# GENETIC BASIS OF THE RESISTANCE TO ANTIBIOTICS



## INTRODUCTION

-ANTIBIOTICS: LOW-MOLECULAR-WEIGH COMPOUNDS THAT KILL OR INHIBIT THE GROWTH OF BACTERIA

-TYPES: -BACTERICIDAL(KILL BACTERIA) -BACTERIOSTATIC (ONLY INHIBIT GROWTH)

-CRITERIA TO BE USEFUL:

-SHOULD HAVE A BROAD SPECTRUM OF ACTIVITY -MINIMUM TOXICITY -ABLE TO REACH THE PART OF THE HUMAN BODY WHERE THE INFECTION IS OCCURING -LEVEL OF BACTERIAL SUSCEPTIBILITY

## SITE OF ACTION

### -INHIBITORS OF BACTERIAL CELL WALL SYNTHESIS:

- β-LACTAM AGENTS: PENICILLINS, CEPHALOSPORINS,

MONOBACTAMS, CARBAPENEMS

-GLYCOPEPTIDES

-OTHERS: FOSFOMYCIN, BACITRACIN, CYCLOSERINE, ISONIAZID

### -INHIBITORS OF BACTERIAL PROTEIN SYNTHESIS:

-TETRACYCLINES -CHLORAMPHENICOL -AMONIGLYCOSIDES -MACROLIDES -LINCOSAMIDES -OTHERS: FUSIDIC ACID, LINEZOLID, STREPTOGRAMINS, MUPIROCIN

### -INHIBITORS OF NUCLEIC ACID SYNTHESIS:

-SULPHONAMIDES & DIAMINOPYRIMIDINES -QUINOLONES -NITROIMIDAZOLES -OTHERS: NITROFURANS, NOVOBIOCIN, RIFAMYCIN

#### -MISCELLANEOUS AGENTS:

-POLYMIXINS, DAPTOMYCIN, ANTIMICOBACTERIAL AGENTS



#### CELL WALL SYNTHESIS



## **RESISTANCE MECHANISMS**

-GRAM-NEGATIVE OUTER MEMBRANE: LIMITS ANTIBIOTIC ACCESS TO THE CYTOPLASMIC MEMBRANE

### -ENZYMATIC INACTIVATION OF THE ANTIBIOTIC:

-BETALACTAMASES -AMINOGLYCOSIDE-MODIFYING ENZYMES -TETRACYCLINASES

-ACTIVE EFFLUX OF THE ANTIBIOTIC

-MODIFICATION OF THE ANTIBIOTIC TARGET:

- PENICILLIN-BINDING-PROTEINS

- RESISTANCE TO GLYCOPEPTIDES, TETRACYCLINES, MACROLIDES, LINCOSAMIDES, QUINOLONES, RIFAMPICIN, TRIMETHOPRIM AND SULFONAMIDES

-REGULATION OF RESISTANCE GENES

## GENETIC SUPPORT OF THE RESISTANCE

-RESISTANCE CAN BE ACQUIRED BY:

- MUTATION

-ACQUISITION OF NEW GENES: -BACTERIOPHAGE TRANSDUCTION -TRANSFORMATION -CONJUGATION: -PLASMIDS -CONJUGATIVE TRANSPOSONS (chromosomal elements)





### ANTIMICROBIAL RESISTANCE

1. A GLOBAL PROBLEM THAT NEEDS URGENT ACTION:

- INCREASING NUMBER OF NOSOCOMIAL INFECTIONS

- RESPIRATORY INFECTIONS, DIARRHOEAL DISEASES, MEASLES, AIDS, MALARIA AND TUBERCULOSIS:

- ACCOUNT FOR MORE THAN OF 85% OF THE MORTALITY FROM INFECTION WORLDWIDE

- RESISTANCE TO FIRST-LINE DRUGS IN THE PATHOGENS CAUSING THESE DISEASES RANGES FROM ZERO TO ALMOST 100%

**GLOBALIZATION**:

MASSIVE INCREASES IN TRADE AND HUMAN MOBILITY

RAPID SPREAD OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES

### ANTIMICROBIAL RESISTANCE

- 2. COST OF RESISTANCE:
- HAS AN IMPACT ON THE COST OF HEALTH CARE WORLDWIDE
- ASSOCIATED WITH:

INCREASED HUMAN SUFFERING, LOST PRODUCTIVITY and OFTEN DEATH

- 3. RISK MANAGEMENT AND NATIONAL SECURITY
- 4. ANTIMICROBIAL RESISTANCE IS FREQUENTLY IRREVERSIBLE
- 5. A DWINDLING SUPPLY OF NEW ANTIMICROBIALS

### ANTIMICROBIAL RESISTANCE

1. IT IS A NATURAL BIOLOGICAL PHENOMENON -MAY BE A CHARACTERISTIC ASSOCIATED WITH THE ENTIRE SPECIES OR EMERGE IN STRAINS THROUGH MUTATION OR GENE TRANSFER

