

GLOBAL POINT PREVALENCE SURVEY OF ANTIMICROBIAL CONSUMPTION AND RESISTANCE (GLOBAL-PPS)



Global-PPS and capacity building for antimicrobial stewardship - Extension with the HAI module allowing surveillance of COVID-19 patients

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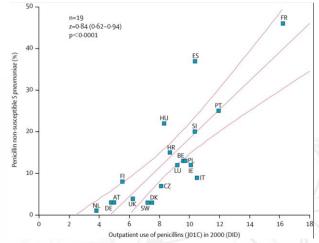




Antibiotic Resistance Infections Affect Millions of People

Combatting antimicrobial resistance is one of the most pressing challenges in medicine today.

The more we use antibiotics, the higher the prevalence of antimicrobial resistance, e.g. relation between outpatient use of penicillins and penicillin non-susceptible *S. Pneumoniae*; (Goossens *et al.*, Lancet, 2015)



There is an increase of antibiotic use (ABU) during the COVID-19 pandemic, but multispecialty clinical teams can enhance antibiotic use reductions through stewardship guidance. (M.B. Staub *et al.*, Inf. Contr. Hosp. Epid., October 2020)



Capacity building for Antimicrobial Stewardship

- Goals of the WHO global action plan on antimicrobial resistance¹
 - Improve awareness and understanding of antimicrobial resistance;
 - Strengthen knowledge through surveillance and research;
 - Reduce the incidence of infection;
 - Optimize the use of antimicrobial agents;
 - Ensure sustainable investment in countering antimicrobial resistance. **GLOBAL ACTION PLAN**

The Global-PPS has a role to play!

ON ANTIMICROBIAL

RESISTANCE

¹World Health Organization, 2015. Global Action Plan on Antimicrobial Resistance. https://www.who.int/antimicrobial-resistance/global-action-plan/en/



Surveillance - The global-PPS Survey

Measurement

- Antimicrobial use
- Resistance
- Infections
- Antimicrobial quality indicators,



Objectives

- Assess simultaneously antibiotic use and antimicrobial resistance (AMR) impact
- Define empiric treatments
- Analyze epidemiology trends (resistance, antimicrobial use, Healthcare Associated Infections,)
- Evaluate interventions and allocate resources efficiently: set targets for improvement and measure the impact of interventions
- To be done at hospital, local, regional, national, global levels



Overview

- The birth of the Global-PPS
- **Purpose**
- Method in a nutshell
- **Global-PPS results worldwide**
- Results Iran
- Global-PPS and antimicrobial stewardship activities



Global-PPS – How it started

University of
Antwerp, Belgium

→ European
Surveillance of
Antimicrobial
Consumption
(ESAC-PPS)

The 4th Edition of the World HAI Forum on HAI and Antimicrobial Resistance - Annecy, France



bioMérieux funding

1st worldwide Global-PPS

Three Surveys/year

2006-2009

2011-2012

June 2013

2014

2015

2017

2018-2020 ...

Antimicrobial resistance and prescribing in European children (ARPEC-PPS)

European funding

Amadeo B. et al, JAC 2010, Zarb P. et al, JAC 2011, Drugs 2011, CMI 2012, Drugs Aging 2012; Versporten A. et al, PIDJ 2013, JAC 2016; Jafar Soltani et al, Erciyes Med J. 2019.

Global-PPS pilot

Any hospital admitting inpatients is welcome to participate

Antimicrobial consumption and resistance in adult hospital inpatients in 53 countries: results of an internet-based global point prevalence survey

Ann Versporten, Peter Zarb, Isabelle Coniaux, Marie-Françoise Gros, Nico Drapier, Mark Miller, Vincent Jarlier, Dilip Nathwani, Herman Goossens, on behalf of the Global-PPS network*



Summary

Background The Global Point Prevalence Survey (Global-PPS) established an international network of hospitals to measure antimicrobial prescribing and resistance worldwide. We aimed to assess antimicrobial prescribing and resistance in hospital inpatients.

April Methods We used a standardised surveillance method to collect detailed data about antimicrobial prescribing and

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Global-PPS purpose

- Monitor rates of antimicrobial prescribing in hospitalized adults, children and neonates.
- Determine the variation in drug, dose and indications of antimicrobial prescribing across continents.
- ldentify targets to improve quality of antimicrobial prescribing
- ldentify targets to prevent Healthcare Associated Infections (HAI)
- Help designing stewardship interventions to promote prudent antimicrobial use and improve patient health
- Assess effectiveness of interventions through repeated PPS



Global-PPS surveillance tool

- On a voluntary basis
- Implementing a uniform standardized methodology
- Using a simple web-based tool: quality assurance, data validation process and feedback reporting
- The Hospital builds up own database
- Hospital remains owner of own data
- Data storage on server at University of Antwerp, Belgium
- Cuarantee of data privacy
 - Hospital names will never be revealed in any report or publication
 - Complete anonymous patient data-entry



