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BACTERIA PUTTING UP A FIGHT AGAINST OUR DRUGS; RESISTANCE INCREASES

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According to a study in the New England Journal of Medicine, bacteria in the United States are becoming significantly more resistant to modern drugs. This increasingly growing resistance has been a growing concern over the past several years.

The following drugs' resistance to streptococcus pneumoniae was assessed from 1995 through 1998. Each drug showed an increase in resistance to the bacteria.

The results are as follows:

- * Trimethoprim-Sulfamethoxazole: Resistance increased from 25-29%.
- * Penicillin: Resistance increased from 21-25%.
- * Erythromycin: Resistance increased from 11-15%.
- * Meropenem: Resistance increased from 10-15%.
- * Cefotaxime: Resistance increased from 10-14%.

SOURCE: Whitney CG, et al. "Increasing prevalence of multi drug-resistant streptococcus pneumoniae in the United States", New England Journal of Medicine, 2000;343:1917-24; Dynamic Chiropractic, February 12, 2001, Vol. 19, No. 4, p.1.