
Effectiveness of MDRO decolonization: challenges and determinants

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Agenda

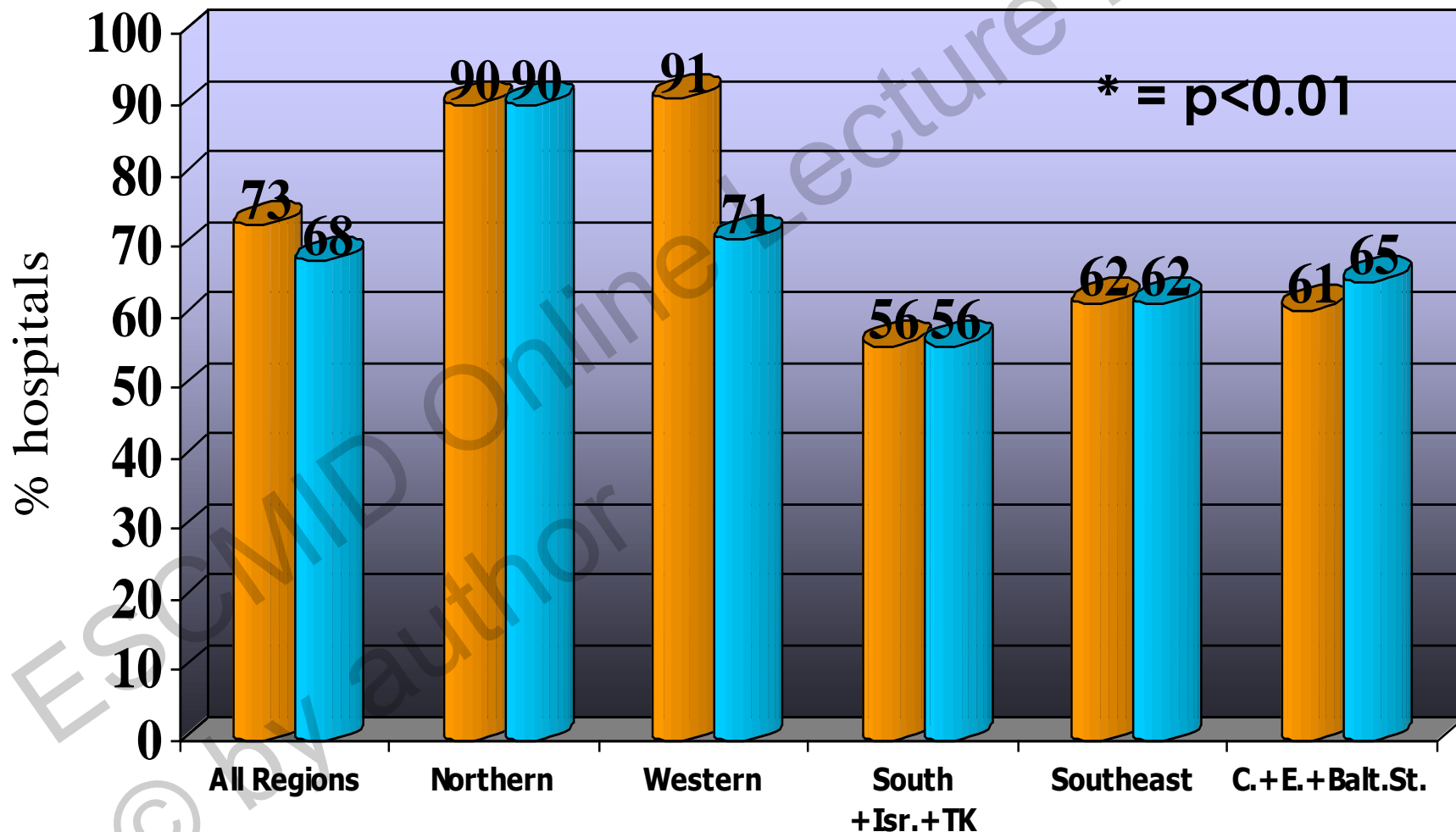
- Microbiological determinants:
Resistance to antiseptic agents
 - Clinical challenges
 - Health-economic determinants
- **Will focus on MRSA, but not only in the ICU setting!**

What does
DECOLONIZATION
Mean to you?



