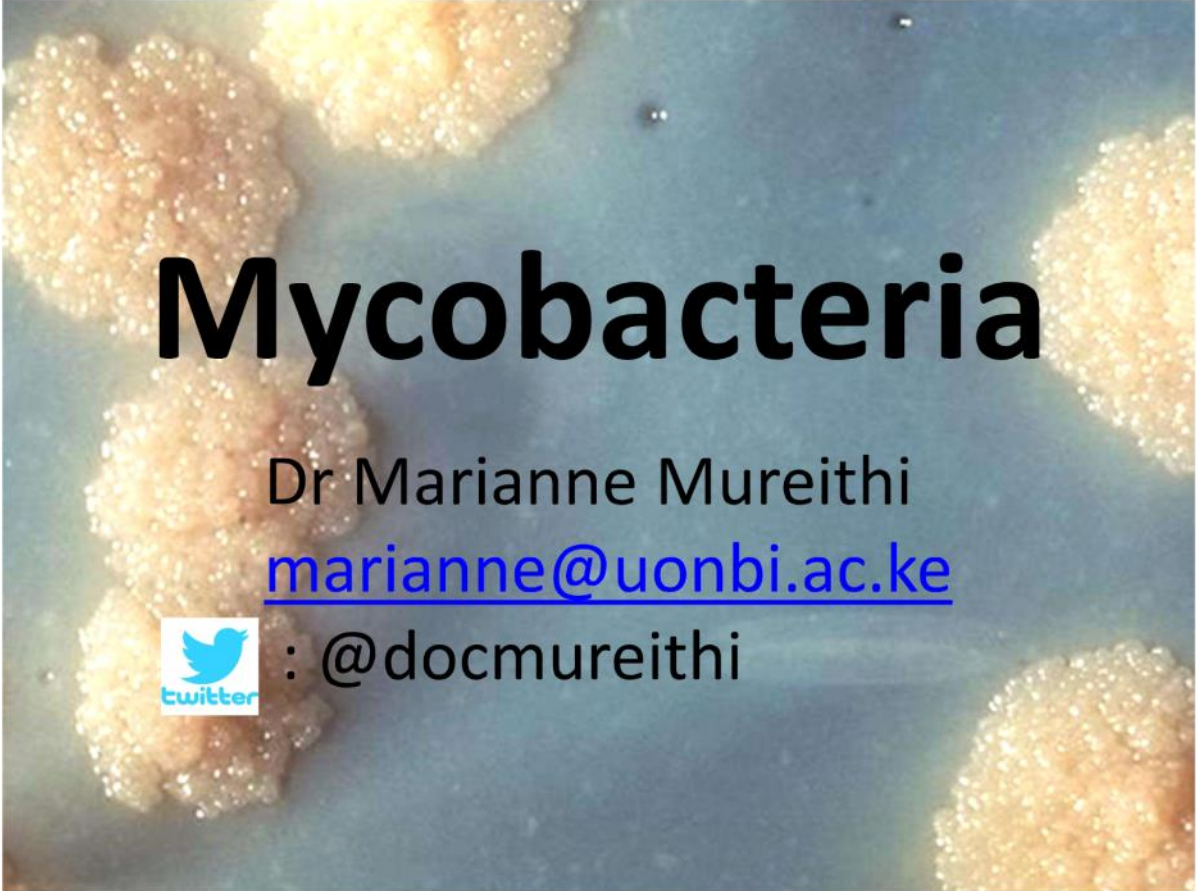



Mycobacteria: TB

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Mycobacteria

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Learning Objectives

- Describe the structure, epidemiology and main pathogenic features & symptoms of Mycobacteria.
- Discuss Laboratory Diagnosis and treatment.
- MDR and XDR TB: what are they, how have they come about
- Prevention and treatment
- Leprosy
- Non-Tubercular Mycobacterium infections

Introduction

- >100 species of mycobacteria
- Major pathogens:
 - *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* (Koch, 1882) – Koch bacillus
 - *Mycobacterium leprae* (Hansen, 1874) – Hansen's bacillus
 - Rest are environmental organisms-collectively known as MOTTs (Mycobacteria Other Than Tuberculosis) or NTM (non-tuberculous mycobacteria) –cause opportunistic infections

Mycobacterium: Physiology & Structure

- Bacillus
- Aerobic
- Nonmotile
- Complex Cell Wall
- Intracellular Parasite
- Diseases From Immune Response
- Acid-Fast Staining



Strict aerobes

Virulence factors

No spore, no flagellum, no exotoxin, no endotoxin, no invasive enzyme

- **Capsule:** polysaccharide; CR3; enzyme; protect
- **Lipid/Lipo arabinomannan**
- **Heat-shock protein/Tuberculin protein:** antigenicity,

-Heat-shock prot: a protein induced in a living cell in response to a rise in temperature above the normal level.

-Resistant to dessication, but sensitive to UV light

-M. TB is facultative intracellular pathogen unlike M.leprae, therefore can be cultured

