

# Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR): Challenges & Approaches

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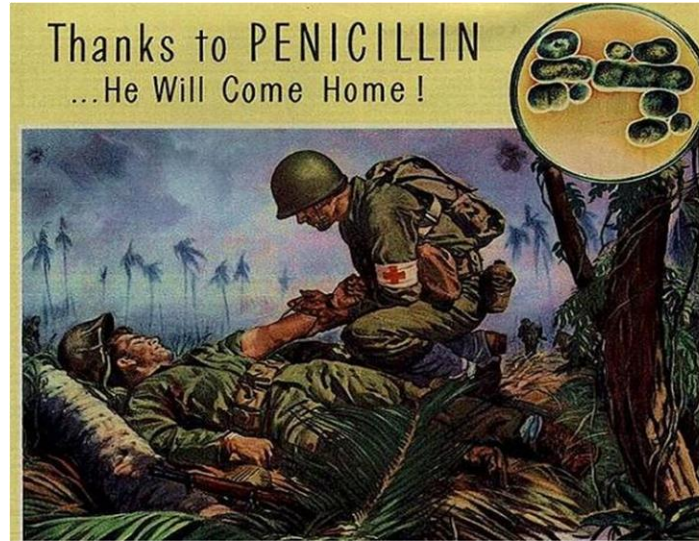
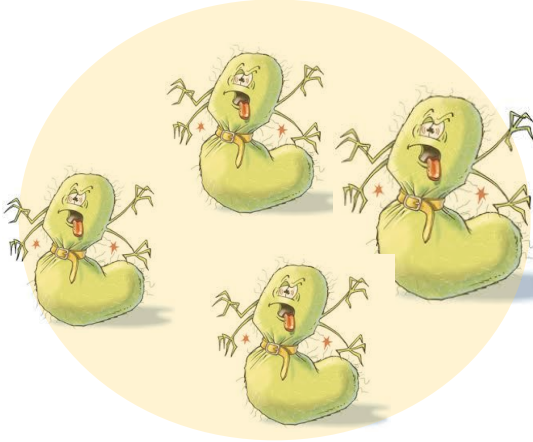
# The evolution..

**Pre-antibiotic era  
( Before 1930)**



Infections caused epidemic and pandemics leading to huge morbidity and mortality

**Antibiotic era  
(1930- early 2000)**



**Post-antibiotic era???  
(Present)**



Emergence of Antibiotic resistance to even high-end antibiotics

# Ten threats to global health in 2019 - WHO

Air pollution and  
climate change

Antimicrobial  
resistance

Threat of a global  
influenza pandemic

HIV

Noncommunicable  
diseases

Ebola and high-threat  
pathogens

Vaccine hesitancy

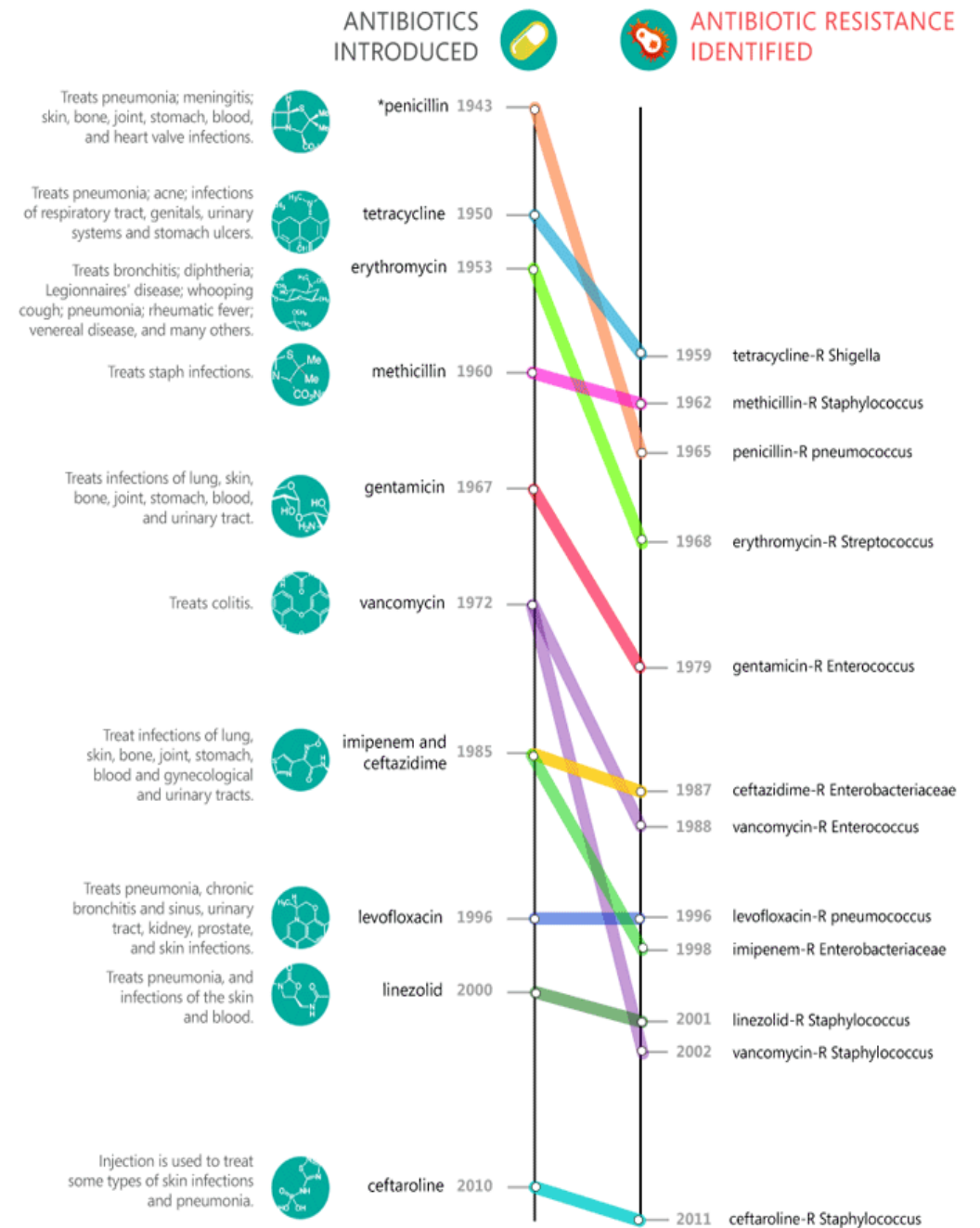
Dengue

Weak primary care

Fragile & vulnerable  
settings (drought and  
conflict)

Resistance developed  
faster for recently  
introduced antibiotics

Strains acquire  
resistance even before  
discovery



**Antibiotic resistance**

**Vs**

**Antimicrobial resistance**

Resistance to

- bacteria only

Resistance to

- bacteria
- parasites (e.g. protozoa or helminths)
- viruses (e.g. HIV)
- fungi (e.g. Candida)

# Global Scenario of Antimicrobial Resistance

**Resistance reported in almost all bacterial, viral, protozoal & fungal infections**

Rising incidence of MDR and XDR tuberculosis

Resistance in *Klebsiella pneumoniae* to carbapenem antibiotics

Resistance in *E. coli* to fluoroquinolones and aminoglycosides

Malaria (Cambodia, India, Myanmar, etc.)

