



## Report on SASCM Surveillance Workshop 9 March 2013

### Presentations

- Historical perspective – Colleen Bamford and Chetna Govind
- Computer tools for reporting surveillance data :
  - IC Net- Ronelle Nel
  - WHO Net- Olga Perovic
- Ethics of data dissemination - James Abraham
- Eucast - Olga Perovic
- Clostridium difficile - Vicky Howell
- Update on antifungal breakpoints – Nelesh Govender
- Update on emerging infections, with particular reference to CRE
  - Laboratory testing for CRE- Olga Perovic
  - Report on large NDM outbreak in Gauteng - Juno

### Discussion and conclusions

Following intense discussions it was decided to form a number of working groups to deal with various issues. All working groups to report back to SASCM membership at the FIDSSA conference in October 2013. The working groups are:

EUCAST group

Surveillance reporting group

CRE group

#### 1. EUCAST group

Aims:

to consider in more detail the advantages and disadvantages of EUCAST compared to CLSI

to establish a national committee who would join EUCAST membership

Members: Olga Perovic\*, Nelesh Govender, Charlotte Sriruttan

2. Surveillance reporting group

Aims:

- To consider new agents to include in surveillance reporting
- To advise on standardisation of reporting of certain resistance mechanisms, in particular ESBLs and ampCs

Members: Nelesh Govender\*, Inge Zietsman, Warren Lowman, Vicky Howell, Melony De Smidt (Olga Perovic as backup for Melony), Chetna Govind, Dr Appalata

3. CRE group

Aims:

- To develop guidelines on laboratory methods for screening of high-risk patients for CRE, including molecular testing directly on rectal swabs
- To develop local guidelines on identification of high-risk patients, using available information on risk factors as FIDSSA endorsement
- To develop local guidelines on infection prevention and control policies for patients infected or colonised with CRE
- To establish a realtime voluntary reporting system covering both private and public sector labs, including very limited epidemiological data – age, sex, city or town, public or private sector, to be posted on SASCM/FIDSSA website

Members: Warren Lowman\*, Olga Perovic, Prashini Moodley, Chetna Govind, Colleen Bamford, Caroline Maluleka, Khine Han, Ranmini Kularatne

\*Indicates person responsible for co-ordinating initial meeting of working group

In addition, the group agreed that SASCM should advocate for reporting of multi-resistant pathogens to be made mandatory (Mark Nicol to draft and circulate letter for minister of health)