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The role of the microbiological laboratory in IPC: review of the national reference laboratory data

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The role of IPC and quality of medical services

- Infection prevention and infection control are integral to assessing the quality of medical services and serve as an indicator of the country's healthcare system and medical organizations in particular.
- IPC is one of the main quality indicators of any medical institution.



IPC and quality of medical services

In most cases, a decrease in the quality of medical services is associated with a secondary infection

One of the main health problems is infections caused by antimicrobial-resistant microorganisms



IPC and quality of medical services

In in-patient facilities, there is an increase of nosocomial strains of microorganisms resistant to antimicrobials, disinfectants, and antiseptics



Effectiveness of therapeutic and preventive measures in medical organizations is decreasing and is an important factor contributing to the spread of healthcare-associated infections



IPC and quality of medical services

Infections caused
by antimicrobial-
resistant
pathogens

Offset not only
treatment but
also the results
of expensive
high-tech and
life-saving
interventions

Antimicrobial
resistance

threatens
people's lives and
health, requires
significant
material and
human resources,
and also reduces
the effectiveness
of health
programs in
general



Reasons for growth of antimicrobial resistance

- Weak laboratory capabilities;
- Infrastructure and data management issues;
- Wide sale of antimicrobial medicines behind the counter;
- Insufficient public awareness in all regions;
- General inadequate approach to IPC

(Antimicrobial resistance: global report on surveillance 2014. Geneva:World Health Organization; 2014

(https://apps.who.int/iris/bitstream/handle/10665/112642/9789241564748_eng.pdf — as of August 18, 2021).



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MICROBIOLOGICAL MONITORING AS A COMPONENT OF ENSURING QUALITY MEDICAL CARE IN HOSPITALS



- Bacteriological studies are essential for the implementation of effective epidemiological surveillance of HAI in medical organizations and preventive and anti-epidemic measures.



Local monitoring of antimicrobial resistance (LMAMR)

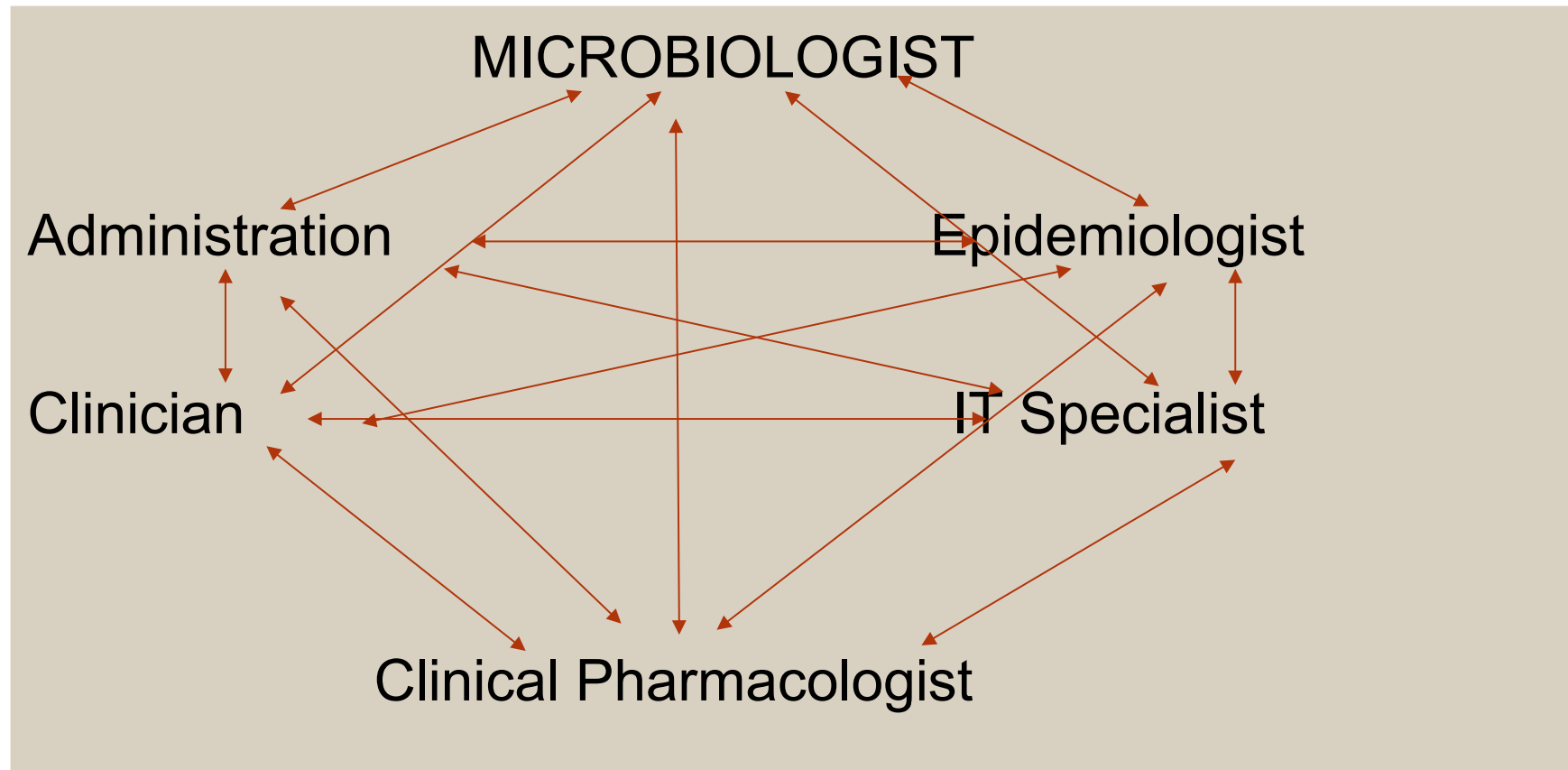
Continuous
systematic
collection, analysis
and provision of
data on
antimicrobial
resistance within
medical
organizations

