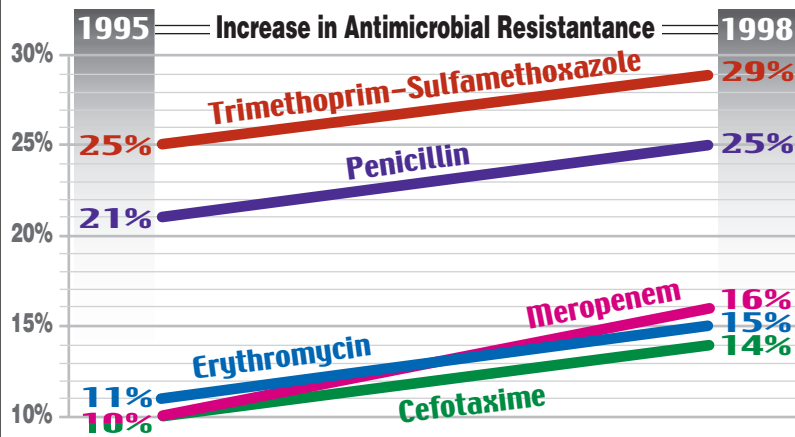


Bacteria Becoming More Drug-Resistant

The growing resistance of bacteria to modern drugs has long been a concern. A recent study details the increased resistance of *streptococcus pneumoniae* to antimicrobials from 1995 to 1998:



SOURCE: Whitney CG, et al. Increasing prevalence of multidrug-resistant *streptococcus pneumoniae* in the United States. *N Engl J Med* 2000;343:1917-24.