

# Antimicrobial resistance surveillance in Clinical isolates from GMH - Bombo and Bwera hospital

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# INTRODUCTION (1)

- Antimicrobial resistance is becoming a serious threat to public health and undermining the power of antimicrobial agents to control infectious diseases
- WHO Antimicrobial Resistance Global Report on surveillance which noted
  - Very high rates of resistance in bacteria that cause common HAI & CAI (e.g. urinary tract infection, pneumonia) in all WHO regions
  - Significant gaps in surveillance, and a lack of standards for methodology, data sharing and coordination (WHO 2014)

# INTRODUCTION (2)

- One of the 5 strategic objectives of the Global Action Plan is to strengthen the evidence base through enhanced AMR surveillance & research.
- AMR surveillance is the cornerstone for
  - assessing the burden of AMR
  - for providing the necessary information for action in support of local, national & global strategies
- With support from the GEIS, In 2012 MUWRP initiated an AMR surveillance programme at 2 hospital sentinel sites
  - GMH-Bombo
  - Bwera Hospital

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# GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

- **Goal is**

- to strengthen the capacity of hospital labs to conduct AMR surveillance for clinically important bacteria in Uganda
- contribute to global efforts for resistance containment strategies

- **Specific objectives**

- Strengthen the capacity of hospital labs to undertake AST & provide reliable susceptibility data on clinically important pathogens
- Monitor the prevalence and trends of AMR in clinically important pathogens
- Provide reliable data to policy makers & stakeholders for the design and monitoring of interventions for the containment of AMR
- Improve awareness for infection control to reduce transmission of HAI

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# METHODS (1)

- Evaluation of the labs for AMR surveillance
  - Human resource in the labs (personnel), Utilities (Electricity, water), Equipment & Supplies
- Training of clinical staff & laboratory staff at each selected health facility undertaken for
  - appropriate sample collection, analysis, data compilation and achieving / referral of isolates
- Standard clinical & laboratory materials, equipment and reagents were provided to each hospital laboratory, as assessed and required
- Support laboratories with
  - SOPs for samples analysis, training sample analysis

# METHODS (2)

- All testing were conducted at the health-care facility labs
  - in accordance with the SOPs
- AST was undertaken using Kirby Bauer disk diffusion methods
  - according to Clinical and Laboratory Standards Institute (CLSI) guidelines CLSI M02-A10 (2008)
- Performance Standards for Antimicrobial Disk Susceptibility Tests;
  - Approved Standard- Tenth Edition at the sentinel laboratories with relevant ATCC control strains
- Isolates were classified as susceptible, intermediate or resistant using the CLSI Standards

# METHODS (3)

- Routine internal QC testing with a range of control strains was done as part of the quality assurance process
- Culture and Drug susceptibility results for isolates are generated
  - Individual patient results are issued to guide patient management
  - Monthly reports are generated
  - Multidrug Resistant isolates (MRSA, VISA, CREs) are archived for further characterisation
    - especially for the ESKAPE pathogens
  - Reports generated for stakeholders

# RESULTS1 SPECIMENS SUBMITTED

	GMH OPD	Bwera OPD	GMH IPD	Bwera IPD	Total submitted
Blood culture	455	9	157	47	668
Urine	359	119	107	60	645
Pus aspirate/swab	104	62	152	53	346
Stool / rectal swab	127	46	37	112	322
Endocervical / Cervical swab	61	26	30	18	135
Sputum	20	28	12	27	87
Cerebrospinal Fluid (CSF)	2	0	35	34	71
Urethral swab	7	36	4	3	50
Pleural	1	1	1	14	17
Ascitic fluid	2	1	8	4	15
Knee aspirate	-	3		10	13
Ear swab	0	5	1	-	6
Eye swab	-	3		1	4
Peritoneal	-	-		3	3
<b>Total collected</b>	<b>1,138</b>	<b>339</b>	<b>544</b>	<b>442</b>	<b>2,463</b>

