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# PHO Rounds: Describing the Burden of Antimicrobial Resistance in Ontario

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# Overview

We will describe 4 Ontario-wide AMR projects:

- Antibiotic susceptibility of urine culture specimens
- Prevalence and mortality of bloodstream pathogens
- Association of AMR and mortality in E.coli bacteremia
- Clinical Antibiotic Resistance Index

Along the way we will:

- Demonstrate the value of population-based AMR research and surveillance
- Describe some of the key data sources and methods that make this work possible
- Highlight some of the challenges of this approach

# Core strategies to address AMR



Surveillance



Infection  
Prevention  
and Control



Stewardship



Research  
and  
Innovation



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## COMBAT-AMR

- Comprehensive Ontario Microbiology Laboratory Administrative data for Antimicrobial Resistance
- Purpose
  - Identify incidence and prevalence of AMR
  - Measure the attributable mortality of each form of AMR
  - Combine into Clinical Antimicrobial Resistance Index
- Work funded by CIHR, PHO, and NML



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## Background and rationale 1 of 2

- Over 30% of antibiotic prescribing is for presumptive urinary tract infection
- Treatment is often empiric, and isn't necessarily based on local resistance rates
- US (IDSA) and European (ESCMID) guidelines for uncomplicated UTI emphasize the importance of accounting for local resistance



## Background and rationale 2 of 2

- *E. coli* is the dominant uropathogen
- Resistance to *E. coli* guides empiric treatment of urinary tract infection
- Weighted Incidence Syndromic Combination Antibigram
  - Idea is examine examine “marginal” resistance across all urinary pathogens (instead of just *E. coli*).

## Objective

- Measure the prevalence of antimicrobial resistance in urinary isolate in Ontario
- Compare outpatient, inpatient, and long-term care
- Compare the *E. coli* antibiogram vs WISCA

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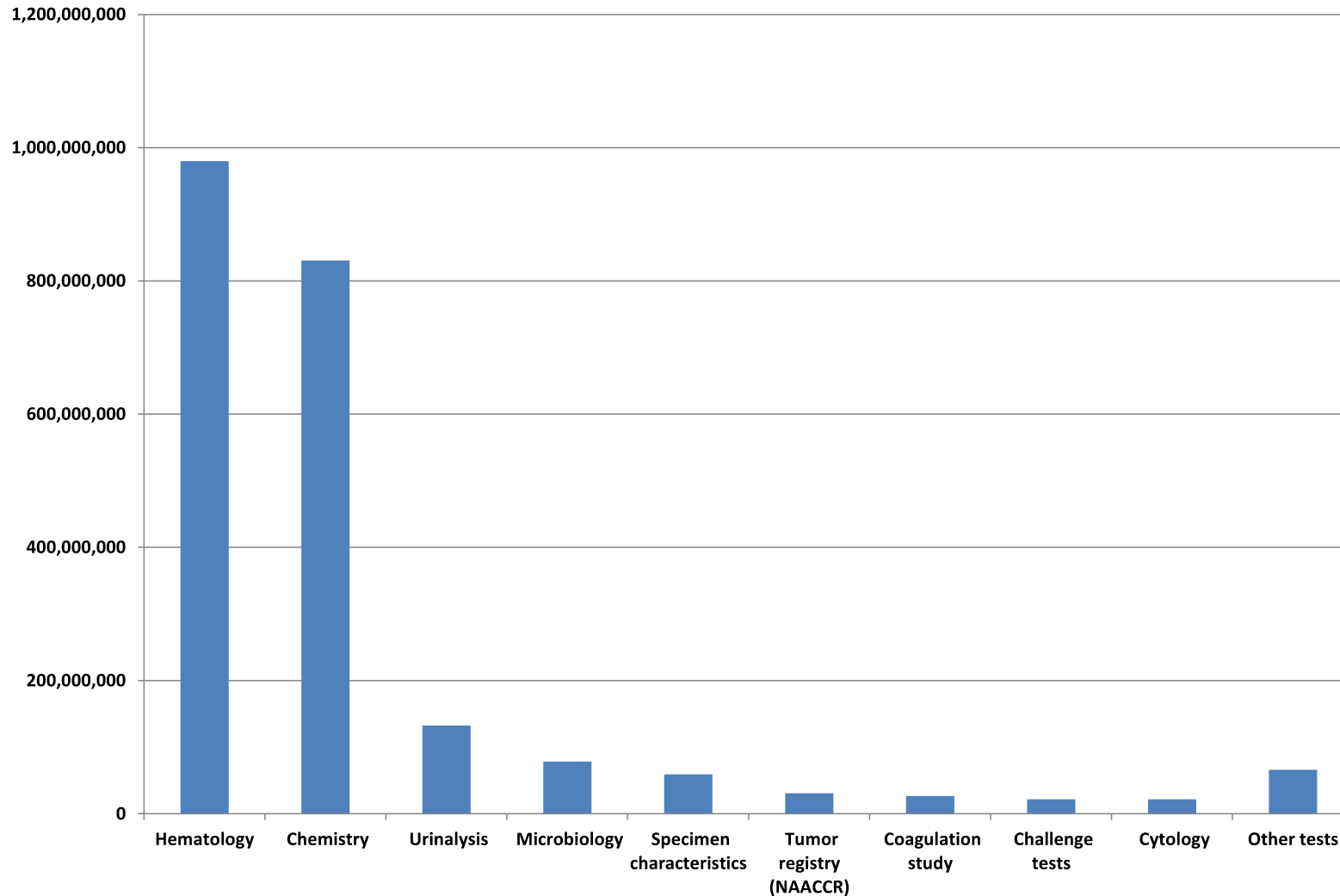
# Methods

- Data sources (ICES)
  - OLIS – Ontario Laboratory Information System -- cleaned culture and susceptibility data
  - Registered Persons Database (RPDB), Discharge Abstract Database (DAD)
- Covariates
  - Age, sex, setting, health region [LHIN]

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# OLIS Data is Massive

OLIS Test Results Categories (2007-2015)



# OLIS Data Structure

- OLIS data consists of 3 linked data tables
  - Observations (observation codes, coded via LOINC)
    - Includes the free text result
    - Specimen source
    - Timing of result
  - Test requests (test request codes)
  - Orders
- LOINC
  - Logical Observation Identifiers Names and Codes
  - Identifying culture and susceptibility data in OLIS
    - Culture LOINC list
    - Susceptibility LOINC list

# OLIS Culture and Susceptibility LOINC Lists

LOINC	loincfullyspecifiedname	frequency	priority	testype
634-6	BACTERIA IDENTIFIED:PRID:PT:XXX:NOM:AEROBIC CULTURE	9216722	1	C
6463-4	BACTERIA IDENTIFIED:PRID:PT:XXX:NOM:CULTURE	7087153	1	C
43409-2	BACTERIA IDENTIFIED:PRID:PT:ISOLATE:NOM:CULTURE	2167222	1	C
626-2	BACTERIA IDENTIFIED:PRID:PT:THRT:NOM:CULTURE	1246629	1	C
630-4	BACTERIA IDENTIFIED:PRID:PT:URINE:NOM:CULTURE	940225	1	C
600-7	BACTERIA IDENTIFIED:PRID:PT:BLD:NOM:CULTURE	673178	1	C
625-4	BACTERIA IDENTIFIED:PRID:PT:STOOL:NOM:CULTURE	294157	1	C
17928-3	Bacteria identified:Prid:Pt:BlD:Nom:Aerobic culture	284073	1	C
18998-5	TRIMETHOPRIM+SULFAMETHOXAZOLE:SUSC:PT:ISOLATE:ORDQN	2552324	1	S
18955-5	NITROFURANTOIN:SUSC:PT:ISOLATE:ORDQN	2409756	1	S
18928-2	GENTAMICIN:SUSC:PT:ISOLATE:ORDQN	2391134	1	S
18906-8	CIPROFLOXACIN:SUSC:PT:ISOLATE:ORDQN	2324269	1	S
18864-9	AMPICILLIN:SUSC:PT:ISOLATE:ORDQN	2211872	1	S
18900-1	CEPHALOTHIN:SUSC:PT:ISOLATE:ORDQN	1572324	1	S
18878-9	CEFAZOLIN:SUSC:PT:ISOLATE:ORDQN	1173398	1	S

