

Antimicrobial resistance

An NT perspective

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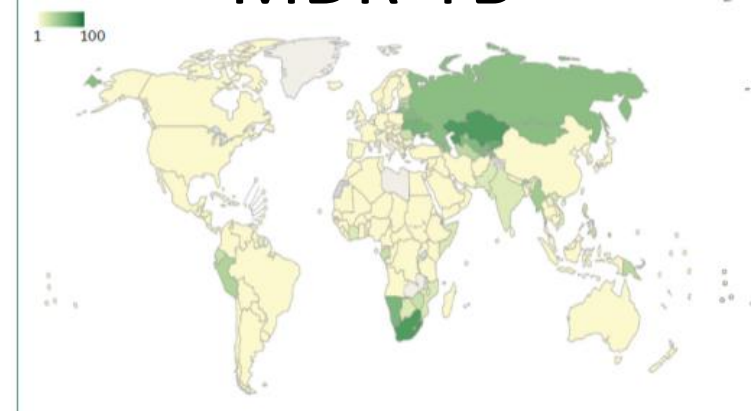




MRSA



MDR-TB



MR E. coli



CAUSES OF ANTIBIOTIC RESISTANCE



Antibiotic resistance happens when bacteria change and become resistant to the antibiotics used to treat the infections they cause.



Over-prescribing
of antibiotics



Patients not finishing
their treatment



Over-use of antibiotics in
livestock and fish farming



Poor infection control
in hospitals and clinics



Lack of hygiene and poor
sanitation



Lack of new antibiotics
being developed

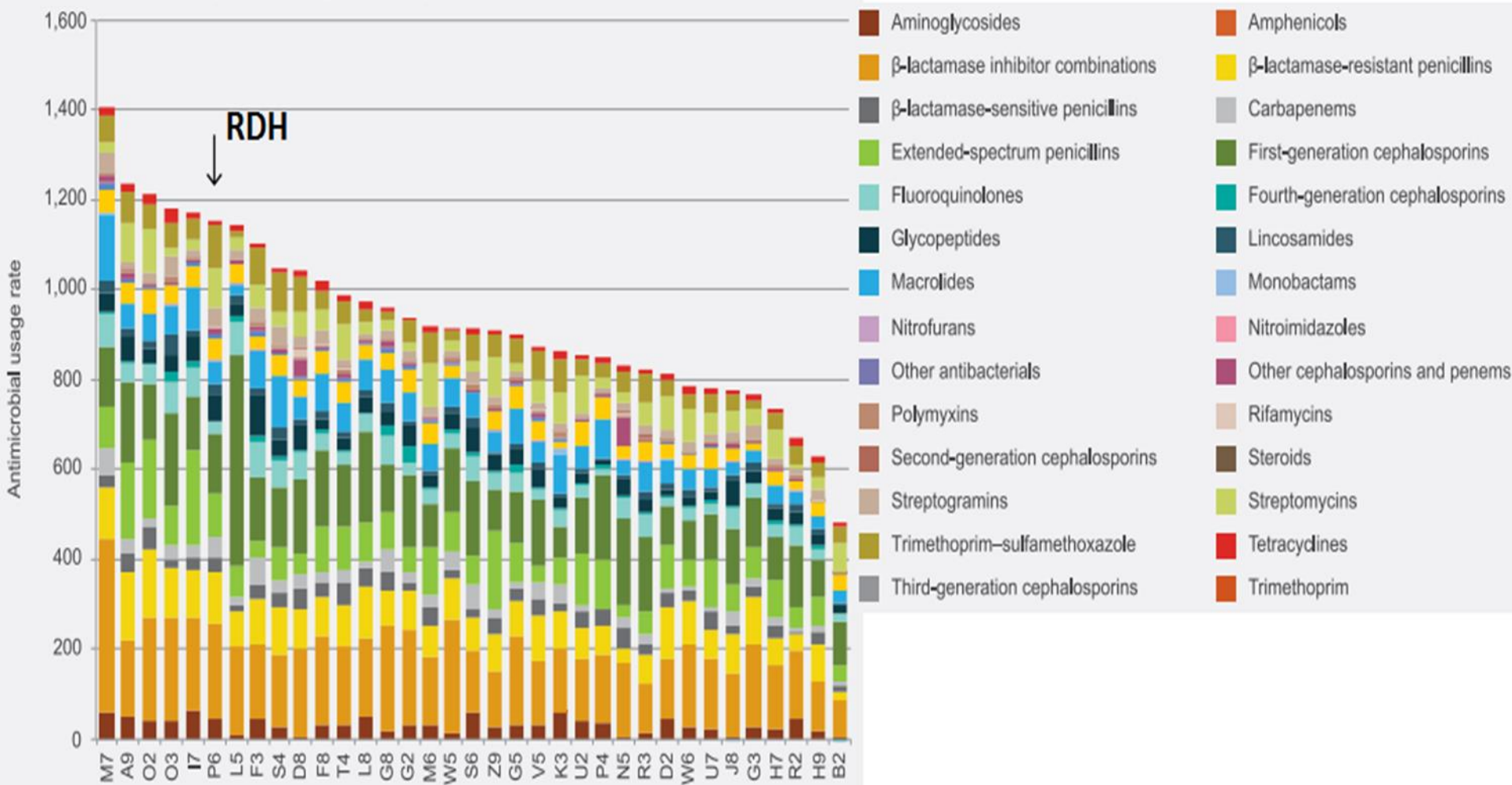
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#AntibioticResistance



