

# **Training Report**

**Prospective Study on Prevalence and Antimicrobial Susceptibility Pattern of  
Pathogens causing Urinary Tract Infection**



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## **ABSTRACT**

Urinary tract infection is one of the most common bacterial infections seen in clinical practice particularly in developing countries. The causative agents for urinary tract infection vary from place to place and they also vary in their susceptibility and resistance patterns. The objective was to assess the distribution of urinary tract bacterial pathogens with respect to age and gender and to determine the antibiotic susceptibility pattern of the isolates. Samples were processed on CLED medium and their antibiotic sensitivity on MH agar. This study is done in Tagore hospital and Heart Care Center. A total of 150 urine samples were taken from the suspected UTI patients. They were tested microbiologically and antimicrobial susceptibility test for the isolated pathogens.

The rate of culture positivity in females was 76.95% and in males was 23%. *E-coli* was the most frequently isolated urinary pathogen (53.84%), followed by *Klebsiella pneumoniae* (30.76%), *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* (5.76%). *E. coli* was 100% resistant to third generation cephalosporins and fluoroquinolones like ofloxacin .High level of resistance to the tune of 97% was also noted for Amoxicillin-clav, Cefixime, Cefuroxime and Cefipime. The drugs which showed higher susceptibility were Imipenem (67%), Amikacin(78%), Tigecycline (85%) and colistin (100%).

*In Klebsiella pneumoniae* higher resistance to Amoxy/clav and Cefotaxime (100%), Cefixime (93%), Levofloxacin(87%).The drug which showed higher suscepibility were Tigecycline(81%), colistin(81%), Nitrofuration (87.5%). Higher prevalence of UTI was seen in females. Gram negative organisms were the most commonly isolated organisms in UTI. Urinary pathogens showed resistance to commonly used antibiotics like Oflaxacin and Cefipime, Ceftriaxone. The susceptibility and resistance patterns of urinary pathogens should be considered before starting empirical treatment for UTI.

**Key Words:** CLED, UTI, *E.coli*, Antimicrobial susceptibility, antibiotics, Gram negative, Gram positive bacteria.

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## **Prevalence and antimicrobial susceptibility pattern of pathogens causing urinary tract infection**

### **Introduction**

Urinary tract infection is defined as a disease caused by microbial invasion of the genitourinary tract that extends from the renal cortex of the kidney to the urethra (1). Urinary tract infections are the second most common infection in community (2). Urinary tract infection is one of the important causes of morbidity and mortality. An estimated of about 150 million people were infected with UTI per annum in Worldwide (3). In the United States with approximately 13,000 deaths mortality rate 2.3% attributed to UTIs. Estimated cost per infection ranges from 750-1,000, total cost in the United State ranges from 340 million to 450 million annually (4). In India that UTI account for nearly 7 million office visits and 1 million emergency department visits, resulting in about 100,000 hospitalizations (5). Incidence of UTI is higher in women than men due to short urethra, absence of prostatic secretion, pregnancy and easy contamination of urinary tract with fecal flora (6).

Urinary tract infections are classified into two types uncomplicated and complicated urinary tract infection. Complicated urinary tract infections are deal with functional or structural abnormalities (7). Uncomplicated urinary tract infections are due to bacterial infection and the prevalence of UTI is higher in women than men [8]. The infection of cystitis or bladder infection occurs in the lower urinary tract includes the bladder and urethra. Infection that spreads to the upper tract (the ureters and kidneys) is called as pyelonephritis.

Micro-organisms can spread within the urinary tract by haematogenous and ascending route (9). Infection of the renal parenchyma by blood-borne organisms (*staphylococcus aureus*) occurs in human. Gram negative bacilli rarely occur by the hematogenous route. Ascending route of urinary tract infections in women develop when uropathogens from the fecal flora colonize the vaginal introitus and displace the normal flora (diphtheroids, lactobacilli, staphylococci and streptococcal species). Colonization of the vaginal introitus with *E. coli* seems to be one of the critical initial steps in the pathogenesis of both acute and recurrent UTIs. Most uropathogens originate in the rectal flora and enter the bladder via the urethra.

Causative organisms those are responsible for UTI *Escheria coli*, *Proteus mirabilis*, *Klebsiella*, *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*, *Enterobacter*, *Staphylococcus*, *Enterococcus*, *Salmonella typhi* *Staphylococcus* (10). Most common causes of UTIs in outpatients were *E. coli* 40%, *Klebsiella*, *Enterobacter*, *Serratia*, and *P.aeruginosa* 7%, *P.mirabilis* 6% Other Gram positive organisms: *staph epidermis*, *Staph aureus*, and *Enterococcus faecalis* 3%. Inpatients (Nosocomial infection) *E.coli* 40% and other gram negative organisms 25%, other gram positive organism 16%, and *P. mirabilis* 1%.

Therapeutic should be based on accurate and up-to-date antimicrobial susceptibility. The antibiotic drugs which have been used for the treatment of the UTI include Colistin, Tigecycline, Nitrofurantoin and imipenem demonstrated excellent effectiveness against the organisms. However, there are some drugs that show high resistivity towards an organism. So, these drugs will not use as a therapeutic agents.

## LITERATURE REVIEW

**Hajarnis S. (1995)** at Seychelles' Victoria Hospital, *E. coli* isolates from urine samples of UTI patients showed a 78.6% resistance against Ampicillin and Amoxicillin and a 54.8% resistance against Cotrimoxazole. The same *E. coli* isolates showed a 75% susceptibility to Gentamicin, Nalidixic acid and Nitrofurantoin.

**M.Vornea. et al (1999)** The antibiotic resistance patterns of Gram-negative bacteria isolated from nursing home patients. *Escherichia coli* the most prevalent isolate (48%) followed by *Proteus spp.* (26%) and other *Enterobacteriaceae* (20%). In this study the susceptibility of *E. coli* decreased for co-trimoxazole (79% to 62%), increased for nitrofurantoin (79% to 91%) and remained unchanged for amoxycillin (41%).

