226. Can Universal Decolonization Obviate the Need for Screening and Contact Precautions for Carriers of Methicillin-Resistant Staphylococcus aureus in a Medical Intensive Care Unit With MRSA Endemicity? An Interrupted Time Series Study

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Background. Universal decolonization of patients in intensive care units (ICUs) has been identified to be an effective infection control strategy of methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus (MRSA). However, it remains uncertain whether universal decolonization can obviate the need for active surveillance testing (AST) and contact precautions (CPs) for MRSA carriers.

Methods. We conducted an interrupted time series study to evaluate whether universal decolonization (daily chlorhexidine bathing plus twice-daily intranasal mupirocin ointment for 5 days) without AST and CPs could affect the incidence of MRSA acquisition on clinical specimen and MRSA bacteremia (the first positive blood culture obtained more than 48 hours after ICU admission) in a medical ICU. There was a 12-month control period of universal decolonization combined with AST and CPs, followed by a 12-month intervention period of universal decolonization without AST and CPs for MRSA carriers. Changes in incidence density (new cases of MRSA acquisition on clinical specimen per 1,000 eligible patient-days) of MRSA were evaluated by segmented Poisson regression, and the Cox proportional-hazards regression model was used to compare the differences in incidence of MRSA bacteremia between the two periods.

Results. The median overall prevalence of MRSA did not differ between the two periods (25.3% vs. 23.4%, P = 0.55), and the segmented Poisson regression analysis revealed that there were no significant differences in both level and trend of MRSA prevalence (P = 0.43 and P = 0.27, respectively). The incidence density of MRSA acquisition on clinical specimen was lower during the intervention period (5.7 vs. 4.5, P = 0.039). However, both level and trend of MRSA incidence density did not differ significantly whether to perform active surveillance and contact precaution or not (P = 0.94 and P = 0.81, respectively). No patient developed MRSA bacteremia during the control period and there were only two patients of MRSA bacteremia during the intervention period, which showed no significant difference (Log rank test, P = 0.21).

Conclusion. Universal decolonization without AST and CPs for MRSA carriers do not increase the incidence of MRSA acquisition on clinical specimen and ICU-attributable MRSA bacteremia in ICU with high prevalence rate of MRSA.

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227. Development of a Clinical Prediction Model for Mortality in Methicillin-Resistant Staphylococcus aureus Bacteremia

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Background. Methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus bloodstream infection (MSSA BSI) is associated with high mortality despite advances in medical care. Mortality prediction may have a profound impact on clinical decision making and risk stratification. Widely used scoring systems such as the Acute Physiology and Chronic Health Evaluation (APACHE) II Score and the Pitt Bacteremia Score were derived in the general critical care and Gram-negative BSI populations, respectively and may be less precise in MSSA BSI. We sought to develop a predictive model (PM) for 30-day mortality in patients with MRSA BSI based on characteristics readily assessable at initial evaluation.

Methods. Retrospective, single-center, cohort study in adults with MRSA BSI 2008 to 2018. Patients who did not receive active therapy within 72 hours of index culture were included. Independent baseline demographic, clinical, and laboratory variables of 30-day mortality were identified through multivariable logistic regression analysis with bootstrap resampling and coefficient shrinkage. The PM was derived using a regression coefficient-based scoring method. PM discriminatory ability was assessed using the c-statistic. The optimal threshold score was determined using the Youden Index (J).

Results. A total of 455 patients were included and 30-day mortality was 16.3%. The PM consisted of five variables and a potential total score of 33. Points were assigned as follows: age (9 points ≥290 years, 6 points 80–89 years, 5 points 70–79 years, 0 points <70 years); Glasgow Coma Scale (4 points ≤9 points, 5 points 9–13, 6 points ≥14); 7 points infective endocarditis or pneumonitis; 5 points serum creatinine ≥3.5 mg/dL; and four points respiratory rate ≤10 or >24. The PM c-statistic was 0.860 (95% CI 0.818, 0.902). The PM score with the maximum J value was 13. Thirty-day mortality was 5.2% vs. 44.5% for PM score ≤13 vs. >13 points, respectively (P = 0.001). The sensitivity, specificity, positive predictive value (PV), negative PV, and accuracy using a threshold of 13 points were 77.0%, 81.4%, 44.5%, 98.8%, and 70.7%, respectively.

Conclusion. Our findings demonstrated a robust combination of five independent variables readily assessable at initial evaluation with high discrimination, 30-d mortality in MRSA BSI. External validation is required before wide-spread clinical use.

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228. Incidence of Staphylococcus aureus Infection after Elective Surgeries Among Adults in US Hospitals

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Background. Staphylococcus aureus is a leading cause of postsurgical infections. National estimates of these infections after elective surgeries based on microbiology data are limited. This study assessed 180-day postsurgical S. aureus incidence in real-world hospital settings.

Methods. Adults (≥18 years) who underwent elective surgery during a hospital-based outpatient or inpatient encounter from July 1, 2010–June 30, 2015 at one of 181 hospitals reporting microbiology results in the Premier Healthcare Database (PHD). Eighty-seven surgical categories were defined using ICD-9-CM and CPT procedure codes according to National Hospital Surveillance Network groups plus additional categories. Microbiology results and ICD-9-CM diagnosis codes were used to identify invasive (e.g., deep incisional and organ-space SSI, bloodstream) and overall (i.e., invasive, superficial incisional, urinary tract, respiratory) S. aureus infections. Cumulative 180-day S. aureus infection rates were calculated as number of infections divided by number of discharges with elective surgeries. National infection volumes were calculated by multiplying infection rates by national inpatient elective surgery estimates using surgery counts from the entire PHD (665 hospitals) and weights based on hospital characteristics.

