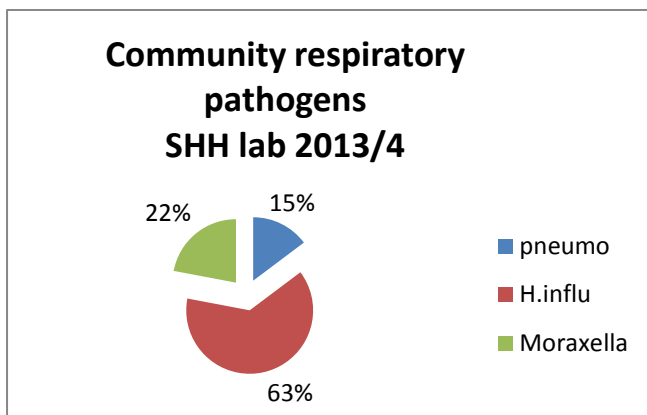
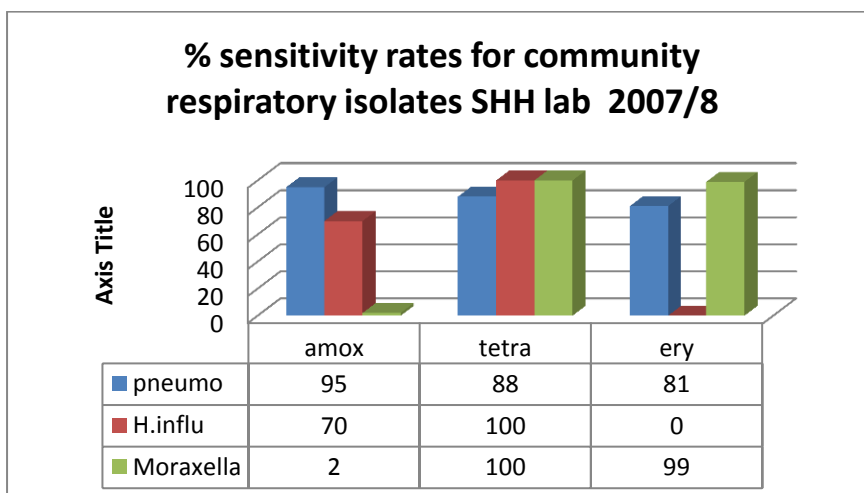
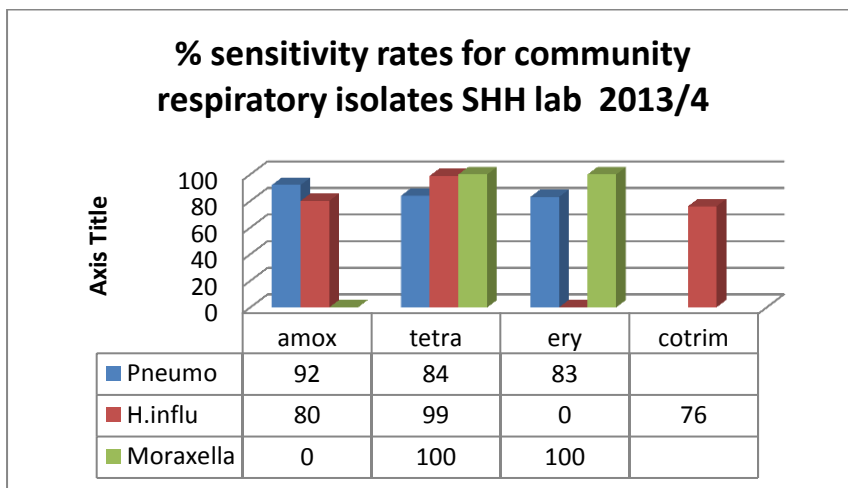


**Review of Community Respiratory pathogens 2013-4**



As you can see above, of the big three, *Haemophilus influenzae* is the main isolate.. probably because most of our specimens are from patients with AECOPD and ? only after failure of first line therapy thus skewing away from the possibly more common *S pneumoniae* ( at least in cases of pneumonia and first line AECOPD infections )



The sensitivity charts confirm our advice that tetracyclines/doxycycline is the best choice for both pneumonia and AECOPD and happily beginning with a "t" they are AT THE MOMENT safer antibiotics than others I could mention beginning with "c" !

I have included results from 2007/8 ( apologies but I cannot believe it is that long ago that I last looked at all of this) ..thankfully not a lot has changed!

You will see we have added another antibiotic recently to our antibiotic panel for respiratory pathogens . Let's call it" trimethoprim and friend "rather than cotrimoxazole for "t" and "c" reasons! as it is ( with the C difficile strains we have circulating at the moment) also less C diffogenic then say Coamoxiclav and Ciprofloxacin.

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