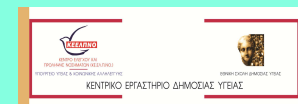


# Antibiotic Resistance in Greece Surveillance and Response

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# A. Surveillance

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# Surveillance of Antibiotic Resistance in Greece

1. The Greek System for the Surveillance of Antimicrobial Resistance (WHONET).
  - Resistance rates
2. The Early Warning System.
  - To trace the spread of resistance.

# The Greek System for the Surveillance of Antimicrobial Resistance

- In Operation Since 1996
- Involves about 40 Hospitals all over Greece
  - Voluntary Basis
- Coordination Dept of Microbiology, National School of Public Health in Collaboration with KEELPNO (Greek ECDC)
- Based on the collection and analysis of Routine data
  - Uses the WHONET software.
- Collaborates with EARSS

# The Greek System for the Surveillance of Antimicrobial Resistance

- Calculates resistance rates (proportions)
- Collects ALL Routine Data
  - Analysis improves quality of Data

# The Greek System for the Surveillance of Antimicrobial Resistance

- Mainly Automatic Download
- **All** lab records
- No added workload to the lab
- PASKO
- VITEK
- SENSITITRE
- MICROSCAN
- WIDER
- SCANNERS
  - OSIRIS
  - SIRSCAN



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# The Greek System for the Surveillance of Antimicrobial Resistance

## **Deliverables** (every 6 months)

1. Publishes statistics (In the internet)
2. Produces a feedback for each hospital



WHONET - Greece - Microsoft Internet Explorer

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### WHONET Greece

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#### DATA

- Cumulative Results
- Salmonella-Shigella
- Anaerobes
- Primary Health Care **NEW!**
- Medical Data Mining **NEW!**
- Association Rules

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#### RELATED SITES

- EARSS
- The WHO Antimicrobial Resistance Info Bank
- World Antibiotic Resistance Network

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**VIEW SITE STATS**

(since 9 Dec 2004)

## WHONET Greece

The Greek System for Surveillance of Antimicrobial Resistance

WHONET network is sponsored by the



Hellenic Center for Infectious Disease Control, Ministry of Health (KEEL)

The **Greek System for the Surveillance of Antimicrobial Resistance** is a national network for continuous monitoring of bacterial antibiotic resistance in the Greek hospitals.

Its function is based on the assumption that the routine results of the antibiotic sensitivity tests performed daily in each hospital clinical laboratory should be considered as a major resource for antibiotic resistance surveillance.

Moreover and since the quality and compatibility of these data are in principle uncertain, our approach is to work in parallel, on both accessing the data and assessing its quality.

This is accomplished through the establishment of a quality control procedure and the adaptation of an electronic code and data format in all hospitals through the use of the **WHONET software**. The WHONET software was originally developed by WHO Collaborating Centre for Surveillance of Antibiotic Resistance in Boston USA and further developed in the Division of Emerging and other Communicable Diseases Surveillance and Control, WHO (WHO/EMC), Geneva, Switzerland. WHONET is distributed free of charge by WHO/EMC and facilitates the management of antibiotic susceptibility test results from routine clinical isolates. A full description of the software and its potentials has been published elsewhere [1-3].

The analysis of the information facilitates:

1. The understanding of the trends of resistance.
2. The detection of epidemics.
3. The differentiation of epidemic from endemic infections
4. The development of a national antibiotic policy.
5. The hierarchy of priorities for further studying the genetic and molecular mechanisms responsible for the emergence of resistance.

Moreover and since the acquisition of the data is performed automatically, no additional workload at the laboratory level is generally required, and thus the system can function on a routine basis.

Antibiotic susceptibility is performed either by the disc diffusion method on Mueller-Hinton agar or by various automatic systems. The current recommendations of the National Committee for Clinical Laboratory Standards. MIC's are followed.

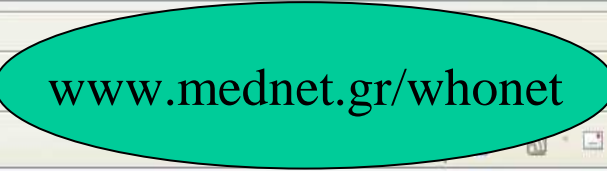
All hospitals receive the QC strains provided by the WHO/CDC Quality Control and Proficiency Testing Pilot Program.

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## CUMULATIVE RESULTS

Cumulative results from isolates from all hospitals of the network are presented.  
Only the first isolate per patient and species is being processed.  
(\* [List of Abbreviations and Acronyms Used in the Tables](#))

### July - December 2010

#### PERCENT (%) RESISTANCE TO SELECTED ANTIBIOTICS BY HOSPITAL

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**Klebsiella pneumoniae**

% resistance to **imipenem** per hospital

All clinical specimens

(July - December 2010)

Hospital	Medical Wards					Surgical Wards					ICU				
	%kpn/total isolates	Isolates tested	%NS	%R	%I	%kpn/total isolates	Isolates tested	%NS	%R	%I	%kpn/total isolates	Isolates tested	%NS	%R	%I
GR001	9,4%	45	35,6	35,6	0,0	10,1%	19	26,3	21,1	5,3	17,3%	36	72,2	63,9	8,3
GR004	10,6%	5				10,2%	11	0,0	0,0	0,0	20,0%	0			
GR005	9,4%	38	28,9	23,7	5,3	7,2%	23	30,4	26,1	4,3	18,2%	53	79,2	64,2	15,1
GR007	11,1%	12	58,3	50,0	8,3	6,0%	3				10,6%	23	69,6	56,5	13,0
GR009	3,3%	4				7,1%	5								
GR010*	5,5%	0				8,0%	0				21,7%	7	57,1	57,1	0,0
GR011*	7,7%	85	2,4	2,4	0,0	3,1%	8	12,5	12,5	0,0	7,9%	17	0,0	0,0	0,0
GR013	9,1%	24	29,2	29,2	0,0	6,1%	12	8,3	8,3	0,0	19,4%	13	84,6	84,6	0,0
GR014	11,9%	206	29,1	29,1	0,0	11,0%	58	43,1	43,1	0,0	19,2%	181	82,3	77,3	5,0
GR015	9,0%	23	39,1	34,8	4,3	9,2%	13	38,5	38,5	0,0	12,6%	24	45,8	45,8	0,0
GR018	10,8%	40	22,5	17,5	5,0	7,1%	20	40,0	35,0	5,0	18,1%	19	36,8	36,8	0,0
GR024	8,3%	57	49,1	40,4	8,8	3,6%	13	30,8	23,1	7,7	16,4%	51	84,3	72,5	11,8
GR026	5,3%	13	0,0	0,0	0,0	7,1%	25	44,0	24,0	20,0	16,5%	22	81,8	45,5	36,4
GR027	12,9%	121	29,8	18,2	11,6	7,6%	31	41,9	22,6	19,4	12,4%	53	67,9	37,7	30,2
GR028	10,3%	20	55,0	30,0	25,0	14,3%	2				19,3%	26	88,5	80,8	7,7
GR030	9,6%	53	39,6	20,8	18,9	8,6%	44	45,5	31,8	13,6	8,9%	23	56,5	39,1	17,4
GR031	13,2%	107	32,7	23,4	9,3	10,0%	72	47,2	36,1	11,1	15,3%	49	73,5	61,2	12,2
GR032	3,4%	12	0,0	0,0	0,0	2,8%	6				8,1%	11	72,7	36,4	36,4
GR033	11,7%	19	52,6	52,6	0,0	3,0%	1				20,0%	1			
GR035	11,7%	76	14,5	1,3	13,7	17,3%	37	71,6	7,7	18,9	14,4%	71	33,3	78,6	4,8



## High proportion of hospitals and isolates are represented

**Table 2.1:** Numbers of laboratories reporting continuously and average numbers of *K. pneumoniae* and *P. aeruginosa* isolates reported per country per year to EARSS/EARS-Net during 2005– 2010

Country	<i>K. pneumoniae</i>		<i>P. aeruginosa</i>	
	Number of laboratories*	Average number of Isolates per year	Number of laboratories*	Average number of Isolates per year
Austria	7	336	8	396
Bulgaria	2	61	1	29
Cyprus	2	43	2	41
Czech Republic	1	654	30	485
Estonia	4	46	5	39
Finland	7	270	6	185
France	33	1 060	20	1 153
Greece	25	1 161	24	887
Hungary	15	351	16	530
Iceland	1	20	1	11
Ireland	8	189	9	154
Malta	1	35	1	44
Netherlands	5	392	4	288
Norway	7	292	9	125
Slovenia	7	75	8	82
Spain	10	569	9	456
Sweden	1	403	7	260
United Kingdom	4	396	9	355
<b>Total</b>	<b>140</b>		<b>168</b>	

\* In some countries, data from several laboratories may be reported to EARS-Net from one central laboratory.

# The Early Warning System

- Each hospital lab must report immediately certain “new” or “important resistant phenotypes.”
  - To the Hospital Infection Control Committee
  - To KEELPNO
- The isolate must also be available for further testing.
  - Confirmation of the mechanism
  - Typing

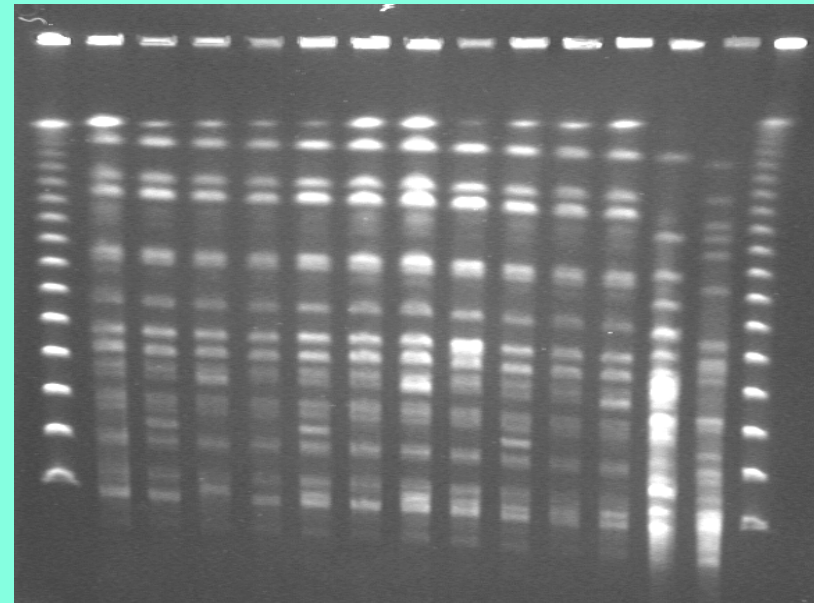
# Early Warning System

- **2005:** 97 isolates from 22 Hospitals
  - **2006:** 110 isolates from 19 Hospitals
  - **2007:** 58 Isolates from 14 Hospitals.
  - **2008:** 511 Isolates from 41 Hospitals
  - **2009:** 602 Isolates from 45 Hospitals
  - **2010:** 1250 Isolates from 58 Hospitals
- Carbapenem resistant gram negatives
  - CA MRSA
  - Multiresistant *Acinetobacter*



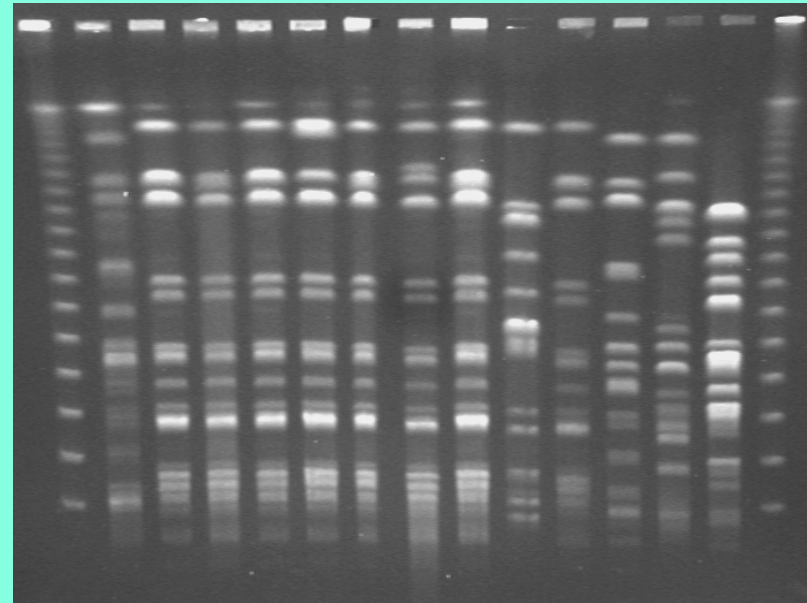
# University Hospital

- Epidemic of VIM + ESBL producing *Klebsiella*
  - Proven clonal
  - Infection Control Measures established
  - Epidemic controlled



# Hospital of Athens

- Epidemic of VIM + ESBL producing *Klebsiella*
  - *Not all strains clonal*
  - Infection Control Measures established
  - Epidemic controlled



# Surveillance in Greece

## The Good News

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## Euroroundups

### UPDATE OF *CLOSTRIDIUM DIFFICILE* INFECTION DUE TO PCR RIBOTYPE 027 IN EUROPE, 2008

FIGURE

Distribution of *Clostridium difficile* Type 027 by country in Europe\* as of June 2008



★ Outbreaks due to Type 027

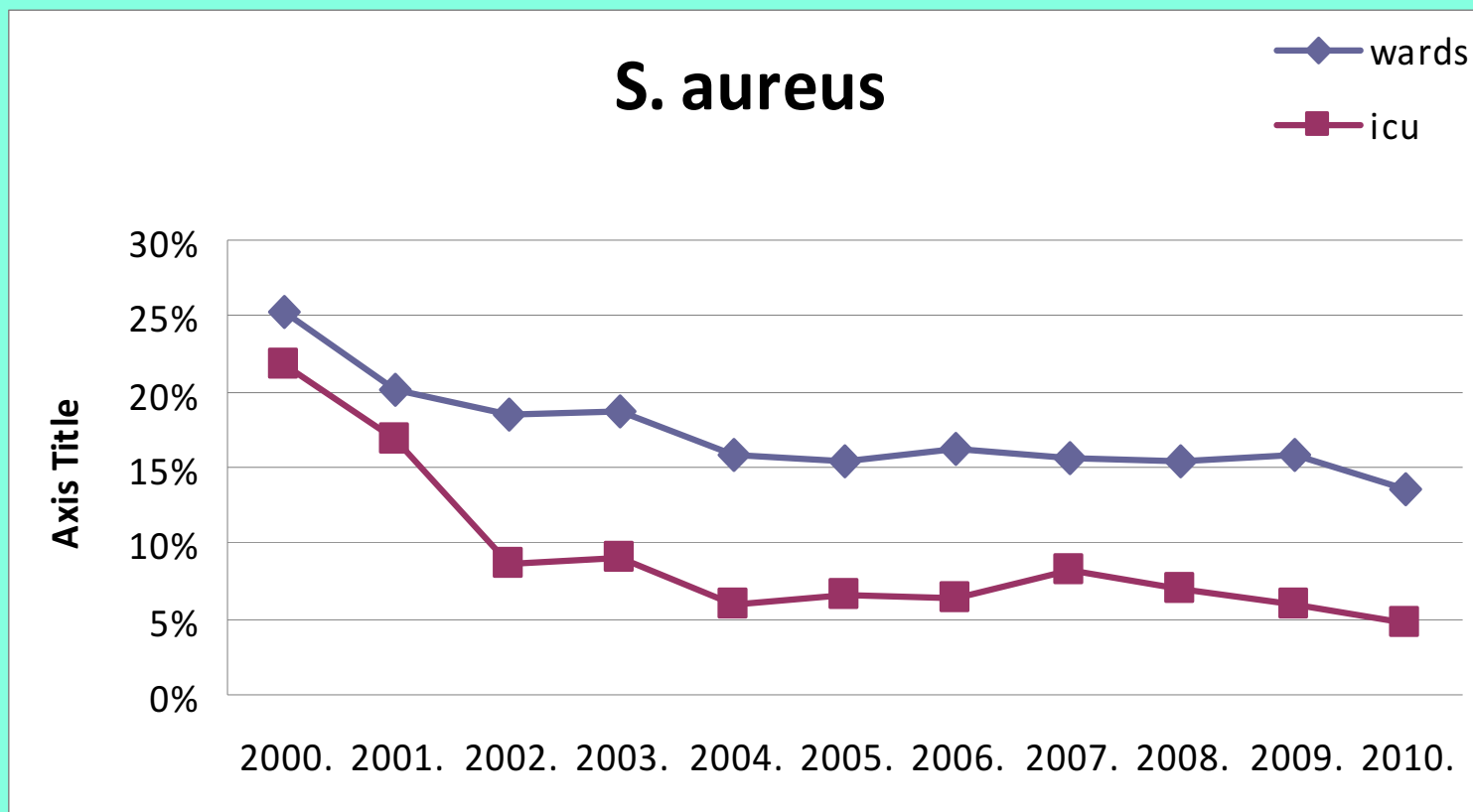
● Sporadic cases due to Type 027

No C.dif 027 in Greece !