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# RESULTS 2: ISOLATES RECOVERED

Bacterial isolate	GMH	Bwera	Total	% of all
<i>Staphylococcus aureus</i>	164	90	254	26.5%
<i>Escherichia coli</i>	87	46	133	13.9%
<i>Coagulase –ve Staphylococci</i> )	68	13	81	8.4%
<i>Klebsiella spp</i>	59	16	75	7.8%
<i>Vibrio cholerae</i>		47	47	4.9%
<i>Other Streptococcus spp</i>	17	23	40	4.2%
<i>Shigella spp</i>	26	11	37	3.9%
<i>Neisseria gonorrhoeae</i>	4	29	33	3.4%
<i>Streptococcus pyogenes</i>	2	26	28	2.9%
<i>Citrobacter freundii</i>	17	9	26	2.7%
<i>Proteus mirabilis</i>	12	12	24	2.5%
<i>Pseudomonas aeruginosa</i>	14	10	24	2.5%
<i>Acinetobacter spp</i>	15	4	19	2.0%
<i>Proteus vulgaris</i>	14	2	16	1.7%
<i>Unidentified Gram Negative rod</i>	14	2	16	1.7%
<i>Enterobacter spp</i>	9	6	15	1.6%

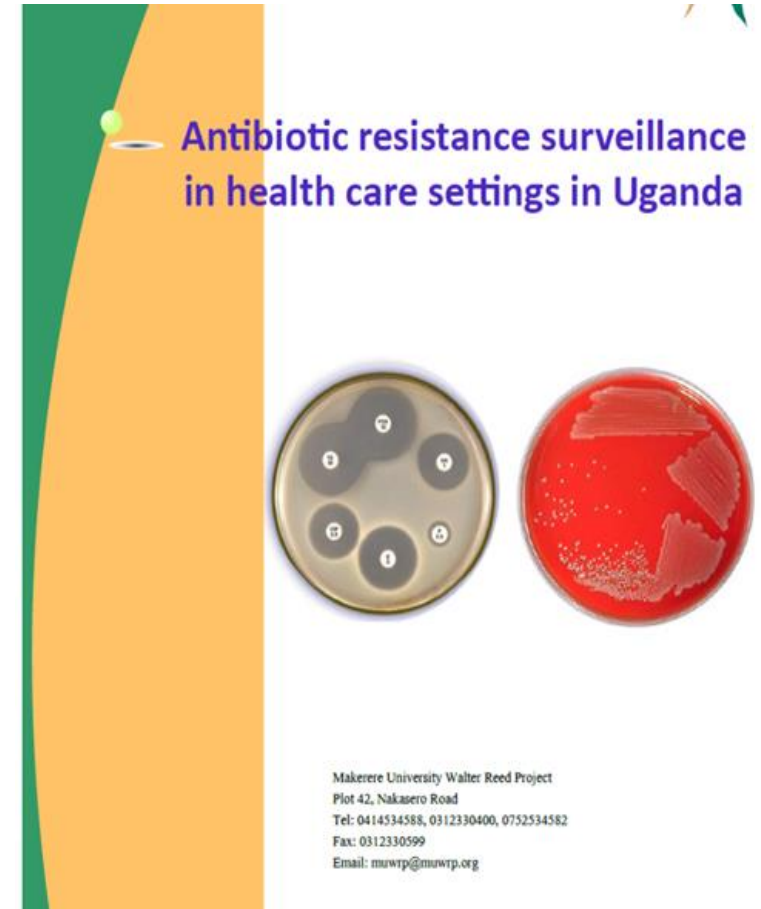
Bacterial isolate	GMH	Bwera	Total	% of all
<i>Enterococcus spp</i>	12		12	1.3%
<i>Morganella morganii</i>	10	2	12	1.3%
<i>Salmonella paratyphi A</i>	12		12	1.3%
<i>Salmonella spp</i>	5	5	10	1.0%
<i>Streptococcus pneumoniae</i>	7	3	10	1.0%
<i>Listeria monocytogenes</i>	8		8	0.8%
<i>Salmonella typhi</i>	7		7	0.7%
<i>Providencia spp</i>	5		5	0.5%
<i>Alcaligenes spp</i>	4		4	0.4%
<i>Pseudomonas (other) spp</i>	3	1	4	0.4%
<i>Serratia marcescens</i>	2		2	0.2%
<i>Group B Streptococcus</i>	2		2	0.2%
<i>Unidentified Gram Positive rod</i>	2		2	0.2%
<i>Moraxella catarrhalis</i>	1		1	0.1%
<i>Rhodococcus spp</i>	1		1	0.1%
<b>Total</b>	<b>603</b>	<b>357</b>	<b>960</b>	<b>100%</b>