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Figure A: Annual antimicrobial usage rate (DDD/1,000 OBD) in the Principal Referral Hospital (indicated by an arrow) for total-hospital use



Central Australian Health Service 2016 Antibigram (% susceptible)

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Gram positives

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Top End Health Service 2017 Antibigram (% susceptible)

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Community-acquired methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* in Central Australia

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Abstract

To date, there has been scant information about the burden of methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* infections in Central Australia. Our aims were to determine the proportion of *Staphylococcus aureus* infections due to methicillin-resistant strains in Central Australia, to characterise resistance to non-beta lactam antibiotics and to correlate findings with available demographic information. We retrospectively reviewed *S. aureus* isolates identified by the Microbiology Laboratory of the Pathology Department, Alice Springs Hospital between September 2005 and February 2006. Multi-resistance was defined as resistance to three or more non-beta lactam antibiotics. We identified the recovery site and extended antibiotic resistance profile of each isolate. Demographic data included place of residence, discharge diagnosis and ethnicity. There were 524 *S. aureus* isolates: 417 (79.6%) methicillin-sensitive *S. aureus*, 104 (19.7%) non-multi-resistant MRSA (nmrMRSA) and 3 (0.7%) multi-resistant MRSA (mrMRSA). MRSA accounted for 7/22 (32%) invasive infections and 91/474 (19.2%) cases of staphylococcal skin infections. Aboriginal people comprised 89 per cent (93/104) of patients with nmrMRSA; 57 per cent lived in remote communities, 21 per cent in suburban Alice Springs, and 18 per cent in Alice Springs Town Camps. Six per cent (6/104) of nmrMRSA were hospital-acquired. Of the nmrMRSA isolates, 57 per cent (59/104) were resistant to erythromycin and 7 per cent (7/104) to fusidic acid. All MRSA isolates were susceptible to co-trimoxazole. In conclusion, Central Australia has high rates of community-acquired nmrMRSA and low rates of multi-resistant MRSA. Erythromycin resistance in *S. aureus* is also common. These findings should prompt the review of antimicrobial prescribing guidelines for the region, especially for treatment of skin and soft tissue infections. *Commun Dis Intell* 2006;30:462–466.

