# Factors most influencing antibiotic stewardship program and comparison of prefinal- and final-year undergraduate medical students

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# **Abstract**

**Background:** As future practitioners, undergraduate medical students have a key role in the antimicrobial stewardship program (ASP). However, at present, there are not much data about their knowledge and perception of antibiotic resistance and ASP.

**Methods**: This was a cross-sectional questionnaire-based survey administered to the prefinal- and final-year undergraduate medical students of a tertiary care institution.

**Results:** One hundred and ninety-seven students participated in our study constituting 70% response rate. The mean difference in knowledge score between prefinal- and final-year students was 0.77 (95% confidence interval: 0.30-1.24, P=0.0016). Thirty-seven (39.7%) prefinal- and 57 (54.8%) final-year students knew the correct definition of antimicrobial stewardship. Majority of the participants, i.e., 66 (70.9%) prefinal-year and 80 (76.9%) final-year students perceived antibiotic resistance as a public health problem. Principal component analysis revealed the greater role of attitude-related questions.

**Conclusion:** Good knowledge and positive attitude are paramount for the effective implementation of the antibiotic stewardship program. Our study revealed that the knowledge gap exists among the undergraduate students about the rational use of the antibiotic stewardship program. It was also revealed that the role of attitude plays a more significant role than knowledge for the proper understanding of the program. A sustained effort is required to make them aware of the rational use of antibiotics by incorporating the knowledge and practice of the ASP into their study curriculum.

Keywords: Antibiotic resistance, antimicrobial stewardship, rational antibiotic use, undergraduate medical students

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#### INTRODUCTION

Antibiotic resistance is a serious public health problem and is rising alarmingly in all parts of the world. [1-3] As the innovation and development of new antibiotic has waned up, resistance to the majority of currently used

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lifesaving antibiotics has caused concern among the health professionals, policy experts, and health agencies including the World Health Organization (WHO). [4-6] It would not be an exaggeration if we said that the world

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is staring into a possible situation akin to preantibiotic era.<sup>[7]</sup> There are a plethora of reasons which have led to this precarious position, and inappropriate and indiscriminate use of antibiotics in human and veterinary medicine is prominent among those.[8] The WHO along with other stakeholders is working in tandem to combat the growing menace of antibiotic resistance. A multipronged strategy is the need of the hour to overcome the enormous challenges posed by it. Adoption of various measures such as better surveillance of resistant strains, stringent infection control practice, and antimicrobial stewardship (AMS) is required to reduce the rise of antibiotic resistance.<sup>[9]</sup> Antimicrobial stewardship program (ASP) refers to the coordinated intervention designed to improve the appropriate use of antimicrobial agents by promoting the selection of the optimal antimicrobial drug regimen, dose, duration of therapy, and routes of administration.[10,11]

One of the key facets of ASP is to disseminate knowledge about the adverse outcomes of antibiotic resistance among health-care professionals and patients.<sup>[12]</sup> Currently, most of the AMS education and training programs involve practicing physicians.<sup>[13]</sup> Many studies have been undertaken to evaluate the knowledge, perception, and practice of AMS among medical practitioners.<sup>[14,15]</sup>

Postgraduate and undergraduate training period in medical science is an important time to foster correct practice about the prudent uses of antibiotic. Education of medical students on AMS is important for the promotion of rational use of antibiotics. [16,17] Although few countries have included education and training program about the appropriate use of antibiotics in the undergraduate curricula, the comprehensive evaluation of awareness and perception of AMS among undergraduate medical students is largely lacking. [18]

Hence, this study was carried out with the objectives to assess the knowledge and attitude of undergraduate medical students toward antimicrobial resistance (AMR) and stewardship.

# MATERIALS AND METHODS

# Study design and population

This study was a cross-sectional study designed to evaluate the knowledge and attitude of undergraduate medical students regarding antibiotic resistance and ASP. The final- and prefinal-year undergraduate medical students who had completed pharmacology training were included in this study (n = 270).

#### Study site

This study was conducted in a tertiary care teaching institute of South Indian city, Pondicherry.

#### **Ethics**

The study was commenced after obtaining the approval from the Institutional Ethics Committee. The participation by the students in this study was voluntary, and at no point, they were coerced or induced in any manner. The written informed consent was sought from all the participants before including them in the study.

#### **Survey instrument**

A 20-item survey tool was designed to collect information about AMR and ASP from the participants. The structured survey instrument was designed collaboratively by faculties from the department of pharmacology, microbiology, and general medicine. It contains 20 questions, 10 each to assess the knowledge and attitude. The content validity of the questionnaire was carried out by an expert panel to assess the relevance, clarity, and simplicity of questions. Then, the survey tools were pretested in 30 numbers of students to assess the appropriateness, relevance, and comprehensibility of questions. Test—retest method was used to measure the reliability of the questionnaire (Cronbach's coefficient alpha -0.75).

