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# AN OVERVIEW OF DIARRHEAGENIC ESCHERICHIA COLI AMONG THE INFANTS IN PAKISTAN

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#### **Abstract**:

Diarrhea is one of the leading public health problems in under established countries. Whereas in Pakistan, diarrheal issues are dried through observation and hardly in which specific investigations are made. This article was premeditated to recognize the widespread strains of Escherichia coli among children of less than five years of age in Pakistan.

Escherichia coli is the commensal bacterium generally originates in human intestine after hours of birth. Escherichia coli generally remains safe and limited in intestinal lumen; though, in the incapacitated or immune-suppressed representatives, while gastrointestinal blockades are disturbed, still usual "nonpathogenic" strains of Escherichia coli are capable of being infectious. Constantly the strongest members of species can be responsive toward the harmful infections. One of extremely high alterative Escherichia coli clones that mutually have enhanced capability to cause an immense range of disease. Reviewing the studies pathogenic strains of Escherichia coli originate in newborn babies. Which revealed a frightening issue in developing countries. The ratio of under 5 years children is suffering from diarrhea. In which from 1600 children in 2012 died due to diarrheal infection which increased yearly. In general, Enteropathogenic Escherichia coli was the most frequent diarrheagenic Escherichia coli pathotype in acute diarrheal children. Which exposed that Enteropathogenic Escherichia coli, is emerging as a dominant diarrheal mediator in Pakistan. In this review we have explained the prevalent pathotypes of diarrheagenic Escherichia coli. Frequently seen in infants present in Pakistan. To overcome on this problem the globally communal healthiness significance and determination to be emphasized. Which may reduce the pathogenic afflict of humans present in Pakistan and in South Asia.

Keywords: Escherichia coli, enterobacteriaceae, diarrheal infections, neonatal sepsis

## INTRODUCTION

Escherichia coli was discovered nearly in 1885 since it was countered to extensive studies and results one of the supreme implicit and characterized structures (1). In spite of the broad acquaintance gathered during the last decades, still Escherichia coli is the main root to interrupt inside humans to grounds infections. More ever to "urinary tract infection" (UTI), it is accountable for maximum of the investigated cases and gastral related diseases, Escherichia coli has stayed with several other diseases like pneumonia & meningitis (2). Surfacing of pathogenic Escherichia coli strains has gradually been noticed globally includes Escherichia coli O157:H7 which are sporadic epidemic increasingly being investigated in all over the world (3). In U.S its influences "73,000" Enteric linked diseases of about 2,168 hospitalized patients and 61 deaths yearly (4). Escherichia coli strain called as an enhanced "Spectrum Beta-Lactamase" productive strain "known as CTX-M producing Escherichia coli" has started to increase world widely & reported in UTI (5). Escherichia coli the lineages being clear multidrug-resistant, uropathogenic have been associated with epidemics testified in "1987-1988 in south" of "London" & Escherichia coli O15:K52:H1 influenced community obtained "cystitis, pyelonephritis and septicemia" (6). Enteric bacteria enriched infections, resulting diarrhea, dysentery, and Enteric fevers, are imperative health problems are all over the world. Diarrheal infections in infant death are second merely to cardiovascular diseases because of death. Diarrheal diseases in progressing states, reported for 1.5 million deaths annually as a result of children aged 1-4 years. The risk of this age group dying from diarrheal disease is 600 times higher in developing countries as compare to developed countries. In some developing states, children bearing ten or more incidences of diarrhea yearly. Children are invariably infected with various pathogens and even children having no diarrhea often takes potential pathogens in their stools. Interpretations in studies recommended that active immunization through frequent disclosure and prolonged breastfeeding may guard against the diarrheagenic result of these factors.





They have also highlighted the problems in persuasive the reason of a period of diarrhea by culture of only one stool specimen. Diarrhea-producing *Escherichia coli* six diverse classes have been recognized: "enteroinvasive *Escherichia coli* (EIEC), enterotoxigenic *Escherichia coli* (ETEC), enteropathogenic *Escherichia coli* (EPEC), enterohaemorrhagic or verotoxin-producing *Escherichia coli* (EHEC or VTEC), enteroaggregative *Escherichia coli* (EAggEC) and enteroadhesive *Escherichia coli* (EAEC), where four of them are regular reasons of diarrheal disease in developing nations".

# "ESCHERICHIA COLI"

Escherichia coli, as a divergent species of microorganisms play a main role in the normal intestinal flora of humans. Because of its wide distribution in the environment Escherichia coli is able to settle the intestines curtly after birth subsequent the ingestion of dirty food or water and is known to have an opinion part in sustaining healthy guts (7).

# **Growing Characteristics**

Escherichia coli is gram negative facultative anaerobic, motile bacteria, a taxonomically well demonstrated member of the family Enterobacteriaceae. The main ability of Escherichia coli that it can produce on temperatures (7°°C - 50°°C) and it can stand on acidic form (down to pH 4.4) to survive in numerous environmental conditions. From hands and clothes to soil and underground water the contamination on different surfaces can be observed easily (8). Its quite easy to recover it from clinical specimen by using simple method of culture media (37°C) either oxygen is present or absent (1).

