



Enhancing Infectious Disease Data Integration and management through OMOP-CDM in South Korea

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Background

- The Platform for Harmonizing and Accessing Data in Real-time on Infectious Disease Surveillance (PHAROS) was initiated to address challenges in data integration and management.
- PHAROS focuses on developing an integrated infectious disease data management system based on the OMOP-CDM in Korea, with the goal of enhancing real-time clinical information collection and improving treatment and disease management strategies.
- To support this, data encompassing microbial test results, infectious disease consultation notes, vaccination-related information, emergency room data, and legal infectious disease reports, were utilized, aimed at improving accessibility and ensuring clear representation of information.
- The codes within infectious disease consultation notes, vaccination-related information, emergency room data, and legal infectious disease reports are newly mapped and integrated as CDM records.
- Moreover, to address challenge of identifying detailed culture information, we developed new Extract Transform Load (ETL) method that suits to specifically store data drawn from specimen culture.
- While this model maintains the relationship between microbial tests and drug resistance, it captures various aspects of culture information without requiring additional data tables, thus improving the comprehensiveness and utility of information from specimen culture.

Methods

- In this study, OMOP-CDM was utilized to include infection-related clinical data. We used CDM version 5.4 without any additional columns. Infectious disease department consultation notes are integrated into the CDM's Note domain using specific concept ids, with consultation request recorded in the observation table.
- Additionally, vaccination-related reports are thoroughly documented in the drug domain, with dose information recorded in the observation table for detailed tracking.
- Primary symptom information from the National Emergency Department Information System (NEDIS) system is integrated by mapping chief complaints to SNOMED-CT and inserting them into the condition table or the observation table if no suitable mapping exists.
- We also utilized patient travel history from legal communicable disease reports. Particularly, Microbial test results were stored across three tables: specimens were stored in the specimen table, cultured microorganisms and antibiotic susceptibility results were stored in the measurement table, and the type of microorganism identified were stored in the observation table.
- These tables were designed to be linked using connection keys, facilitating the proper extraction of necessary data for various purposes.

Conclusions

- This study addresses infectious disease data integration challenges using the OMOP-CDM framework, standardizing clinical data for better accessibility and comprehensiveness. The new ETL method stores detailed culture information without extra tables, preserving key relationships between microbial tests and drug resistance. This approach may enhance research, supports rapid outbreak response, and improves disease management