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Gram negatives																												
<i>Escherichia coli</i>	urine	535	13	13	0	100	35	76	70	87	97	85					85	100	97		92		83	58	68			
	other	98	13	9	0	100	34	74	74	87	98	85					85	100			89		81	58	61			
<i>Klebsiella species</i>		286	9	5	0	100		89	84	91	91	97					93	100	35		89		92	87	89			
<i>Proteus mirabilis</i>		79					86	84	76	97		99					100	98			98		100	94	94			
<i>Enterobacter sp</i>		124				100				84	85	100					100	98			84		100		90			
<i>Salmonella sp</i>		80					96	98		100		100						100							97			
<i>Pseudomonas aeruginosa</i>		199				97					91	96					96	93			82		99					
<i>Acinetobacter sp</i>		26				96				58	92	100					100	100			100		96		96			

Top End Health Service 2017 Antibigram (% susceptible)

All isolates received at RDH Microbiology in the six months prior to April 1 st 2017	Number of isolates	ESBL %	AMP C %	Carbapenemases %		Amikacin	Ampicillin	Amoxy -clavulanate	Cefazolin	Ceftriaxone	Ceftazidime	Ciprofloxacin	Clindamycin	Erythromycin	Flucloxacillin	Fusidic acid	Gentamicin	Meropenem	Nitrofurantoin	Penicillin	Piperacillin/tazobactam	Rifampicin	Tobramycin	Trimethoprim	Trimethoprim-SMX	Vancomycin	Teicoplanin	Linezolid

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<i>Kleb pneumo sp</i>		281	12	5	0	100		83	82	89	90	91					90	99	27		91		90	80	81			
<i>Proteus mirabilis</i>		80					85	89	81	100	100	99					98	100			100		99	90	91			
<i>Enterobacter sp</i>		126				100				71	74	99					94	99			71		94		89			
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<i>Pseudomonas aeruginosa</i>		487				97					95	96					97	95			92		99					
<i>Acinetobacter sp</i>		86				100				21	94	96					99	99			99		93		83			
<i>Burkholderia pseudomallei</i>		82									100							100							100			

Antimicrobial stewardship

TEHS



Staffing and structure

- One full time AMS pharmacist
- FTE 0.1 Infectious Diseases Physician
- AMS Committee with RDH, KDH, GDH representation
- Restricted antimicrobials system
- Strong culture of Infectious Diseases consultation
- New electronic prescribing support

