

# A public health viewpoint



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# Two complementary human health systems

## ➤ Health care

- Outpatient clinics
- Primary hospitals
- Referral hospitals
- Clinical research institutes

## ➤ Public health

- Local health departments
- State health departments
- National health department
- US Public Health Service and CDC

# Federal agency roles and responsibilities in food safety

## CDC

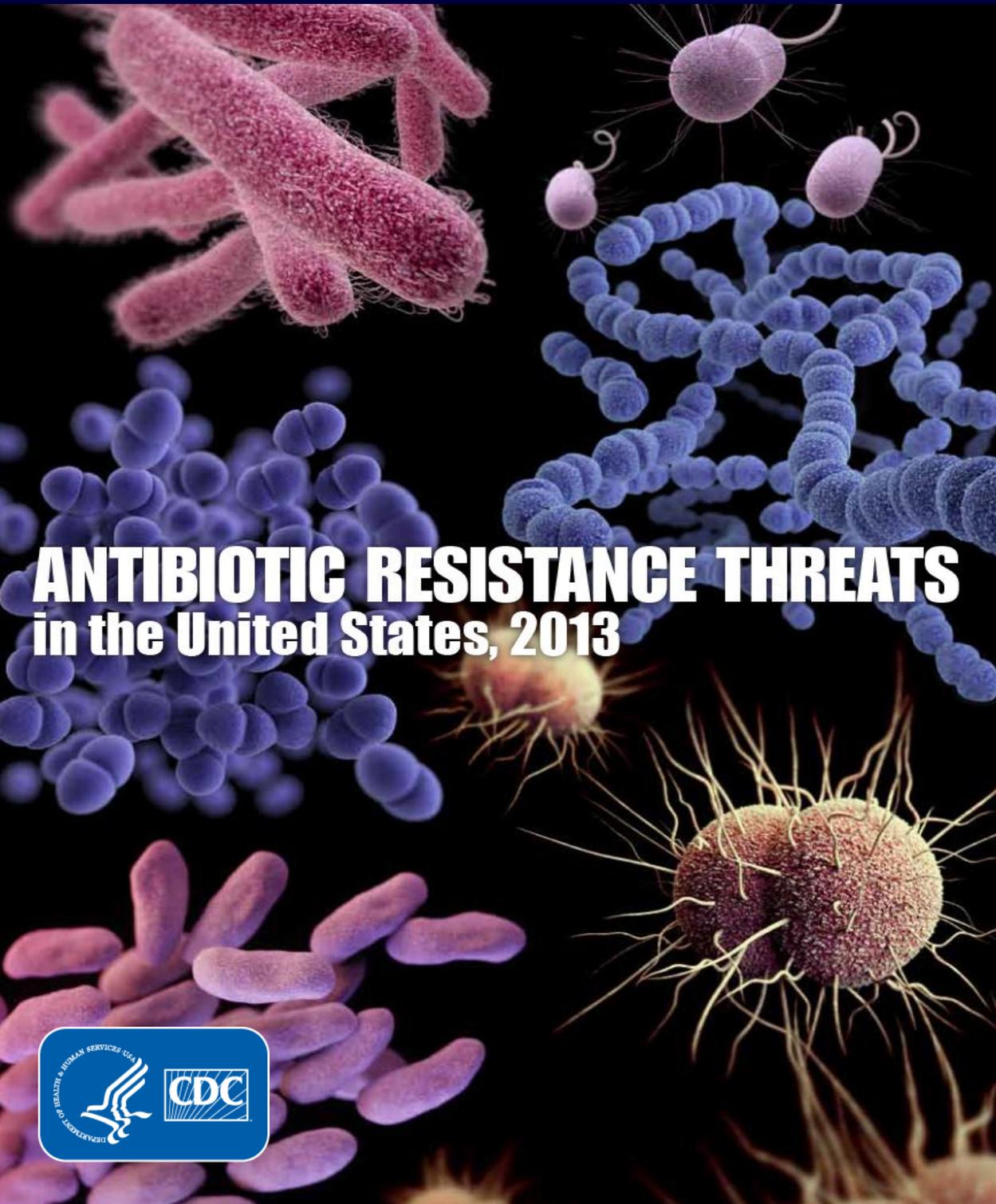
- Non-regulatory
- National disease surveillance
- Detect and investigate outbreaks to determine vehicle and source
- Track burden, trends, attribution
- Improve public health methods and practices
  
