIAL VISIT AND 4-WEEK VISIT	K 1	
No Treatment	2/24	(8%)
Cotrimoxazole	9/40	(23%)
SP	28/73	(38%)

Feikin et al, JID, 2000, 181, 1501 – 5.

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Isolation of *S. pneumoniae* 23 F, intermediately susceptible to penicillin and resistant to trimethoprim-sulfamethoxazole

Siblings

Yagupsky et al, JID, 1998, 177,1003-12. 27

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Clonal spread of S. pneumoniae 23F



Pneumococcal Molecular Epidemiology Network of the IUMS

Nomenclature



McGee et al, J Clin Microbiol, July, 2001



Spain^{23F}-1 Spain^{6B}-2 Spain^{9V}-3 Tennessee^{23F}4 Spain¹⁴-5 Hungary^{19A}-6 S.Africa^{19A}-7 S.Africa^{6B}-8 England¹⁴-9 CSR¹⁴-10 CSR^{19A}-11 Finland^{6B}-12 S.Africa^{19A}-13 Taiwan^{19F}-14 Taiwan^{23F}-15 $Poland^{23F}-16$

McGee *et al*, J Clin Microbiol, July, 2001 **31**



McGee et al, J Clin Microbiol, July, 2001

Clones of Penicillin – Resistant Pneumococci in the USA

Spain ^{23F} - 1 - 14,19	127/328	38.7%
Spain ^{9V} - 3 - 14,19	40/328	12.2%
Eight other clones	112/328	34.1%
The above ten clones	279/328	85.0%

Corso et al, MDR, 1998; 4: 325 – 337.

Clonality of Highly Penicillin – Resistant Pneumococci - USA

Spain ^{23F} - 1	123/672	18.3%
Spain ^{9V} – 3	96/672	14.3%
PFGE type 3	65/672	9.7%
Spain ^{6B} - 2	44/672	6.5%
PFGE type 5	42/672	6.3%
Tennessee ^{23F} – 4	33/672	4.9%
PFGE type 7	28/672	4.2%
PFGE type 8	25/672	3.7%
PFGE type 9	22/672	3.3%
PFGE type 10	20/672	3.0%
Taiwan ^{19F} - 14	11/672	1.6%
PFGE 12	8/672	1.2%
PFGE 13	7/672	1.0%
12 Clones	524/672	78.0%

Richter et al, 2002, CID; 34: 330-9

Emergence of FQ Resistance in Global Clones of Pneumococci

- 29 FQ resistant pneumococci with ofloxacin MIC's > 4 µg /ml were identified from the Alexander project and from Northern Ireland.
- Clonality was determined by BOX PCR and by pulse field electrophoresis
- 16 types were identified amongst the 29 strains INCLUDING
- 4 strains identical or closely related to SPAIN^{23F}-1
- These strains came from France and Spain
- 7 strains from France and N. Ireland identical to FRANCE^{9V}-3.

Increase in FQ Resistance in the Preumococcus in Hong Kong

Two studies of sequential clinical isolates from 6 Hospitals in Hong Kong - 1998 & 2000

- Levo MIC \geq 4 µg/ml \rightarrow from 5.5% to 13.3%
- In Pen Resistant strains \rightarrow 9.2% to 27.3%
- Risk factors were:

Patients \geq 65yrs – 17.1% vs 9.1%(18-64) (P<0.001) Adults with COPD – 24.6% vs 9.3% (P = 0.01)

All FQ resistant strains are a clone of SPAIN^{23F} – 1 resistant to penicillin (MIC 2-4 µg/ml) and cefotaxime (MIC 1-4 µg/ml)

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Impact of HIV on Penicillin – Resistance in the Pneumococcus

Age	HIV + ve	HIV -ve
Adults	19/100 (19%)	11/259 (4%)
Children	24/45 (53%)	16/53 (30%)

Crewe-Browne et al, CID, 1997

Emerging Problem

Cotrimoxazole - resistant and multiply resistant pneumococcal infections in HIV – infected patients on prophylaxis with the drug

Madhi et al, 2000, Clin Infect Dis; 31: 170 -176.

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AMINO ACID SUBSTITUTIONS IN SENSITIVE AND RESISTANT DHFRS



Single base mutation conferring resistance suggests rapid selection

Adrian and Klugman, AAC, 1997, 41: 2406 - 2413.

New Mechanism of Tetracycline Resistance in Pneumococci

tet (O) discovered in 5 strains from Cape Town, South Africa - a single clone in children.

 remains rare, one subsequent report – from Seattle, Washington, USA

none in 277 tetracycline – resistant strains
 screened in Europe.
 This mechanism will probably will remain rare unless strains acquire genes
 conferring resistance to commonly prescribed antibiotics in children

Widdowson, Klugman, Hanslo, AAC, 1996, 40: 2891 –3.

Luna & Roberts, JAC, 1998, 42, 613-9.

Schmitz et al, Int J Antimicrob Agents, 2001,18, 433-6.

Molecular Insights Into Mechanisms of Resistance in the Pneumococcus

A staphylococcal plasmid has linearised, inserted into the pneumococcal genome, and confers chloramphenicol resistance in the pneumococcus

Could the enterococcal plasmid conferring vancomycin resistance do the same?

Widdowson, Adrian and Klugman, AAC, 2000, 44: 393 - 5.

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Impact of 9 – Valent Conjugate Vaccine on Carriage of Antibiotic – Resistant Pneumococci

	V	accinees	Controls	
Antibiotic resistar	nce r	n = 130	n = 145	Р
Penicillin	27	(21)	60 (41)	.0002
Chloramphenicol	2	(2)	5 (3)	
Tertacycline	14	(11)	13 (9)	
Erythromycin	8	(6)	6 (4)	
Clindamycin	7	(5)	4 (3)	
Rifampicin	2	(2)	1 (1)	
Cotrimoxazole	30	(23)	51 (35)	.003
Any of the above	59	(45)	90 (62)	.005

Mbelle, et al, JID, 1999

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Use of Pneumococcal Conjugate Vaccine Reduces Antibiotic Use

Risk of antibiotic use 0.83 (95% CI 0.79 to 0.87; *P* < 0.001).



Dagan et al, PIDJ, 2001;20:951-958

Interventions

- Education of patients, prescribers and guidelines to reduce inappropriate antibiotic use for viral upper RTI.
- Better diagnostic test to decrease empiric treatment
 - Development of new drugs
- Strategies to reduce specific classes of antimicrobial use in order to decrease resistance are complicated by multiple resistance.
 - Give antibiotics in short courses at high doses
 - Pneumococcal conjugate vaccines interrupt the transmission of multiply resistant strains that belong to vaccine serotypes, and vaccinated children receive less antibiotics.



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