# OLIS Data Complexity

- Culture Results
  - 4,552,482 test result records in 2014
  - 63,312 unique values
  - 1 every 70 records are unique
- Susceptibility Results
  - 3,823,864 test result records in 2014
  - 2,217 unique values
  - 1 out of 1700 records are unique

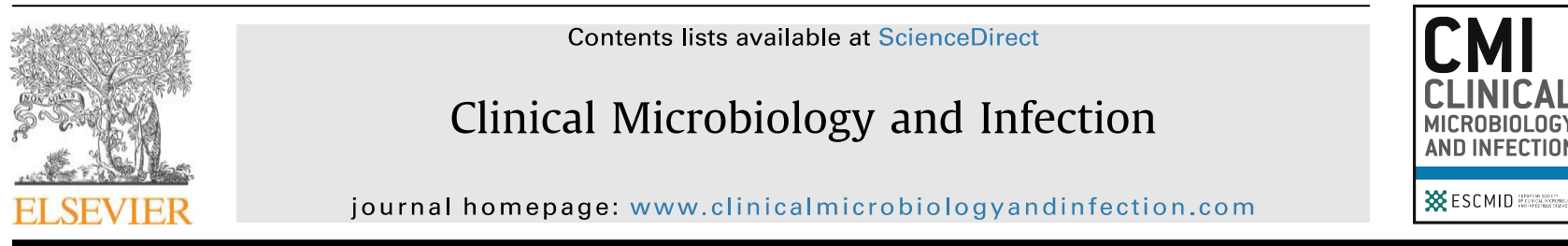
# OLIS Coding

- Culture Tests
    - Over 70 unique organisms
    - Multiple organisms
    - Not classified
  - Susceptibility Tests
    - Susceptible
    - Intermediate
    - Resistant
    - Other (MIC values, etc)
    - Not classified
- Coding conducted with regular expressions. Searched and encoded organism names and susceptibility test results.
  - Verification against all unique values to ensure we weren't misclassifying values
  - Mechanisms to reduce uniqueness (removal of special characters, placeholders for numeric values)



# Methods

- Imputation
  - Some drugs missing due to variable testing practices (Langford et al. 2021)



Original article

## Antibiotic susceptibility reporting and association with antibiotic prescribing: a cohort study

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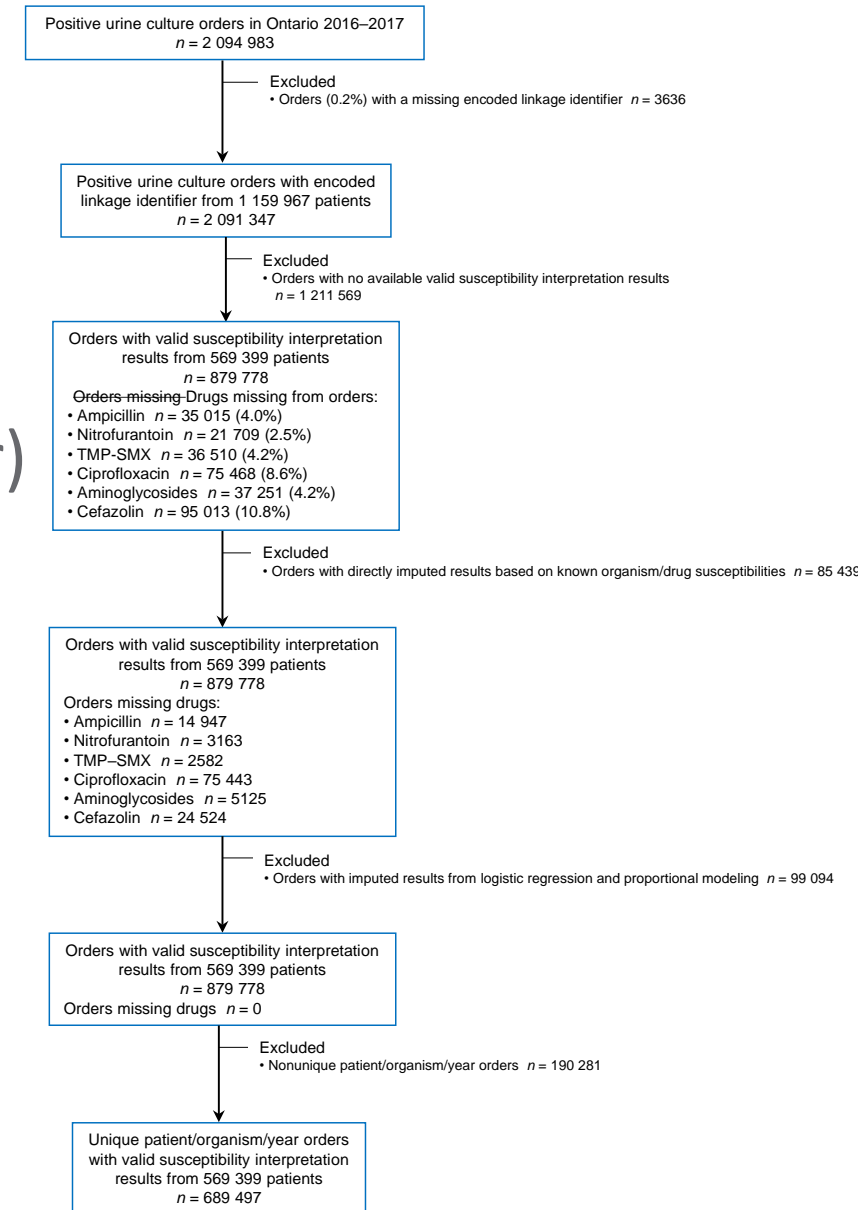
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# Methods

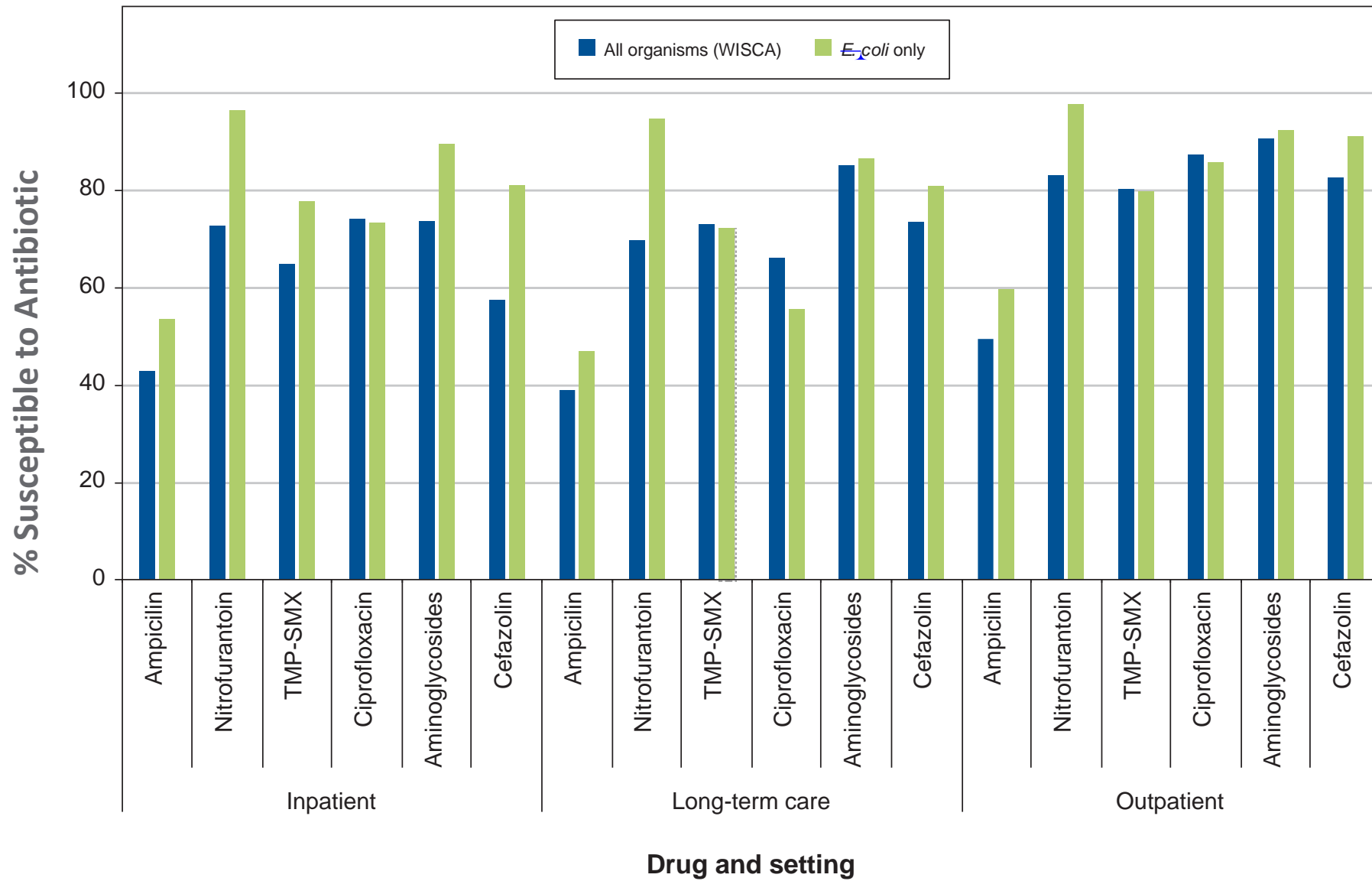
- Solution was to do imputation – 3 models, depending on availability of data
  - 1. Full model (age, sex, setting, health region, organism, all drugs)
  - 2. Patient characteristics only model (age, sex, setting, health region, organism)
  - 3. Intercept only model