Treatment failure in gonorrhea to third generation cephalosporins

Resistance to ART: >15% new HIV cases, and up to 40% in re-starting treatment

Resistance to colistin in *Enterobacteriaceae* has recently been detected

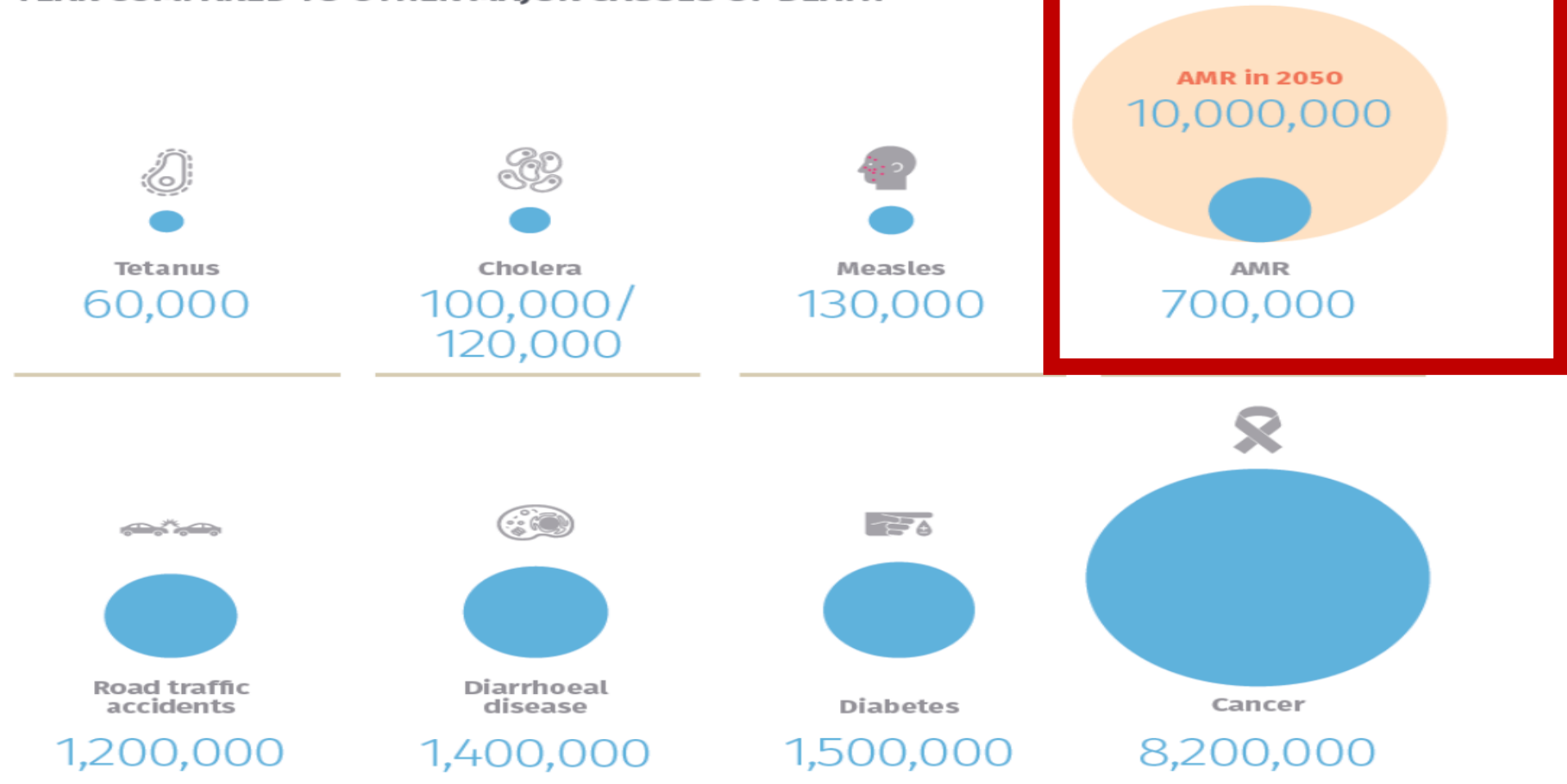
Virtually all influenza A viruses are resistant to M2 Inhibitors and 1-2% resistant to neuraminidase inhibitor oseltamivir

MRSA: methicillin resistant *S. aureus*; MDR: multidrug resistance; XDR: extensive drug resistance; ACT: Artemisinin-based combination therapies;

ART: Antiretroviral therapy; HIV: human immunodeficiency virus. WHO 2016. Antimicrobial resistance. Available from: <http://www.who.int/mediacentre/factsheets/fs194/en/>

# Mortality due to AMR

DEATHS ATTRIBUTABLE TO ANTIMICROBIAL RESISTANCE EVERY YEAR COMPARED TO OTHER MAJOR CAUSES OF DEATH



Source: Adapted from the Review on Antimicrobial Resistance 2014.

# Mortality due to AMR - Indian scenario

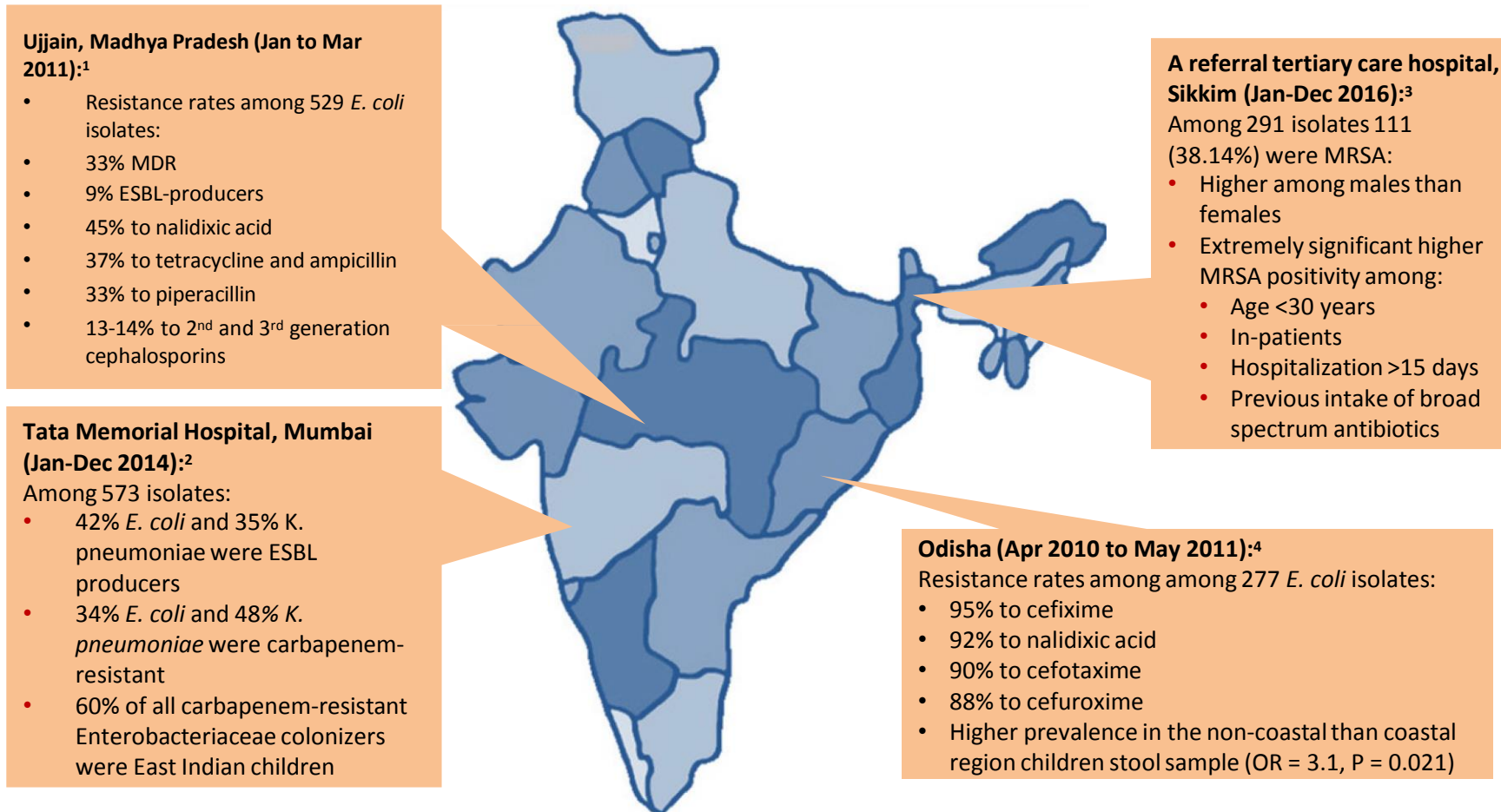
- Mortality rate – MDR Gram Positive Infections in India is -~**10.8%**  
(In ICU settings ~**16%**)
- Over 58,000 children died in 2013 due to antimicrobial resistance  
(may rise to **two million by 2050** if no action is taken )<sup>3</sup>

MRSA: methicillin resistant *S. aureus*; ESBL: extended spectrum beta lactamase. Interdisciplinary Perspectives on Infectious Diseases, 2019

1. Kulkarni et al. Current Perspectives on Treatment of Gram-Positive Infections in India: What Is the Way Forward?
2. Laxminarayan R and Chaudhary RR. Antibiotic Resistance in India: Drivers and Opportunities for Action. *Plos Med*. 2016;13; 2. Laxminarayan R, et al. Antibiotic resistance-the need for global solutions. *Infect Dis*. 2013;13:1057–98; 3. Laxminarayan R, et al. Access to effective antimicrobials: a worldwide challenge. *Lancet*. 2016;387:168-75;
- 3.4. Damle SG. The good, the bad and the ugly!! - Antibiotics. *Contemp Clin Dent*. 2015;6:S139-40.



