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Evolving Bacterial Resistance to β -Lactams

Bugs continue to outsmart drugs

As bacterial resistance evolves, many infectious bacterial illnesses can no longer be treated effectively with commonly used β -lactam antibiotics. These include the penicillins, the cephalosporins, monobactam, and carbapenems. This has brought about more aggressive laboratory and infection control strategies, along with alternate antibacterial drug regimens.

Background

Progressive development of β -lactam drugs resulted in the extended spectrum of antibacterial activity. Thereafter a bacterial enzyme emerged that destroyed the extended spectrum β -lactams. Extended Spectrum β -Lactamase

(ESBL)-producing Gram-negative enteric organisms were discussed in the July, 2001, issue of the *Critical Link*.¹ *In vitro*, these plasmid-mediated ESBLs appeared to be resistant to all penicillins, the first generation (cephalothin) and third generation cephalosporins (ceftriaxone, ceftazidime, etc.), while behaving as if susceptible to the second generation (cefoxitin, cefotetan). *In vivo*, ESBLs are actually resistant to all cephalosporins and monobactam (aztreonam), but not the carbapenems. The mutated gene responsible for the enzyme able to hydrolyze all these β -lactam antibiotics is often linked to other unrelated resistance genes such as those conferring resistance to fluoroquinolones (ciprofloxacin, levofloxacin), aminoglycosides (gentamicin, tobramycin, amikacin) and trimethoprim-sulfamethoxazole.^{6,25} A similar β -lactamase designated Amp C type² exhibits resistance to first, second, and third generation cephalosporins *in vitro*.

As bacteria with these resistance factors become part of a patient's bowel flora, they can be transferred to household

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members who then become reservoirs of resistant intestinal bacteria that also can transfer resistance to other fecal coliforms.³

When the fourth generation cefepime could not offer assurance of cure,⁴ a drug class of choice to treat ESBLs became carbapenem.⁵ This class of β -lactams has broad spectrum activity and has proved reliable because it is resistant to β -lactamases. It was derived from thienamycin, a natural product of the actinomycete, *Streptomyces cattleya*. Note its similar structure to penicillins and cephalosporins in Figures 1 & 2.

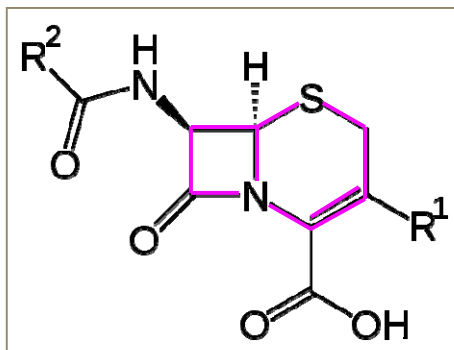


Figure 1. The molecular structure diagram of the cephalosporins, originally derived from the saprophytic mold *Cephalosporium acremonium*.

The emergence of new enzymes against the carbapenems has rendered this class of previous drugs of choice no longer effective.

Mainstay drug becomes ineffective

The first documented *K. pneumoniae* resistant to carbapenems by means of a carbapenemase was isolated in 1996, in North Carolina.⁶ Thus the new additions to the alphabet soup, *Klebsiella pneumoniae* carbapenemase-producer (KPC) and carbapenem resistant Enterobacteriaceae (CRE). Three variants of this Class A carbapenemase enzyme appeared, KPC-1 in North Carolina, KPC-2 in Baltimore, and KPC-3 in New York.⁷ KPCs were reported from the northeast (New Jersey

& New York) westward and were also reported outside the United States in France, Greece, Scotland, Sweden, Israel, China, and Columbia. KPC was also spreading beyond the *Klebsiella* species to other members of the *Enterobacteriaceae* as well as other Gram-negatives.⁶ The gene coding for KPC is located on a plasmid flanked by transposon (mobile) sequences, making it more readily transferable between organisms.^{8,9}

Clinical findings

In January of 2009, the United Kingdom issued a National Resistance Alert¹⁰ regarding carbapenemases in *Enterobacteriaceae*. This recent addition to the multi-drug resistant nosocomial pathogens, C-producing *K. pneumoniae*, was being recovered from patients with longer hospital stays (especially in ICUs¹¹), those given multiple antibiotic regimens, the mechanically ventilated, critically ill, chronically alcoholic, neutropenic, and those with central venous catheters and exposure to other invasive devices.^{12,13} The sites have included urinary, intestinal and respiratory tracts, wounds, and blood. Hand carriage is probably the biggest factor for caregivers. It may be of negligible importance for a healthy person, but very consequential for patients with co-morbidities such as diabetes, cardiac diseases, and chronic airway problems, who had the poorest outcomes.¹⁴

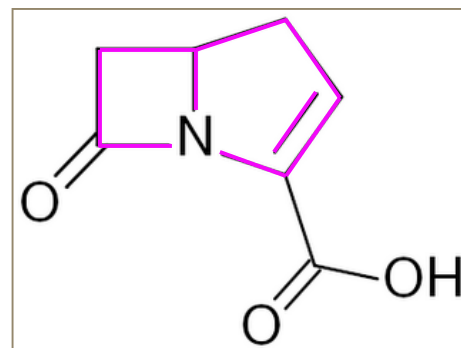


Figure 2. The molecular structure diagram of carbapenem. The sulfur atom is replaced with a carbon atom in the main backbone.

Laboratory diagnosis

The laboratorian, observing resistance to the third generation cephalosporins on the antibiotic susceptibility report, will suspect that the enteric isolate, particularly *K. pneumoniae* and *E. coli*, may be an ESBL-producer. The laboratory will note findings on the antibiotic susceptibility report and proceed from there. The confirmatory testing is then performed as follows. The confirmation of ESBL involves comparing the disk susceptibility zones of the third generation cephalosporins, ceftazidime and cefotaxime, with the zones of their corresponding disks containing the β -lactamase inhibitor clavulanic acid, in addition to the antibiotic. If there is a 5mm or greater zone diameter around the disk with the clavulanate, then the isolate in question is an ESBL.¹⁵ Appropriate positive and negative controls are run in parallel.