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Results

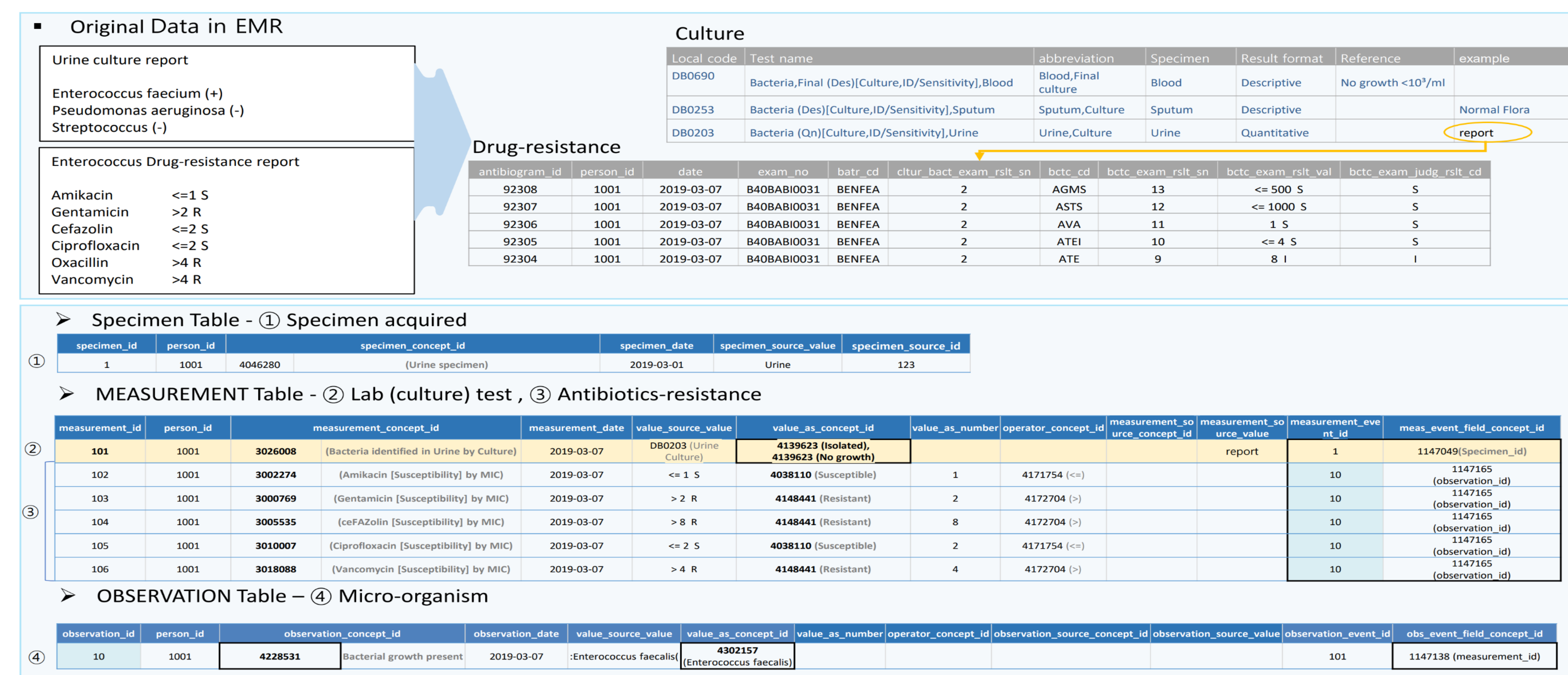


Figure 1. Culture Modeling Table Schema

Type	Number of Patients	Number of Data	Detailed Data Items
Person	239,310	239,310	De-identified ID, gender, birthdate, etc.
Visit Occurrence	239,108	5,928,625	Visit start/end time, visit type (outpatient, inpatient, etc.)
Condition Occurrence	238,859	84,261,109	Diagnosis code, diagnosis date
Drug Exposure	238,769	9,565,547	Drug code, prescription date, drug quantity, etc.
Procedure	238,707	159,246,096	Procedure code, procedure date
Measurement	227,579	58,070,197	Measurement code, result, unit (continuous, categorical, text, etc.)
Device	224,278	9,867,621	Medical device code, order date, amount
Death	222,246	14,820,106	Death date, cause of death
Observation	201,959	78,984,878	Other clinical information, observation date
Specimen	6,211	6,211	Specimen code, collection date, quantity, unit

Table 1. Converted Data Summary in Ajou University Hospital

- A total of 560 codes for infection types, testing procedures, antimicrobial sensitivity, and travel history were mapped. Additionally, the National Emergency Department Information System (NEDIS) was mapped to include 1,114 codes for major symptoms and issues.
- A total of 2,226 codes were mapped for legal infectious diseases. Furthermore, how infection-specific data such as microbial tests and antibiotic susceptibility results are stored in the CDM is illustrated in Figure 1.
- The information for specimen acquisition is recorded in the specimen table with the corresponding specimen concept ID (①).
- The results of laboratory (culture) tests are documented in the measurement table in "value_as_concept_id," indicating the existence of microorganisms by "isolated" or "no growth" (4139623) and linked to the specimen table through the "measurement_event_id" and "meas_event_field_concept_id" to trace the source (②).
- Additionally, antibiotic susceptibility data (③) is loaded into the measurement table. The differentiation from laboratory (culture) tests is achieved by using "meas_event_field_concept_id" with the related field as "observation_id".
- Lastly, the type of identified microorganism is recorded in the observation table (④), with the presence identified by observation_concept_id, and the name of the microorganism designated in "value_as_concept_id". This data is linked through the field "observation_id" matched with "measurement_event_id" in the measurement table.