**Menzue Kenechukwu, et al (2004)** collected 1,814 urine samples at University of Nigeria Teaching Hospital. The commonest isolates were *Escherichia coli*, *Staphylococcus aureus*, *Streptococcus faecalis* and *Proteus spp.* (These represented 46.3%, 30.7%, 9.1% and 5.4% of isolates respectively). The Gram-positive organisms were very sensitive to Augmentin and the Fluoroquinolones. *E. coli* showed the highest sensitivity to Nitrofurantoin (76%) while it was also very susceptible to the fluoroquinolones (74%). The study clearly shows that Nitrofurantoin is a very effective first line drug for UTIs.

**Hasan (2007)** conduct a study to analyze the pathogenic organisms recovered from patients with urinary tract infection in a tertiary Indian hospital.

*E coli* were seen in 50.7% samples followed by *Klebsiella spp* (27.6%). *Staphylococcus aureus* was the commonest Gram- positive isolate (1.5%). Urinary tract infection (UTI) was seen in 70.5% females as compared to 29.5% males. A high recovery of isolates was noted from July to September. Multi drug resistance was commonest with *Enterococcus* (78.8%) followed by *Pseudomonas* (65.1%). Drugs, which retained usefulness for Gram-negative isolates, were amikacin, norfloxacin and cefotaxime. For Gram-positive isolates, vancomycin, teicoplanin, lincomycin and Norfloxacin were very effective.

**EL. Mahmood Muhammad Abubakar (2009)** investigated the prevalence of bacteria causing UTIs as well as their susceptibility to commonly used antibiotics at the Specialist Hospital, Yola. *E. coli* (24.5%), *K. pneumoniae* (17.3%), *P. mirabilis* (14.6%), *S. faecalis* (13.4%), *S. aureus* (5.3 %), *P. vulgaris* (4.7%), *P.stuartii* (4.1%), *S. epidermidis* (3.8%), *A. faecalis* (3.4%), *S. saprophyticus* (2.8%), *P. aeruginosa* (2.5%), *S. marsescens* (2.0%) and *C. freundii* (1.7%). Sensitivity of the antibiotics were ofloxacin (63.8%), gentamycin (13.26%), streptomycin (37.0%), colistin (49.2%), ampicillin (25.4%), nalidixic acid (45.5%), nitrofurantoin 55.4%), augmentin (64.9%), tetracycline (27.0%), cotrimoxazole (41.8%), pefloxacin (34.9%), chloramphenicol (50.9%), and erythromycin (51.6%).

**Manikandan.S et al. (2011)** studied that the current situation of antimicrobial resistance of Urinary Tract Infections (UTIs) caused by human pathogens. About 10 midstream urine samples were collected from adult patients were analyzed for Multidrug Resistant (MDR) strain isolation and identified that *E. coli* was the predominant pathogen (31.5%) causing UTI, followed by *Staphylococcus aureus* (20.5%), *Klebsiella pneumoniae* (15.8%), *Proteus mirabilis* (7.4%) and *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* (7.5%). Among this *E. coli*, *K. pneumoniae* and *P. aeruginosa* were highly resistance to most of the antibiotics, whereas *Staphylococcus* spp and *Serratia marcescens* exhibited sensitive to Cephalexin, Ciprofloxacin and Gentamicin.

**Razak (2012)** reported that urinary tract infection is one of the most common bacterial infections seen in clinical practice particularly in developing countries.. The rate of culture positivity in females was 87.82% and in males was 27.92%. E-coli were the most frequently isolated urinary pathogen (37.95%), followed by Klebsiella (21.41%) and Acinetobacter (10.94%). E-coli were highly sensitive to Nitrofurantoin (81.92%) and Amikacin (69.88%) and it was highly resistant to Ampicillin (1.0%). Klebsiella was highly sensitive to imipenem and it was highly resistant to Ampicillin

**Bano.K et.al (2012)** Acc. to this study the bacterial isolates were identified as *Escherichia coli* (46.98 %) and *E. cloacae*, methicillin resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* (MRSA), *Staphylococcus saprophyticus* (1.20 %). In this study it was found that *K. pneumoniae* showed highest sensitivity (80%) to cefapime and low susceptibility (13%) to ciprofloxacin, while the highest resistance (60%) to gentamicin and the lowest (6%) to meropenem, nitrofurantoin and ciprofloxacin was also observed.

**Patel et al (2012)** reported that UTI has become the most common hospital- acquired infection, accounting for as many as 35% of nosocomial infections. The most common organisms were *Escherichia coli*, *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*, *Staphylococcus aureus*, and *Proteus mirabilis*. In-vitro antibiotic susceptibility tests revealed that the gram negatives bacteria were sensitive to quinolones (Gatifloxacin, levofloxacin) and meropenum, while the gram positive isolates were sensitive to linazolid, erythromycin & quinolones (Gatifloxacin, levofloxacin).

**Aghdam et.al (2013)** reported that urinary tract infections second to respiratory infections found the highest statistics of infections among patients. In this study, 876 urine samples were cultured, among the positive cases the most frequency was related to *E. coli* with 63.7% of the whole positive samples and the highest sensitivity belonged to Ceftriaxone antibiotics with a sensitivity of 53.48% of all reported cases.

**Rakesh et al (2013)** Urinary tract Infection (UTI) is among the most common infections described in outpatient department and hospitals inpatients. *Klebsiella pneumoniae* (*K.*

*pneumoniae*) accounts for 2nd highest organism isolated from urine samples of UTI patients after *Escherichia coli*. In this study is undertaken to determine the antimicrobial susceptibility pattern of *K.pneumoniae* isolated from urine samples of UTI patients of Peoples College of Medical Science & Research Centre and hospital. Between January 2010 and December 2011, a total of 1450 urine specimens processed in the laboratory, of which 65 (15.4%) yielded *K. pneumoniae*.