Lipid

a. **Phospholipid**

monocytes proliferate, cause tubercles

b. **Wax D**

c. **Sulfatide**

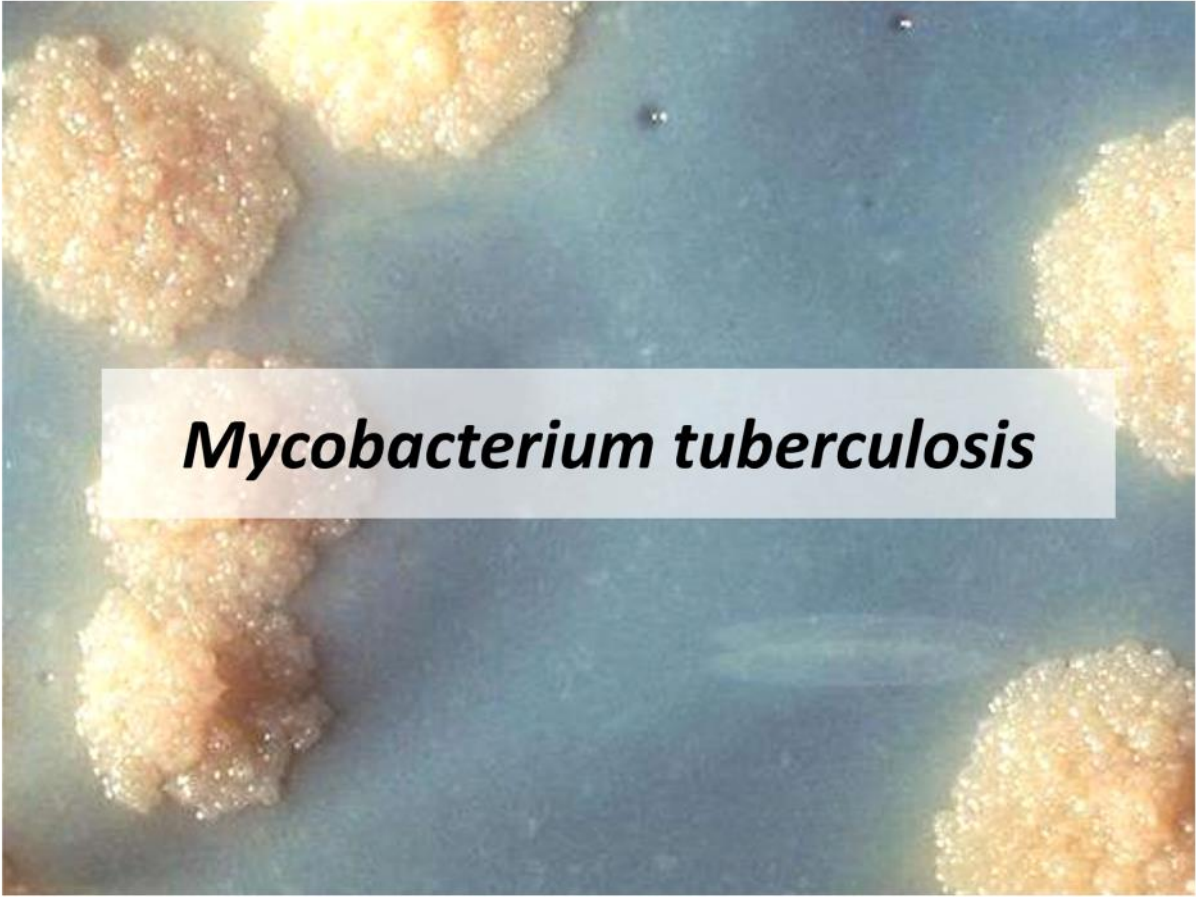
suppress phagosome

d. **Cord factor (trehalose-6,6-dimycolate)**

destroy mitochondria, cause chronic granulomatosis, suppress WBC

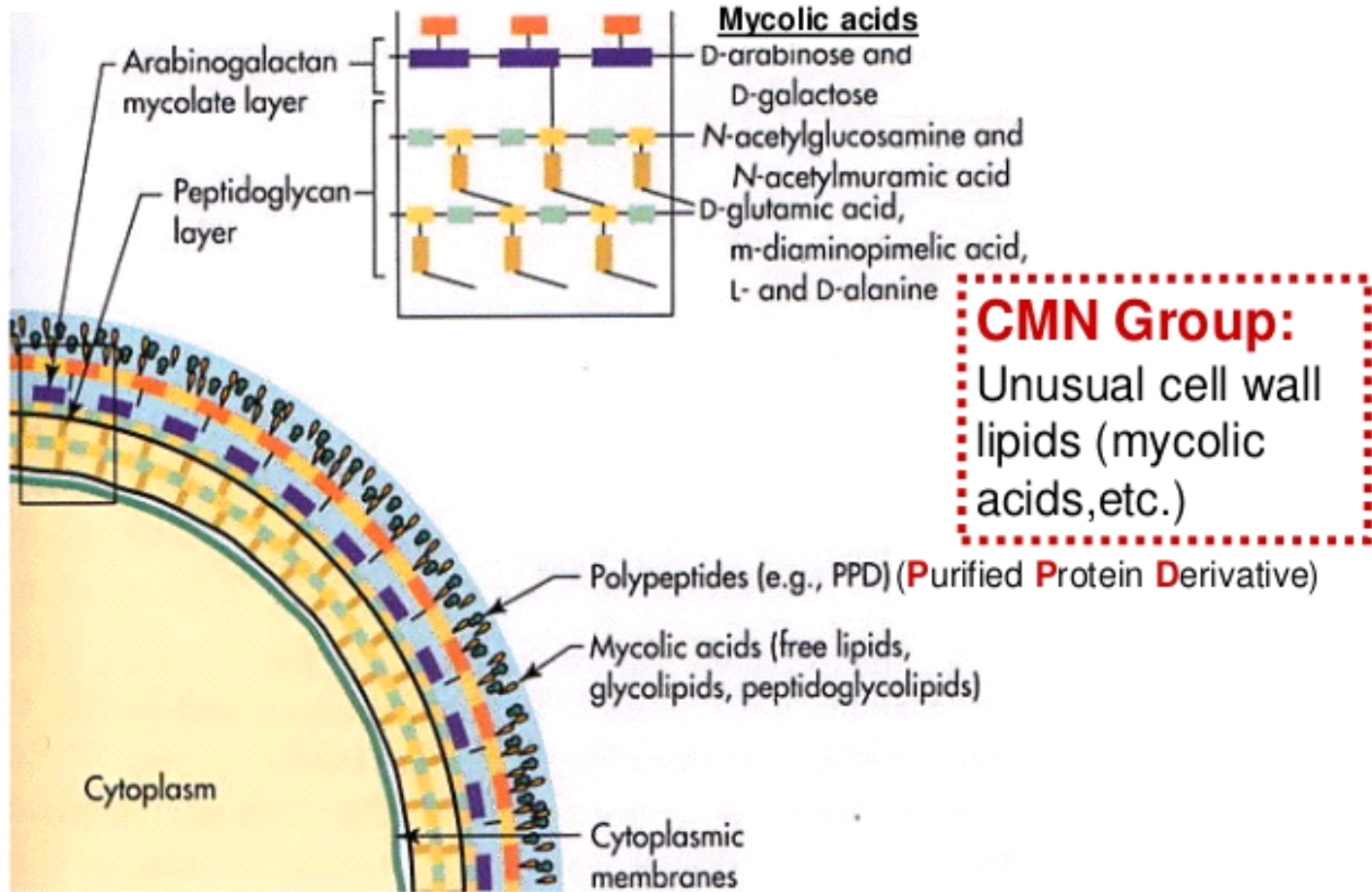
Cell Wall

- Complex
- Contains Mycolic Acid
 - Lipids account for 60% of Cell Wall Weight
- Responsible for Many Characteristics
 - Acid Fastness
 - Slow Growth
 - Antibiotic Resistance
 - Antigenicity
 - Clumping



Mycobacterium tuberculosis

Lipid-Rich Cell Wall of Mycobacterium



CMN:

- Corynebacterium
- Mycobacterium
- Nocardia

TB IS THE TOP INFECTIOUS DISEASE KILLER IN THE WORLD

IN 2016

**1.7 MILLION PEOPLE
DIED FROM TB**

INCLUDING NEARLY 400 000 PEOPLE
WITH HIV-ASSOCIATED TB



**10.4 MILLION PEOPLE
FELL ILL FROM TB**



TB IS THE MAIN CAUSE
OF DEATHS RELATED
TO **ANTIMICROBIAL
RESISTANCE** AND THE
LEADING KILLER OF
PEOPLE WITH HIV



**EACH DAY -
4700 PEOPLE LOSE THEIR LIVES AND
28,500 PEOPLE FALL ILL DUE TO TB**

 World Health
Organization

Pathogenesis

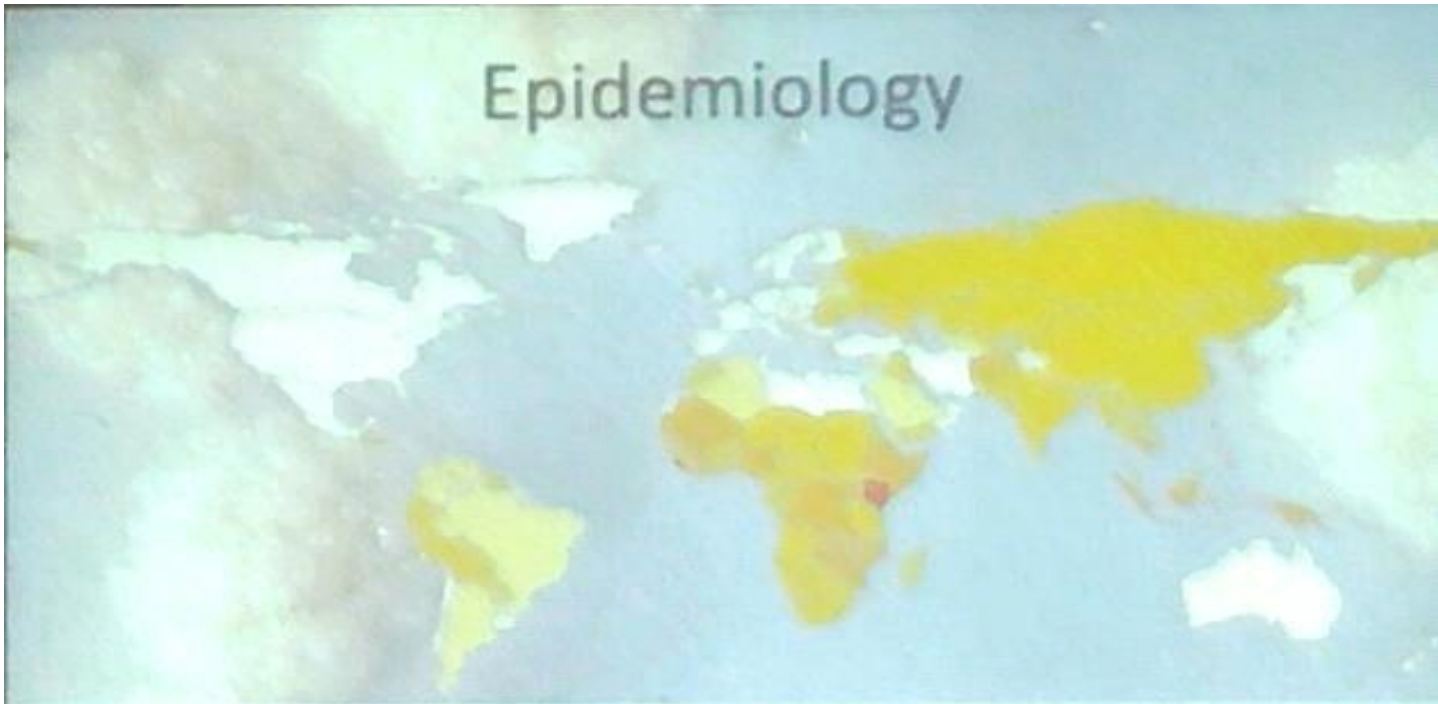
- Modes of transmission
 - **Droplet infection**
 - Person to person by inhalation aerosols
 - *M.tuberculosis* (Pulmonary tuberculosis)
 - **Ingestion of milk**
 - Infected cattle
 - *M.bovis* (Intestinal tuberculosis)
 - **Contamination of abrasion**
 - Laboratory workers (Skin infection)

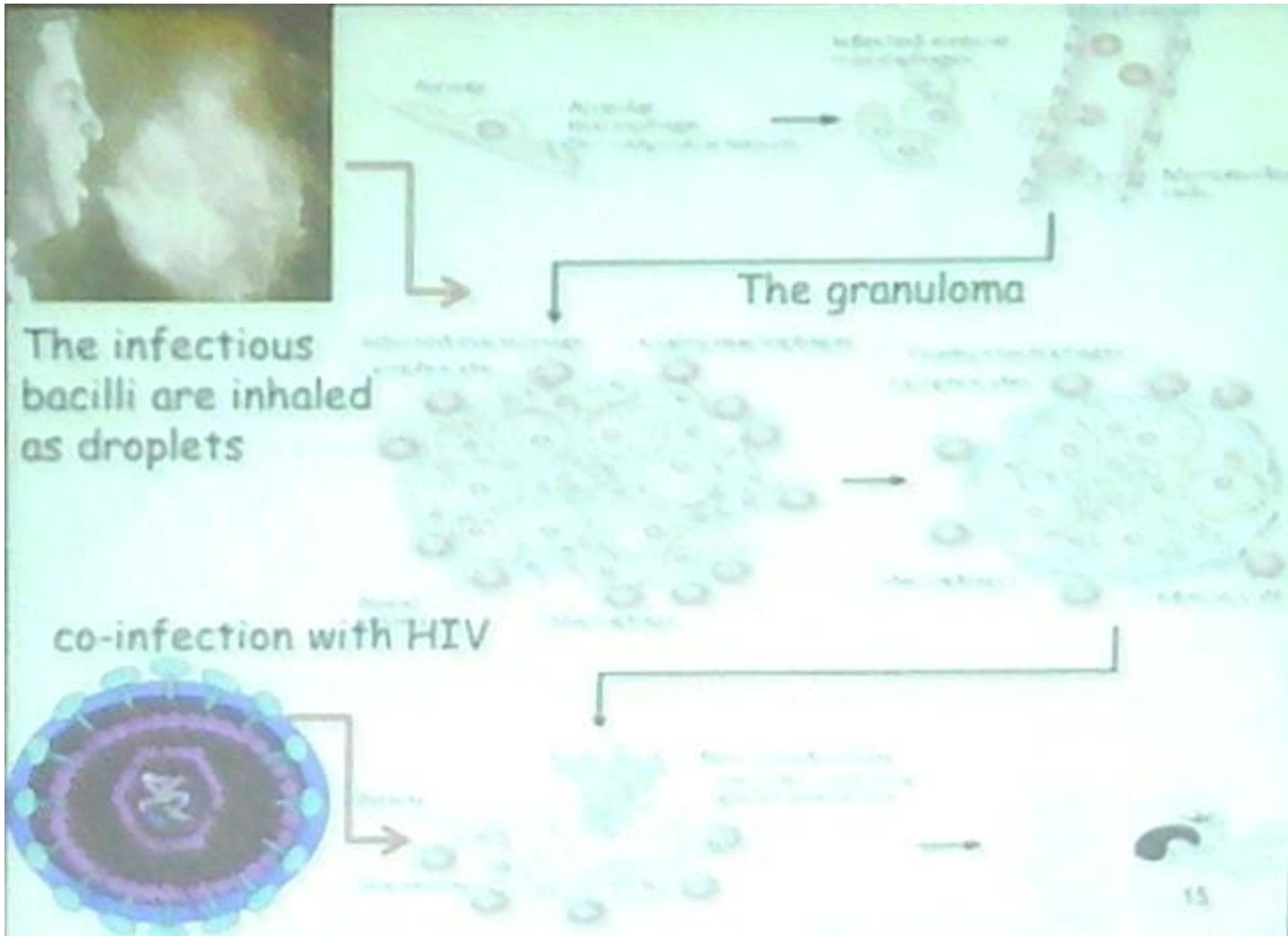
Spread of the organism within the body occurs by two mechanisms:

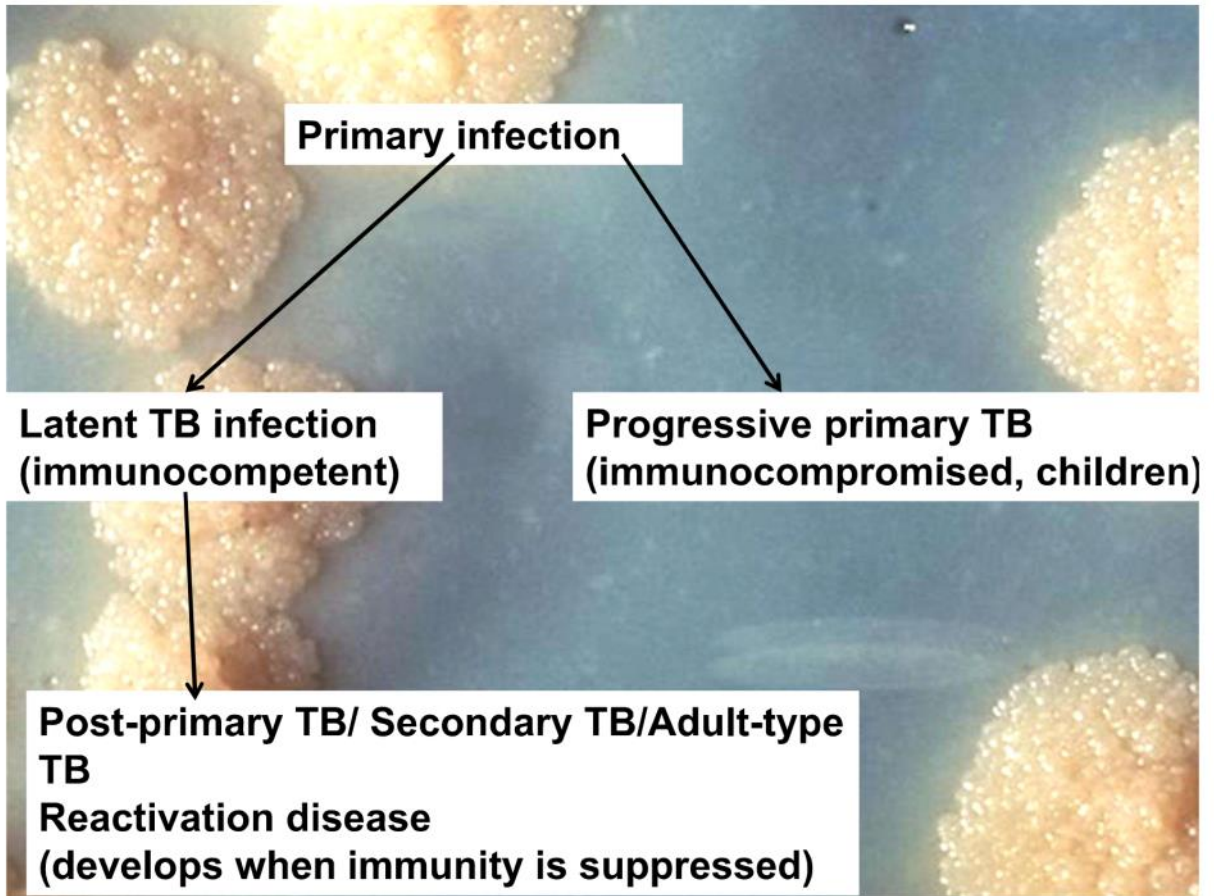
(1) A tubercle can erode into a bronchus, empty its caseous contents, and thereby spread the organism to other parts of the lungs, to the gastrointestinal tract if swallowed (e.g. *M.bovis* in milk), and to other persons if expectorated.

(2) It can disseminate via the bloodstream to many internal organs. Dissemination can occur at an early stage if cell-mediated immunity fails to contain the initial infection or at a late stage if a person becomes immunocompromised.

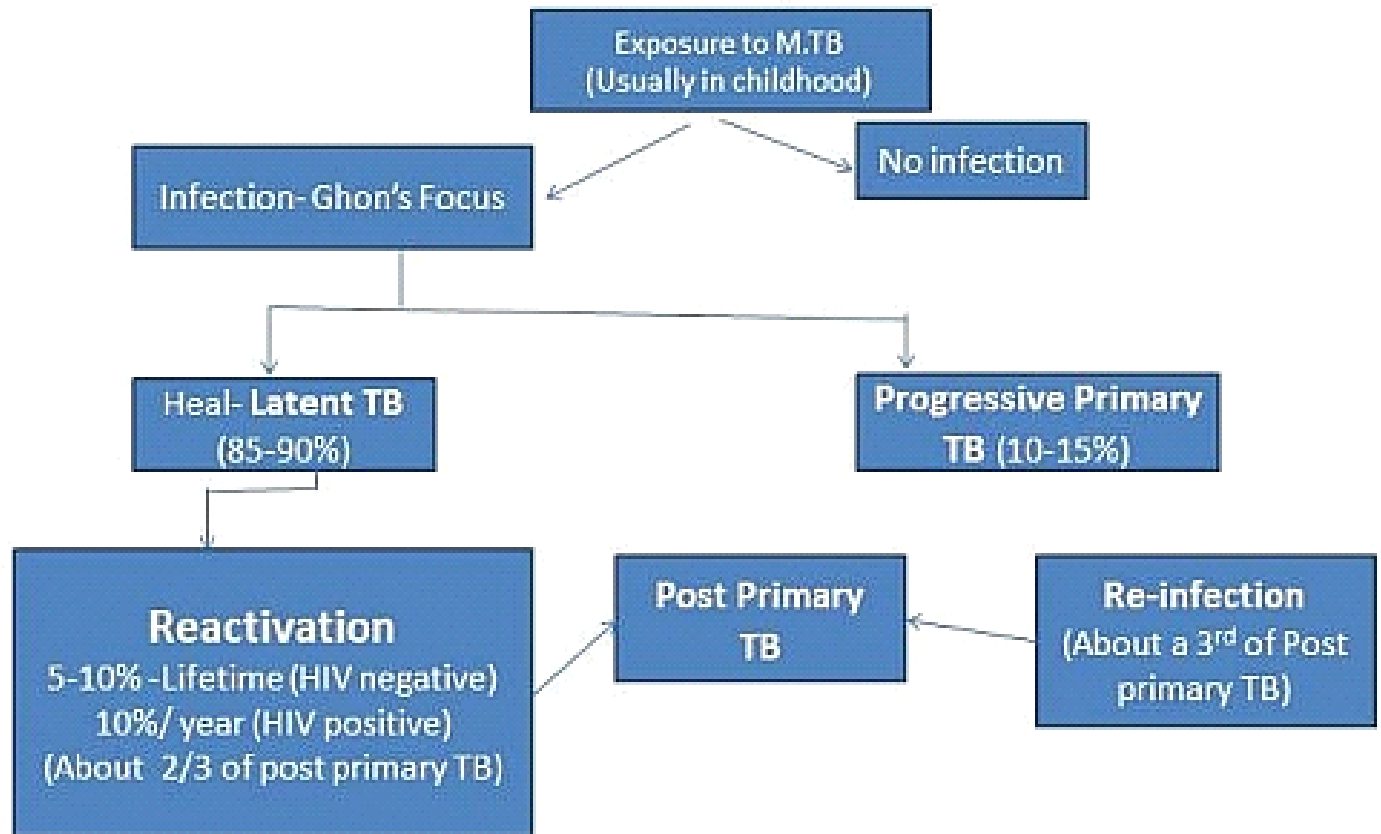
Epidemiology

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- A world map with a light blue background. The landmasses are colored in shades of yellow and orange, indicating the prevalence of tuberculosis. A small red dot is visible on the African continent, representing Kenya. The map is positioned in the upper half of the slide.
- 2 Billion People Infected World Wide
 - 8.8 Million New Cases / Year
 - 2 Million Deaths / Year
 - Kenya is one of the 22 countries most affected by TB in the world





Natural History of TB



Typical Progression of Pulmonary Tuberculosis

- Pneumonia
- Granuloma formation with fibrosis
- Caseous necrosis
 - Tissue becomes dry & amorphous (resembling cheese)
 - Mixture of protein & fat (assimilated very slowly)
- Calcification
 - Ca⁺⁺ salts deposited
- Cavity formation
 - Center liquefies & empties into bronchi

-There are two types of lesions:

(1) **Exudative lesions**, which consist of an acute inflammatory response and occur chiefly in the lungs at the initial site of infection.

(2) **Granulomatous lesions**, which consist of a central area of giant cells containing tubercle bacilli surrounded by a zone of epithelioid cells. These giant cells, called **Langhans' giant cells**, are an important pathologic finding in tuberculous lesions. A **tubercle** is a granuloma surrounded by fibrous tissue that has undergone central caseation necrosis. Tubercles heal by fibrosis and calcification.