Results. Following 1,116,994 hospital-based outpatient elective surgeries, 180-day S. aureus incidence was 1.19% overall, with 0.38% complicated by invasive S. aureus infections. Among 884,803 inpatient surgical infections, overall and invasive 180-day S. aureus infection incidence was 13.5% and 0.53%, respectively. Eighty-seven surgical categories contributed to an estimated 57,200 S. aureus infections (22,400 invasive) among an estimated 4.2 million elective inpatient surgeries annually in the US methicillin-resistance (MRSA) was observed in 45% and 46% of S. aureus infections after inpatient and outpatient surgeon, respectively. Figure 1 shows that inpatient S. aureus incidence rates are higher after outpatient and inpatient elective surgeries. Figure 2 delineates the incidence rates for each type of S. aureus infection.

Conclusion. Our study indicated similar S. aureus infection rates after inpatient and outpatient elective surgeries. The results highlight the large burden of disease of S. aureus infection in the United States beyond inpatient surgeries.
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1229. Prevalence and Acquisition of MRSA in Females During Incarceration at a Large Inner-City Jail
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Background. USA300 MRSA is endemic in the community, with congregate settings such as urban jails potentially facilitating spread. It has been reported previously that males have a higher risk for MRSA carriage and bacteremia than females. However, it is unclear if there is differential risk for MRSA based on gender in high-risk populations. We determined the prevalence of MRSA colonization at jail entrance in females and defined an acquisition rate during incarceration.

Methods. Females incarcerated at the Cook County Jail, one of the largest US single-site jails, were enrolled within 72 hours of intake. Surveillance cultures (nare, throat, groin) were collected to determine prevalence of MRSA colonization. A survey was administered to identify predictors of colonization. Detainees in jail at Day30 had cultures repeated to determine MRSA acquisition. Univariate and multivariate analyses were performed to identify predictors of MRSA colonization.

Results. 250 women were enrolled (70% AA, 15% Hispanic) with 70% previously in jail (21% in the past 6 months). The prevalence of MRSA colonization at intake was 20% (50/250), with 42% of those colonized solely in the throat or groin. This intake prevalence is comparable to the 19% for male detainees in a parallel study. 9% (223) of initially negative women who remained in jail for 30 days acquired MRSA; five remained colonized and no one lost colonization. Univariate predictors (table) of MRSA at entrance to the jail were: illicit drug use (including using needles), unstable housing, engaging in anal sex, and recent exchange of sex for drugs/money. Women who exchanged sex for drugs/money (vs. not) reported higher rates of needle use (35% vs. 4%, P < 0.001) and unstable housing (80% vs. 20%, P < 0.001). With multivariate adjustment for race/ethnicity, needle for illicit drugs was a significant predictor of MRSA (OR 5.89, 95% CI 1.66, 20.94, P = 0.006).

Conclusion. We found that a high proportion (20%) of females entered jail colonized with MRSA, comparable to rates in males, suggesting that previously reported gender disparities in MRSA may not exist in high-risk populations. Entry colonization risk factors suggest high-risk activities or venues in the community, with potential for directing gender-specific interventions.

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1230. Epidemiology and Risk Factors for Recurrent Invasive Methicillin-Resistant Staphylococcus aureus Infection: nine US States, 2006–2013
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Background. Methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus (MRSA) causes >7,000 invasive infections annually in the United States, and recurrent infections pose a major clinical challenge. We examined risk factors for recurrent MRSA infections.

Methods. We identified patients with an initial invasive MRSA infection (isolation from a normally sterile body site) from 2006 to 2013, through active, population-based surveillance in selected counties in nine states through the Emerging Infections Program. Recurrence was defined as invasive MRSA isolation >30 days after initial isolation. We used logistic regression with backwards selection to evaluate adjusted odds ratios (aOR) associated with recurrence within 180 days, prior healthcare exposures, and initial infection type, controlling for patient demographics and comorbidities.

Results. Among 24,478 patients with invasive MRSA, 3,976 (16%) experienced a recurrence, including 61% (2,438) within 180 days. Risk factors for recurrence were: injection drug use (IDU) (aOR 1.38, 95% confidence interval [CI] 1.15–1.65), central venous catheters (aOR 1.35, 95% CI 1.22–1.51), dialysis (aOR 2.00, 95% CI: 1.74–2.31), and history of MRSA colonization (aOR 1.35, 95% CI 1.22–1.51) (figure). Recurrence was more likely for bloodstream infections (BSI) without another infection (aOR 2.08, 95% CI: 1.74–2.48), endocarditis (aOR 1.46, 95% CI: 1.16–1.55), and bone/ joint infections (aOR 1.38, 95% CI 1.20–1.59), and less likely for pneumonia (aOR 0.75, 95% CI: 0.64–0.89), compared with other initial infection types. When assessed separately, the presence of a secondary BSI with another infection increased the odds of recurrence over that infection without a BSI (aOR: 1.96, 95% CI: 1.68–2.30).

Conclusion. Approximately one in six persons with invasive MRSA infection had recurrence. We identified potential opportunities to prevent recurrence through infection control (e.g., management and early removal of central catheters). Other possible areas for preventing recurrence include improving the management of patients with BSI and bone/joint infections (including both during and after antibiotic treatment) and mitigating risk of infection from IDU.