# "Escherichia Coli" Being Commensal Organism

Human colon sustains a microbial thickness imminent "1,012 organisms per gram of feces", on behalf of clearly stable ecological unit. The Commensal microbiota, derived from the Latin word as "commensa" sense as "sharing" a board, contains additionally than 400 species and live in excellently concord within the human intestine. Escherichia coli are sustainer of big bacterial family unit, "Enterobacteriaceae", the Enteric bacteria, that be facultative anaerobic Gram-negative rods that living in the intestinal areas of animals. They are most imperative bacteria. Several of genera in the family are intestinal pathogens (e.g., Yersinia, Salmonella, Shigella,). "Some others be standard colonists' gastrointestinal area of the hu man (e.g., Enterobacter, Escherichia coli, Klebsiella,), although these bacteria, may connected through human diseases. Physiologically, Escherichia coli are multipurpose and finely improved to its quality of environments. It might promote the medium by glucose as the sole organic essentials. The wild type of Escherichia coli has rebuffed the growth factor necessities, and metabolically might alter "glucose into all of the macromolecular mechanisms" to flourish cell. The bacteria might produce in the absence/presence of oxygen. Below "anaerobic conditions" it increased by way of fermentation, productive trait "mixed acids and gas" because ending items. Conversely, it can grow by the way of "anaerobic inhalation", since it is able of using NO<sub>3</sub>, NO<sub>2</sub> or fumarate as last electron acceptors for respirational electron transfer progression. In component, this acclimatizes Escherichia coli to its intestinal (anaerobic) and its additional intestinal (aerobic or anaerobic) environs. Escherichia coli are reliable inhabitants of the "human intestinal tract", it's a main elective bacterium in the human gastral tract; though, it produces a small quantity upon entire bacterial at ease. The anaerobic Bacteroides species in the intestine outnumber Escherichia coli by at slightest 20:1. The steady presence of Escherichia coli in the human intestine and feces has run to path of the bacterium in scenery as stimulator of fecal pollution (9). Wherever Escherichia coli is appeared, there must be capacity of fecal dirt by intestinal organisms of humans. Ever since this microorganism is a characteristic constituent of the fecal microbiota, its verdict may show the possible incidence of other microorganisms which can be more pathogenic to humans (10).

## PATHOTYPES OF ESCHERICHIA COLI

The species of *Escherichia coli* have different varieties ranging among of nonpathogenic commensals that generally live in the human gastrointestinal tract. The other main pathogenic strains that may result harmful diseases. Rendering to its fitness of resulting disease, pathogenic *Escherichia coli* are largely categorized into two main types, "*Enteric Escherichia coli* (EC)" mostly causes infection restricted to the "mucous lining" of the intestines & "extra intestinal pathogens (ExPEC)", take part in the ability towards feast inside the intestine & which causes infection in all other parts of the human body (11). "On the basis of their pathogenic features the *Enteric* pathogenic *Escherichia coli* are further distinguished into six pathotypes": "enteropathogenic *Escherichia coli* (EPEC); enterohemorrhagic *Escherichia coli* (EHEC); enterotoxigenic *Escherichia coli* (ETEC); enteroinvasive *Escherichia coli* (EIEC); enteroaggregative *Escherichia coli* (EAEC); and diffusely adherent *Escherichia coli* (DAEC)" (1). "Pathogenic *Escherichia coli* comprises those types, which result *Enteric* infections and those, which consequents extra intestinal infections. The virulence

factors of pathogenic *Escherichia coli* are set by genetic features like plasmids, transposons, and bacteriophages. These factors mostly indorse settlement of the host, adherence or attack of cells, avoidance of host resistances and disturbance of host cell indicating ways and include cell surface receptors, secreted enzymes and toxins."

The *Escherichia coli* genome is combination of a conserved center of genes that convey the backbone of genetic information obligatory for vital cellular processes and a flexible gene pool that anchorage genetic information which gives properties (e.g., virulence and fitness genes) that allows the bacterium to take particular environmental circumstances (12). The pathogenic capability of *Escherichia coli* is augment by the dynamic gene pool through the improvement and loss of genetic material (13). Virulence factors engage structure that permit pathogenic bacteria to create infections and the occurrence to plentiful reputed virulence genes has been completely affiliated with the pathogenicity of *E. coli*.

Table I. Six distinct classes of Diarrheagenic Escherichia coli and five types of extraintestinal Escherichia coli

Pathogenic Escherichia coli				
Extraintestinal Escherichia coli	Diarrheagenic Escherichia coli			
Causes UTI	ETEC			
Causes Neonatal Meningitis	EPEC			
Causes Pneumonia	EIEC			
Causes Sepsis	EAEC			
Causes surgical site infections	EHEC			
	DAEC			

# Extra Intestinal Pathogenic Escherichia Coli

ExPEC are mainly as "gram-negative pathogen", resultant as variety of clinical illnesses to disturb every era group. ExPEC is the most frequent cause of bacteremia that initially influences older age adults and is a consistent reason of meningitis in neonates. Most of UTIs in young women are resulted by ExPEC (14). Worldwide morbidity and mortality rates on account of ExPEC infections are substantial and growing. The global appearance of the multidrug-resistant (MDR) *Escherichia coli* sequence type (ST) O25b:ST131 clone signifies mainly confront for recitation and organization of *Escherichia coli* infections (15). Though, no prophylactic vaccines in contradiction of ExPEC survive. Despite shows potential outcomes through early on surveys of applicant vaccines in human health examination in 1990s (16), vaccine improvement did not progress, globally because of technical problems related to vaccine production.

# EXPEC: Main Human Pathogen

ExPEC can attack several tissues, and to create infection in any group of age. However, the most known ExPEC infections are bacteremia and UTIs. People with infections the ExPEC is also alone in parts like breathing tract, soft tissue, and skin. Beside with Streptococcus Group B, the ExPEC is a key cause of neonatal meningitis and a regular cause of pneumonia, peritonitis, and prostatitis (17).