# Urine culture susceptibility

- Ontario – 2 year period: 2016-2017
- 2.1 million urine culture orders
- 689,000 unique cultures (patient/organism/year)



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Characteristic	Frequency (%)	Susceptibility to antibiotics, %						Resistant to ≥ 3 drug categories, %
		Ampicillin	Nitrofurantoin	TMP–SMX	Ciprofloxacin	Aminoglycosides*	Cefazolin	
<b>Setting</b>								
All combined	689 497 (100.0)	48.3	81.7	79.0	85.3	89.3	80.6	20.6
Inpatient	40 547 (5.9)	42.8	72.7	64.8	74.1	73.6	57.5	42.1
Long-term care	39 249 (5.7)	39.2	69.7	73.1	66.2	85.1	73.5	32.8
Outpatient	609 701 (88.4)	49.3	83.1	80.3	87.2	90.6	82.6	18.4
<b>Organism</b>								
<i>Escherichia coli</i>	497 646 (72.2)	58.9	97.5	79.4	83.8	92.1	90.3	14.0
<i>Klebsiella pneumoniae</i>	61 333 (8.9)	0	35.4	92.6	96.3	97.2	95.2	9.3
<i>Proteus mirabilis</i>	27 795 (4.0)	84.8	0.0	85.1	91.6	93.6	93.2	14.7
<i>Pseudomonas aeruginosa</i>	11 252 (1.6)	0	0	0	88.4	91.8	0	100.0
<i>Citrobacter koseri</i>	10 562 (1.5)	0	78.5	99.0	99.4	99.5	0.8	22.4
<i>Enterobacter cloacae</i>	10 275 (1.5)	0	39.3	89.6	96.0	97.1	0	64.3
<i>Klebsiella</i> sp. other	9888 (1.4)	0	43.2	94.5	94.7	97.8	94.0	8.9
<i>Enterococcus</i> sp. other	9650 (1.4)	91.6	92.0	0.1	51.9	0.0	0	100.0
<i>Klebsiella oxytoca</i>	8205 (1.2)	0.0	82.5	94.8	96.8	97.7	50.6	14.1
<i>Staphylococcus aureus</i>	8146 (1.2)	2.0	82.6	99.2	50.3	0.0	85.1	58.8
<i>Enterococcus faecalis</i>	6857 (1.0)	99.6	98.9	0.1	73.6	0.1	0	100.0
<i>Enterobacter erogenes</i>	6330 (0.9)	0	15.8	97.7	98.5	99.2	0	84.6
<i>Citrobacter freundii</i>	6293 (0.9)	0	94.6	87.2	94.5	95.2	0	19.5
<i>Morganella</i> sp.	4907 (0.7)	0.1	0.1	81.2	88.1	89.5	0	99.9
<i>Staphylococcus</i> sp. other	2348 (0.3)	24.8	81.4	77.5	48.9	0	63.0	66.3
<i>Serratia</i> sp.	2297 (0.3)	0.1	0.8	97.5	95.3	87.2	0.1	99.3
Other†	1682 (0.2)	17.8	31.6	90.8	91.4	93.9	13.1	60.4
<i>Citrobacter</i> sp. other	1663 (0.2)	0.1	80.6	93.9	95.7	97.3	0.3	26.1
<i>Enterococcus faecium</i>	982 (0.1)	10.3	25.1	0.1	8.5	0.1	0.1	100.0
<i>Acinetobacter</i> sp. other	797 (0.1)	0.3	0.0	91.3	92.9	95.4	0.1	99.8
<i>Proteus vulgaris</i>	589 (0.1)	0.2	0.3	86.8	98.0	98.3	0.2	99.5
<b>Age, yr</b>								
< 18	38 820 (5.6)	53.3	85.4	78.2	72.9	89.9	84.1	22.7
18–64	349 652 (50.7)	51.6	86.3	79.7	89.6	90.6	84.8	16.5
≥ 65	301 025 (43.7)	43.9	75.9	78.2	81.8	87.6	75.3	25.1
<b>Sex</b>								
Male	99 126 (14.4)	39.3	69.0	72.2	77.9	80.2	62.4	37.7
Female	590 355 (85.6)	49.9	83.9	80.1	86.5	90.8	83.7	17.7
<b>Year</b>								
2016	337 560 (49.0)	48.4	81.6	79.1	85.4	89.6	81.2	20.2
2017	351 937 (51.0)	48.3	81.8	78.8	85.2	88.9	80.0	20.9

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## Discussion 1 of 2

- In outpatients -- 80%–85% of positive urine cultures were susceptible to nitrofurantoin, trimethoprim–sulfamethoxazole TMP-SMX, cephalexin and ciprofloxacin
- WISCA method vs *E. coli* approach
  - Similar results in outpatient settings
  - *E. coli* antibiogram underestimates resistance in inpatient settings


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## Discussion 2 of 2

- Harnessing population-level susceptibility data and tailoring antibiograms to the local population to support improved antibiotic decision making
- Embedded and available -- Ontario Urinary Antibiogram
  - <https://www.publichealthontario.ca/en/health-topics/antimicrobial-stewardship/asp-comparison-tool>

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# Prevalence and Mortality of Bloodstream Pathogens in Ontario





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## Prevalence and Mortality Associated with Bloodstream Organisms: a Population-Wide Retrospective Cohort Study

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# Background and Rationale 1 of 2

- Bloodstream infections (BSIs) are common and lethal
  - 600,000 cases/year in North America
  - 90,000 deaths/year in North America
  - ranks among top 7 causes of death
- Surveillance networks have been established to track BSIs, but they have many limitations:
  - rely on voluntary contributions from participating hospitals
    - under-representation of non-academic hospitals
    - under-representation of BSIs outside of hospital sector
  - lab data are usually separate from clinical data
    - lack information on patient characteristics and outcomes

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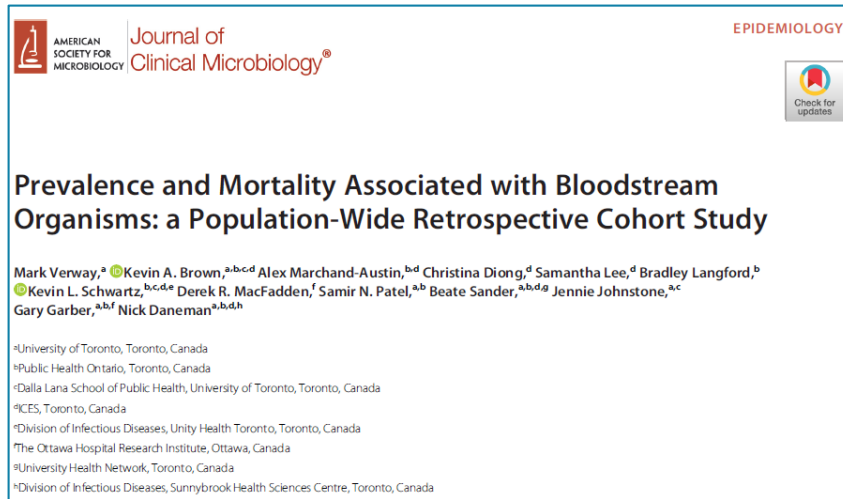
## Background and Rationale 2 of 2