**Dash et al (2013):** determined the antimicrobial resistance of urinary tract pathogens has increased worldwide. The prevalence of UTI was significantly higher in females compared with males (females 45.2%, males 18.4%, Young females within the age group of 18 to 37 years and elderly males ( $\geq 68$  years) showed high prevalence of UTI. *Escherichia coli* (68.8%) were the most prevalent isolate followed by *Enterococcus spp.* (9.7%).

**Khatri.B et al (2014)** reported that Urinary tract infection (UTI) is the most common infection in both community and hospital patients. This study was designed to find out the etiological agents of UTI and their prevalence, and to determine the antimicrobial susceptibility Gram negative bacteria, showed high resistance to cephalothin (88.16%) and high susceptibility to nitrofurantoin (90.78%). Also *Staphylococcus saprophyticus* isolates, as the most frequent Gram positive bacteria, exhibited high resistance to ampicillin, tetracycline, and erythromycin (92.31%) and high susceptibility to nitrofurantoin and vancomycin (92.3%).

**Ashley Bryce, et al (2016)** investigated *E coli* isolates in urine at OECD (Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development) countries, the pooled prevalence of resistance was 53.4% (95% confidence interval 46.0% to 60.8%) for ampicillin, 23.6% (13.9% to 32.3%) for trimethoprim, 8.2% (7.9% to 9.6%) for co-amoxiclav, and 2.1% (0.8 to 4.4%) for ciprofloxacin; nitrofurantoin was the lowest at 1.3% (0.8% to 1.7%).

## **AIM AND OBJECTIVES**

### **AIM**

To determine the prevalence of UTI isolated from urine sample and their antibiotic susceptibility pattern.

### **Specific Objectives**

- To isolate and identify the pathogenic bacteria in urine sample collected from patient visiting Tagore Hospital and Heart Care Centre
- To study the bacteriological episodes in different age group with relation to gender.
- To perform antibiotic susceptibility test of bacterial isolates and to estimate the prevalence of Multi Drug Resistant microorganism from the isolates

## **MATERIALS & METHODS**

### **Materials**

A list of materials used during the study is given appendix –I

This study is carried out from 2<sup>nd</sup> January to 2<sup>nd</sup> may, 2016 in the microbiology laboratory of Tagore Hospital and Heart Care Centre in order to isolate and identify organism from urine sample along with their antibiotic susceptibility pattern there by covering a total period of 4 months. A total of 100 urine sample were collected from the patient. For this study, urine samples were collected using Sterile, wide mouthed container with screw cap tops.

### **COLLECTION OF SAMPLE**

For this study mid-stream urine samples were collected using sterile wide mouthed container with screw cap tops. On the urine sample bottles were indicated name, age, sex, and time of collection.

### **PROCESSING OF SAMPLE**

#### **Microscopic Examination**

Wet Mount: one drop of urine was placed on the slide and cover with coverslip, taking care to avoid air bubbles. Then, observed under light microscope for the presence of pus cells, epithelial cells, red blood cells and bacteria.

#### **Culture of sample**




The samples were inoculated on the CLED agar (Cysteine-Lactose-Electrolyte-Deficient Agar).The inoculated plates were incubated at 37°C for 24 hours in an incubator.

### **ISOLATION AND IDENTIFICATION OF ORGANISM**

After overnight incubation, the culture plates were examined for bacterial growth and identified by using standard microbial technique which involves colony characteristics are showing in table 1, staining reaction, motility test, biochemical properties and also the antibiotic susceptibility pattern.

**Table 1. Lactose fermenting and non – lactose fermenting colony morphology on CLED**

<b>Organisms</b>	<b>Colony Morphology</b>	<b>Images</b>
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<i>Escherichia coli</i>	mucoid colonies, irregular shapes	
<i>Klebsiella</i> spp	Translucent blue colonies	
<i>Proteus</i> spp	rough periphery greenish colony appear, earthy smell	
<i>Pseudomonas aeruginosa</i>		
Enterococci	small yellow colony	
<i>Staphylococcus aureus</i>	deep yellow colony	



**Gram Staining-** Gram staining was done to differentiate between Gram negative and Gram positive bacteria. For Gram negative organisms: TSI test (Triple sugar iron), Simmon citrate test, urease test, PPA test (Phenyl pyruvic acid) and Indole test.

For Gram positive organisms: Coagulase test, Catalase test and Oxidase test

#### **Procedure**

- Heat fixed smear of specimen is stained with crystals violet for one minute.
- Pour Gram's iodine over the slide for 1 minute.
- Decolourise with acetone for 10-30 seconds.
- Wash the smear with water.
- Counterstain with safranin for 1 minute.

#### **Gram positive bacteria**

Resist decolourisation and retain the color of primary stain (violet color)

#### **Gram negative bacteria**

Stain red or pink due to retaining the counter staining (Safaranin) shown as figure 1a and 1b

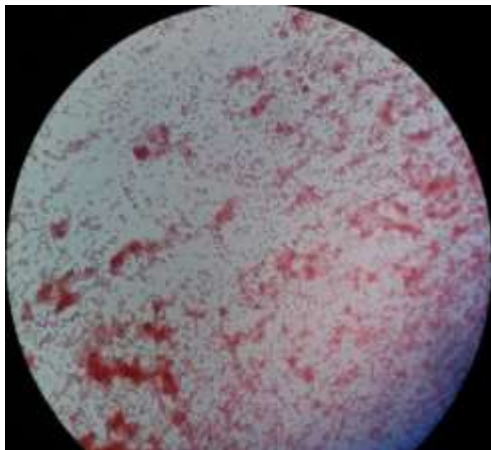


Figure 1a showing Gram negative bacilli



Figure 1b showing Gram positive cocci

#### **MOTILITY TEST:HANGING DROP METHOD**

It helps to distinguish between motile bacteria from non-motile ones.

- Take a clean and grease free slide a ring of vaseline make around the center of the slide and one drop of bacterial growth is placed over the cover slip after immediately cover slip placed over there slide and see under microscope.

