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# REDUCING HEALTHCARE- ASSOCIATED INFECTIONS INCIDENCE BY A PROBIOTIC-BASED SANITATION SYSTEM: A MULTICENTRE, PROSPECTIVE, INTERVENTION STUDY

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# Introduction

1. Air pollution and climate change
2. Non communicable diseases (NCDs)
3. Global influenza pandemic
4. Fragile and vulnerable settings
5. **Antimicrobial resistance**
6. Ebola and other high-threat pathogens
7. Weak primary healthcare
8. Vaccine hesitancy
9. Dengue
10. HIV



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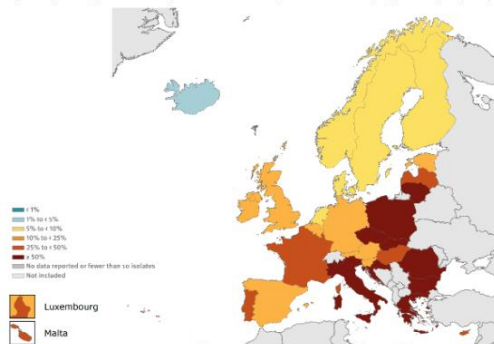


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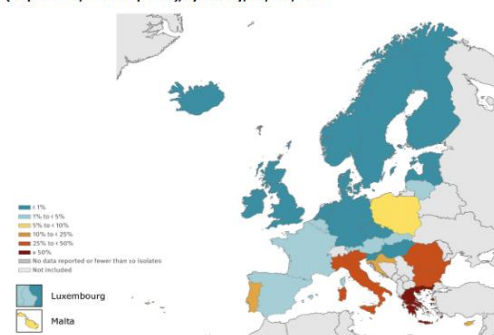


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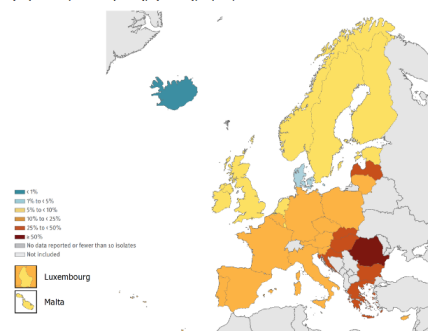


Figure 8. *Staphylococcus aureus*. Percentage of invasive isolates resistant to methicillin (MRSA), by country, EU/EEA, 2019

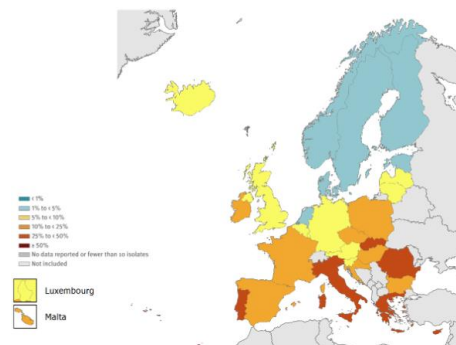


Figure 10. *Enterococcus faecium*. Percentage of invasive isolates resistant to vancomycin, by country, EU/EEA, 2019

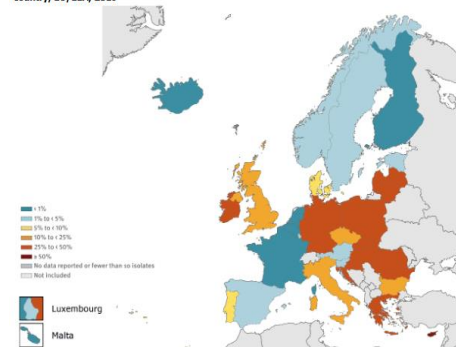


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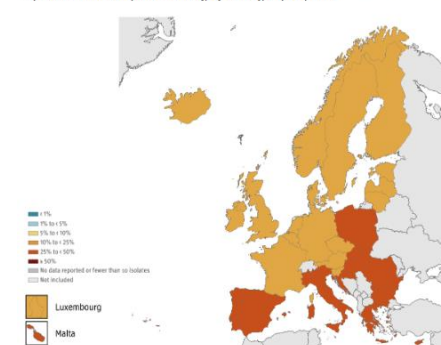