# Geographical Variation in Antibiotic-Resistance

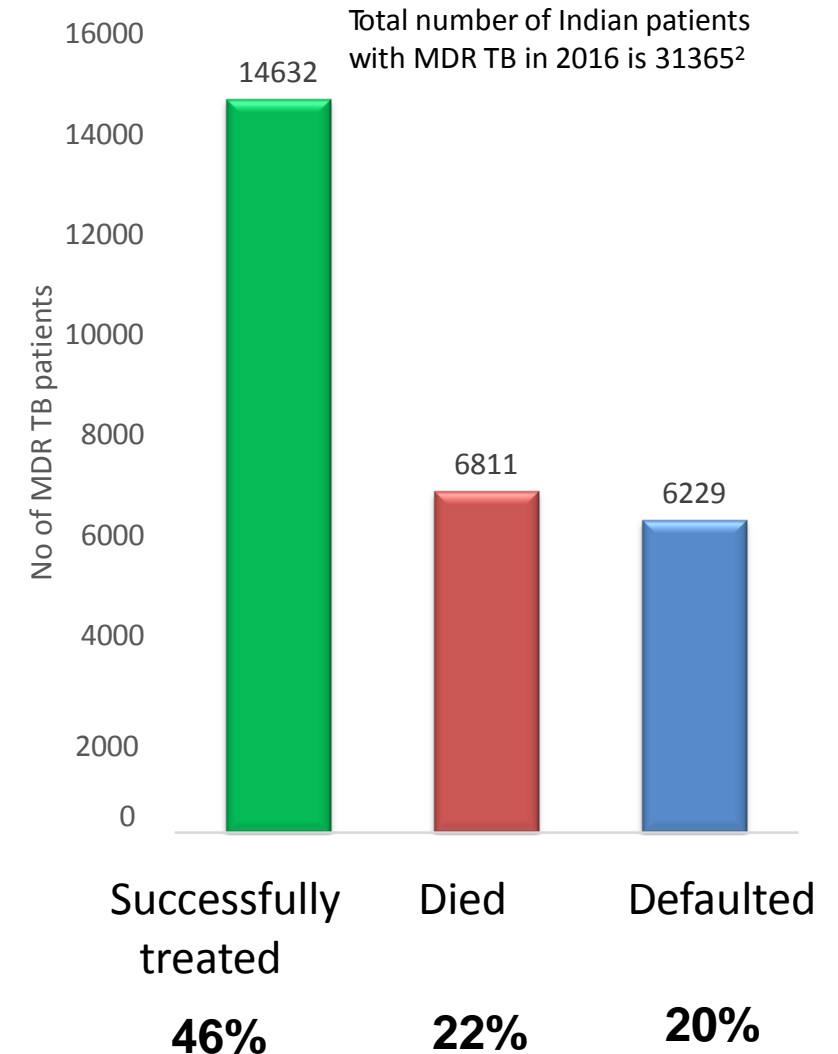


ESBL: Extended-spectrum beta-lactamases; OR: Odd ratio; MDR: Multi drug resistance; OR: odd ratio.

1. Shakya P, et al. Antibiotic Resistance among *E. coli* Isolates from Stool Samples of Children Aged 3 to 14 Years from Ujjain, India. BMC Infect Dis. 2013;13:477. 2. Thacker N, et al. "Alarming prevalence of community-acquired multidrug-resistant organisms colonization in children with cancer and implications for therapy: A prospective study." Indian J Cancer. 2014;51(4):442-6. 3. Tsering DC, et al. Methicillin-Resistant Staphylococcus Aureus: Prevalence and Current Susceptibility Pattern in Sikkim. J Glob Infect Dis. 2011;3(1):9-13. 4. Sahoo, KC, et al. Geographical Variation in Antibiotic-Resistant Escherichia Coli Isolates from Stool, Cow-Dung and Drinking Water. Int J Environ Res Public Health. 2012;9(3):746-59.

# Burden of MDR and XDR-TB in India

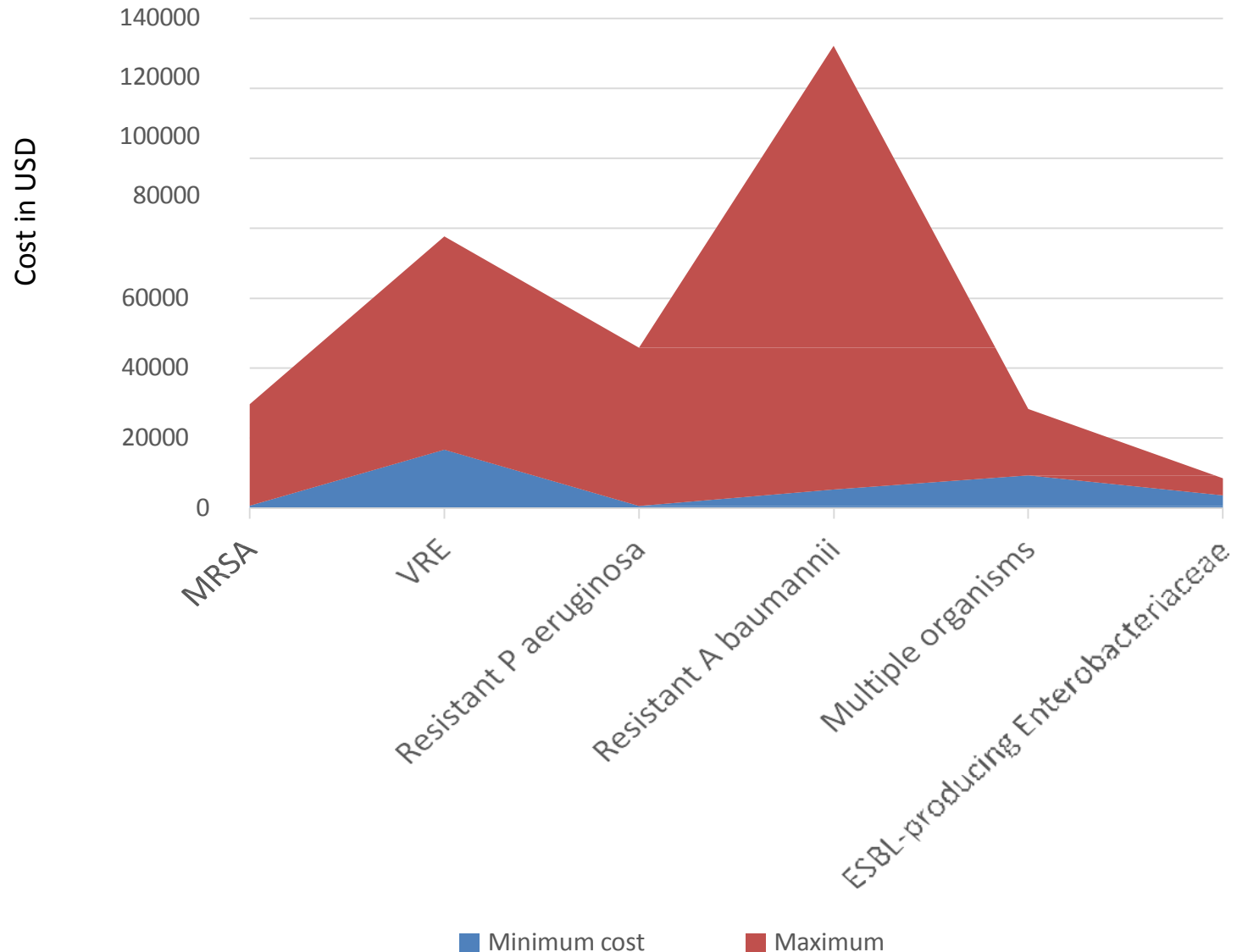
- Between 2013-15 a **34% increase** in number of new and relapse TB cases notifications in India<sup>1</sup>
- 30% of **XDR –TB** were notified in India (2015)<sup>1</sup>



MDR: multi drug resistance; XDR: extensive drug resistance; TB: tuberculosis.

