# NICU Quality Improvement

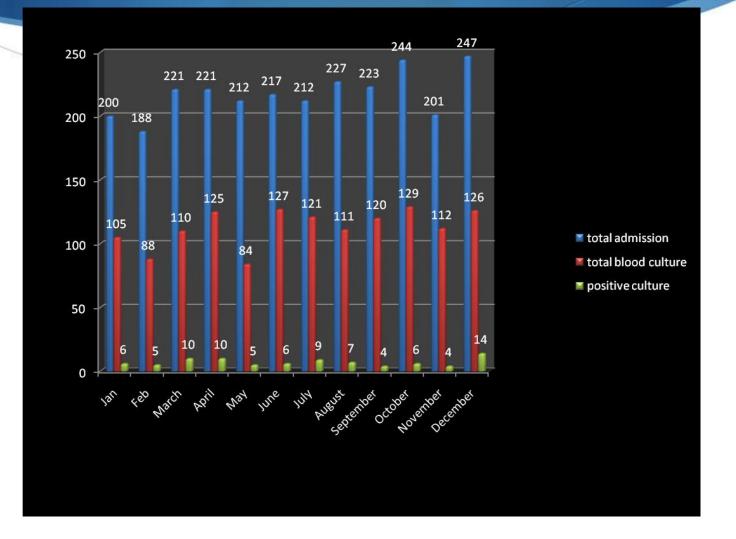
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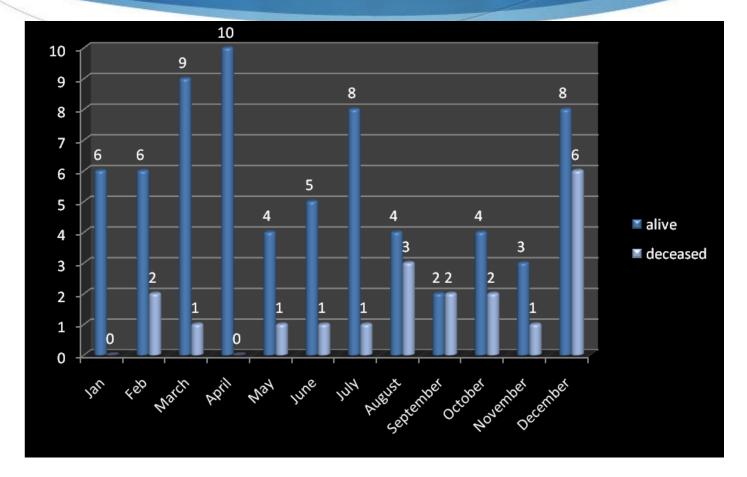
### Introduction

- Nosocomial bacteremia is a significant problem for infants admitted into NICUs and other hospital units.
- This is especially true for very low birth weight infants who are at high risk for these infections due to their immature immune systems and need for invasive monitoring and supportive care.
- Reported nosocomial infection rates range from 6% to 33%, but the rate varies widely among different centers.
- Mortality rates are high, and infections result in increased length of stay as well as increased hospital costs and charges.

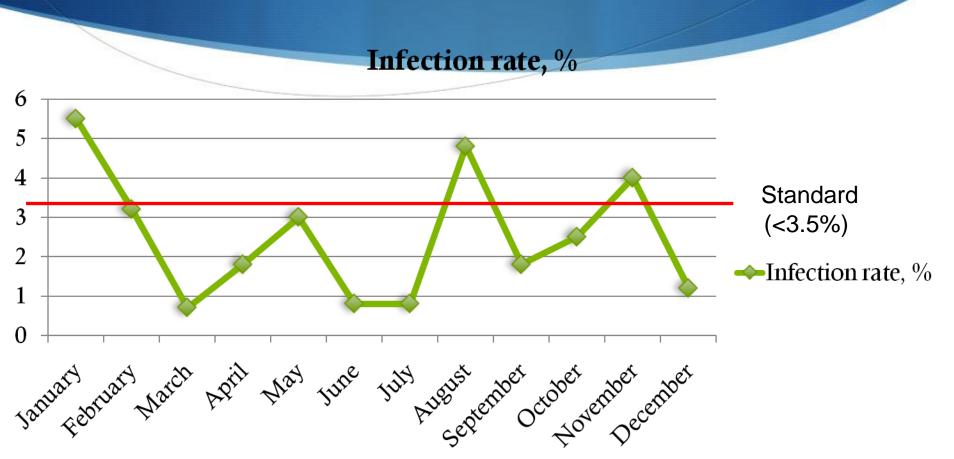
# NICU, HSB Blood stream infection, 2010