#### **BIOCHEMICAL TEST**

**TSI (triple sugar iron test)** This is a differential medium that contain lactose , sucrose and

dextrose , ferrous sulphate, phenol red is ph indicator. Medium is inoculated with bacterial culture by a straight wire deep in the butt, incubated at 37°C for overnight. If organism ferment any of the three sugar, the medium will turn yellow as shown in figure 2a:

SLANT/BUTT	COLOR	INTERPRETATION
K/A	Red/yellow	Glucose ferment only
A/A	Yellow/yellow	Glucose, lactose and sucrose fermentation
K/K	Red/red	Neither glucose, lactose, nor sucrose fermented
K/A, H <sub>2</sub> S	Red/yellow with black Precipitate	Glucose fermentation only ,H <sub>2</sub> S produced



Figure 2a showing TSI

**Phenylalanine Deaminase Test** ability of an organism to produce the enzyme deaminase. This enzyme is removed to the phenylalanine and release phenyl pyruvic acid. Medium is inoculated with bacterial growth and incubated at 37°C for overnight, after incubation 10% ferric chloride is added to the medium, due to the andprovidencia,PPApositive)

Interpretation: positive-green color, negative-no color change as shown in figure 2b.



Figure 2b showing Phenylalanine Deaminase Test

**Citrate Utilisation Test** ability of an organisms to utilize citrate as a carbon source. Inoculated the media with bacterial colony by a straight wire and incubated at 37°C for overnight.

(*Klebsiella sp*, *Salmonella spp* except *S.typhii* citrate positive)

Interpretation: Positive-growth with an intense blue color, Negative-no growth with no change in color as shown in figure 2c.



Figure 2c showing Citrate test

**Indole Test** the ability of an organism to split amino acid tryptophan to form the compound indole, tryptophan is hydrolysed by tryptophanase to produce the end product one is indole. Indole production is detected by inoculating the bacterium into peptone water and incubated at 37°C for overnight. 0.5ml kovac's reagent (which contain 4(p) dimethyl amino benzaldehyde) is added and gently shaken, (*E.coli*, *proteus sp*, indole positive)

Interpretation: Indole positive-red colored ring near the surface of the medium,  
Indole negative-yellow colored ring near the surface of the medium as shown in figure 2d.



Figure 2d showing Indole test

**Urease test** the ability of an organism to produce an enzyme urease which hydrolyze urea to ammonia and carbon dioxide. Organism is inoculated on the medium and incubated at 37°C for overnight. *Klebsiella spp*, *proteus spp*. Urease positive.

Interpretation: positive-pink color, negative-pale yellow color as shown in figure 2e.



Figure 2e showing urease test

**Catalase test** certain bacteria have an enzyme catalase which acts on hydrogen peroxide to release oxygen. Pick up a few colonies of bacterial growth and mix it in a drop of hydrogen peroxide on a clean glass slide.

Interpretation: positive result-immediate bubbling, ( $O_2$  formed), Negative-no bubbling (no  $O_2$  formed) as shown in figure 2f.



Figure 2f showing catalase test

**Oxidase test** to determine the presence of an enzyme cytochrome oxidase which catalyses the oxidation of reduced cytochrome by molecular oxygen. (pseudomonas aeruginosa oxidase positive) .

**DRY FILTER PAPER METHOD:** 1 filter paper soaked in 1% solution of tetramethyl-p-phenylene-diamine dihydrochloride, drained for about 30secs and freeze dried and stored in a dark tightly sealed bottle , a strip was removed. The colony to be tested was picked up with a platinum loop and smeared over the moist area.

Interpretation: positive-deep purple within 10 seconds, Negative-no color change shown as figure 2g.



Figure 2g showing oxidase test

**Coagulase Test** The coagulase slide test is used to identify the presence of bound coagulase which is attached to the cell walls of bacteria. Bound coagulase react with the fibrinogen in the plasma, causing the fibrinogen to precipitate. This causes the cells to clump together, on a clean glass slide in a drop of normal saline few colonies of bacteria were emulsified and then mixed with a drop of human plasma. Prompt clumping of the suspension occurs with coagulase positive stains while clumping was absent in negative stains as shown in figure.

**Bile Esculin Test** this is a selective and differential medium to identify enterococci and group d streptococci based on the ability of an organism to hydrolyze esculin (bile salts) to inhibit the

gram positive organism other than enterococci and group d streptococci. If an organism can hydrolyze esculin, the media will turn brown or black as shown in figure 2h.



Figure 2h showing Bile Esculin test

## ANTIBIOTIC SENSITIVITY TEST

**Mueller -Hinton Agar** This medium is used for determination of susceptibility of microorganism to antimicrobial agents.

**KIRBY-BAUER METHOD** this method allows the rapid determination of the efficacy of a drug by measuring the diameter of the zone of inhibition that results from the diffusion of the agent into the medium surrounding the disc.

### PROCEDURE

- The colonies of organism from culture plates were passed into peptone water and incubated at 37<sup>0</sup>c for 1hrs.
- After 1hrs a cotton swab was dipped into inoculum and streaking with swab on muller Hinton agar plate.
- Using a sterile forceps antibiotic discs were applied to the MH plate. On a plate of 100mm diameter, seven discs may be applied, one in the centre and six in the periphery.
- The plates were then incubated at 37<sup>0</sup>c for 16-24hrs.
- After incubation, the zone of complete growth inhibition around each disc were measured and the diameter of the disc was included in these measurements.
- The interpretation of zone size into sensitive, intermediate and resistant were based on interpretation