If the antibiotic panel contains the weakest of the carbapenems, ertapenem, as recommended for KPC screening by some,^{9,16} then, when a Gram-negative isolate exhibits resistance, the laboratorian performs the confirmatory Modified Hodge Test (MHT).^{17,18} KPC suspect isolates are sent to the Laboratories Administration's Public Health Microbiology Division for confirmatory testing (see figures 4,5, and 6.)

In this procedure, a small Mueller-Hinton plate is inoculated similarly to the standardized Kirby-Bauer Method with an American Type Culture Collection (ATCC) control strain of *E. coli* susceptible to

carbapenems. The laboratorian swabs the entire surface of the agar plate with a standardized diluted saline suspension of this organism, so that a uniform lawn of growth can be expected after overnight incubation at 35°C. Shortly following this inoculation, a meropenem (or ertapenem) disk¹⁹ is placed in the center of the plate. Then three separate microbes are streaked radially, from the disk outward to the edge of the plate (as shown in Figure 3), using loops from colonies. One microbe is the isolate to be tested and the other two are *K.*

pneumoniae control strains, one known to be positive for KPC, and the other negative. The next day, following incubation, a zone of inhibition in the lawn of growth appears around the meropenem disk. However, where the positive control streak intercepts the zone edge, there is a clover leaf-like indentation in the zone edge because the meropenem is hydrolyzed along the streak line (see figure 3c.) There is no such indentation along the negative control. The streak line of the suspected

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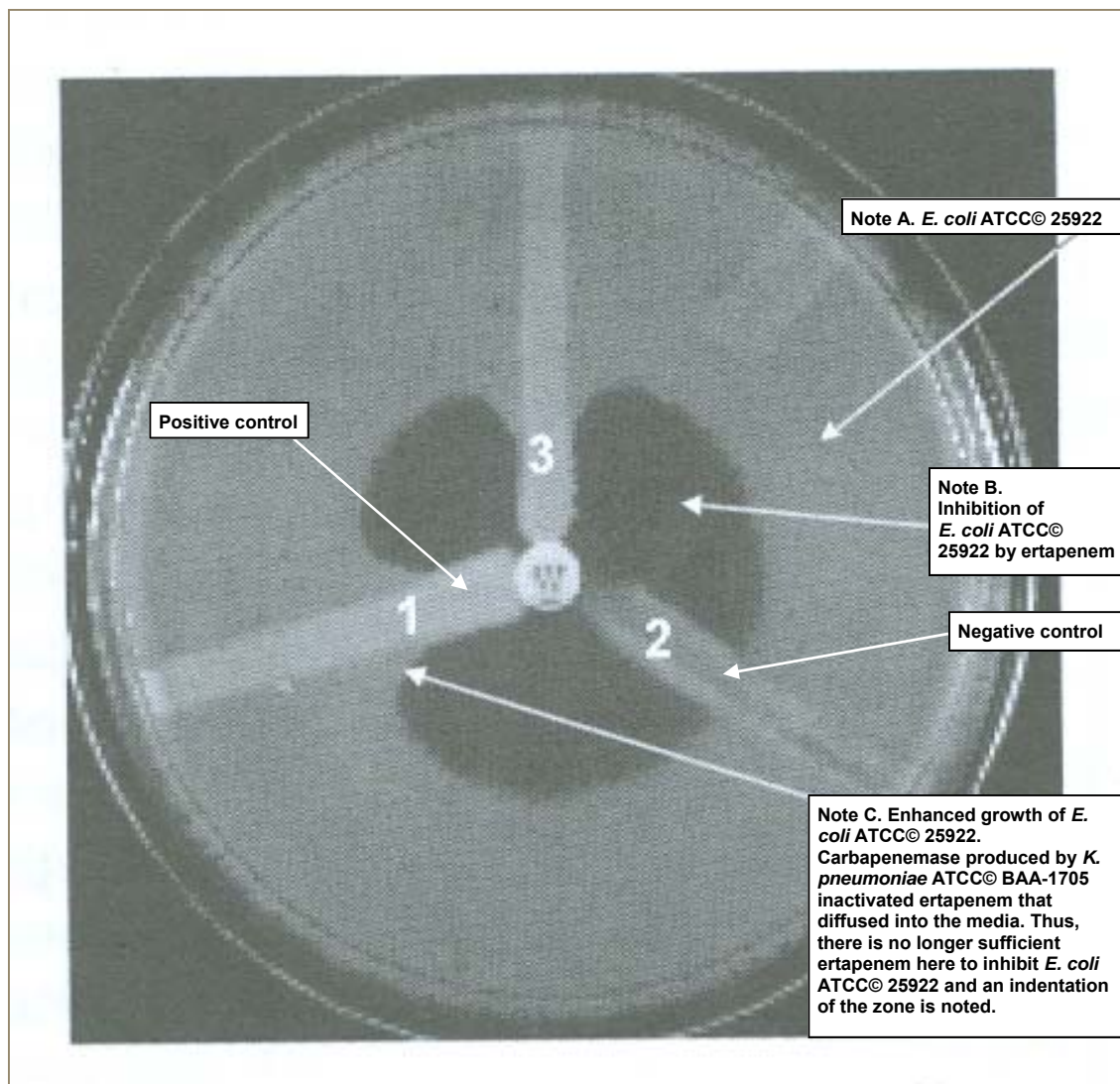


Figure 3. Ertapenem is used instead of meropenem here. Either is acceptable. Photo of modified Hodge test is by courtesy of Glen Fine of the Clinical and Laboratory Standards Institute (CLSI). From July, 2008 to April, 2009, 34 Gram-negative rods suspicious for KPC were submitted to the Maryland DHMH Laboratories Administration. Of these, 24 were confirmed positive, 2 yielded inconclusive results and 8 were negative for KPC.²⁹