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Many rates are decreasing

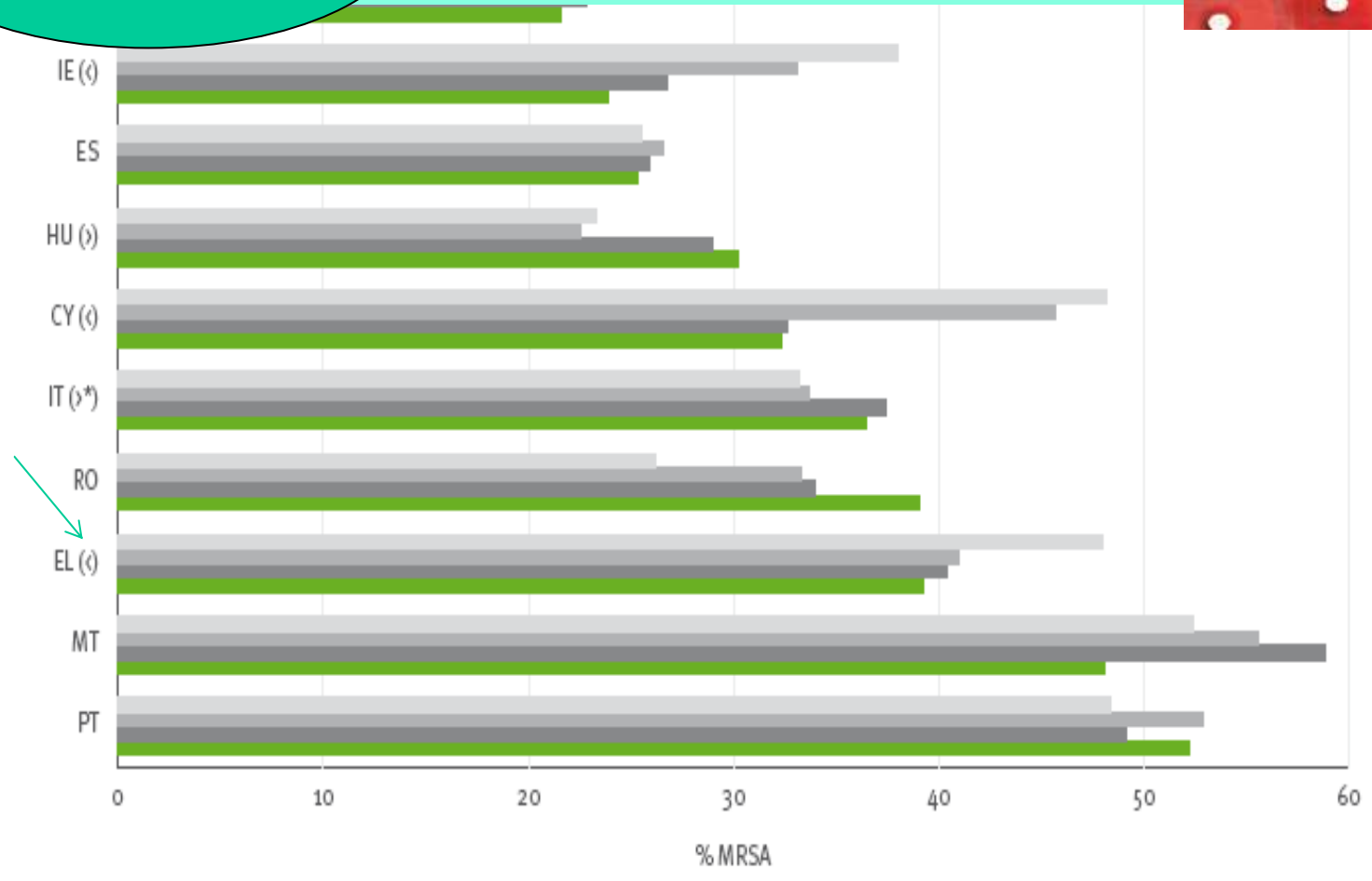
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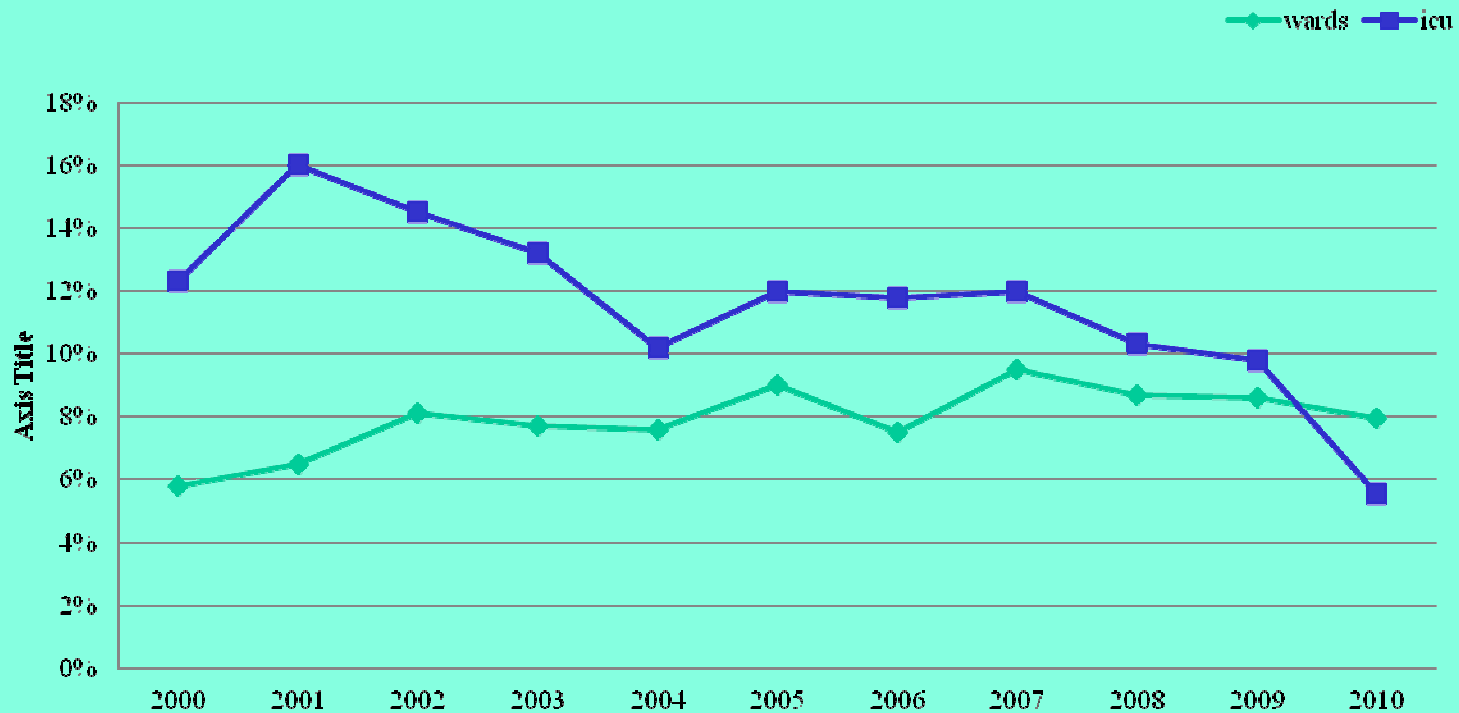
# S aureus



Many rates are decreasing

## Blood cultures Trends 2000 -2010 21 Hospitals

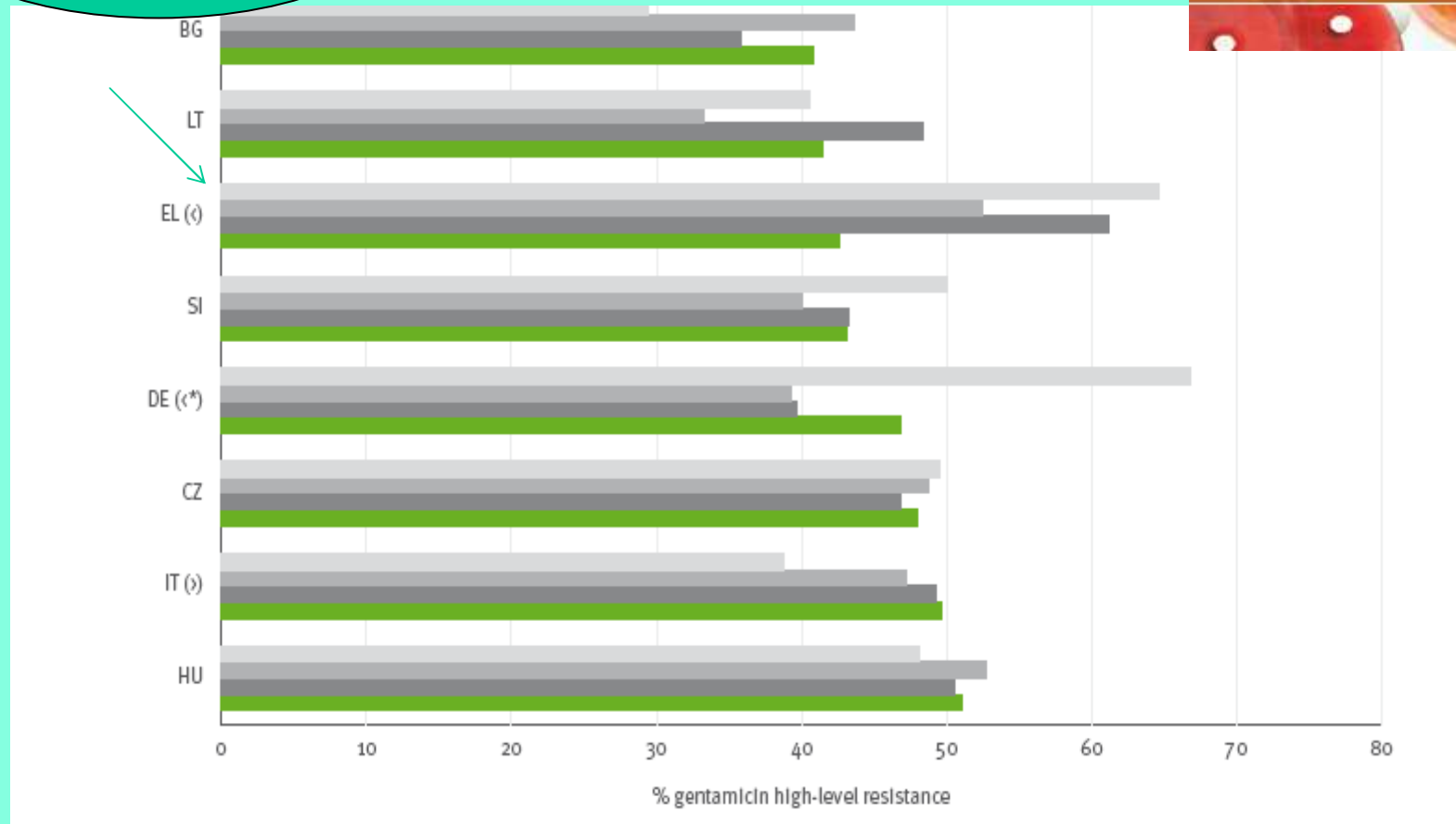
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Many rates are decreasing

# E faecalis

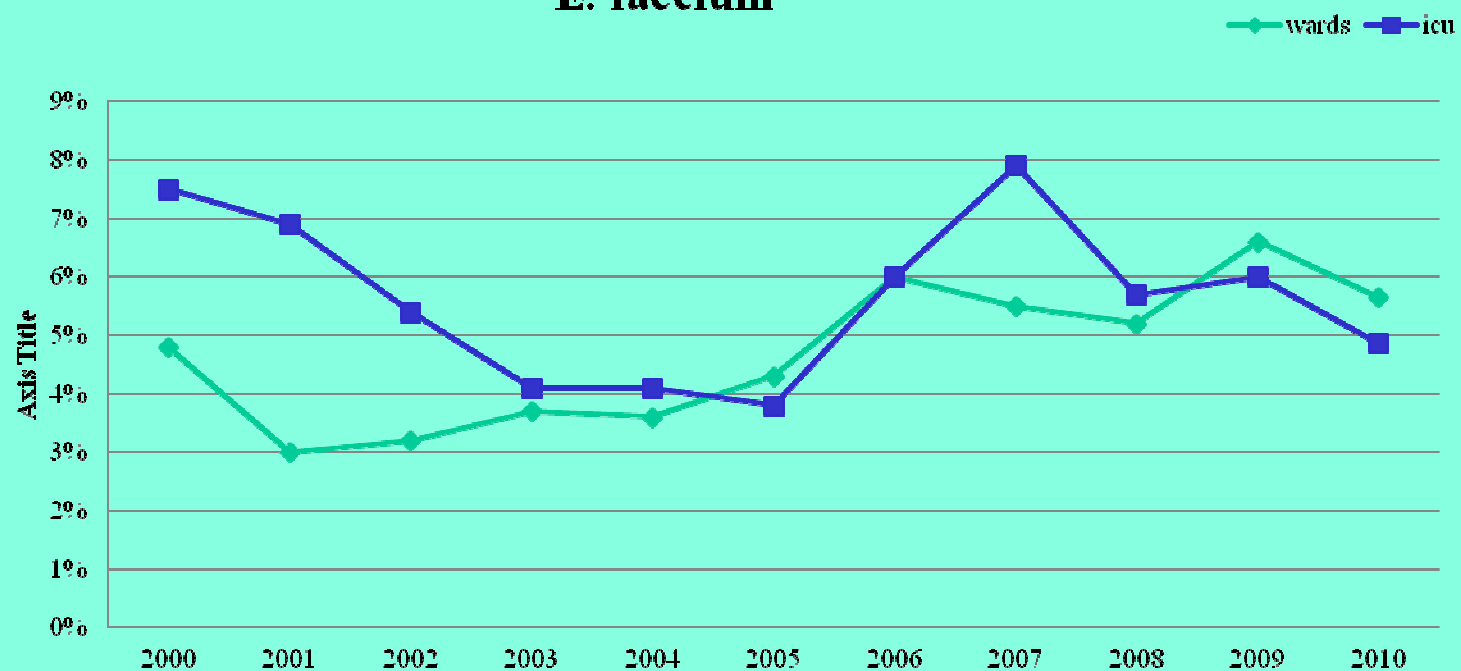


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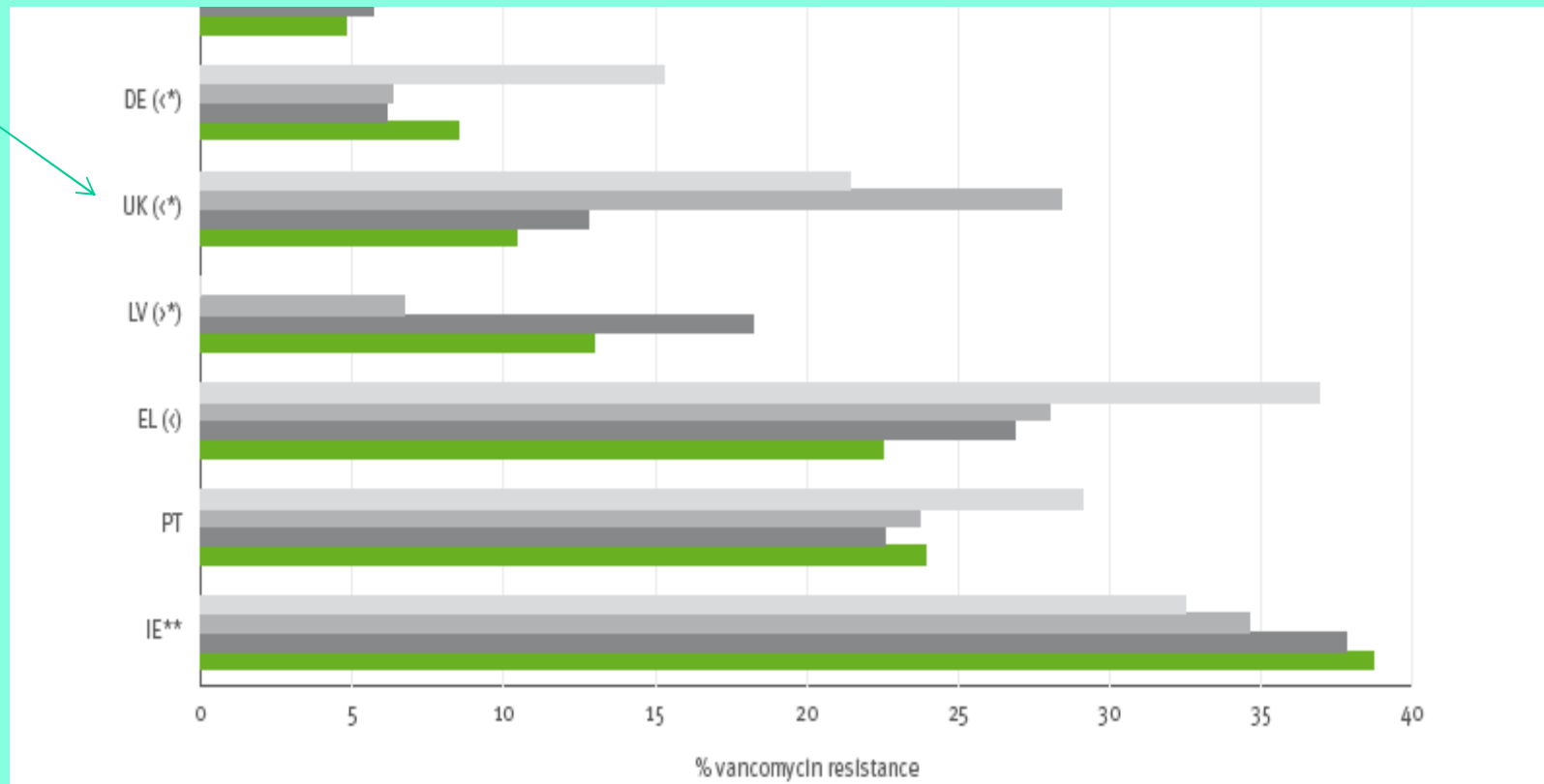
## E. faecium