1. WHO 2016. Available from: <http://www.who.int/mediacentre/factsheets/fs104/en/>. 2. TB India 2016. Available from: <http://www.tbcindia.nic.in/showfile.php?lid=3180>.

# Economic burden due to AMR



Cost of treatment of resistant infections was higher by minimum ~500 USD to a maximum ~1,20,000 USD when compared to susceptible infections

**Rising AMR**

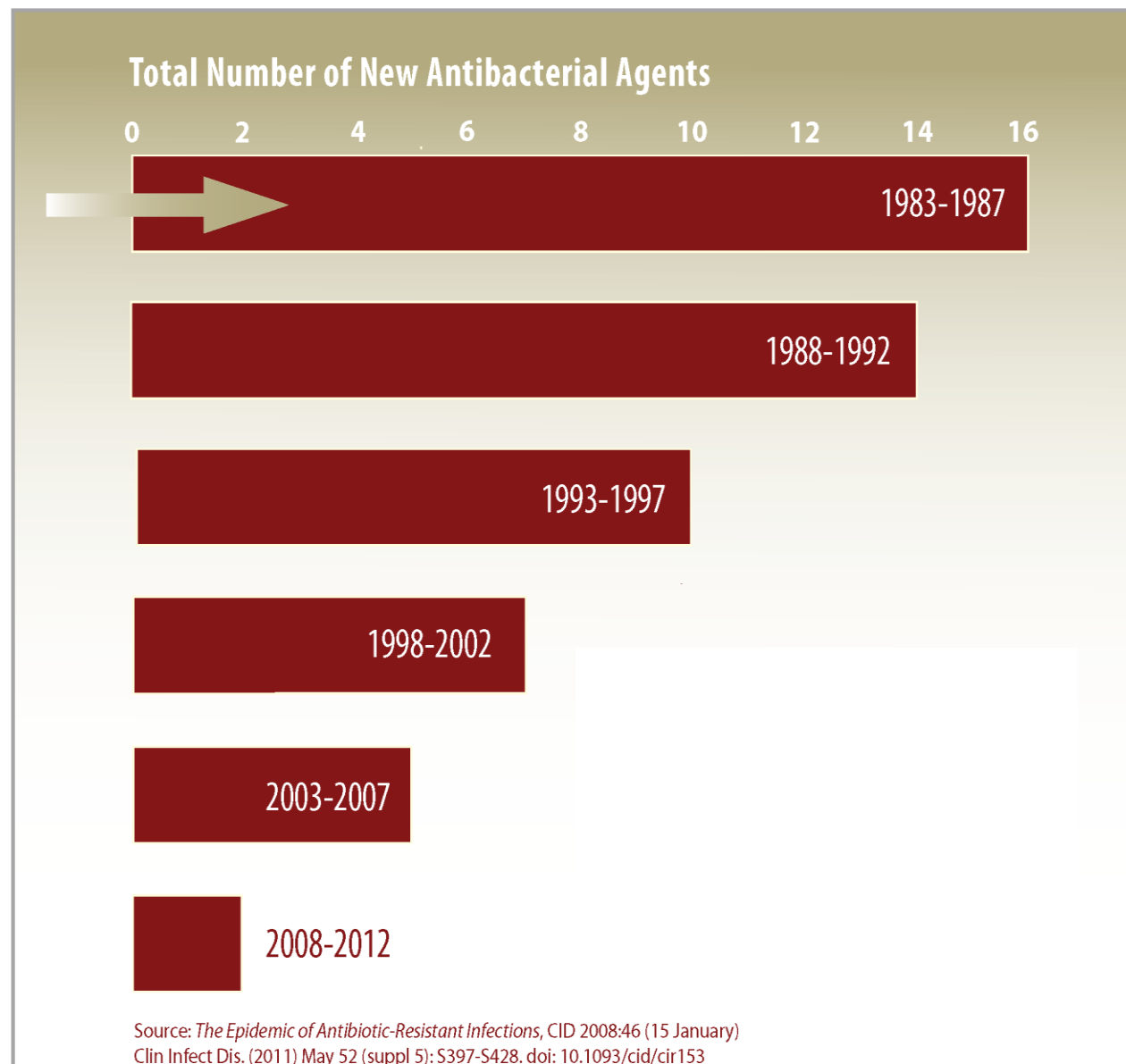


**Shrinking  
Antibiotic pipeline**

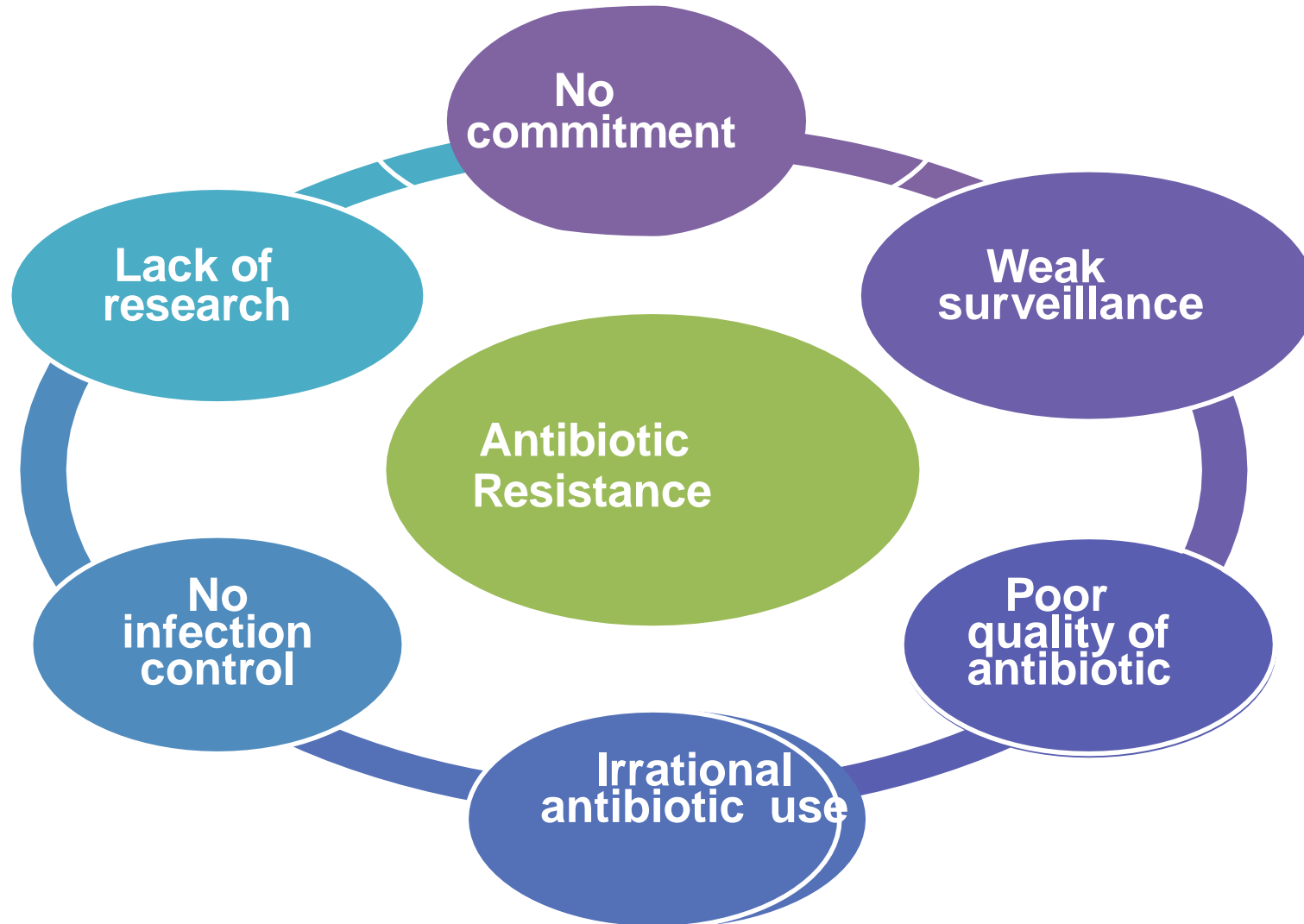
# Dwindling antibiotic development

## Reasons

- Not economically viable
- Antibiotics used only for short periods
- Benefit expected for a new antibiotic \$50 million when compared to \$1 billion for non-communicable diseases
- Restriction to the use of new antibiotic