## **UTIs**

In US (United States), UTIs resulted for around 0.9% of over-all cases. Where the departments of emergency visits and approximately (8%) of all patients were observed (18). Catheter linked UTIs are the 2nd cause of infections linked to healthcare in the US. Most noncomplex infections, recurrent UTIs, and problems of pyelonephritis, and about one third of catheter related infections in the United States are due to ExPEC. Admissions in hospital for UTIs grown by 50% out of all population in the US between 2000 and 2009. Though, hospital admissions affected by extended-spectrum  $\beta$ -lactamase (ESBL)–producing *Escherichia coli* enhanced by 300%, showing the rising problem and operation cost associated to health-care due to ExPEC and the crucial necessity for productive change (19).

## Escherichia Coli Bacteremia

Escherichia coli are a source of bacteremia globally (20). The mainly general source of bacteremia in older age groups is the "urinary tract" (21). "About Between 2%- 6% of affected adults who undergo transrectal prostate biopsy develop infectious problems, which can contain bacteremia (22).

#### DIARRHEAGENIC ESCHERICHIA COLI

Diarrheal diseases are a major issue of community health and the main reason of "morbidity" and "mortality" in newborn and young kids (23). Fewer and middle-income states in Asia, Latin America and

Africa are the utmost influenced areas with diarrheal illnesses happening mostly with fatal consequences, primarily due to poor atmosphere (inadequate water, illiteracy and poor ecological hygiene and hygiene).

Escherichia coli strains indulged in diarrheal illnesses are one of the crucial of the several etiological agents of diarrhea, where strains have changed by the gaining, through straight line gene transfer, of a specific set of features that have successfully persevered in the host (24). "According to the collection of virulence factors acquired, specific mixtures were formed determining the presently known Escherichia coli pathotypes, which are known as diarrheagenic Escherichia coli (DEC) (25). The DEC pathotypes vary concerning their favored host colonization places, virulence mechanisms, and the resultant clinical symptoms and outcomes, and are ordered as

- 1) Enterotoxigenic *E. coli* (ETEC),
- 2) Enteropathogenic E. coli (EPEC),
- 3) Enteroinvasive E. coli (EIEC),
- 4) Enteroaggregative E. coli (EAEC),
- 5) Enterohaemorrhagic *E. coli* (EHEC) also called shiga-like toxin producing *E. coli* (STEC) or verocytotoxin producing *E. coli* (VTEC),
- 6) Diffusely adherent E. coli (DAEC)."

# Enterotoxigenic Escherichia Coli (ETEC)

*ETEC* be the mainly source of diarrhea that frequently found in developing countries, wherever it might spread through visitors toward urbanized countries that considered as the "traveler's diarrhea." In general, it is accountable on behalf of around 80, 0000 death inside all over world, mostly under the age of five years children. It mostly happens due to loss of electrolytes and dehydration within individuals wherever the foundation of consumption water is derisory (26). It is additionally toward human clearly found in the developed world like in Canada (27).

# Enteropathogenic Escherichia Coli (EPEC)

*EPEC* result a huge quantity of cases of diarrhea in the mounting countries, specifically within newborns (28). "Escherichia coli has pathology to group by the creation of attaching and "obliterating lesions on the epithelium of the intestine". which causes watery and bloody diarrhea. The adhesive protein intimin binds to the receptor "TIR (translocated intimin receptor)". TIR is concealed by a "type III secretion system (TTSS)" in the cytoplasm of the epithelial cells from where it is introduced in the plasma membrane letting bind of intimin. This binding stimulates the creation of polymerized actin in the host's cells at the adhesion site. Which generates a pili eradicated stand upon which the *Escherichia coli* branches. Genes responsible for scratch, with elements of the TTSS, intimin (*eae*), *tir*, and other active proteins are perceived in LEE (locus of enterocyte effacement) pathogenicity island (29)." On the discovery of "locus of enterocyte effacement" genes, intimin particularly, have been utilized toward recognition of *EPEC* isolates.

# Enteroinvasive Escherichia Coli (EIEC)

*EIEC* is not differentiable as of *Shigella* spp. because they split the similar vital virulence factor and the symptoms resultant as "Shigellosis" in EIEC infection, specifically dysentery and diarrhea. The 3<sup>rd</sup> reason of that cause's Bacterial gastroenteritis in United State, through around "14,000 cases" stated yearly (30). It commonly exists in developing world where "dysentery" exits. *S. sonnei* as bacteria that means 10 recognized around the nearly all situations, though, it is ambiguous to cover the *EIEC* that implemented, though it is most likely much in fewer.

# Enteroaggregative Escherichia Coli (EAEC)

*EAEC* are an additional diarrheagenic pathotype which mainly diagnosed among children of the "developing countries", Although can found in the developed states during older age groups with the "HIV" as well, tourists and as an infrequent source of "food-borne" eruptions. It is considered via observance toward "epithelial cells" in foam of "stacked brick-like" combination inside a biofilm (31). As the *EAEC* make toxin, then sometimes different amid strains and that are not the type of HS or LS type. These consist of the "plasmid encoded toxin (Pet)", ShET1 or EAST1 completely can be initiate in an alternative of isolates and the latter two toxins might as well find in extra pathotypes. It is ambiguous if present a general cause in EAEC to few phenotypes, creation a brief organization plan tough (31). In assortment of investigations may get sensible specificities. In the aggregative adherence (AA) probe the existence of *aggR* and *aap* may spot "typical" *EAEC* the majority of the belongings exist (32).