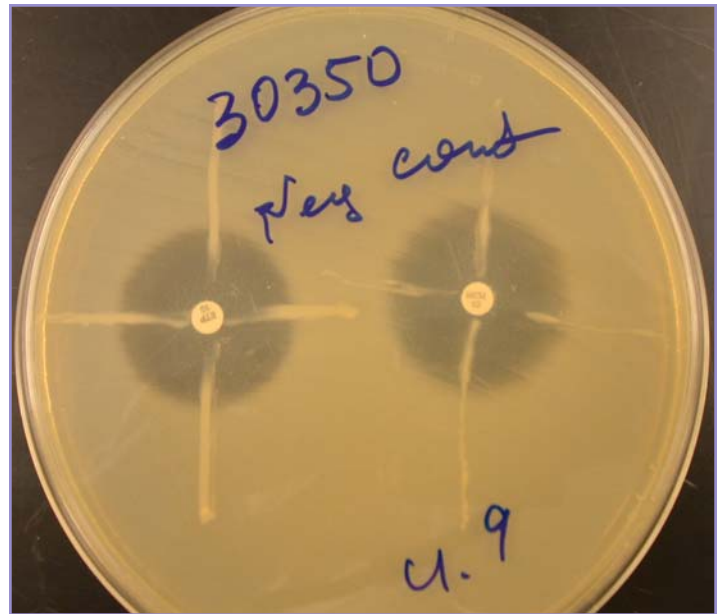


Figure 4. This large Mueller-Hinton agar plate demonstrates positive controls of the MHT as performed in the Public Health Microbiology Division using a known positive strain of *K. pneumoniae* for all four streaks. Plate made by Damini Jain and Izabella Rakhunov.

Figure 5. This large Mueller-Hinton agar plate demonstrates negative controls of the MHT as performed in the Public Health Microbiology Division using a known negative strain of *K. pneumoniae* for all four streaks. Plate made by Damini Jain and Izabella Rakhunov.

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KPC isolate is compared with the two control streak lines to determine whether it is positive or negative. This test is 100% sensitive for KPC and also detects other classes of carbapenemase,⁹ such as those produced by *Serratia*, *Pseudomonas*, and *Acinetobacter*. Therefore, when the MHT is positive, the carbapenem should not be interpreted as resistant and the MIC value should be reported as per 2009 CLSI recommendations, with a qualifying statement that the isolate is “KPC suspicious.”¹⁷ The laboratory then notifies the attending physician and the infection control practitioner through established channels.

Current recommendations

The CDC&P and the Healthcare Infection Control Practices Advisory Committee (HICPAC) have strongly urged the following:

- Strict contact precautions including gowns and gloves
- Implementing patient cohorting
- 100% compliant hand hygiene before and after contact with patient
- Environmental disinfection
- Notification of clinical staff regarding all CRE (mostly *K. pneumoniae* & *E. coli*)
- Possible point prevalence survey of high risk areas (e.g., ICU)

Antibiotic treatment options for use by clinicians are very limited. As such, the laboratory should be vigilant for possible CRE.²⁵ Two older drugs are effective, but have nephrotoxic side effects. These are Polymyxin B and Colistin and are being reevaluated. Tigecycline is a new semisynthetic glycycline related to the tetracyclines, and therefore only bacteriostatic, but with a broad spectrum activity including ESBLs and CREs.^{22,23,24}

Future Prospects

The American Society for Microbiology (ASM), in collaboration with CLSI, is considering lowering breakpoints that predict resistance for cephalosporins and aztreonam, which would make ESBL testing unnecessary. They also are considering lowering the breakpoints for carbapenems, which would likewise obviate the need for the confirmatory carbapenemase inactivation test (MHT).²⁶ Also, future guidelines for susceptibility to antibiotics may incorporate relationships of pharmacokinetics (what the body does to drugs) and the pharmacodynamics (what the drugs do to the body).²⁷ A fifth generation cephalosporin, ceftobiprole,²⁸ is being considered by the FDA and newer carbapenems are being developed. Meanwhile, the watchwords for us are vigilance and judicious antibiotic stewardship.

This article was written by Dr. Robert Waltersdorff of the Eastern Shore Regional Laboratory

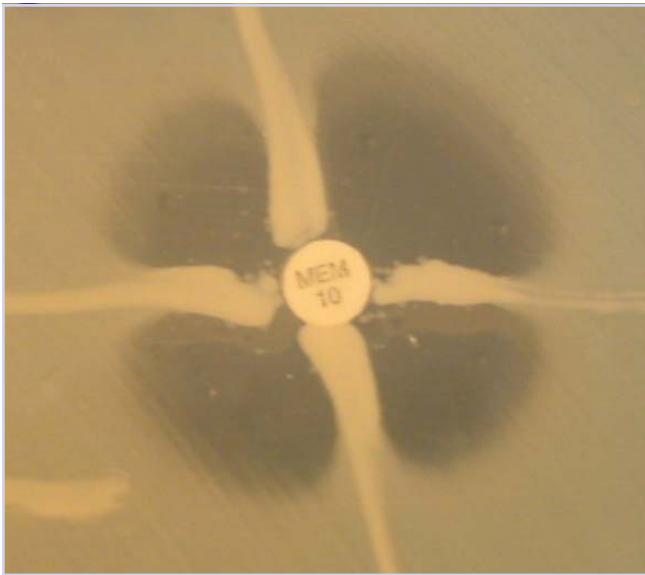


Figure 6. On this close-up of a positive MHT, one can appreciate the clover leaf-like appearance of the zone and streak intercepts. Source: Public Health Microbiology Division at the Central Laboratory. Plate made by Damini Jain and Izabella Rakhunov.