# Factors contributing to AMR

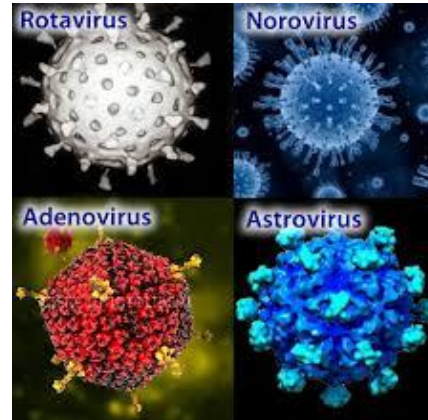


# Overprescribing of antibiotics

60- 75% of the antibiotic prescriptions  
each year for ARI



Common cold,  
flu, bronchitis



**Mostly Viral etiology**

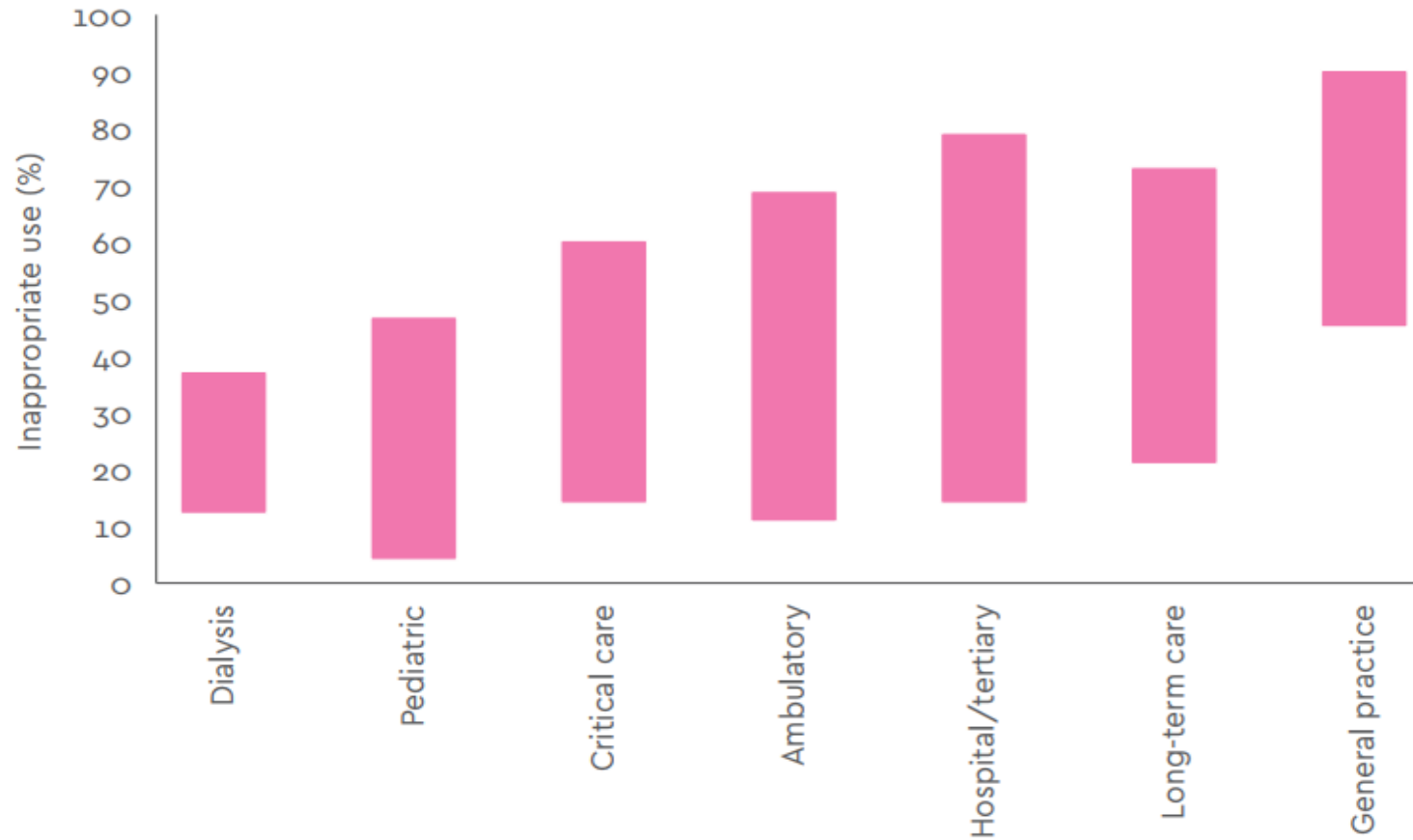
30-45 % of the antibiotic prescriptions  
each year for Acute gastroenteritis



Acute gastroenteritis

**Antibiotics offer no benefit**

# Estimated proportion of inappropriate antimicrobial use



Source: OECD (2017)

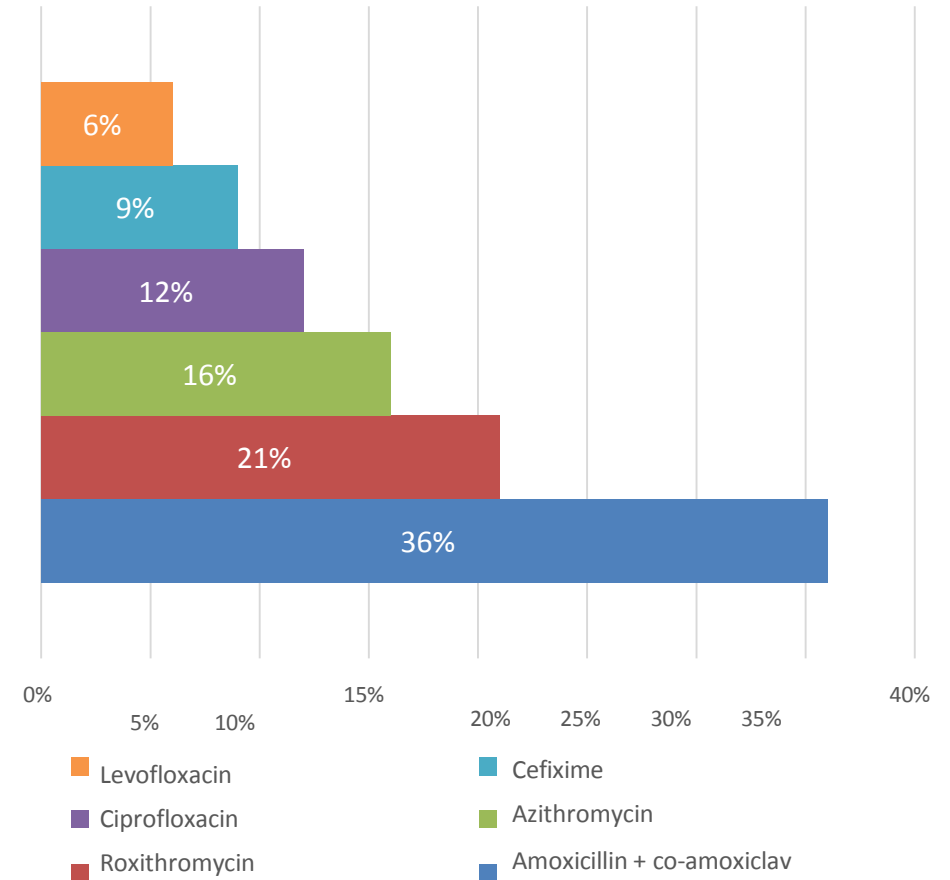


# Over-the-counter use & poor medication adherence

**A retrospective study of 200 patients visiting a dental clinic in a north Indian city showcased**

- Only 21% completed the full course
- 18% stopped on getting symptomatic relief
- Rest stopped on experiencing a side effect