# Enterohemorrhagic Escherichia Coli (EHEC)

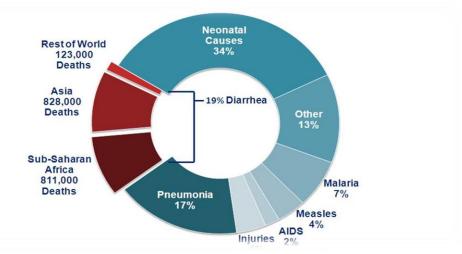
EHEC strains of E. coli consists of "LEE" Pathogenic Island except "shiga-like toxin" make the EPEC. By elimination of "shiga-like toxins (also known as verotoxins)" involved alone as (STE C or VTEC). Escherichia coli which possesses together the LEE and shiga toxin are enterohemorrhagic Escherichia coli (EHEC). It's the illustration change of only some genes, by that condition the accumulation of "shiga-like toxins", are capable of causing 8 diverse disease indications. In accumulation to diarrhea, very few facts of diseased group of peoples might grow "hemolytic uremic syndrome (HUS)", resultant within kidney breakdown and also "hemolytic anemia". Adults and the Children are nearly infected. Ruthless, "longterm" affect toward death and healthiness. The most disreputable EHEC serotype, "O157:H7", is conscientious intended for several report epidemics (33) that include 350 occurrences report within United States amid in the year of 2002 & 1982 (34). Furthermore, by the addition of LEE gene, the EHEC can be differentiated via creation of "stx-1/stx-2". The previous are identical to the "Shigelle dysenteriae" type-I toxin and finally purely allocate incomplete homologous. Resultant to find the stx toxin through immunologically method likely "Enzyme-linked-immunosorbent assays (ELISA)" Immunoblotting or as glowingly recognition of gene throughout PCR method be second-hand to locate "STEC" in humans, however the immediate recognition of the "LEE" gene, is mostly by "eae" pointing primer be essential toward further exclusively categorize "EHEC" (35).

# Diffusely Adherent Escherichia Coli (DAEC)

*DAEC* remain consequently the formats by diffusely adherent to external place of "epithelial cells". They do not attack cells before else yield toxins; however, are linked with diarrhea in several cram (31). The *DAEC* are resultant of "epithelial cells" by making cellular extensions to *Escherichia coli* fixes. That its due to fastening through "Dr Fimbriae". However, such Dr binding is non defective to *DAEC* and its likewise invent in UPEC. A Dr intimate member adhesin, F1845. Which has been used to distinguish *DAEC* and an enquiry base on *daa* genes as of its encoding gene group has been established. Though the one probe continuously originates in DAEC and some have been confirmed by cross-react by additional *Escherichia coli* pathotypes (36).

#### NEONATAL DIARRHEA IN WORLDWIDE

The neonatal phase initiates from 28 existences of life which up till now accounts for 40% of totality mortality in children "under-five". Worldwide, newborn illnesses report approximately 3,072,000 death cases in 2010 only. However, numeral newborn deaths have declined later 1990, all districts have observed decrease in newborn deaths as compared to under-five year mortality rate. Which causing an increased share of neonatal mortality amongst all under-five deaths. In 2008, nearly 1.8 million children died under the age of 5 by diarrhea. This can be reduced by 30-40%. In command to complete the "Millennium Growth Area goal 4 is dropped the rate of under-five by two-thirds in 2015. So, the neonatal situations require to be tackled instantly.



**Fig. 1.** Diarrhea is the second leading cause of death in children worldwide. Figure is taken from "Summary of the world water crisis & USG investments in the water sector, (USAID,2010)

Between several newborn circumstances; "1. premature birth, 2. neonatal infections, and 3. birth asphyxia", were recognized as main funders to the worldwide load of this issue. By complicated etiology of these situations, conservative systems, diagnostic sources, and treatments persistently were limited. Mostly current conservative methods emphasis on maternal health prior. "To the newborn child such as maternal immunization and ensuring a safe and healthy pregnancy." Several handlings are there aimed at newborn

illnesses which decrease the danger of "motherly and newborn" deaths. These tools are still not suitable in preparation, packing, and/or convenience. For instance, many colytics exists to constrain preterm labor, then frequently are attended by different adjacent properties to both the mother and newborn. The present preparation and packing for the recommended antibiotics to treat newborn sepsis are not readily present. Which needs an appropriately trained care providers to manage them. "Surfactant arrangements" are beneficial in treatment of infants with breathing distress syndrome. But these are costly to produce and are inadequate. Additionally, deficiency of fast diagnostics often brings to non-judicial use of antibiotics. Which may serve to increase the concern for antimicrobial confrontation.

Even with great worldwide load of newborn situations, allocations regarding "research funding" for newborn presence is exceedingly small. Which is projected only about US \$ 20 million every year is devoted in research operations for newborn existence. A current international investigation proposes that infant's endurance is susceptible in the worldwide program. Which are without satisfactory backing and without high-level involvement of policymakers. For this aim it becomes authoritative that more backing and longer period support from the European Instruction are arranged to research and the development addressing neonatal conditions.

#### NEONATAL DIARRHEA IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

Infections due to diarrhea, are main reason to infant's deaths in "developed countries". Most of this mortality occurs at home without having medical treatment. The Millennium Development Goal for child survival cannot be reached without substantial decreases in infection-specific neonatal death. While demonstrating the problems of neonatal infections in developing countries and deliberate the need for community-based management methods to increase survival from neonatal infections in these states. About 99% of them are projected about 4 million yearly neonatal mortality happen in developing countries. However, post neonatal death rates have dropped considerably, in great part because of proper child survival managements, mortality in the neonatal phase have been skipped as a worldwide health apprehension and account about 40% of total mortalities in children. Despite the current efforts, much more desires to be completed to reduce neonatal mortality rates from level 40 to 60 per 1000 newborns, and to get the Millennium Development Goal for child survival. However, the defined cause of neonatal mortality in developing states is hard to determine, estimations recommends that infections, including sepsis, pneumonia, tetanus, and diarrhea, are the most common root causes. Many factors involved in such high occurrence of infections and resulting mortality. These contains rapid causes such as "absence of antenatal care, poorly supervision of home deliveries, unhygienic and dangerous delivery practices and cord care, prematurity, low weight" at the time of birth, unexclusively breast-feeding, and interruptions in determining the structural, logistic, or financial constraints, also lead to increase the rates of infection and infection related deaths. Moreover, extensive inequities exist in health facility provision; like the lowest coverage rates of known active maternal and child interferences exist within the lowest income groups.