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# *E faecium*

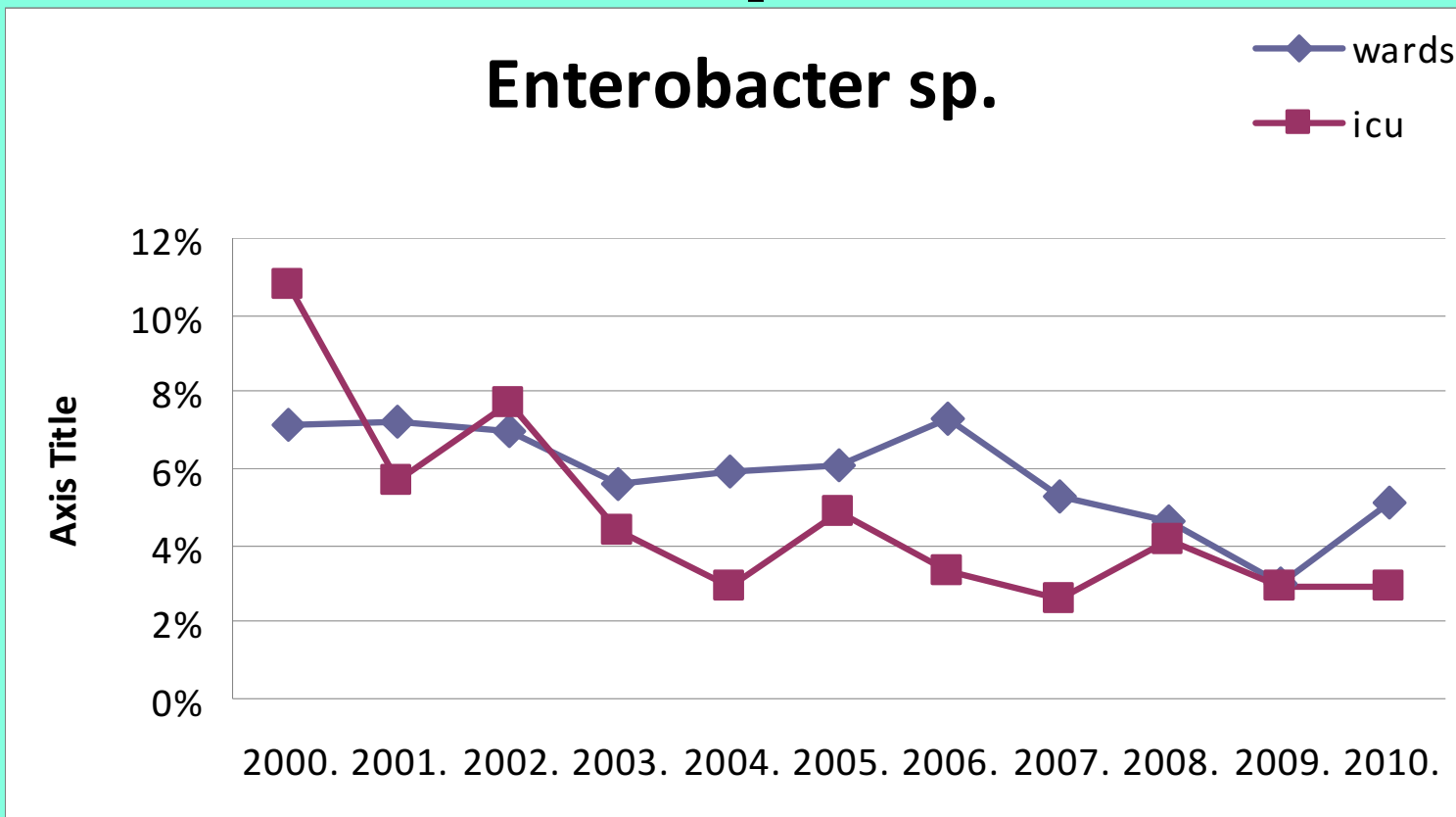


Only countries that reported 20 isolates or more per year were included. The symbols ◊ and ◊ indicate significant increasing and decreasing trends, respectively. The asterisks indicate significant trends in the overall data that were not supported by data from laboratories consistently reporting for all four years.

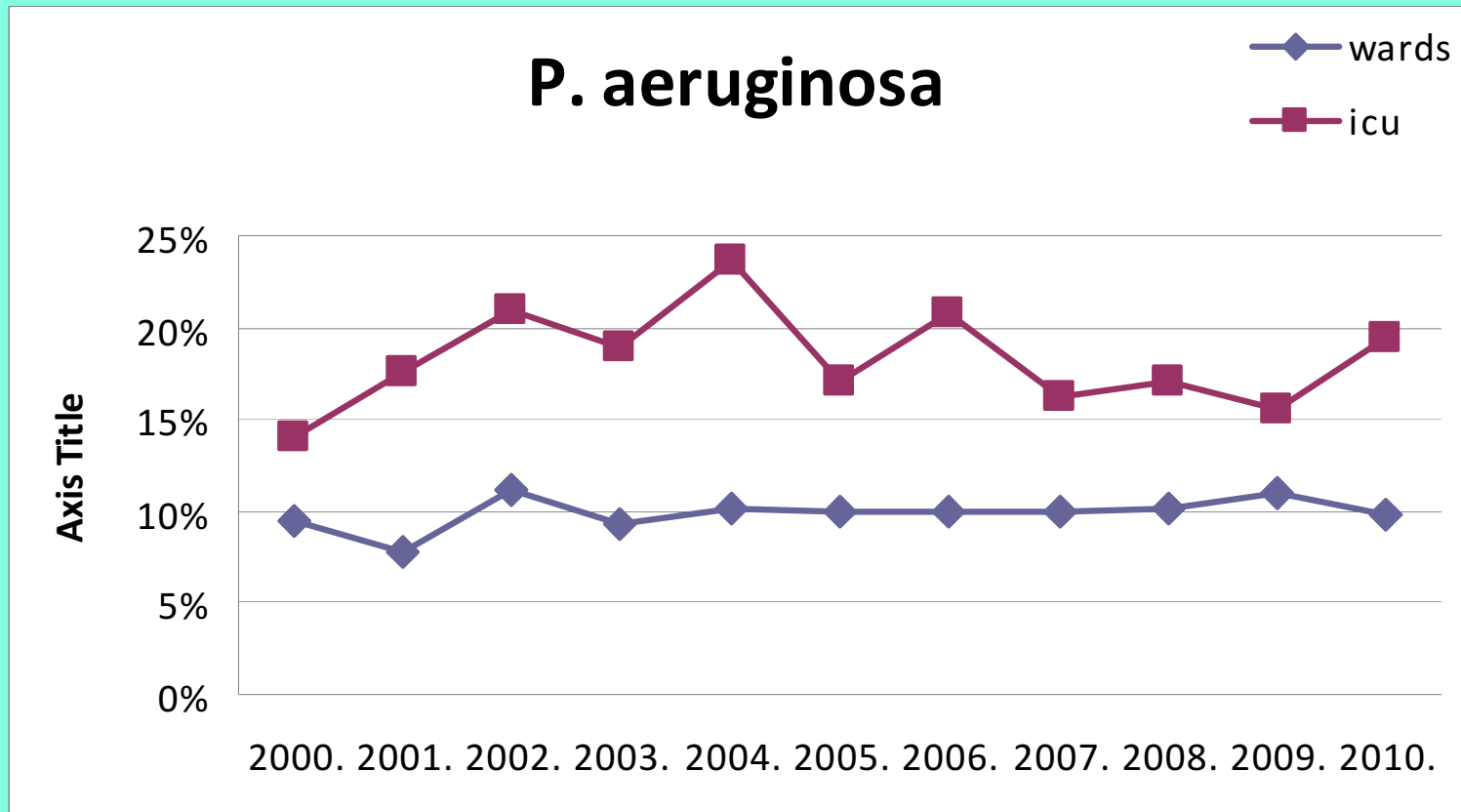
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Many rates are decreasing

## Blood cultures Trends 2000 -2010 21 Hospitals

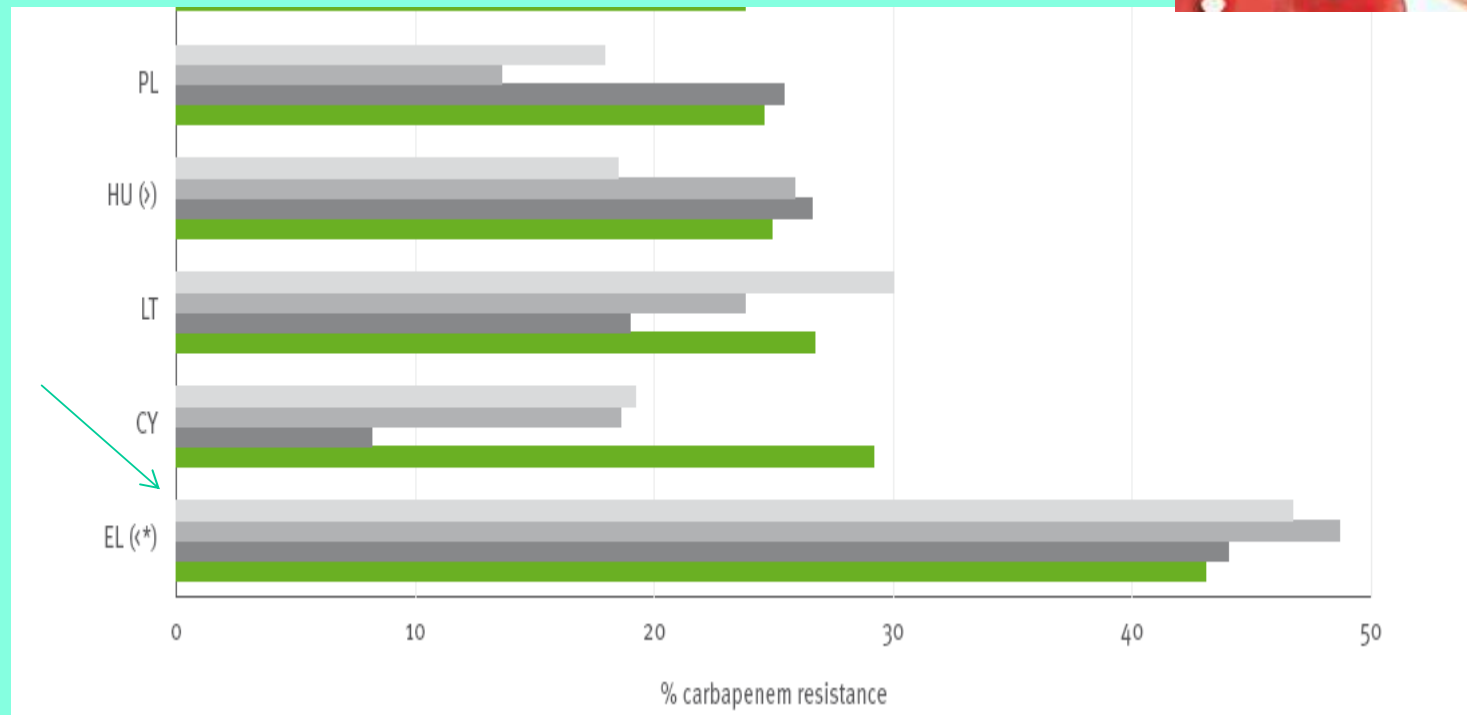


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Many rates are decreasing

# *P aeruginosa*



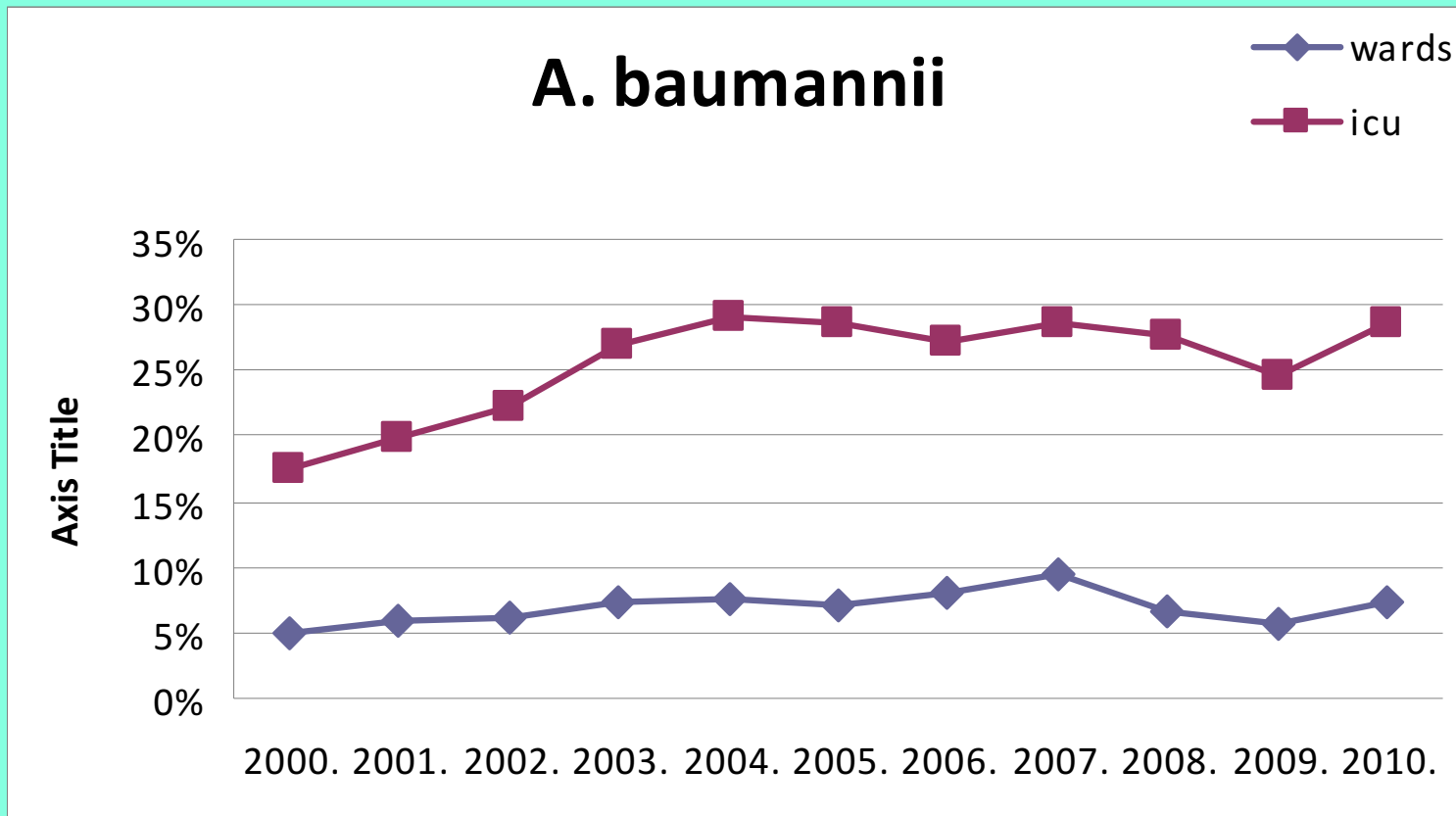
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# Trends