# Mortality with positive blood cultures 2010

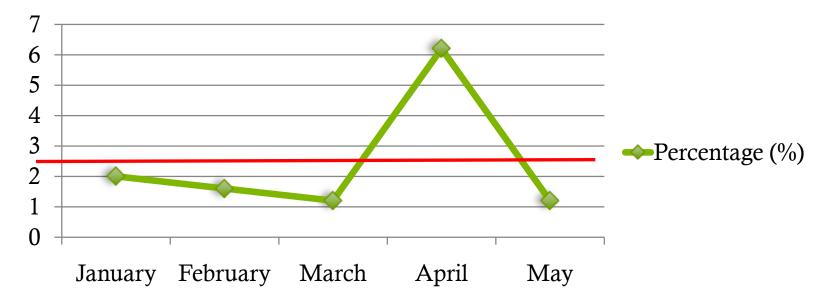


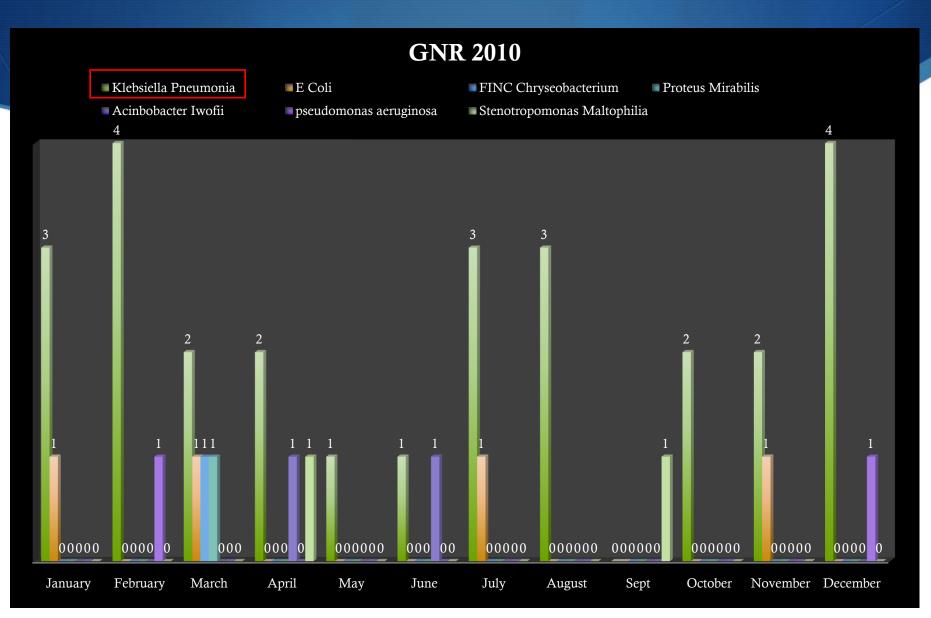
## Blood Stream Infection Rate, 2010



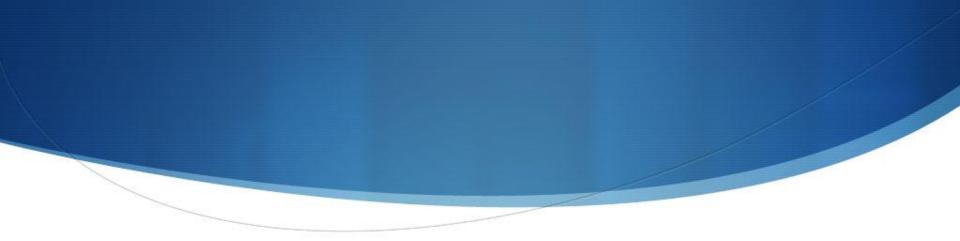
# Blood Stream Infection rate 2011

#### Percentage (%)





#### Klebsiella infection: 27/86 = 31.4%



Rate of Klebsiella infection in 2010:

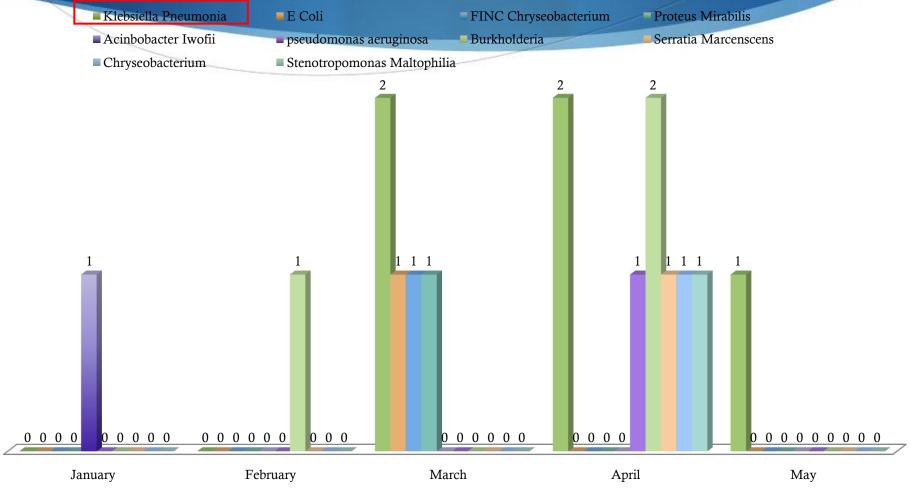
Number of Klebsiella infection x 100

Total number of admissions

=27/2613 x100

= 1.03%

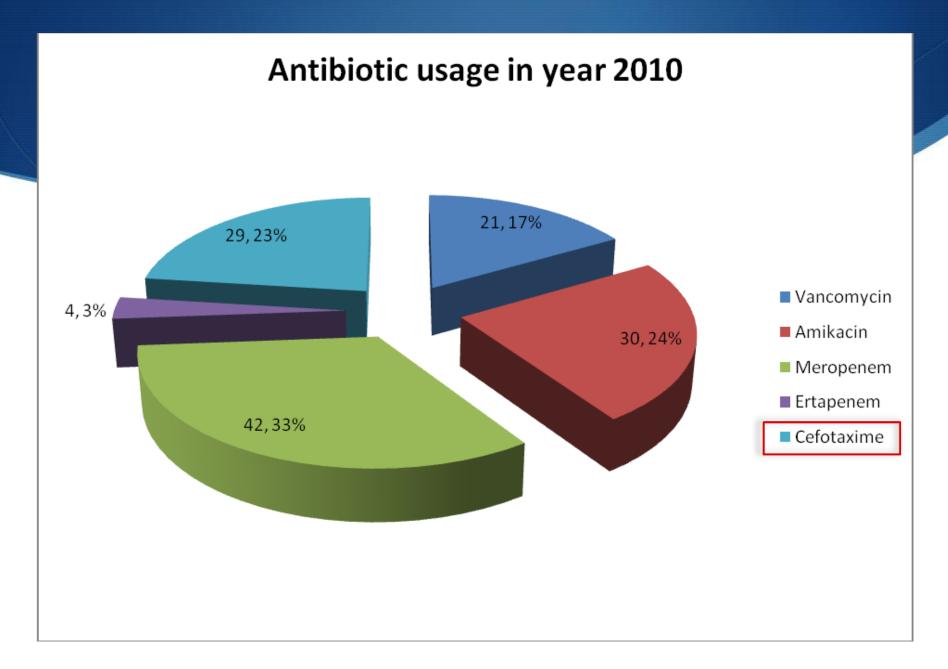
#### **GNR 2011**

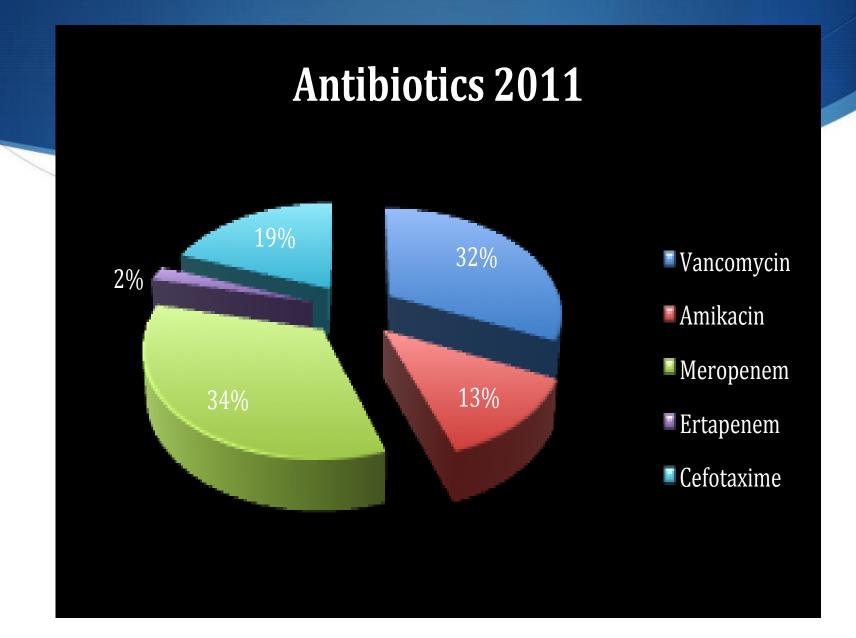


Klebsiella infection: 5/16 = 31%

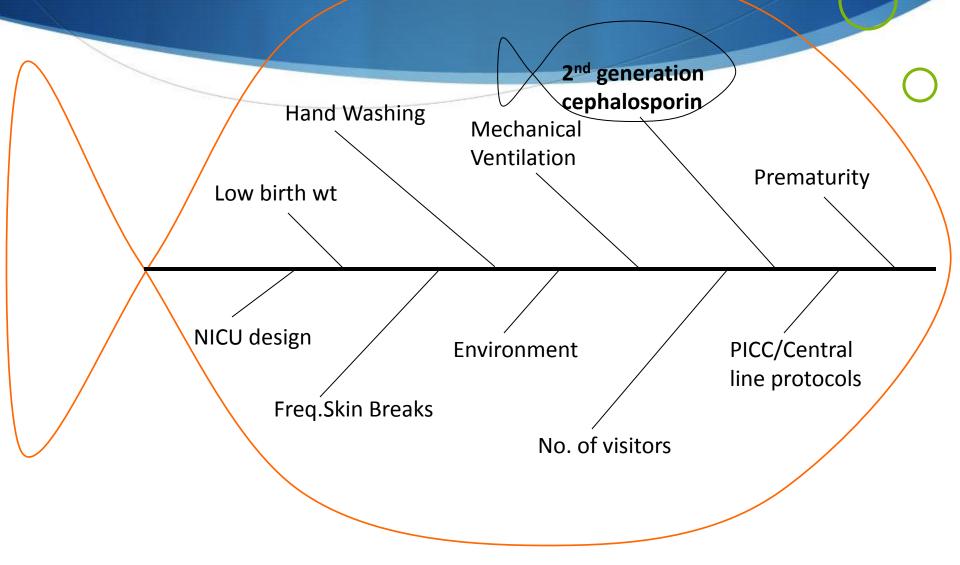
### Cefotaxime

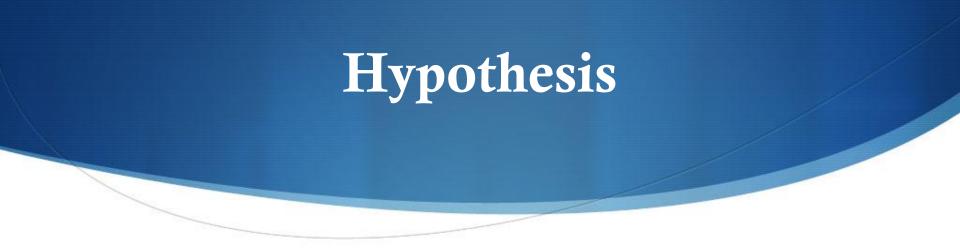
- One of the most commonly used antibiotics in NICUs.
- Cefotaxime use with ampicillin, as compared with ampicillin and gentamicin, however, was associated with higher mortality when used as empiric treatment for sepsis in the first 3 days of life.
- Cefotaxime and other third-generation cephalosporin use is a significant risk factor for the development of invasive candidiasis in extremely low-birth-weight infants.
- Associated with the development and spread of extendedspectrum b-lactamases, which confer resistance to all penicillins and cephalosporins.