# Survey administration

The modified survey instrument was distributed to the participants by investigators after explaining the purpose of the study. Twenty-minute time was given to the participants to fill up the questionnaire. The completely filled questionnaires returned by the participants were included in the final analysis. Knowledge was assessed by a scoring system. A score of 1 was allocated to each correct answer; there was no negative score for the wrong answer. Mean knowledge score of <50%, 50%–70%, and >70% was considered poor, average, and good performance, respectively. The attitude was assessed using three-point Likert scales (0 – agree, 1 – disagree, and 2 – do not know).

# Statistical analysis

The data were managed by Microsoft Excel 2016 and analyzed using the R programming language (version 3.4, R-core team, Vienna, Austria). Continuous data were expressed as mean  $\pm$  standard deviation and categorical data were represented in proportions. The normality of the data was assessed by the Shapiro–Wilk test. The difference between the groups was assessed using the *t*-test for continuous data and Fisher's exact test for categorical data.

A sample of 79 in each group was required to detect the difference of 0.9 in the mean knowledge score between

the prefinal- and final-year groups. The standard deviation assumed was 2. This sample was powered at 80% to detect the difference allowing an alpha error rate of 5%.

We performed principal component analysis (PCA), a dimensionality reduction method to find the important variables determining the pattern or trend of overall data obtained from the study. This method detected the indispensable questions from the tool which was used in evaluating the knowledge and attitude regarding the AMS. This would guide in determining the relevant questions to assess the knowledge about the ASP among the undergraduate medical students.

#### **RESULTS**

Out of the 270 respondents (130 prefinal-year and 140 final-year students), 197 (93 prefinal-year and 104 final-year students) returned the completely filled questionnaire. Hence, the response rate of our study was approximately 70% (74% and 71% for final- and prefinal-year students, respectively).

In this survey, the mean knowledge score of the prefinal- and final-year students was  $4.56 \pm 1.62$  and  $5.33 \pm 1.72$ , respectively. The difference in the score was significant (0.778 [0.30–1.24], P = 0.0016) [Figure 1]. In the prefinal group, 52, 36, and 5 secured poor, average, and good scores, respectively, which were significantly different (P = 0.0019) from the final-year group where 34, 54, and 16 secured poor, average, and good scores, respectively [Figure 2].

The maximum number of participants in both the groups (69 prefinal-year and 81 final-year students) knew that antibiotic is not useful in viral diseases (P = 0.54). Twenty-eight (30.1%) prefinal-year and 14 (13.4%) final-year students correctly replied to the most

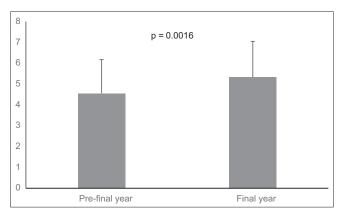


Figure 1: Bar diagram showing the mean (standard deviation) knowledge score of the respondents

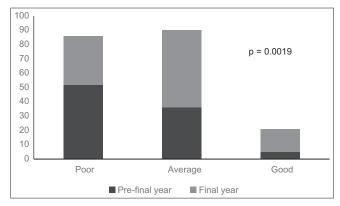
effective method for prevention of methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* (MRSA) infection. The difference between the two groups of respondents was found to be statistically significant (P = 0.004). More number of final-year students (57, 54.8%) correctly defined ASP than final-year (37, 39.7%) students (P = 0.04). Table 1 depicts the response of participants to the knowledge-based questions.

In this study, attitude of the respondents to Antibiotic Resistance (AR), Antibiotic Stewardship Programme (ASP) was measured by applying three-point Likert scales. It was observed that a large number of students (75 prefinal and 91 final year students respectively; P = 0.42) agreed that the indiscriminate use of antibiotics is harmful. The respondents (89.2% and 85.5% for final- and prefinal-year students, respectively; P = 0.60) also agreed that health-care professionals are obliged to create awareness about antibiotic resistance among common public. Students (66% and 80% for final- and prefinal-year students, respectively; P = 0.62) participated in this study disagreed that antibiotic resistance is not a public health problem. They also disagreed with the question that there is no harm in selling antibiotics as over-the-counter drugs. Table 2 summarizes the response of students to attitude-based questions.

The PCA revealed that the questions in Section B [Table 2] which determine the attitude of the students toward the ASP contributed more to the pattern observed in the data. The question numbers 2, 3, 4, 5, and 8 had more influence in determining the pattern as shown in the graphs [Figure 3a, b and Table 3]. The other questions gained prominence only when the above-mentioned questions were removed from the PCA analysis.

