

out of the 60 CNS strains derived from the younger group (68.3%) and 21 strains out of the 40 CNS strains derived from the older group (52.5%) were identified as *Staphylococcus epidermidis*. Species of CNS strains other than *S. epidermidis* originating from both group were also studied and the differences are discussed.

The susceptibility of the isolated strains to 10 antibiotics was measured by the agar plate dilution method. It was clearly shown that all the CNS strains were more susceptible to 4 antibiotics, namely penicillin G, Ampicillin, Novobiocin, and Tetracycline. Also, the CNS strains other than *S. epidermidis* which were isolated from the younger group were found to be more susceptible to these 4 antibiotics when compared with the older group. Susceptibilities of 6 cepheids that are Cephalothin, Cephradine, Cefazolin, Cephalexin, Cephadrine and Cefuroxime to those two groups of strains showed no significant difference between two ages.

Susceptibilities of *S. epidermidis* derived from two different ages were almost same with all of the 10 antibiotics tested.

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