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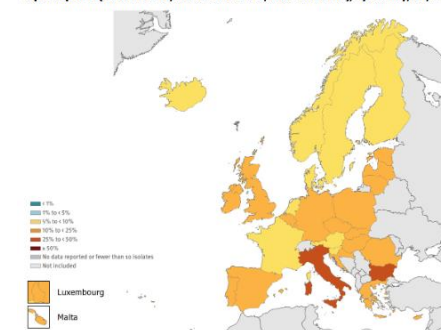
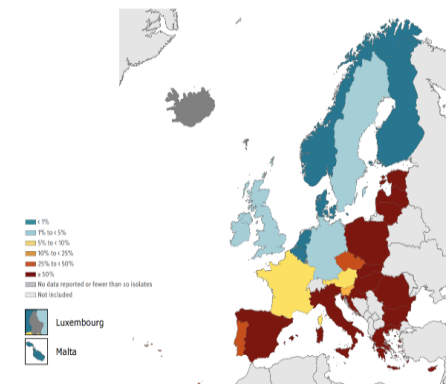
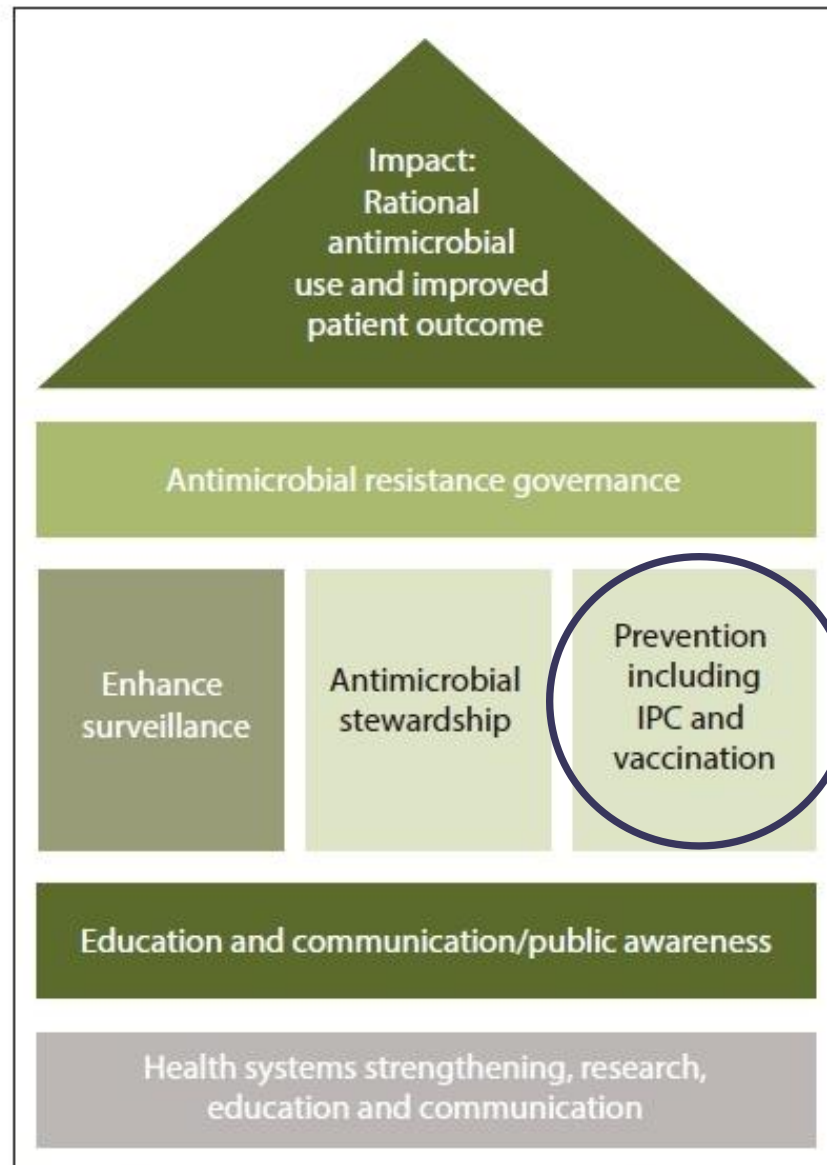


Figure 7. *Acinetobacter* species. Percentage of invasive isolates with resistance to carbapenems (imipenem or/and meropenem), by country, EU/EEA, 2019