The purpose is to provide
information for use in practice,
including therapeutic and
preventive measures.

The main goal is to constantly
monitor trends in the occurrence
and spread of antibiotic resistance
cases.



Local monitoring participants





Key principles of LMAMR



- **Continuity**



- **Standardization**



- **Succession**



Microbiological laboratory objectives

**Collecting data
on the most
frequent CPBs**

**Frequency of individual
microorganism circulation
in the departments**

**The level of antibiotic
resistance at the MO
level**

**Reservoirs, factors
and ways of
transmission of
HAIs, etc.**

**Data collection on
nosocomial
infections in medical
organizations (MO)**

**Effectiveness of
disinfection,
sterilization
measures and anti-
epidemic regime**



Data collection – through quality control!

The main goals of laboratory analysis include standardization of methods, correct interpretation of research results, and implementation of a quality management system.



2 areas of quality control

**Internal quality
control (IQC)**

**External Quality
Assurance (EQA)
program**



Who will coordinate the laboratories?

Since 2018, Kazakhstan's national reference laboratory has been appointed and authorized to control antimicrobial resistance

Roadmap for antimicrobial resistance containment in the Republic of Kazakhstan 2019-2022



Reference laboratory (RL) objective on antimicrobial resistance

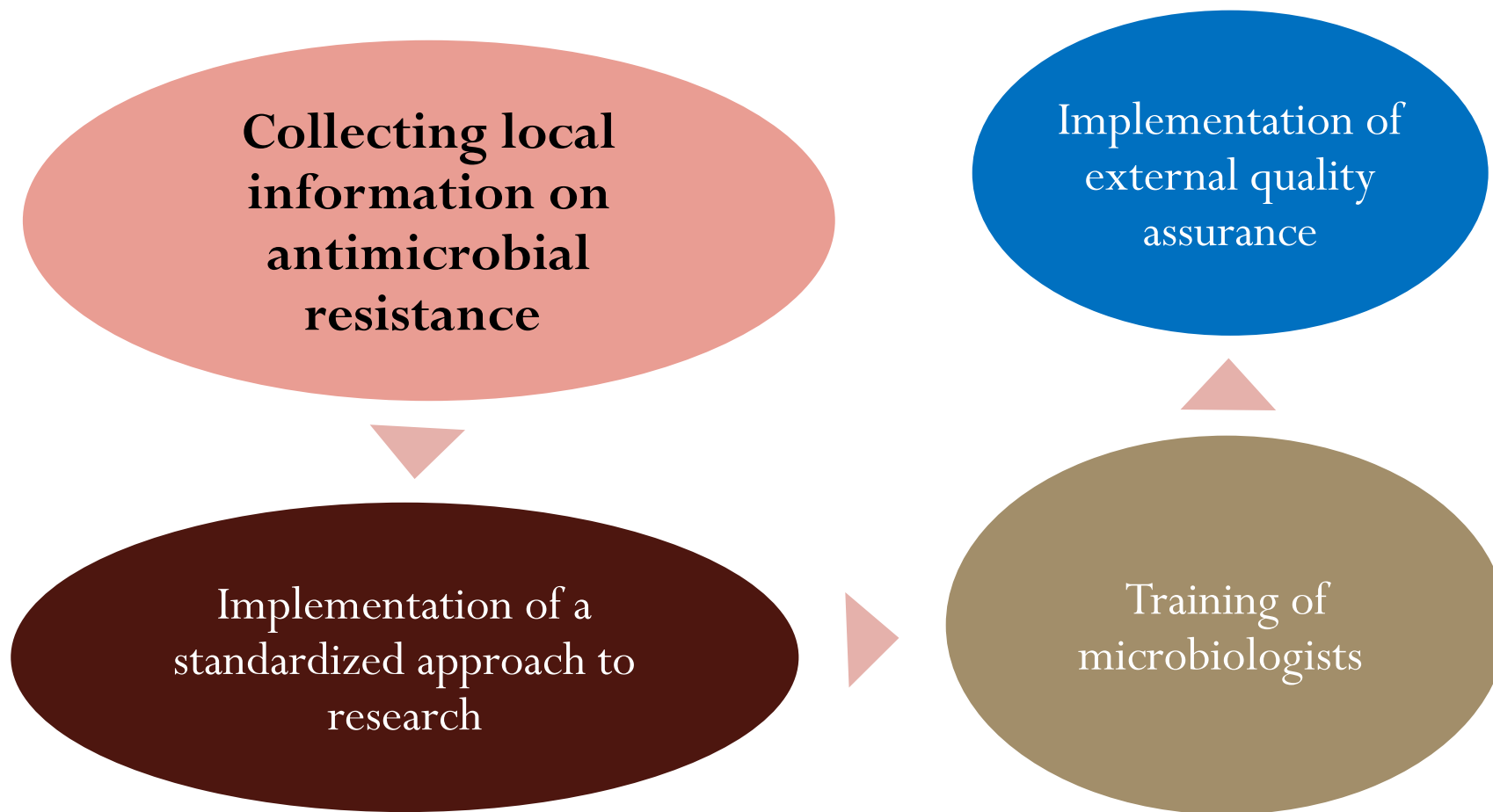
**Antimicrobial
resistance
monitoring**