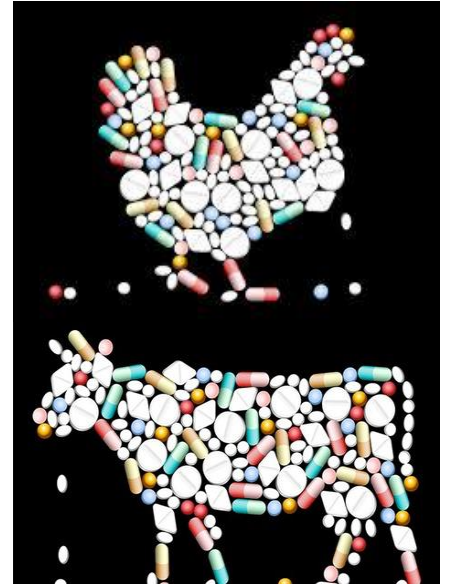
**Most Common Antibiotics used OTC in India**



OTC: over the counter; URTI: upper respiratory tract infections. Bhanwra S. A study of non-prescription usage of antibiotics in the upper respiratory tract infections in the urban population. *J Pharmacol Pharmacother*. 2013;4:62–4.

# Unregulated antibiotic use in livestock and poultry

- India - largest antimicrobial consumption in food animals
- Residues of multiple antibiotics such as **fluoroquinolones** and **tetracyclines** in chicken meat samples from Delhi NCR (CSE report 2014)
- Industry growth expected to increase by 80% by 2030



CSE: Centre for Science and Environment.

1. Antibiotics in food. Available at: <http://www.cseindia.org/userfiles/02%20Honey.pdf>; 2. Boeckel TPV, *et al.* Global trends in antimicrobial use in food animals. *PNAS*. 2015;12:5649-54; 3. Laxminarayan R, Chaudhury RR. Antibiotic Resistance in India: Drivers and Opportunities for Action. *PLoS Med*. 2016;13:e1001974.

# Antibiotics found in many honey brands

[ScientificWorldJournal](#). 2012; 2012: 930849.

Published online 2012 Oct 14. doi: [10.1100/2012/930849](https://doi.org/10.1100/2012/930849)

PMCID: PMC3477659

PMID: [23097637](#)

## Antibiotic, Pesticide, and Microbial Contaminants of Honey: Human Health Hazards

[Noori Al-Waili](#), <sup>1,\*</sup> [Khelod Salom](#), <sup>1</sup> [Ahmed Al-Ghamdi](#), <sup>2</sup> and [Mohammad Javed Ansari](#) <sup>2</sup>

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Oxytetracycline and chloramphenicol residues have been found above the regulatory standards in hone



# Antibiotics in environment –

## Improper disposal



Industry effluent



Hospital waste



Household leftover  
medicines

# Antibiotics in river

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## Rivers across the world have high levels of antibiotics

Researchers estimate presence of 14 antibiotics in rivers of 72 countries across six continents



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# Antibiotics in river contd..

Environ Pollut. 2019 Mar;246:443-451. doi: 10.1016/j.envpol.2018.12.022. Epub 2018 Dec 11.

## **River Ganges water as reservoir of microbes with antibiotic and metal ion resistance genes: High throughput metagenomic approach.**

Reddy B<sup>1</sup>, Dubey SK<sup>2</sup>.

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# Strategies to control and prevent AMR

**Antimicrobial  
stewardship**



**Alternatives to  
antibiotics**



# Antimicrobial Stewardship Program (ASP)

Purpose of  
stewardship  
program

1

**optimize safe and appropriate use of antibiotics** to improve clinical outcomes and minimize adverse effects of antibiotics

2

**reduce health care costs** without adversely impacting quality of patient care **reduce the incidence of** antibiotic induced **collateral damage**



# Essential components of ASP



Appropriate antimicrobial therapy (4Rs)



Prospective audit with feedback and timely intervention



Formulary restriction/preauthorisation



Switch from parental to oral



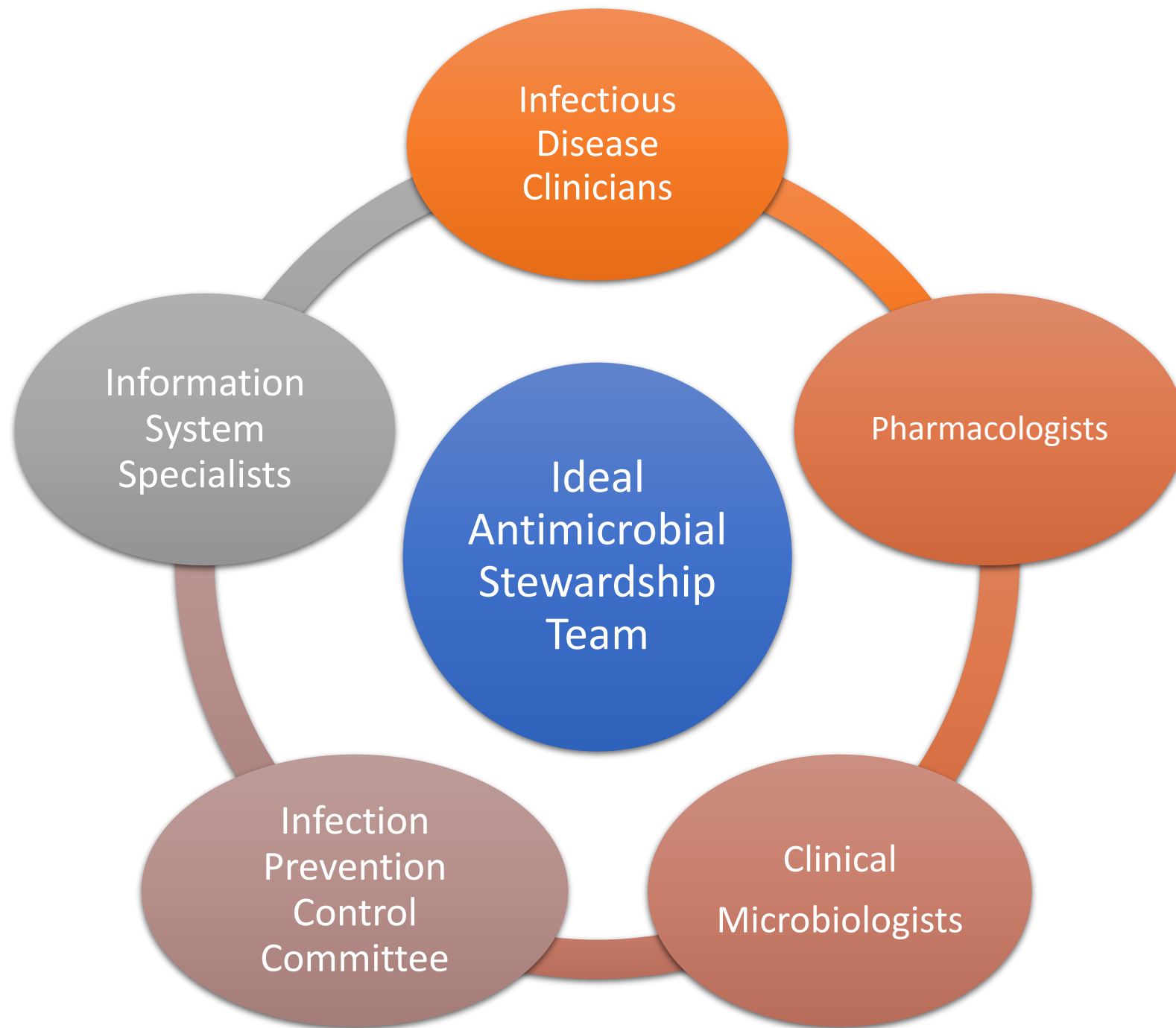
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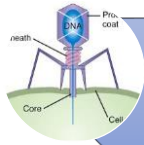
Appropriate use of microbiology lab



Education and administrative action



# Alternatives to antibiotics



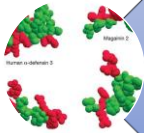
Bacteriophage therapy



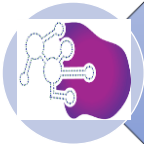
Fecal microbiota transplantation



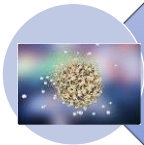
Antimicrobial adjuvants



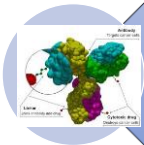
Antimicrobial peptides



Nucleic acid-based aptamers



Novel delivery platform using nanocarriers



Antibiotic-antibody conjugates

Initiatives undertaken..