- Problem identification
  
- Provide information to guide action

## FDA, FSIS/USDA

- Regulatory
- Food safety policies
- Inspect, monitor, enforce
- Product recall and traceback
- Investigation of farm and production facilities
  
- Problem management
  
- Regulation and enforcement

# Antibiotic treatments have been critical in human and veterinary medicine since the 1940s

- Resistance a challenge for almost as long
- Emerges in settings where antimicrobials are used
- In a variety of bacteria, viruses, fungi, parasites
- Sometimes spreads from one bacterial strain to another
- Stewardship is central to managing infections and preserving effectiveness of antibiotics



CDC report released  
September 17, 2013

18 pathogens

*Burden*

- 2,049,000 illnesses
- 23,000 deaths

*Foodborne pathogens*

- 4 of the 18 often transmitted through foods
- 2 with animal reservoirs
- 2 with human reservoirs

**ANTIBIOTIC RESISTANCE THREATS  
in the United States, 2013**



<http://www.cdc.gov/drugresistance/threat-report-2013>



# Annual burden of human illness and death caused by resistant infections often spread through food

- Resistant to important drugs used for treatment

Pathogen	Percent Resistant	# illnesses/ year	# deaths/ Year
<i>Campylobacter</i>	24%	310,000	28
Non-typhoidal <i>Salmonella</i>	8%	100,000	38
<i>Salmonella</i> Typhi	67%	3,800	<5
<i>Shigella</i>	6%	27,000	<5
Total		441,000	66-70

# Reservoirs for bacterial foodborne pathogens

- *Salmonella Typhi* - humans
- *Shigella* spp - humans
- *Campylobacter* – poultry, other birds, cattle
- *E. coli* O157:H7 - cattle and other ruminants (swine?)
- *Salmonella* – poultry, cattle, swine, reptiles, and others
  - Enteritidis - poultry
  - Heidelberg - poultry
  - MDR Newport - cattle
  - MDR Dublin - cattle
- *Vibrio* – shellfish
- *Yersinia enterocolitica* – swine
- Often not associated with animal illness

# Why are resistant strains of particular concern?

- When treatment is needed, early empiric treatment may fail, and treatment choices will be limited
- Increased morbidity and mortality
  - Longer illnesses
  - More invasive infections
  - More likely to be hospitalized
  - More deaths
- Treatment for another condition with an agent to which *Salmonella* is resistant can convert silent carriage into overt disease
- When multiple resistance genes are grouped, use of any one of the antibiotics can co-select for all the resistance genes
- Resistance on a mobile genetic element may be transferred to other bacteria horizontally

# CDC addresses the challenge of resistant foodborne infections

- Track resistance through the National Antimicrobial Resistance Monitoring System (NARMS) collaboration
  - CDC tests isolates from ill people (1 in 20 *Salmonella*)
  - FDA tests isolates from meat and poultry
  - FSIS tests isolates from animals at slaughter
- Make real time resistance data part of outbreak investigations
- Make more information more quickly available (CDC NARMS Now website)
- Refine understanding of sources and spread of
  - resistant bacterial strains
  - resistance genes and plasmids
- Estimate the health impact of resistance
- Work with partners to prevent foodborne infections