The below figure is showing the sensitivity of antibiotic discs towards *E.coli*



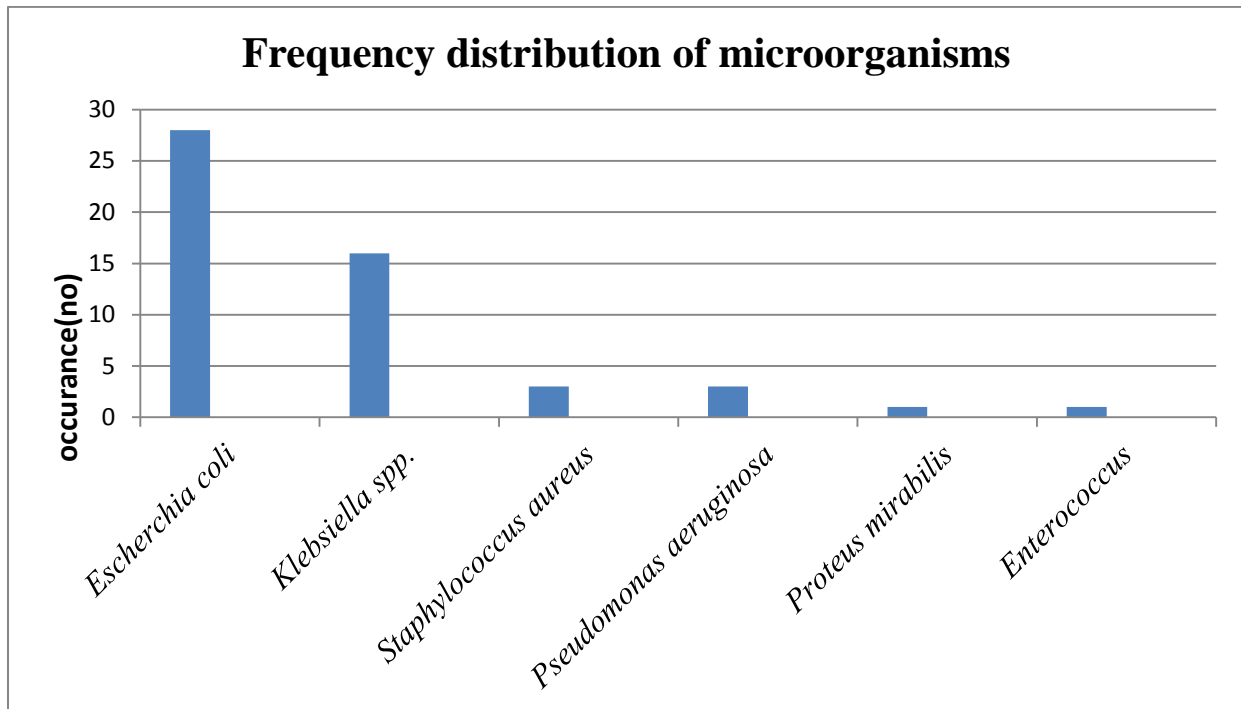
## RESULTS

The study was carried out in Microbiology Laboratory from 2nd January to 2<sup>nd</sup> may. Urine samples were collected and processed and analyzed by standard microbial techniques. In this study a total of 150 urine sample were collected and processed for culture and sensitivity testing. Urine samples of patients of all age groups and both sexes were processed. Different organisms were isolated from 150 urine samples, thus culture positive as shown in Table1 and a graph 1a shows the distribution of organisms.

**Table 1: Organisms wise distribution of Positive cases (No-52)**

Types of organisms	Positive Cases	
	No.	%
<i>Esxhericae.coli</i>	28	53.84%
<i>Klebsiella pneumoniae</i>	16	30.76%
<i>Pseudomonas aeruginosa</i>	3	5.76%
<i>Staphylococcus aureus</i>	3	5.76%
<i>Proteus mirabilis</i>	1	1.92%
<i>Enterococcus</i>	1	1.92%
TOTAL	52	

**Graph 1a showing the frequency distribution of microorganisms**

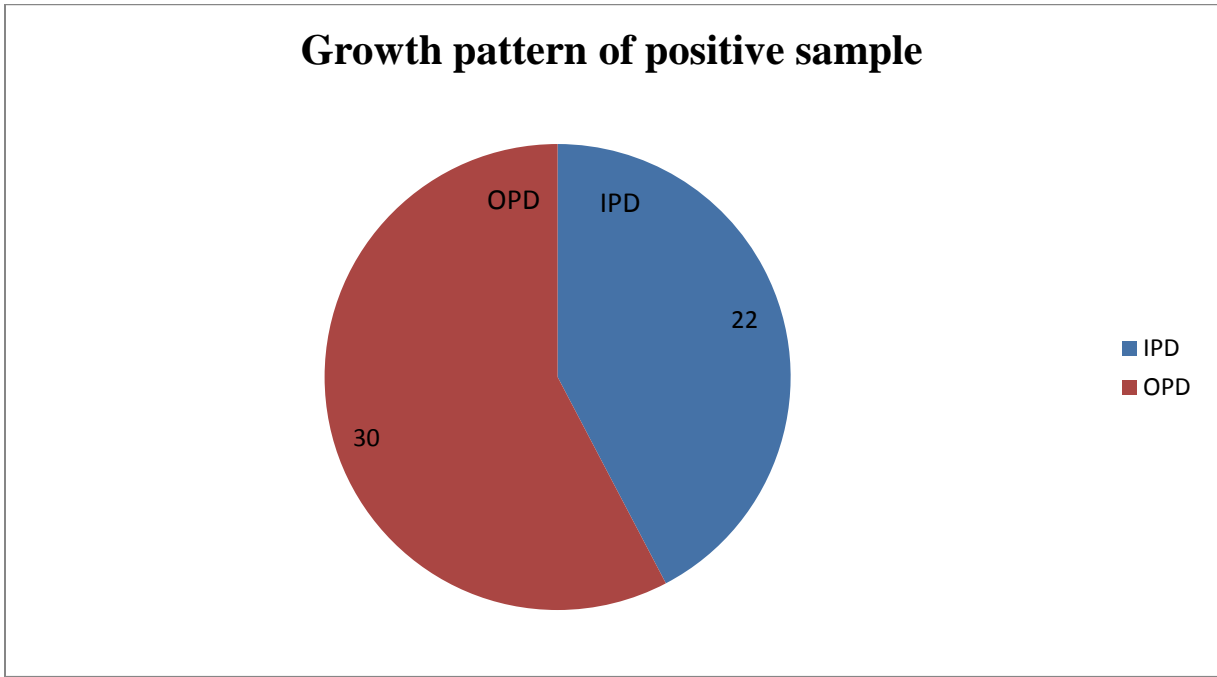


**Table 2: Sex wise Distribution of the Cases according to their test results (No-52) and also shown in pie chart figure 2a**