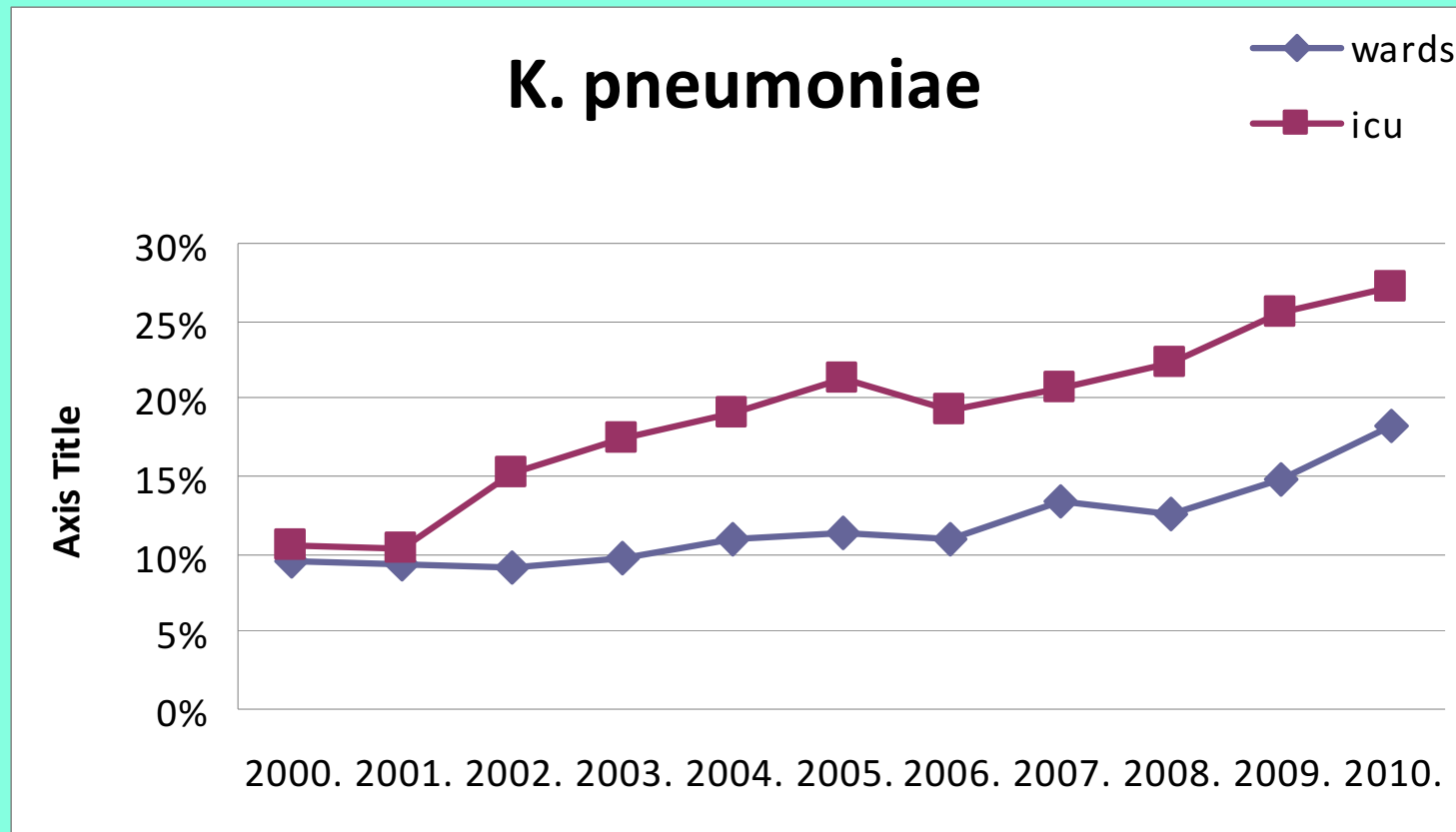
## The bad News

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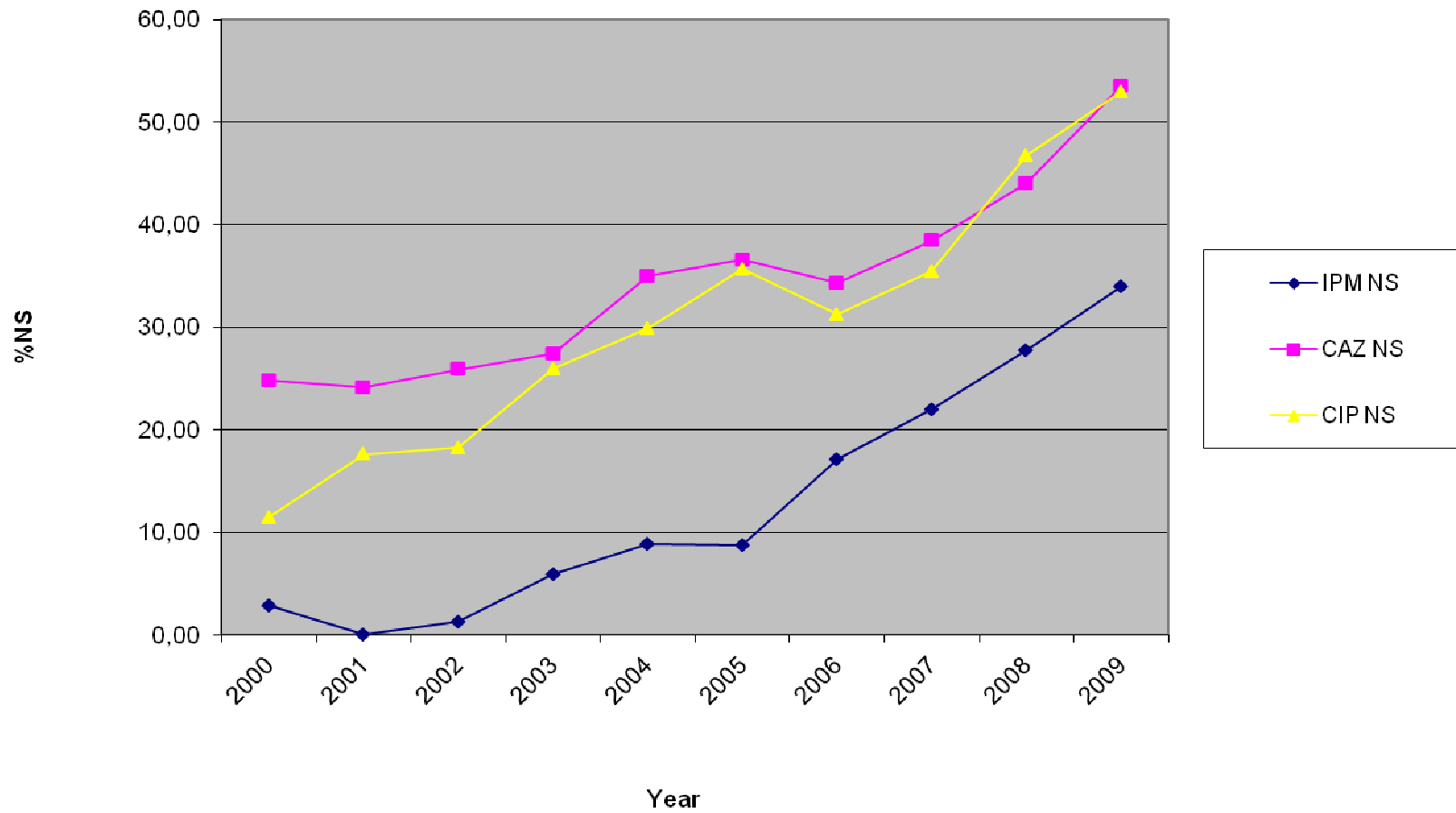


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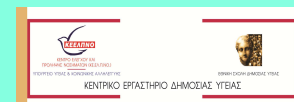


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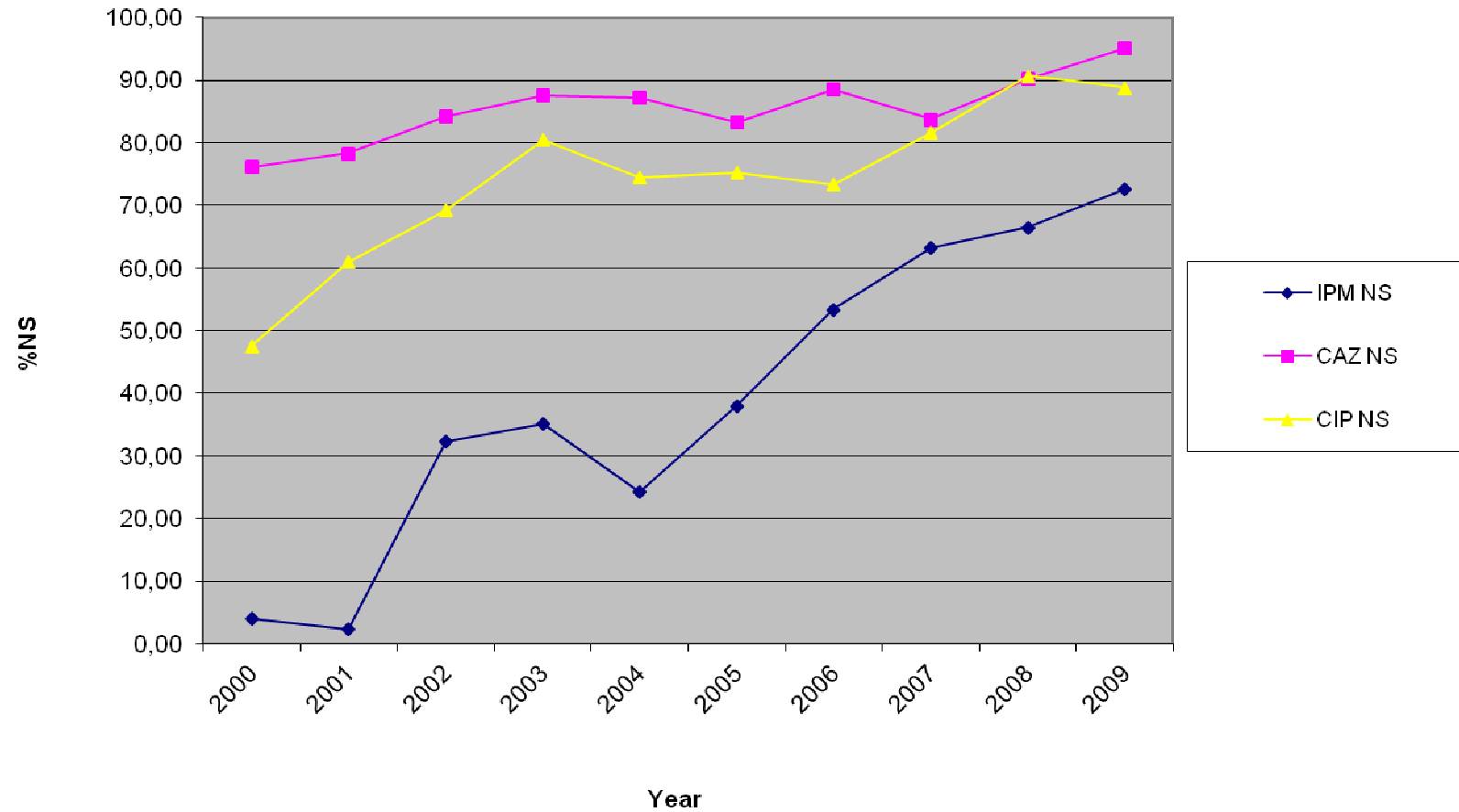


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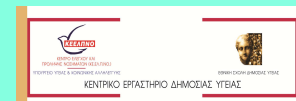


% NS KPN isolates from BL in ICU

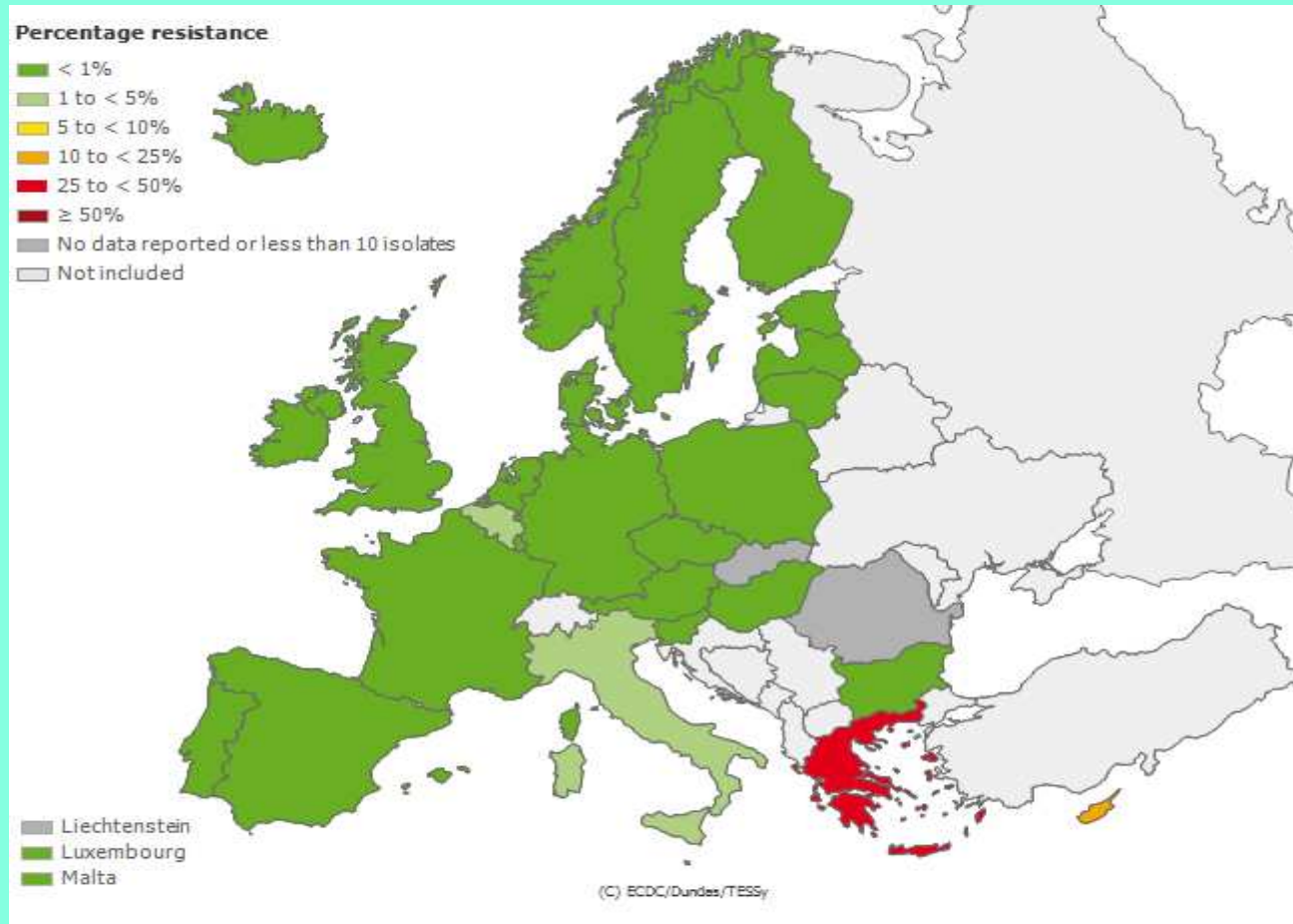


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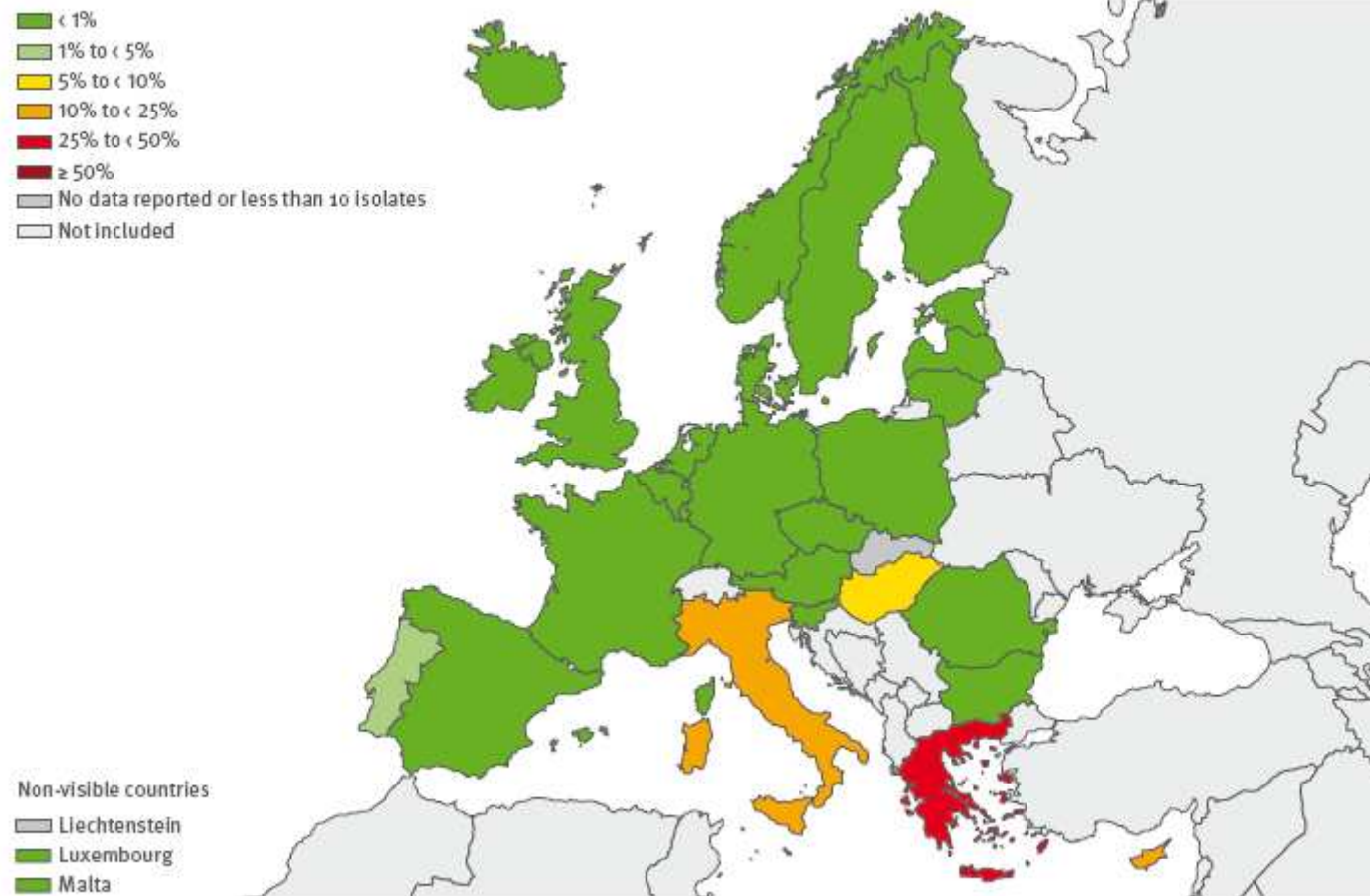