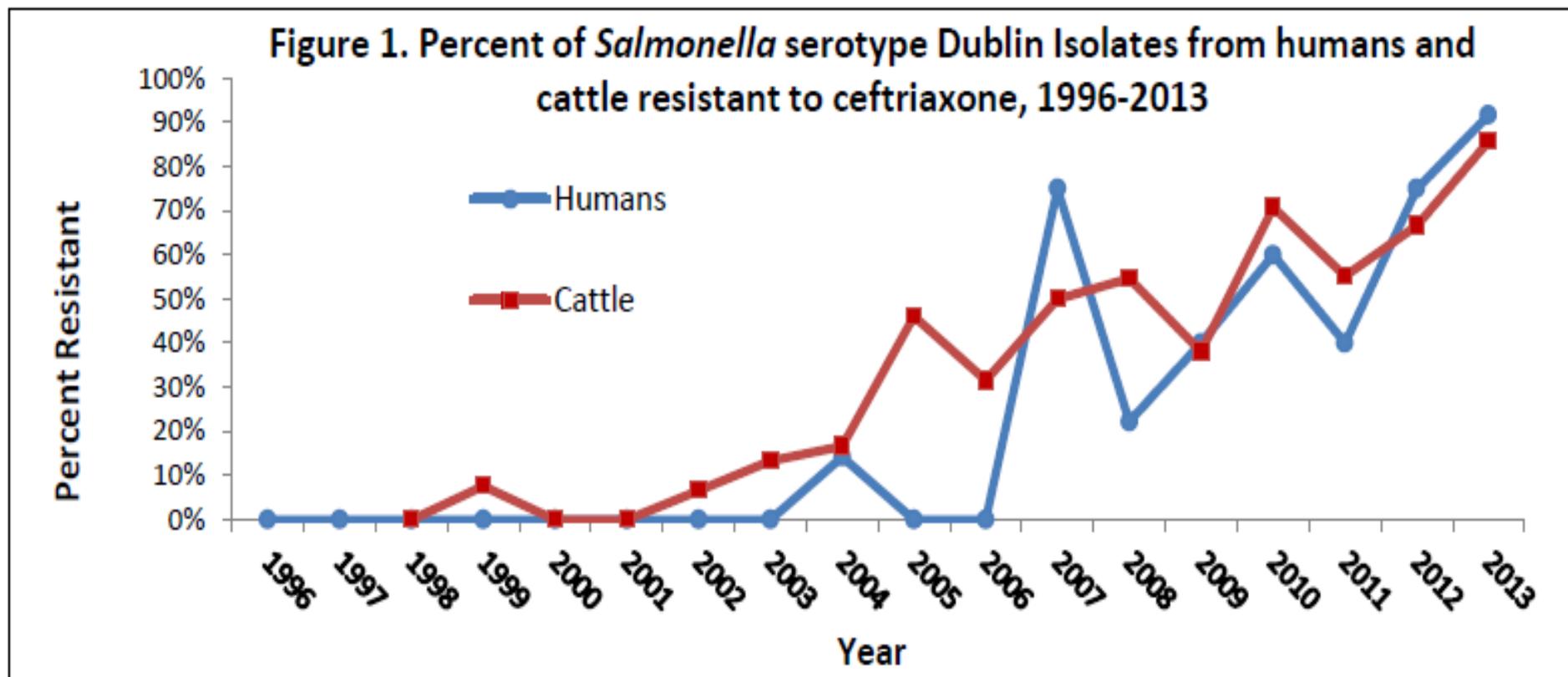
# Trends in antimicrobial resistance in non-typhoidal *Salmonella* in the United States: NARMS, 2013

- Multi-drug resistance ( $\geq 3$  agent classes) in isolates from humans
  - 1996-2001: 16%
  - 2003-2007: 12%
  - 2013: 10%
  - 70% of this is the 4 most resistant serotypes:
    - Dublin (92% are resistant)
    - I:4,5,12:i:- (51%)
    - Heidelberg (33%)
    - Typhimurium (17%)
  
- Ceftriaxone resistance:
  - 3% of all non-typhoidal *Salmonella*,
    - Dublin (92%)
    - Heidelberg (15%)
  
- Quinolone resistance (including reduced susceptibility):
  - 3% of all non-typhoidal *Salmonella*,
    - Enteritidis (6%)
    - now seeing plasmid-mediated quinolone resistance