# WHO Essential Medicine List

**Classifies antibiotics into**



## **Access**

*Which indicates the antibiotic of choice for each of the 25 most common infections. These antibiotics should be available at all times, affordable and quality-assured.*



## **Watch**

*Which includes most of the "highest-priority critically important antimicrobials" for human medicine and veterinary use. These antibiotics are recommended only for specific, limited indications*



## **Reserve**

*Antibiotics that should only be used as a last resort when all other antibiotics have failed.*

# AWaRe Classification of antimicrobials – WHO EML

## Access

Amoxicillin  
Amoxicillin and clavulanic acid  
Ampicillin  
Benzathine benzylpenicillin  
Benzylpenicillin  
Cefalexin or cefazolin  
Chloramphenicol  
Clindamycin  
Cloxacillin  
Doxycycline  
Gentamicin or amikacin  
Metronidazole  
Nitrofurantoin  
Phenoxymethylpenicillin  
Procaine benzylpenicillin  
Spectinomycin  
Sulfamethoxazole and trimethoprim

Core access antibiotics

Azithromycin  
Cefixime  
Cefotaxime  
Ceftriaxone  
Ciprofloxacin  
Clarithromycin  
Piperacillin and tazobactam  
Meropenem  
Vancomycin

\* Antibiotics that are  
also in the Watch group

## Watch

Anti-pseudomonal penicillins with beta-lactamase inhibitor  
(eg, piperacillin and tazobactam)  
Carbapenems or penems (eg, faropenem, imipenem and cilastatin,  
meropenem)  
Cephalosporins, third generation (with or without beta-lactamase inhibitor;  
eg, cefixime, cefotaxime, ceftazidime, ceftriaxone)  
Glycopeptides (eg, teicoplanin, vancomycin)  
Macrolides (eg, azithromycin, clarithromycin, erythromycin)  
Quinolones and fluoroquinolones (eg, ciprofloxacin, levofloxacin,  
moxifloxacin, norfloxacin)

## Reserve

Aztreonam  
Cephalosporins, fourth generation (eg, cefepime)  
Cephalosporins, fifth generation (eg, ceftaroline)  
Daptomycin  
Fosfomycin (intravenous)  
Oxazolidinones (eg, linezolid)  
Polymyxins (eg, colistin, polymyxin B)  
Tigecycline

# Revision of NLEM- 2015

*To align with AMR initiatives*

National Consultation Meeting to be held on  
**4<sup>th</sup> November 2019**

# D&C Rule, 1945 amended to include **Schedule H1** in 2013

*'35' out of 46 listed drugs are antibiotics*

- ❖ Recorded in a **separate register** at the time of the supply
  - **Name and address of the prescriber**
  - **Name of the patient**
  - **Name of the drug**
  - **Quantity supplied and such records**
- ❖ Records shall be maintained for **three years** and be open for inspection
- ❖ **Drug Label contain:**

## **Schedule H1 Drug-Warning:**

- It is dangerous to take this preparation except in accordance with the medical advice
- Not to be sold by retail without the prescription of a Registered Medical Practitioner



# What next??

## Schedule H2 !!

Vancomycin  
Daptomycin  
Linezolid  
Tigecycline  
Colistin  
5<sup>th</sup> generation  
cephalosporine

## Schedule H3 !!

Bedaquiline  
Delamanid  
Pretomanid  
Sutezolid

# Colistin ban in live stock industry

**MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE****(Department of Health and Family Welfare)****NOTIFICATION**

New Delhi, the 19th July, 2019

**S.O. 2607(E).**—Whereas, it is brought to the notice of the Central Government that the use of the drug Colistin and its formulations for food producing animals, poultry, aqua farming and animal feed supplements is likely to involve risk to human beings;

And whereas, the Drugs Technical Advisory Board has considered the said matter and recommended for prohibiting the said drug and its formulations for food producing animals, poultry, aqua farming and animal feed supplements;

And whereas, the Central Government is satisfied that it is necessary and expedient in the public interest to prohibit the manufacture, sale and distribution of the drug Colistin and its formulations for food producing animals, poultry, aqua farming and animal feed supplements;

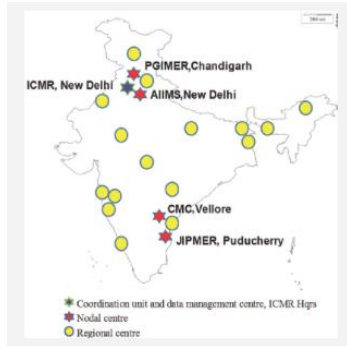
Now, therefore, in exercise of powers conferred by section 26A of the Drugs and Cosmetics Act, 1940 (23 of 1940), the Central Government hereby—

- (a) prohibits the manufacture, sale and distribution of the following drug with immediate effect, namely:—  
“Colistin and its formulations for food producing animals, poultry, aqua farming and animal feed supplements”; and
- (b) directs that the manufacturer of Colistin and its formulations shall label the container of the drug and mention the words “NOT TO BE USED IN FOOD PRODUCING ANIMALS, POULTRY, AQUA FARMING AND ANIMAL FEED SUPPLEMENTS” in conspicuous manner on the package insert and promotional literature of the said drug and its formulations.

[F. No. X. 11014/8/2019-DR]

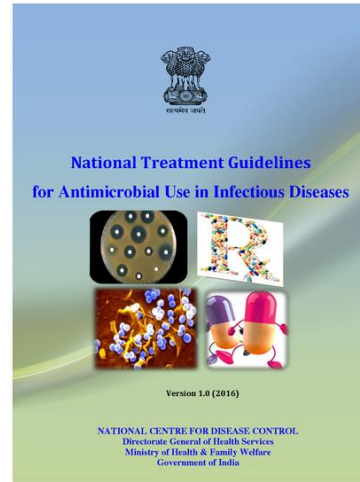
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# ICMR initiatives



2013

Antimicrobial  
Resistance Surveillance  
& Research Network  
(AMRSN)

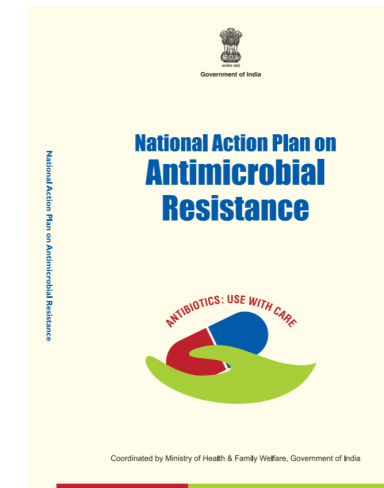


2016

National treatment  
Guidelines for  
antimicrobial use in  
infectious diseases

Antimicrobial stewardship  
guidelines

2017



# National Antimicrobial Resistance Surveillance System

ICMR has established a National Program on Antimicrobial Surveillance in ten laboratories which will focus on:

**Diarrhea** (e.g., *Shigella*, *Vibrio cholerae*)

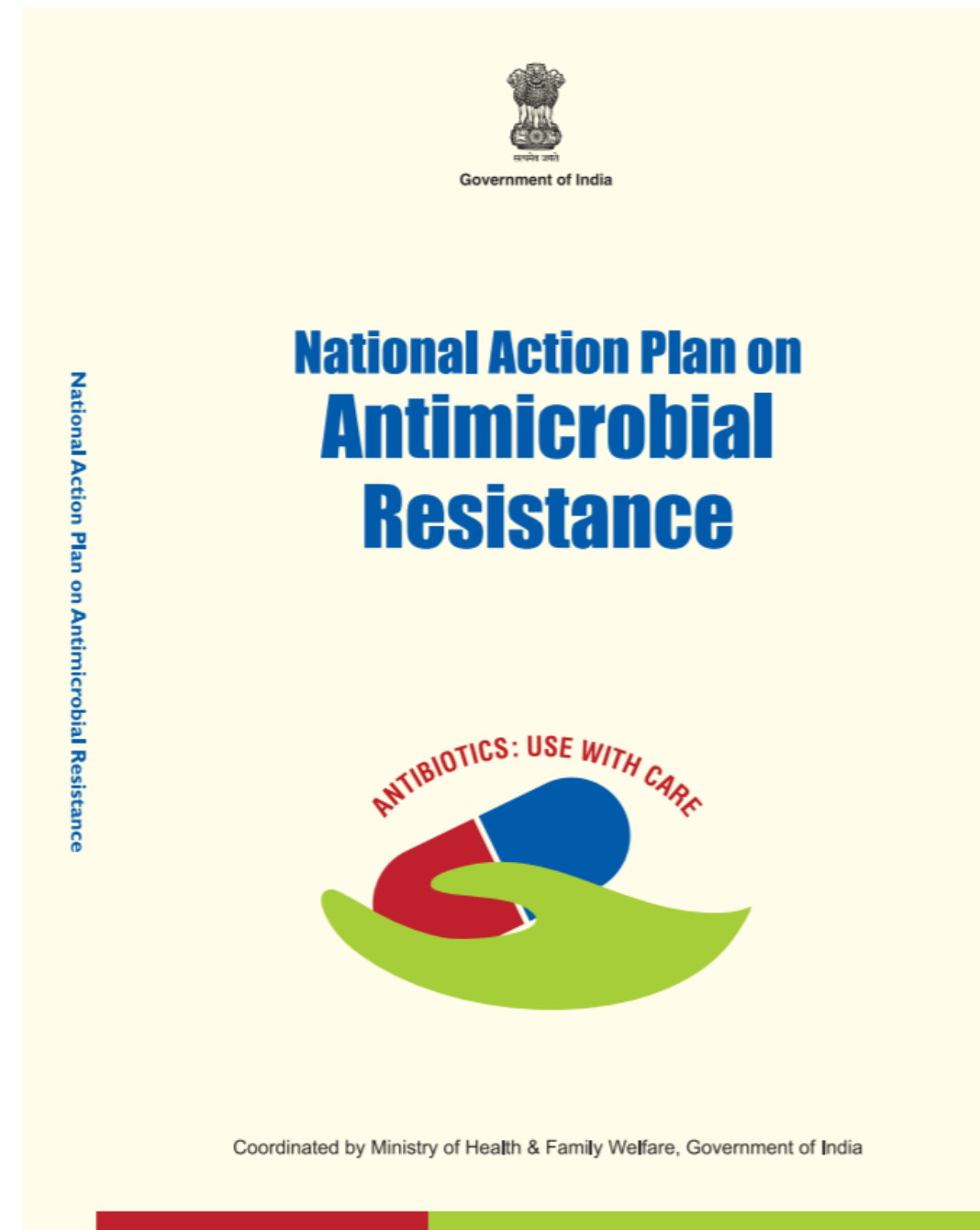
**Enteric fever** (e.g., *S. typhi*, *S. paratyphi*)

**Sepsis** caused by Enterobacteriaceae (e.g., *E. coli*, *K. pneumoniae*),  
Other **Gram-negative organisms** (e.g., *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*, *A. baumannii*) Gram-positive bacteria (e.g., **MRSA** and **VRE**)

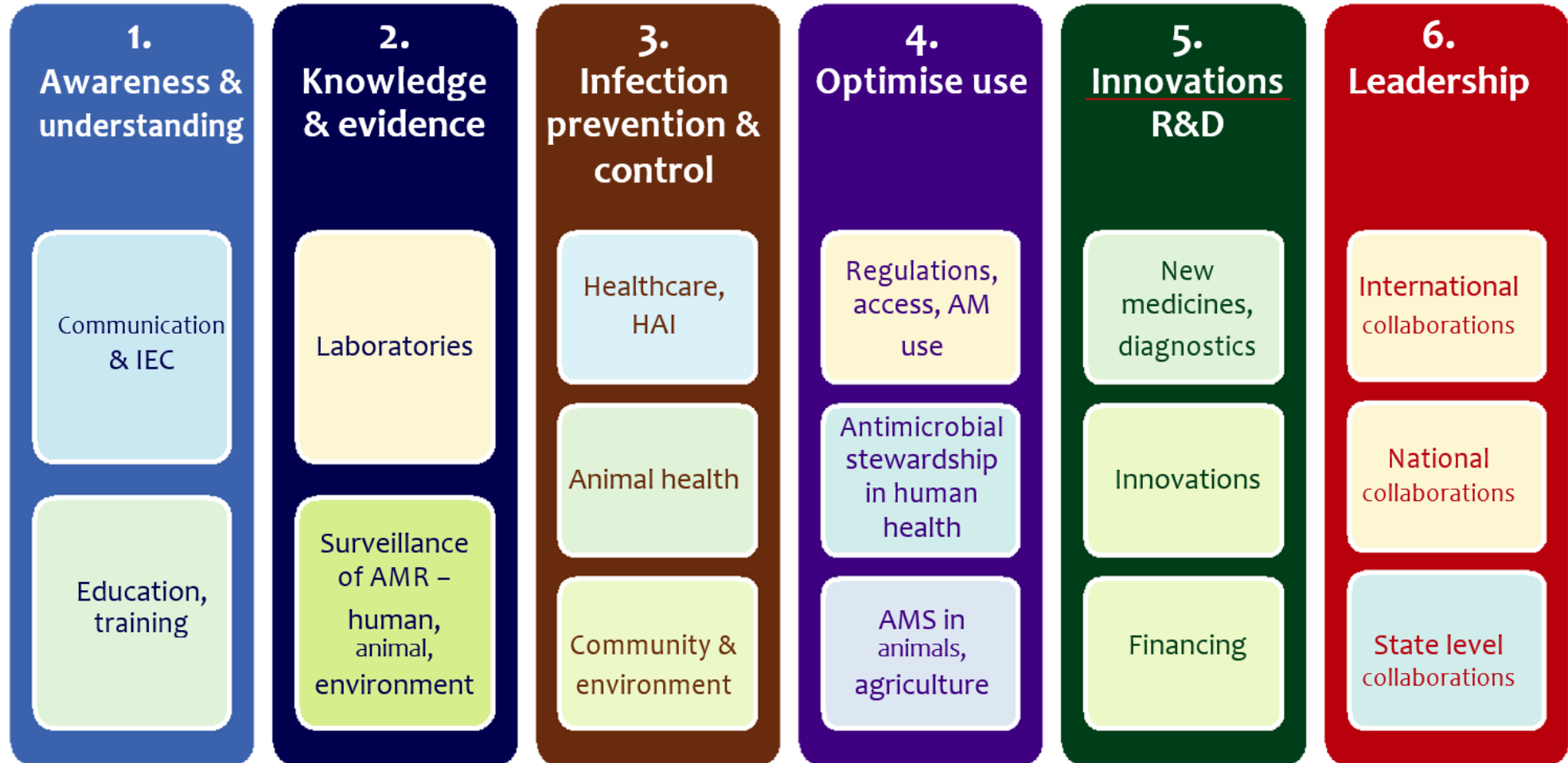
**Fungal** infections (e.g., *Candida* spp.)

**Respiratory** pathogens (e.g., *Streptococcus pneumoniae*)

# National Action Plan on Antimicrobial Resistance (NAP-AMR) 2017 – 2021



# Focus areas of NAP-AMR strategic priorities



# Artificial intelligence & AMR



# Shared responsibility of all stakeholders to combat AMR





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