Carbapenemase-Producing Enterobacteriaceae (CPE): Overcoming the Barriers

A Knowledge Translation Approach to Success

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Objectives

• Provide a short update on Carbapenemase-producing *Enterobacteriaceae* status in Ontario

• Draw on a CPE success story to discuss how we can improve CPE management in health care
Carbapenemase-Producing Enterobacteriaceae (CPE)

• *Enterobacteriaceae* are a family of bacteria commonly found in the gastrointestinal tract

• CPEs occur when these organisms become resistant to carbapenem antibiotics through the production of carbapenemase enzymes

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<th>Enzyme</th>
<th>Most Common Bacteria</th>
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<td>Class A</td>
<td>KPC, SME, IMI, NMC, GES</td>
<td>Enterobacteriaceae and rarely pseudomonas</td>
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The Problem

• Very limited treatment options
• ~16.5% of colonized cases become infected
• High rates of mortality in infected patients
  • Estimated 3 times increased likelihood of death compared to patients with carbapenem-susceptible infections
• Patients/residents can remain colonized for prolonged periods of time (some evidence shows >18 months)

The Data
Carbapenemase Producing *Enterobacteriaceae* (CPE) rates by public health unit, May 2018 to Feb 2019

**Rate Range (per 100,000 population)**

- 0.0
- 0.1 - 1.0
- 1.1 - 2.0
- 2.1 - 3.0
- 3.1 - 4.5

**Health Unit Code**

(Case Count, Rate)

Cases: Ontario Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care, integrated Public Health Information System (iPHIS) database, extracted by Public Health Ontario [2019/03/15].

Ontario Population: Population Projection, 2016-2041, Ontario Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care, IntelliHEALTH ONTARIO, extracted: [2017/10/24].
CPE cases by infection status, May 2018 to Feb 2019

Source: Ontario Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care, integrated Public Health Information System (iPHIS) database, extracted by Public Health Ontario [2019/03/15].
CPE cases by resistance type, May 2018 to Feb 2019

Source: Ontario Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care, integrated Public Health Information System (iPHIS) database, extracted by Public Health Ontario [2019/03/15].
Risk factors for CPE, May 2018 to Feb 2019

- Chronic or underlying existing condition: 86%
- Travel abroad in the last 12 months: 55%
- Hospitalization abroad in the last 12 months: 36%
- Endoscopic procedure in the last 12 months: 26%
- ICU admission in the last 12 months: 26%

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What are the CPE Needs and Gaps?

- Non-Acute Care!
- High proportion of inquiry related to gaps in non-acute care guidance:
  - The lab denied our point prevalence screens, what do we do now?
  - We don’t have a single room available…
  - When can we remove precautions?
  - Can the resident engage in group activities?
  - Should our screening protocols be the same as acute care?
  - We share baths and showers, is special cleaning required?
  - Who is considered a contact…
  - We’ve never seen a case before…
A Success Story
The Success Story

• Caring for a CPE resident at a Long-Term Care Home (LTCH)
• How one LTCH overcame the barriers to manage their first case of CPE
Framing the Success

Knowledge to Action

- Identify the Problem
- Determine the Gap
- Identify, Review and Select Knowledge

Select, Tailor, Implement Interventions
Monitor Knowledge Use
Evaluate Outcomes
Sustain Knowledge Use
Adapt Knowledge to Local Context
Assess Barriers/Facilitators to Knowledge Use

The Problem

- Request for LTCH to admit a patient with CPE
- LTCH has never cared for a CPE patient before
- Home is hesitant to accept the patient
Identifying the Barriers
The Barriers

• Informal interviews with facility staff conducted by facility educator

1. Fear

• “the new SARS”
• Cognitively impaired residents causing transmission
The Barriers

2. Lack of Knowledge
   - Transmission
   - Balance quality of life with preventing transmission
   - Infection risk factors e.g. catheterization
   - Sink cleaning

3. Sustainability
   - Staff turnover
   - Few cases
Overcoming the Barriers
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• Educator spoke directly with care staff to discuss strategies to overcome the barriers
  • Small group and one-to-one discussion
  • All relevant staff – RN, RPN, PSW, allied health etc.

• Relevant stakeholders came together to discuss barriers and ways to address the issues and concern (LHIN, PHU, LTCH, PHO)
Overcoming the Barriers

Addressing the Fears

• The IPAC Risk Assessment
  • How is it transmitted?
  • Is the patient ambulatory?
  • How is the patient accommodated?
  • Can the patient follow directions?
  • Can the patient maintain personal and hand hygiene?
  • Can any draining wounds be covered?
  • Can incontinence be contained?

• Patients may wander
  • Staff decided to keep door closed and have a bottle of Antiseptic wipes located by the patient’s room to allow staff to wipe high touch surfaces before and after care
Overcoming the Barriers

Addressing the Knowledge Gaps

Collaboration

• Educator, PHU, PHO, LHIN to formulate responses to staff questions and concerns
• PHO provided educational materials
Overcoming the Barriers

Addressing the Knowledge Gaps

Educational session

• Responses specific to staff questions
• Provided to all shifts

Topics Included

• Preventing Transmission
  • Dedicate shower or clean after use
  • Avoid shared equipment or wipe down after use
  • Avoiding shared hygiene products
• Promoting quality of life: simple methods that allow patient to participate in activities, while minimizing transmission
• Hygiene
• Chlorhexidine bathing
Addressing the Knowledge Gaps

Education Session Topics, Continued

• Risk Factors
  • Education on risk factors for infection and encouraging the removal of the catheter

• Sink protocols
  • Development of a simpler protocol, focus on preventing sink contamination
Overcoming the Barriers

Addressing the Sustainability Barrier

- Reports of improved confidence and comfort
- Educator has become an “expert”
- Educator check-ins
- Education materials for new staff or refreshers
- New policies and procedures
- Facility sought GU consult with a view to removing catheter
To fill the need, we must first understand the problem

To promote change we must address the barriers to change

Knowing the outcomes we are seeking will help us evaluate our interventions
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