

# IMPACT OF THE PROGRAMME FOR OPTIMISING THE USE OF ANTIBIOTICS AFTER PIPERACILIN/TAZOBACTAM'S SHORTAGE

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## Background

Piperacillin/tazobactam (PT) is a combination of broad-spectrum antibiotics. PT is frequently used as an empirical treatment in moderate and severe infections of different origin. PT is mainly used to cover polymicrobial flora with the participation of *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* and other resistant Gram negative bacilli. Recently, PT's shortage has obliged to carry out different actions by the Program for Optimizing the use of Antibiotics (PROA).

## Objective

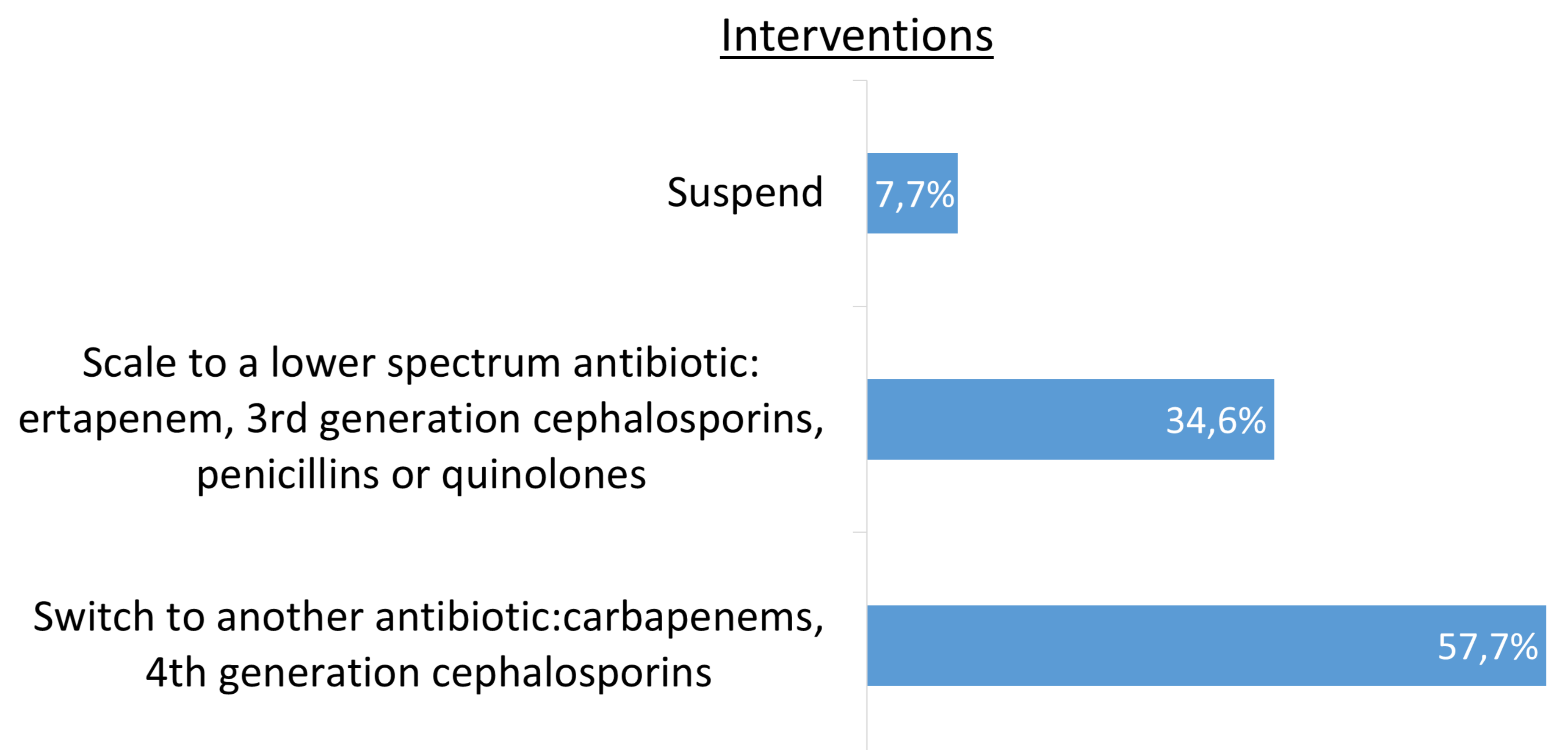
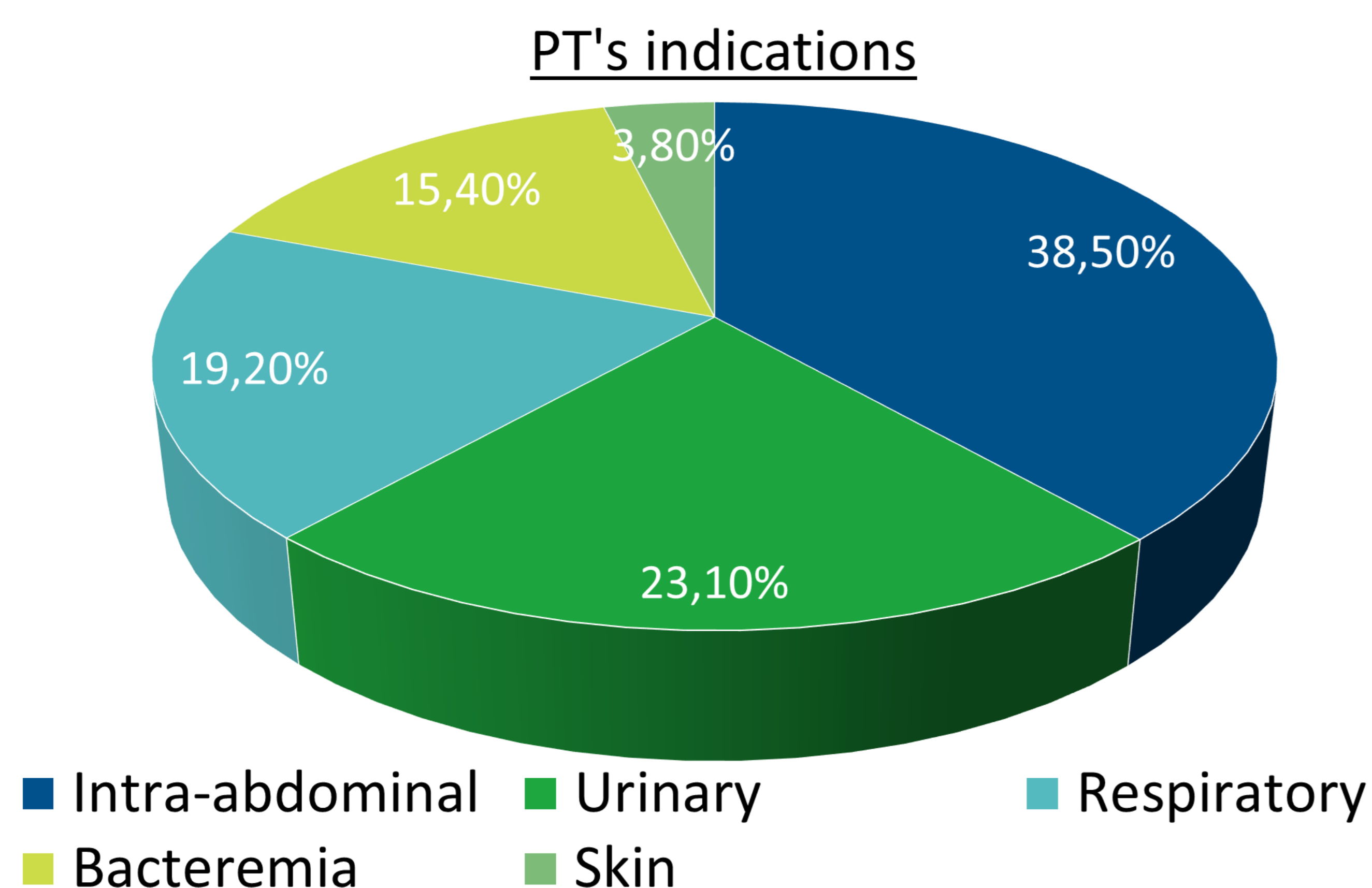
To describe the actions carried out by the PROA and to analyse the impact they have had on the PT shortage.

## Material and methods

- Retrospective descriptive study carried out between July and August 2017 in a hospital.
- Emails were sent with the recommendations of the Spanish Agency of Medicines and Sanitary Products to the doctors reporting on shortage of PT.
- PROA made recommendations on the current prescriptions.
- Data collected: type of infection, empirical/directed prescription, recommendation, acceptance of interventions, cost of treatment.

## Results

361 prescriptions reviewed → 44 PT's prescriptions → 26 interventions



✓ Recommendations' acceptance: 84.6% (n=22)

Cost per patient/day increased from 9.99€ to 18.74€ at the expense of a patient who was prescribed ceftolozano/tazobactam.

## Conclusion

Acceptance of the PROA's recommendations was elevated. PT's shortage involved an increase in cost per patient/day. PROA allowed to implement actions of improvement in the use of antibiotics, becoming more relevant in periods of shortage.

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