-The primary lesion of tuberculosis usually occurs in the lungs. The parenchymal exudative lesion and the draining lymph nodes together are called a **Ghon complex**

Ghon complex

- Nodules in lung tissue and lymph nodes
- Caseous necrosis inside nodules
- Calcium may deposit in the fatty area of necrosis
- Visible on x-rays



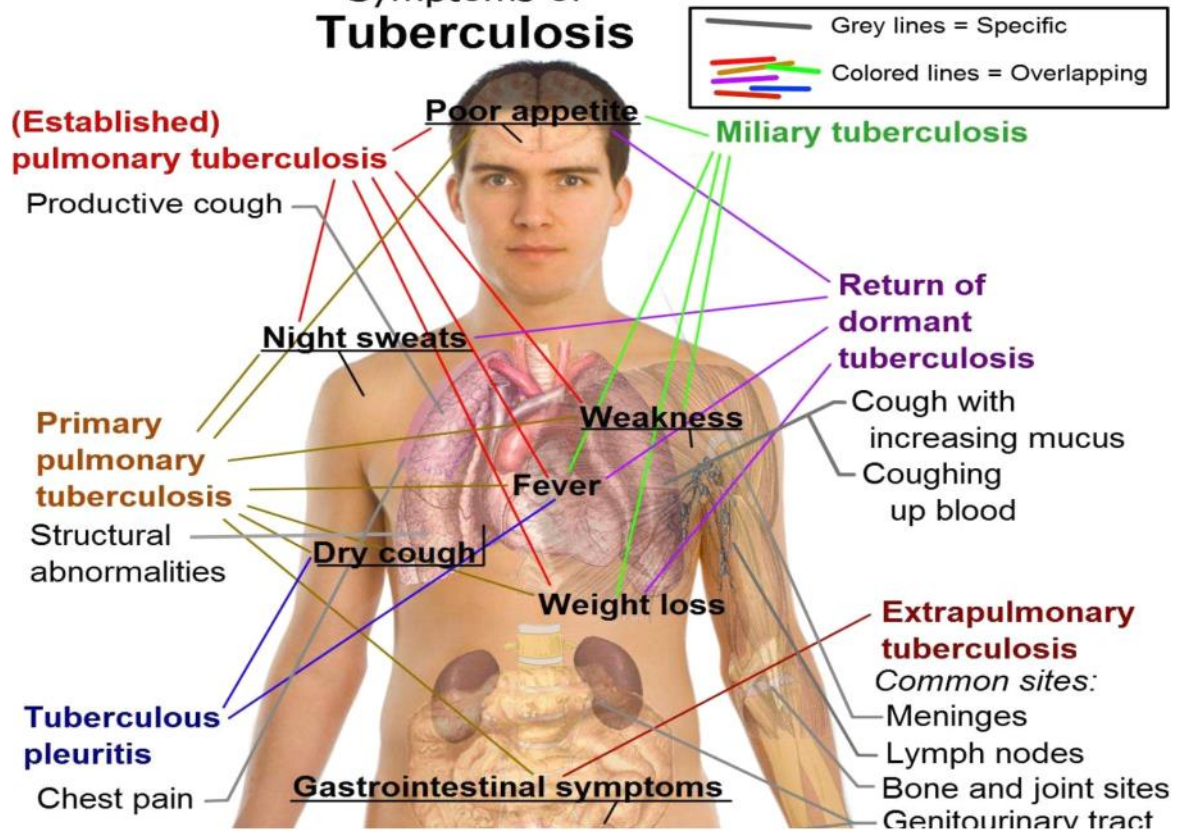
Pathogenesis & Immunity



Extrapulmonary TB

- Bone and joint TB
- Tuberculous meningitis (TBM)
- Tuberculomas
- Abdominal TB
- Tuberculous lymphadenitis
- Urinary TB
- Genital tract TB
- Skin TB - scrofuloderma
- TB pericarditis
- TB laryngitis
- Ocular TB
- Adrenal gland TB – hypoadrenalism or Addison's disease

Symptoms of Tuberculosis





Skin TB



Bone TB



Laboratory diagnosis

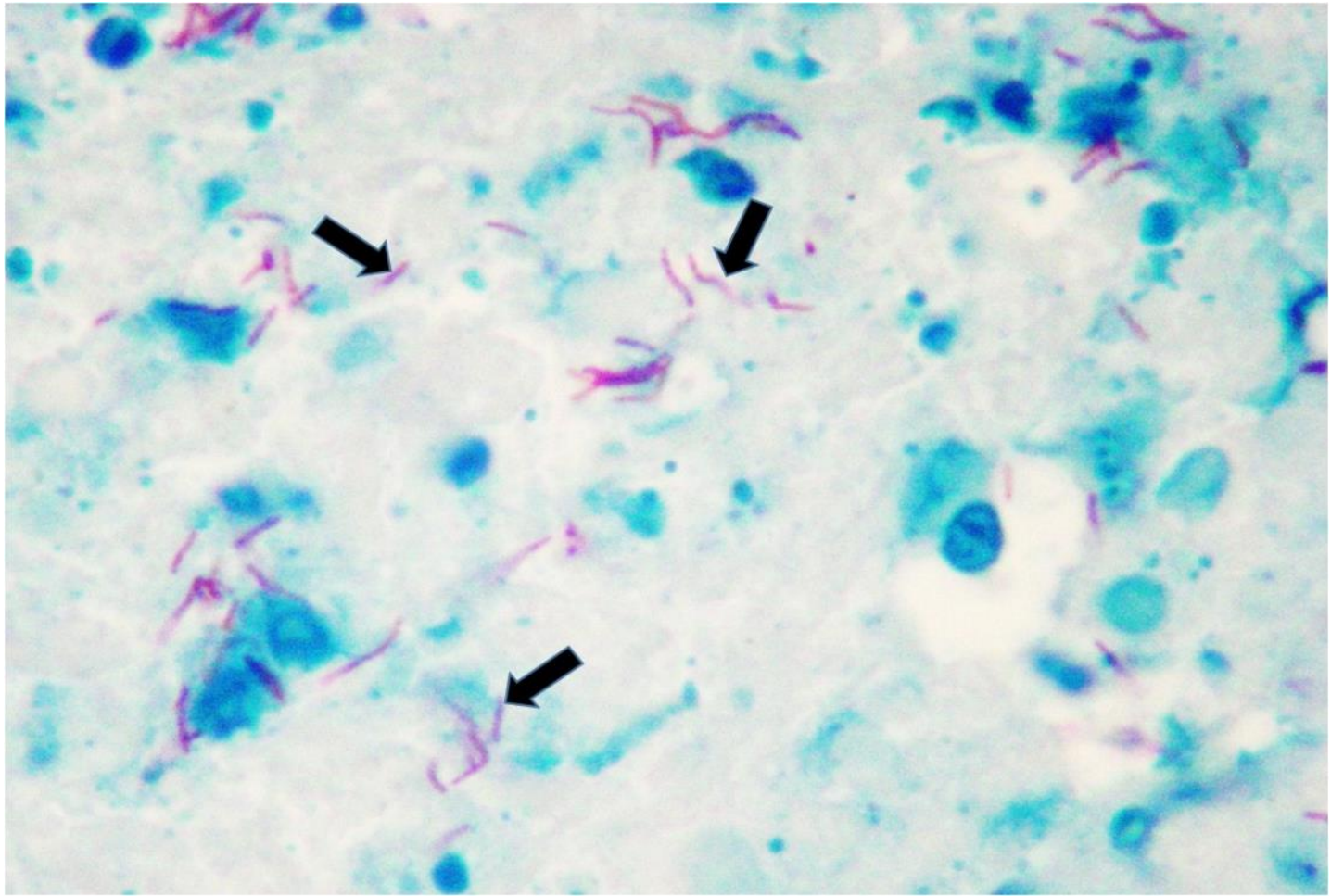
- Specimen
 - Sputum (expectorated or induced)
 - Pleural fluid
 - Gastric washings
 - Urine
 - Aspirates
 - CSF
 - Tissue biopsies