GENDER	POSITIVE CASES		TOTAL PERCENTAGE OF MALES AND FEMALES
	IPD	OPD	%
Male	6	6	23.07
Female	16	24	76.90

**Figure 2 a shows the pie chart of growth pattern of positive sample**

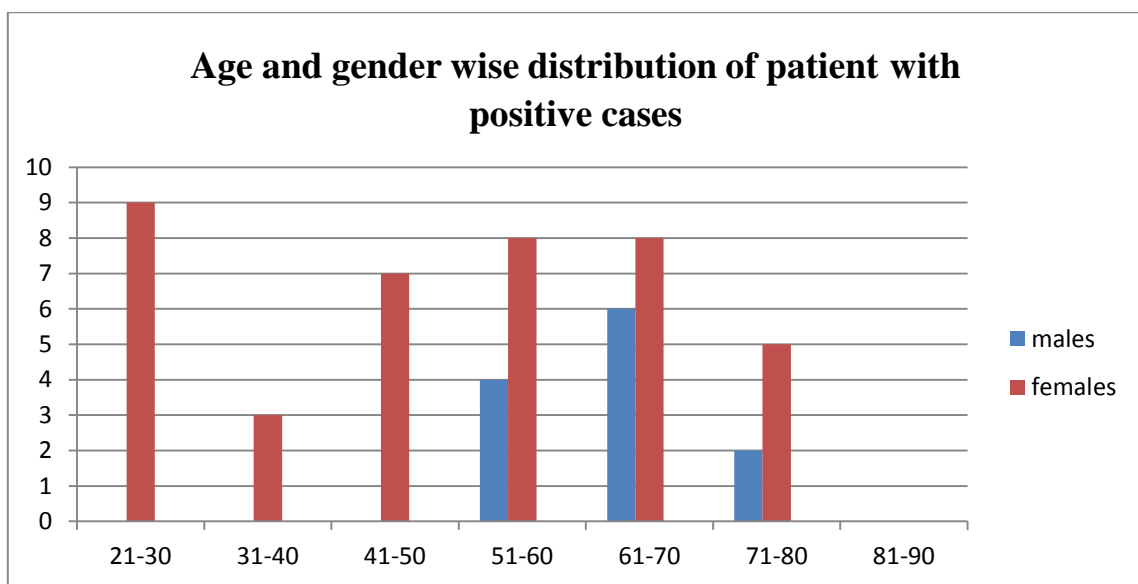




**Table 3: Age and gender wise distribution of patient with positive Cases and figure 3a shows the bar graph distribution**

AGE GROUP	POSITIVE CASES	
	GENDERE	
	MALE	FEMALE
10-20		
21-30		9
31-40		3
41-50		7
51-60	4	8
61-70	6	8
71-80	2	5
81-90		
TOTAL	12	40

**Figure 3a shows the bar graph of age and gender wise distribution**



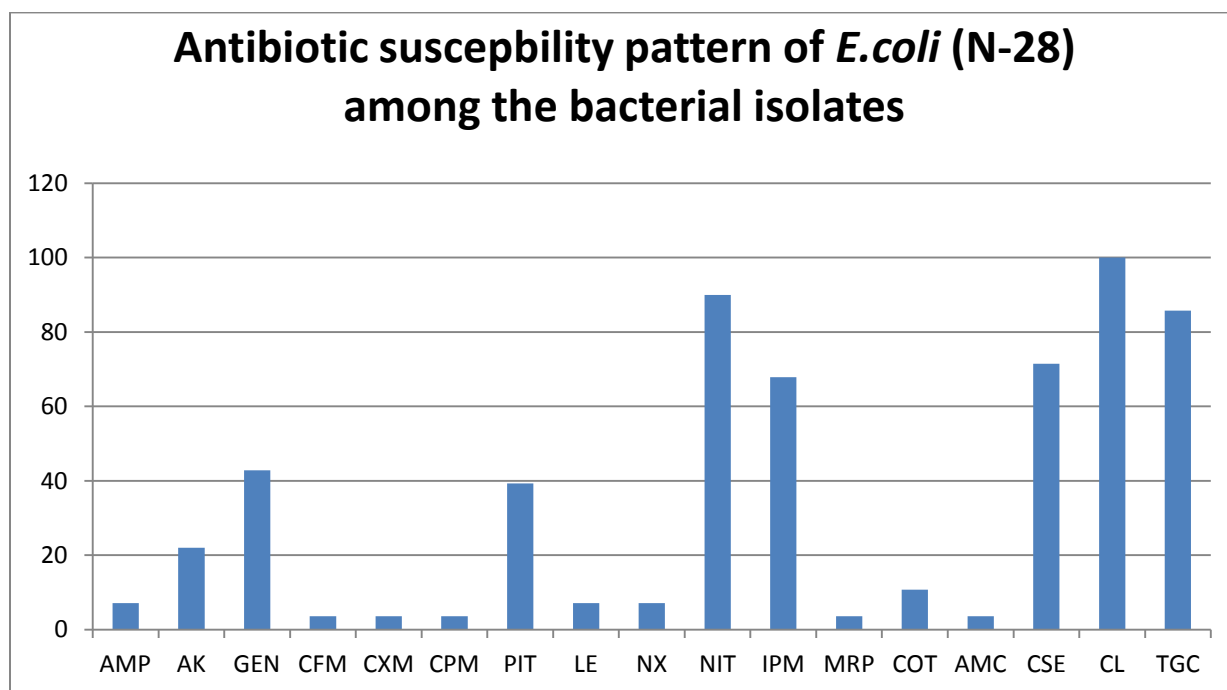
#### ANTIBIOTIC SUSCEPTIBILITY PATTERN OF THE BACTERIAL ISOLATES

**Table 4:** Antibiotic susceptibility patterns of *E.coli* (N-28) among the bacterial isolates.

ANTIBIOTICS	SENSITIVITY	
	NO	%
Ampicilin	2	7.14
Amikacin	22	78.57
Gentamicin	12	42.85
Amoxy/clav	1	3.57
Cefixime	1	3.57
Cefuroxime	1	3.57
Cefotaxime	00	00
Ceftriaxone	00	00
Ceftazidime	00	00
Cefipime	1	3.57
Nitrofurantoin	26	90
Norflaxacin	2	7.14
Levofloxacin	2	7.14
Ofloxacin	00	00
Piperacillin+Tazobactam	11	39.28
Cefoparazone+Sulbactam	20	71.42
Trimethoprim/sulfomethazole	3	10.71
Imipenem	19	67.85

