#### Carbapenemase Producing Organisms: How BC Fares Amidst Its Global Emergence



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## Outline

- Background
- CPO in Canada
- Provincial Picture
- Infection Prevention and Control Measures



## What are Carbapenemase Producing Organisms (CPO)?

- Carbapenemases are a class of enzymes that inactivate carbapenem antibiotics by hydrolysing them.
- Carbapenem antibiotics, often referred to as "last resort antibiotics":
  - Imipenem
  - Meropenem
  - Ertapenem

 Carbapenemases most commonly in *E. coli* and *Klebsiella spp*., (Enterobacterieaceae) but have also been found in other Gram-negative species.

#### Beta-lactamase Family

Molecular Class	Types
A	TEM, SHV, CTX-M KPC, GES, SMC, IMI, PER, NMC-A, SFO, SFC, BIC, IBC
В	NDM-1, IMP, VIM, GIM, SPM, SIM, DIM, AIM, KHM
С	CMY, ACT, FOX, MOX
D	OXA, PSE OXA-48

### New Delhi Metallo-betalactamase (NDM-1)

- Reports in 2008 of Swedish and UK travelers to Indian subcontinent
- Since then, reports of high endemicity in Indian, Pakistan and Bangladesh hospitals
- NDM-1 genes in sewage and water reservoirs in some Indian cities
  - 51/171 (30%) waste water seepage
  - 2/50 (4%) communal drinking water samples

Walsh et al. The Lancet Infectious Diseases, 2011, 11: 355-62



#### Global Distribution NDM-1



# Carbapenem Producing Organisms in Canada





# Carbapenemase Producing Organisms by Species, 2008-Current\*

NDM 🔤 KPC 😑 VIM 🔁 IMP 🔳 OXA-48 🔳 SME



#### Enterobacteriaceae with NDM



# CPE by Health Authority (BC)



# How are these organisms transmitted?

- 1. Patient-to-patient
- 2. Shared Health Care equipment
- 3. Environmental Contact (environmental reservoirs)
- 4. Health care workers (Primarily hands)



# Risk factors for Colonization and Infection with CPE

- Risk factors for acquisition of CPE
  - prolonged hospitalization
  - Poor functional status
  - ICU stay
  - invasive devices
  - Immunosuppresion
  - multiple antibiotic agents

- Risk factors for infection once colonized with CPE
  - Previous invasive procedure
  - Diabetes mellitus
  - Solid organ tumor
  - Tracheostomy
  - Urinary catheter
  - Prior exposure to antipseudomonal penicillin

If colonized with CPE, 9-47% of patients may develop infection

# **CPE Measures Implemented**

- Screening/Active surveillance
  - On admission to Unit
  - Weekly point prevalence
  - All contacts of suspect or confirmed cases, at 0, 7 and 21 days
- Precautions
  - Private room and staff cohorting and dedicated equipment
- Cohorting of patients and staff
  - "CPE" nursing assignments & dedicated ward
  - Hand hygiene & PPE (goal: 100%)
  - Weekly audits
  - Antimicrobial stewardship

# **CPE Measures Implemented**

- Avoid discarding any bodily fluids in sinks
- Cleaning
  - Enhanced cleaning including daily 2<sup>nd</sup> clean of high touch surfaces in affected rooms/units
  - Use hydrogen peroxide
  - Terminal clean on discharge of colonized patients:
    - Discard all supplies, terminal clean, audit of clean
- Daily CHG baths for all colonized patients.



# Infection Control Processes

- Screening for all admitted patients
  - Question: "Have you been hospitalized or had renal dialysis outside of Canada anytime in the previous 6 months?"
  - If yes: patient will have rectal screen for CPE



# Next Steps and Challenges

- Better and faster testing
  - Develop Real-time PCR method for screening specimens directly
- Maintain aggressive infection control state & CPE alerts between facilities
- Continued Provincial level surveillance with infection control data
  - Collaboration with PICNet
- Further explore genomic characteristics of BC strains and transmission behaviour
  - Whole Genome Sequencing

## Summary

- CPE are an emerging pathogen with global spread, now in Canada
- CPE can spread within institutions
- The most vulnerable patients are the most at risk to become colonized and infected
- Treatment of infections is complex
- Control of spread requires full compliance with precautions and antibiotic stewardship