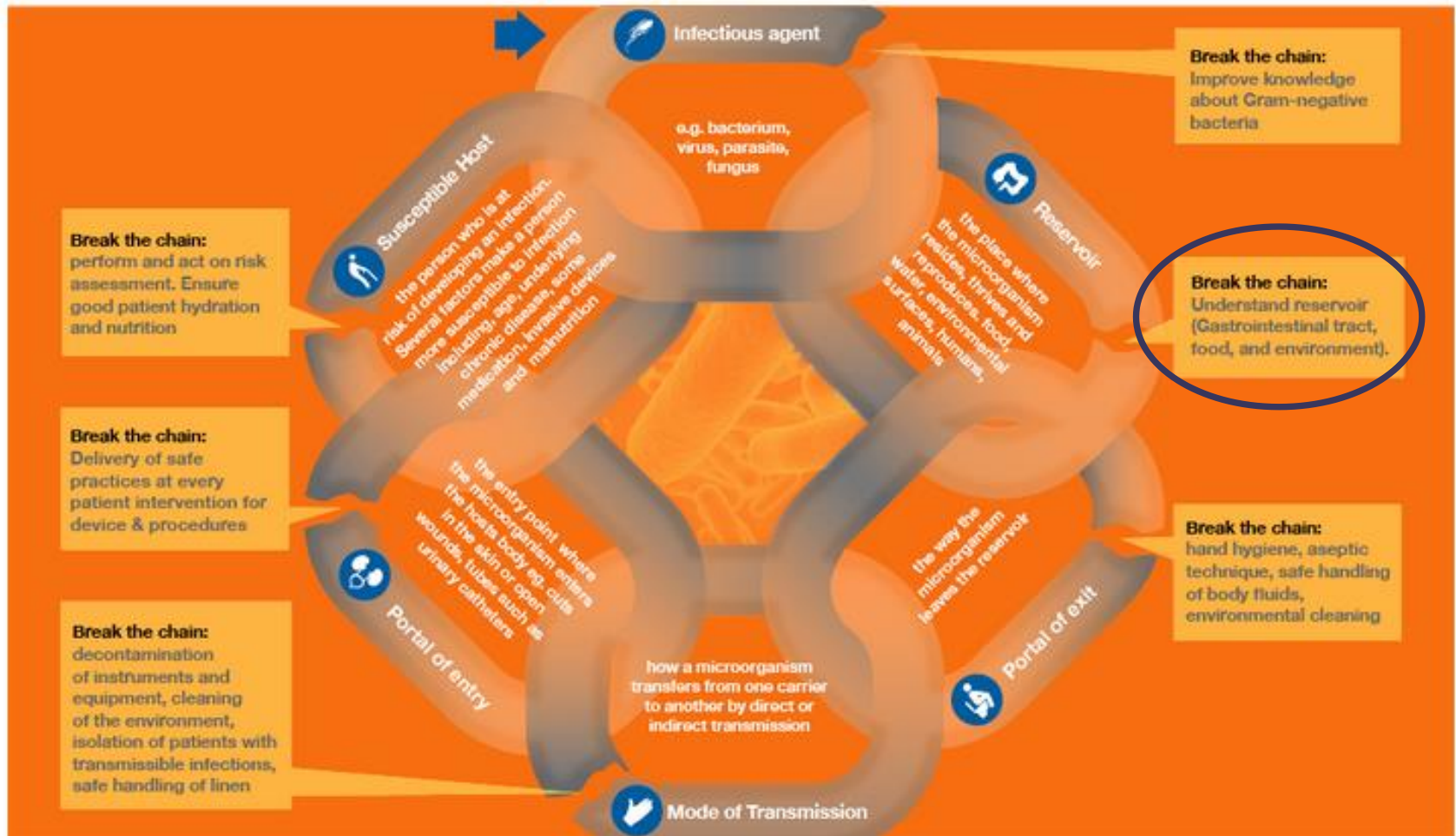
*Fig. 1. Pillars of the South African antimicrobial stewardship strategy framework.<sup>[6]</sup> (IPC = infection prevention and control.)*

# Preventing infections



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# Aim

- Evaluate the impact of environmental cleanliness through the Probiotic Cleaning Hygiene System (PCHS) on the incidence of healthcare-associated infections (HAIs) in acute care settings
- Probiotic Cleaning Hygiene System (PCHS)
  - Ecosustainable detergent containing spores of *Bacillus* spp. – non pathogens



# Data are available

## RESEARCH ARTICLE

### Reducing healthcare-associated infections incidence by a probiotic-based sanitation system: A multicentre, prospective, intervention study