- Staining of specimen using
 - Ziehl Neelsen (ZN) stain –acid-fast bacilli (AFBs)
 - Kinyoun staining
 - Fluorescence microscopy using auramine O or rhodamine stain

Auramine-rhodamine: a fluorescent stain for screening
Acid fast: for confirming

ZN stained smear

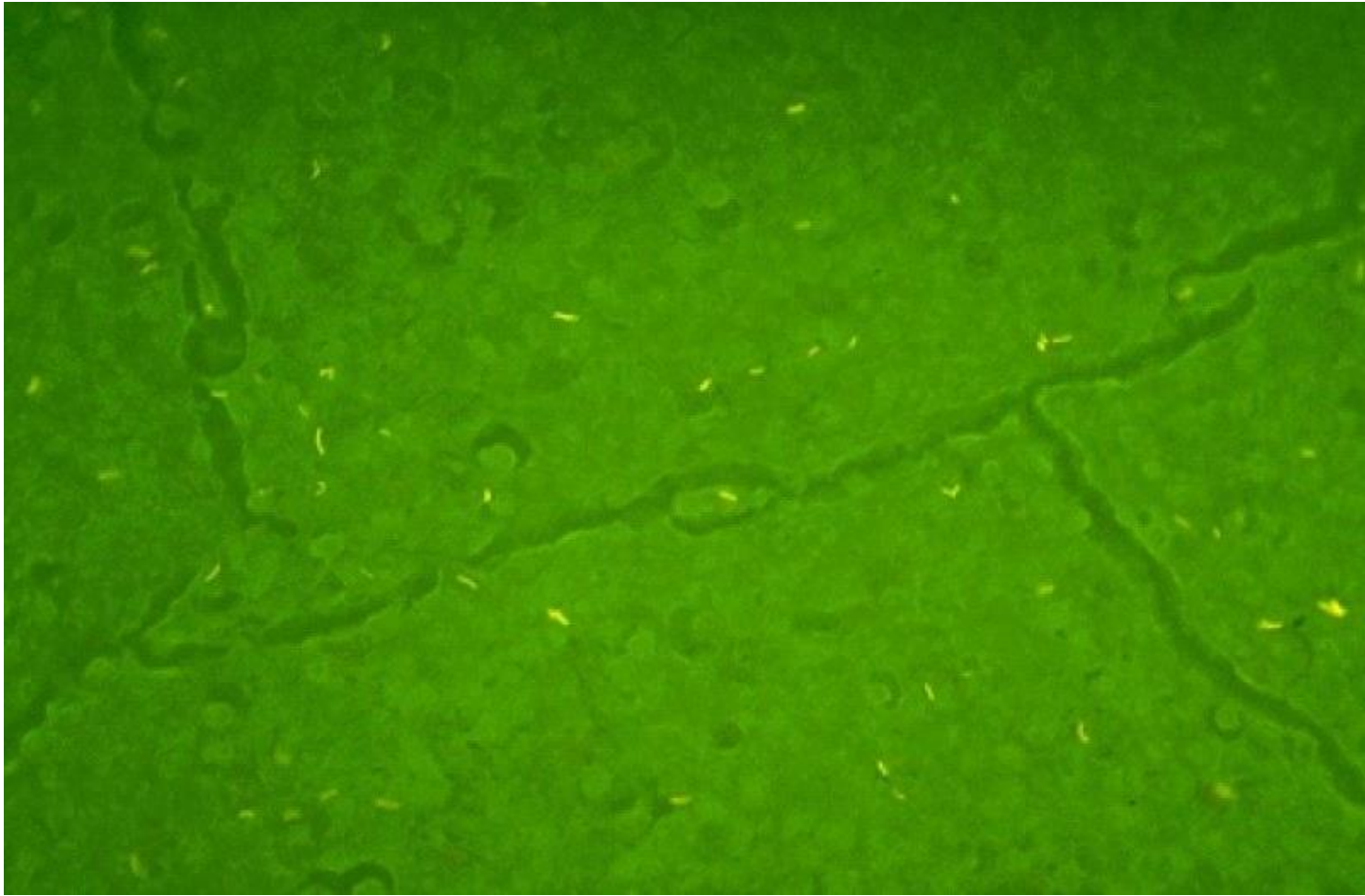




Fluorescent staining



Auramine stain



- Culture – Gold standard in TB diagnosis - require incubation for 6 – 8 weeks before declaring negative
 - Solid culture (Lowenstein Jensen, Middlebrook)
 - Semi automated Liquid culture Bactec 460
 - Automated Liquid culture system (MGIT – mycobacterial growth indicator tube)
- No gold standard for diagnosis of LTBI

Culture methods

- Solid - LJ



Automated MGIT 960



- Liquid Bacter 400



MGIT 960

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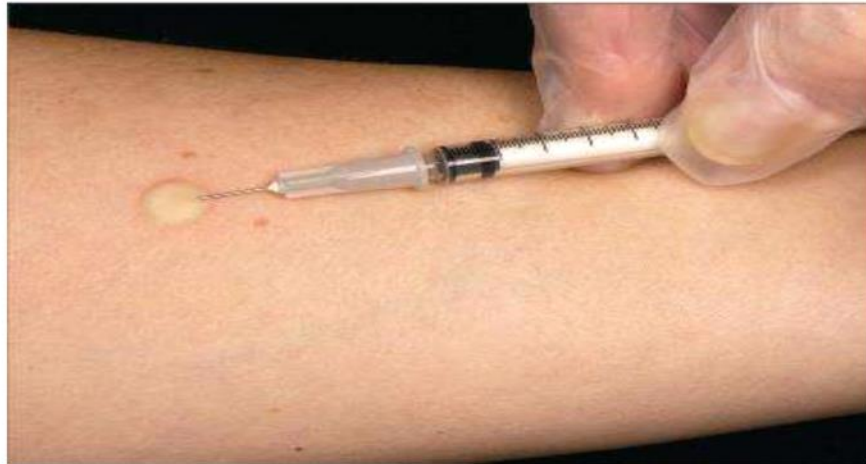
MGIT 960

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- To confirm *M.tuberculosis* from culture:
 - Growth rate
 - Colonial morphology
 - Ziehl Neelsen staining results
 - Molecular – PCR – from culture; some direct from sputum
 - Gene/Xpert - is a nucleic acid amplification test, that can identify (MTB) DNA and resistance to rifampicin (RIF)

- Immunological diagnostic tests
 - Tuberculin skin test – does not distinguish between vaccination and disease. Usually negative in patients with advanced AIDS
 - QuantiFERON , T-SPOT TB – Detect interferon γ . For active & latent TB



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Treatment

- 1st line: isoniazid, rifampicin/ rifabutin, ethambutol, pyrazinamide, streptomycin
- 2nd line: para-amino salicylic acid, cycloserine, quinolones (ofloxacin/ ciprofloxacin/ levofloxacin/ etc), amikacin, kanamycin, capreomycin, ethionamide


Treatment for TB

- There are two phase of anti tuberculous therapy
1. **Initial phase:** Bactericidal phase, in which bacilli is killed symptoms resolves and patient become non infectious. Duration is 2 months.
 2. **Continuation phase:** Sterilization phase in which remaining tubercle bacilli is eliminated and organ is sterilized. Duration is 7 months.

Tuberculosis Treatment:

If you forget your TB drugs, you'll die and might need a **PRIEST**.

