







# **Health Protection Surveillance Centre**

# **Antimicrobial stewardship: Where do I fit in?**

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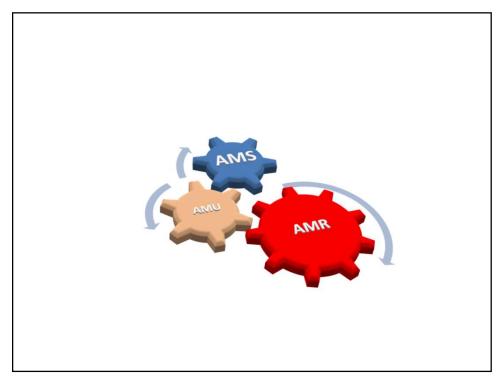
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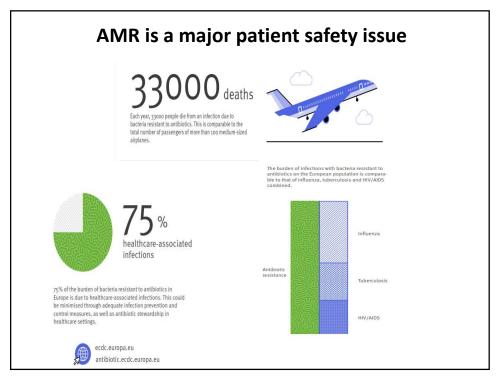
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# Important concepts:

- Antimicrobials (antibacterials, antivirals, antifungals etc.) are used to treat or prevent infection
- Microorganisms that colonise or infect can be either sensitive/susceptible or resistant to antimicrobials
  - Sensitive/susceptible (S) = We'd expect that antimicrobial to work if needed to treat infection
  - Resistant (R) = We'd expect that antimicrobial not to work if used to treat infection
- Antimicrobial resistance (AMR) occurs when a particular antimicrobial/antimicrobial class is ineffective to treat infection
  - Enterobacterales (E. coli, Klebsiella) ESBL, CPE/CRE
  - Staphylococcus aureus MRSA
  - Enterococcus faecium VRE

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# Bloodstream infections Non-invasive infections UTI, SSI, pneumonia etc. Asymptomatic colonisation/carriage



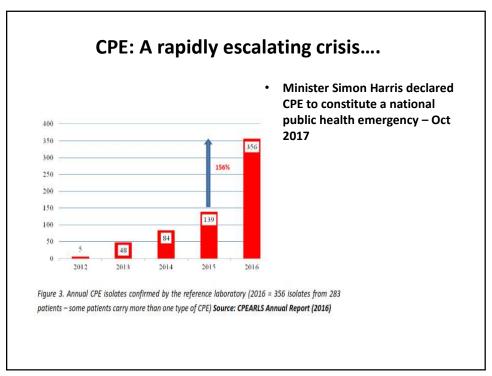
# What do we know about AMR in Ireland? Nearly 5000 infections & over 200 deaths per annum

Lancet Infect Dis 2018

Published Online November 5, 2018

reoverment 5, 2010





# Important concepts:

### **BUT.....**

- We don't often detect the microorganism that's causing the infection: Most of our antimicrobial use is empiric – based on a best guess of what bug is likely to be causing the infection
- Antimicrobial stewardship: Sensible use of antimicrobials to ensure infection is treated properly, unnecessary use is avoided, unintended consequences of antimicrobials minimised and antimicrobials are preserved for use by future generations

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# **Surveillance of AMU = How are we doing?**

INCIDENCE

**PREVALENCE** 

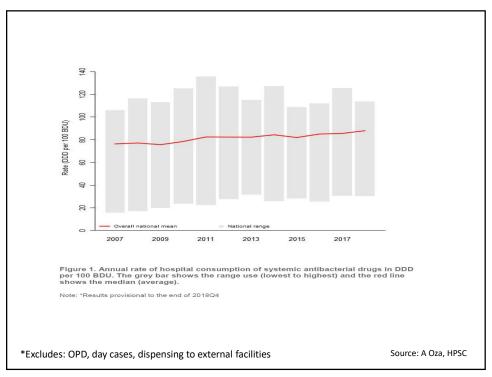
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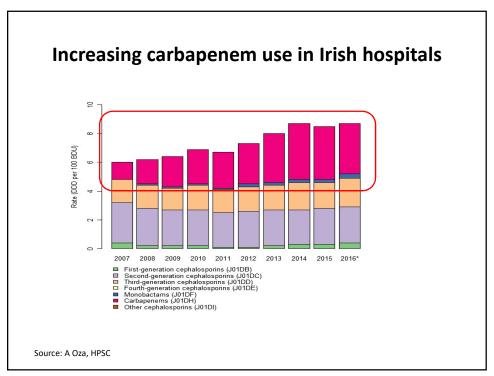
# **Describing AMU**

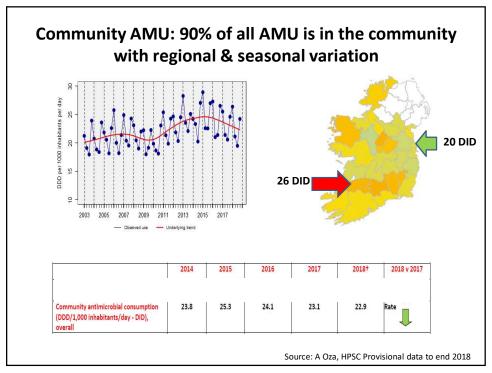
- What?
- When?
- How much?
- Where?
- Why?
- Who?
- How well?

