# Learning from COVID-19 to tackle the silent pandemic of antibiotic resistance

#### Speakers:

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- Dr Joanne Liu, Associate clinical Professor, University of Montreal & former International President of Médecins Sans Frontières
- Dr Marc Mendelson, Professor of Infectious Diseases and Head of the Division of Infectious Diseases & HIV Medicine at Groote Schuur Hospital, University of Cape Town.

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### Inappropriate antibiotic prescribing



Lansbury L., et al. J Infect. 2020 Aug;81(2):266-275 doi: 10.1016/j.jinf.2020.05.046.

ISARIC Clinical Data Report 10 Feb 2021 https://doi.org/10.1101/2020.07.17.20155218

#### Rapid diagnosis allows directed treatment

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### Nothing to offer in early COVID-19 or modern-day AMR



#### FIRST CASE OF COVID-19 ANNOUNCED – AN UPDATE

#### 5 March , 2020

The Minister of Health, on 05 March 2020, made an official announcement of a local confirmed COVID-19 case in South Africa, of a 38-year old man from KwaZulu-Natal who travelled to Italy. The National Institute for Communicable Diseases (NICD), a division of National Health Laboratory Service, wishes to clarify that the COVID-19 indicates the strength of our surveillance and South Africa's health systems to be able to detect and rapidly identify cases.

The case has been isolated and containment measures are ongoing including the monitoring of contacts. It is important to note that the identification of a single importe case in a traveller from an area with widespread community transmission does not mea that COVID-19 is currently spreading in South African communities. The risk to the gene community of acquiring COVID-19 remains low.

Acinetobacter baumann	ii complex (ACIBC)
Comments	
Tissue, right knee.	
Antibiotic/Culture: ACIBC	
Trimethoprim-sulfamethoxazole R	
Ciprofloxacin R	
Ceftazidime	R
Cefepime	R
Gentamicin	R
Tobramycin	R
Amikacin	R
Piperacillin/tazobactam R	
Imipenem	R
Meropenem	R
Tigecycline	I
S - Sensitive ; I - Intermediate ; R - Resistant .	
Organism	Acinetobacter baumannii complex
Antibiotic	Colistin
MIC	>64 ug/mL

MIC interpretation Resistant

### Assured access to 'old' medicines





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#### Compliance with IPC in healthcare workers during COVID-19 was driven largely by fear for the 'self'



### 10 million deaths per year from AMR infections by 2050

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https://amr-review.org

## 2.5 million deaths from COVID-19 in the first 15 months

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https://gisanddata.maps.arcgis.com/apps/opsdashboard/index.html#/bda7594740fd40299423467b48e9ecf6

### The face of AMR



# Applying early lessons from COVID-19 to AMR

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### Interim findings of the Independent Panel Report

- Pandemic preparedness at the global and national level was inadequate.
- There was a cascade of early failings in the global and national responses to COVID-19.
- The international system for detection, alert, and response has the trappings of an analog system in a digital age.

### Interim findings of the Independent Panel Report

- The pandemic has laid bare and exacerbated inequalities both within and between nations.
- There are major weaknesses in global supply chains including the absence of frameworks to ensure equitable access to critical equipment.
- While the ACT-Accelerator was quickly launched, there is a risk (and now an actual reality) of a two-tier system of access to medical countermeasures.

### Seizing the opportunity

- Knowledge can be a common good that translates into life-saving technologies. Yet 'traditional' market incentives were neither sufficient nor appropriate to develop medical countermeasures.
- To generate such knowledge and translate it into COVID-19 countermeasures, governments have invested over 90 billion Euros.
- There is a unique opportunity to reset and improve upon our collective approach in preparation and response to other pandemic threats.

### The pandemic of drug-resistant infections

- The response to AMR is already built upon a 'One Health' approach, which can be a model and guide to overall pandemic preparedness.
- Governments should also consider a 'One World' approach that brings together all countries to develop a long-term response including appropriate tools for diverse contexts. Low- and middle-income countries (LMICs) are partners, not recipients.
- Governments must find a way to improve preparedness and response to a fast-moving pandemic whose impacts are often felt or acknowledged slowly.

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