Global-PPS & optional HAI module Method in a nutshell

- Point Prevalence Survey = "snapshot at a particular time"
- All wards of the hospital are included "once"
- Data collection on 3 paper forms
 - ✓ Ward form for the collection of denominators
 - N patients admitted
 - N available beds
 - N patients with an invasive device (HAI module only)
 - ✓ Patient basic form (numerator)
 - ✓ Patient HAI form (numerator, optional)



Global-PPS & optional HAI module Ward form

<u>Ward Form</u> (Mandatory : Fill in one form for each ward included in the PPS)
Include only <u>inpatients</u> "admitted before and present at 08:00 hours" on the day of the PPS!

Date of survey (dd/mm/year)		Person c	ompleting form (Audito	r code) :			
Hospital name :		Ward	l Name :				
	Adu	ılt wards			Paediatric w	ards	
Ward Type:	☐ AMW (General or mixed Adult Medical Ward)	□ ASW (General or r	nixed Adult Surgical War	d)	☐ PMW (Paediatric Medical Ward)		
Tick the most appropriate	☐ HO-AMW (Haematology-Oncology)	DIG-ASW (Digestiv	ve tract surgery)		☐ HO-PMW (Haematology-Oncology)		
type of department/ward	☐ T-AMW (Transplant (BMT/solid))	ORT-ASW (Orthop	aedics-Trauma surg.)		☐ T-PMW (Transplant (BMT/Solid))		
type of department, ward	□ P-AMW (Pneumology)	☐ URO-ASW (Urolog	ical surg.)		☐ PSW (Paediatric Surgical Ward)		
	□ CAR-AMW (Cardiology)	CV-ASW (Cardio-v	ascular surg.)		□ PICU (Paedi	iatric Intensive Care Unit)	
	□ NEU-AMW(Neurology)	□ NEU-ASW (Neuros	surgery)		□ ID-PMW (In	rfectious Disease PMW)	
	☐ REN-AMW (Nephrology)	ONCO-ASW (Onco	logy-cancer surg.)				
	, ,	□ PLAS-ASW (Plastic	, reconstructive surg.)		Neonatal war		
	☐ DB-AMW (Dermatology-burn wards)	☐ ENT-ASW (Ear-nos	e-throat surg.)		□ NMW (Neonatal Medical Ward)		
	□ PSY-AMW (Psychiatry)	I			□ NICU (Neonatal Intensive Care Unit)		
	□ REH-AMW (Rehabilitation)	☐ AICU (General or mixed Adult Intensive Care Unit)					
	☐ GER-AMW (Geriatrics)	☐ MED-AICU (Medic	,				
	,	☐ SUR-AICU (Surgica					
	□ OBG-AMW (gynaecology-obstetrics)	□ CAR-AICU (Cardia	AICU)				
Mixed Ward	☐ Yes ☐ No						
	se of mixed wards, tick all encountered activities/spec		☐ Medicine	☐ Surgery ☐ Intensive		☐ Intensive Care	
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	f PPS. For mixed departments, fill the total number of	patients					
corresponding to each of the enco		Fid					
	d present at 8:00 am on day of PPS split up by activity. er of beds corresponding to each of the encountered						
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with one of the following	Central vascular catheter, no implanta	ble venous port (CVC)		1	for HAI		
"inserted" invasive devices at 8:00 am on day of PPS	Non-invasive mechanical ven	tilation (CPAP, BiPAP)		r	nodule		
at 5.00 am on day of FF3	Invasive respiratory endotra	cheal intubation (IRI)1					
	Inserted to	ubes and drains (T/D)2					

² Inserted tubes and drains: include patients with nephrostomy tubes, intra-abdominal tubes and drains, cerebrospinal fluid shunts etc.



Include tracheostomy



Global-PPS & optional HAI module Patient form

- Detailed data (Numerator) collected only for patients on at least one antimicrobial (Basic Global-PPS)
 - ✓ Patient data : age, gender, weight
 - ✓ Antimicrobial prescription data : agent, dose, RoA, diagnosis, indication
 - ✓ Set of quality indicators: reason in notes, stop/review date written in notes, guideline compliance
 - ✓ Microbiology data: targeted versus empiric use, AMR data (microorganism and resistance type)

Patient HAI form (optional HAI module)

- ✓ Presence of invasive devices : use of vascular & urinary catheters, endotracheal intubation, tubes & drains
- √ Comorbidity