"Neonatal death rate is increasingly documented as a significant worldwide "public health challenge" essentially lectured to decrease children death strength differences among developed and undeveloped countries. Mostly overall projected "4 million neonatal" mortality rate recorded yearly & happen in a less income groups. The three main problems like: natal asphyxia, infections & issues related to early birth rate are accountable for most of these mortalities. Additionally, one-third are assessed to cause serious infections, are incommoded due to "scientific syndrome of neonatal sepsis/pneumonia". The circumstance of human death rate for newborn infections are still increasing between hospital births and in the communities as well. Commonly, the identification & dealing of children with infection are inacceptable in numerous underdeveloped country settings. Since poor neonates exist by "nonspecific symptoms", the scientific analysis of "neonatal sepsis" is problematic in most complicated settings."

"Several issues increased the deaths owing to cause infections; containing under-identification of sickness, lack of maintenance in quest of at the domestics & absence of access to both "suitably taught health facilitators and to high quality facilities to manage sepsis". If facilities are still available, the rate of clinical handling is out of the reach of many peoples. Specifically, distressing that many newborn mortalities happen in the communities, deprived of infant having affiliation among proper health services. In new era, privileged in all over the creation dedicated themselves to by work together to achieve "Eight Millennium Development Goals" regarding "poverty reduction, educational opportunities, environmental sustainability, gender equality and improved health services". Deprived of revealing the root sources of newborn deaths & emerging enhanced policies intended for inhibition, diagnosis, and proper treatment, it may be difficult for achieving "Millennium Development Goal" to decrease newborn deaths by 2/3 in between "1990 & 2015". In the earlier few years, actions were taken to spread responsiveness about the causes of newborn issues to total newborn deaths where to encourage approaches to decrease death by the national levels. The 16-conformation grounded, and cost-effective interventions were recognized to decrease newborn death, throughout the awareness sessions, pre-birth, intrapartum, and postpartum periods are amongst of

community-based instance organization of pneumonia. Overall indication for efficacy of community-based change aimed at proper organization of newborn sepsis is not as much of accepted. By the aim of this addition is to assess existing indication on the load of "illness, etiology, antimicrobial resistance, and effective solutions" for managing newborn sepsis at the community level. The initial credentials in this addition caused from a complete evaluation of the works on newborn sepsis custom-built by the "Department of Child" and "Adolescent Health and Development", World Health Organization (WHO). Thaver and Zaidi in 2009 identifies the results from a reviewed of "community-based" research from developed countries to guess the rates of infections and infection-specific deaths. It is cleared from this review that the collected data from developing countries are conserved in both "quality and quantity". Zaidi et. al., 2009 gone through the data related to pathogens related with newborn sepsis in developing states. "Community-based" information are entirely missing for the initial newborn period (i.e., infants in the first week of birth). Maximum circulated information is after hospitals where "Klebsiella species", "Escherichia coli", and "Staphylococcus aureus" are the utmost shared reasons of contagion. Antimicrobial of newborn pathogens are described in other studies by all these authors show interest near the emergent confrontation of Klebsiella and Escherichia coli to frequently used antibiotics. Though the "community-based" information were uncommon, lower antimicrobial resistance levels in the community are reassuring. In studies the situation organization methods for newborn sepsis in the community settings of short supply countries. Even with limits, of these methods grip commitments for decreasing newborn deaths in such surroundings. In 2 papers, Darmstadt et. al.,2012 demonstrates available information on usage of uttered and injectable antibiotics for managing the newborn sepsis. They show rewards and drawbacks of different antibiotics and analyses some effective choices for shortened antibiotic routines for the management of newborn sepsis. Eventually, Bahl et. al., 2011 with exploitation to the "Child and Nutrition Research Initiative" (CHNRI) methodology for recognizing main parts for newborn sepsis, described that the managing of the newborn infections in community settings is recognized an important area. However, most of the important areas are related to policy research and health systems maybe due to partial advancement in decreasing newborn death."

There is not at all further possibility to oversee the significant involvement of newborn mortality to newborn existence world widely. "The decrease in newborn death is due to infections, we necessity devises an appropriate instance for allocation funds to prolonged investigation operations & research for additional "diagnosis, etiology, and active management" of newborn sepsis for all stages of the health system, specifically at community settings. Strong information is required to make strategy conclusions that are effective in decreasing newborn death. Domestic & worldwide contributors must be persuaded for making funds for examine and development to enhanced health facility providence at all levels." The obtainable outcomes in this addition deliver a good basis for starting this procedure.

#### NEONATAL DIARRHEA IN PAKISTAN

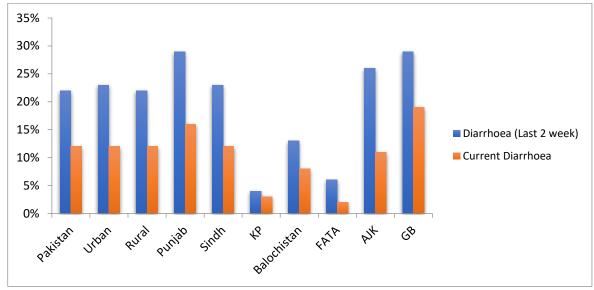
Diarrhea is considered as the most important source of death among children's less than 5 years in all over the region. A current statement predicted around 2 million children die every year due to "diarrhea" infection, where more than half of the occurrences are aggravated by under nutrition (37). However young children have less incidents of diarrhea every year than grown-up children, they rapidly produce dehydration and have greater rates of death results than more than 5 years children; diarrhea remains a primary cause of death in non-breast-fed newborn (38).