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# RESULTS 3

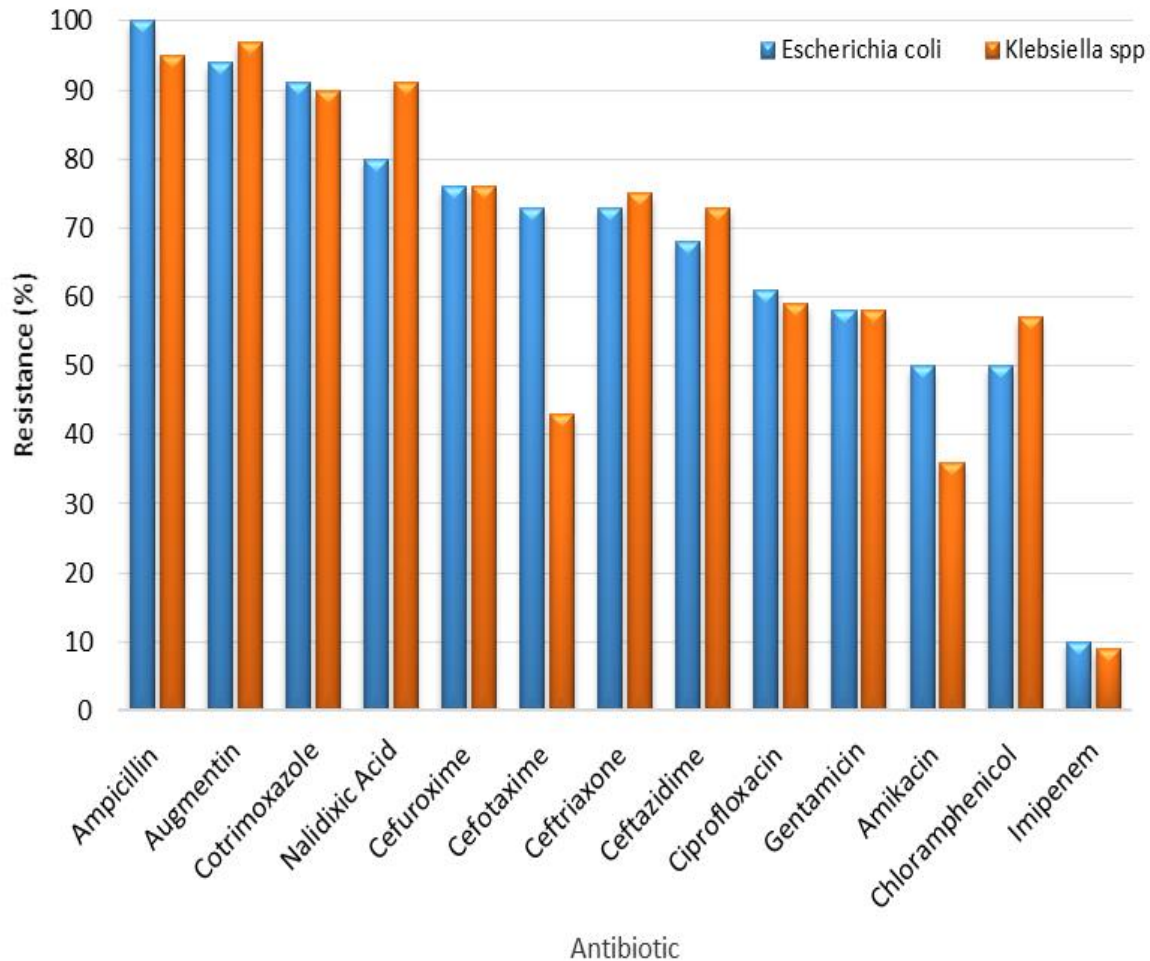
- a total of 2,463 samples
  - 1,682 GMH Bombo & 781 Bwera hospital
- 960 clinically significant isolates were recovered & tested for drug susceptibility
  - Most of the isolates exhibited high levels of resistance to multiple antibiotics
- The most common bacteria were
  - *Staphylococcus aureus* (26.5%)
  - *Escherichia coli* (13.9%)
  - *Klebsiella* spp (7.8%)
- *Vibrio cholera* were recovered from the Cholera outbreak in Kasese during the period



