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
ANTIBIOTIC RESISTANCE THREATS in the United States, 2013

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

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

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<th>Percent Resistant</th>
<th># illnesses/Year</th>
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<td>Campylobacter</td>
<td>24%</td>
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<td>Non-typhoidal Salmonella</td>
<td>8%</td>
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<td>Salmonella Typhi</td>
<td>67%</td>
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<td>Shigella</td>
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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

Mølbak 2005 Clin Infect Dis 41:1613-20
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

- Multi-drug resistance (≥ 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 ACSSuTArCxAx resistant.
- 9 human strains since 2007 had lower susceptibility to fluoroquinolones, and 6 of those 9 were also Cx resistant

NARMS Integrated Report 2013 + preliminary CDC data
Multi-drug resistant *Salmonella* l: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
Wasyl 2012 Food Research Int 45:958-961
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\textsuperscript{st} choice for adults
- Recently resistance is increasing
- Was mostly seen in travelers

\textbf{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

CDC NARMS Now website; MMWR 2015, 64:318-320
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

www.cdc.gov/getsmart/healthcare/implementation/core-elements.html
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 21st 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
Thank you

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Our websites

Antimicrobial resistance:  
www.cdc.gov/drugresistance/index.html

Our Programs:
NARMS:  www.cdc.gov/NARMS
FoodNet:  www.cdc.gov/foodnet
PulseNet:  www.cdc.gov/pulsenet
FoodCORE:  www.cdc.gov/ncezid/dfwed/orpb/foodcore/index.html

Specific pathogens:
E. coli:  www.cdc.gov/ecoli
Salmonella:  www.cdc.gov/salmonella
Listeria:  www.cdc.gov/listeria

Multistate foodborne outbreaks:
www.cdc.gov/outbreaknet/outbreaks.html

General information about foodborne diseases:
www.cdc.gov/foodsafety
www.foodsafety.gov