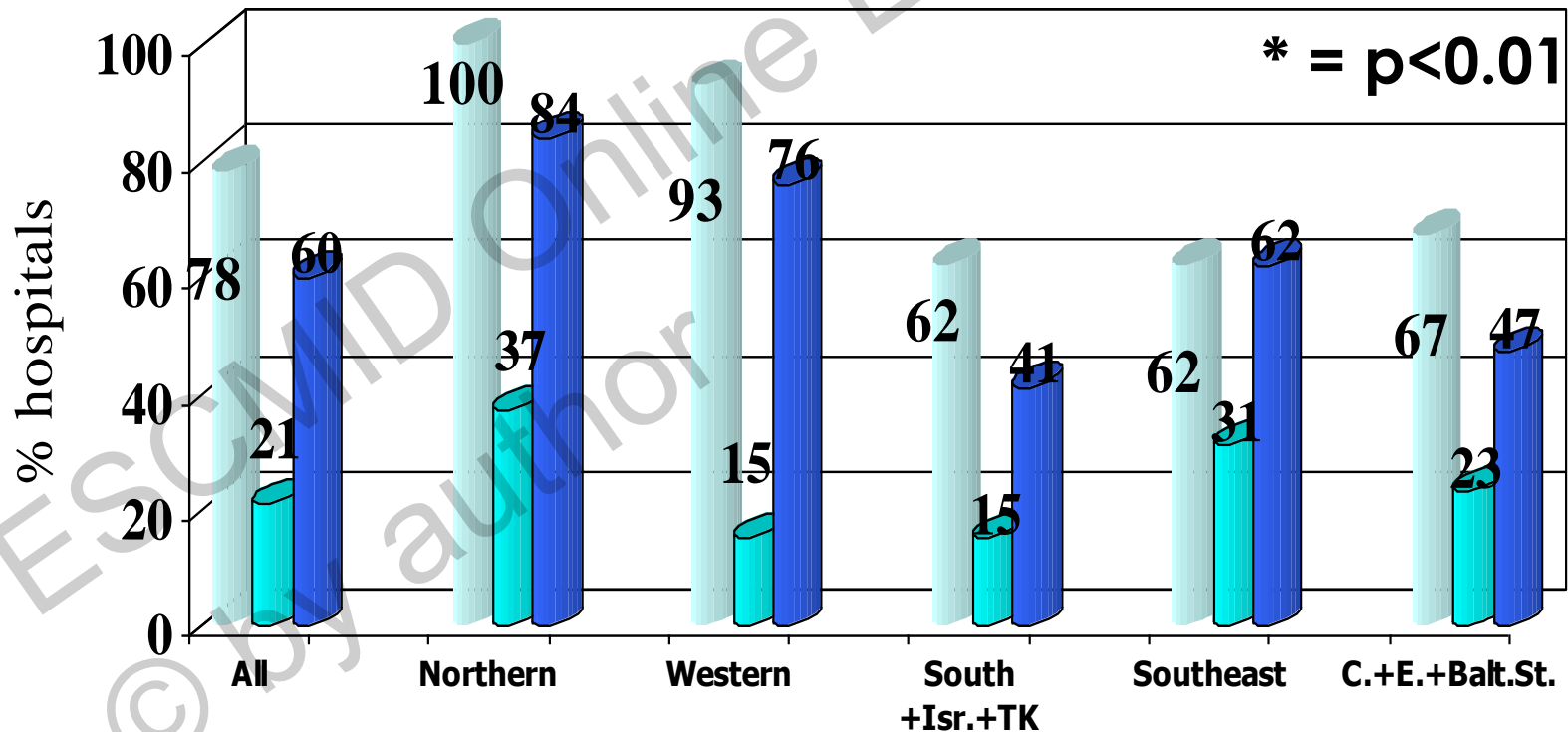
Hospital Policy for Decolonisation of MRSA Carriers by Region