Global-PPS & optional HAI module Patient basic form

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If yes, which: CRP. PCT. other		biological uid sample		to start ar Value	ntimicrobial Unit ^s	1	Urine	_		surgery/bi			m/bronchial as	
or WBC ⁵	(8	Blood/urine/		70.00					rreama (zargery.e.			type of specime	
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Single Unit Dose 8		ng, IU, MU) ⁹												
Doses/ day 10		P, O, R, I) 11												
Diagnosis 12 (see app														
Type of indication 13	(see apper	ndix III)												
Reason in Notes (Ye														
Guideline Complian	ce (Y, N, N	A, NI) ¹⁵												
Is a stop/review date	e documen	ted?(Yes/No)											
Treatment (E: Empir	ical; T: Tar	geted) ¹⁶												
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Insert codes (see Appe	ndix IV, page	e 9) MO 1	1											
		мо	2											
		мо												
Resistance type**- ch	oose betwe	en: MRSA ¹⁷ ;	MRCoNS ¹⁸	; PNSP19; MI	LS ²⁰ ; VRE ²¹ ;	; ESBL (E	ESBL-produ	cing Enter	obactera	Jęs ²²); 3G	CREB (3rd	generation of	ephalosporin	resistant

Resistance type "- choose between: MRSA¹⁷; MRCoNS¹⁸; PNSP¹⁹; MLS²⁰; VRE²¹; ESBL (ESBL-producing Enterobacterales²²); 3GCREB (3rd generation cephalosporin resistant Enterobacterales); CRE (Carbapapent-resistant Enterobacterales²³); ESBL-NF (ESBL-producing non fermenter Gram-negative bacilli²⁴); CR-NF (Carbapapent-resistant non fermenter Gram-negative bacilli²⁵); other MDRO²⁶; Azoles²⁷. Encode Microorganism also if resistance type is unknown.

Note: * Current weight, Gestational age (in number of weeks), Birth weight, Start date of the antimicrobial and Cultures sent to the lab are optional variables.



Global-PPS & optional HAI module Patient HAI form

GLOBAL-PPS PATIENT Form – additional variables for HAI at patient level (optional)

(Fill in one form per patient with an ongoing antimicrobial at 8am on the day of the PPS - more info on definitions in protocol, page 20)

				T			Patient Age 4				Neo			Neonate only (optional)		
Ward Name/code	Activity 1 (M, S, IC)	Patient Iden	tifier ²	Su	Survey Number ³			Months (1-23 month)	Days (if <1 month)	Current Weight* In kg		Gestatios val age*		. Birth		Gender M, F, U
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Peripheral Vascular Catheter (PVC)			☐ Yes ☐ No ☐			UNK						☐ Rapidly fatal disease			se	
Central Vascular Catheter, no implantable venous port (CVC)			☐ Yes ☐ No ☐			UNK						_	UNK/Not available			
Non-invasive mechanical	ventilation (C	PAP, BIRAR)		□ Ye	es 🗆	No [UNK	_/_/_	_							
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Underlying morbidity	☐ Diabete	es mellitus, type	1 or 2			☐ Genet	ic disorder				End-st	age Liver	Diseas	e, cirrh	osis	
(multiple choice,	☐ AIDS/H	IV (only if last CE	4 count	<500/mn	n³)	☐ Conge	nital heart	diseases			Traum	iā				
maximum 3 choices)	m 3 choices) Hematological or solid cancer/ Recent chemotherapy (<3months)			 Chronic lung diseases including cystic fibrosis, COPD, bronchiectasis, asthma 				Gastroenterological disease (inflammatory bowel disorders, Coeliac disease,)			atory					
☐ Stem cell or solid organ transplant			☐ Neutropenia				Chronic neurological conditions ^{III}									
	☐ Chronic	: Renal Disease (all stages)		☐ High dose steroids ^{IV}				Other						
	☐ Tubercu	ulosis				☐ Mainu	rtrition ^v				None			Inknow	n	



Global-PPS & optional HAI module Method in a nutshell

- Web-based data entry, verification, validation and reporting with the help of the Global-PPS tool
- Protocol and data collection templates available at https://www.global-pps.com/documents/



Real-time feedback of results to the sites

- Extraction of raw data allowing verification and analysis of your hospital results (excel file).
- Generation of simple, easy to use feedback reports on hospital data ready to use for local presentations: PDF
 - ➤ One point feedback comparing the hospital site results to average results for the country (if at least 3 participating hospitals from the country), region (continental results) and Europe.
 - > Longitudinal feedback : multiple participation
 - ➤ Merged feedback : merged results for a set of hospital sites



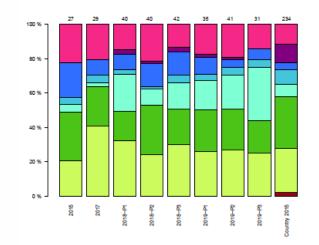
Real-time feedback of results to the sites, an example

➤ Sites participating multiple times (at least two times) receive a longitudinal feedback report for the time points they participated (2015, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, ...).