<http://www.cdc.gov/narms>



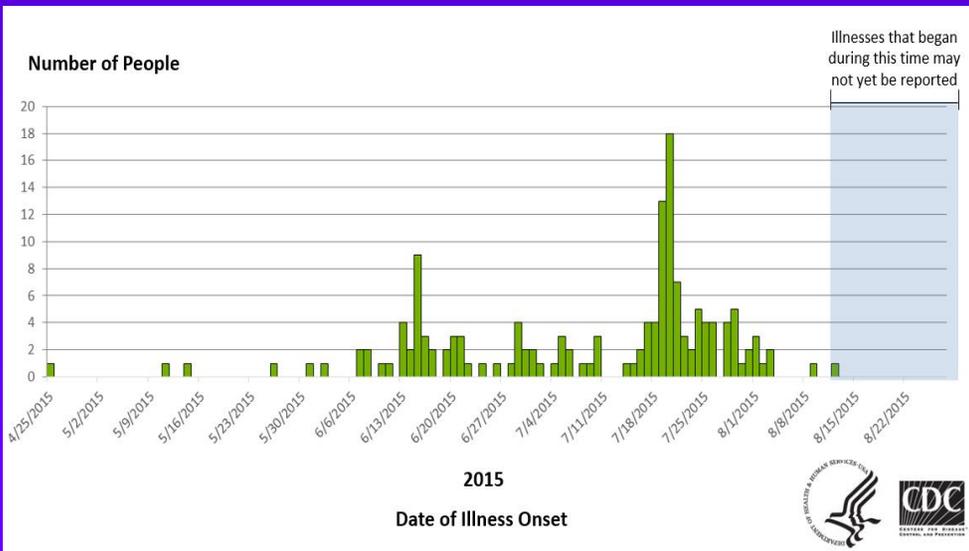
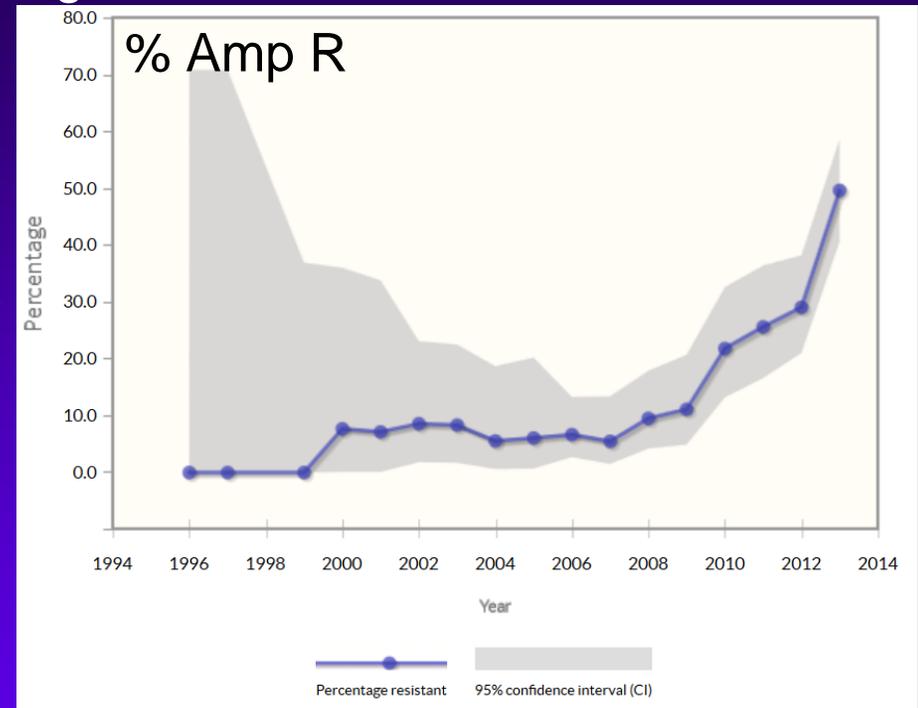
# Trends in antimicrobial resistance in *Salmonella* Dublin in the United States: NARMS, 1996-2013



- All are MDR, and in 2013, almost all are ACSSuTAuCx resistant.
- 9 human strains since 2007 had lower susceptibility to fluoroquinolones, and 6 of those 9 were also Cx resistant

# Multi-drug resistant *Salmonella* 1:4,5,12:i:-

- Serotype that evolved from Typhimurium
- #5 among human strains in 2012, increasing
- Becoming more resistant:
- 51% MDR resistant in 2013
  
- Present in swine and beef cecal samples
  - and on pork chops (NARMS retail meat)



- Recent outbreak related to swine
- 2015, Washington State, 152 cases
- MDR strain: ASSuT
- Roast and other pork from one plant
- Recall, plant closed to revise process