Meropenem	1	3.57
Colistin	28	100
Tigecycline	24	85.71

Antibiotic susceptibility pattern of *E.coli* isolates Tigecycline (85.71%) was found to be most sensitive followed by Amikacin (78.57%) , Cefoparazone+sulbactam (71.52%), Colistin (67.85%), Imipenem (67.85%), Nitrofurantoin (60.71%), while Gentamicin (42.85%) and Piperacillin+Tazobactam (39.28%) being the least sensitive antibiotic respectively.

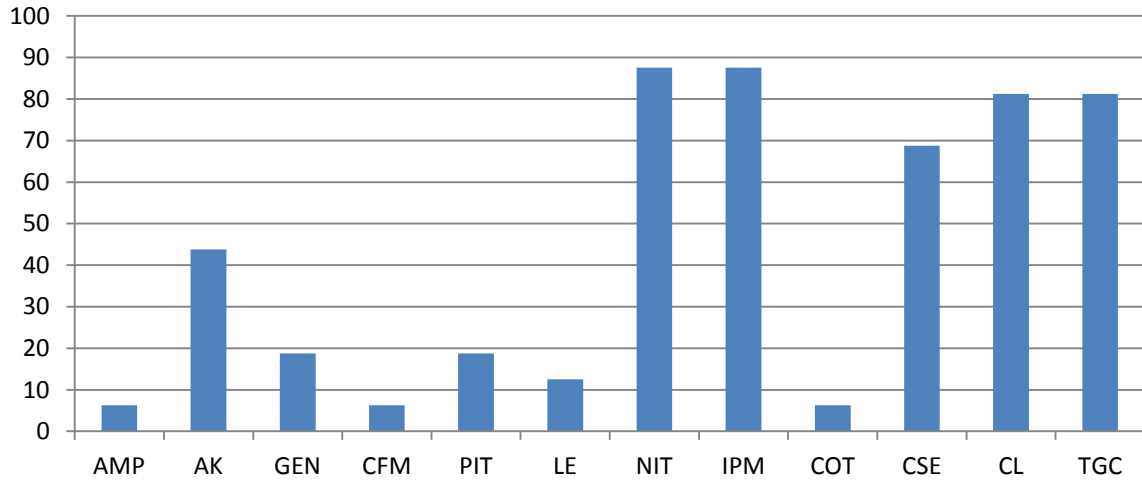


**Table 5:** Antibiotic susceptibility patterns of *Klebsiella pneumonia* (N-16) among the bacterial isolates.

ANTIBIOTICS	SENSITIVITY	
	NO	%
Ampicilin	1	6.25
Amikacin	7	43.75
Gentamicin	3	18.75
Amoxy/clav	00	

Cefixime	1	6.25
Cefuroxime	00	00
Cefotaxime	00	00
Ceftriaxone	00	00
Ceftazidime	00	00
Cefipime	00	00
Nitrofuration	14	87.5
Levofloxacin	2	12.5
Ofloxacin	00	00
Piperacillin+Tazobactam	3	18.75
Cefoparazone+Sulbactam	11	68.75
Trimethoprim/sulfomethazole	1	6.25
Imipenem	14	87.5
Meropenem	00	00
Colistin	13	81.25
Tigecycline	13	81.25

**Antibiotic susceptibility patterns of *Klebsiella pneumoniae* (N-16) among the bacterial isolates**



## DISCUSSION

The urinary tract infections are the common infections worldwide. The study of Tagore hospital has shown that out of total 150 urine specimens, 34% showed positivity. The prevalence rate of UTI in our study has shown the similar correlation with other studies from India like B. Foxman et al, (35.5%)(11) and M. Dash et al (34.5%)(12), whereas, the prevalence rate of UTI in a study from South Trinidad was a little higher(49%)(13). In our study, females showed the highest rate of infection (76.92%) than males (23.07%) to the tune of about 3:1. This highest prevalence correlates with the fact that females are more prone to UTIs than males because of their shorter urethra and closer proximity to anus. This finding has been supported by various other studies including the study by Prakash et al, in which the prevalence of UTI was also higher in female patients in the ratio of 2:1 (14). It is also an established finding in literature that approximately 1 in 3 women will require antimicrobial treatment for a urinary tract infection before age 24, and 40% to 50% of women will suffer from urinary tract infection during their lifetime.

In this study maximum affected age group was 51-60 years(50%) followed by 61-70 years(42%). The similarity to these results has seen in other studies as well where higher incidence of UTI among 50-69yrs (41.25%) was mentioned in a study by R. Raval et.al (15). As mentioned in our study, increasing incidence of UTI with advancing age is occurring due to increased use of indwelling catheters in elder patients, low hygienic practices, weak immune system due to spinal cord injuries, diabetes or multiple sclerosis etc.

Moreover, from total positive cases, 57% OPD and 42% IPD Cases were reported in our study. The reason for higher cases of positive cases in OPD patients may be due to community acquired infection, low social economical status, malnutrition, poor hygiene.