Overall antimicrobial prevalence by region and type of child or neonatal ward

	Total	PMW	HO-PMW	T-PMW	PSW	PICU	NMW	NICU
Our hospital 2015	34.6	34.2	41.7	0.0	0.0	50.0	14.3	50.0
Our hospital 2017	37.5	37.0	30.0	0.0	0.0	50.0	20.0	60.0
Our hospital 2018-P1	51.3	39.5	100.0	0.0	0.0	100.0	33.3	42.9
Our hospital 2018-P2	51.3	42.9	61.5	0.0	0.0	100.0	36.4	75.0
Our hospital 2018-P3	47.7	39.6	100.0	0.0	0.0	100.0	27.8	63.6
Our hospital 2019-P1	46.1	39.0	87.5	0.0	0.0	100.0	26.7	50.0
Our hospital 2019-P2	62.7	62.2	100.0	0.0	0.0	50.0	0.0	71.4
Our hospital 2019-P3	38.8	26.8	100.0	0.0	0.0	66.7	8.3	36.4
country (6 hospitals)								
patients 2015 (N)	184	90	28	0	0	12	28	26
treated patients 2015 (%)	32.1	25.6	75.0	0.0	0.0	33.3	10.7	30.8

Overall proportional antibiotic use



- Tetracyclines
- Amphenicol
- Other heta-lactar
- Sulfonamides and Trimethoprim
- Macrolides, Lincosamides and Streptogramin
- Quin
- Combinations of antibacterials
- Other aptibacterials

- Common methodology and uniformity of data collection to collect valid and comparable antimicrobial consumption data
- Simple protocol and web-based tool for data entry and validation = feasible & achievable surveillance
- Quality assurance approach implementation of data validation process
- Free central support toward data collection or other (helpdesk, FAQ, IT manual, list of antimicrobials)



Results -

Main findings of the Global-PPS



Nearly 1,350 hospital participations
85 different countries
± 300,000 patients

Most common observations and conclusions (articles, abstracts, congresses):

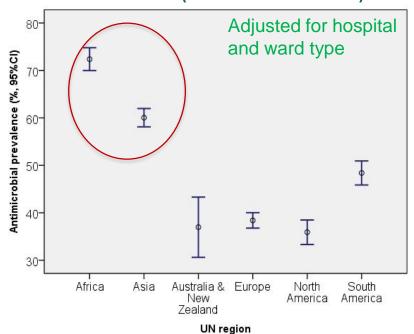
- High rates of antimicrobial prescribing
- Broad-spectrum prescribing
- Mainly empirical use
- Prolonged surgical prophylaxis
- Abscence of guidelines
- Low reporting of stop/review date

https://www.global-pps.com/dissemination/congresses/

and

https://www.global-pps.com/dissemination/peer-reviewed-articles/

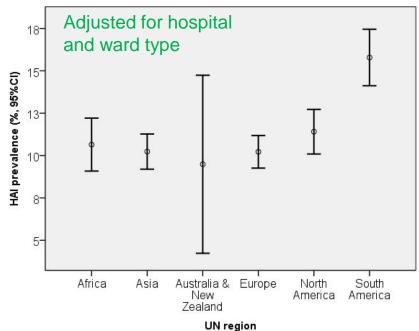
Antimicrobial prevalence (%) worldwide (2017-2018 data)



Average of AMU% Crude prevalence

region	Mean	N	Std. Deviation
Africa	71,478	115	19,3634
Asia	57,159	163	21,6869
Australia & New Zealand	33,045	9	10,4090
Europe	31,580	175	12,6879
North America	32,313	65	9,1142
South America	49,637	84	15,6419
Total	48,496	611	22,7520

HAI prevalence (%) worldwide (2017-2018 data)



Average of HAI% Crude prevalence

- The same of the providence							
region	Mean	Z	Std. Deviation				
Africa	8,027	115	11,5741				
Asia	7,143	163	6,1015				
Australia & New Zealand	8,989	9	6,7190				
Europe	7,331	175	5,6518				
North America	10,324	65	4,1403				
South America	15,513	84	11,0272				
Total	8,879	611	8,4191				

N= number of hospitals

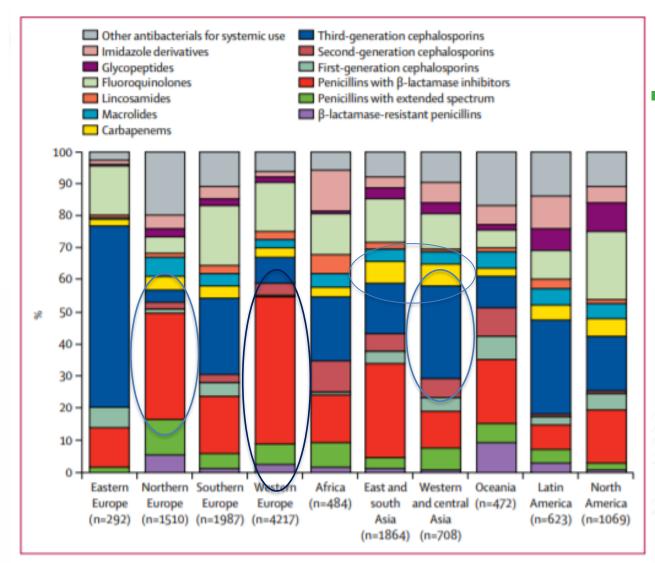


Figure 2: Proportion of prescribed antibiotics for systemic use for community-acquired infections among adult inpatients, 2015 (n=13226)

East and south Asia includes south, east, and southeast Asia.

