



Active Bacterial Core Surveillance (ABCs) Report

Emerging Infections Program Network

Neisseria meningitidis, 2003



ABCs Areas

California (3 county San Francisco Bay area); Colorado (5 county Denver area); Connecticut; Georgia; Maryland; Minnesota; New York (15 county Rochester/Albany area); Oregon; Tennessee (11 urban counties)

ABCs Population

The surveillance areas represent 36,759,554 persons.
Source: National Center for Health Statistics bridged-race vintage 2003 postcensal file

ABCs Case Definition

Invasive meningococcal disease: isolation of *Neisseria meningitidis* from normally sterile site in a resident of a surveillance area in 2003.

ABCs Methodology

ABCs personnel routinely contacted all microbiology laboratories serving acute care hospitals in their area to identify cases. Standardized case report forms that include information on demographic characteristics, clinical syndrome, and outcome of illness were completed for each identified case. Molecular subtyping was done on meningococcal isolates at CDC. Regular laboratory audits assessed completeness of active surveillance and detected additional cases.

All rates of invasive meningococcal disease were calculated using population estimates for 2003. For national projections of cases, race and age-specific rates of disease were applied from the aggregate surveillance area to the age and racial distribution of the 2003 U.S. population for 49 states (excluding Oregon). The Oregon reported cases were then added to obtain the national projections. Cases with unknown race were distributed by area based on reported race distribution for known cases within the eight age categories.

Reported ABCs Profiles

Race	No.	(Rate*)
White	169	(0.60)
Black	37	(0.59)
Other	9	(0.42)
Total	215	(0.58)

Unknown race (n=32) distributed among knowns

* Cases per 100,000 population for ABCs areas

Syndrome	Cases		Deaths	
	No.	(%*)	No.	(Rate†)
Meningitis	109	(50.7)	8	(7.3)
Bacteremia without focus	67	(31.2)	7	(10.8)

* Percent of cases

† Deaths per 100 cases with known outcomes

Age (years)	Serogroups				
	B No. (Rate*)	C No. (Rate*)	Y No. (Rate*)	Other No. (Rate*)	
< 1	23 (4.6)	1 (0.20)	3 (0.60)	5 (1.0)	
1	7 (1.4)	2 (0.40)	1 (0.20)	2 (0.40)	
2-4	6 (0.41)	1 (0.07)	1 (0.07)	2 (0.14)	
5-17	15 (0.23)	9 (0.14)	7 (0.11)	5 (0.08)	
18-34	15 (0.17)	20 (0.23)	5 (0.06)	9 (0.10)	
35-49	11 (0.13)	10 (0.11)	4 (0.05)	3 (0.03)	
50-64	8 (0.13)	6 (0.10)	7 (0.12)	1 (0.02)	
≥ 65	5 (0.12)	4 (0.10)	13 (0.31)	4 (0.10)	
Total	90 (0.24)**	53 (0.14)	41 (0.11)	31 (0.08)	

* Cases per 100,000 population for ABCs areas

** The rate of serogroup B disease excluding Oregon is 0.16 cases per 100,000 population for ABCs areas.

Rates of Meningococcal Disease in Adolescents and Young Adults

Age (years)	Overall Serogroups	C/Y/W-135 Serogroups
	No. (Rate*)	No. (Rate*)
11-17	23 (0.63)	13 (0.36)
18-22	26 (1.0)	12 (0.47)

* Cases per 100,000 population for ABCs areas

National Projection for Invasive Disease

Cases: 1,425 (0.49/100,000)

Deaths: 175 (0.06/100,000)

Healthy People 2010 Update

Objective: Reduce the incidence of invasive meningococcal disease to 0.9 per 100,000 population.

2010 Objective	2003 Rate*
0.9/100,000	0.49/100,000

* Cases per 100,000 U.S. population

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<http://www.cdc.gov/abcs/reports-findings/survreports/mening03.pdf>