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## Article

### A Probiotic-Based Sanitation System for the Reduction of Healthcare Associated Infections and Antimicrobial Resistances: A Budget Impact Analysis

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## Infection and Drug Resistance

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### Impact of a probiotic-based hospital sanitation on antimicrobial resistance and HAI-associated antimicrobial consumption and costs: a multicenter study

Infect Drug Resist. 2019 Feb 27;12:501-510

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# Methods

- ❑ Pre-post interventional study
- ❑ 5 acute hospitals were included:
  - general medicine, geriatrics and neurological wards;
  - from different part of Italy: 3 in the north, 1 in centre and 1 in south
- ❑ Timetable:
  - 6 months of pre-interventional survey:
    - January-June 2016 for three hospitals:  $I_1$
    - May-October 2016 for the other two:  $I_2$
  - Pause period for the PCHS system start-up:
    - 6 months for  $I_1$
    - 2 months for  $I_2$
  - 6 months of survey during PCHS application: January-June 2017 for all the five hospitals
- ❑ 1 control hospital especially included for the evaluation of the environmental impact



# Patients characteristics

Table 2. Patient characteristics of the I<sub>1</sub>-I<sub>2</sub> hospitals in the pre-PCHS and PCHS periods (11,461 patients).

| Patients characteristics           | Pre-PCHS                  | PCHS                      |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
|                                    | Total patients<br>No. (%) | Total patients<br>No. (%) |
| <b>Total</b>                       | <b>5,930</b>              | <b>5,531</b>              |
| <b>Gender: male</b>                | 2,977 (50.2%)             | 2,928 (52.9%)             |
| <b>Age &lt;65</b>                  | 1,518 (25.6%)             | 1,265 (22.9%)             |
| <b>Age 65–74</b>                   | 1,261 (21.3%)             | 1,177 (21.3%)             |
| <b>Age 75–84</b>                   | 1,821 (30.7%)             | 1,753 (31.7%)             |
| <b>Age ≥85</b>                     | 1,330 (22.4%)             | 1,336 (24.2%)             |
| <b>Incontinence</b>                | 1,448 (24.4%)             | 1,369 (24.8%)             |
| <b>Disorientation</b>              | 804 (13.6%)               | 747 (13.5%)               |
| <b>Self-sufficiency</b>            | 3,671 (61.9%)             | 3,632 (65.7%)             |
| <b>Pressure sores</b>              | 393 (6.6%)                | 237 (4.3%)                |
| <b>Surgery 30 day before</b>       | 122 (2.1%)                | 80 (1.4%)                 |
| <b>Ventilation</b>                 | 215 (3.6%)                | 161 (2.9%)                |
| <b>Parenteral nutrition</b>        | 200 (3.4%)                | 141 (2.5%)                |
| <b>ATB 2 week before</b>           | 566 (9.5%)                | 294 (5.3%)                |
| <b>MDRO at admission</b>           | 131 (2.2%)                | 83 (1.5%)                 |
| <b>Infection at admission</b>      | 1,216 (20.5%)             | 1,089 (19.7%)             |
| <b>Urinary catheter (any type)</b> | 1,368 (23.1%)             | 1,166 (21.1%)             |
| <b>CVC</b>                         | 264 (4.5%)                | 260 (4.7%)                |

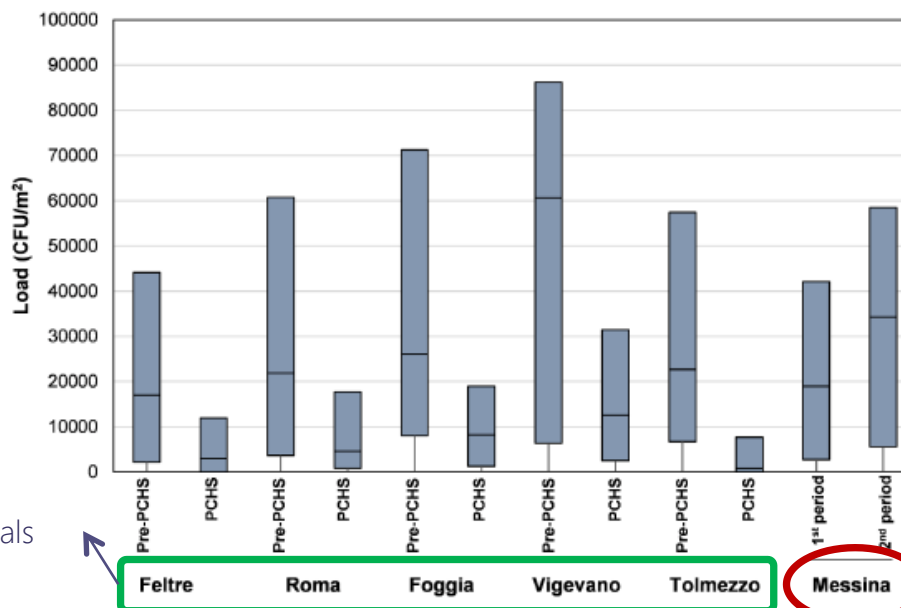
Self-sufficiency, ability to provide for themselves autonomously, measured by SSM (Self Sufficiency Matrix) scale; ATB, antibiotics; MDRO, multi drug resistant organism; CVC, central vascular catheter.