# MDR *Salmonella* Kentucky in Africa/Asia/Europe

- Starting in 1960, Pasteur Institute tracks one strain of *Salmonella* Kentucky
  - 1960's: travelers from Tunisia
  - 1990's: from Egypt
  - 2000's: from India
  - Progressive increase in resistance (since 1990's)
- 2008: Appeared in Polish turkey flocks, meat and consumers
  - Since then in turkey flocks and meat in Germany and France
- One genetic lineage: now R to ASSuTTmpGentCip, and sometimes Cx
- 2009-2012: Began appearing in the US
  - 6 times in NARMS, all from travelers to North Africa or Asia
  - 2 hospitalized, one died

LeHello 2013 Lancet Infectious Disease 13:652-679

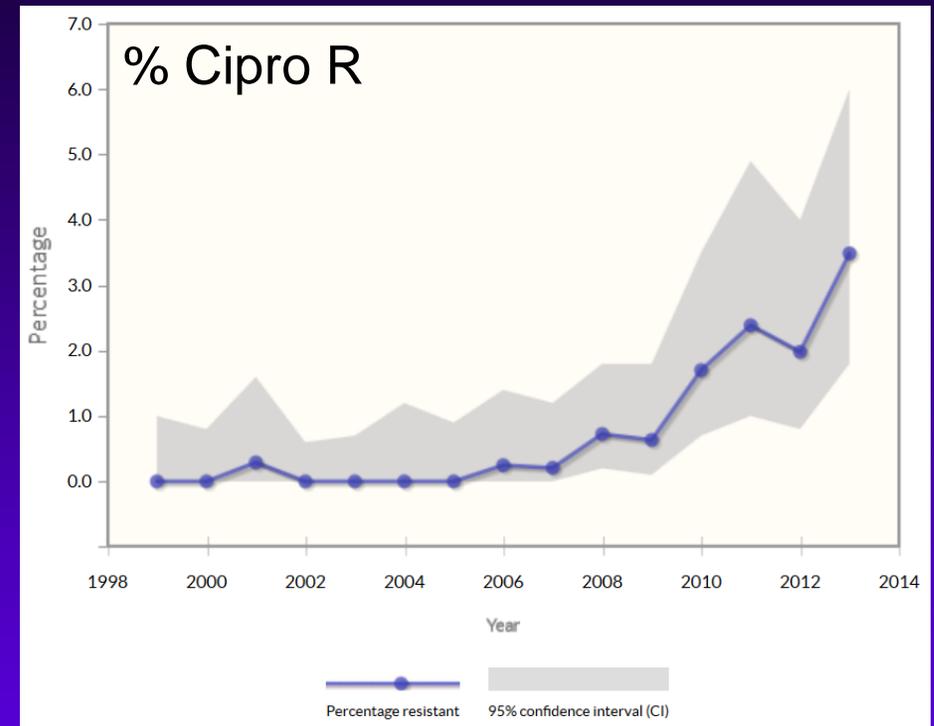
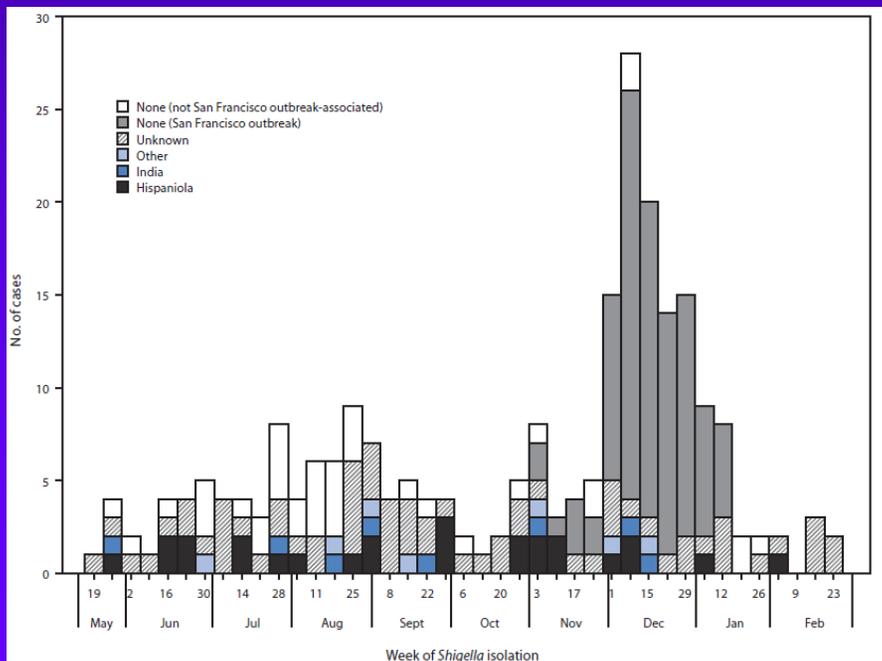
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Hartman and Folster 2014 Emerg Infect Dis 20: 910-911