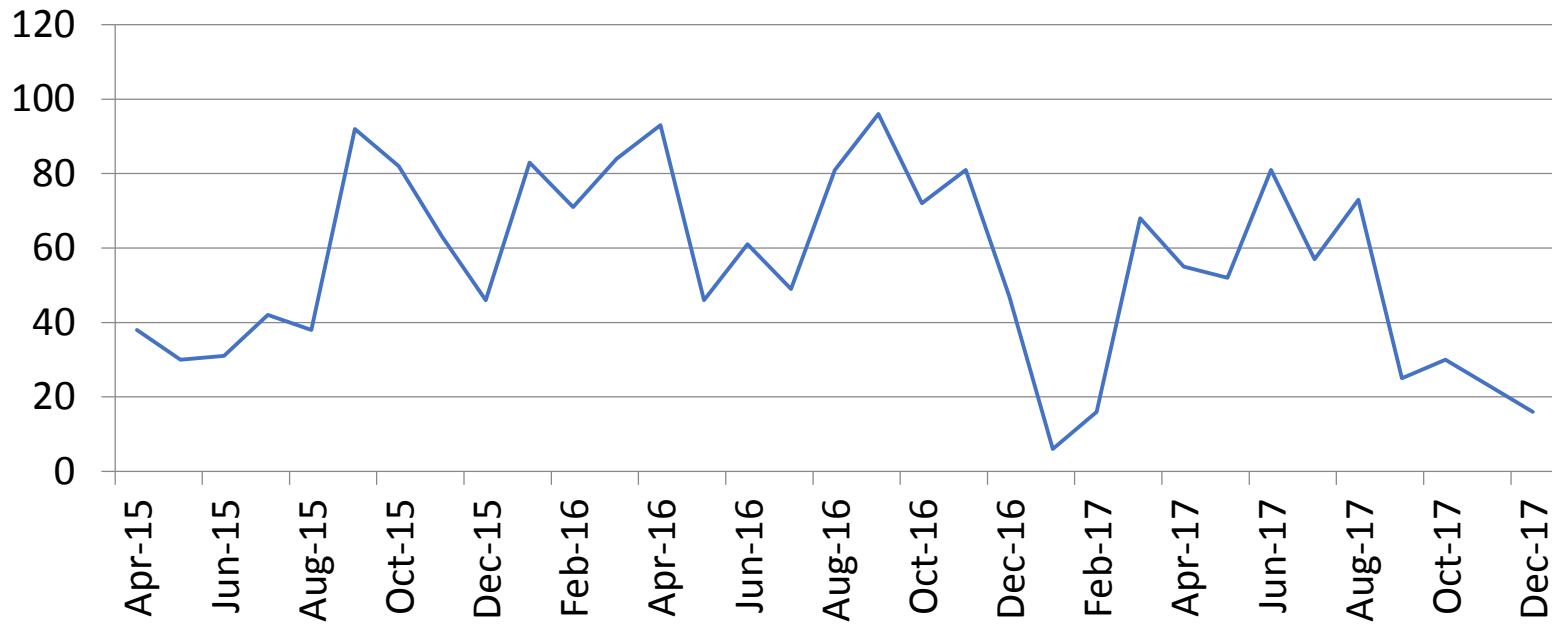


AMS rounds, RDH

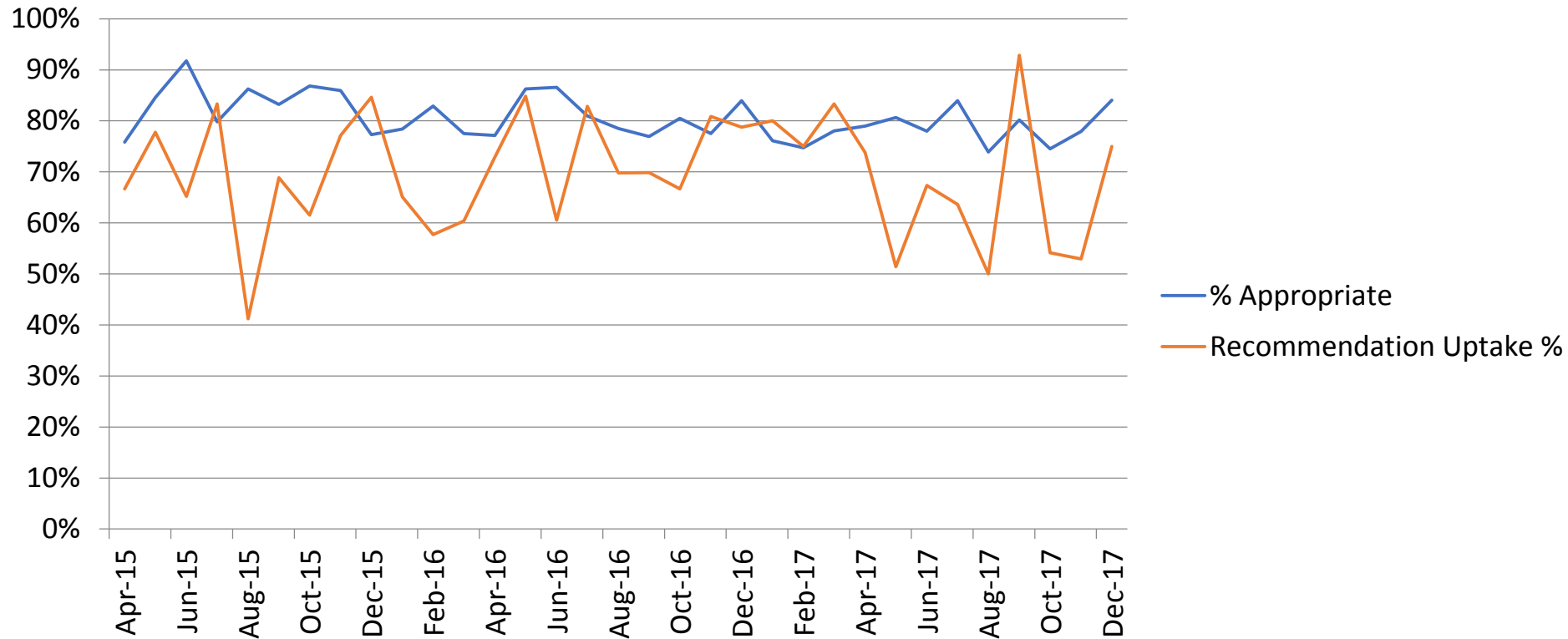
- Daily ward list produced from electronic prescribing and pathology databases to identify:
 - Any prescription of a restricted antimicrobial
 - Drug-bug mismatch
 - Creatinine-dose mismatch
 - Wrong dose
 - Drug interaction
 - Illogical combination of antibiotics
 - IV antibiotic order continued for >3 days