Evaluation of sample (sink, floor, bed footboard) for:

- *Staphilococcus spp.*
- *Enterobacteriaceae spp.*
- *Acinetobacter spp.*
- *Mycetes*
- *Pseudomonas spp.*
- *C. difficile*

A)

Pathogens load on hospital surfaces

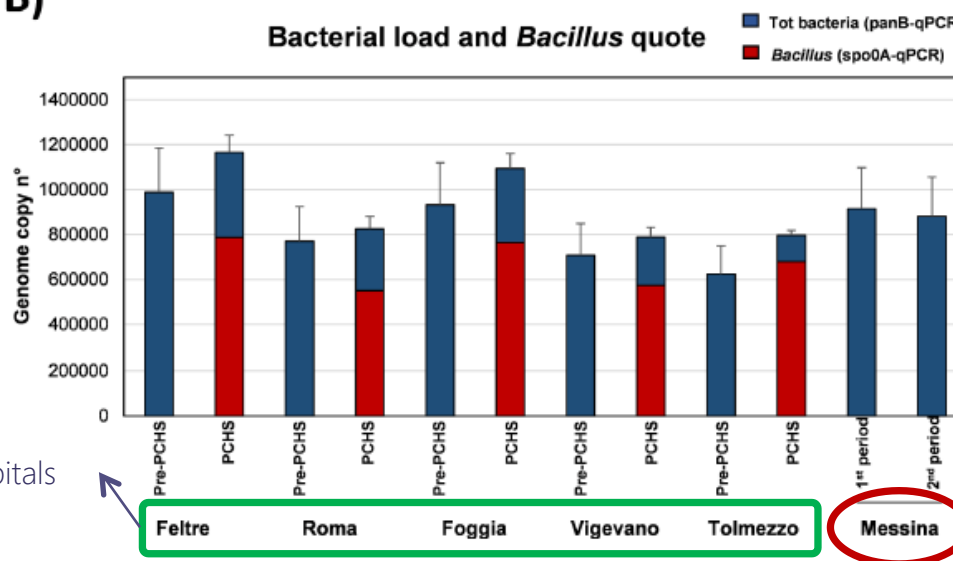


Interventional hospitals

Control hospital

B)