**Introduction of
national
microbiological
monitoring**

**Participation in
international programs for
collecting information on
antimicrobial resistance**

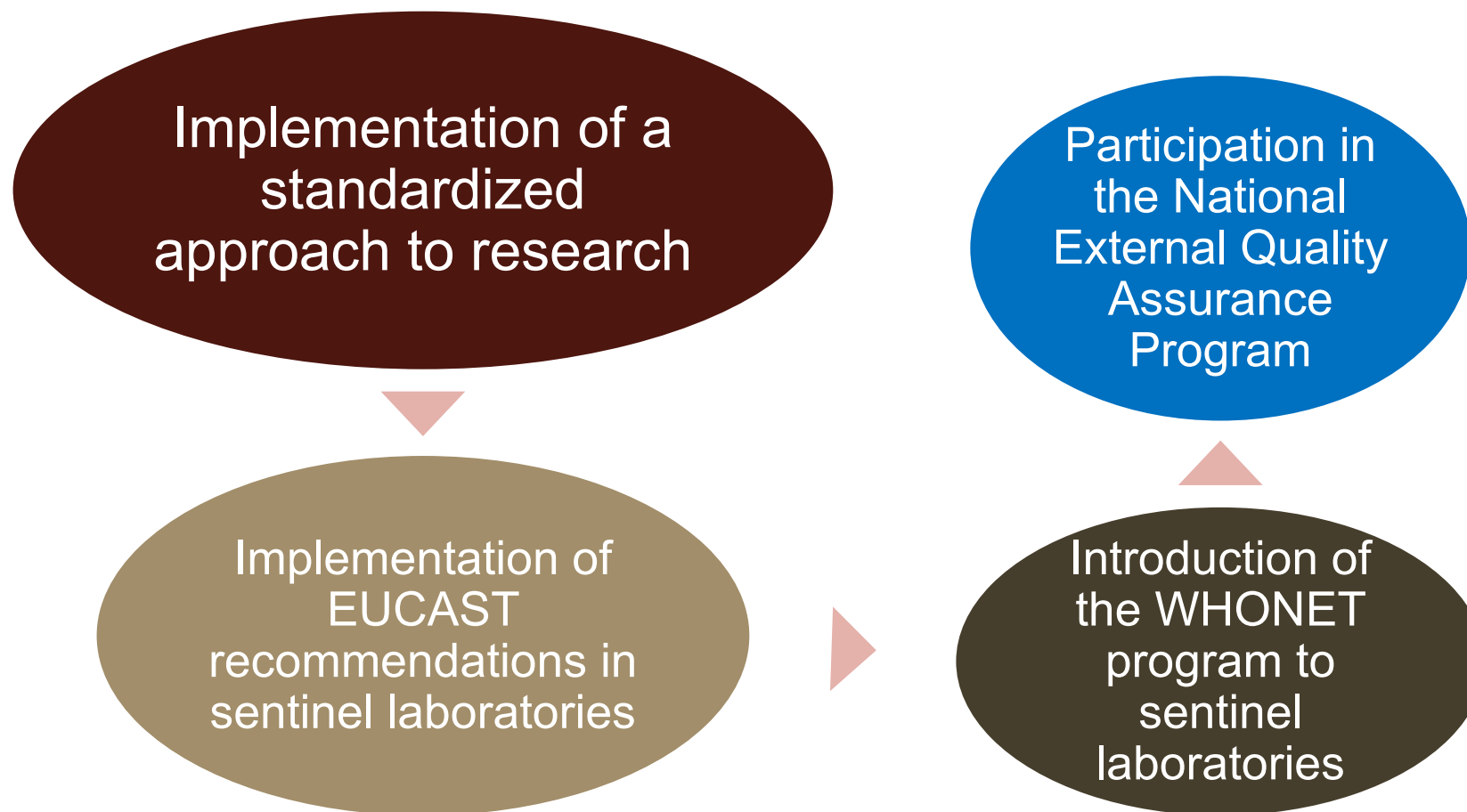


Nation-wide microbiological monitoring





Nation-wide microbiological monitoring





Introduction of national microbiological monitoring

Expansion of sentinel laboratories

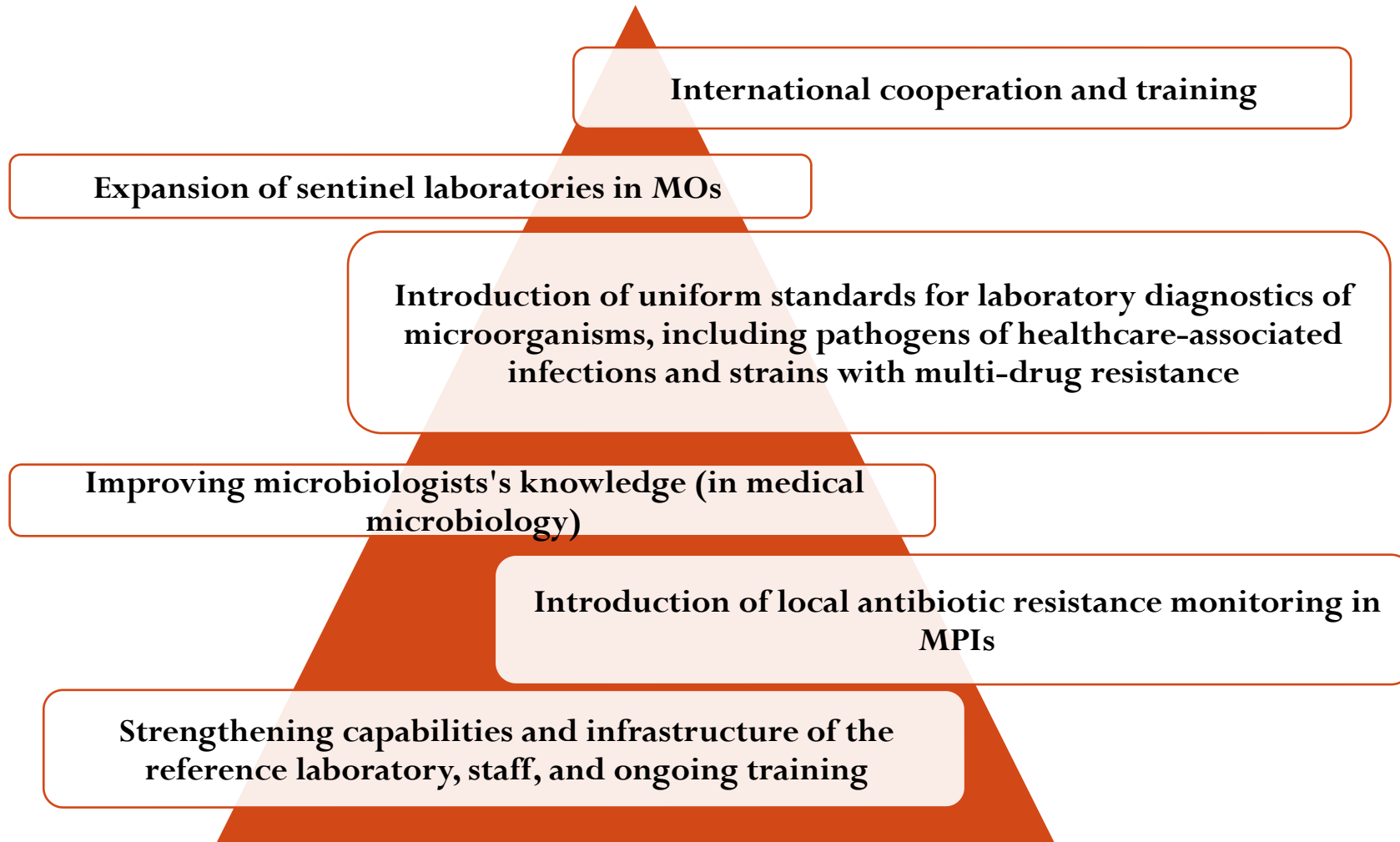
Implementation of the External Quality Assurance Program

Analysis of the local data received on antimicrobial resistance and its extrapolation to the national level

Participation in international programs for collecting information on antimicrobial resistance



Reference Laboratory objectives





Activities of the Reference Laboratory

**5 laboratories are involved
in sentinel surveillance:**

NSMC JSC

MUK NCJSC

City Clinical Hospital №7

**Almaty infectious diseases
hospital**

**Shymkent Infectious diseases
hospital**

**4 laboratories are ready to
participate in sentinel
surveillance in 2022**

**Petropavlovsk Regional
Hospital**

**Microlabservice LLP, Aktobe
Shymkent Research Center
of Pediatrics and Pediatric
Surgery**



Retesting of cultures from sentinel laboratories and antibiotic sensitivity testing is carried out within the framework of Kazakhstan's MoH state program

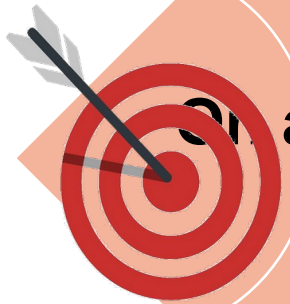


264 cultures of microorganisms were deposited. The comparability ratio in culture identification is 93%. Retesting is performed using MALDI-TOF mass spectrometry.