■ PATIENTS* ■ HEALTH CARE WORKERS*



Decolonisation Methods for MRSA by Region

- TOPICAL MUPIROCIN*
- ORAL ANTIBIOTIC*
- CHLORHEXIDINE/HEXACHLOROPHENE BATH*



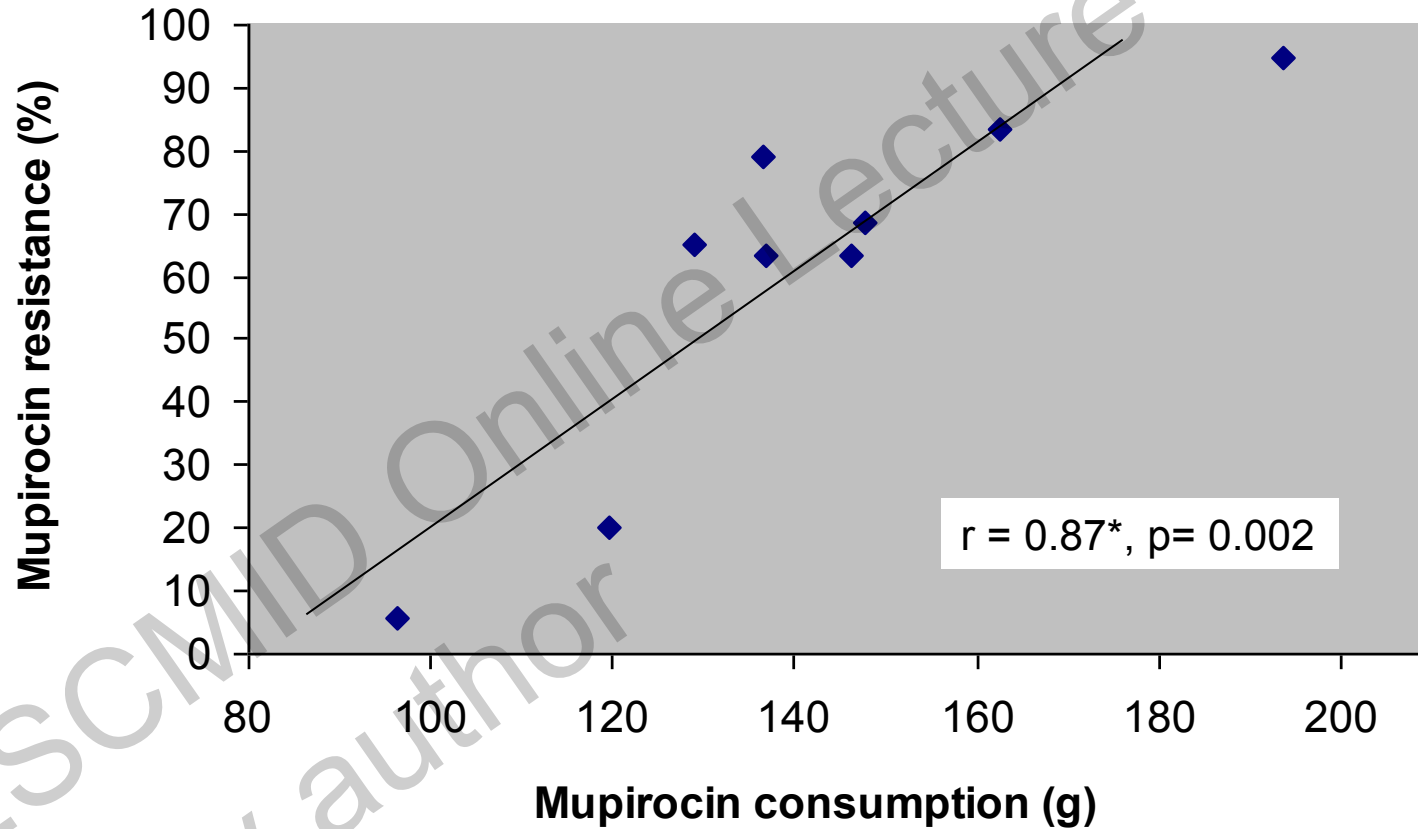
Drawbacks

- Only a limited number of effective agents approved for topical decolonization
- Widespread use of mupirocin and chlorhexidine promotes the emergence of resistance against these agents