- In Ontario we now have:
  - cleaned OLIS data for population-wide microbiology data
    - acute care hospitals, long term care, community/outpatient setting
  - linked (within ICES) to health care datasets at the patient level
    - patient characteristics
    - outcomes

# Objectives

1. quantify the prevalence of BSIs across all health sectors
2. examine the relative prevalence of BSI organisms across these sectors
3. examine the odds of mortality associated with each organism

# Methods



- Data sources
  - Ontario Lab Information System (OLIS)
  - hospital data (CIHI-DAD)
  - emergency department data (NACRS)
  - vital statistics (RPDB)

- Ontario, Canada
- calendar year 2017

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# Methods

- Definition of blood culture episode
  - positive and negative blood cultures were clustered into episodes if collected within 7d of an initial sample
  - for common contaminant species we required two positive sets for inclusion
    - coagulase negative staphylococci
    - *Bacillus spp*
    - *Micrococcus spp*
    - *Corynebacterium spp*
    - *Paenibacillus spp*
    - *Lactobacillus spp*
    - *Propionobacterium spp*

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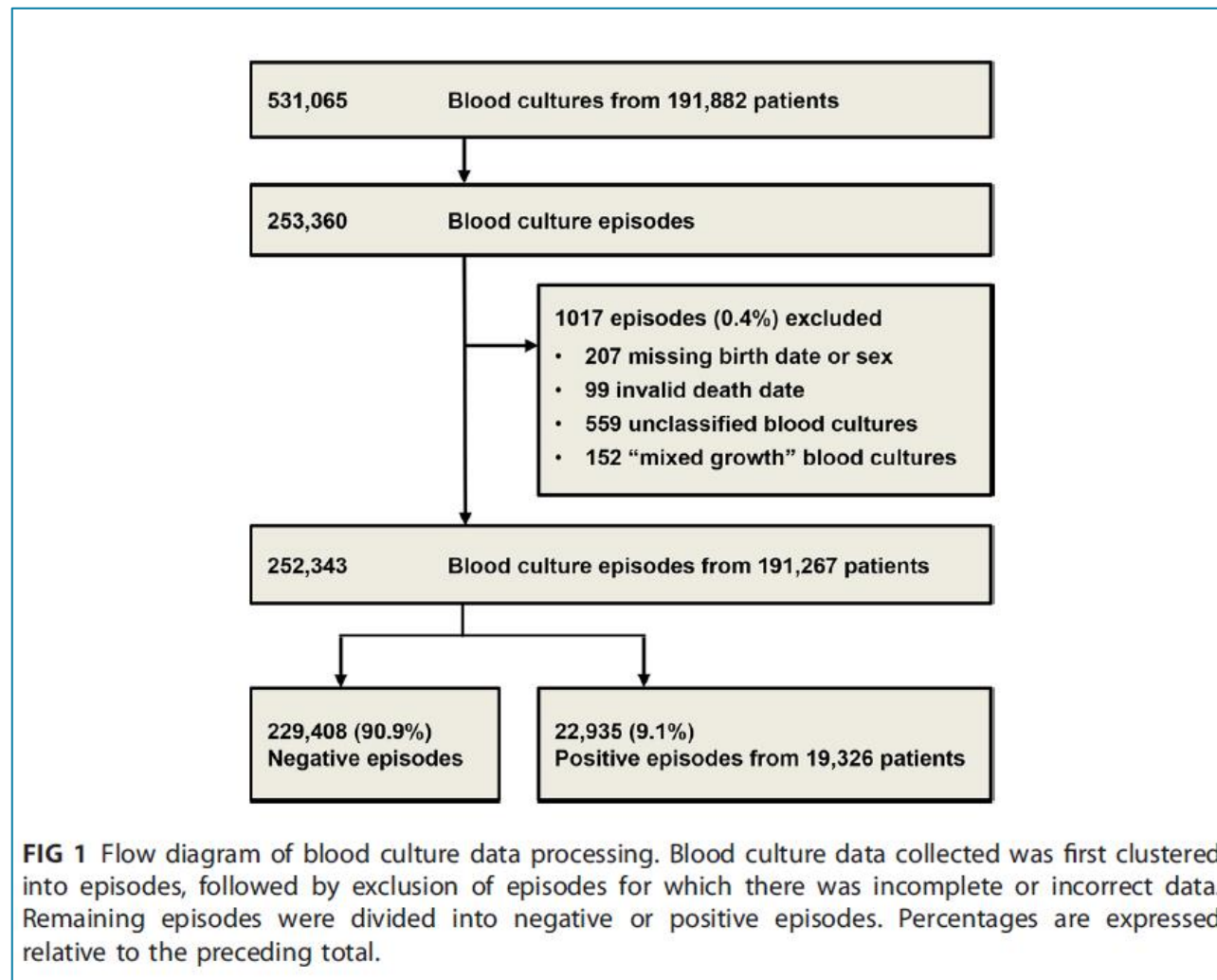
# Methods

- Aggregated most organisms by genus for ease of display
  - exceptions – some common *Staphylococci* and *Streptococci* reported at species level
- Rates per 100,000 population calculated using Ontario denominator 13,278,784 from RPDB in 2017
- Two comparisons to determine adjusted odds of mortality:
  - compared to patients with negative blood cultures
    - logistic regression (age, sex, location, hospitalized days in last 90d)
    - generalized estimating equations to account for multiple episodes/pt
  - compared to Ontarians without bloodstream infection
    - hard-matching to up to 10 other Ontarians by age (+-2yrs), sex, healthcare location, Deyo-Charlson comorbidity score, days hospitalized in last 90d
    - generalized estimating equations to account for matching

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# Results:

## Number of blood culture episodes and bloodstream infections



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# Results:

## Characteristics of Ontario patients with bloodstream infection

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**TABLE 1** Characteristics of patients undergoing blood culture collection and experiencing bloodstream infection episodes

Demographic characteristic	Total culture episodes (n = 252,343)		Positive BSI episodes (n = 22,935)	
	No.	%	No.	%
<b>Age</b>				
0–3 mo	5,810	2.3	188	0.8
3 mo–1 yr	1,934	0.8	65	0.3
1–5 yr	7,648	3.0	176	0.8
6–10 yr	2,998	1.2	76	0.3
11–19 yr	5,531	2.2	194	0.8
20–29 yr	13,493	5.3	790	3.4
30–39 yr	16,997	6.7	1,217	5.3
40–49 yr	19,645	7.8	1,598	7.0
50–59 yr	32,422	12.8	3,088	13.5
60–69 yr	42,187	16.7	4,417	19.3
70–79 yr	45,525	18.0	4,914	21.4
80+ yr	58,153	23.0	6,212	27.1
<b>Sex</b>				
Female	122,520	48.6	10,320	45.0
Male	129,823	51.4	12,615	55.0
<b>Days in hospital<sup>a</sup></b>				
0	181,857	72.1	15,272	66.6
1–4	19,953	7.9	1,805	7.9
5–9	18,688	7.4	1,988	8.7
10–90	31,845	12.6	3,870	16.9
<b>Location</b>				
Community	85,982	34.1	3,921	17.1
Acute care hospital	117,574	46.6	12,205	53.2
Intensive care unit	45,502	18.0	6,561	28.6
Long-term care	3,285	1.3	248	1.1

<sup>a</sup>Number of days admitted to hospital in the 90 days prior to blood culture collection date.