Most prescribed antibiotics for CAI Adult patients

Versporten et al, Lancet Global Health, 2018

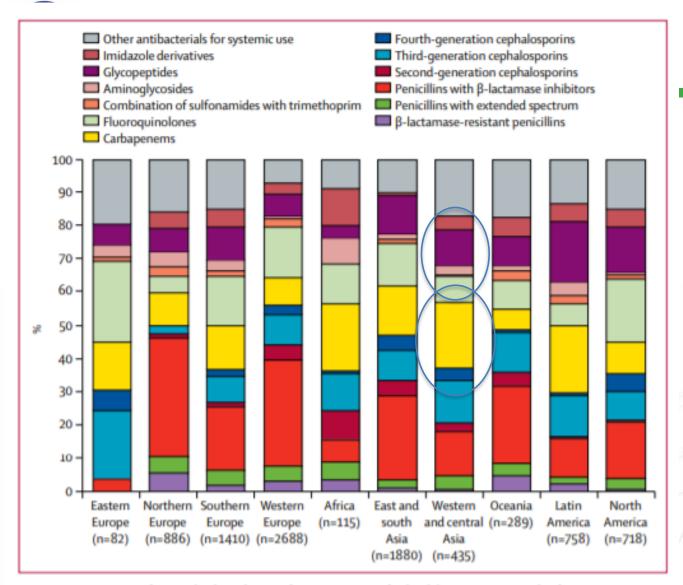


Figure 1: Proportion of prescribed antibiotics for systemic use for health-care-associated infections among adult inpatients, 2015 (n=9261)

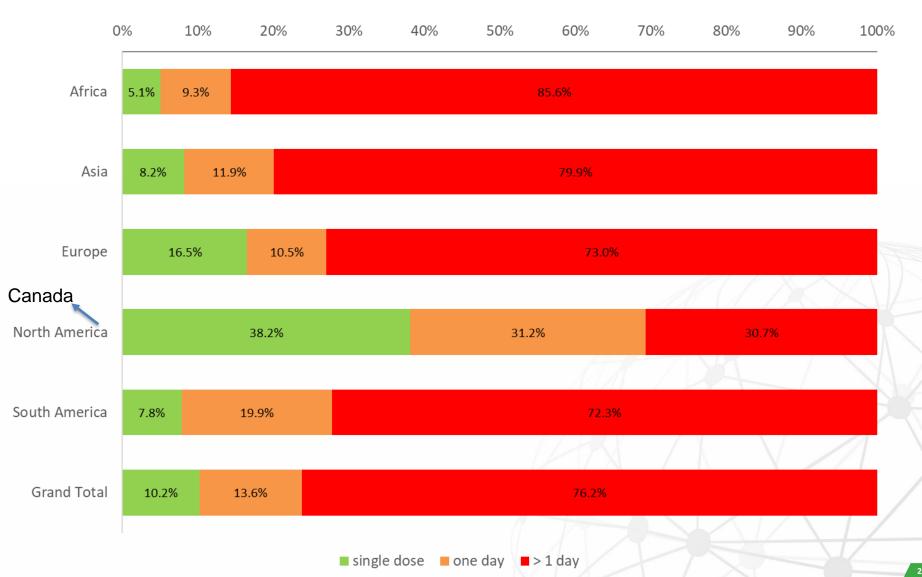
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Surgical prophylaxis duration (2018)





Iranian Global-PPS Database

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The WHO Access, Watch, Reserve (AWaRe) classification



Access group:

- 1st or 2nd line agents for empiric treatment of common infectious syndromes
- Should be widely available and affordable (amoxicillin, cefazolin, cloxacillin, ...)

Watch group :

- Higher risk of selecting for resistance; used as 1st or 2nd options for a limited number of indications (2nd & 3rd gen. cephalosporins, carbapenems, quinolones, ...).
- Need monitoring and prioritising as targets for stewardship programmes.

Reserve group:

- Includes last-resort antibiotics (colistin, tigecycline, fosfomycin IV, daptomycin, ...)
- Need to be intensively monitored; should only be used under certain specific conditions in order to conserve their effectiveness.