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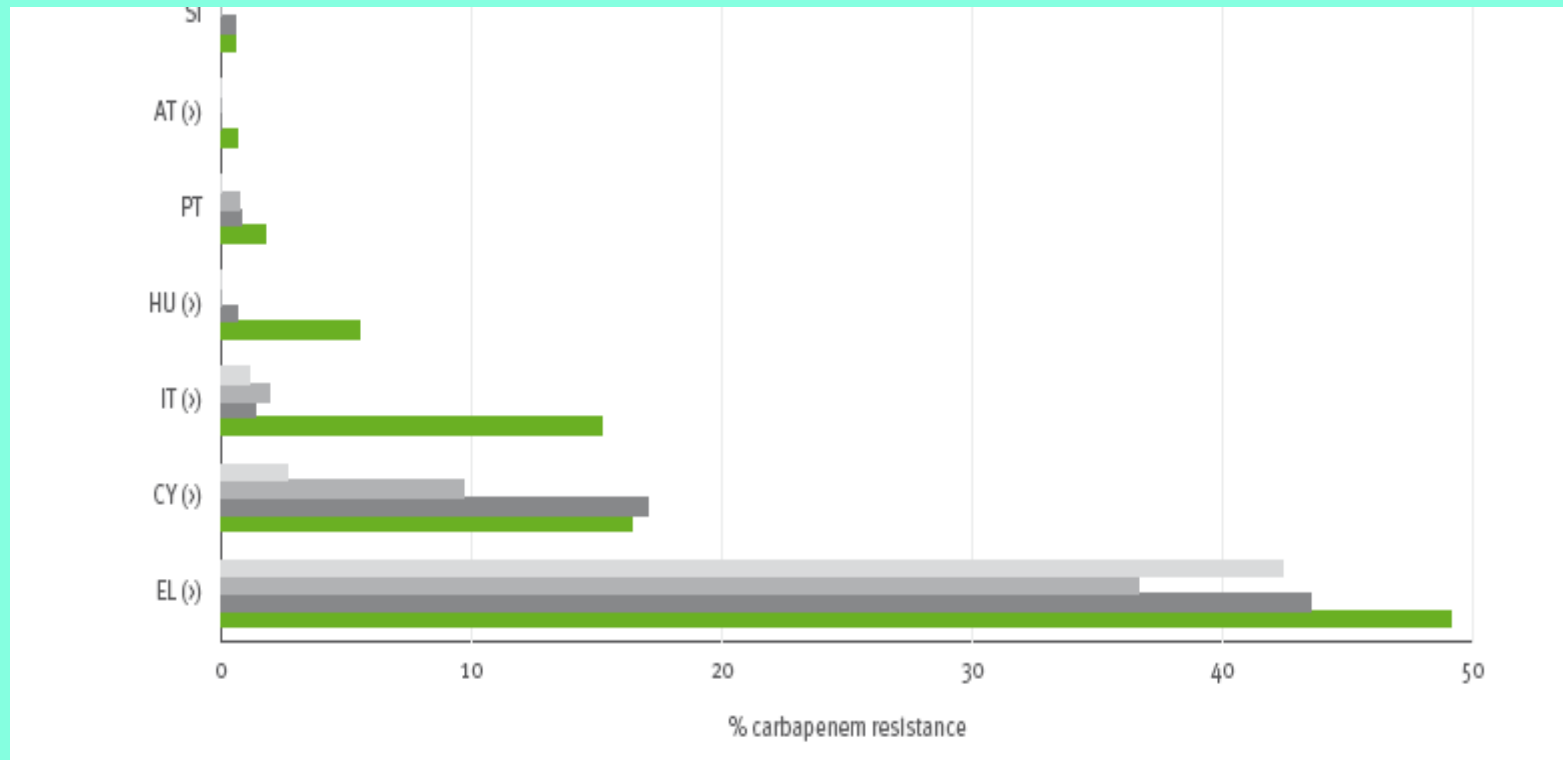


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Figure 5.25: *Klebsiella pneumoniae*: proportion of invasive isolates resistant to carbapenems in 2010

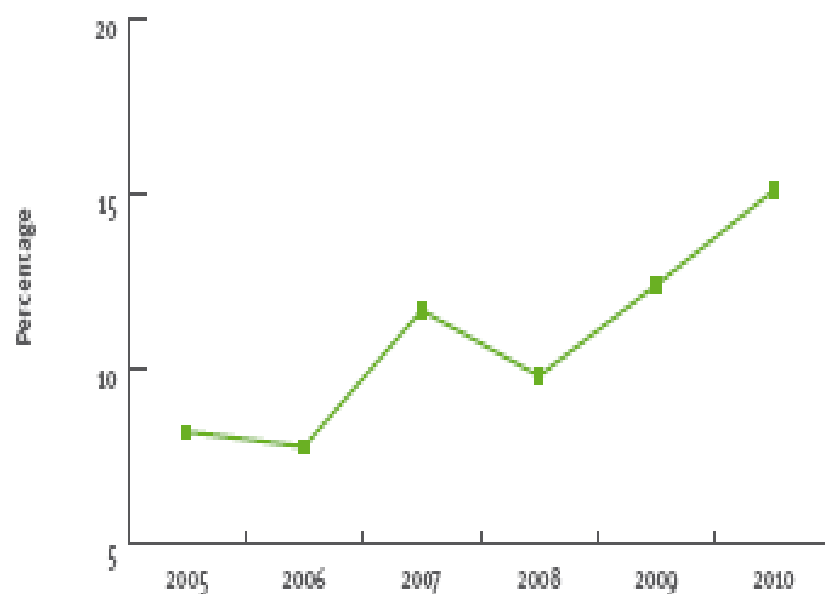


# K pneumoniae



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**Figure 2.2:** *Klebsiella pneumoniae*: Percentage of carbapenem-resistant invasive isolates reported to EARSS/EARS-Net by year, 2005–2010 (18 countries; 140 laboratories)



Only laboratories that continuously reported susceptibility results for carbapenems during the period 2005–2010 are included in the analysis.

**TABLE 2**

Epidemiological scale and stages of nationwide expansion of healthcare-associated carbapenem-non-susceptible *Enterobacteriaceae*

Epidemiological scale	Description	Stage
No cases reported	No cases reported	0
Sporadic occurrence	Single cases, epidemiologically unrelated	1
Single hospital outbreak	Outbreak defined as more than two epidemiologically related cases in a single institution	2a
Sporadic hospital outbreaks	Unrelated hospital outbreaks with independent, i.e. epidemiologically unrelated introduction or different strains, no autochthonous inter-institutional transmission reported	2b
Regional spread	More than one epidemiologically related outbreak confined to hospitals that are part of a regional referral network, suggestive of regional autochthonous inter-institutional transmission	3
Inter-regional spread	Multiple epidemiologically related outbreaks occurring in different health districts, suggesting inter-regional autochthonous inter-institutional transmission	4
Endemic situation	Most hospitals in a country are repeatedly seeing cases admitted from autochthonous sources	5

A new way of reporting

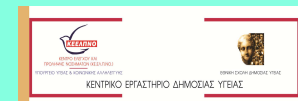
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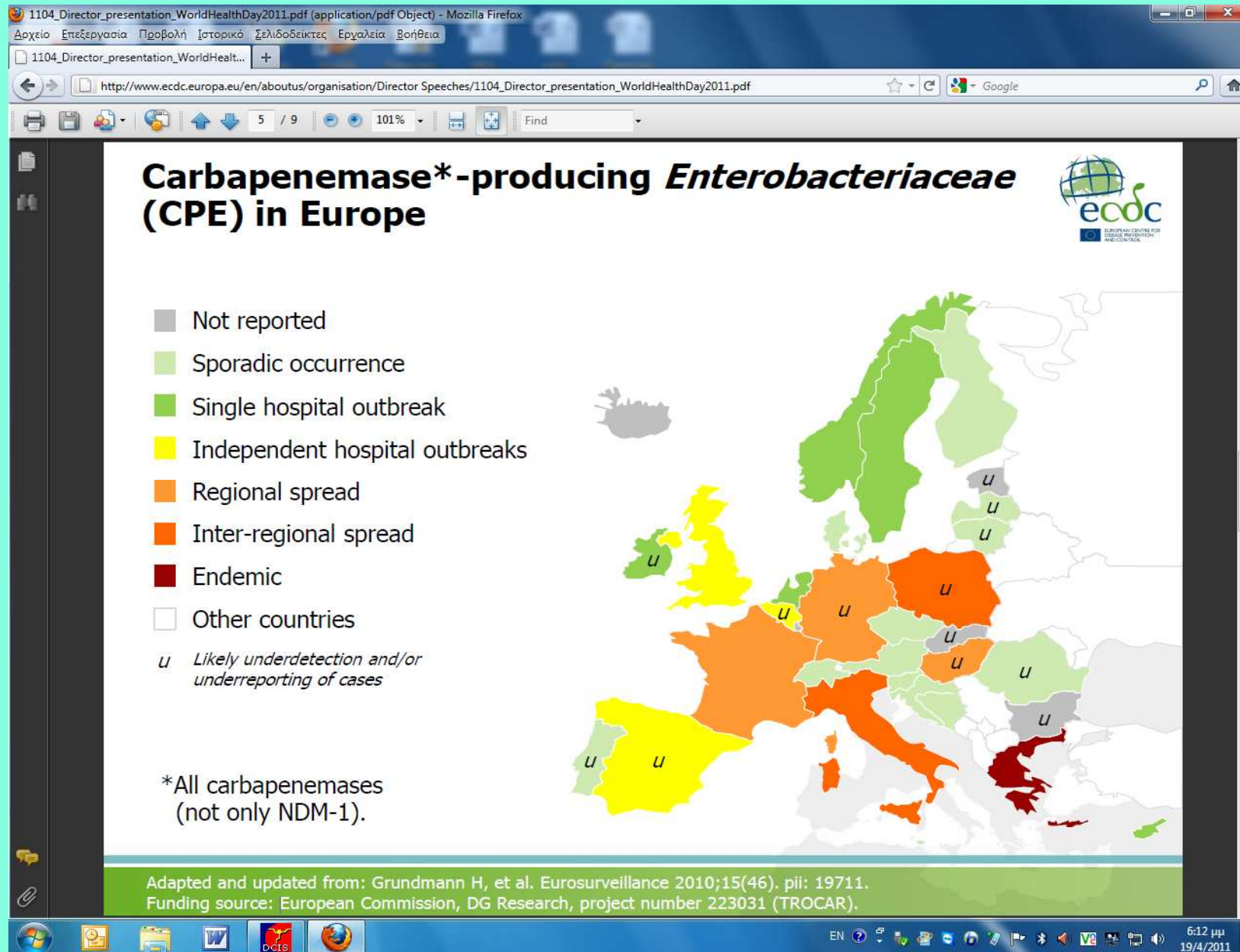
### Carbapenem-non-susceptible *Enterobacteriaceae* in Europe: conclusions from a meeting of national experts

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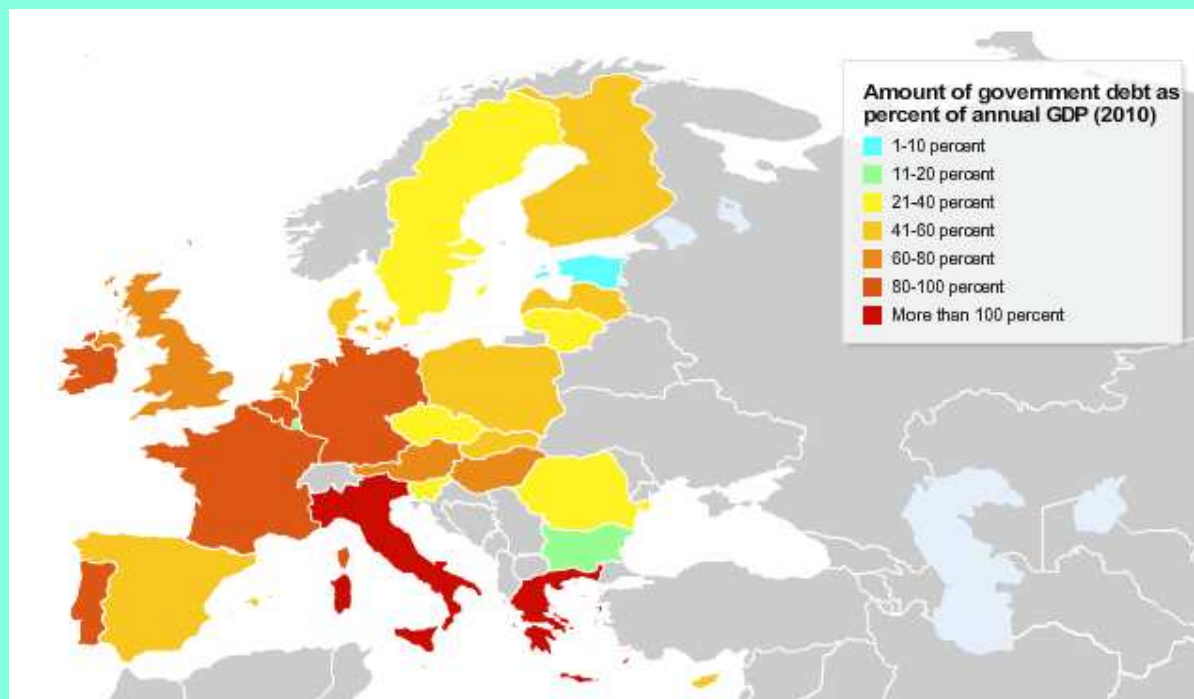
<sup>1</sup> Department of Medical Microbiology, University Medical Centre, Groningen, the Netherlands



# Carbapenem resistance







### European nations in debt

Many European Union nations face large deficits and massive debt. Italy and Greece owe more than they earn. This map provides financial snapshots based on the latest available data from the European Commission.

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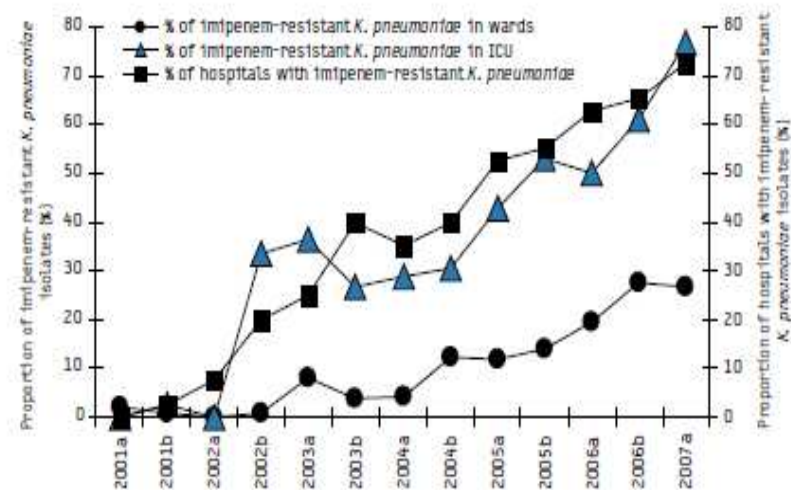
# Carbapenem<sup>R</sup> *Klebsiella* in Greece

## TWO EPIDEMICS

- VIM (2003 – 2007)
- KPC (2007 - PRESENT)

FIGURE 2

Trends in proportion of imipenem-resistant *Klebsiella pneumoniae* isolates in hospitals in Greece, 2000-2006



Data from the Greek System for the Surveillance of Antimicrobial Resistance (<http://www.mednet.gr/whonet>)

- VIM Epidemic in *Klebsiella pneumoniae* in Greece
- Three outbreaks reported to us in ICU's in autumn 2002 involving 17 patients  
(Giakkoupi et al 2003)
- Two more incidences in ICU's in early 2003

# VIM Epidemic in Klebsiella pneumoniae in Greece in the three ICUs

- VIM -1 .
- Class I Integron
- MICs from 1 - >32 mg/L
- Harbored by (different) conjugative plasmids
- Co existence with ESBLs (in some instances)
- Few bacterial clones
  - even in the same hospital