# Results: Incidence of top pathogens

Overall rate:

150 episodes/  
100,000p/yr

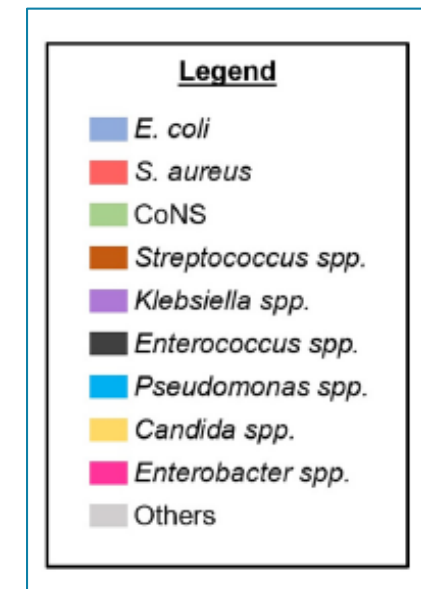
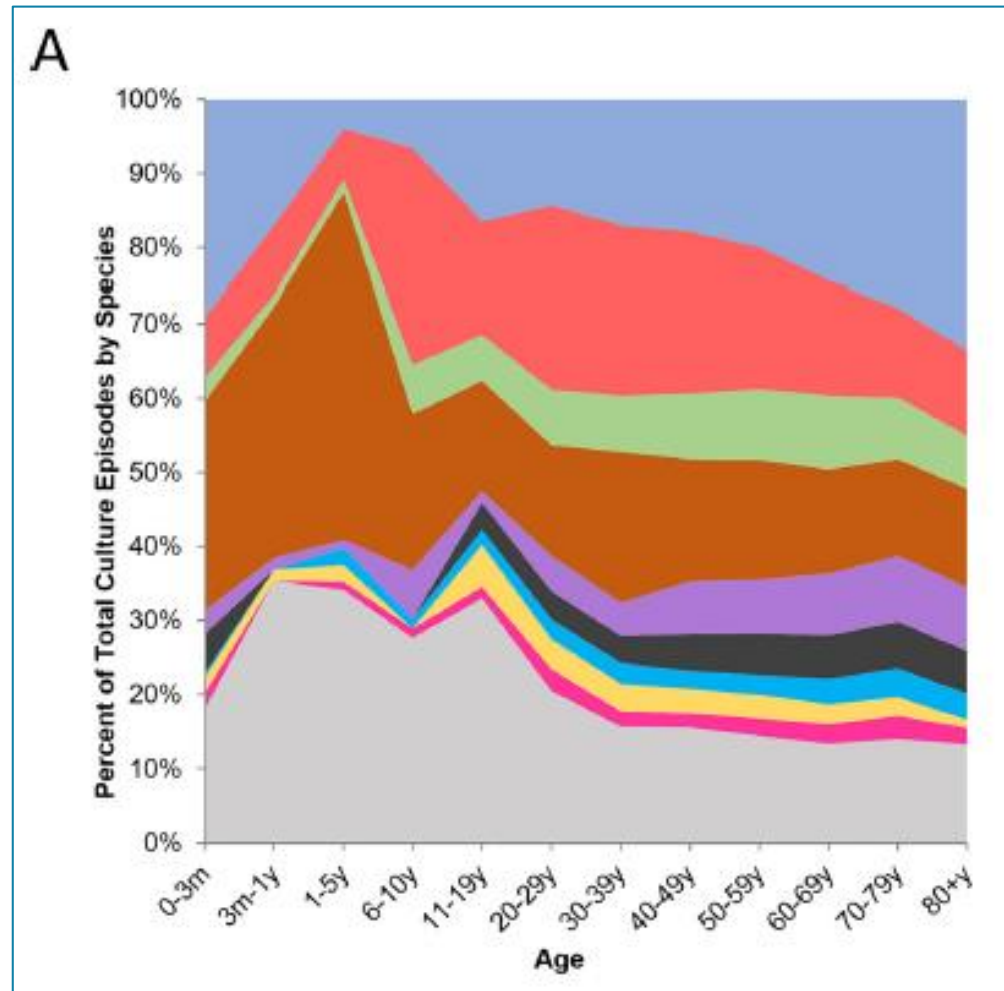
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**TABLE 2** Positive BSI episodes by organism isolated

Organism	Positive BSI episodes (n = 22,935)		Patients (n = 19,326)		Annual rate/100,000 population
	No.	%	No.	%	
<i>Escherichia coli</i>	5,864	26.9	5,450	28.2	40.24
Staphylococci	5,455	25.1			
<i>Staphylococcus aureus</i>	3,455	15.9	3,035	15.7	22.41
<i>Staphylococcus lugdunensis</i>	74	0.3	68	0.4	0.50
<i>Staphylococcus saprophyticus</i>	15	0.1	15	0.1	0.11
Other CoNS	1,911	8.8	1,632	8.4	12.05
Streptococci	3,412	15.7			
<i>Streptococcus pneumoniae</i>	691	3.2	672	3.5	4.96
<i>Streptococcus agalactiae</i>	508	2.3	487	2.5	3.60
Viridans group <i>Streptococcus</i>	469	2.2	431	2.2	3.18
<i>Streptococcus pyogenes</i>	438	2.0	415	2.2	3.06
Group G/C <i>Streptococcus</i>	329	1.5	312	1.6	2.30
<i>Streptococcus mitis</i>	133	0.6	123	0.6	0.91
Other streptococci	844	3.9	785	4.1	5.80
<i>Klebsiella</i> species	1,794	8.2	1,505	7.8	11.11
<i>Enterococcus</i> species	1,267	5.8	963	5.0	7.11
<i>Pseudomonas</i> species	749	3.4	602	3.1	4.45
<i>Enterobacter</i> species	568	2.6	461	2.4	3.40
<i>Candida</i> species	561	2.6	357	1.9	2.64
<i>Proteus</i> species	394	1.8	369	1.9	2.72
<i>Bacteroides fragilis</i>	292	1.3	268	1.4	1.98
<i>Serratia</i> species	226	1.0	175	0.9	1.29
<i>Haemophilus influenzae</i>	195	0.9	190	1.0	1.40
<i>Bacillus</i> species	171	0.8	136	0.7	1.00
<i>Clostridium</i> species	168	0.8	154	0.8	1.14
<i>Citrobacter</i> species	148	0.7	127	0.7	0.94
<i>Acinetobacter</i> species	128	0.6	106	0.6	0.78
<i>Salmonella</i> non-Typhi/Paratyphi	128	0.6	126	0.7	0.93
<i>Actinomyces</i> species	96	0.4	91	0.5	0.67
<i>Stenotrophomonas maltophilia</i>	84	0.4	55	0.3	0.41
<i>Aerococcus</i> species	80	0.4	77	0.4	0.57
<i>Fusobacterium</i> species	78	0.4	73	0.4	0.54
<i>Corynebacterium</i> species	69	0.3	59	0.3	0.44
<i>Salmonella</i> Typhi/Paratyphi	69	0.3	67	0.4	0.49
<i>Morganella</i> species	68	0.3	65	0.3	0.48
<i>Bacteroides</i> species	66	0.3	60	0.3	0.44
Others	813	3.7	737	3.8	5.44

# Results:

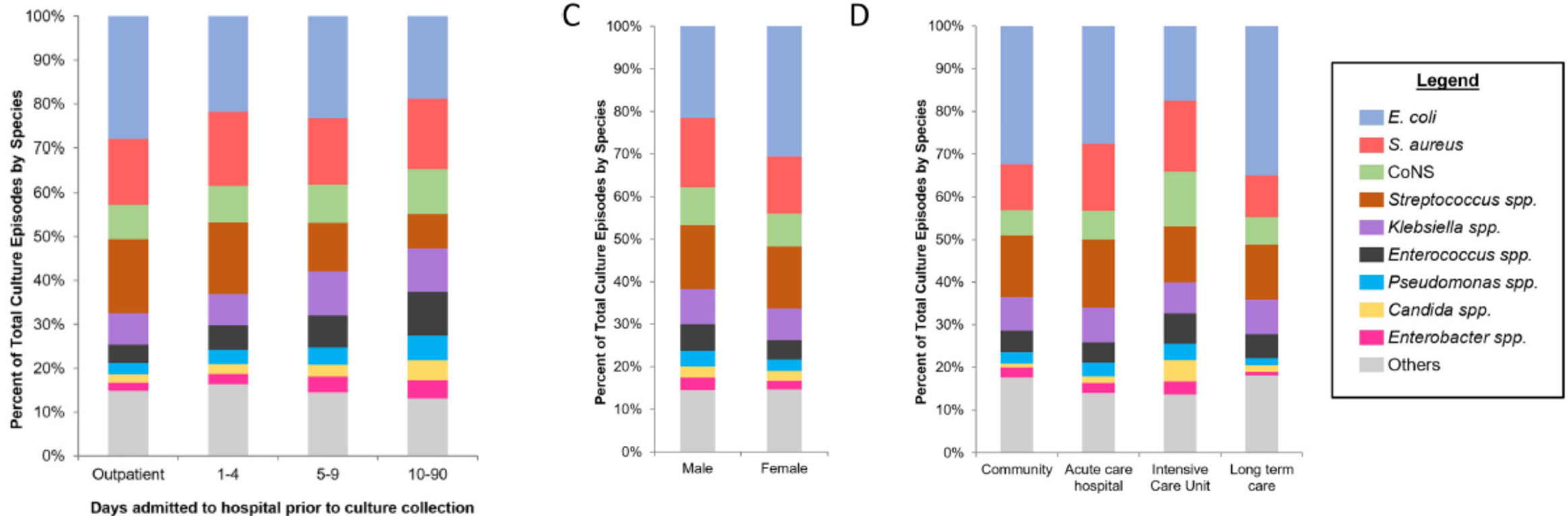
## Top pathogens by age groups



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# Results:

## Top pathogens by hospital exposure, sex, location of collection



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# Results:

## Crude short-term and long-term mortality rates

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Supplementary Table 1: Percent Mortality in One Year Following BSI Episodes.