# Ciprofloxacin-resistant *Shigella*

- Spreads from human to human via
  - Food, water, direct contact
  - Settings with poor hygiene
- Can become resistant rapidly
- 54% Multi-drug resistant in 2013
  - Amp, Trimethoprim/sulfa
- Ciprofloxacin is 1<sup>st</sup> choice for adults
- Recently resistance is increasing
- Was mostly seen in travelers



- *S. sonnei* outbreak in 2014-2015
- San Francisco homeless population
- Resistant to ciprofloxacin
- Promote hygiene, access to toilets
- Guidelines for use are needed
- Reserve antibiotics for patients with severe illness, immunocompromise

# Antibiotic use in humans

- Antibiotics are among the most commonly prescribed drugs used in human medicine
- As much as 50% of antibiotics prescribed for people are not needed or are not the best choice
- Antibiotic stewardship is critical to prolong usefulness of antibiotics



# Core elements of antibiotic stewardship in a hospital setting (a preview)

- Define the program with leaders and accountability
- Implement interventions to improve use
  - Require prior authorization for certain agents
  - Revisit empiric treatment decisions routinely after 48 hours
  - Conduct care audits with feedback
  - Optimize dose and duration practices
- Track patterns of antibiotic use and resistance
- Report regularly on use and resistance
- Educate practitioners and staff

# Expertise in animal health and management is vital to address resistant foodborne zoonotic infections

- Reduce introduction of resistant strains or genes via
  - Breeding stock, hatcheries
  - Animal feed sources
  - Water, environment, employees, etc.
- Reduce spread and selection of resistant genes or strains
  - Policies that reduce selective pressure
  - Practices that prevent spread of infection among animals
- Implement antibiotic stewardship and prevention measures
  - Judicious antimicrobial use policies
  - Tracking antibiotic use
  - Alternate treatment and prevention measures
  - Measures that reduce contamination of food

# Antimicrobial resistance in foodborne infections in the 21<sup>st</sup> century

- Substantial and changing challenge to human and animal health
- Not necessarily irreversible
- Related to both agricultural and human uses
- Multidisciplinary networks and partnerships vital to progress
- Limiting emergence of resistance, prolong utility of current antibiotics
- Improving stewardship and tracking of human and agricultural uses
- Collective goals:
  - Food to be safer
  - Those who eat it to be healthier
  - People to have more confidence in food supply
  - Effective agents to be available for humans and animals who need them



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# Our websites

Antimicrobial resistance:

[www.cdc.gov/drugresistance/index.html](http://www.cdc.gov/drugresistance/index.html)

Our Programs:

NARMS: [www.cdc.gov/NARMS](http://www.cdc.gov/NARMS)

FoodNet: [www.cdc.gov/foodnet](http://www.cdc.gov/foodnet)

PulseNet: [www.cdc.gov/pulsenet](http://www.cdc.gov/pulsenet)

FoodCORE: [www.cdc.gov/ncezid/dfwed/orpb/foodcore/index.html](http://www.cdc.gov/ncezid/dfwed/orpb/foodcore/index.html)

Specific pathogens:

*E. coli*: [www.cdc.gov/ecoli](http://www.cdc.gov/ecoli)

*Salmonella*: [www.cdc.gov/salmonella](http://www.cdc.gov/salmonella)

*Listeria*: [www.cdc.gov/listeria](http://www.cdc.gov/listeria)

Multistate foodborne outbreaks:

[www.cdc.gov/outbreaknet/outbreaks.html](http://www.cdc.gov/outbreaknet/outbreaks.html)

General information about foodborne diseases:

[www.cdc.gov/foodsafety](http://www.cdc.gov/foodsafety)

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