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GENUS SEROVAR

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CAMPYLOBACTER JEJUNI

M 67 1 BALTIMORE
M 31 1 BALTIMORE
M 7 1 BALTIMORE
M 1 1 BALTIMORE
F 61 1 CHARLES
M 68 1 MONTGOMERY
F 71 1 OUT OF STATE
F 3 1 PRINCE GEORGE'S
M 0 1 TALBOT

CAMPYLOBACTER JEJUNI SS DOYLEI

M 74 1 BALTIMORE
F 23 2 MONTGOMERY

CAMPYLOBACTER SPECIES

M 43 1 BALTIMORE CITY

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M 0 1 OUT OF STATE
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ESCHERICHIA COLI,

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SEROTYPE O157:H7

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ISOLATES - REFERENCE

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WOUND 1 WICOMICO

ENTEROCOCCUS FAECIUM

URINE 2 WICOMICO

ESCHERICHIA COLI

URINE 1 WICOMICO

KLEBSIELLA PNEUMONIAE

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STAPHYLOCOCCUS AUREUS

BLOOD 1 WICOMICO

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TOTAL 299		

NEISSERIA GONORRHEAE		
F	3	ALLEGANY
F	2	ANNE ARUNDEL
F	4	BALTIMORE
M	5	BALTIMORE
M	1	BALTIMORE CITY
F	1	CALVERT
M	1	CAROLINE
F	2	CHARLES
M	7	CHARLES
F	1	FREDERICK
M	2	FREDERICK
F	1	HARFORD
M	1	HARFORD
M	1	HOWARD
M	4	KENT
F	4	PRINCE GEORGE'S
M	19	PRINCE GEORGE'S
M	3	SAINT MARY'S
M	1	WASHINGTON CO
F	4	WICOMICO
M	14	WICOMICO
M	4	WORCESTER
TOTAL		85

PENICILLIN RESISTANT GONORRHEA

REPORTED QUARTERLY
NO REPORT THIS MONTH

MYCOBACTERIOLOGY

ISOLATE			
SEX	AGE	#	JURISDICTION
AEROBIC ACTINOMYCETE			
M	83	1	CARROLL
MYCOBACTERIUM ABSCESSUS			
F	71	1	BALTIMORE
F	12	1	BALTIMORE CITY
F	66	1	BALTIMORE CITY
M	31	1	BALTIMORE CITY
M	52	3	BALTIMORE CITY
MYCOBACTERIUM AVIUM COMPLEX			
F	84	1	ANNE ARUNDEL
F	58	1	BALTIMORE
F	63	1	BALTIMORE
F	66	1	BALTIMORE
F	77	1	BALTIMORE
F	45	1	BALTIMORE CITY
M	26	1	BALTIMORE CITY
M	51	1	BALTIMORE CITY
M	87	1	CARROLL
F	81	1	FREDERICK
F	90	1	FREDERICK
F	93	1	FREDERICK
M	20	1	FREDERICK
M	69	2	FREDERICK
F	72	1	MONTGOMERY
M	22	1	MONTGOMERY
M	36	1	MONTGOMERY

F	70	4	PRINCE GEORGE'S
M	82	1	WICOMICO
M	85	1	WICOMICO
MYCOBACTERIUM CHELONAE			
F	63	1	BALTIMORE
MYCOBACTERIUM FORTUITUM			
M	20	1	HARFORD
F	65	2	MONTGOMERY
F	71	1	MONTGOMERY
F	72	2	MONTGOMERY
M	25	1	MONTGOMERY
M	40	1	MONTGOMERY
MYCOBACTERIUM FORTUITUM COMPLEX			
M	38	1	OUT OF STATE
MYCOBACTERIUM GORDONAE			
M	36	1	ALLEGANY
M	70	1	ANNE ARUNDEL
M	62	1	BALTIMORE
M	74	1	BALTIMORE
F	43	1	BALTIMORE CITY
F	33	1	MONTGOMERY
F	19	1	OUT OF STATE
M	23	1	OUT OF STATE
M	39	1	OUT OF STATE
F	65	1	PRINCE GEORGE'S
M	31	1	PRINCE GEORGE'S
M	34	1	PRINCE GEORGE'S
F	38	1	WASHINGTON
F	73	1	WICOMICO
MYCOBACTERIUM KANSASII			
M	65	1	BALTIMORE
M	79	3	BALTIMORE CITY
M	0	1	UNKNOWN
MYCOBACTERIUM MARINUM			
M	44	1	ANNE ARUNDEL
M	66	1	ANNE ARUNDEL
M	76	1	ANNE ARUNDEL
M	53	1	BALTIMORE
M	69	1	TALBOT
MYCOBACTERIUM MUCOGENICUM			
M	39	1	BALTIMORE CITY
MYCOBACTERIUM SZULGAI			
M	44	1	CECIL
MYCOBACTERIUM TUBERCULOSIS			
M	59	1	ANNE ARUNDEL
M	38	1	BALTIMORE
M	62	1	BALTIMORE
M	21	1	BALTIMORE CITY
M	80	1	BALTIMORE CITY
M	20	1	FREDERICK
U	38	1	MONTGOMERY
M	28	1	MONTGOMERY
F	18	1	OUT OF STATE
F	19	1	OUT OF STATE
F	25	1	OUT OF STATE
M	25	1	OUT OF STATE
M	44	1	OUT OF STATE
M	83	1	OUT OF STATE
M	34	1	PRINCE GEORGE'S
F	0	1	UNKNOWN
MYCOBACTERIUM TUBERCULOSIS COMPLEX			
M	59	1	ANNE ARUNDEL
M	54	1	BALTIMORE
M	62	3	BALTIMORE
M	25	1	BALTIMORE CITY
M	80	1	BALTIMORE CITY
M	78	1	HARFORD
F	27	1	MONTGOMERY

M	44	5	MONTGOMERY
M	48	1	MONTGOMERY
F	38	1	OUT OF STATE
F	52	1	OUT OF STATE
M	48	2	OUT OF STATE
M	68	1	OUT OF STATE
F	22	5	PRINCE GEORGE'S
F	27	4	PRINCE GEORGE'S
F	38	1	PRINCE GEORGE'S
M	23	2	PRINCE GEORGE'S
M	35	3	PRINCE GEORGE'S
M	68	2	PRINCE GEORGE'S
MYCOBACTERIUM XENOPI			
M	48	3	SOMERSET
F	45	1	WICOMICO
SCOTOCROMOGENIC MYCOBACTERIA			
F	80	1	BALTIMORE
F	62	1	FREDERICK
M	75	1	WICOMICO

TOTAL 128

MYCOBACTERIUM SUSCEPTIBILITY RESULTS

20 ISOLATES IDENTIFIED

6 DRUG RESISTANT STRAINS FOUND

#	JURISDICTION	DRUG(S)
1	BALTIMORE	STREPTOMYCIN
2	MONTGOMERY	ISONIAZID
1 ^B	PRINCE GEORGE'S	PYRAZINAMIDE
1 ^C	PRINCE GEORGE'S	ISONIAZID, RIFAMPIN, RIFABUTIN
1	WICOMICO	ISONIAZID, STREPTOMYCIN, ETHAMBUTOL