### Factors Contributing to Klebsiella pneumoniae ESBL sepsis





 By limiting the use of a second generation cephalosporin, the incidence of Klebsiella pneumoniae ESBL septicaemia in the Newborn Special Care Unit will decrease

### Aim Statement

• To limit the repeated use of second generation cephalosporins in the treatment of nosocomial infections in the NICU by modifying the antibiotic policy



- **Patient population**: All babies admitted to the Level II and III NICU
- Intervention: implementing a new second line antibiotic policy
- **Comparator:** earlier practice of using a second generation cephalosporin
- **Outcome:** incidence of Klebsiella pneumoniae ESBL septicaemia infection

### PDSA Cycles

#### 1. <u>2011 Jul-2012 August</u>

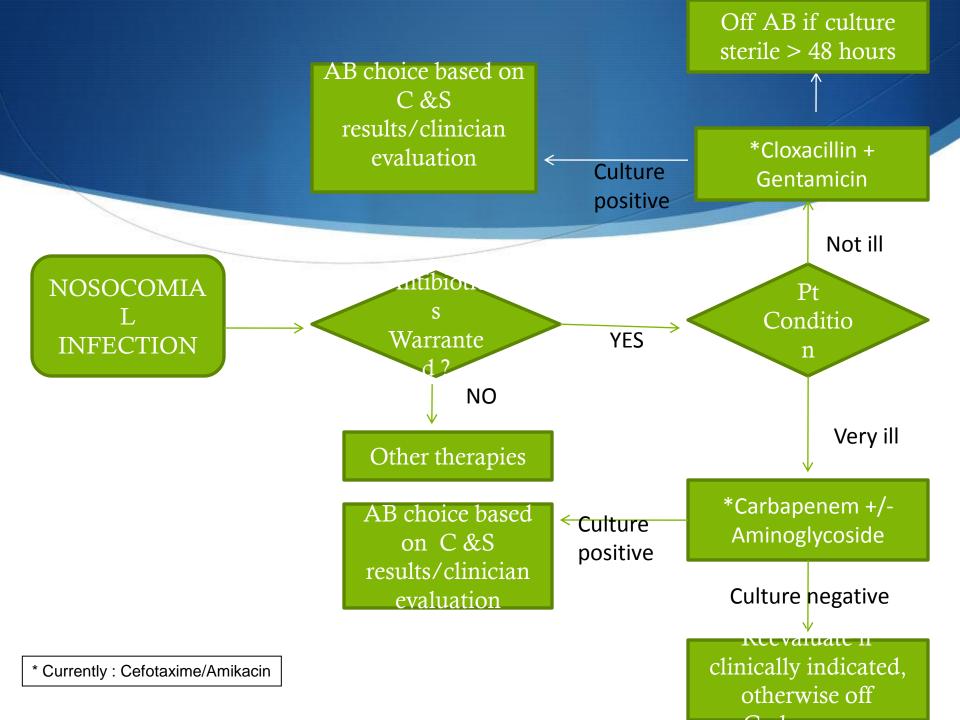
- P Establish baseline (KP Incidence rates)
- D Develop new antibiotic policy
- S MD ordering and compliance
- A Problems at multiple levels (MD, RN)

#### 2. <u>2011 August -2011 September</u>

- P List of all health care providers in NICU
- D Begin one-on-one education, slides available intranet, antibiotic order sets created, laminated cards for bedside
- S Checklist of completed education.
- A Barriers/Resistance

#### 3. <u>2011 October-2011 December</u>

- P Following education, need to evaluate impact on orders
- D Data collection. MDs to remind staff of policy during rounds
- S MD ordering, RN compliance, LOS, death
- A Any improvement?



### Patients

- Inclusion Criteria:
  - All newborns and outborns admitted to NICU within July 2011 until December 2012

#### Exclusion Criteria:

- With principal diagnosis of sepsis or infection or secondary diagnosis present on admission
- With length of stay less than 2 days

### **Outcome Measures**

- Physician ordering practices
  - New antibiotic policy adherence
- Incidence of Klebsiella pneumoniae ESBL sepsis



• Formula:

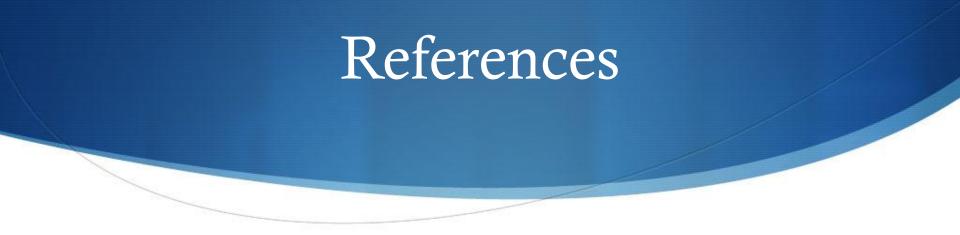
Number of Klebsiella blood stream infection x 100

Total number of admissions

### Secondary Outcome Measures







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