

UNDERSTANDING ANTIMICROBIAL RESISTANCE IN NEW ZEALAND - AN INTEGRATIVE APPROACH

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Antimicrobial resistance and the environment

AMR IS COMPLEX

- Many factors involved in AMR
 - human
 - animal
 - environment
- Integration is lacking
- Systems view is needed



http://wedocs.unep.org/bitstream/handle/20.500.11822/22255/Frontiers_2017_EN.pdf?sequence=1&isAllowed=y

RESEARCH AIMS

 To bring together human, animal and environmental health dimensions of AMR in NZ

- To model stakeholder understandings of the structure of the AMR system
 - * focus on feedback loops



http://alaska.edu/blast/biomedicine-subsistence-o/

ONE HEALTH AND ECOHEALTH

- EcoHealth principles:
- 1. Systems thinking
- 2. Transdisciplinarity
- 3. Knowledge ----- action

"Once we see the relationship between structure and behaviour, we can begin to understand how systems work, what makes them produce poor results, and how to shift them into better behaviour patterns."

- Donella Meadows, pioneering systems thinker



One Health/ EcoHealth integrating framework. Acknowledgments to Patricia Priest and Alex Macmillan

METHODS



Reinforcing and Balancing Loops impact Population

https://systemsandus.com/2012/08/15/learn-to-read-clds/

"Causal loop diagrams ... describe the circles of cause and effect that take on a life of their own."

	Human	Animal	Environment
Academic/			
Research		Samplir	ng
		Framewo	ork
Policy			
		Criterion and	l chain
Community/	sampling was used to		
Advocacy	identify and recruit		
		participants v	
Industry		experts in ea	-
		related to /	AMR.
Clinical			

- Participatory system dynamics to build a qualitative model of AMR in New Zealand
 - In-depth semi structured interviews
 - Cognitive mapping
 - Causal loop diagrams

RESULTS

	Human	Animal	Environment
Academic/ Research	-ESR -Clinical director, microbiology -Clinical microbiologist -School of Pharmacy -ID physician	-Veterinary academic -Veterinary epidemiologist	-School of Pharmacy -Ecologist -Landcare Research, systematics -Microbial geneticist -Horticulture
Policy	-Ministry of Health -PHARMAC	-MPI -NZVA	-Politician
Community/ Advocacy	-Consumer advisor	-Federated Farmers	-Politician
Industry	-Medicines NZ -Pharmaceutical company	-AGCARM -Poultry Industry Association -Veterinary epidemiologist -Federated Farmers	-Horticulture -AGCARM
Clinical	-IPC nurse -Infectious Disease Physician -GP -Antimicrobial pharmacist -Clinical director, microbiology -Clinical microbiologist	-Rural vet -NZVA -Poultry Industry Association	-Wildlife vet

27 interviews with 31 participants



Cognitive map example



COLLABORATION CLD



"We're all doing individual great stuff and not sharing ... Not like the bacteria, we don't share good ideas. They share weapons and advantages, we don't."

"Quite a big fault, we don't do it on the health side, animal people don't do it on the animal side; communicating the information that we do have."

"If you're not round the table you're on the menu."

EXPECTED IMPACT AND FUTURE RESEARCH

- Impact: first participatory SD model integrating human, animal and environmental aspects of AMR.
- Future research:
- 1. Triangulate stakeholder model with literature
- 2. Stakeholder workshops to refine and agree on model
- 3. Quantitative model to test leverage points and better understand system



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