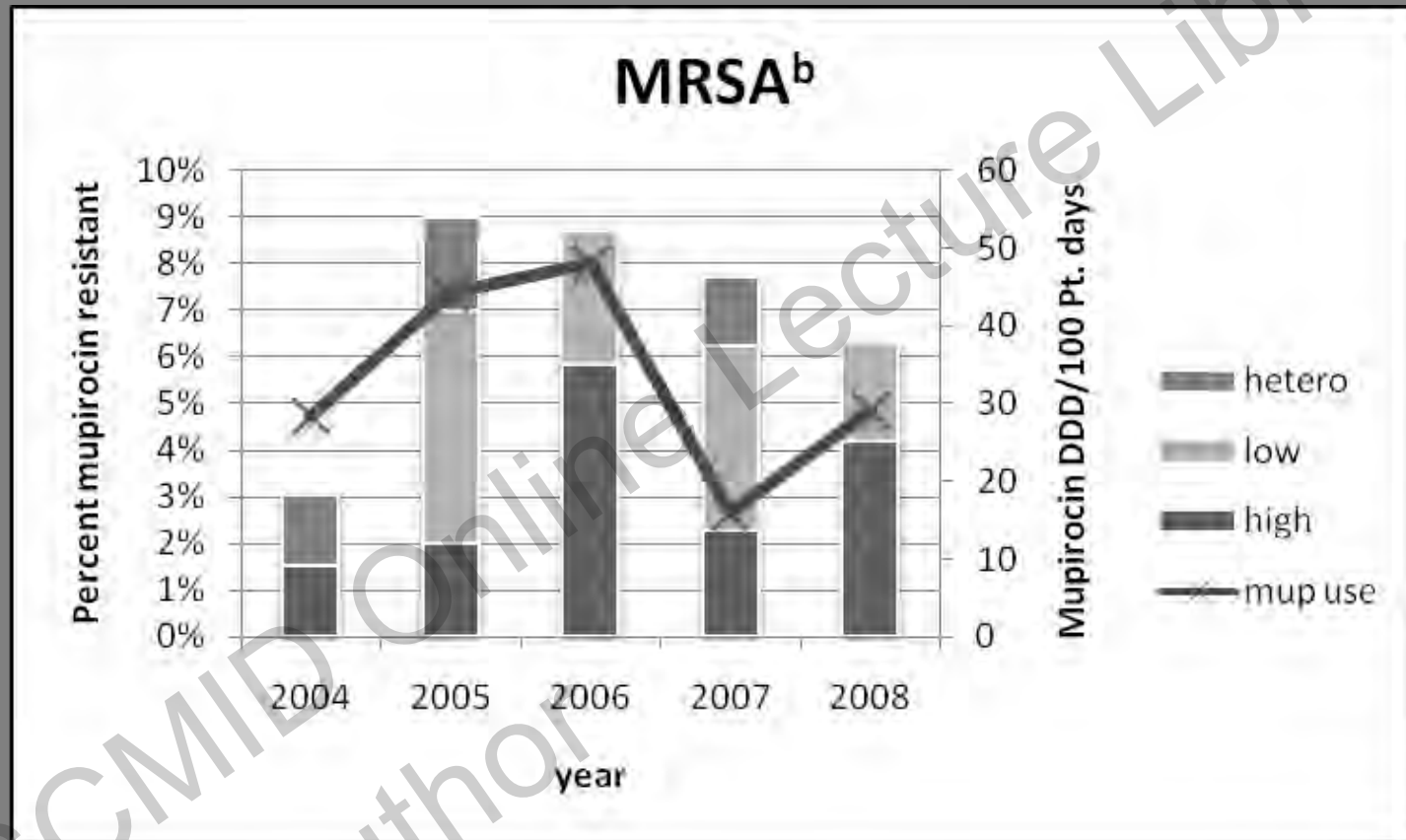
Efficacy and Limitation of a Chlorhexidine-Based Decolonization Strategy in Preventing Transmission of MRSA in an ICU

- Retrospective interrupted time-series study
- Reduced acquisition of endemic MRSA strain (IRR 0.3; 95% CI 0.19-0.47)
- 4-fold increased acquisition of epidemic MRSA strain
 - chlorhexidine MBCs increased 3-fold
 - Plasmid-borne gene: qacA/B

Relationship between mupirocin consumption and mupirocin resistance



Mupirocin Resistance at the Providence VAMC



Increasing mupirocin use rate is not associated with significant increases in mupirocin resistance among or MRSA^b over a 5-year period.

Study Question

Are low-level mupirocin and chlorhexidine resistance associated with decolonisation failure ?

Lee & Harbarth. *Clinical Infectious Diseases* 2011;52(12):1422–1430

Methods

Study design

- Retrospective case-control study

Setting

- The University of Geneva Hospitals
- Targeted MRSA screening & decolonization of carriers

Definitions

CASES:

Patients who failed decolonization

- Persistent carriage or relapse
- ≥ 1 positive MRSA culture
1-12 months after decolonization

CONTROLS:

Patients successfully decolonized

Results - Resistance to Mupirocin and Chlorhexidine

Exposure	Cases n (%)	Controls n (%)	Univariate analysis	
			OR (95% CI)	p value
Resistance combinations				
Fully sensitive	6 (8)	24 (32)	0.1 (0.007-0.37)	<0.0001
Mupirocin R only	1 (1)	0 (0)	...	0.32
Chlorhexidine R only	21 (28)	25 (33)	0.7 (0.3-1.6)	0.44
Resistant to both	47 (63)	26 (35)	3.2 (1.6-6.5)	0.001

Independent risk factors associated with persistent MRSA colonization

Risk factor	Multivariate analysis	
	OR (95% CI)	p value
Mupirocin/chlorhexidine resistance	3.4 (1.5-7.8)	0.004
Age (per 1 year increment)	1.04 (1.02-1.1)	0.001
Prior hospitalisation (2 years)	2.4 (1.1-5.7)	0.04
Wound/pressure sore	5.7 (1.8-17.6)	0.003
MRSA-inactive antibiotics	3.1 (1.3-7.2)	0.01
Central venous catheter	5.7 (1.4-23.9)	0.02

RCT of CHG for washing, intranasal mupirocin, and rifampin and doxycycline vs. no treatment for the eradication of MRSA colonization

- 111 patients randomized to treatment vs. 35 to no treatment
- Excellent compliance (92%: >5 d therapy)
- 74% vs. 32% eradication at 3 months

Variables associated with MRSA recolonization (< 3 m)

Variable	Relative risk (95% CI)	<i>P</i>
Katz index of activities of daily living score ^a	0.45 (0.16–1.31)	.14
Presence of skin lesions	0.71 (0.27–1.87)	.48
Presence of a medical device ^b	1.56 (0.62–3.94)	.35
MRSA recovered from >1 body site	1.39 (0.53–3.70)	.50
Mupirocin-resistant MRSA at baseline	9.37 (2.76–31.87)	.0003
Randomized to received decolonization therapy ^c	0.12 (0.04–0.36)	.0002

Agenda

- Microbiological determinants:
Resistance
- **Clinical challenges**

Important questions...