^A TWO ISOLATES FROM THE SAME PATIENT

^B PROBABLE FOR M. BOVIS

^C MEETS CASE DEFINITION OF MULTI-DRUG TUBERCULOSIS (MDRTB)

Mycobacterium tuberculosis complex consists of:

M. tuberculosis
M. bovis
M. bovis, BCG
M. africanum
M. microti
M. canettii

MYCOLOGY

ISOLATE	SEX	AGE	#	JURISDICTION
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ASPERGILLUS FLAVUS

F	90	1	BALTIMORE CITY
M	64	1	BALTIMORE CITY

ASPERGILLUS FUMIGATUS

F	72	1	ALLEGANY
F	0	1	ANNE ARUNDEL
F	90	1	BALTIMORE CITY
F	66	1	CALVERT
M	62	2	TALBOT

ASPERGILLUS NIGER

F	37	2	ALLEGANY
M	65	1	ANNE ARUNDEL
F	58	1	BALTIMORE
M	62	1	BALTIMORE CITY
F	76	1	TALBOT

ASPERGILLUS OCHRACEUS

F	43	1	ALLEGANY
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ASPERGILLUS SPECIES

F	84	1	ANNE ARUNDEL
M	0	1	ANNE ARUNDEL

ASPERGILLUS USTUS

M	72	1	BALTIMORE
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CANDIDA ALBICANS

F	25	1	BALTIMORE
M	81	1	BALTIMORE
M	0	1	BALTIMORE CITY
M	56	1	BALTIMORE CITY
M	62	1	BALTIMORE CITY
M	63	1	BALTIMORE CITY
M	74	1	BALTIMORE CITY
M	82	1	BALTIMORE CITY
M	81	1	CALVERT
F	27	1	CECIL
F	29	1	MONTGOMERY
F	60	1	MONTGOMERY
F	71	1	MONTGOMERY
M	38	1	MONTGOMERY
M	61	1	MONTGOMERY
M	64	1	MONTGOMERY
M	68	1	MONTGOMERY
M	81	1	MONTGOMERY
F	16	1	PRINCE GEORGE'S
F	18	1	PRINCE GEORGE'S
F	19	2	PRINCE GEORGE'S
F	21	2	PRINCE GEORGE'S
F	22	2	PRINCE GEORGE'S
F	27	1	PRINCE GEORGE'S
F	37	1	PRINCE GEORGE'S
F	45	1	PRINCE GEORGE'S
F	55	1	PRINCE GEORGE'S
F	60	1	PRINCE GEORGE'S
F	67	1	PRINCE GEORGE'S
F	72	1	PRINCE GEORGE'S
F	79	1	PRINCE GEORGE'S
F	80	1	PRINCE GEORGE'S
M	26	1	PRINCE GEORGE'S
M	39	3	PRINCE GEORGE'S
M	50	2	PRINCE GEORGE'S
M	54	1	PRINCE GEORGE'S
M	61	1	PRINCE GEORGE'S
M	85	1	PRINCE GEORGE'S
F	18	3	SOMERSET
F	19	5	SOMERSET
F	20	1	SOMERSET
F	22	1	SOMERSET
M	22	1	SOMERSET
F	0	1	WICOMICO

CANDIDA GLBRATA

M	58	1	BALTIMORE CITY
M	60	1	MONTGOMERY

CANDIDA PARAPSILOSIS

M	62	1	BALTIMORE CITY
F	97	1	FREDERICK
F	49	1	PRINCE GEORGE'S
M	0	1	PRINCE GEORGE'S
M	50	2	PRINCE GEORGE'S

CANDIDA TROPICALIS			
M	82	1	BALTIMORE CITY
M	65	2	PRINCE GEORGE'S
U	85	1	PRINCE GEORGE'S
CHRYSOSPORIUM SPECIES			
F	0	1	ANNE ARUNDEL
CLADOSPORIUM SPECIES			
M	58	1	TALBOT
COCCIDIOIDES IMMITIS			
F	57	1	BALTIMORE CITY
GORDONIA-RHODOCOCCUS COMPLEX			
U	55	1	ANNE ARUNDEL
HISTOPLASMA CAPSULATUM			
F	40	1	BALTIMORE
MUCOR SPECIES			
U	45	1	BALTIMORE CITY
MYCELIA STERILIA			
M	58	1	TALBOT
NOCARDIA ASTEROIDES			
M	67	1	BALTIMORE CITY
NOCARDIA NOVA			
F	65	1	BALTIMORE CITY
F	68	1	CALVERT
PENICILLIUM SPECIES			
F	46	1	ALLEGANY
U	0	1	ANNE ARUNDEL
F	71	2	ANNE ARUNDEL
F	68	1	CALVERT
F	66	1	CHARLES
F	5	1	MONTGOMERY
M	64	1	PRINCE GEORGE'S
M	83	1	TALBOT
TRICHOPHYTON MENTAGROPHYTES			
M	75	1	CARROLL
TRICHOPHYTON RUBRUM			
U	44	1	ANNE ARUNDEL
F	57	1	BALTIMORE CITY
F	57	1	CARROLL
F	19	1	CHARLES
M	0	1	WICOMICO
TRICHOPHYTON TONSURANS			
F	3	1	BALTIMORE
M	5	1	BALTIMORE
M	50	1	BALTIMORE CITY
M	8	2	TALBOT
TOTAL	261		

PARASITOLOGY

GENUS/SPECIES		
#		JURISDICTION
BLASTOCYSTIS HOMINIS		
2		PRINCE GEORGE'S
2		MONTGOMERY
2		PRINCE GEORGE'S
1		MONTGOMERY
2		FREDERICK
1		HOWARD
1		PRINCE GEORGE'S
4		HOWARD
5		MONTGOMERY
1		ANNE ARUNDEL
2		BALTIMORE CITY
1		PRINCE GEORGE'S
1		PRINCE GEORGE'S