#### **DISCUSSION**

AMR is a global health problem and cause of grave concern for the humankind. Many studies have demonstrated



**Figure 2:** Graph showing the number of students in various categories of scoring in the knowledge component in both the groups

Table 1: Summary of medical students' knowledge about antibiotic resistance and antibiotic stewardship

Knowledge-based questions	Correct response		
	Grade I (prefinal year) (n=93), n (%)	Grade II (final year) (n=104), n (%)	
In which of the following disease antibiotic is not useful?	69 (74.1)	81 (77.8)	0.54
Which of the following is a bactericidal agent?	51 (54)	76 (73)	0.001
Which of the following antibiotic has the narrow spectrum of activity?	50 (53)	74 (71)	0.001
What is antimicrobial stewardship?	37 (39.7)	57 (54.8)	0.04
Which of the following does not contribute to the development of antibiotic resistance?	51 (54.8)	72 (69.2)	0.001
R factors are that contains a code for	62 (66.6)	60 (57.6)	0.2
Which of the following WHO statements are true regarding AMR?	37 (39.7)	53 (50.9)	0.12
Currently, two-third of the health-care-associated infection is caused by just six multidrug resistant organisms with acronym ESKAPE. Which of the following organism is not among them?	30 (32.2)	28 (26.9)	0.33
Which of the following drug is useful for MRSA infection?	35 (37.6)	26 (25)	0.06
Which of the following is the most effective method for prevention of MRSA infection?	28 (30.1)	14 (13.4)	0.004

AMR=Antimicrobial resistance, ESKAPE=Enterococcus faecium, Staphylococcus aureus, Klebsiella pneumoniae, Acinetobacter baumannii, Pseudomonas aeruginosa, and Enterobacter species, MRSA=Methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus, WHO=World Health Organization

Table 2: Summary of medical students' attitude towards antibiotic resistance and antibiotic stewardship

Attitude-based questions	Response	Grade I (Pre final year) (n=93)	Grade II (Final year) (n=104)	P
Indiscriminate use of antibiotic is harmful	0	75 (80.6)	91 (87.5)	0.42
	1	8 (8.6)	6 (5.7)	
	2	10 (10.75)	7 (6.7)	
Lack of knowledge of infectious disease and antibiotics may hamper the	0	59 (63.4)	82 (78.9)	0.06
quality of prescription	1	16 (8.6)	10 (9.6)	
	2	18 (19.35)	12 (11.5)	
Over prescription of broad spectrum antibiotic increases antibiotic	0	58 (62.3)	76 (73)	0.23
resistance	1	20 (21.5)	14 (13.4)	
	2	15 (16.12)	14 (13.4)	
Poor infection control practices by health-care professionals cause the	0	63 (67.7)	66 (63.4)	0.66
spread of antibiotic resistance	1	16 (17.2)	23 (22.1)	
'	2	14 (15)	14 (13.4)	
t is the obligation of health-care professionals to create awareness about	0	83 (89.2)	89 (85.5)	0.60
he rational use of antibiotics among the general public	1	6 (6.4)	7 (6.7)	
	2	4 (4)	8 (7.6)	
Education on the appropriate use of antibiotics is an unnecessary burden	0	13 (13.9)	21 (20.1)	0.49
or an undergraduate medical student	1	71 (76.3)	73 (70.1)	
•	2	9 (9.6)	9 (8.6)	
Antibiotic resistance is not a public health problem	0	16 (17.2)	15 (14.4)	0.62
·	1	66 (70.9)	80 (76.9)	
	2	11 (11.8)	9 (8.6)	
Antibiotic resistance is a significant problem at my institution	0	33 (35.4)	49 (47.1)	0.02
	1	25 (26.8)	12 (11.8)	
	2	35 (37.6)	43 (41.3)	
Proper laboratory investigation should be made mandatory before starting	0	74 (79.5)	88 (84.6)	0.97
antibiotic therapy	1	7 (7.5)	7 (6.7)	
••	2	12 (13)	9 (8.6)	
There is no harm in selling antibiotics as an over the counter drugs	0	16 (17.2)	16 (15.3)	0.95
	1	63 (67.7)	71 (68.2)	
	2	14 (15)	15 (14.4)	

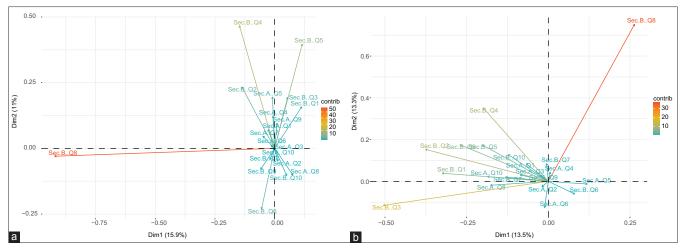
0=Agree, 1=Disagree, 2=Don't know

that effective implementation of ASP has improved the AMR.<sup>[19-21]</sup> Given the importance of undergraduate teaching in fostering positive behavior in budding medical professionals, extensive training in antibiotic stewardship should be incorporated in the curricula.