- Who should be decolonized?
 - Patient profile
- When should patients be decolonized?
- How many times?
- How should they be decolonized?
 - Regimens?
 - Duration?
 - Supervision & compliance?
 - Body sites?

Sites of Community-Acquired *Staphylococcus aureus* Colonization in Patients Presenting with Skin and Soft Tissue Infections

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Single Colonization Sites

Adults
N=104

Nose Only
25
(24%)

Axilla Only
4
(4%)

Groin Only
11
(11%)



Children
N=218

Nose Only
50
(23%)

Axilla Only
2
(1%)

Groin Only*
54
(25%)



*Children were more frequently colonized exclusively in the groin than adults (p=0.003).

Multiple Colonization Sites

Adults
N=104

Nose &
Axilla
13
(12%)

Axilla &
Groin
4
(4%)

Nose, Axilla, & Groin
20 (19%)



Nose &
Groin
27
(26%)

Nose &
Groin
45
(20%)

Nose, Axilla, & Groin
43 (20%)

Children
N=218

Nose &
Axilla
13
(6%)

Axilla &
Groin
11
(5%)



Highly Effective Regimen for Decolonization of Methicillin-Resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* Carriers

M. Buehlmann, MD; R. Frei, MD; L. Fenner, MD; M. Dangel, MPH; U. Fluckiger, MD; A. F. Widmer, MD, MS

- Basel Univ. Hospital, period 2002-2007
- 62 patients, 2.1 ± 1.8 decolonization cycles
- 65% ultimately required systemic AB
- Decolonization successful:
 - 54 (87%) in the intent-to-treat analysis
 - 51 (98%) in the on-treatment analysis

MRSA decolonization: success rate, risk factors for failure and optimal duration of follow-up

P. Kohler · A. Bregenzer-Witteck · G. Rettenmund ·
S. Otterbech · M. Schlegel

St. Gallen Hospital, period 2007-2009

51 patients, median follow-up: 13 months

65% decolonized without routine AB use

Decolonization unsuccessful:

- Isolation of MRSA spa-type 002 (OR 5.8)
- Colonization of the respiratory tract (OR 9.1)

A Holistic Approach to MRSA Eradication in Critically Ill Patients with MRSA Pneumonia

C. Wenisch, H. Laferl, M. Szell, K.H. Smolle, A. Grisold, G. Bertha, R. Krause

	Dosage	Duration (days)
<i>A. Measures</i>		
Body washing (incl. hair, groins, etc.): Chlorhexidine Gluconate 4% w/v	Twice daily	7

CONCLUSION:

We conclude that in patients with MRSA pneumonia an approach using a 7-day course of intravenous linezolid plus rifampicin, intratracheal vancomycin, nasal mupirocin, cutaneous and oropharyngeal chlorhexidin plus povidone-iodine cures pneumonia and is effective for MRSA eradication.

Microbiological swab cultures from nose, ororal, catheter exit site, tracheostoma exit site and culture of tracheal secretions	After end of eradication measures	4 (2, 3, 4, and 7 days after end of treatment)
Hibiscrub® (Tubifoam Limited, Knutsford, Cheshire, UK); Bactropan® (Glaxo-Smith-Kline, Vienna, Austria); Chlorhexamed® (Glaxo-Smith-Kline, Innsbruck, Austria); Zyvoxid® (Pfizer, Puurs, Belgium); Rifoldin® (Aventis, Vienna, Austria); Sterillium® (Bode Chemie, Germany)		

Eradication of carriage with methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus*: effectiveness of a national guideline

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Eradication of carriage with methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus*: determinants of treatment failure

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MRSA eradication study

Patient flow diagram

690 MRSA carriers starting treatment

77 (11%) Excluded
57 (74%) MRSA negative before R/
20 (26%) Lost to FU before 3 control sets