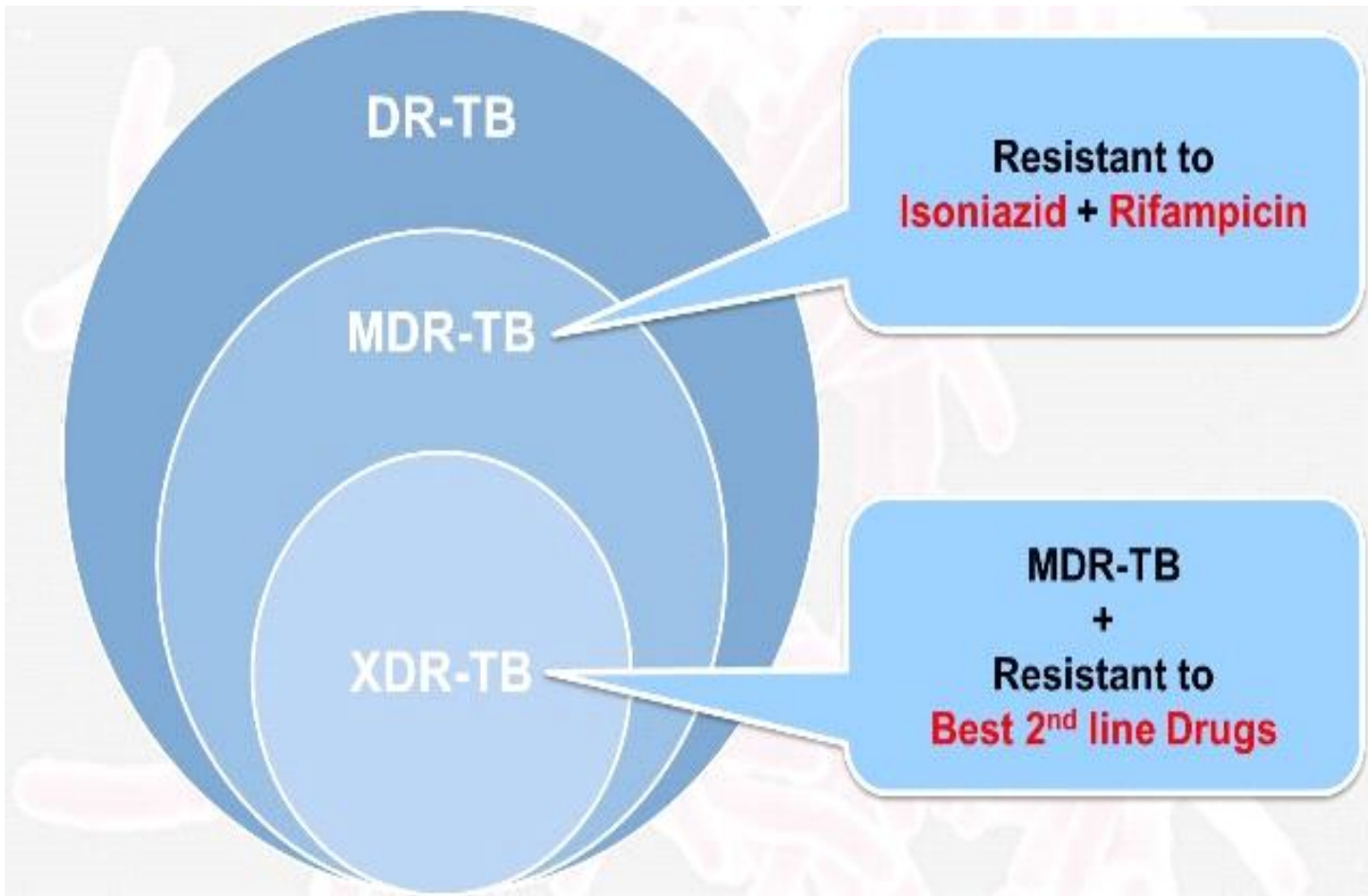
- **P**yrazinamide
- **R**ifampin
- **I**soniazid
- **E**thambutol
- **ST**reptomycin



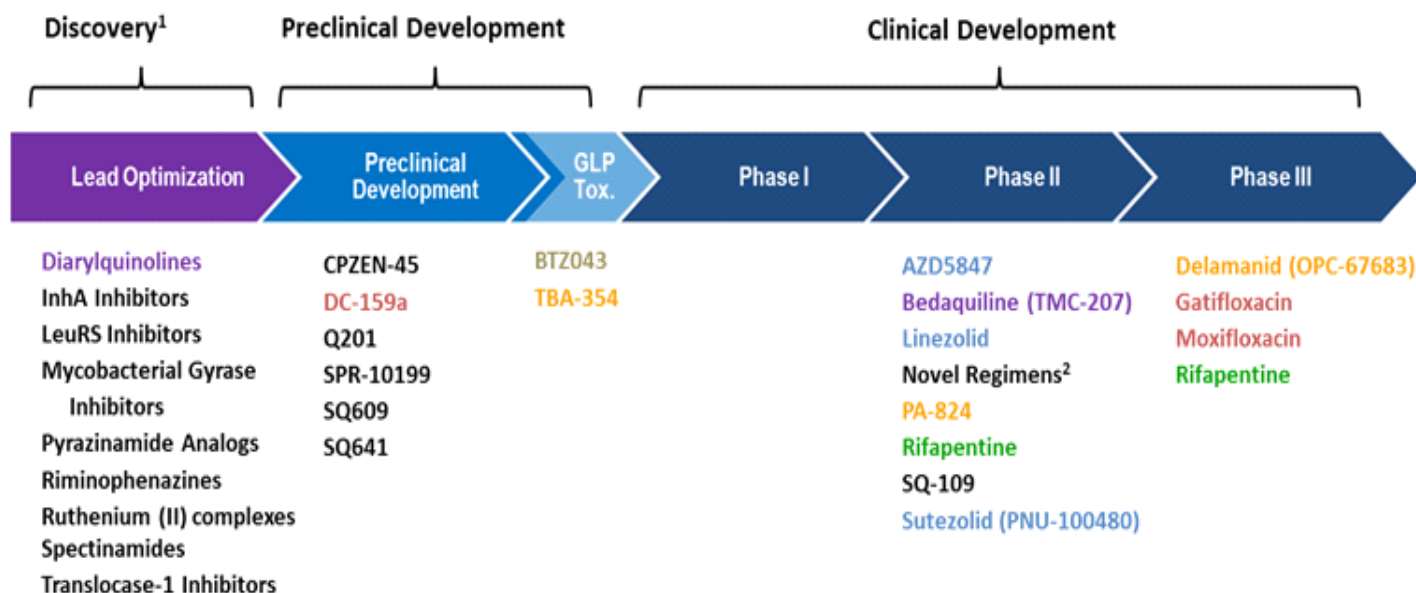
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1. Initial pahse:isoniazid,rifampin & pyrazinamide (add streptomycin in case of MDR)
2. Continuation pahse: isoniazid and rifampin

- Drug resistance
 - **Multidrug resistant TB (MDR TB):** TB that is resistant to at least rifampicin & isoniazid
 - **Extensively drug resistant TB (XDR TB):** TB which is resistant to isoniazid and rifampin, plus resistant to any fluoroquinolone and at least one of three injectable second-line drugs (i.e., amikacin, kanamycin, or capreomycin)



Global TB Drug Pipeline



Chemical classes: fluoroquinolone, rifamycin, oxazolidinone, nitroimidazole, diarylquinoline, benzothiazinone

¹ Ongoing projects without a lead compound series can be viewed at <http://www.newtbdrugs.org/pipeline-discovery.php>.

² Combination regimens: first clinical trial (NC001) of a novel TB drug regimen testing the three drug combination of PA-824.