Pakistan is a participant for decades in declaration which obligates it to attain the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) by 2015. These goals make a strong commitment among world leaders to act towards eliminating "hunger, poverty, illiteracy, disease, discrimination against women and environmental degradation". Health makes a vital component of in making goals as out of the eight main issues. MDGs, three are related to health. Studies show that most of the developing states would not achieve the MDG targets without having strong and effective policy initiatives and expenditure of other resources.

"Numbers of children under 5years has become the victim of diarrhea. It has killed around 1600 children's less than five years of time each day in 2012. It's mainly caused among child mortality; counts for almost 9% of mortality worldwide with an enormous figure:02 of 580,000 deaths in 2012 merely." Diarrhea usually reasons nutritional issues and breaks up dehydration so creating risks of inadequate nutrition and non-intestinal infections. Because of this alarming threat to child health, the MDG 4 needs that occurrence of diarrhea in children under five years be decreased to less than 10%, about 53,000 children die of diarrhea infection every year In Pakistan, constitute 30% of the present mortality.

According to the above given table, the present widespread of diarrhea is at its peak in Gilgit Baltistan followed by Sindh and Punjab. The complete percentages in urban and rural areas at 12% which indicates that if immunization programs invariably unhindered, Pakistan can reach its target of 10% as per the MDG's. widespread of diarrhea in developing states like Pakistan can be partial by the wide application

of previous changes such as hand washing with soap, breastfeeding and improved household water filtration and sanitation.



**Fig.2.** Prospective of neonatal diarrhea in Pakistan. This Figure is taken from ("http://www.sparcpk.org/2015/History. html# history")

# Causes of Infant Mortality in Pakistan

In 2010, 347000 children deceased in Pakistan, the infant death rate being 69 out of thousand live births in the country. The condition is so serious that needs a special attention. There are fewer driving causes of children mortality, which may be restricted by adopting protective methods. The causes are given in below chart:

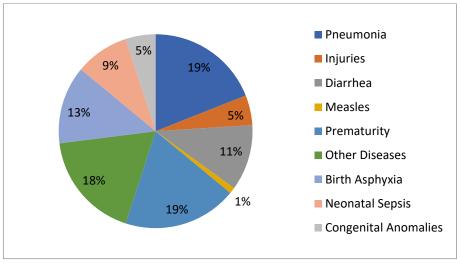


Fig: 3. Causes of infant mortality (2010). Figure is taken from <a href="http://www.healthierpakistan.com/causes-of-infant-mortality-in-pakistan/">http://www.healthierpakistan.com/causes-of-infant-mortality-in-pakistan/</a>

#### Lahore

Pakistan is one of the regions that has the highest newborn and child mortality rate due to the most general and dangerous delivery practices, most of these practices occurs in the most backward areas. However newborn less than of 1 month and child death rate has dropped world widely in 20 years, it still exists in Pakistan as the health management is less affiliated with having no proper attention to demonstrate the crucial issues. Under five years mortality has fallen worldwide by approximately 50 percent, from 90 death cases from total 1000 newborn in 90s, where 48 out of 1000 in 2012, because of intervention in management that brought appropriate steps regarding maternal and child health care. Pakistan accounts for 89 out of 1000 deaths among children under 5 years where 2/3 of these happen in newborn period (55 out of 1000 living fetus) and 74% of whole mortality occur after one week of birth. The situation is progressively improved in the other states except Pakistan as health specialists applying change that helped in decreasing death ratio. The situation of deaths under 5 years is 61 out of 1000 live births in India and 48/1000 in Nepal. In Bangladesh, under-5 death rate is 46/1000 live births while in Sri Lanka it is 12/1000. Experts revealed that the progressed nations specifically concentrate on advance health care services that leads invariable

decrease in mortality. According to experts, the traditional ways are being applied mostly in backward areas that consequently increasing under five years death ratio. "Mothers and newborn child are because of preventable illnesses. People at management matters are least concerned to take action regarding achievable interventions such as improvement in immunization and childcare at the time of birth to save health and lives of mothers and newborns both", said a specialist. According to latest survey, that most of deaths occur due are sepsis and asphyxiation. Baby's umbilical cord can cause bacterial infection in body, which may cause cord infection and possibly victimize the lives. Many of deaths in low quality resource can be caused due to infection and can lead greater death ratio. As half of total births occur at homes and about 72 percent of these practices take place by relatives with following traditional ways, insecure and unhealthy practices are being applied in most of the births in Pakistan. These delivery practices comprise of using insecure tools for parting umbilical cord, applying dangerous substances on the baby's umbilical cord such as ashes, confection surma, oil/ghee and cow dung. Experts in Pakistan has demonstrated about these dangerous practices that increase deaths in Pakistan. The root causes behind high mortality are because poor treatment of mother's health, insufficient quality services for child health, and dangerous home treatments, like parting the child colostrum, using impure materials to treat umbilical end roots and lack of proper management to keep babies warm.