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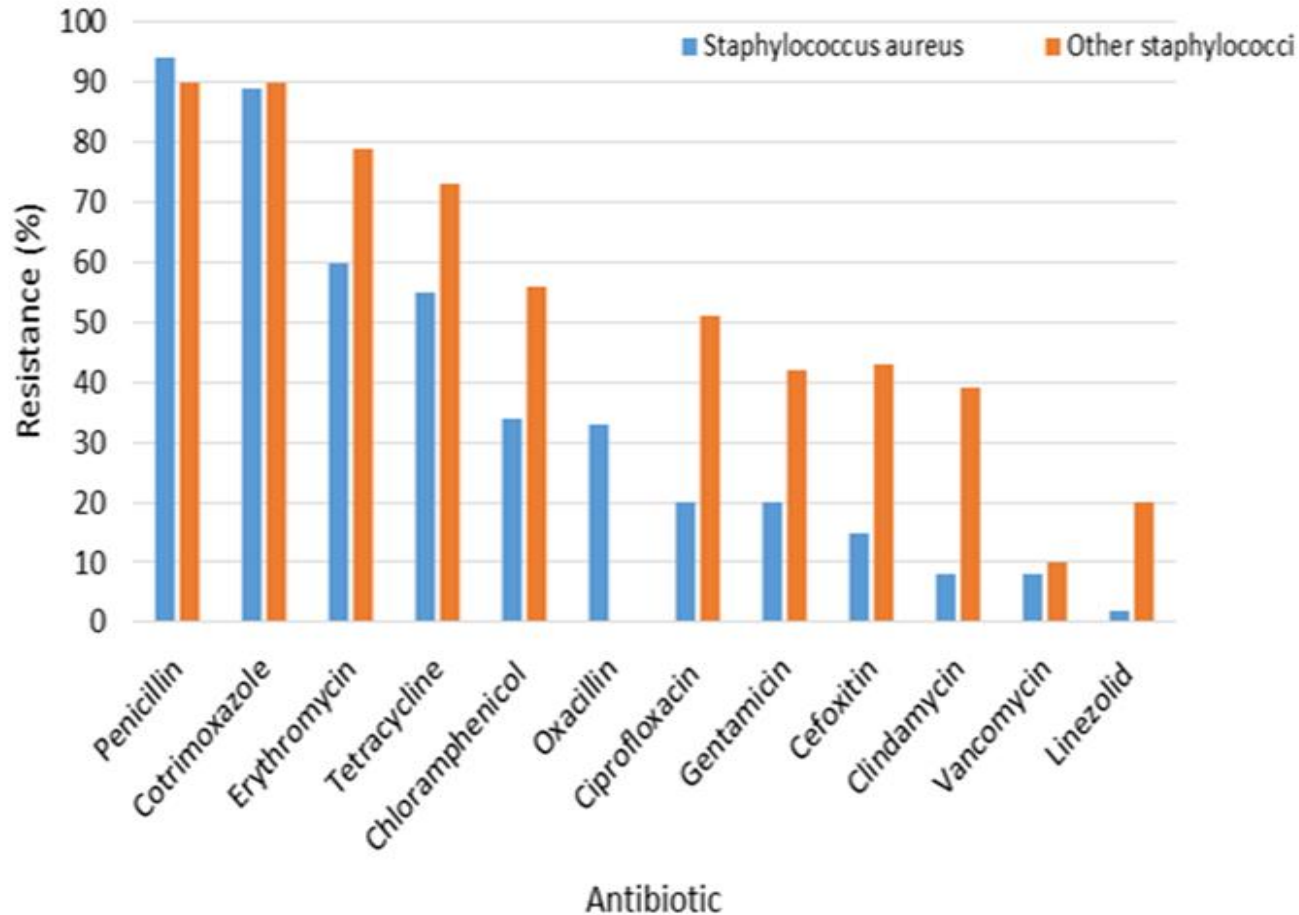
# RESULTS 4 – ANTIMICROBIAL SUSCEPTIBILITY



