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2014 COMMUNITY-WIDE ANTIBIOGRAM NOW AVAILABLE ONLINE

Know the Local Data, Prevent Antimicrobial Resistance

What is an antibiogram?



According to the Clinical and Laboratory Standards Institute (CLSI), an “antibiogram” is an overall profile of antimicrobial susceptibility of a microbial species to a battery of antimicrobial agents.^[1]

Why do we need a community-wide antibiogram?

One of the 12 steps to prevent antimicrobial resistance in various healthcare settings recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is to encourage clinicians to use local data. Please refer to CDC’s website at www.cdc.gov/media/pressrel/r020326.htm for details.

How is a community-wide antibiogram compiled?

Local hospitals and some private laboratories produce annual antibiograms for their institutions only. Between 2002 and 2006, WCHD has compiled institution-based antibiograms and aggregated data to generate a community-wide antibiogram. Data were provided by clinical and private laboratories in Washoe County. The data were derived from the diagnostic laboratory tests among all inpatients in local hospitals and outpatients seen in private clinics where Quest or LabCorp were used. Since 2007, antibiogram data for private laboratories have been unavailable, therefore the antibiogram data since then has only covered inpatients in local hospitals and outpatients seen at local hospital emergency rooms.

When is the community-wide antibiogram produced?

Because data are provided at different times by different organizations, the completion of the

community-wide antibiogram prior to July of each year is unlikely. Generally, the community-wide antibiogram is available between October and December each year depending on the timing of receipt of the final version of all institutional antibiograms.

Who should use this antibiogram?

This antibiogram can be used as a reference for clinicians, infection control practitioners, pharmacists, microbiologists, public health professionals, and other interested parties. For clinicians working in hospitals, the hospital-specific antibiogram prepared by the hospital infection control committee, microbiologists, or pharmacists is preferred, as antimicrobial resistance varies greatly between different locales. For other health care professionals, a community-wide antibiogram may be preferred. Please refer to the Health District’s website at www.tinyurl.com/WashoeAntibiogram where different versions of the 2014 antibiogram are available.

Is this document useful?

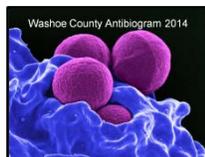
The usefulness of the antibiogram was evaluated by WCHD. In 2005, survey forms along with 2004 antibiograms were sent to 741 licensed physicians with valid mailing addresses in Washoe County. A total of 72 physicians responded to the survey; the overall rank was eight (8) on a scale of 1-10 (*10-the most useful, and 1-the least useful*). Sixty-two percent (62%) of respondents used either a community-wide antibiogram or institutionalized antibiogram in a hospital to modify their prescribing practices. The majority (92%) of respondents indicated a desire to receive an antibiogram every year from the Health District. Anecdotal feedback from the community partners highly commended the usefulness of this product. About one-third of respondents provided excellent suggestions,

such as, making the document available in a PDA format. Beginning with the 2006 antibiogram, different versions can be downloaded from the Health District's website for users' convenience.

How many are actually using community-wide antibiogram?

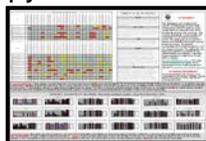
The 2012 Antibiogram, in three different formats, (online, pocket size, and wall chart) was uploaded to WCHD's website on October 17, 2013. In 2014, there were 6,296 web visits for the 2012 Antibiogram. The average number of visits was 525 per month, a 17% increase compared to the previous year. One web visit is counted if the visit comes from one IP address within 15 minutes regardless of the number of hits. Out of all visits, 5,881 visits (93%) were for the online format, 238 visits (4%) were for the pocket size format, and 177 visits (3%) were for the wall-chart format. Due to the major web management system upgrade in Washoe County in early 2015, web visits for the 2013 antibiogram are not available. See the following descriptions of these three formats:

- ✓ **Online format** can be easily browsed on a device (e.g., computer, laptop, iPhone, SmartPhone, etc.) with internet access.



- ✓ **Pocket size** format is a colored copy on legal sized paper and can be folded into a pocket size (easy to carry).

- ✓ **Wall chart** format is a colored copy in a poster size (36"W x 26"H) and easy to read, but hard to carry. It's good for health care providers' use in the office.



What is in the community-wide antibiogram?

- ◆ Antibiotic susceptibility (%) data for 18 commonly seen organisms.
- ◆ Graphic presentation of 2007-2014 antibiotic susceptibility (%) trend data in Washoe County.
- ◆ Summary of major findings on Methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* (**MRSA**), Drug Resistant *Streptococcus Pneumoniae* (**DRSP**), Vancomycin-resistant *Enterococci* (**VRE**), Extended-spectrum beta-lactamase (**ESBLs**), and Carbapenem-resistant enterobacteriaceae (**CRE**).

What are major findings from 2013 to 2014 antibiogram?

GOOD NEWS:

- ◆ MRSA rate was 37%, a statistically significant reduction from 41% reported in 2013 ($X^2=5.521$, $P=0.0188$).
- ◆ Reported ESBL rate was basically stable, which was 5.4% in 2013 to 5.2% in 2014.
- ◆ CRE rate was basically stable, 0.12% in 2013 and 0.14% in 2014.
- ◆ The overall sensitivity for *Acinetobacter* in 2014 was better than that in 2013.

BAD NEWS:

- ◆ VRE rate was 17%, a statistically significant increase from 13.8% reported in 2013 ($X^2=4.298$, $P=0.0382$).
- ◆ DRSP rate was not statistically significant different. The rate for penicillin non-susceptible *streptococcus pneumonia* (PNSSP, non-meningitis breakpoint) increased from 3% in 2013 to 7% in 2014, which showed no statistically significant difference ($X^2=2.723$, $P=0.099$). The multiple drug (resistant to 2 or more antibiotics tested) resistance rate was 13% in 2014, a 65% increase compared to 7.9% in 2013.
- ◆ The overall sensitivity for *Staphylococcus epidermidis* was worse than in previous years and worse compared to *Staphylococcus aureus*.

ATTENTION!

If you are a Washoe County healthcare provider, you are eligible (upon request) to receive the **Antibiogram 2014 Pocket Size** format at NO COST. Please email your request to EpiCenter@washoecounty.us and clearly indicate your name, medical group, and local mailing address. Please address your questions, comments, and recommendations on the Health District's website at www.tinyurl.com/WashoeAntibiogram.

Reference

[1] CLSI. *Analysis and Presentation of Cumulative Antimicrobial Susceptibility Test Data; Approved guideline-Fourth Edition*. CLSI document M39-A4. 2014.

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