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https://media.hhmi.org/biointeractive/click/modeling-disease-spread/introduction.html

















What is epidemiology ?

- « Epidemiology is a reasoning and a method specific to perform objective work in medicine and in other health sciences, applied to the description of health phenomena, to the explanation of their etiology, and to the research of methods of most effective intervention » (Milos Jenicek)
- Study of links between the diseases and some factors that may have an influence on their frequency, their distribution, their evolution
- Descriptive, Analytical, Evaluative, Theoretical, Modeling



 It is the indirect study of epidemics by the phenotypic, genotypic, genomic characterization of the diversity of populations of pathogens, and through the study of the dynamics of spatiotemporal distribution of their genotypes or phenotypes or genomes, and their variability, as characterized by the most effective methods, in association with the characteristics of the patients (demographic, medical, genetic, anthropological, geographic, social, etc.) (C. Sola)

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Other definition (broader)

• "The application of molecular biology to the answering of epidemiological questions. The examination of patterns of changes in DNA to implicate particular carcinogens and the use of molecular markers to predict which individuals are at highest risk for a disease are common examples"

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Taxon (OTU), Speciation, molecular evolution species definition in microbiology...

- Speciation = the evolutionary process by which new living species emerge
- **Taxon**= conceptual entity which is supposed to group together all living organisms having in common certain well-defined taxonomic or diagnostic characters
- **Molecular Evolution** : evolution of genetic material via its own mechanisms which are at the origin of the creation of genetic novelties



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Phenetic/Genetic/Genomic Methods

Enzymatic/Protein Polymorphism

visitematics. Selander RK, Caugant DA, Ochman H, Musser JM, Gilmour MN, Whittam TS, 1986

Biochemistry (biotyping) Resistance to antibiotics (antibiogram/DST) Antibody-based (serotyping) Resistance to phages (lysotyping)

Genetic Polymorphism

Repeated Sequences (IS, VNTR-MLVA, CRISPR) MLST scheme (multi-locus sequence typing) WGS/NGS, SNPs analysis, and Metagenomics



How to choose one method -2 ?

- Typability, Reproducibility, Discriminatory power (>0,95) Index of Hunter & Gaston- (J Clin. Microbiol. 1988)
- Economical and practical criteria Exemple = MLVA or Spoligotyping ?
- · Others
 - Versatility, Rapidity, Accessibility, Facility of use, level of expertises, downstream expertise needed, etc...



Performance Criteria

Discriminatory Power= ability to differentiate between isolates

Comparison between different methods.

Number of types/ number of tested isolates Discriminatory Index= probability that the method will assign to different types to two idependent isolates

$$D = 1 - \frac{1}{N(N-1)} \sum_{j=1}^{N} a_{j}$$

a_j = nombre d'isolats qui sont du même type que l'isolat j

Indice de diversité de Simpson (écologie des populations) repris par Hunter et Gaston pour la caractérisation des méthodes de typage en épidémiologie.

Numerical or analogical Typing?

Analogic

- Bands analysis, variations of migration, physical variation (temp, buffer, agarose, etc...)
- Numerical
- Generation of figures
- Necessity of coding : information can be raw or interpreted
- Standardization
- SNPs

Some *historical* ancient methods

- PFGE= pulse-field gel electrophoresis Staphylococcus
- REA= restriction Enzyme Analysis
- **RFLP**= Restriction Fragment Length Polymorphism IS901-RFLP = Mycobacterium avium and paratuberculosis IS6110-RFLP : Mycobacterium tuberculosis

MLST= Multi-Locus sequence Typing (detect alleles in 7 house keeping genes)







































































































