# One Health: Its impact on biosecurity procedures

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"Between animal and human medicine there is no dividing line – nor should there be. The object is different but the experience obtained constitutes the basis of all medicine."

#### RUDOLF VIRCHOW (1821-1902)

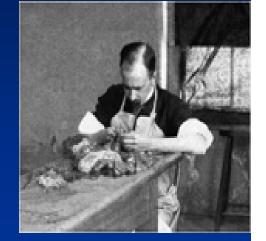




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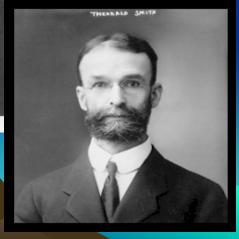
- William Osler A Canadian physician
- Daniel Salmon
- Theobald Smith
- Leaders in public health





DANIEL ELMER SALMON, D.V.M. (1850-1914)





#### What is "One – Medicine/Health"?

 Many definitions and interpretations of this concept have been generated and/or used in the last few years.





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## Biosecurity and One Health!! WHAT IS THE LINK?



## Biosecurity: A new look at an old concept



#### **Current Perspective**

- A few years ago use of the term 'biosecurity' was uncommon other than in a few select circles.
- Recent events have brought attention to the concepts of biosecurity
  - BSE
  - FMD in the UK
  - -SAR
  - 9/11



#### **Important Definitions**

- Biosecurity
  - The result of disease agent's exclusion activities
  - -Often at the perimeter
  - -Not just a quarantine or isolation
  - Not limited to infectious agents (also potential toxicants)



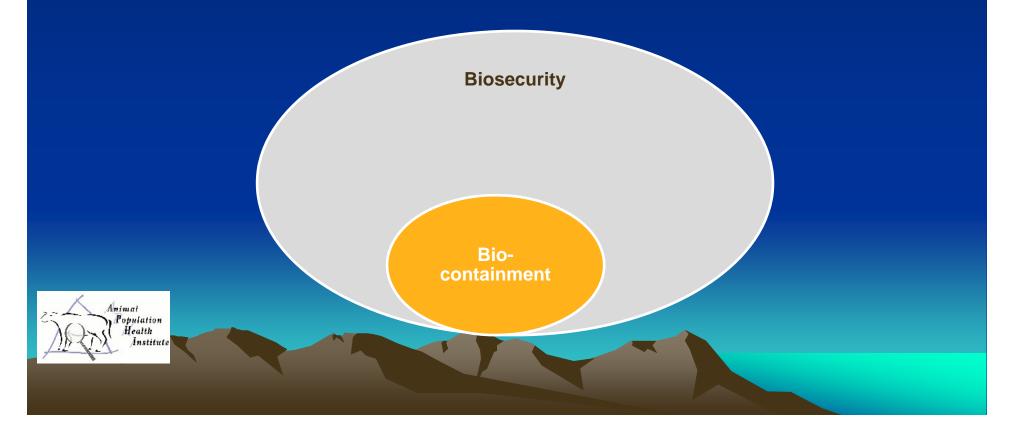
#### **Important Definitions**

#### Bio-containment

- Pertains to microbiology laboratories in which the physical containment of highly pathogenic organisms is required;
- Usually by isolation in environmentally and biologically secure cabinets or rooms;
- Prevent accidental infection of workers or release into the surrounding community during scientific research.



### All bio-containment measures are part of Biosecurity



#### **Important Definitions**

- Infection Control Strategies
  - Actions to achieve biosecurity
  - Relies on understanding of the epidemiology of the agent
    - Agent characteristics
    - Disease transmission
    - Incubation period
    - Host shedding
    - Susceptible species



#### **Principles of Infection Control**



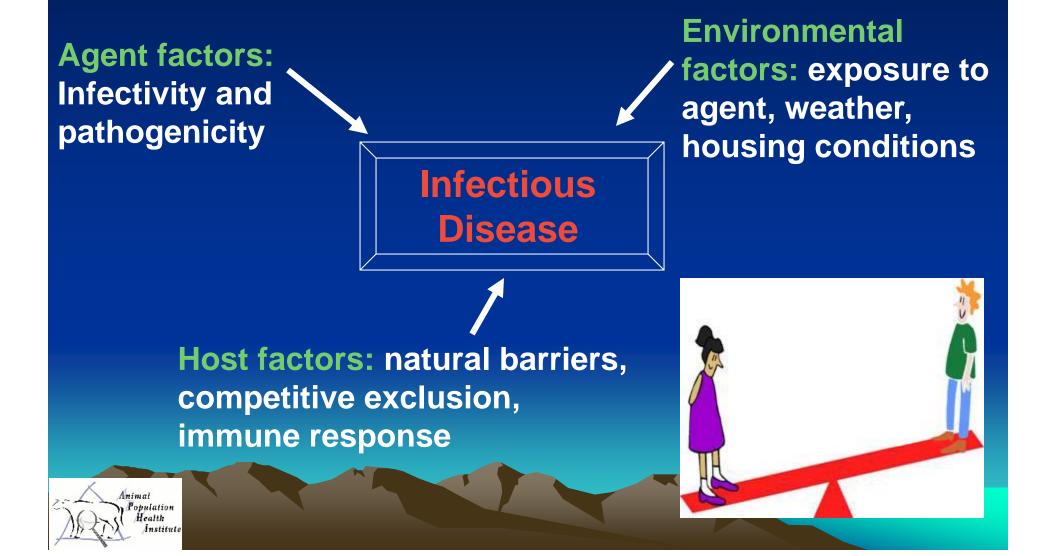
Animal Population Big Picture

Minimize exposure
Optimize resistance

Not new concepts

But not necessarily used

#### **Triad of Infectious Disease**



#### **Biosecurity Plan**

- Assess public concerns = risk perception
- Assess environment and management practices =risk assessment
- Target management = risk management
- Provide education and awareness = risk communication
- Monitor!!



#### One Health-- Concepts

- Consider the big picture;
- Integrate several disciplines in the approach;
- Focus on source of the problem preventive measures;
- Maintain the principles of exclusion of the agent from the environment.



#### Global Health Issues and Biosecurity

- SAR
- Anthrax
- H5N1
- H1N1



#### Avian Influenza



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### How can Biosecurity contribute to One Health?

- Biosecurity should be a component of the One Health approach;
- Biosecurity would require multi-disciplinary approaches that engage professions within the One Health spirit;
- One Health term should be used as a way to promote preventive measures of diseases and NOT as another way for treatment.



## How can Biosecurity contribute to One Health?

- Emphasis should be on preventive measures and less on treatment;
- Global health should be the focus but local action should be implemented.



#### Conclusions

- One Health should attempt as much as possible to integrate other related disciplines in their approaches for the wellbeing of humans and animals including preventive measures of animal diseases.
- Education in veterinary and human medicine should integrate the principles of preventive medicine with emphasis on the importance of biosecurity.



#### Conclusions

- Both the medical and veterinary professions should emphasize preventive measures and place less emphasis on treatment.
- This new emphasis would require integration and synthesis of measures and other actions to reduce the disease impact in both animal and human populations.
- There is a need to join forces to combat adverse health events in society.