DIENTAMOEBIA FRAGILIS		
1		ANNE ARUNDEL
1		PRINCE GEORGE'S
1		MONTGOMERY
ENDOLIMAX NANA		
2		PRINCE GEORGE'S
1		FREDERICK
2		MONTGOMERY
1		ANNE ARUNDEL
1		MONTGOMERY
2		MONTGOMERY
ENTAMOEBIA COLI		
2		HOWARD
ENTAMOEBIA HARTMANNI		
3		MONTGOMERY
1		CARROLL
ENTEROBIUS VERMICULARIS		
1		WASHINGTON
1		BALTIMORE CITY
GIARDIA LAMBLIA		
2		MONTGOMERY
1		HOWARD
HOOKWORM		
9		MONTGOMERY
IODAMOEBIA BÜTSCHLI		
1		BALTIMORE CITY
1		BALTIMORE CITY
PLASMODIUM FALCIPARUM		
1		BALTIMORE CITY
TOTAL	60	

FOOD SAFETY & SECURITY

		TOTALS
FOOD		
SAMPLES		106
NOTABLE PATHOGENS:		
SALMONELLA SP.	6	
CAMPYLOBACTER SP.	8	
LISTERIA SP.	1	
CRABMEAT		
SAMPLES	0	
EXCEEDING STANDARDS ¹	0	
NOTABLE PATHOGENS:		
SHELLFISH		
SAMPLES	0	
EXCEEDING STANDARDS ²	0	
NOTABLE PATHOGENS:		
SHELLFISH GROWING WATERS		
SAMPLES	212	
TOTAL SAMPLES	318	
TOTAL STANDARDS EXCEEDED	15	
STANDARDS		
¹ CRABMEAT FRESH		
ESCHERICHIA COLI AT < 36 MPN/100 GRAMS		
STANDARD PLATE COUNT AT < 100		
² SHELLFISH		
FECAL COLIFORMS AT < 230 MPN/100 GRAMS		
STANDARD PLATE COUNT AT < 500,000 PER GRAM		

WATER MICROBIOLOGY

	# TESTED	# NON-COMPLIANT
COMMUNITY	45	12
NON-COMMUNITY	290	29
TOTAL	335	41

VIRUS ISOLATION

ISOLATE			
SEX	AGE	#	JURISDICTION
ADENOVIRUS			
F	0	1	MONTGOMERY
M	0	1	MONTGOMERY
M	3	1	MONTGOMERY
M	8	1	MONTGOMERY
F	5	1	MONTGOMERY
SUBTOTAL	5		
HERPES SIMPLEX VIRUS TYPE 1			
M	43	1	DORCHESTER
F	12	1	BALTIMORE CITY
F	21	1	BALTIMORE CITY
SUBTOTAL	3		

INFLUENZA A VIRUS

F	1	1	BALTIMORE
M	45	1	CALVERT
F	14	1	CALVERT
M	18	1	CALVERT
M	34	1	CALVERT
F	0	1	CALVERT
F	30	1	CALVERT
F	3	1	CALVERT
F	51	1	MONTGOMERY
M	5	1	MONTGOMERY
F	0	1	MONTGOMERY
M	0	1	MONTGOMERY
M	31	1	MONTGOMERY
M	20	1	MONTGOMERY
F	0	1	SOMERSET
M	48	1	BALTIMORE CITY
F	1	1	BALTIMORE CITY
F	13	1	BALTIMORE CITY
M	2	1	BALTIMORE CITY
F	1	1	BALTIMORE CITY
M	22	1	BALTIMORE CITY
M	22	1	BALTIMORE CITY

SUBTOTAL 22

INFLUENZA B VIRUS

F	20	1	CALVERT
F	18	1	CALVERT
M	11	1	CALVERT
M	15	1	MONTGOMERY
M	16	1	MONTGOMERY
M	19	1	PRINCE GEORGE'S
F	21	1	PRINCE GEORGE'S
F	19	1	PRINCE GEORGE'S
F	17	1	TALBOT
M	37	1	BALTIMORE CITY
F	6	1	BALTIMORE CITY
M	19	1	BALTIMORE CITY

SUBTOTAL 12

PARAINFLUENZA VIRUS 1
F 4 1 MONTGOMERY

SUBTOTAL 1

PARAINFLUENZA VIRUS 3
F 1 1 MONTGOMERY

SUBTOTAL 1

RESPIRATORY SYNCYTIAL VIRUS
M 0 1 MONTGOMERY
M 1 1 MONTGOMERY
U 0 1 MONTGOMERY

SUBTOTAL 3

RHINOVIRUS POSITIVE BY PCR

F 2 1 BALTIMORE

SUBTOTAL 1

TOTAL 48

VIRAL POLYMERASE CHAIN REACTION (PCR)

ISOLATE
SEX AGE # JURISDICTION

HERPES SIMPLEX VIRUS TYPE 1

F 18 1 ANNE ARUNDEL
F 20 1 ANNE ARUNDEL
F 32 1 BALTIMORE
F 18 2 BALTIMORE CITY
F 19 1 BALTIMORE CITY
F 20 3 BALTIMORE CITY
F 22 2 BALTIMORE CITY
M 24 1 BALTIMORE CITY
U 22 3 BALTIMORE CITY
F 24 1 CARROLL
F 25 1 CHARLES
F 17 1 GARRETT
F 25 1 HARFORD
F 19 2 PRINCE GEORGE'S
F 20 3 PRINCE GEORGE'S
F 21 3 PRINCE GEORGE'S
F 24 1 PRINCE GEORGE'S
F 47 1 PRINCE GEORGE'S
M 19 1 PRINCE GEORGE'S
M 32 1 PRINCE GEORGE'S
M 47 1 PRINCE GEORGE'S
U 0 1 WICOMICO
F 18 1 WICOMICO
F 26 1 WICOMICO

