REGULATION OF OTC SALE OF ANTIBIOTICS IN KERALA

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Role of Drugs Control Department in KARSAP

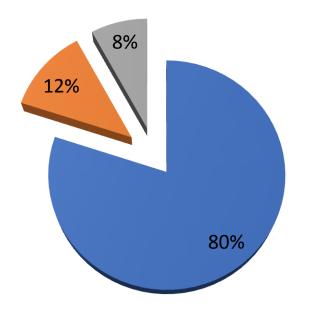
Kerala Antimicrobial Resistance Strategic Action Plan

- Inorder to curb the issue of AMR, Drugs Control Department is entrusted with the responsibility of preventing the "Over The Counter "(OTC) sale of antibiotics
- Total consumption of drugs in the state is around 20,000 crores INR per annum
- Share of antibiotics comes around 20% of the total sales
- OTC sale of antibiotics is approximately 1% of total sales

Current Scenario of Pharmaceutical Market in Kerala

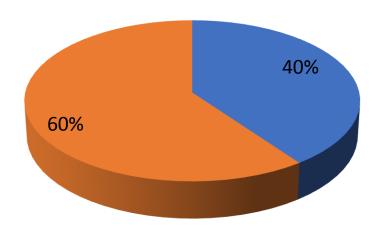
Annual Consumption of Drugs

- Drugs other than antibiotics
- Parenteral antibiotics
- Oral antibiotics



Oral Antibiotics





Current Scenario of Sale of Antibiotics in Kerala

	Antibiotics	Percentage share
	Penicillins - Amoxicillin	
R_I	Cephalosporins - cefuroxime, cefpodoxime, cefixme,	
	Carbapenems – meropenem, imipenem	30-35
p.	Monobactams –Aztreonam, pigemonam	
	Fluoroquinolones – ciprofloxacin, norfloxacin	16-18
	Aminoglycoside- gentamicin	10-15
	Tetracyclines – minocycline,doxycycline	8-10
	Macrolides – Azithromycin.	15-20

Reasons for OTC Sale of Antibiotics

 More in rural areas due to non accessibility to hospitals

Huge medical expenses

Time saving

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 Common with solid dosage forms of antibiotics like tablets, capsules. No OTC sale of parenterals & paediatric medicines

 Seen commonly with Amoxicillin, Ampicillin, Azithromycin oral dosage forms

 Not seen with high end antibiotics such as carbapenems, monobactam, polypeptide, polyene group of antibiotics

Provisions in Drugs & Cosmetics Act, 1940 & Rules, 1945 regarding sale of antibiotics

- Rule 65(3) (1) (h) stipulates that supply of drugs specified in schedule H1 shall be noted in a register
- Rule 65 (9) (a) stipulates that substances specified in Schedule H & H1, (which covers all antibiotics), shall not be sold by retail except on and in accordance with the prescription of a Registered Medical Practitioner;
- Rule 65 (11) (a) also stipulates that the prescription must not be dispensed more than once unless the prescriber has stated thereon;

 Rule 65 (11) (c) states that at the time of dispensing there must be noted on the prescription above the signature of the prescriber, the name & address of the seller & the date on which the prescription is dispensed

Measures being taken to control OTC sale of Antibiotics - as per D & C Rules, 1945

- Regular inspections of sale premises for identifying OTC sale of Antibiotics, if any
- Verification of Schedule H & H1 registers for compliance of rules
- Strict deterrant actions like suspension, cancellation of drug licences, in case of violations if noticed

Action Taken

Year	Total suspensions	Suspensions due to unaccounted sales	Suspensions due to other reasons
2014	579	263	315
2015	587	264	323
2016	340	278	62
2017	396	312	84
2018	243	203	40
Till May 2019	121	101	20

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 Strict enforcement of Rule 65 (11) of Drugs & Cosmetics Act, 1940 & Rules 1945, with emphasis on the prevention of OTC sale of antibiotics

 Strict implementation of maintenance of registers for the sale of antibiotics (schedule H & H1 registers) • Conducted awareness classes for licensees/pharmacists in all districts











Conducted awareness programme for public on safe use of antibiotics



Public awareness posters on unscientific and unsafe use of antibiotics displayed in retail medical shops	





D.A.T.E.S

- You don't need antibiotics for every ailment.
- ASK FOR ADVICE Consult with your doctor.

Stop overuse and misuse of Antibiotic. Combat Antibiotic Resistance

- TAKE AS PRESCRIBED

 Complete the course of antibiotics as prescribed by the doctor.
- EFFECTIVE IF COMPLETED

 Antibiotics works best, if you finish the course.
- SAFE DISPOSAL

 If you have unused medicines, bring it back to the pharmacy, we will dispose it safely for you.

ISSUED IN PUBLIC INTEREST BY KERALA STATE DRUGS CONTROL DEPARTMENT

BE A PART OF PROUD FOR A BETTER TOMARROW PROGRAMME FOR REMOVAL OF UNUSED DRUGS

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&
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Future prospects

 Measures to be taken to increase the man power of the enforcement wing

Prescription auditing

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