613 (89%) MRSA carriers analyzed

MRSA eradication study

Patient flow diagram

613 MRSA carriers

3 months after the last treatment

26% not successfully decolonized / re-colonized

74% successfully decolonized

NA = 114

114 (24%) lost to FU

368 (97%) Decolonized \leq 3 mnt
11 (3%) Re-colonized

MRSA eradication study

Multivariate analysis: treatment failure

All carriers starting R1	
	n = 613
	OR (95% CI)
Chronic pulmonary disease	5.00 (1.71 to 14.60)
ADL (daily life activities) dependency	2.70 (1.38 to 5.31)
Devices	1.96 (1.05 to 3.66)
Throat carriage	3.65 (2.33 to 5.72)
Perineal carriage	2.00 (1.30 to 3.09)
First decolonization treatment	.
- Nasal ointment & body wash	.
- Doxycycline & rifampicin & NO & BW	0.14 (0.06 to 0.33)
- Co-trimoxazole & rifampicin & NO & BW	0.20 (0.09 to 0.46)
R1 according to the guideline	0.54 (0.36 to 0.82)

Efficacy of a standard meticillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* decolonisation protocol in routine clinical practice

D.F. Gilpin^{a,*}, S. Small^b, S. Bakkshi^a, M.P. Kearney^b, C. Cardwell^c, M.M. Tunney^a

- Belfast, Northern Ireland, period 2005-08
- 137 patients, multiple decolonization cycles, often with systemic AB
- Decolonization successful:
 - 79 (58%) were successfully decolonised.
 - Only 44/137 (32%) patients were MRSA negative 12 months later

Repeat site specific screen one week post decolonisation

POSITIVE

NEGATIVE

MRSA isolated from throat

MRSA not isolated from throat

Three negative screens each one week apart

Decolonisation repeated with addition of oral antibiotics (if appropriate)

Decolonisation repeated (no oral antibiotics)

Successfully decolonised: follow-up at 6 and 12 months

Repeat site specific screen one week post decolonisation

POSITIVE

NEGATIVE

Failed decolonisation, chronic carrier

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- Decolonization less successful in patients:
 - Colonised with a mupirocin-resistant isolate (aOR: 0.08; 95% CI: 0.02–0.30)
 - With throat colonisation (0.22; 0.07–0.68)
 - Aged >80 years (0.30; 0.10–0.93)

Important reminder

- Success of MRSA decolonization not only depends on the choice of agents used, but also on the **quality and supervision** of the application

MRSA decolonisation planning tool for planning the 12-month-long case management period in hospitals and ambulatory care on the German side of the EUREGIO MRSA-net