2. ALL ANTIMICROBIAL AGENTS HAVE THE POTENTIAL TO SELECT DRUG-RESISTANCE SUB-POPULATIONS OF MICROORGANISMS

3. THE TOTAL CONSUMPTION OF ANTIMICROBIALS IN THE CRITICAL FACTOR IN SELECTING RESISTANCE

- UNDERUSE: INADEQUATE DOSING, POOR ADHERENCE AND SUBSTANDARD ANTIMICROBIALS
- OVERUSE

### APPROPIATE ANTIMICROBIAL USE AND EMERGING RESISTANCE: ISSUES AND INTERVENTIONS

- 1. PATIENTS AND THE GENERAL COMMUNITY
- 2. PRESCRIBERS AND DISPENSERS
- 3. HOSPITALS
- 4. USE OF ANTIMICROBIALS IN FOOD-PRODUCING ANIMALS
- 5. NATIONAL GOVERNMENTS AND HEALTH SYSTEMS
- 6. DRUG AND VACCINE DEVELOPMENT
- 7. PHARMACEUTICAL PROMOTION
- 8. INTERNATIONAL ASPECTS OF CONTAINING ANTIMICROBIAL RESISTANCE



# RESISTANCE TO β- LACTAM ANTIBIOTICS IN GRAM-NEGATIVE BATERIA





# β-LACTAM ANTIBIOTICS

- 1. PENICILLINS, CEPHALOSPORINS AND OTHER COMPOUNDS THAT FEATURE A  $\beta$ -LACTAM RING IN THEIR STRUCTURE
- 2. ALL BIND TO PROTEINS SITUATED AT THE CELL WALL-CELL MEMBRANE INTERFACE (PBP)
- 3. THESE PBPS ARE INVOLVED IN CELL WALL CONSTRUCTION, INCLUDING THE CROSS-LINKING OF THE PEPTIDOGLYCAN STRANDS

1. ARE THE LARGEST GROUP OF ANTIBACTERIAL AGENTS

- 2. THE MOST USED IN CLINICAL MEDICINE
- 3. BACTERICIDAL ACTIVITY
- 4. LOW TOXICITY
- 5. MEMBERS OF THE GROUP HAVE WIDELY DIFFERENT PROPERTIES



### β-LACTAMASE INHIBITORS



# MECHANISMS OF RESISTANCE

### 1. PERMEABILITY MODIFICATIONS: PORINS





## 2. CHANGES IN PBPs



### 3. HYDROLYSING ENZYMES: $\beta$ -LACTAMASES



### 4. EFFLUX PUMPS



# GENETIC CONTROL OF THE RESISTANCE

- CHROMOSOME
  PLASMID
  TRANSPOSON
- 4. INTEGRON



### INTEGRATION OF GENE CASSETTES INTO INTEGRONS





### Resistance to $\beta$ -lactams



### $\beta$ -lactamases

PREVALENCE IN OUR ENVIRONMENT Salmonella enteritidis: 20-40% Amoxicillin, 1-5% Amoxi/clavulanate Shigella sonnei 15-20% Ampicillin E. coli: 40% Amoxicillin and Piperacillin Klebsiella pneumoniae 10-30% Cephalosporins (3erd & 4th generation), Aztreonam and inhibitors P. aeruginosa: 15-35% Piperacillin, Ceftazidime, Cefepime, Aztreonam, Carbapenems A. baumannii: >50% multidrug-resistance

# P. aeruginosa, Acinetobacter & Enterobacteriaceae: RESISTANCE TO CARBAPENEMS

# GENERAL CONSIDERATIONS

- 1.RESISTANCE IS FREQUENT AMONG P.aeruginosa AND A. baumannii ISOLATES
- 2. CARBAPENEMS ARE THE LAST THERAPEUTIC OPTION IN INFECTIONS CAUSED BY RESISTANT ISOLATES
- 3. LEVEL OF RESISTANCE IS INCREASING WORLDWIDE (SENTRY, WHONET, VIRA...) WITH LOCAL VARIATIONS
- 4. RESISTANCE MECHANISMS:
  - INHERENT (NATURAL) & ACQUIRED RESISTANCE
  - HYDROLYSIS, DECREASED PERMEABILITY, EFFLUX PUMPS, TARGET MODIFICATIONS
- 5. RESISTANCE IS CAUSED BY COMBINATION OF SEVERAL MECHANISMS BEING THE MOST IMPORTANT ONES:

β-LACTAMASE (AmpC & CARBAPENEMASE) PRODUCTION + PORIN LOST

# CARBAPENEMASES

1. AmpC: CEFALOSPORINASES -CONFER RESISTANCE TO: CEPHALOSPORINS (3erd GENERATION) AZTREONAM CEFAMICINS BETALACTAMASE INHIBITORS

- LOW CARBAPENEM AFFINITY

- CHROMOSOMAL AmpC GENE (REGULATED): E. cloacae, Citrobacter freundii, Serratia marcescens, P. aeruginosa and A. baumannii

-PLASMIDIC AmpC GENE (CONSTITUTIVE PRODUCTION): K. pneumoniae, Salmonella spp.