Microorganism	Percent Mortality Following Positive Culture Episodes (%)*				
	7 days	30 days	60 days	90 days	365 days
Staphylococci					
<i>Staphylococcus aureus</i>	13.3	22.8	28.1	30.6	39.7
<i>Staphylococcus lugdunensis</i>	9.5	17.6	20.3	23.0	33.8
Other CoNS	8.7	19.6	25.6	28.6	42.2
<i>Escherichia coli</i>	6.9	12.3	15.7	18.2	27.3
Streptococci					
<i>Streptococcus pneumoniae</i>	9.4	15.3	17.8	19.2	26.2
viridans group streptococcus	7.7	14.1	18.3	20.9	33.5
<i>Streptococcus agalactiae</i>	8.5	14.0	16.9	19.1	28.0
Group G/C Streptococcus	9.7	14.6	16.7	19.5	31.6
<i>Streptococcus pyogenes</i>	11.9	15.5	16.9	18.0	22.8
<i>Streptococcus mitis</i>	7.5	12.8	18.8	21.1	33.1
Other Streptococci species	10.2	16.5	20.7	22.5	32.8
<i>Klebsiella</i> species	9.5	17.6	23.5	26.7	39.6
<i>Enterococcus</i> species	10.7	23.6	31.7	35.8	50.3
<i>Pseudomonas</i> species	14.4	25.0	31.2	33.9	49.7
<i>Enterobacter</i> species	9.2	19.2	23.4	28.0	42.6
<i>Candida</i> species	17.8	31.9	37.6	40.3	57.4
<i>Proteus</i> species	11.4	20.3	25.6	30.2	45.7
<i>Bacteroides fragilis</i>	16.4	25.3	29.5	32.5	42.5
<i>Serratia</i> species	10.2	20.4	25.7	29.2	38.9
<i>Haemophilus influenzae</i>	14.4	19.5	21.5	23.1	29.2
<i>Bacillus</i> species	5.8	13.5	17.0	18.7	26.3

**TABLE 3** 30-day mortality and adjusted mortality odds ratios by microorganism

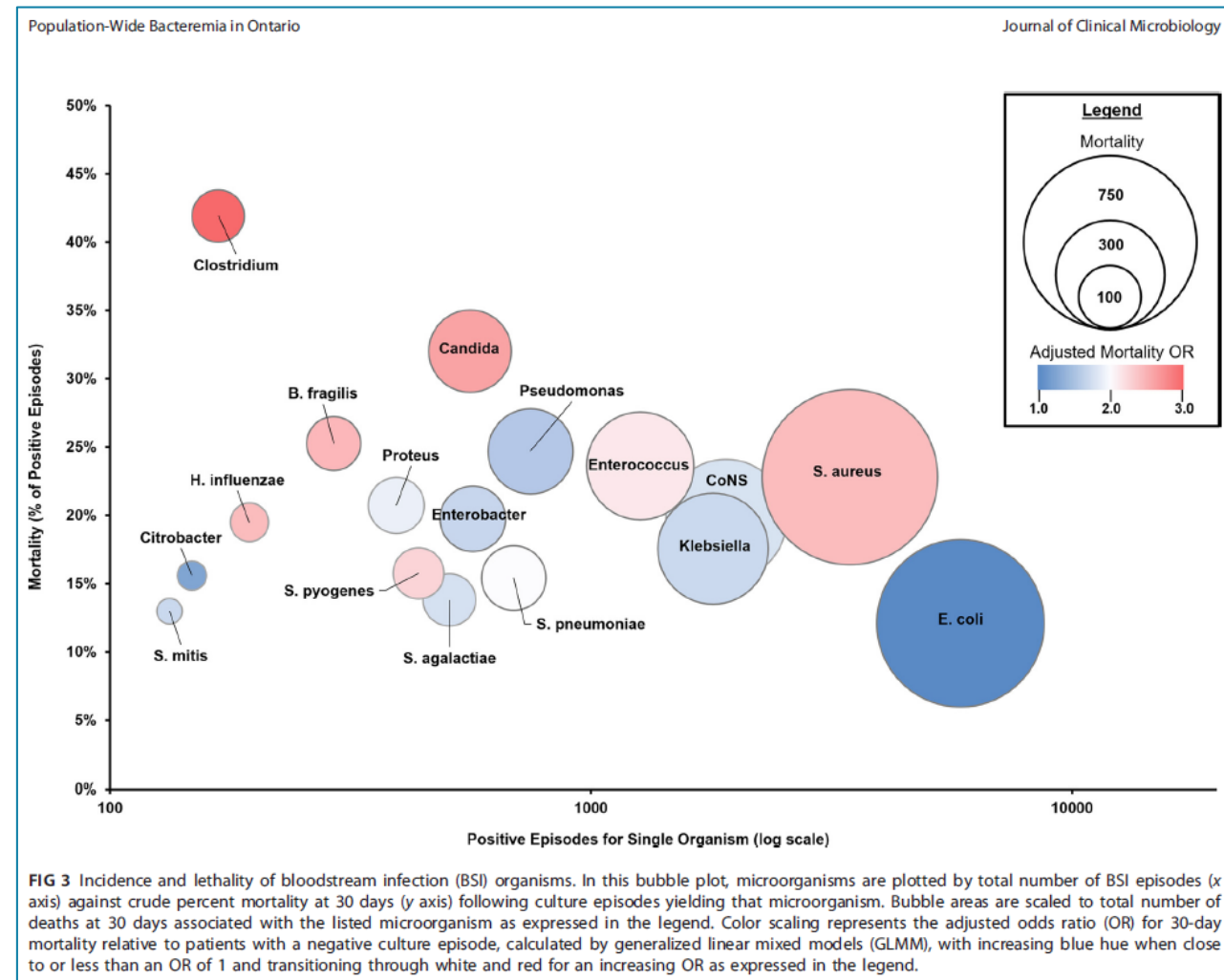
Organism	30-day mortality		Mortality OR compared to matched patients without blood culture testing <sup>a</sup>		Mortality OR compared to patients with negative cultures <sup>b</sup>	
	Deaths	% of episodes	Adjusted OR (95% CI)	P value	Adjusted OR (95% CI)	P value
All positive episodes	3509	17.0	2.62 (2.52, 2.73)	<0.0001	1.47 (1.41, 1.54)	<0.0001
Staphylococci						
<i>Staphylococcus aureus</i>	764	22.8	★ 3.53 (3.23, 3.86)	<0.0001	2.14 (1.94, 2.36)	<0.0001
<i>Staphylococcus lugdunensis</i>	13	17.6	3.39 (1.85, 6.19)	<0.0001	1.69 (0.83, 3.45)	0.1469
Other CoNS	365	19.7	2.62 (2.31, 2.97)	<0.0001	1.36 (1.19, 1.55)	<0.0001
<i>Escherichia coli</i>	699	12.1	1.68 (1.54, 1.83)	<0.0001	0.96 (0.87, 1.05)	0.3270
Streptococci						
<i>Streptococcus pneumoniae</i>	105	15.4	2.49 (1.99, 3.11)	<0.0001	1.46 (1.15, 1.86)	0.0017
<i>Streptococcus agalactiae</i>	70	13.8	2.17 (1.66, 2.84)	<0.0001	1.35 (1.01, 1.79)	0.0397
Viridans group <i>Streptococcus</i>	66	14.2	2.18 (1.64, 2.89)	<0.0001	1.33 (0.99, 1.78)	0.0612
<i>Streptococcus pyogenes</i>	66	15.8	★ 3.19 (2.38, 4.28)	<0.0001	1.88 (1.39, 2.54)	<0.0001
Group G/C <i>Streptococcus</i>	47	14.5	2.03 (1.45, 2.85)	<0.0001	1.14 (0.81, 1.62)	0.4457
<i>Streptococcus mitis</i>	17	13.0	2.06 (1.24, 3.43)	0.0054	1.23 (0.68, 2.22)	0.4869
Other streptococci species	139	16.7	2.80 (2.31, 3.39)	<0.0001	1.58 (1.28, 1.96)	<0.0001
<i>Klebsiella</i> species	307	17.6	2.20 (1.92, 2.51)	<0.0001	1.32 (1.15, 1.52)	0.0001
<i>Enterococcus</i> species	290	23.6	2.86 (2.46, 3.31)	<0.0001	1.68 (1.44, 1.96)	<0.0001
<i>Pseudomonas</i> species	181	24.7	2.82 (2.36, 3.37)	<0.0001	1.83 (1.50, 2.23)	<0.0001
<i>Candida</i> species	171	32.0	★ 4.51 (3.66, 5.56)	<0.0001	2.40 (1.93, 2.99)	<0.0001
<i>Enterobacter</i> species	109	19.8	2.46 (1.97, 3.08)	<0.0001	1.31 (1.03, 1.68)	0.0286
<i>Proteus</i> species	79	20.7	2.42 (1.84, 3.18)	<0.0001	1.41 (1.07, 1.87)	0.0148
<i>Bacteroides fragilis</i>	73	25.3	4.40 (3.26, 5.95)	<0.0001	2.19 (1.59, 3.00)	<0.0001
<i>Clostridium</i> species	70	41.9	★ 6.94 (4.87, 9.89)	<0.0001	5.81 (4.00, 8.44)	<0.0001
<i>Serratia</i> species	46	20.7	2.76 (1.95, 3.90)	<0.0001	1.30 (0.88, 1.90)	0.1864
<i>Haemophilus influenzae</i>	38	19.5	3.48 (2.41, 5.02)	<0.0001	2.14 (1.40, 3.27)	0.0005
<i>Citrobacter</i> species	22	15.6	2.12 (1.36, 3.30)	0.0010	1.11 (0.67, 1.82)	0.6842
<i>Bacillus</i> species	21	13.1	2.57 (1.53, 4.29)	0.0003	1.20 (0.72, 1.99)	0.4860
<i>Acinetobacter</i> species	19	15.5	2.18 (1.30, 3.67)	0.0033	1.44 (0.82, 2.51)	0.2061
<i>Actinomyces</i> species	19	20.0	3.33 (2.07, 5.36)	<0.0001	2.38 (1.30, 4.34)	0.0049
<i>Stenotrophomonas maltophilia</i>	19	23.2	3.37 (1.87, 6.09)	<0.0001	2.25 (1.20, 4.18)	0.0109
<i>Corynebacterium</i> species	18	27.3	4.64 (2.48, 8.68)	<0.0001	3.00 (1.59, 5.68)	0.0007
<i>Aerococcus</i> species	11	13.9	2.16 (1.09, 4.29)	0.0273	0.94 (0.46, 1.93)	0.8750
<i>Fusobacterium</i> species	10	13.0	3.87 (1.76, 8.51)	0.0008	2.37 (1.11, 5.08)	0.0264