HERPES SIMPLEX VIRUS TYPE 2

U 22 1 ANNE ARUNDEL
F 22 1 ANNE ARUNDEL
F 48 1 ANNE ARUNDEL
U 25 1 BALTIMORE
F 30 1 BALTIMORE
M 31 1 BALTIMORE
U 19 1 BALTIMORE CITY
U 21 1 BALTIMORE CITY
U 44 1 BALTIMORE CITY
F 0 1 BALTIMORE CITY
F 17 1 BALTIMORE CITY

F 20 2 BALTIMORE CITY
F 21 2 BALTIMORE CITY
F 22 1 BALTIMORE CITY
F 24 1 BALTIMORE CITY
F 26 1 BALTIMORE CITY
F 27 1 BALTIMORE CITY
F 29 1 BALTIMORE CITY
F 41 1 BALTIMORE CITY
F 44 1 BALTIMORE CITY
M 18 1 BALTIMORE CITY
M 19 1 BALTIMORE CITY
M 21 1 BALTIMORE CITY
M 22 1 BALTIMORE CITY
M 23 1 BALTIMORE CITY
M 26 1 BALTIMORE CITY
M 31 1 BALTIMORE CITY
M 47 1 BALTIMORE CITY
M 55 1 BALTIMORE CITY
M 21 1 CAROLINE
F 19 1 CHARLES
F 21 1 CHARLES
F 22 1 CHARLES
F 24 1 CHARLES
F 35 1 CHARLES
U 22 1 DORCHESTER
F 40 1 HARFORD
F 16 1 HOWARD
F 19 1 PRINCE GEORGE'S
F 22 2 PRINCE GEORGE'S
F 34 1 PRINCE GEORGE'S
M 23 1 PRINCE GEORGE'S
F 16 1 TALBOT
F 22 1 WASHINGTON
F 18 1 WICOMICO
F 23 1 WICOMICO
F 26 1 WICOMICO
M 46 1 WICOMICO

INFLUENZA B VIRUS

F 10 1 BALTIMORE
F 12 1 BALTIMORE
F 18 2 BALTIMORE
F 19 1 BALTIMORE
F 20 1 BALTIMORE
F 21 1 BALTIMORE
M 1 1 BALTIMORE
M 10 1 BALTIMORE
M 20 1 BALTIMORE
M 21 2 BALTIMORE
M 0 1 BALTIMORE CITY
M 19 1 BALTIMORE CITY
F 1 1 CALVERT
M 11 1 CALVERT
M 6 1 CALVERT
F 0 1 MONTGOMERY
F 1 1 MONTGOMERY
F 13 2 MONTGOMERY
F 14 1 MONTGOMERY
F 16 1 MONTGOMERY
F 7 1 MONTGOMERY
F 9 1 MONTGOMERY
M 10 1 MONTGOMERY
M 11 1 MONTGOMERY
M 14 1 MONTGOMERY
M 17 1 MONTGOMERY
M 2 1 MONTGOMERY
M 5 1 MONTGOMERY
M 6 1 MONTGOMERY
M 13 1 OUT OF STATE
U 18 1 PRINCE GEORGE'S

U 21 1 PRINCE GEORGE'S
F 18 3 PRINCE GEORGE'S
F 19 10 PRINCE GEORGE'S
F 21 4 PRINCE GEORGE'S
F 24 1 PRINCE GEORGE'S
F 28 1 PRINCE GEORGE'S
M 18 5 PRINCE GEORGE'S
M 19 6 PRINCE GEORGE'S
M 20 4 PRINCE GEORGE'S
M 21 1 PRINCE GEORGE'S
M 22 1 PRINCE GEORGE'S
F 11 1 TALBOT
F 17 1 TALBOT
F 8 1 WORCESTER
M 12 1 WORCESTER
M 14 1 WORCESTER

TOTAL 249

VIRAL HEPATITIS

ORGANISM
SPECIMENS
POSITIVES
JURISDICTION

HEPATITIS B

57 2 ALLEGANY
186 1 ANNE ARUNDEL
52 1 BALTIMORE
507 3 BALTIMORE CITY
3 0 CALVERT
8 0 CARROLL
183 0 CECIL
1 0 CHARLES
56 0 FREDERICK
16 0 GARRETT
34 2 HARFORD
32 0 HOWARD
213 4 MONTGOMERY
5 1 PRINCE GEORGE'S
351 14 PRINCE GEORGE'S
7 0 QUEEN ANNE'S
1 0 SAINT MARY'S
6 0 SOMERSET
9 0 TALBOT
28 0 WASHINGTON
105 0 WICOMICO
1 0 WORCESTER

SUBTOTAL 1,861 28

HEPATITIS C

54 9 ALLEGANY
212 53 ANNE ARUNDEL
51 5 BALTIMORE
270 70 BALTIMORE CITY
4 0 CALVERT
12 0 CARROLL
103 16 CECIL
1 0 CHARLES
71 4 FREDERICK
17 0 GARRETT
22 2 HARFORD
1 0 HOWARD

26	1	MONTGOMERY
5	2	PRINCE GEORGE'S
236	4	PRINCE GEORGE'S
36	1	QUEEN ANNE'S
2	0	SAINT MARY'S
3	0	SOMERSET
7	0	TALBOT
5	0	WASHINGTON
19	1	WICOMICO
1	1	WORCESTER

SUBTOTAL
1,158 169

TOTALS
3,019 197

RABIES

SOURCE	#	JURISDICTION
CAT	1	CECIL
	1	FREDERICK
	1	WASHINGTON
RACCOON	2	BALTIMORE
	1	BALTIMORE CTY
	1	FREDERICK
	6	MONTGOMERY
	2	TALBOT
	1	WICOMICO

TOTAL POSITIVES 16

TOTAL SPECIMENS 239

CHLAMYDIOPHILIA PSITTACI
(CHLAMYDIA)