#### Islamabad

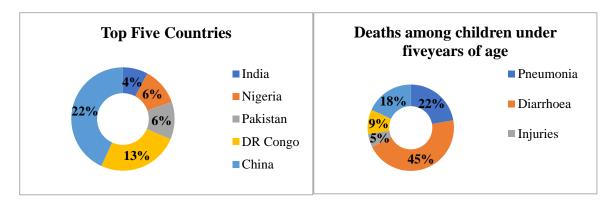
Pakistan is including in the fifth country that report for 50% of the "global deaths" within children less than five years. The complete load of deaths under five has declined "decreased from 12 million in 1990 and further 6.6 million in 2012 approximately", although, "Pakistan is on 26 in rank for under-five death in the globe with 86 out of 1,000 live births, a newborn death rate of 42, and child mortality rate of 69". Pakistan is of those countries where "50 percent of total mortality is due to diarrhea or pneumonia".

"There are almost 20 high-mortality countries where "40% of under-five deaths" take place in the newborn retro, and additionally than 4 in 10 of total newborn expiries in the world occur merely in three countries such as "India, Pakistan and Nigeria".

Similarly, in 2012, about 51 million children under five are skinny, currently around 80 percent of skinny children are found in South Asia.

Result shows that to reach at the goal around 2015, added 3.5 million children are needed to be protected amid in 2013-2015. Termination of such issues indicates that the serious problems lie in completion international goals.

1/3 of these lives must be protected merely in two regions: Nigeria and democratic republic of Congo followed by India and Pakistan, respectively.

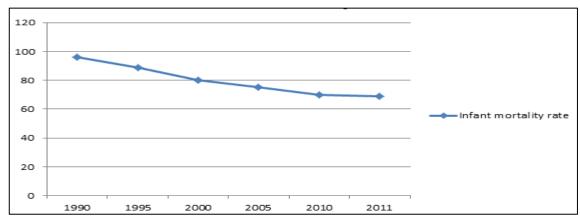


**Fig. 4.** Summary of Top five countries in which Pakistan is one of those countries where more than 50% of deaths occur due diarrheal infections. Figure is taken from DESIGN: MUNIR ABBAS

# Infant Mortality Rate in Pakistan

Child death tempo is the percentage of mortality rate under 1 year of age in a specific year to the total deaths in that specific year, mostly reported as a rate per 1000 births of living child. It's an important state of position in the fact that it is a pointer of health position of not only infants but also all population & socioeconomic situations. It is an active stimulator of availability, usages & efficiency of health care, perinatal care in particular.

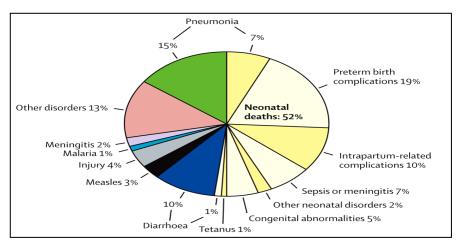
According to Economic Survey of Pakistan 2011-12 that the Present child death rate is 69/1000 live births.



**Fig. 5.** Infant mortality rate in Pakistan. Figure is taken from (<a href="http://www.healthierpakistan.com/infant-mortality-rate-in-pakistan/">http://www.healthierpakistan.com/infant-mortality-rate-in-pakistan/</a>)

## NEONATAL DIARRHEA IN SOUTH ASIA

Infant health is very essential for growth and good health of a baby. However, child death in affected regions like south Asia has declined considerably in last 10 years, ratio of infant mortality remains on its peak. With the reference to a source that, about 60 percent of total mortality and load of 68 percent over the world of perinatal deaths happen in Asian regions (39). In addition, though 70 percent of deaths happen in initial days of life legislatures and health specialists in progressing states, years ago, abandoned neonatal health care. Inversely, this group of authors keep on spreading the importance child health care, needs no costly technological tools: revival, heat to get rid of hypothermia, hygiene, urgently breastfeeding, care of mother and child relationship, and quick actions for sick and low weight babies.



**Fig. 6.** "Global, regional and national causes of child mortality: an updated systematic analysis for 2010 with time trends since 2000". Figure is taken from "(http://www.thelancet.com/pdfs/journals/lancet/PIIS0140-6736(12)60560-1.pdf)"

Newborn care has always been given less attention. however, over the past two and half decades, childcare programs have led in decreasing the mortality rate under 5 years children, most importantly in decreasing mortality due to illnesses that negatively huts newborn and child of 1 or more than one year. Consequently, most of child mortality happen within a month after birth, Uncertainty of mortality rate is greater with compare to other time after birth. Distinctively under 5 year's death rate declines in neonatal mortality reported not as much of in the progressing states (40). The ratio of child death rate has declined in all over the world from 95/1,000 births of living child in 1993 to 60/1000 living births of child in 1995 (41). The achievement of decreasing infant death of countries in south Asia been alarmingly less even with improving child and infant mortality rate in 20 years.

The Table II indicates neonatal health status for south Asian countries. it might be noticed in the given table about infant and child death rates which are greater in Asian region like Pakistan (51 & 68 to 81), with adding Bangladesh (50-57). The problems regarding neonatal health protection need proper observations in south Asian regions.

Table. II. Newborn health status for countries in South Asia 2000

Countries	Neonatal mortality rate	Infant mortality rate	Child mortality rate	Under-five mortality rate	Perinatal mortality rate
Bangladesh	50	80	33	110	57
Bhutan					
India	47	74			44
Maldives					
Nepal	39	61-64			57
Pakistan	51	91	30	117	68-81
Sri Lanka	13	15			

"Source: NIPORT et al. 2001, Save the Children 2001, save the children 2002, Costello and Dharma 2000."