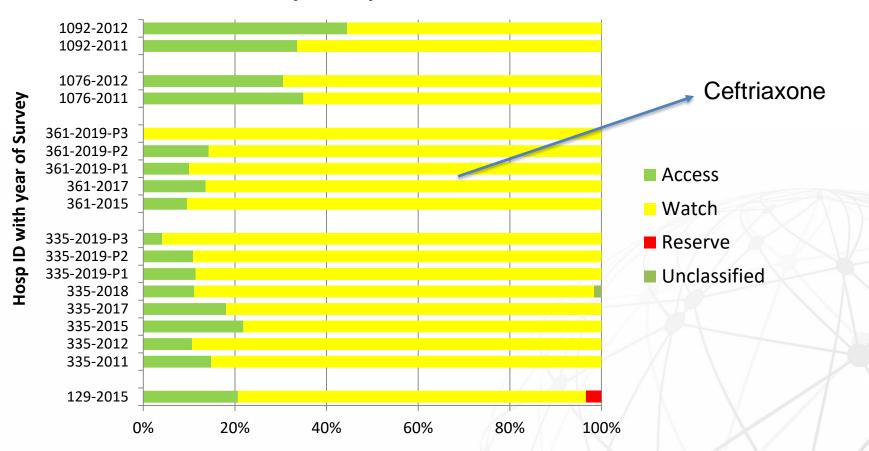
Not recommended :

• Added for fixed-dose combinations of broad-spectrum antibiotics for which the use is not evidence-based; not endorsed in clinical practice.



Trends of antibiotic prescriptions (ATC J01) in Iran according to the AWaRe classification (2011-2019)

Antibiotic prescriptions on child wards



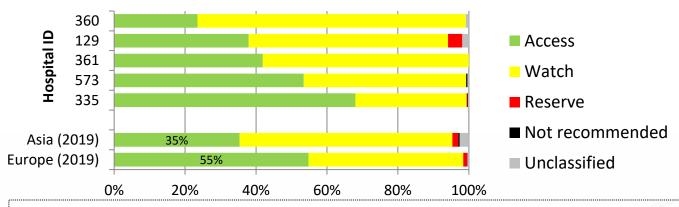
2011 - 2012 = ARPEC data

2015 - 2019 = Global-PPS data



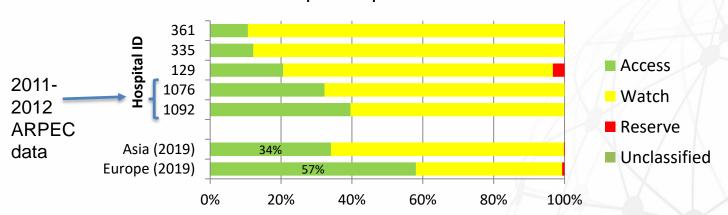
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Antibiotic prescriptions on adult wards



Iran: 2262 prescriptions; Asia 2019: 14,520 prescriptions; Europe 2019: 7434 prescriptions

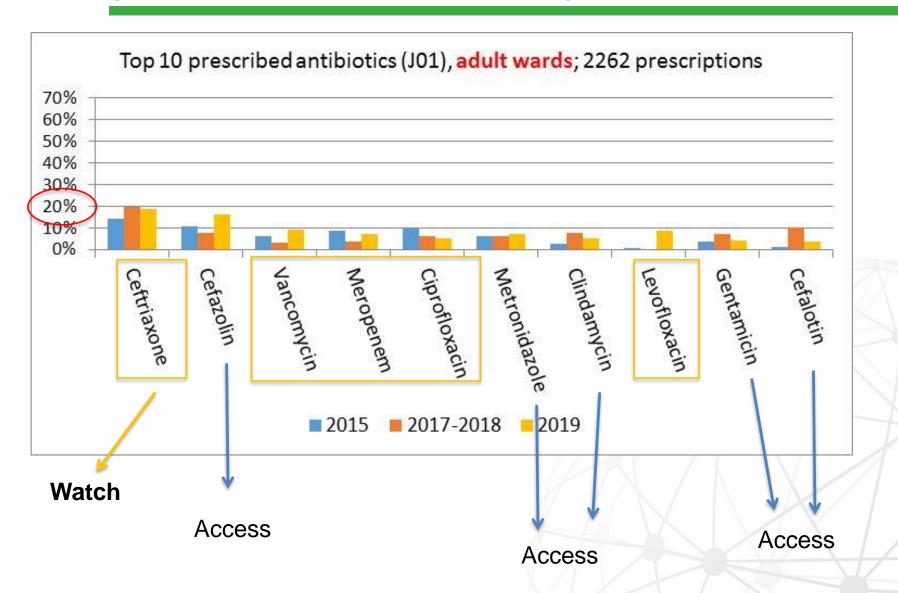
Antibiotic prescriptions on child wards



Iran: 1127 prescriptions; Asia 2019: 4165 prescriptions; Europe 2019: 895 prescriptions