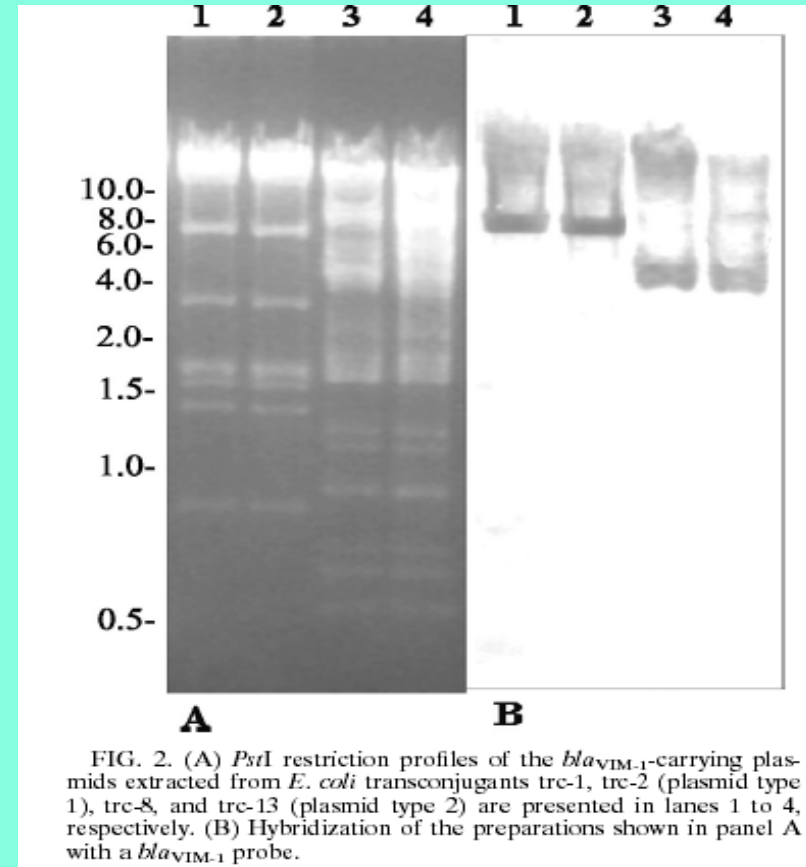
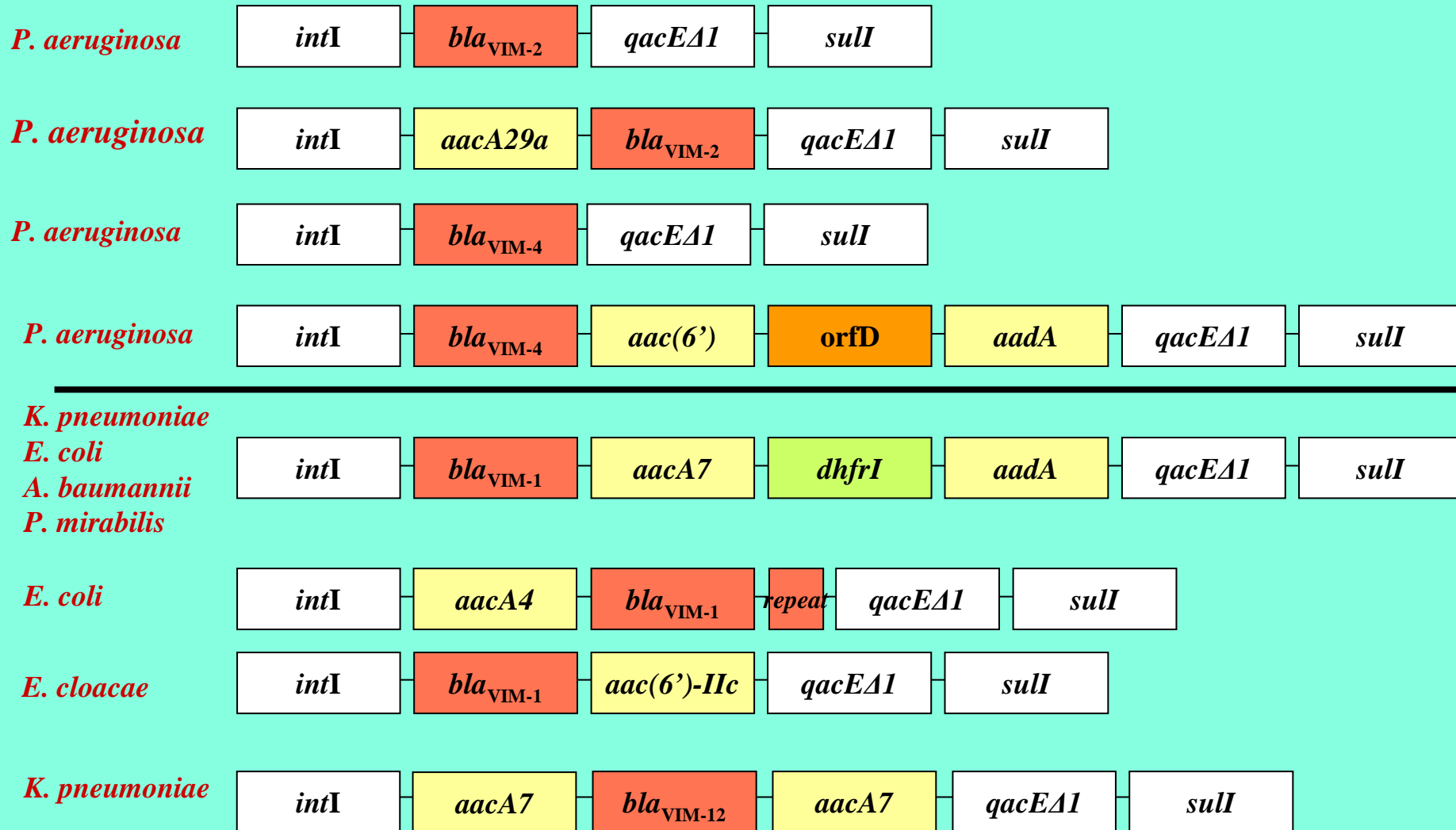


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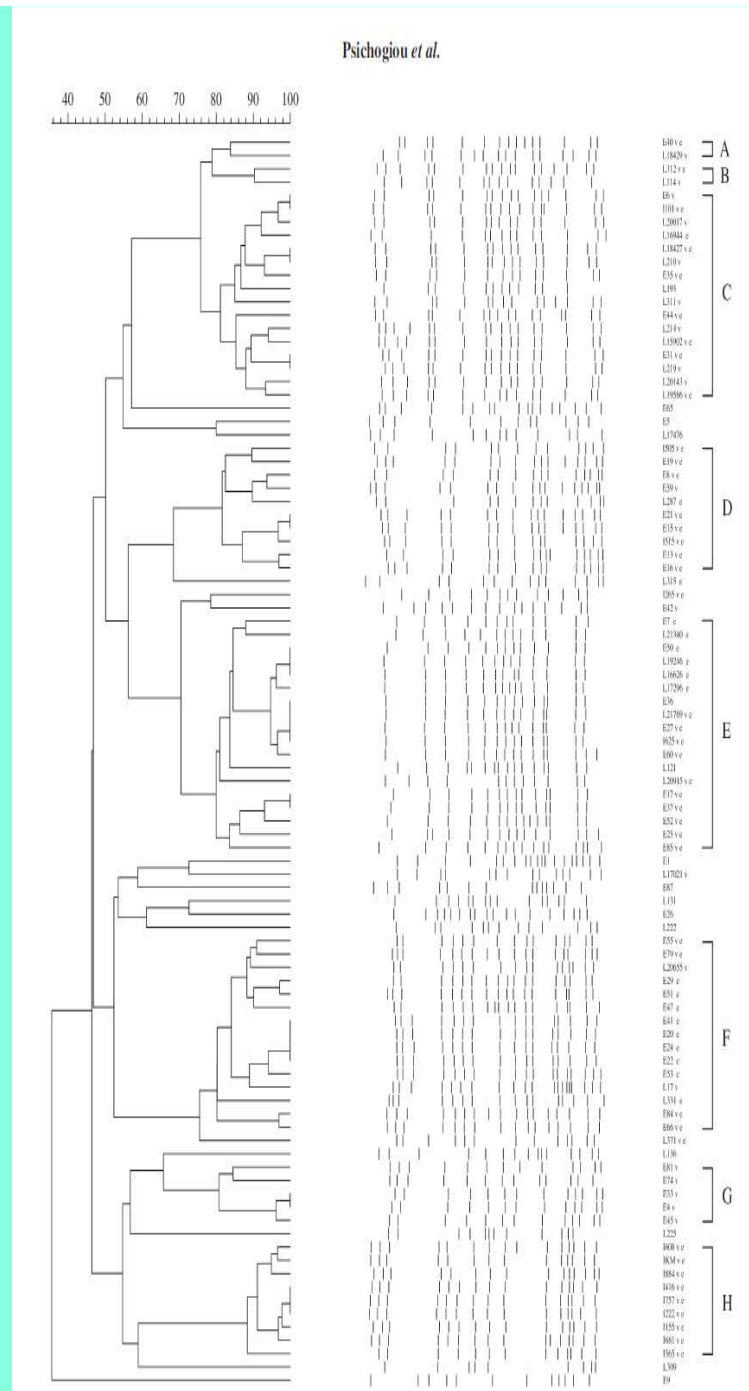
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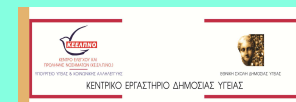
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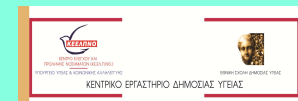
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## Phenotypic Detection and differentiation of the main types of carbapenemases

<u>Hodge Test</u>	<u>EDTA TEST</u>	Possible enzyme
+	+	Metalloenzyme (πχ VIM)
+	-	KPC type
-	-	Carbapenemase Negative*

\* Possible due to AmpC production or reduced permeability etc

To be applied on strains  
displaying reduced susceptibility to carbapenems

## Summary of epidemiological, antibiotic susceptibility and transferability data by pulstotype of the KPC producing *Klebsiella pneumoniae* in Greece 2008

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A	166	18	an, net, tb, spt, sxt, c, cip	No	
B	1	1	–	Yes	
C	2	1	an, net, tb, spt, sxt, cip	Yes	–
D	2	1	gm, an, net, tb, spt, sxt, c, cip	Yes	gm an net tb spt sxt c
E	2	2	net, tb, spt, sxt, c, cip	Yes	–

\*Abbreviations:

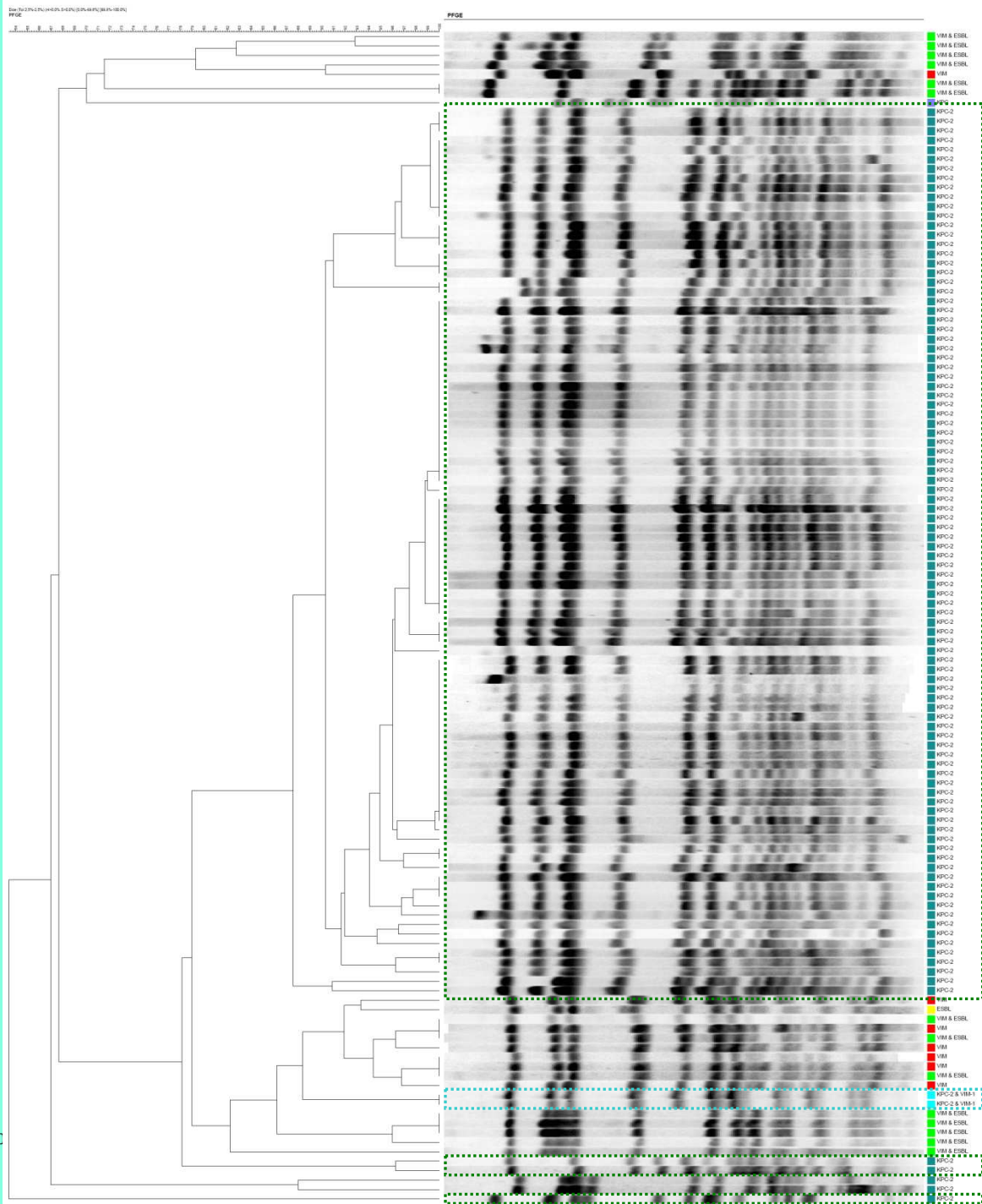
\* an: Amikacin, net: metilmycin, tb: tobramycin, spt: streptomycin, sxt: cotrimixazole, c:

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Israeli

Swedish

Pulsotype A

Pulsotype C

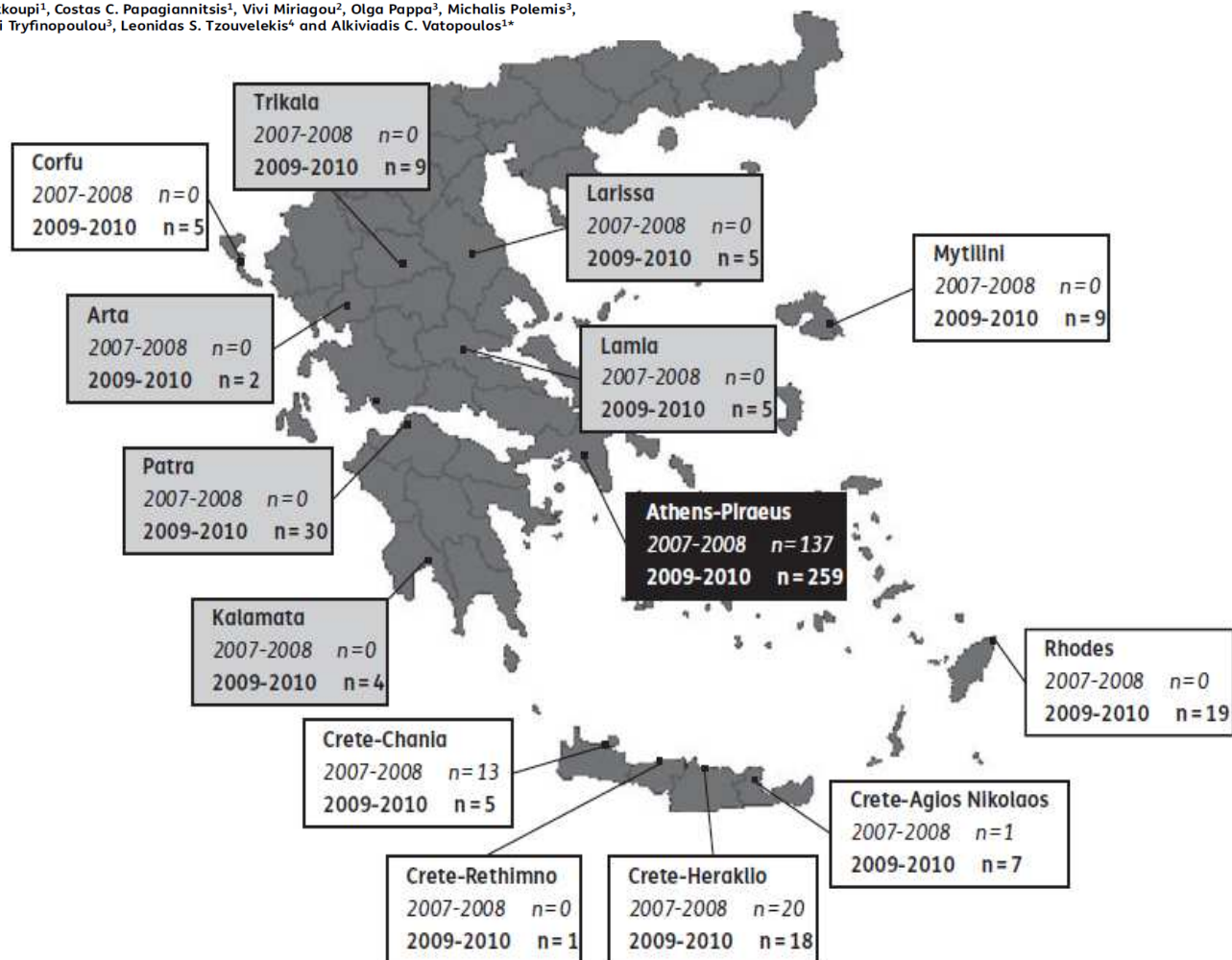
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Pulsotype B