## Gram negative bacteria

- most (80%) were resistant to ampicillin, augmentin, cotrimoxazole & nalidixic
- 50-80% were resistant to cepharosporins (2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> generation), ciprofloxacin, gentamycin & chloramphenicol
- 50% were resistant to amikacin about 10% were resistant to iminepem

# RESULTS 5 ANTIMICROBIAL SUSCEPTIBILITY



## Gram positive bacteria

- the majority (80%) were resistant to penicillin & Cotrimoxazole
- 50-80% were resistant to erythromycin and tetracycline
- 10-50% were resistant to chloramphenicol, ciprofloxacin and gentamycin
- Most were sensitive to Linezolid, Vancomycin, & Clindamycin

## Resistance patterns of isolates (Percentage resistance is (# resistant over total tested shown in brackets)

Antibiotic	<i>Escherichia coli</i>	<i>Klebsiella spp</i>	<i>Proteus spp</i>	<i>Pseudomonas spp</i>	<i>Morganella morganii</i>	<i>Enterobacter spp</i>	<i>Citrobacter freundii</i>	<i>Salmonella spp</i>	<i>S. aureus</i>	CoNS	<i>Vibrio cholerae</i>
Imipenem	10 (9/89)	18 (9/51)	16 (3/19)	6 (1/16)	11 (1/9)	11 (1/9)	17 (3/18)	0 (0/18)	-	-	-
Chloramphenicol	49 (57/116)	55 (37/67)	76 (29/38)	-	56 (5/9)	50 (7/14)	58 (14/24)	52 (15/29)	34 (61/180)	56 (35/63)	91 (39/43)
Ciprofloxacin	58 (55/95)	57 (30/53)	25 (6/24)	11 (2/19)	71 (5/7)	50 (6/12)	26 (5/19)	18 (4/22)	20 (27/133)	51 (22/43)	16 (6/37)
Ceftriaxone	67 (50/75)	71 (34/48)	32 (7/22)	90 (9/10)	67 (6/9)	91 (10/11)	-	18 (4/22)	-	-	-
Amikacin	50 (23/46)	36 (12/33)	13 (2/15)	-	0 (0/7)	0 (0/3)	0 (0/7)	-	24 (8/34)	-	-
Cefotaxime	63 (15/24)	55 (6/11)	17 (2/12)	-	80 (4/5)	100 (2/2)	100 (7/7)	40 (2/5)	-	-	-
Ceftazidime	70 (67/96)	76 (37/49)	40 (12/30)	55 (11/20)	40 (4/10)	100 (11/11)	-	18 (4/22)	-	-	-
Gentamicin	56 (56/100)	53 (31/58)	20 (6/30)	27 (6/22)	80 (8/10)	-	33 (6/18)	-	20 (33/164)	42 (24/57)	-
Cefuroxime	77 (63/82)	77 (36/47)	42 (10/24)	-	89 (8/9)	89 (8/9)	-	-	-	-	-
Cotrimoxazole	89 (70/79)	84 (37/44)	84 (26/31)	-	89 (8/9)	-	-	-	89 (125/140)	90 (44/49)	91 (21/23)
Ampicillin	95 (75/79)	96 (51/53)	93 (26/28)	-	100 (8/8)	100 (10/10)	94 (16/17)	89 (16/18)	-	-	60 (27/45)
Augmentin	92 (94/102)	96 (52/54)	59 (17/29)	88 (14/16)	9 (9/10)	92 (12/13)	-	88 (22/25)	-	-	-
Nalidixic Acid	79 (49/62)	89 (25/28)	100 (2/2)	-	-	80 (4/5)	100 (5/5)	-	-	-	100 (25/25)
Cefoxitin	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	<b>15 (18/120)</b>	43 (6/14)	-
Oxacillin	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	<b>33 (33/99)</b>	-	-
Erythromycin	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	60 (102/171)	79 (48/61)	-
Tetracycline	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	55 (89/162)	73 (44/60)	91 (21/23)
Penicillin	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	94 (167/178)	90 (55/61)	-

