

## Antimicrobial susceptibility of invasive *Neisseria meningitidis*, 2002

The antimicrobial susceptibility of all 223 viable invasive isolates of *N. meningitidis* referred to ESR in 2002 was tested. All were susceptible to penicillin, ceftriaxone, ciprofloxacin and rifampicin. However, 8.1% (18/223) had reduced penicillin susceptibility, with MICs of 0.12-0.5 mg/L. The proportion of isolates with reduced penicillin susceptibility since 1992 is shown in the figure, and shows a trend of increasing prevalence. Until 2002, all isolates with reduced penicillin susceptibility had MICs of 0.12 or 0.25 mg/L. In 2002, one isolate had a penicillin MIC of 0.5 mg/L.