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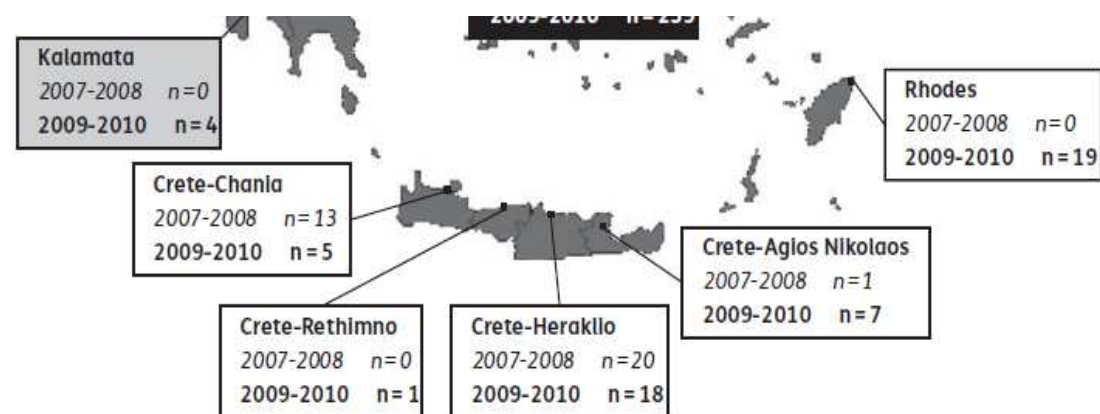
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Geographical distribution (no. of hospitals)	PFGE types (STs)												
	A (258)	B (147)	C (340)	D (17)	E (383)	F (133)	G (274)	H (11)	I (323)	J (494)	K (495)	L (ND)	M (ND)
Athens (26)	216	12	2	—	9	6	4	—	3	2	1	3	1
Other mainland cities (6)	43	8	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	2
Crete and other islands (8)	63	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—
Total no. of hospitals (40)	322	20	2	1	9	6	4	1	3	2	1	4	3

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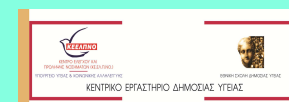
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CMY-4	3 (1.2)	E (1)		2	1						
CMY-4 + SHV-12	1 (0.4)	A (1)									1
CMY-4 + CTX-M-15	4 (1.2)	E (2)		1	1	2					
CMY-4 + CTX-M-15 + VEB-1	1 (0.4)	E (1)			1						
VEB-1	1 (0.4)	Nd <sup>b</sup>	1								
CTX-M-15	5 (2.0)	U (1)	1			1	1				2
SHV-12	11 (4.3)	A (2), E (1)		2		2	1		3	2	1
KPC-2	13 (5.1)	U (3)	5	2		3		3			
KPC-2 + VEB-1	1 (0.4)	U (1)				1					
KPC-2 + CMY-4	2 (0.8)	E (1)					2				
KPC-2 + CMY-4 + SHV-12	1 (0.4)	A (1)				0					1
KPC-2 + CMY-4 + CTX-M-15	1 (0.4)	E (1)				1					
KPC-2 + SHV-12	85 (33.2)	A (7), B (1)	22	19	5	15	7	8	3	6	
KPC-2 + VIM-19 + CMY-4	1 (0.4)	E (1)		1							
KPC-2 + VIM-1 + SHV-12	2 (0.8)	U (1)	2								
KPC-2 + VIM-1	4 (1.6)	B (2)						4			
VIM-1	12 (4.7)	B (1)	9	1	1	1					
VIM-27	1 (0.4)	B (1)		1							
VIM-1 + SHV-12	3 (1.2)	B (1)	1	2							
VIM-27 + SHV-5	1 (0.4)	B (1)			1						
VIM-19 + CMY-4	2 (0.8)	E (1)		1	1						
VIM-19 + CMY-4 + CTX-M-15	3 (1.2)	E (1)		1			1	1			
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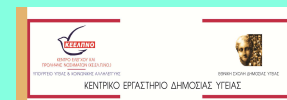
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<b>VIM</b>				<b>22</b>		<b>16,7</b>				2	1
<b>KPC</b>				<b>103</b>		<b>78,0</b>				3	6
<b>VIM + KPC</b>				<b>7</b>		<b>5,3</b>					
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# B. Response

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# National Action Plan to Combat Infections due to Multi-Drug Resistant, Gram- Negative Pathogens in Hospitals in Greece 2010 - 2015

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# Principles of the Action Plan

- the estimation and follow-up of the **incidence and temporal trends** of MDR-GNB infections in hospitalized patients.
- the implementation of enhanced infection control measures in order to contain the spread of MDR-GNB within acute-care hospitals.

# Principles of the Action Plan

- Establishment and operation at the Hellenic Center for Disease Control and Prevention (HCDCP), of a national surveillance system for MDR-GNB infections in hospitals in Greece.
- Systemic monitoring of the implementation of the appropriate infection control measures.
- Issue relevant legislations by the General Directorate – MoH ns.

# Incidence VS resistance rates

- Describes burden of disease
- Is a more sensitive indicator of the results of the intervention

# TARGET

- All cases of specific clinical infections caused by carbapenem-resistant *K. pneumoniae*, *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*, and *Acinetobacter baumannii* are **obligatory notifiable** to HCDCP, starting on November 1, 2010



# METHODS

- Weekly notification to the HCDCP of all newly-detected cases of carbapenem-resistant *K. pneumoniae*, *P. aeruginosa*, and *A. baumannii* clinical infections.
- Immediate notification to the HCDCP, in case of onset of a MDR-GNB outbreak.
- Systemic communication to the hospital CEO regarding the burden and trends of MDR-GNB infections, the implementation of infection control measures, and possible deficits and problems that emerged during the daily implementation of the Action Plan within the hospital.
- Organization of educative activities in order to increase compliance of HCWs with infection control measures.

# METHODS

## Responsibility at the hospital level

- Hospital Task Force
  - Hospital CEO
  - Medical Director of the Committee for Nosocomial Infections
  - Director of the microbiology laboratory
  - Infection control nurse

# Hospital Task Force

- Daily review of microbiology laboratory records in order to promptly identify all cases of MDR-GNB clinical infection or colonization.
- Daily communication with the physicians caring for known cases of MDR-GNB infections in order to follow:
  - the patients outcome
  - the strict and systemic implementation of infection control measures in order to contain the spread of MDR-GNB within the health-care facility
  - the compliance of health-care personnel with hand hygiene
  - the coordination of active surveillance cultures for colonization

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# The role of the HCDCP

- ***Surveillance***
  - Statistical analysis, interpretation, and follow-up of the burden and trends of infections due to MDR-GNB in acute-care hospitals in Greece.
  - The incidence of MDR *K. pneumoniae*, *P. aeruginosa*, and *A. baumannii* clinical infections will be estimated per 1000 hospital days, based on data provided by hospitals.
  - Monthly feedback to hospitals about the burden and trends of infections due to MDR-GNB
- ***Interventions***
  - Communication with the Task Force of the hospital and the Director of the department
  - When necessary, a HCDCP-based team intervenes in order to contain a nosocomial outbreak.
  - Monthly communication to the General Directorate/ MoH of surveillance results and implemented measures.
  - Issue and dissemination to all acute-care hospitals of guidelines about the management of patients with MDR-GNB infections,
  - Organization of campaigns for the promotion of hand hygiene within health-care facilities and follow-up of HCW compliance.
  - Organization of routine visits at hospitals
  - Organization of training activities for the hospital Task Force teams.
  - Communication to the general public about MDR nosocomial infections.

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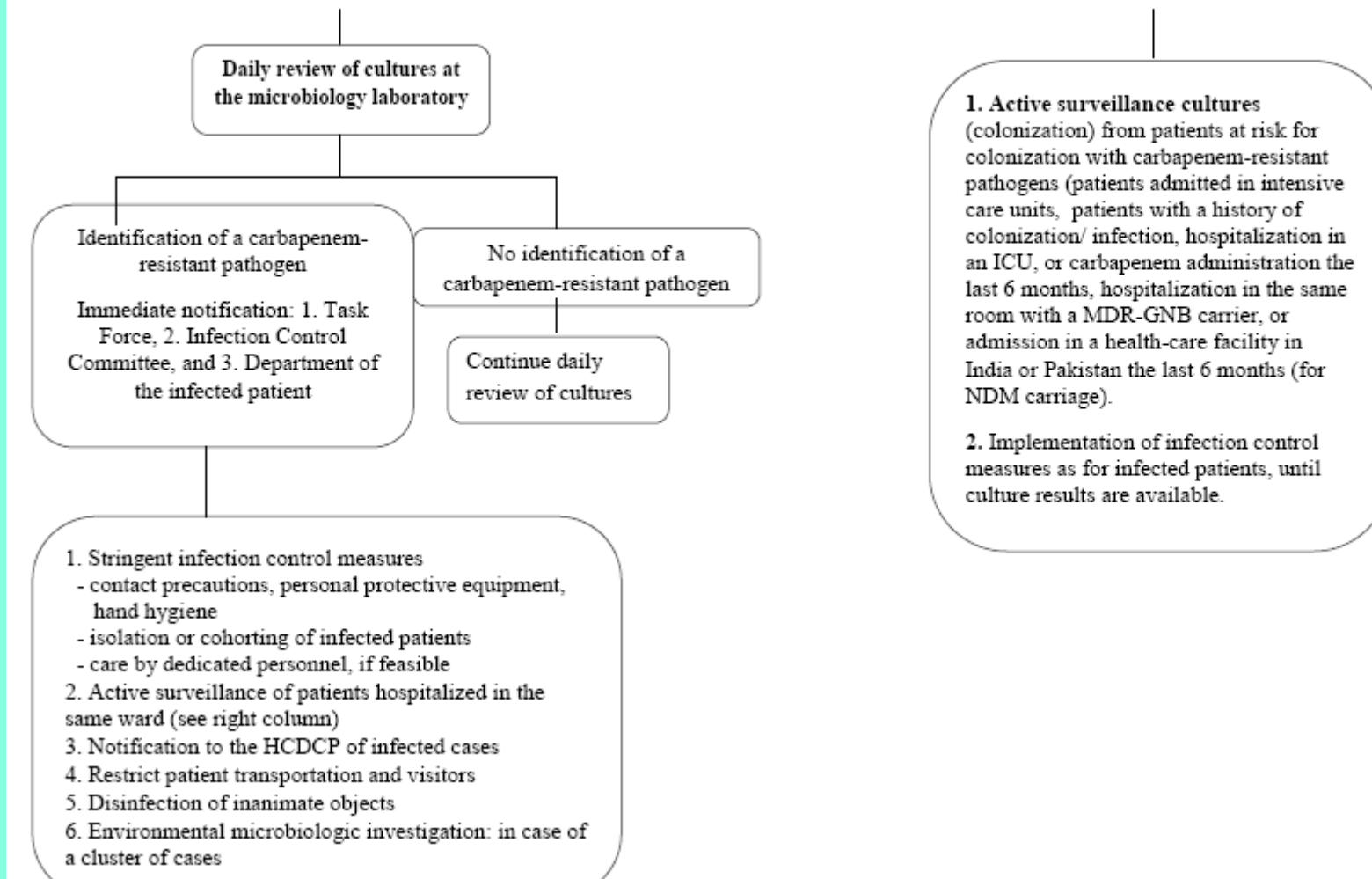
# **National Action Plan to Combat Infections due to Multi-Drug Resistant, Gram-Negative Pathogens in Hospitals in Greece 2010 - 2015**

- Search and destroy strategy at the hospital level
- Close inspection of the hospitals

# National Action Plan to Combat Infections due to Multi-Drug Resistant, Gram-Negative Pathogens in Hospitals in Greece 2010 - 2015

- Commitment at central level
- Commitment at peripheral level
- Commitment at hospital level

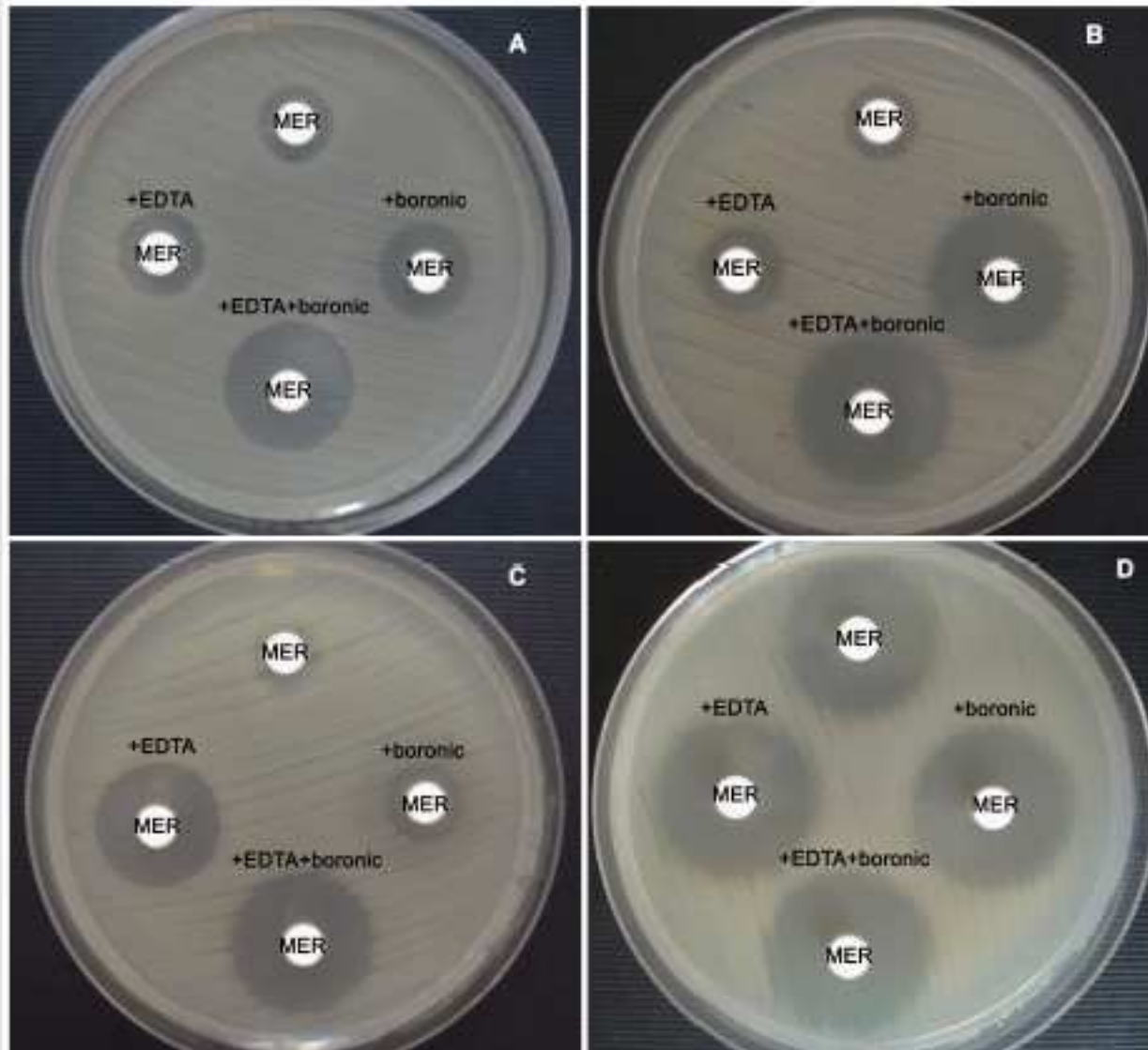
**Figure 2. Algorithm of procedures following the detection of a carbapenem-resistant pathogen**