# RESULTS 6. DATABASE OF DRUG SUSCEPTIBILITY

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Sheet1

READY 19 OF 24 RECORDS FOUND

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By looking at the spread sheet monthly

- you can quickly identify issues with infection control on the wards
- Initiate investigation into source surgical site infections

INTRODUCTION TO PRINCIPLES  
AND PRACTICES OF INFECTION  
PREVENTION AND CONTROL

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The health facilities were able taken action infection prevention and control practices on the wards

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# DISCUSSION 1

- The most common specimens submitted were Blood, Urine, Pus swab & Stool
  - This was subject to out breaks & ongoing sub-study (blood stream infection)
  - May of the specimens submitted were from out patients, not may specimens were collected from Hot areas for Health care Associated infections
  - No. of isolates recovered may have been low due to aerobic culture only
- The out come from samples analysis forms a basis for guiding the treatment of patients
- The AMR sentinel sites built capacity to quickly to investigate cause of outbreaks
  - In the community (Cholera in Bwera)
  - Surgical site infections ( In patient wards GMH-Bombo) which also helped to awaken or improve infection prevention & infection control practices in the hospital

# DISCUSSION 2

- Overall, most of the isolates were MDR
  - Most of the gram negatives were sensitive to Imipenem & Amikacin
  - The prevalence of MRSA was high (at least 15% of *S. aureus* isolates)
  - These results indicate that there is a growing problem in AMR
- Although the No. of some isolates are still few,
  - the high MDRO seen calls for more continued long term surveillance to generate sufficient data to make valid conclusions to inform appropriate interventions and curtail the spread of these MDROs
- With well motivated clinicians and laboratory personnel, AMR surveillance is possible & many of the bacterial pathogens can be identified



# DISCUSSION 3: CHALLENGES

- Utilities especially
  - Irregular power supply to the hospitals greatly affects the
    - processing / analysis , TAT, Viability of isolates
  - Sometimes water
- Empirical treatment of patients
  - Under utilization of the microbiology laboratory
- Lack of sense of ownership by personnel at sentinel site
  - Reluctance to identify HAI cases
- Human resource
  - Frequent transfer of laboratory personnel from the sites
  - Lab personnel view isolation & drug susceptibility as labor intensive

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# CONCLUSION

- Many MDRO clinical isolates from the 2 sites (Bwera & GMH-Bombo)
- AMR surveillance is critical to provide
  - early warning of emerging problems
  - monitor the changing patterns of resistance
  - target and evaluate prevention and control measures
- Microbiology labs play a very central role in surveillance of AMR
  - provides data & help practitioners choose the right drug at the patient level
  - protect the consumer from drug resistant organisms
- For a successful and sustainable AMR surveillance programme,
  - there is need to have very well motivated and trained laboratory staff
  - good infrastructure & constant microbiological supplies including good constant electricity to run the samples

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