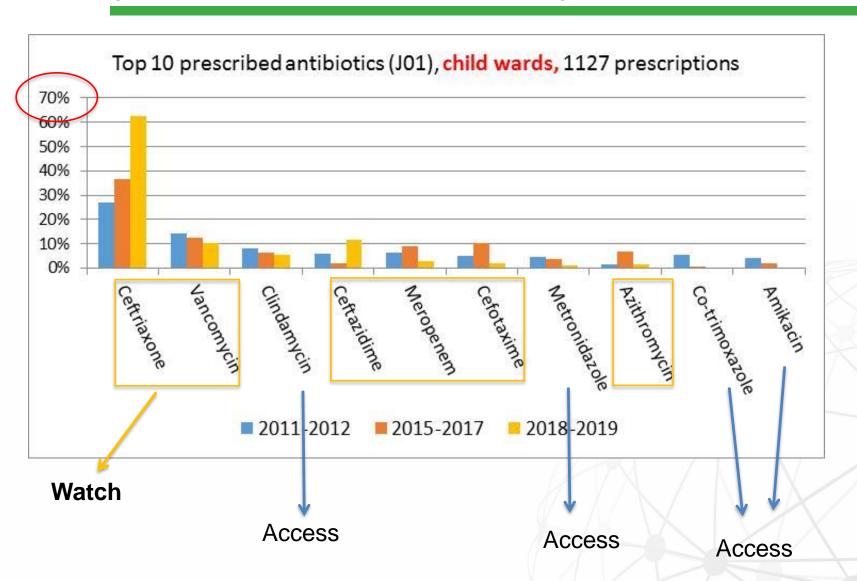


Top 10 prescribed antibiotics in time (Iran, adult wards; 2015-2019)



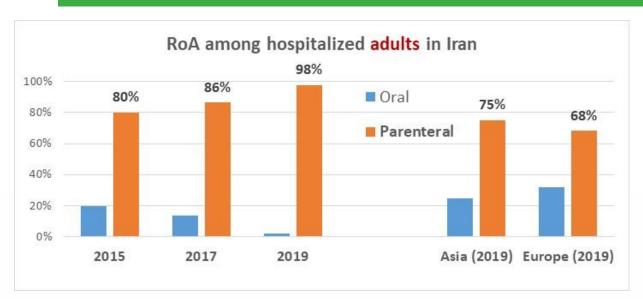


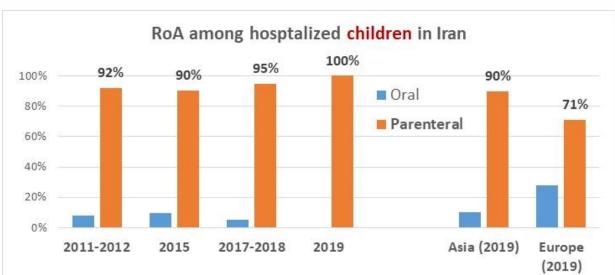
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Intravenous Route of Administration of antibiotics prevails in Iran





2011 - 2012 = ARPEC data 2015 - 2019 = Global-PPS data



Results - Key messages

- Substantial differences in the prevalence of antibiotic prescribing within regions, with the highest prevalence in Africa and Asia.
- Highest HAI prevalence in Latin America.
- Prolonged surgical prophylactic prescribing is common, but exceptions at country level exist.

🖒 <u>Iran :</u>

- High use of Watch-Antibiotics: these agents are at a higher risk of selecting for resistance
- Concordant with high broad spectrum prescribing, also and escpecially among children
- These results show the need of monitoring and prioritising targets for stewardship programmes in Iran.





The Global-PPS and Antimicrobial Stewardship

Some results of the stewardship survey

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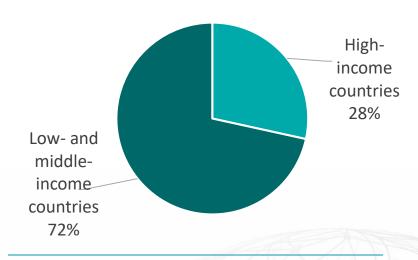




Stewardship survey: degree of participation

Survey participation						
N respondents	211					
Participated at least once in the Global-PPS	174					
Did not (yet) participate in the Global-PPS	37					
N countries	66					

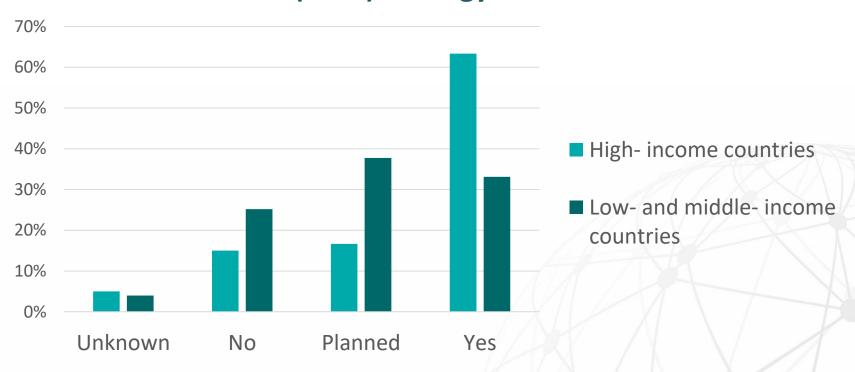




Top 10 cour	ntries
Country	N respondents
GEORGIA	18
NIGERIA	17
PHILIPPINES	15
CANADA	15
INDIA	14
RUSSIAN FEDERATION	13
MEXICO	9
BRAZIL	7 /
ITALY	5
SINGAPORE	5