<sup>a</sup>Compared to up to 10 individuals without blood culture testing matched by age, sex, health care location, Charlson comorbidity score, and number of days in hospital in the 90 days prior to blood culture.

<sup>b</sup>Calculated using a generalized linear mixed model (GLMM) adjusting for age, sex, health care location, and number of days hospitalized in prior 90 days.

# Results:

## Putting it all together to identify biggest public health threats



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# Discussion

- bloodstream infections are common in Ontario
  - >22,000 episodes/year
  - 150/100,000 people/year
- mortality rates are high
  - 1.5-fold adjusted odds of death compared to patients with negative blood cultures
  - 2.6-fold adjusted odds of death compared to matched patients without bloodstream infection
- burden varies according to pathogen
- *Staph aureus* stands out as high burden pathogen across multiple domains

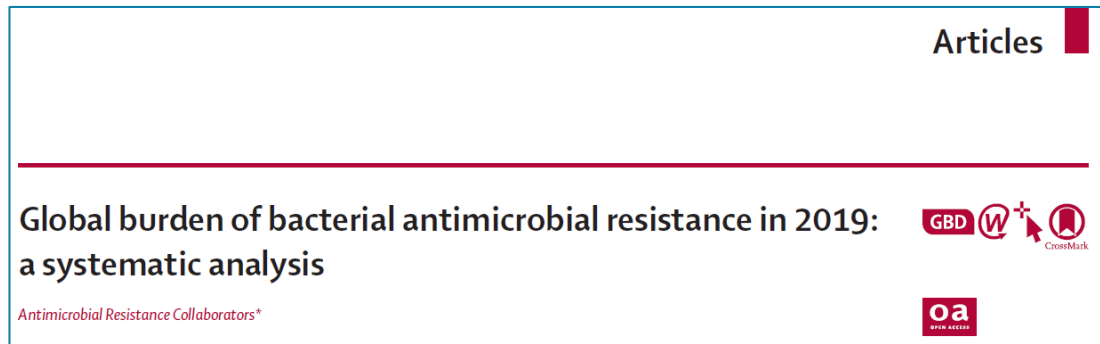
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# Antimicrobial Resistance and Mortality Following *E.coli* bacteremia



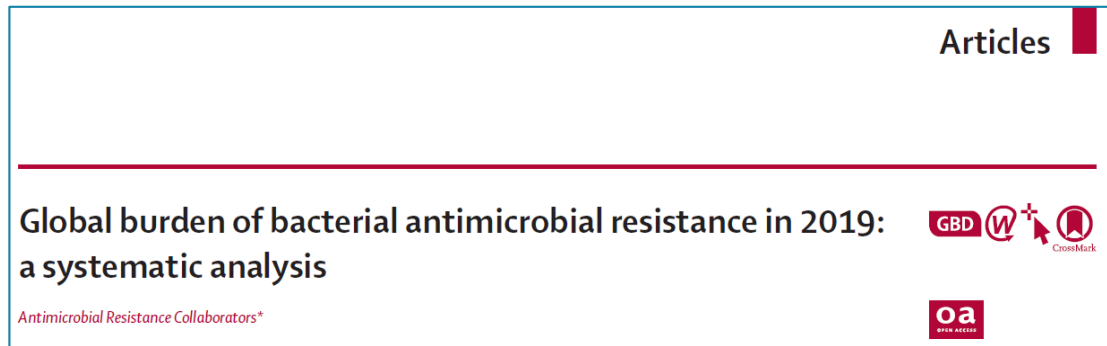
# Background and Rationale 1 of 3



- Antimicrobial Resistance Collaborators
- most comprehensive global estimate of AMR mortality
- calendar year 2019
- estimated deaths and disability-adjusted-life-years attributable to and associated with AMR
- 23 pathogens
- 88 bug-drug combinations
- 204 countries
- 471 million individual records or isolates

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## Background and Rationale 2 of 3



- 4.95 million (3.62-6.57) deaths *associated* with bacterial AMR
- 1.27 million (0.91-1.71) deaths *attributable* to bacterial AMR
- E.coli was number one pathogen
- 829,000 AMR *associated* deaths
- 219,000 AMR *attributable* deaths

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- the Antimicrobial Resistance Collaborators had massive source data (471 million isolates)
- but data was relatively scarce for determining the relative risk of death for drug-resistant compared to drug-sensitive infection
- because most regions are unable to link microbiology results to patient characteristics and outcomes

# Objective

- focusing on the most common pathogen (*E.coli*) we examined the extent to which AMR is associated with increased odds of death in the context of a well resourced healthcare system

# Methods

- retrospective cohort study
- all Ontarians
- with *E.coli* bacteremia
- 2017-2020
  
- Data sources as per previous study
  - OLIS
  - CIHI-DAD
  - NACRS
  - OHIP
  - RPDB

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## Methods: Antimicrobial resistance