Coincidences in confirming the presence/absence of resistance properties is 87.5%



Research external quality assurance is carried out annually by sending encrypted cultures. Readiness is assessed in order to implement sentinel surveillance for AMR



On a quarterly basis, sentinel laboratories participate in the UK NEQAS



In 2022, three laboratories from Kazakhstan participated in the WHO External Quality Assurance Program on Surveillance of Antimicrobial Resistance (CESAR).



CAESAR (Central Asian and Eastern European Surveillance of Antimicrobial Resistance)

- **is a system for surveillance of antimicrobial resistance in Central Asia and Eastern Europe**
- **The purpose of the CAESAR is to gradually organize a network of national surveillance systems for antibiotic resistance**



Internal quality control

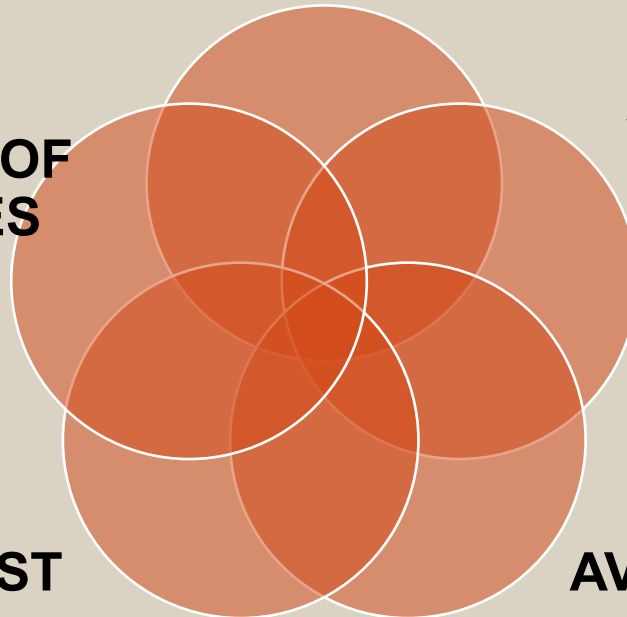
SELECTION OF REAGENTS AND CONSUMABLES (mediums for antibiotic sensitivity testing, antibiotic discs, disposable consumables, etc.)

**CORRECT
INTERPRETATION OF
INHIBITION ZONES**

**AVAILABILITY OF
CONTROL
STRAINS**

**CORRECT TEST
SETTING**

**AVAILABILITY OF
EQUIPMENT**





Current role of a microbiologist (bacteriologist)

Assistance to epidemiologists

- Includes work of the research committee and preventive and anti-epidemic measures in MOs
- Deciphering the etiology of hospital infections
- Monitoring compliance with the disinfection regime
- Registration of "in-hospital" strains, monitoring of new resistance mechanisms

Assistance to clinical pharmacologists

- Includes development of protocols for empirical therapy of infectious diseases
- Purposeful compilation of the AMP hospital form
- Deciding on the rational therapy of infection caused by antimicrobial resistant bacteria



Conclusion

- Accurate laboratory diagnostics of the properties of microbial resistance to antimicrobial drugs is the main prognostic criterion for success in the treatment of drug-resistant patients, fight against HAI, and collection of data on the prevalence of resistant strains at the local level.
- The laboratory component should be one of the mandatory activities of the IPC program. It implies standardization of research, training of personnel, strengthening capabilities of bacteriological laboratories, data collection, and analysis.
- Participation of laboratories in the National Program of External Quality Assurance should be mandatory.
- Creating a network for specialists from all hospital departments ensures the clinical significance of microbiological research.



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