REPORTED QUARTERLY
NO REPORT THIS MONTH

CD4 FLOW CYTOMETRY WORKLOAD

REPORTED QUARTERLY
NO REPORT THIS MONTH

BLOOD LEAD

MARYLAND		
I	<10	108
IIA	10-14	6
IIB	15-19	6
III	20-44	5
IV	45-69	0
V	>69	0

TOTAL 125

WASHINGTON DC

I	<10	0
IIA	10-14	1
IIB	15-19	0
III	20-44	0
IV	45-69	0
V	>69	0

TOTAL 1

NEWBORN & CHILDHOOD SCREENING

STATISTICS FOR FEBRUARY 2009

PRESUMPTIVE POSITIVES

DISORDERS	#
PHENYLKETONURIA	2
MAPLE SYRUP URINE DISEASE	2
HOMOCYSTEINURIA	9
TYROSINEMIA	8
ARGININEMIA	0
CITRULLINEMIA	0
GALACTOSEMIA	2
BIOTINIDASE DEFICIENCY	1
HYPOTHYROIDISM	60
HEMOGLOBIN -DISEASE	14
HEMOGLOBIN -BENIGN	487
CONGENITAL ADRENAL HYPERPLASIA (CAH)	72
CYSTIC FIBROSIS	2
FATTY ACID OXIDATIONS	4
ORGANIC ACIDEMIAS	6
ACYLCARNITINE - BORDERLINE	0
ACYLCARNITINE - OTHERS	0

MONTHLY TOTALS

# OF SPECIMENS SCREENED	11,756
NUMBER OF TESTS	831,499
% UNSATISFACTORY SPECIMENS	2.8

YEAR-TO-DATE CONFIRMED CASES

CONDITIONS	# CONFIRMED
MCAD	0
3MCC	0
SCAD	0
VLCAD	0
GA-I	0
IVA	0
PA	0
MAPLE SYRUP URINE DISEASE	0
PKU- CLINICALLY SIGNIFICANT VARIANT	0
CLINICALLY SIGNIFICANT VARIANT	
HYPERPHENYLALANINEMIA (NOT CLASSICAL PKU)	0
VARIANT	
HYPERPHENYLALANINEMIA (NOT CLINICALLY SIGNIFICANT)	0
CITRULINEMIA I (CIT-I)	0
GALACTOSEMIA- CLASSICAL GALT DEFICIENCY	0
GALACTOSEMIA - VARIANT	0
BIOTINIDASE DEFICIENCY	0
GALACTOSE EPIMERASE DEFICIENCY	0
PARTIAL BIOTINIDASE DEFICIENCY	0
CAH- CLASSICAL SALT WASTING	0
CAH-NON-CLASSICAL	0
HYPOTHYROIDISM - PRIMARY	4
OTHER HYPOTHYROIDISM	0
SECONDARY HYPOTHYROIDISM	0
SICKLE CELL DISEASE -SS	0
SICKLE CELL DISEASE -SC	0
SICKLE CELL DISEASE -SE	0
SICKLE CELL DISEASE -S BETA	0
THALASSEMIA	0
CYSTIC FIBROSIS	1

ENVIRONMENTAL CHEMISTRY

SAMPLES	# NON-COMPLIANT	# TESTED
ASBESTOS		
AIR	0	0
BULK	0	1
AIR QUALITY		
PM _{2.5}	0	467
PM ₁₀	0	0
RADIATION		
AIR/CHARCOAL FILTERS	0	64
MILK	0	0
WIPES	0	37
RAW WATER	0	5
VEGETATION	0	0
OTHER	0	0
DRINKING WATER		
METALS		
COMMUNITY	11	17
NON-COMMUNITY	3	9
PRIVATE WELLS	27	169
PESTICIDES & PCBs		
COMMUNITY	0	56
NON-COMMUNITY	0	8
PRIVATE WELLS	0	0
VOLATILE ORGANIC COMPOUNDS		
COMMUNITY	1	185
NON-COMMUNITY	0	63
PRIVATE WELLS	3	155
RADIATION		
COMMUNITY	0	0
NON-COMMUNITY	8	42
PRIVATE WELLS	5	5
INORGANICS		
COMMUNITY	0	15
NON-COMMUNITY	6	175
PRIVATE WELLS	7	206
FOOD CHEMISTRY		
SUSPECTED TAMPERING	0	0
MICROSCOPIC FILTH	0	0
LABELING	0	0
SURVEILLANCE	0	0
CHEMICAL CONTAMINATION	0	0
TOTAL	71	1,679

VIRAL LOAD SPECIMENS					TOTALS
HIV-1 RNA COPIES/ML	<10 ³	10 ³ –10 ⁴	10 ⁴ –10 ⁵	>10 ⁵	
ALLEGANY	13	3	3	0	19
CARROLL	0	1	1	0	2
CHARLES	0	0	1	0	1
FREDERICK	1	1	1	0	3
MONTGOMERY	75	13	13	7	108
PRINCE GEORGE'S	81	20	12	7	120
QUEEN ANNE'S	0	0	0	1	1
WASHINGTON	5	0	1	0	6
WICOMICO	2	0	0	0	2
SUBTOTALS	177	38	32	15	262
DEPT. OF CORRECTIONS	47	12	17	3	79
TOTALS	224	50	49	18	341

HIV ANTIBODY SCREENING					
SUBMITTER	TOTAL SPECIMENS	# EIA POSITIVE	% EIA POSITIVE	# WB POSITIVE	% WB POSITIVE
CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTIONS	133	2	1.50%	1	50.00%
FAMILY PLANNING (NON-GOVERNMENT)	71	1	1.41%	1	100.00%
HEALTH CENTERS (NON-GOVERNMENT)	614	54	8.79%	50	92.59%
HEALTH DEPT, NON-STD, FAMILY PLANNING	468	2	0.43%	1	50.00%
HEALTH DEPT, NON-STD, OB/GYN	4	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
HEALTH DEPT, NON-STD, OTHER	693	49	7.07%	44	89.80%
HEALTH DEPT, STD CLINICS	819	8	0.98%	8	100.00%
HOSPITAL, OTHER	137	9	6.57%	9	100.00%
HOSPITAL, PUBLIC	14	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
LABORATORIES (NON-HOSPITAL)	362	15	4.14%	10	66.67%
PEDIATRIC - CHILD HEALTH	3	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
PRIVATE PHYSICIANS	10	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
PRIVATE STUDENT HEALTH CENTERS	45	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
PUBLIC STUDENT HEALTH CENTERS	266	2	0.75%	0	0.00%
TOTALS	3,639	142	3.90%	124	87.32%



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