- antimicrobial resistant vs susceptible *E.coli*
- 8 classes of agents
  - aminopenicillins (ampicillin)
  - first generation cephalosporins (cefazolin)
  - third generation cephalosporins (ceftriaxone, ceftazidime)
  - beta-lactam beta-lactamase inhibitors (piperacillin-tazobactam)
  - carbapenems (ertapenem, meropenem)
  - fluoroquinolones (cipro-, levo-, moxifloxacin)
  - aminoglycosides (gentamicin, tobramycin)
  - sulphonamides (trimethoprim-sulfamethoxazole)
- Difficult to treat resistance (DTTR)
  - resistant to carbapenems, fluoroquinolones, and at least one of third generation cephalosporins or beta-lactam beta-lactamase inhibitors

## Methods:

### Antimicrobial resistance - The Challenge

- not all laboratories test and report the same panel of antibiotics
- even within a laboratory, reporting might be variably suppressed or released
- this is one of the front-loaded challenges of using routinely available microbiology data

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# Methods:

## Antimicrobial resistance - Our solution

- rule-based imputation
  - some sensitive (S) results can be inferred by others
    - eg, if ampicillin-S then piperacillin-tazobactam-S
  - some resistance results can be inferred by others
    - eg, if ceftriaxone-R then cefazolin-R
- model-based imputation
  - logistic regression model accounting for overall rate of susceptibility to that antibiotic in the available results
  - as well as age, sex, location, results of other antibiotic classes

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## Methods: Primary outcome

- the primary outcome was 90 day mortality (from date of collection of the *E.coli* blood culture)

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## Methods: Statistical analysis

- univariable logistic regression to examine crude association between AMR and mortality with resistant versus susceptible *E.coli*
  - 9 separate models for 8 classes + DTTR
- multivariable logistic regression accounting for:
  - age
  - sex
  - setting at time of blood culture (community, ward, ICU, LTC)
  - total days in hospital in prior year
  - total days in ICU in prior year
  - total days in LTC in prior year
  - total physician visits in prior year
  - source of bacteremia (UTI versus other)
  - immunosuppressive illness
  - 18 individual comorbidities

# Results

- 14,548 eligible *E.coli* bloodstream infection episodes among 13,706 unique patients
  - community 2,382 (16.4%)
  - hospital wards 10,233 (70.3%)
  - ICUs 1,784 (12.3%)
  - long term care 149 (1.0%)
- median age 74yrs old
- women 55%
- urinary tract sources 47.5%

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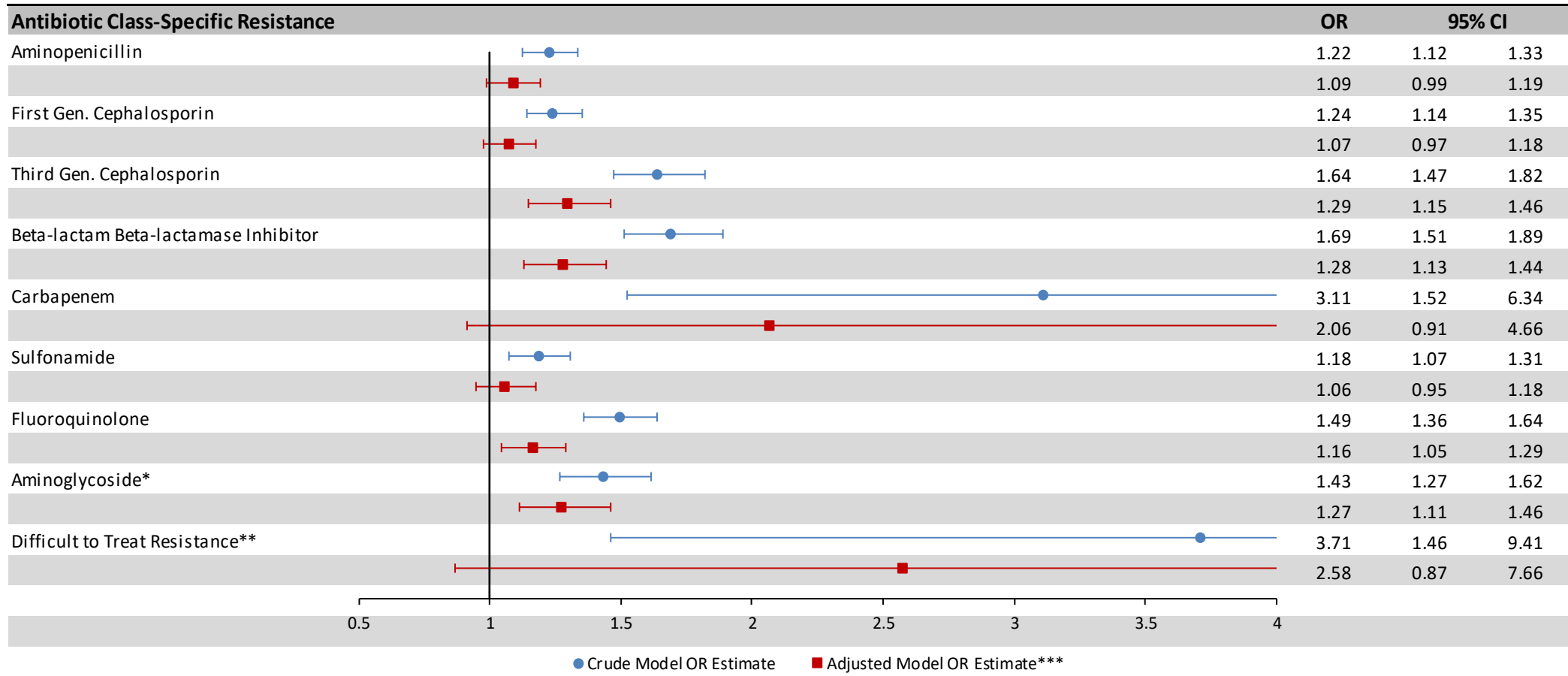
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# Results:

## Odds of mortality associated with AMR



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## Discussion

- antimicrobial resistance surveillance can harness routinely available data from microbiology laboratories
- the main challenge is that not all labs report the same panel of antibiotics for all patients
- this can be overcome with rule-based and model-based imputation

## Discussion

- AMR has not yet progressed in Ontario to the extent that we don't have effective therapeutic options for patients
  - eg, *E.coli* Carbapenem resistance 0.2%
  - eg, *E.coli* Difficult to treat resistance 0.1%
- but *E.coli* resistance is substantial for our most commonly used empiric agents
  - third generation cephalosporins 13.8%
  - beta-lactam beta-lactamase inhibitors 9.1%
  - fluoroquinolones 26.5%

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## Discussion

- AMR is associated with increased mortality for patients with *E.coli* bloodstream infection
  - especially for agents commonly used in empiric treatment
- adjustment for patient characteristics and prior healthcare utilization leads to attenuation in the association of AMR and mortality
- under-adjustment for these factors means most literature over-estimates the current burden of AMR
- nevertheless, AMR is already associated with substantial mortality risk

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## **Future Work of the COMBAT-AMR Project**

## Objective

- To estimate the public health impact of antibiotic resistance in Ontario, across all pathogens and resistance profiles

# Methods

- Population
  - 46 bacteria (31 Gram-negative and 15 Gram-positive)
- Exposures
  - 16 antibiotics per bacterium
  - 761 bacterium-antibiotic pairs
- Outcome
  - 90-day mortality
  - 30-day mortality

# Methods

- Statistical analysis
  - Measure risk ratio for each bacteria-antibiotic pair and for each form of multidrug resistance
  - How to combine appropriately (due to variable prevalence)?
- Antimicrobial Resistance Impact Index
  - Leveraging the risk ratio, measure the population attributable fraction
  - Measure the incidence of mortality as if everyone had a susceptible infection ( $I_S$ )
  - Measure the incidence rate of mortality as if everyone had a observed resistance pattern infection ( $I_{asis}$ )

## Summary

- millions of routine microbiology testing results are unharnessed in individual laboratory archives
- amalgamating this data requires a large amount of up-front work
  - cleaning, imputing, linking to administrative datasets, ...
- but this is an essential effort to COMBAT the global public health threat of antimicrobial resistance

## Summary

- centralized population-wide microbiology data linked to clinical datasets provides
  - comprehensive information on pathogens and resistance
  - not limited to sentinel/voluntary hospital sites
  - spans across acute care, long term care, and community
  - offers potential for timely surveillance at facility, regional and provincial level
  - the linkage to clinical datasets at ICES provides, has the potential to make Ontario an epicentre of AMR research and surveillance

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