Bacterial load and *Bacillus* quote



Interventional hospitals

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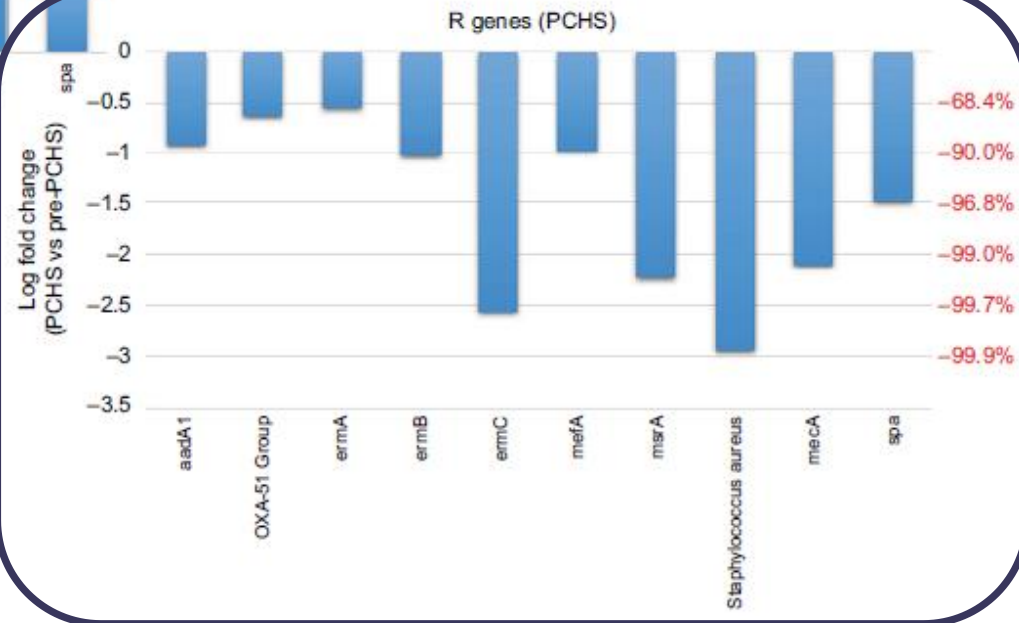
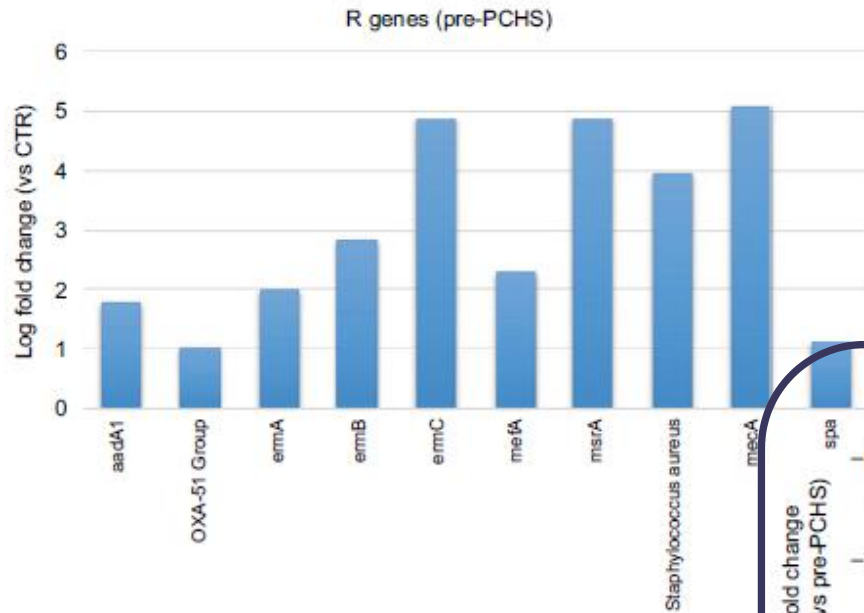
**Table 1** Variations in individual pathogens' load on hospital surfaces during pre-PCHS and PCHS (CFU/m<sup>2</sup>)

| Pathogen type                  | Pre-PCHS <sup>a</sup> | PCHS <sup>a</sup> | Decrease (%) |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|--------------|
| <i>Aspergillus</i> spp.        | 181±307               | 12±6              | 93.3         |
| <i>Candida</i> spp.            | 2,597±1,798           | 1,108±559         | 57.3         |
| <i>Clostridium difficile</i>   | 334±290               | 132±219           | 60.5         |
| <i>Pseudomonas aeruginosa</i>  | 970±982               | 415±350           | 57.2         |
| <i>Acinetobacter baumannii</i> | 2,844±841             | 520±726           | 81.7         |
| <i>Enterobacteriaceae</i> spp. | 1,774±901             | 189±135           | 89.3         |
| <i>Staphylococcus</i> spp.     | 26,947±17,293         | 4,674±3,799       | 82.7         |

**Note:** <sup>a</sup>Results are expressed as mean value of CFU/m<sup>2</sup> ± SD detected in the five enrolled hospitals.