The most commonly isolated bacteria were Gram-negative with high prevalence of *Escherichia coli* 28(53.84%) followed by *Klebsiella pneumoniae* 16(30.76%), *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* 3(5.76%), *Proteus mirabilis* 1(1.92%). while 3 isolates of *Staphylococcus aureus* (5.76%) and a single isolate of *Enterococcus* spp. (1.92%) was found among gram positive bacteria. Our study indicates that *E. coli* (54%) is the most common cause of urinary tract infection, it is observed in OPD UTI cases (30.78%) and IPD UTI cases (23%) our study correlates with other one (Raval et.al) having IPD cases(35%) and OPD cases (39%).

Incidence of *E.coli* in our study was higher when compared with the Nigerian studies reporting (42.10%) [16]

In our study *Klebsiella pneumoniae* (30.76%) was the second most common causative agent of UTI. This result correlates with other study which reports *Klebsiella pneumoniae* (28.5%) as the second frequently isolated organism in UTI [17]. The other microorganisms including gram-positive ones contributed very little to our UTI cases.

While performing antimicrobial susceptibility on these positive isolates we analyzed that *E. coli* was 100% resistant to third generation cephalosporins and fluoroquinolones like ofloxacin. High level of resistance to the tune of 97% was also noted for Amoxycillin-clavulanic acid, Cefixime,

Cefuroxime and Cefipime and levofloxacin 78%. The drugs which showed higher susceptibility were colistin (100%), Nitrofurantoin (90%), Tigecycline (85%), Amikacin (78%) and Imipenem (67%). In a study by Juliana Christyaningsih et al, levofloxacin(75%) resistance while amikacin was highly sensitive(92%)[18] which is similar to our study while according to Mohan Koshiya et al., study Ofloxacin(84%) was resistance[19], similar to our study(100%) while Nitrofurantoin(40%) sensitive opposite to our study(90%). In Talukder's study Nitrofurantoin was 90% sensitive which favours our study[20].

*In Klebsiella pneumoniae higher resistance to Amoxy/clav and Cefotaxim (100%), Cefixime (93%), Levofloxacin(87%).* The drug which showed higher susceptibility were Nitrofurantoin (87.5%), Tigecycline(81%) and colistin(81%), acc to Akter et al, imipenem was 88% sensitive followed by Nitrofurantoin(80%) similar to our study[21].

As this study has found majority of antibiotics such as cephalosporins, fluoroquinolones are resistant and colistin, Tigecycline, nitrofurantoin and imipenem still has a role to play in the treatment of UTI as its antibiotic sensitivity profile is very effective.

## **CONCLUSION**

UTIs are one of the common infections in the Indian community. The high prevalence of urinary tract infection was seen in older age group between 50-80 years due to increased use of indwelling catheters in elder patients, low hygienic practices, weak immune system due to spinal cord injuries, diabetes or multiple sclerosis etc.

Gram negative organisms being the most commonly isolated organisms in urinary tract infection and out of them *E. coli* was the most frequent causative agent. Urinary pathogens showed resistance to commonly used antibiotics like Cefotaxime, Ceftriaxone, Ceftazidime and Ofloxacin. The susceptibility and resistance patterns of urinary pathogens should be considered before starting empirical treatment for urinary tract infection. Development of resistance to commonly used antibiotics for treating urinary tract infection can alert us against indiscriminate usages of antibiotics to prevent development of resistance against an antibiotic.

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## **Appendix I**

### **A. LIST OF MATERIALS**

#### **1. Equipment**

- Autoclave.
- Bunsen burner.
- Biosafety cabinet .
- Incubator.
- Microscope.
- Refrigerator.
- Weighing machine.

#### **2. Glass wares**

- Petri plates.
- Tubes.
- Slides.
- Glass rods. Conical flask.

#### **3. Others**

- Cottons.
- Scissors.
- Forceps.
- Inoculating loops
- Racks.
- Face mask.
- Gloves

## **APPENDIX-II**

### **B. COMPOSITION AND PREPARATION OF GRAM'S STAIN REAGENT.**

#### **1. Crystal violet reagent**

**Composition gram/lit**

**Solution A**

Crystal violet 2.00 gm.

Ethanol 20.00 ml.

### **Solution B**

Ammonium oxalate 0.80 gm.

Distilled water 8.00 ml.

### **Preparation**

- a) Mix solution A to solution B and store 24 hours to dissolve the stain completely.
- b) Filter the solution through filter paper after 24 hours and then use.
- c) Level the reagent bottle with preparation data and reagent name.

## **2. Gram's Iodine Solution**

### **Composition gram/lit**

Potassium iodide 2.00 gm.

Iodine 1.00 gm.

Distilled water 100.00 ml.

### **Preparation**

Dissolve the potassium iodide in distilled water and then add iodine

Store in a tightly stopper bottle with preparation date and reagent name.

## **3. Acetone-alcohol decolorize**

### **Composition Volume (ml)**

Acetone 250 ml

Ethanol (absolute) 250 ml

### **Preparation**

- a) Mix the 250 ml of acetone into a 250 ethanol.
- b) Store in a tightly stopper bottle with preparation date and reagent name.

## **4. Counterstain solution**

### **Composition gram/lit**

Safranine 0.34 gm.

Absolute alcohol 10.0 ml.

Distilled water 90.0 ml.

### **Preparation**

- a) Dissolve the Safranine in 0.34 gm. into 10 ml absolute alcohol and then add 90 ml distilled water.
- b) Filter the solution through filter paper and then use.
- c) Label the reagent bottle with preparation date and reagent name

### **Appendix-III**

#### **C. COMPOSITION AND PREPARATION OF DIFFERENT TYPES OF CULTURE MEDIA**

##### **1. CLED Agar (Cysteine-Lactose-Electrolyte-Deficient Agar) (Hi-Media)**

###### **Composition gram/lit**

Pancreatic digest of Gelatin 4.0 gm.

Pancreatic digest of casein 4.0 gm.

Beef extract 3.0 gm.

Lactose 10.0 gm.

L-cystine 0.128 gm.

Bromthymol blue 0.02 gm.

Agar 15.0 gm.

###### **Preparation**

As directed by manufacturing company 40 gram of medium is dissolved in 1000 ml of distilled water and autoclave it at 15 lbs. pressure (121 c) for 15 minutes.



