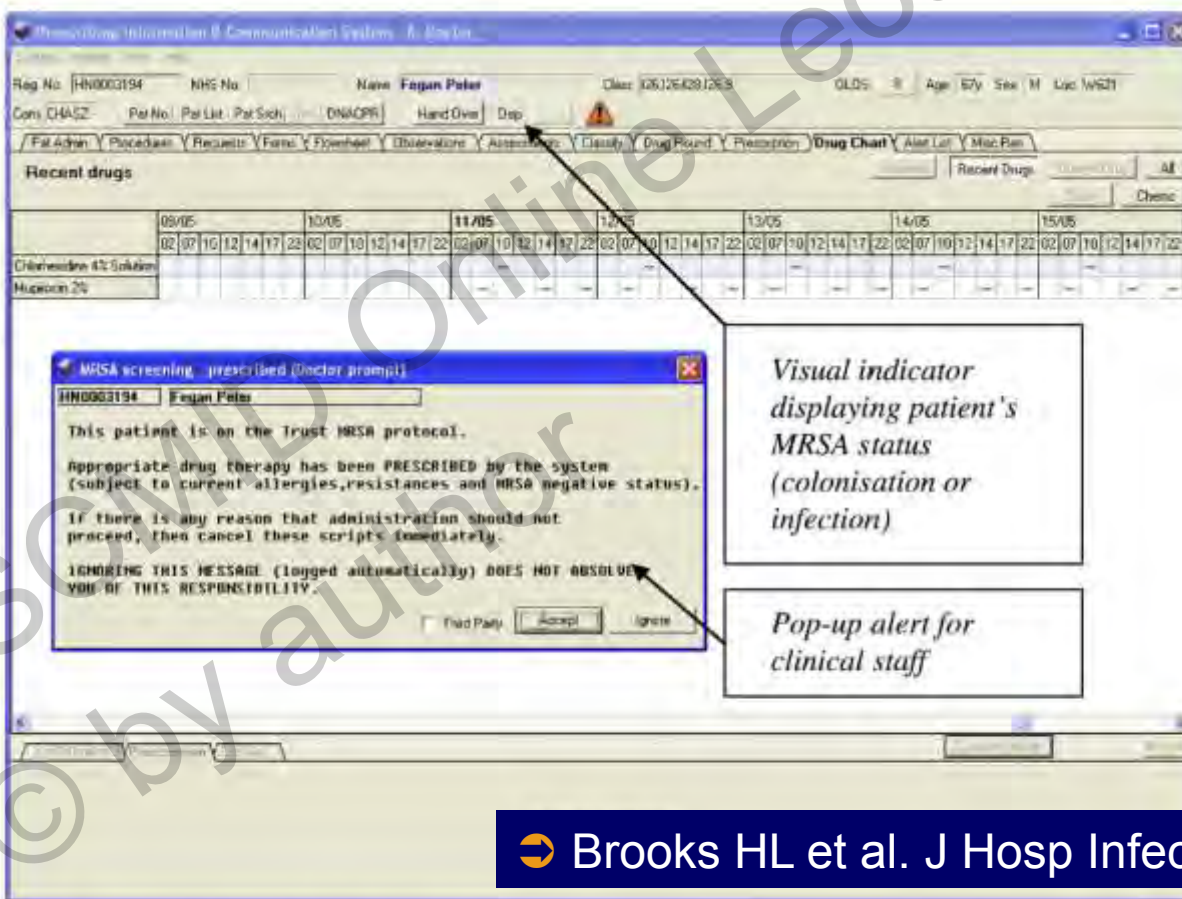


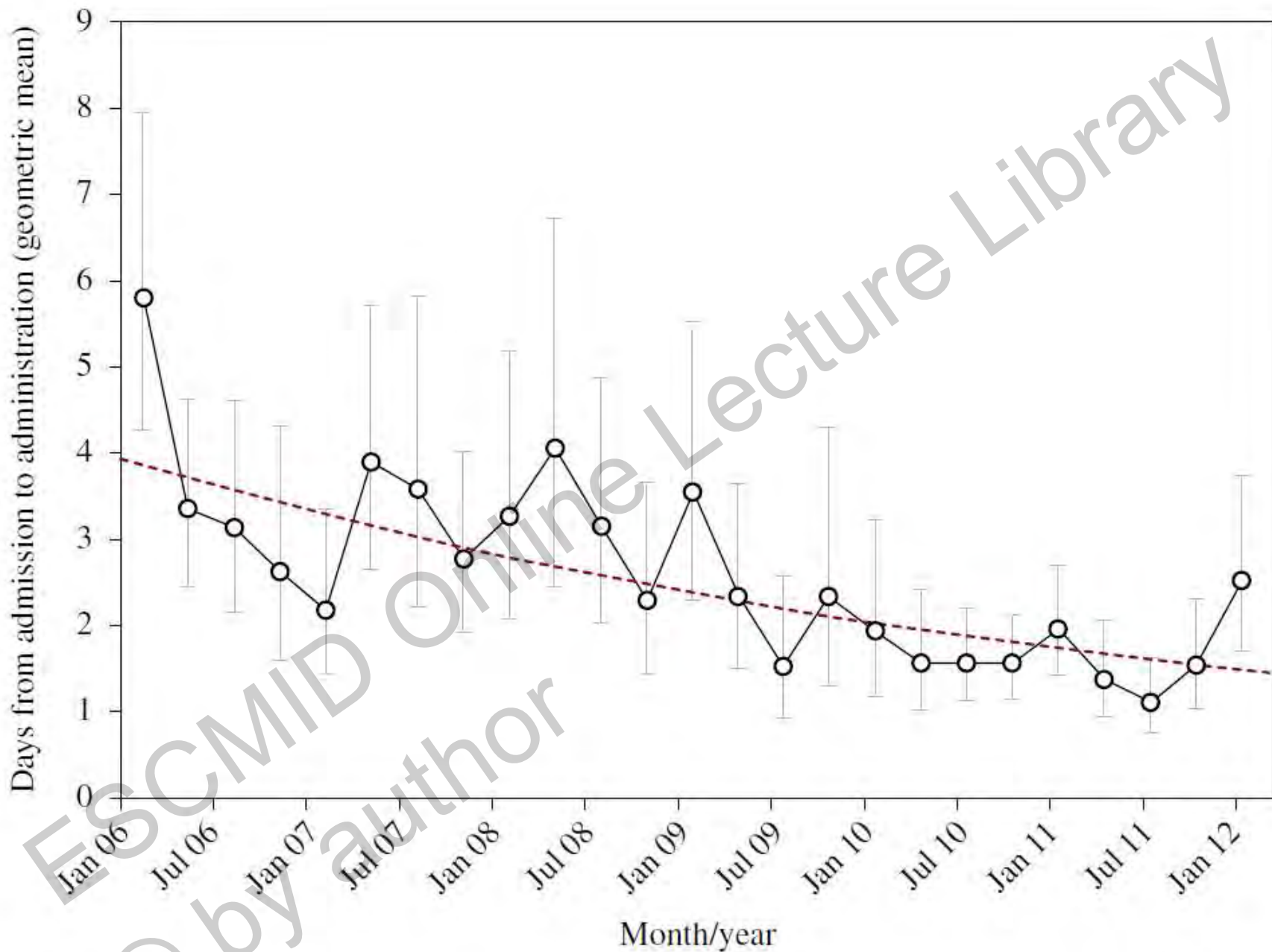
Improving the timeliness of meticillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* antimicrobial decolonization therapy administration: a descriptive account