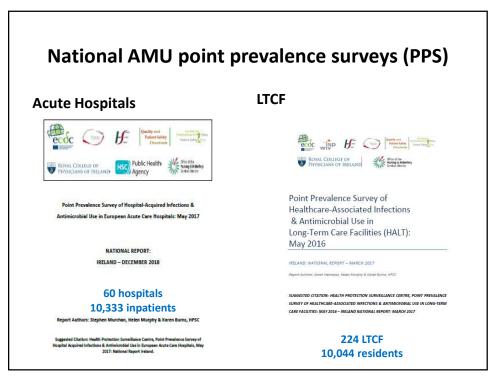
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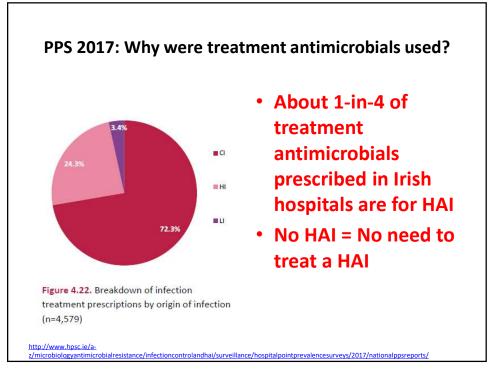
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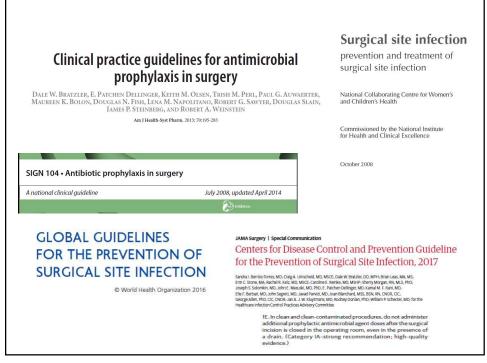




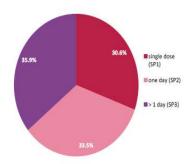












• **PPS 2012:** 73% >single

dose

• **PPS 2017:** 69% >single

dose

Figure 4.33. SAP duration

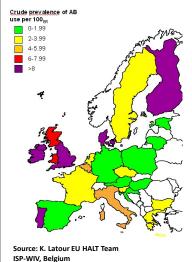
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| Median antimicrobial % prevalence | 2010 | 2013 | 2016 |
|-----------------------------------|------|------|------|
| EU overall                        | 3.4  | 3.6  | 3.6  |
| Ireland                           | 11.1 | 9.5  | 8.6  |

**HALT 2016 Ireland**: 83% of antimicrobials were prescribed in the long-term care facility, either by GPs or directly-employed doctors

www.ecdc.europa.eu



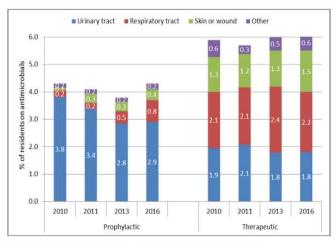


Figure 4.1.4 Reasons for prescribed antimicrobials by body site: 2010 - 2016.

http://www.hpsc.ie/a-z/microbiologyantimicrobialresistance/infectioncontrolandhai/surveillance/hcaiinlongtermcarefacilities/haltreports/2016report/File,16218,en.pdf

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### Where do I fit in?

- Community acquired pneumonia Day 4 IV coamoxiclav TDS & PO clarithromycin BD
- 2. 85 years, awaiting LTC, urinary catheter *in situ*, dark urine with strong odour reported by night staff at handover
- 3. 65 years, had elective laparoscopic cholecystectomy on Friday. Continues IV cefuroxime and IV metronidazole on Monday
- 4. 77 years. CCF. *C. difficile* infection treated in early July. Chesty and short of breath 20<sup>th</sup> August
- 55 years. Cellulitis lower limb. On IV flucloxacillin 2gm QDS day 9

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# Information for action

National Policy on Restricted Antimicrobial Agents

### Health Service Executive

| Reference<br>Number                     |                 | Developed By                              | On behalf of Nationa<br>Taskforce on HCAI<br>AMR |
|---|-----------------|---|--|
| Version Number                          | V0.1            | Version Date                              | 04/07/2016                                       |
| Approval Date                           |                 | Approved By                               |  |
| Responsibility<br>for<br>Implementation | Hospital Groups | Responsibility<br>for Review and<br>Audit |  |
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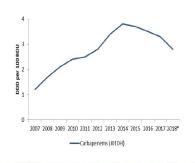


Figure 15. Annual national carbapenem use in acute HSE hospitals (results are provisional for \*2018 data to end Q4). Source: HPSC

Access to following antimicrobial class must be restricted, as per the policy statement above:

Carbapenems (e.g. meropenem, imipenem, ertapenem)

# Know your role as an antibiotic guardian

- Promote IV to PO switch No IV line = no IV line infection
- 2. Do your bit to prevent HAI No HAI = No treatment for HAI needed
- 3. Highlight long treatment courses on ward rounds
- 4. Question when patients return from theatre on antibiotics when surgery wasn't done for suspected infection
- 5. Remind prescribers if your patient has a history of *C. difficile* infection

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# **Conclusion**

- Difficult to prevent antimicrobials being started
  - Ageing population, increased acute activity, greater complexity of care and co-morbidities
  - BUT we must have a good reason for starting them and know the risks of collateral damage
- Vital to play a role in getting them stopped when no longer needed
- PS Get your annual flu vaccine:
  - No flu = no secondary bacterial infection = no antibiotics needed

# Thank you for your attention



'There is no other instance in medicine where treatment given to an individual patient affects other patients and SOCIETY at large' Paul M et al. Antimicrob Agents Chemother 2010;54:4860