Number of recommendations made by month



% Appropriate and % Uptake



- ✓ 80% appropriate prescribing
- ✓ 69% of AMS team recommendations followed

Medical Recommendation Type Summary

Type of Error	Number	Percentage of	Percentage Changed Following Recommendation
IV antibiotic treatment continuing long term for non-severe infection	28	0.26%	72.7%
Overly broad antimicrobial used	19	0.18%	73.7%
Duplication of therapy	18	0.17%	100.0%
Dosage incorrect	12	0.11%	33.3%
Over/underdosage in respect to poor renal/hepatic function	12	0.11%	100.0%
Ceftriaxone used first line for pyelonephritis	11	0.10%	18.2%
Penicillin/cephalosporin not used despite minor reaction or no allergy present to other class	7	0.07%	50.0%
Drug - bug mismatch	7	0.07%	80.0%
TOTAL	114		68.6%

Please email any recommendations for improvement (big or small) to john.shanks@nt.gov.



Antibiogram TEHS

Ascending cholangitis

Bites (animal and human)

Carbuncle/Abscess

Cellulitis

Cellulitis of the eye

Diabetic foot infection

Dosing nomograms and calculators

Epiglottitis

Febrile neutropenia

Influenza infection



Cellulitis

Is there a purulent focus for infection such as an abscess or carbuncle?

Yes

No



Cellulitis

[Does the patient have a penicillin allergy?](#) (See below for details on penicillin allergy severity)

No penicillin allergy

Minor penicillin allergy

Anaphylaxis/life-threatening reaction

[History of penicillin allergy or adverse reaction](#)

No penicillin allergy

- This includes non-severe reactions such as nausea and limited diarrhoea
- Such reactions are frequently not replicable or generalizable to the whole class. It is safe to prescribe penicillin class antibiotics (with the patient's knowledge), and if rec

Minor penicillin allergy

- This includes non-severe reactions such as isolated rash.
- There is only a 2-3% chance of cephalosporin allergy in a patient with a previous IgE mediated allergy to penicillin, and probably even less for other types of allergies. Ir
to penicillin

Anaphylaxis/life-threatening reaction

- This includes anaphylaxis (see below) and other life-threatening reactions such as Stevens-Johnson Syndrome (SJS), Toxic epidermal necrolysis (TEN), Drug reaction

Minor penicillin allergy



Severe cellulitis treatment

For empirical therapy in a patient with no penicillin allergy, while awaiting the results of cultures and susceptibility use:

Flucloxacillin 2 g (child: 50 mg/kg up to 2 g) IV, 6-hourly

Switch to oral therapy when systemic features have improved (see switch to oral guideline on the PGC for details)

- In addition to treating cellulitis examine patient for tinea of the feet and treat if necessary
- This is a guide for empirical treatment only. It is imperative that cultures are taken prior to administration of antibiotics (where possible) for targeted therapy
- For patients with significant systemic symptoms, assess for necrotising fasciitis or underlying myonecrosis, see the Therapeutic Guidelines section on [necrotising skin](#)
- For patients with associated bacteraemia see the [severe sepsis](#) section or the [severe sepsis: directed therapy](#) section of the Therapeutic Guidelines
- Vancomycin may also be needed in patients with severe sepsis or septic shock. (see the [severe cellulitis treatment in a patient with severe penicillin allergy](#) for the do

References:

[See section on cellulitis and erysipelas](#) - Antibiotic Expert Groups. Therapeutic guidelines: antibiotic. Version 15. Melbourne: Therapeutic Guidelines Limited; 2014.

Key points

- Rationale use of antibiotics requires intensive, ongoing education and oversight at prescriber and user levels
- Antibiotic consumption is necessarily high in the NT – with scope for improvement
- Knowing the local antibiogram important for informing local guidelines