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Important reminder (II)

- Success of MRSA decolonization not only depends on the choice of agents used, but also on **patient compliance**
- Characteristics of MRSA carriers in the ICU:
 - Wounds
 - Multiple devices
 - Multiple comorbidities





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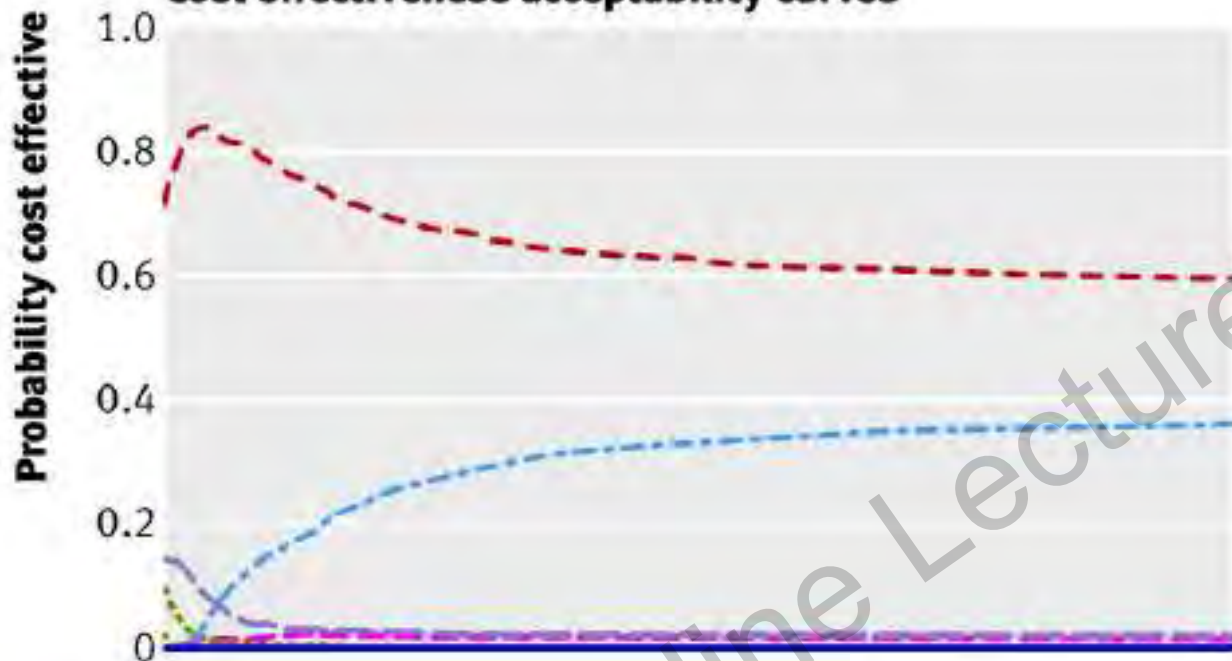
Screening, isolation, and decolonisation strategies in the control of meticillin resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* in intensive care units: cost effectiveness evaluation

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Conclusions MRSA control strategies that use decolonisation are likely to be cost saving in an intensive care unit setting provided resistance is lacking, and combining universal screening using polymerase chain reaction with decolonisation is likely to represent good value for money if untargeted decolonisation is considered unacceptable. In intensive

Cost effectiveness acceptability curves



- Do nothing (decolonisation with chlorhexidine of clinical cases only)
- - - Universal pre-emptive decolonisation (with chlorhexidine)

Universal screening+decolonisation of MRSA positive patients (with mupirocin)

- Chromogenic agar+decolonisation
- - - Polymerase chain reaction+decolonisation

Screening of high risk patients+decolonisation of MRSA positive patients (with mupirocin)

- ... Chromogenic agar+decolonisation
- - - Polymerase chain reaction+decolonisation

Conclusions (1)

1. MRSA decolonisation may be beneficial, but it is challenging and requires skills & resources
2. Resistance correlates with use of decolonising agents
3. Mupirocin and chlorhexidine resistance in MRSA is increasingly common
 - strongly associated with failure of decolonization therapy

Conclusions (2)

4. Emergence of resistance and its impact should be monitored in institutions with widespread use of these agents
5. Alternative agents may be required to effectively control MRSA in settings with high prevalence of resistance



**See you in Geneva at
ICPIC, in June 2015!**