It is gradually obvious about some extra influence over child mortality, accomplishment internationally recognized goals and practice to make the globe clean for suffering children and targets of UNICEF MTSP as well. It's not to be understood until newborn death ratio is fictionally decreased. Excluding of its inherited oddities, child death rate is very flexible to be decreased by proper involvements. Global agreements have recognize world duties to implement quality health services and international evaluations assured that acting upon brings decency in a sense of economic and social development merely in past one decade have the health issues of infants in progressing states stimulated the attention of governments and stakeholder worldwide, up to now the issues regarding neonatal babies still being ignored and improvements to decrease newborn deaths that are given priority and proper investment. Culturally associated to higher newborn deaths and lack of awareness about early deaths are the causes for such carelessness. Furthermore, extensive misunderstandings about the costly and the need of advance technology tools for newborn health are one of the best concerns. Most of death cases can be dropped by effective solutions that are not interdependent with trained facilitators and advance instruments. well nourishment and cleanliness are the responses in several issues, where the other problems can be terminated by utilizing medicines and proper vaccinations to overcome infectious diseases with having trained and well equipped management before and after delivery with information's and willingness to treat related problems, by warming the baby and cleanliness of umbilical cord of baby, with improved early breastfeeding and proper family planning applies and accepting rules for cost effectiveness for child protections is placed "French obstetrician pierre Budin, 1907". This appreciable work "The Nursing", mentioned in the above Table2 and with keeping the health of mother during delivery and most of incidence can be avoided before it occurs.

There are some standard ways to decrease child deaths that have confirmed to be doable and inexpensive containing with detained toxoid, quality health treatment before and after delivery and immediate breastfeeding. Consequently, improving infant health protection is not merely a making of new solutions to the past issues, but the issue of implementation, retro flexing with increasing to the confirmed clarifications via given structure. Comparing with the actual issue is to spread the information about effective child health care and "what works" to needy one, specifically for mothers, facilitators, and care providers and to accommodate crucial child health services within the mother childcare operations. There is shortage of analytical documentation for proved evidence on "what works" for the improvement of child health. Which is broader to improve neonatal well-being and the circulation to child-mother healthcare program administrators. For the identification of the capabilities, the "Regional office of UNICEF" in south Asia desires to investigate the proper documentation and to share experience related to child health programs in south Asia especially to mother and childcare program administrators.

#### RISK FACTORS FOR DISEASE AND DEATH

Majority of south Asians are reported at higher risk of rising epidemical diseases and expiring due to life taking diseases than people in developed countries. The root causes behind this issue are poverty and its related problems of polluted living styles, famine, ignorance, and lack of clean water, toilet facilities, and quality health care services.

In South Asian families, deprived of nutrition and lacks in micronutrients (vitamin A and zinc) are leading risk factors for death caused by infectious diseases. 50% of children in South Asia are stunted or underweight, and undernourishment leads to an estimated 55% of total deaths in children (41).

# FUTURE PROSPECTS FOR THE COMPREHENSION OF ESCHERICHIA COLI

Information about the "pathogenic mechanisms" of "Escherichia coli pathotypes" has brought the progress of

balanced intercession for the management & avoidance of *Escherichia coli* originated ailments. Physiologically, *Escherichia coli* is flexible and well modified to its typical surroundings. *E. coli* can be responsive to ecological signs such as temperature, pH, chemicals, osmolarity and other inducements, are several effective conducts considerable single celled organism. On account of its natural surrounding and ability in subvert, besiege and/or circumvent the immune defenses, the survival of such bacteria is preventive in nature. The possession of different harmful qualities, the invariable exchange of genetic features and the appearance of harmful genes generally controlled by environmental factors possibly will expose various strategies exchanged by *Escherichia coli* strains. Constant research studies and survey keen on *Escherichia coli* infections are delivering us by means of beneficial visions into roots & development of this adaptable "bacterial pathogen."

# **CONCLUSION AND FUTURE PERSPECTIVE**

After reviewing the study, we have comprehended the pathogenic strains of *Escherichia coli* found in newborn babies which remains an alarming issue in developing countries responsible for originating morbidity, also the death of child not merely in developed countries but in developing countries. Pathogenic *Escherichia coli* contains several types, which results intestinal infections and those, which induce extra intestinal infections. Various strains of *Escherichia coli* have cultivated the capability to create diarrhea and extra intestinal infections in newborn babies. Pakistan is also one of the participants of the Millennium affirmation to act upon pathogenic strains of *Escherichia coli* which is resulting diarrhea in infants. Ratio of under 5years children has suffered from diarrhea. Around 1600 children under five years have been killed due to Diarrheal infections in 2012. With the aim to reach the internationally recognized goals for decreasing the mortality rate of under five years by 2/3 in 2015. Diarrheal infection in newborn is reported for only 4 weeks of life in newborn and remains, taking 40% of total mortality in under five years children. After reviewing the entire issue, it is recommended that there should be a proper vaccine prepared in Pakistan to overcome on this *Extraintestinal Escherichia coli or* Diarrheagenic *Escherichia coli* which is a life-threatening issue for newly born babies in Pakistan.

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# **Abbreviations**

UTI: Urinary tract infection, EIEC: Enteroinvasive *Escherichia coli*, ETEC: Enterotoxigenic *Escherichia coli*, EPEC: Enteropathogenic *Escherichia coli*, EHEC or VTEC: Enterohaemorrhagic or verotoxin-producing *Escherichia coli*, EAggEC: Enteroaggregative *Escherichia coli*, EAEC: Enteroadhesive *Escherichia coli*, ExPEC: Extra intestinal pathogenic *Escherichia coli*, DEC: diarrheagenic *Escherichia coli*, MDR: multidrug-resistant, ST: sequence type, ESBL: extended-spectrum β-lactamase, LEE: locus of enterocyte effacement, Pet: plasmid encoded toxin, CHNRI: Child and Nutrition Research Initiative, MDGs: Millennium Development Goals.

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