"Does your hospital have a **formal Antimicrobial Stewardship**(AMS) strategy?*"



^{*}This is a plan that describes the aims, milestones and outcome measures of stewardship activities in your hospital



Existing Antimicrobial Stewardship Activities

"Of the stewardship components currently in place in your hospital, please indicate the components that were **initiated as a result of the Global-PPS** findings."

AMS component	% present in hospital (n=211)	% initiated as a result of Global-PPS (n=164)
Local, evidence-based guidelines (write or review)	68.2	36.6
Dedicated education and communication	49.3	27.4
An antimicrobial formulary	59.7	21.3
Specific interventions	39.3	17.1
An active AMS committee	49.3	16.5
An active AMS team	45.0	13.4
Use of information technology to support AMS	26.5	13.4
Other	7.1	3.7
No AMS activities	7.1	NA

70.1% (n=115) of respondents who participated in the Global-PPS and who have reported AMS activities state that at least one of these activities was initiated as a result of the Global-PPS



Antimicrobial stewardship: Top 5 barriers for implementation

"What are the **main barriers** to implement an effective AMS program in your hospital? Rank the barriers you selected according to how important they are."

	High-income countries	
Rank	Barrier	Score
1	Qualified personnel does not have enough time to perform stewardship	2.7
2	Lack of funding	2.2
3	Lack of information technology support	1.3
4	Lack of knowledge on good prescribing practices among clinicians	1.0
5	Lack of qualified personnel	0.9
	Low- and middle-income countries	×
Rank	Barrier	Score
1	Qualified personnel does not have enough time to perform stewardship	1.5
2	Lack of cooperation from prescribers	1.4
3	Lack of knowledge on good prescribing practices among clinicians	1.4
4	Insufficient microbiology laboratory capacity	1.3



The Global-PPS enhances the quality of antibiotic prescribing through antimicrobial stewardship activities

- Introduce simple antibiotic quality indicators
- Initiate or re-write local prescribing guidelines
- Supports dedicated education and communication
- Measures the impact of interventions through repeated PPS
- Change practice (sustainability!)
- Opportunity to stimulate local networking
- Data sharing upon agreement with all partners publication policy is available at global-PPS@uantwerpen.be



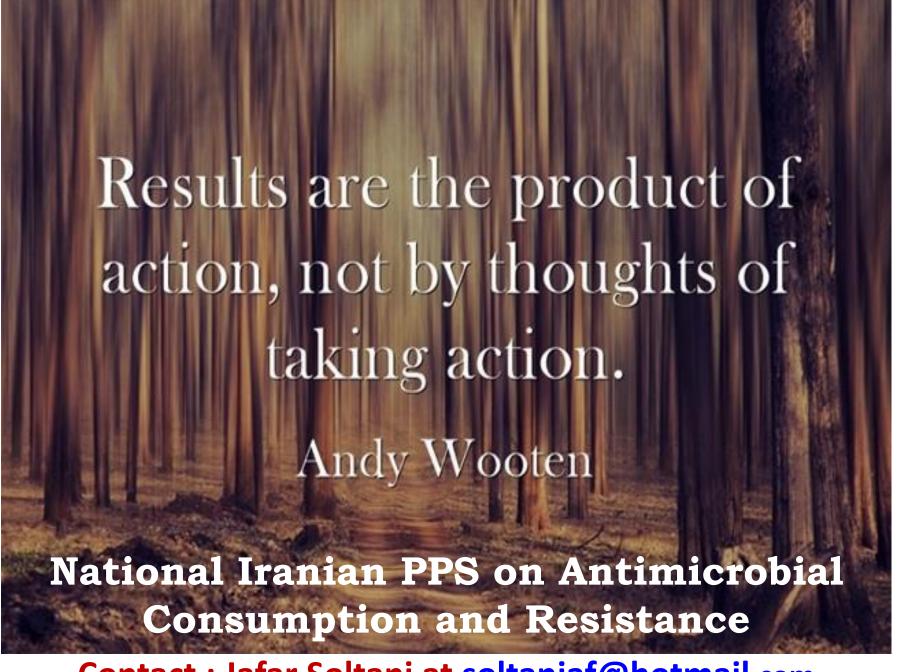
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