There are few studies which have assessed the knowledge and perception of undergraduate medical students about antibiotic

prescribing AMR and AMS.<sup>[17,22-25]</sup> However, to the best of our knowledge, this is the first study to perform PCA to find the important variable determining the trend of response along with assessing the knowledge and attitude of respondents.

The present study revealed that respondents possess inadequate knowledge about AMR and AMS. A previous study conducted among undergraduate medical and dental



**Figure 3:** Principal component analysis showing the relative contribution of all the questions toward the trend of response in our study in prefinal-year (a) and final-year (b) students. (a) Shows that questions 2, 3, 4, and 8 of Section B contribute more toward the data trend. Similarly, (b) shows that the questions 4, 5, and 8 contribute more toward the trend generated

Table 3: Correlation coefficient of variables against the dimensions obtained through principal component analysis

Variables	Correlation coefficient with various dimensions				
	Prefinal year		Final	year	
	Dimension 1	Dimension 2	Dimension 1	Dimension 2	
Section A - Q5	0.017	0	0	0.059	
Section B - Q1	0.123	0.002	0.001	0.004	
Section B - Q2	0.165	0.028	0.020	0.084	
Section B - Q3	0.297	0.016	0.003	0.058	
Section B - Q4	0.046	0.147	0.002	0.336	
Section B - Q5	0.048	0.036	0.014	0.243	
Section B - Q8	0.081	0.669	0.905	0.001	
Section B - Q9	0.085	0.036	0.004	0.010	

students in a tertiary care institution of North India also reported a similar result.<sup>[24]</sup>

In our study, majority of the students knew that antibiotic is not useful in viral diseases, but most of them did not know the appropriate antibiotic and preventive method for MRSA infections. Many of the respondents could not expand the acronym ESKAPE pathogens (Enterococcus faecium, S. aureus, Klebsiella pneumoniae, Acinetobacter baumannii, Pseudomonas aeruginosa, and Enterobacter species). However, they identified the indiscriminate use of broad-spectrum antibiotic cause of antibiotic resistance which is in accordance with multiple studies conducted across the globe.

In our study, majority of the students acknowledged that AMR is a public health problem and has the detrimental effect on health and financial well-being of patients. The students in our study disagreed that education on appropriate use of antibiotic is unnecessary. This suggests that they recognize the importance of correct use of antibiotics and the importance of education and

training on antibiotic uses. It also reflects their positive behavior and responsiveness to imbibe the skill of rational antibiotic prescribing practice. Some other studies also found the similar observations about the perception of students toward the importance of training for the prudent antibiotic prescription.<sup>[17,26-28]</sup>

Most of the respondents in this study opined that antibiotics should not be sold as over-the-counter drugs; similar observation was made in a study done among the junior doctors where they perceived that restricted prescription of some antibiotics is helpful in reducing the emergence of resistance. <sup>[29]</sup> In this study, the results from PCA had shown that the attitude section of the questionnaire, especially the questions 2, 3, 4, 5, and 8, determines the pattern of answering. This puts an emphasis on the attitude for a successful understanding of the ASP.

AMS is a team effort and needs a multidisciplinary approach. The success of ASP depends on the critical involvement of everyone associated with the patients care. The WHO has recognized the importance of molding the prescribing behavior of physicians and other paramedical workers and recommended that training and education health workers and medical students at both graduate and postgraduate levels are an integral part of antibiotic resistance containment activities.[30,31] It is clear from our study that undergraduate medical students are aware of the burgeoning problem of antibiotic resistance and its potential consequences. They also know the importance of judicious use of antibiotics. They have a very positive attitude toward ASP. However, their knowledge about antibiotic and AMS is not adequate. We believe that there is a scope to bridge this knowledge gap by incorporating innovative training modules about the appropriate use of antimicrobial agents and ASP in the undergraduate curricula.

The strength of our study was that PCA was performed to analyze the trend of response. The weakness of our study was that it was conducted in only one institute with a small population which may not be the correct representation of all undergraduate medical students in India. The interns were not included in our study so we could not evaluate the change in the behavior of the students when they were exposed to direct patient care.

#### **CONCLUSION**

Good knowledge and attitude are essential for the proper understanding and implementation of the ASP. However, our study suggests the existence of knowledge gap among the students. As the torchbearer of the medical profession, undergraduate medical students can play a potentially key role in the successful implementation of the ASP. Hence, it should be ensured that they get proper teaching and training about the principles of rational antibiotic prescribing practice and ASP.

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