# Παραδείγματα φαινοτυπικού ελέγχου στο εργαστήριο για παραγωγή MBL (C), KPC (B) ή MBL/KPC (A)

Tsakris et al 2010



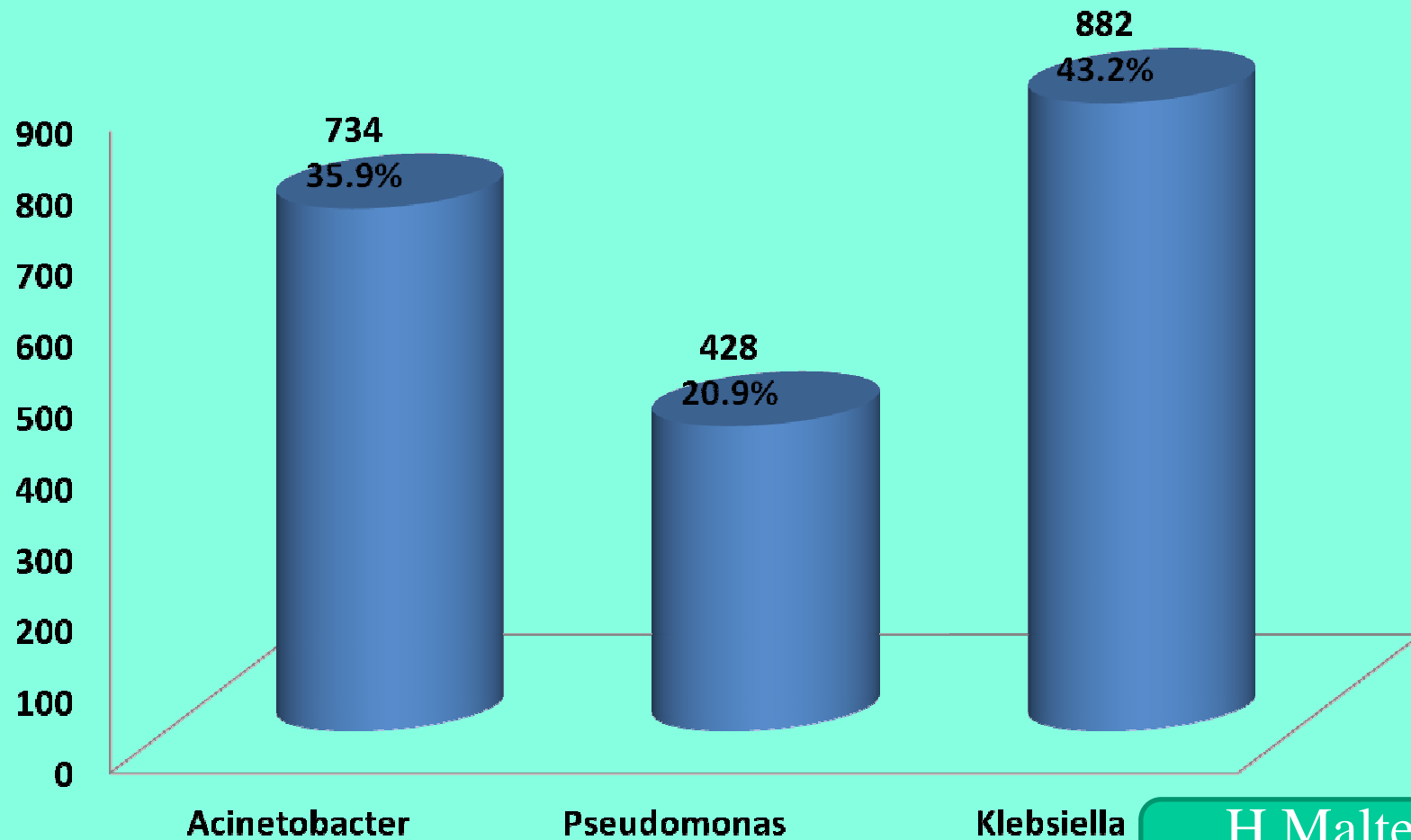
# Preliminary Results, Jan – June 2011

## Of 128 acute-care hospitals

- 99 hospitals participated in the surveillance system notifying a total of 2,060 cases
- 16 hospitals did not send reports at all
- 13 hospitals were included in the surveillance system at a later stage

**1,926 validated cases from 64 hospitals**

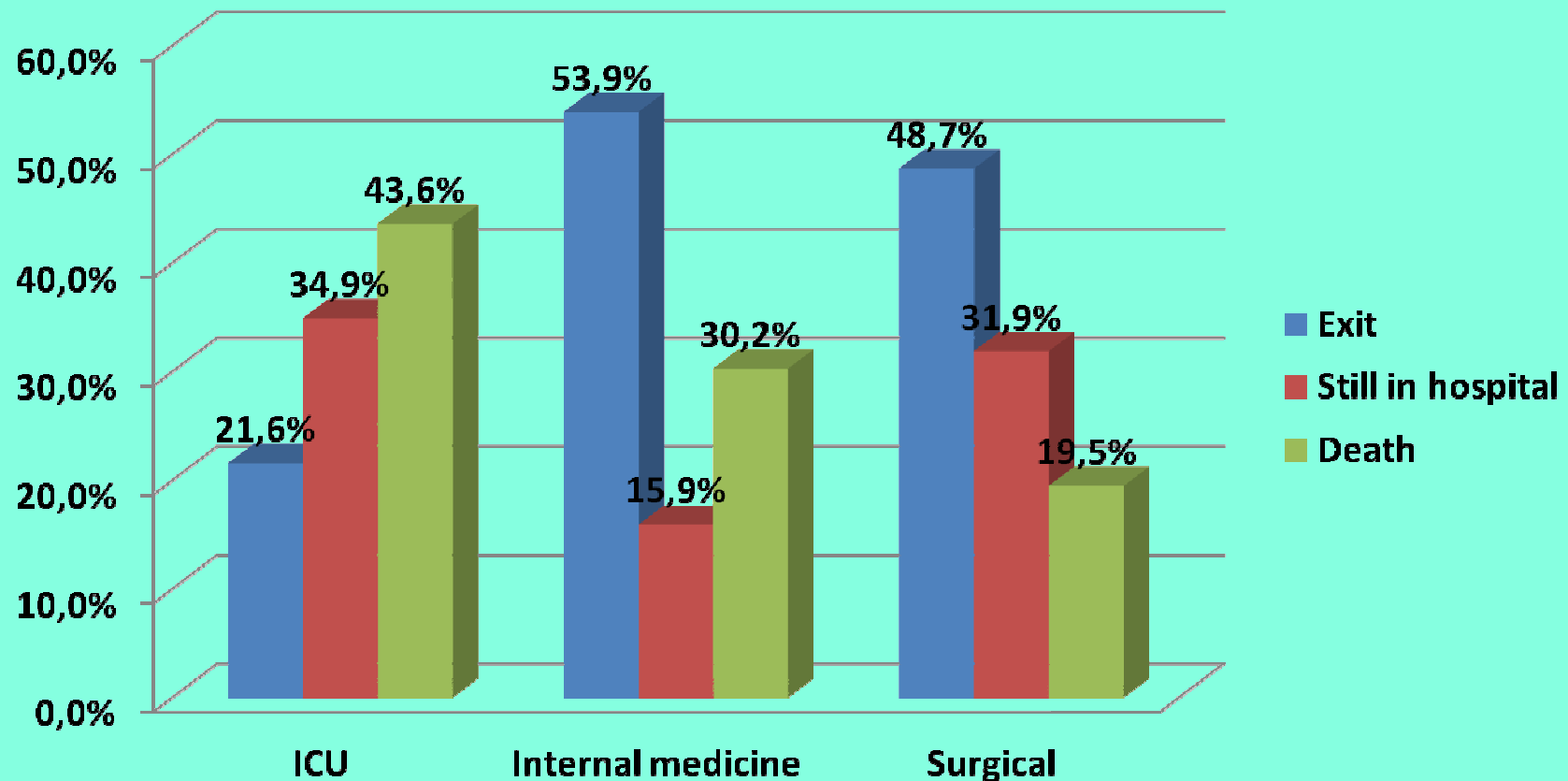
# 2,044 Isolates in 1,926 Notified Cases



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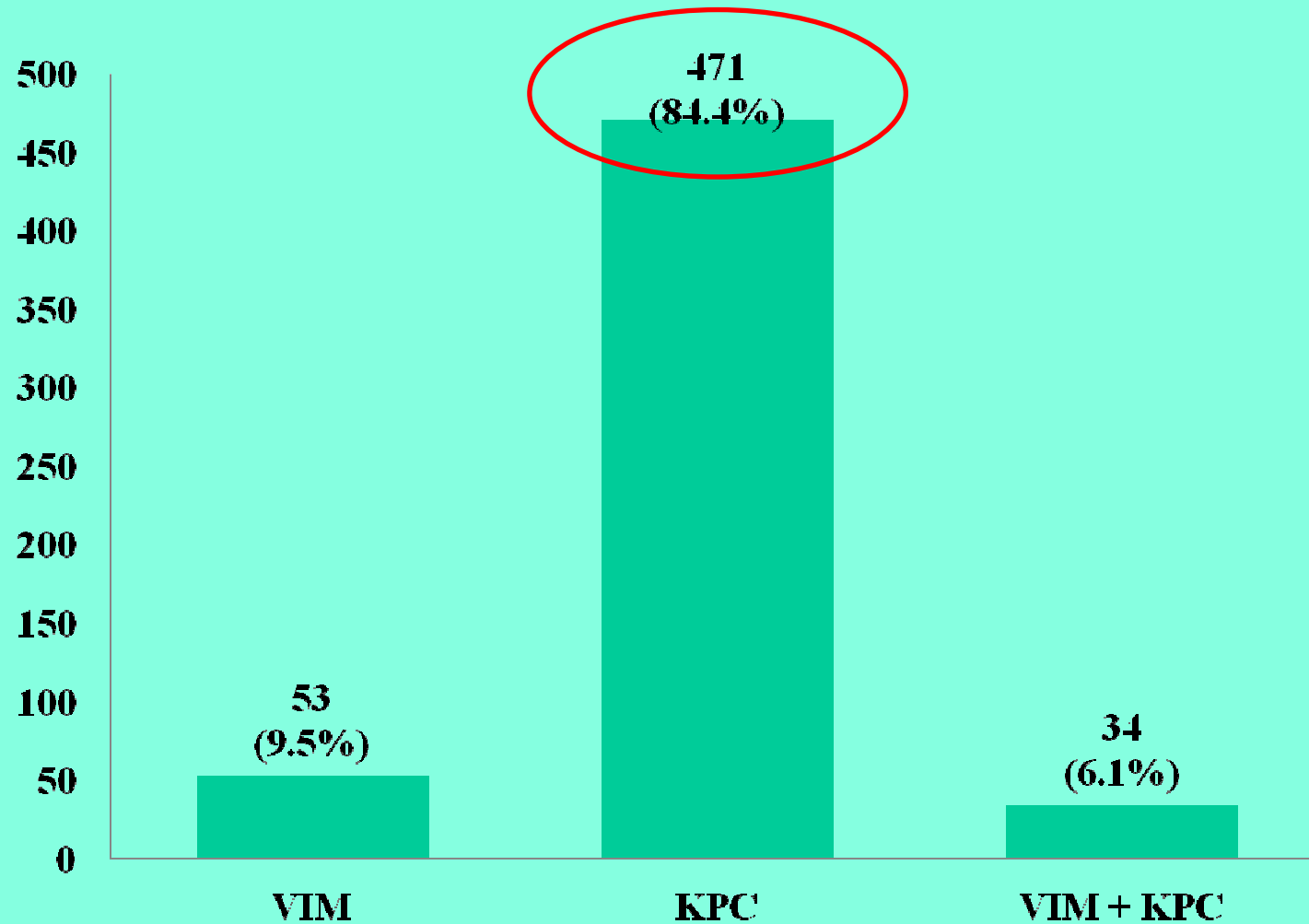
# Outcome of Notified Cases by Department\*



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# Mechanisms of Resistance in *Klebsiella* Isolates



# Mean incidence of infections due to MDR-GNB pathogens in patients hospitalized in hospitals by number of beds

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*Mean incidence /1000 hospital days*

< 200 beds	0.356
201 – 500 beds	0.491
> 500 beds	0.506** p-value=0.03

# Stepwise regression analysis to identify hospital characteristics associated with an increased prevalence of MDR-GNB infections

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*Mean incidence /1000 hospital days*

**ICU in the hospital** **0.73**

**no ICU in the hospital** **0.21**

**p-value < 0.001**

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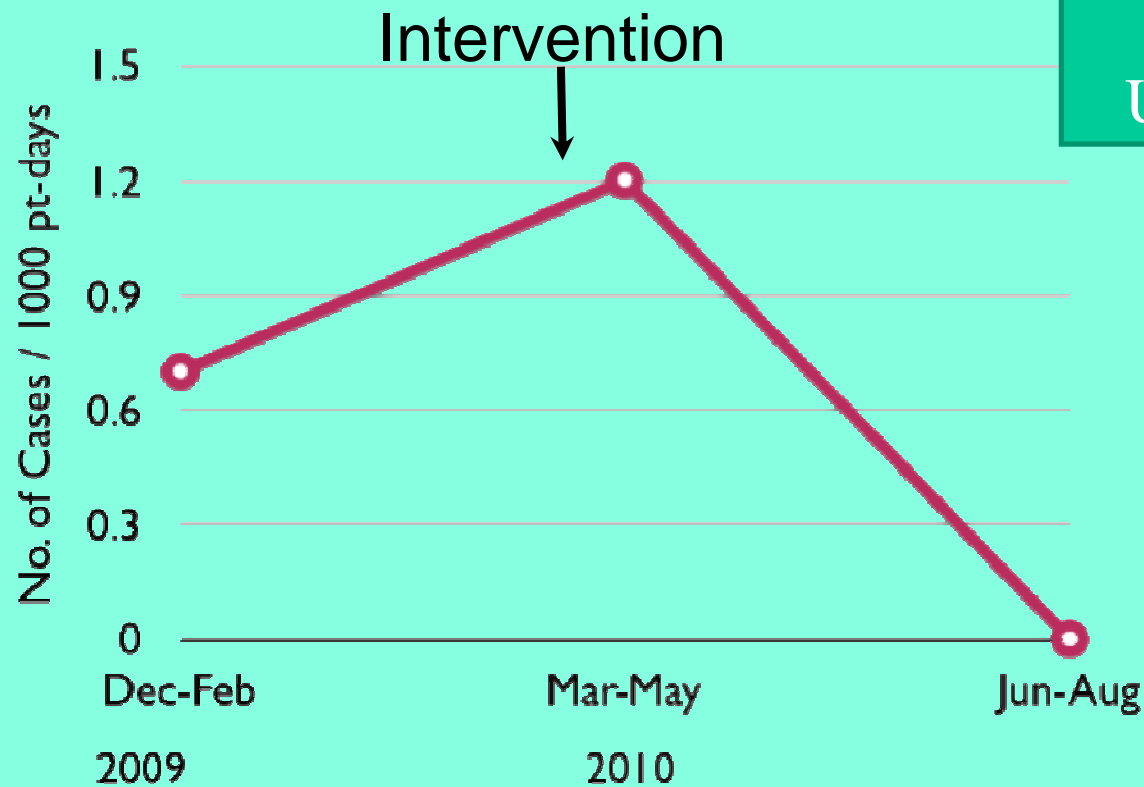
# Response

The very early very good news!

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# Incidence of CPKP BSIs in Hematology Clinic



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# Response

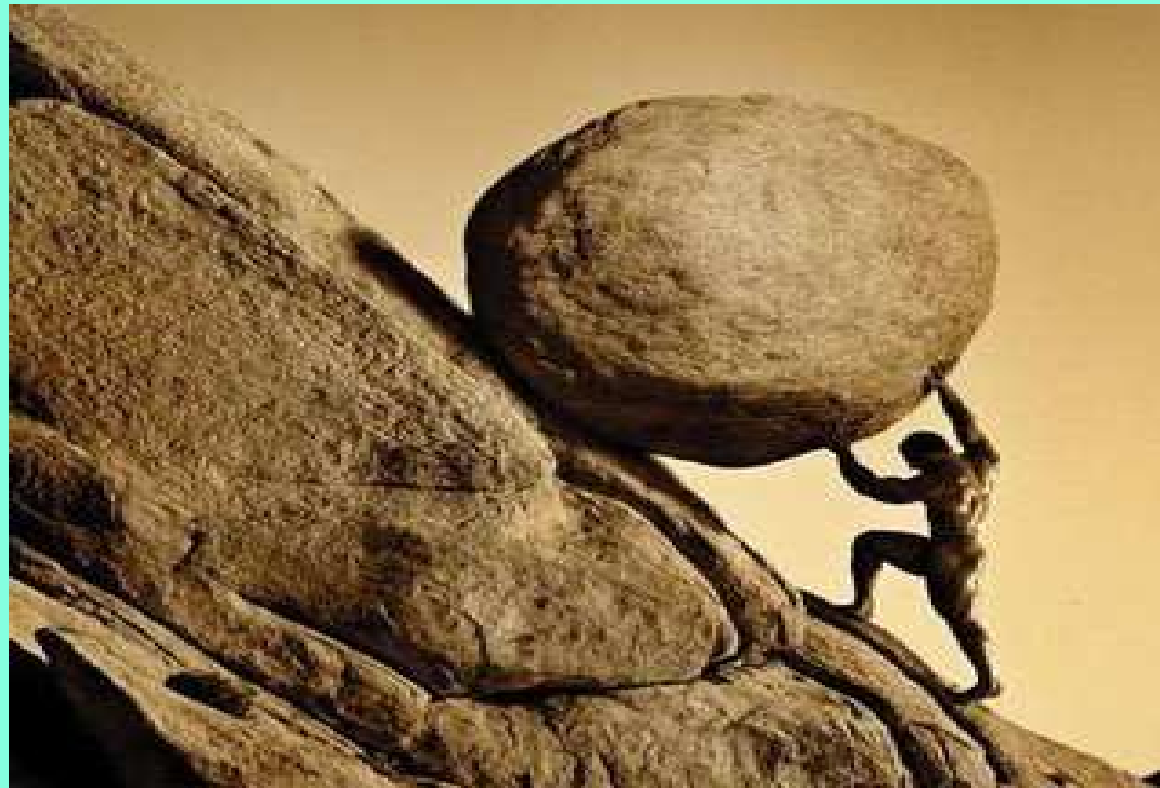
- A public health problem to be confronted must be recognized.
  - By those involved
  - By the society in large
  - By all leaderships
- **Commitment**

With out commitment  
“*Procrustes* ” will be..



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With out commitment  
will be “sisyphus”



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# Antibiotic resistance in Greece

- Commitment should be the driving force
- Time (persistence and patience) is needed



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