**Abbreviations:** PCHS, Probiotic Cleaning Hygiene System; CFU, colony forming units.

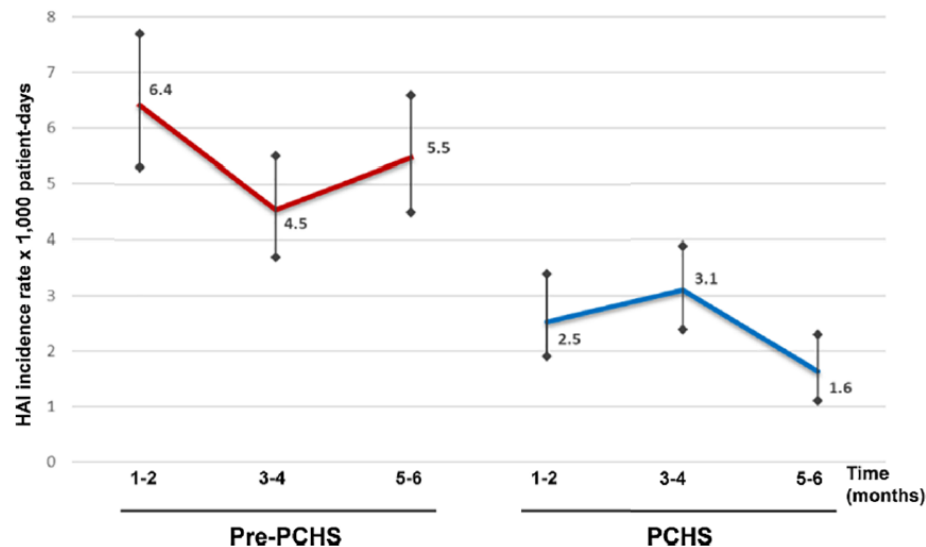
# Bacterial resistome



# Comparison of HAI incidence between phases:

- pre-PCHS (Conventional Chemical Cleaning)
- &
- PCHS

|  | All the population<br>N. 11,461 |                     |                             | Propensity score matching sample<br>N. 8,320 |                     |                             |
|--|---------------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------|--|---------------------|-----------------------------|
|  | Pre-PCHS                        | PCHS                |                             | Pre-PCHS                                     | PCHS                |                             |
| Cumulative incidence<br>of patients with at least on HAI | 4.8%<br>(284/5,930)             | 2.3%<br>(128/5,531) | OR 0.47<br>CI 95% 0.38-0.58 | 4.6%<br>(191/4,160)                          | 2.4%<br>(100/4,160) | OR 0.47<br>CI 95% 0.37-0.60 |
| Incidence rate<br>x 1,000 hospitalisation days           | 5.4<br>(314/57,742)             | 2.4<br>(141/58,201) | OR 0.45<br>CI 95% 0.36-0.54 | 5.2<br>(210/40,111)                          | 2.5<br>(111/44,751) | OR 0.47<br>CI 95% 0.38-0.60 |



# Impact of risk factors on HAI onset

Table 5. Risk factors associated with HAI onset in patients of I<sub>1</sub>-I<sub>2</sub> hospitals: Multivariable model\*.

| Population characteristics  | <i>P</i>     | OR   | 95% CI    |
|-----------------------------|--------------|------|-----------|
| Male                        | 0.01812      | 0.78 | 0.63–0.96 |
| Age 65–74 vs Age <65        | 0.0047       | 1.71 | 1.18–2.48 |
| Age 75–84 vs Age <65        | 0.0004       | 1.88 | 1.33–2.67 |
| Age 85 or more vs Age <65   | 0.0026       | 1.78 | 1.22–2.58 |
| Length of stay              | $p < 0.0001$ | 1.08 | 1.07–1.09 |
| Incontinence                | 0.2253       | 0.85 | 0.66–1.10 |
| Disorientation              | 0.0226       | 1.37 | 1.05–1.76 |
| Self-sufficiency            | 0.5600       | 0.92 | 0.69–1.43 |
| Pressure sores              | 0.9757       | 0.99 | 0.69–1.44 |
| Ventilation                 | 0.7702       | 1.07 | 0.68–1.67 |
| ATB 2 week before           | 0.8479       | 0.97 | 0.68–1.37 |
| MDRO at admission           | 0.6230       | 0.86 | 0.47–1.57 |
| Urinary catheter (any type) | $p < 0.0001$ | 2.68 | 2.10–3.41 |
| CVC                         | 0.0001       | 1.99 | 1.40–2.82 |
| PCHS                        | $p < 0.0001$ | 0.44 | 0.35–0.54 |

# Conclusions

- Data suggests a positive effect of PCHS application in order to prevent the HAIs onset in the involved wards
- PCHS effect seems to be higher for the HAIs transmitted by contact
- Important to sustain the further researches:
  - other time period
  - different care settings





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