Prevention and control



- BCG vaccine
 - Respiratory isolation of persons with suspected TB till noninfectious
 - Ventilation of household
 - Contact tracing
 - Nutrition
 - Chemoprophylaxis
 - Vit D??
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- **Using UV lights in the ventilation sys of quarantine facilities**

Need for a New TB Vaccine

- Developed in the early 1900s, the current TB vaccine, BCG, has been ineffective in curbing the global TB epidemic - 1.8 million TB-related deaths & 9.3 million new cases of TB annually
- TB is the number one killer of people living with HIV/AIDS
- Drug resistance and TB/HIV co-infection are key barriers in bringing the epidemic under control
- Nearly half a million died from TB/HIV in 2007; more than 80 countries have reported multidrug-resistant TB
- TB primarily affects adults of working age and exacts a vast economic toll in treatment costs and in lost productivity (approx. \$16 billion)
- The World Bank estimates the loss of 4% to 7% of GDP in some countries



Mycobacteria: Leprosy & MOTTs

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Leprosy



M.leprae

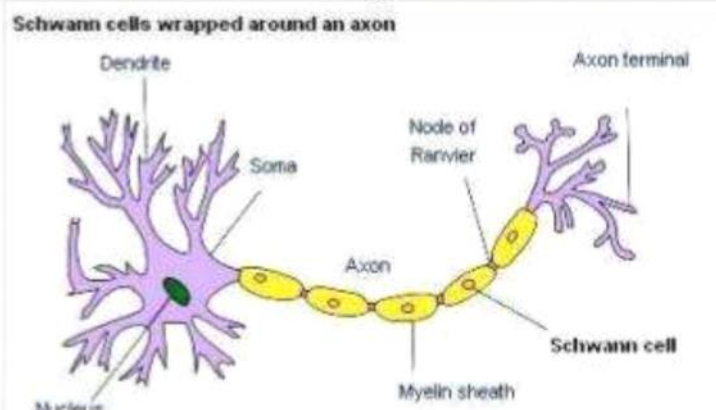
- Reservoir – infected humans; Low infectivity
- Transmission: Skin-to-skin contact
- Grows best in cooler part of the body - the skin, peripheral nerves, anterior chamber of the eye, upper respiratory tract, and testes
- Incubation period – years or decades

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Leprosy= Hansen's disease

Pathogenesis

- Leprosy is a chronic granulomatous disease that usually involves skin, peripheral nerves and nasal mucosa.
- Incubation period is long and varies from 3-15 years.
- Prolonged close contact with infective patient is necessary for transmission of the disease.
- The principal target cell of lepra bacilli are Schwann cell and the resulting nerve damage causes manifestation of leprosy, which include anesthesia and muscle paralysis.
- A non-specific or Indeterminate skin lesion is the **First sign of disease.**



Ridley & Jopling's classification

- Tuberculoid tuberculoid (TT)
 - Borderline tuberculoid (BT)
 - Borderline borderline (BB)
 - Borderline lepromatous (BL)
 - Lepromatous lepromatous (LL)
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- Tuberculoid
- Lepromatous

Tuberculoid leprosy: paucibacillary leprosy

Tuberculoid leprosy

- Relatively few or no bacilli because of adequate cell mediated immunity
 - One or a few hypopigmented macules or plaques - sharply demarcated and hypesthetic
 - Devoid of normal skin organs (sweat glands and hair follicles) - are dry, scaly
 - Nerves may be destroyed with loss of sensation and perspiration (Arthur's phenomenon)
 - **Lepromin test positive**

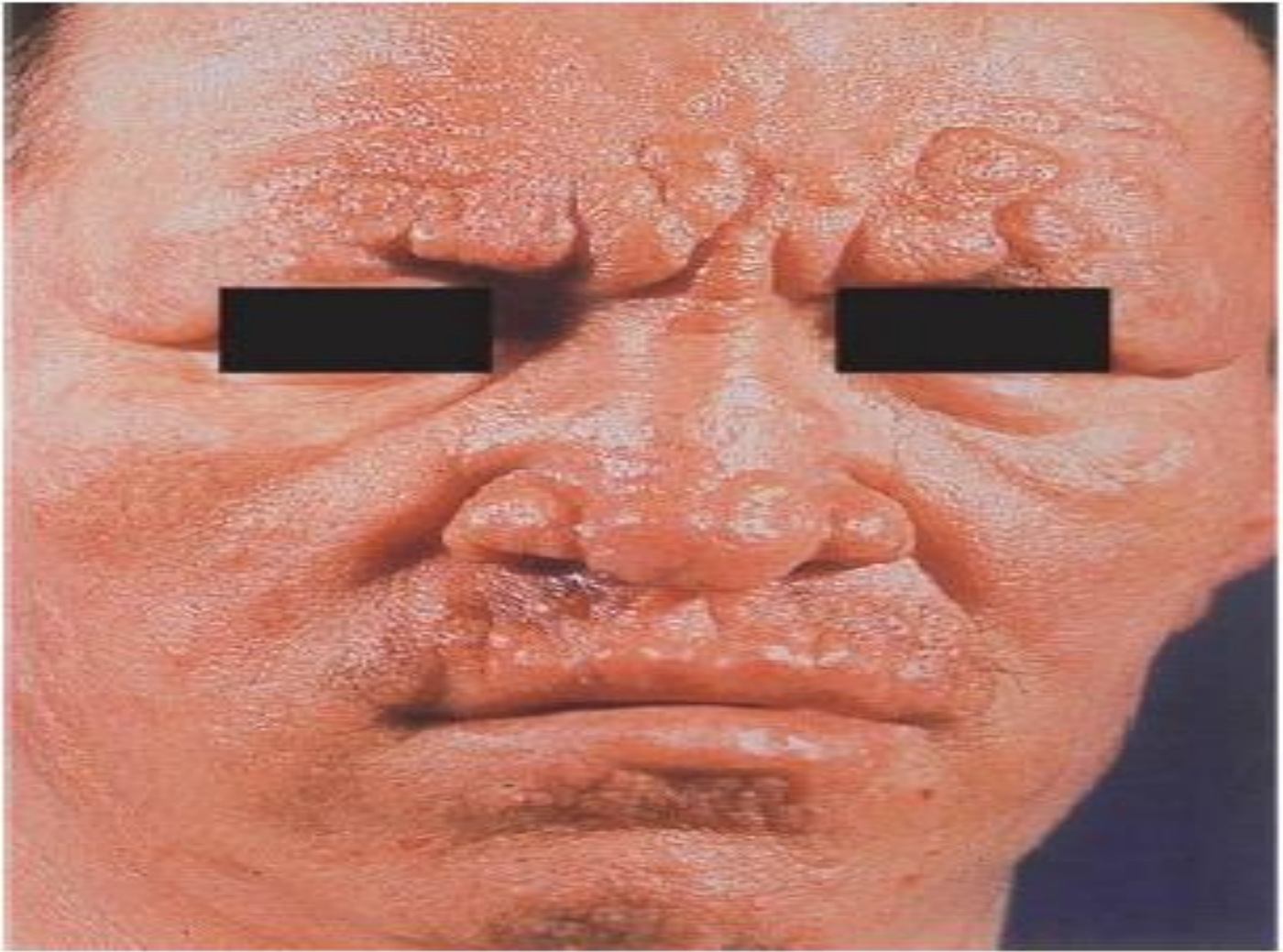
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-Arthur's phenomenon: a form of immune complex-mediated hypersensitivity
-The CMI response consists primarily of CD4-positive cells and a Th-1 profile of cytokines, namely, interferon- γ , interleukin-2, and interleukin-12. It is the CMI response that causes the nerve damage seen in tuberculoid leprosy.

Lepromatous leprosy






- Lesions have large numbers of bacilli even on skin that appears normal – poor CMI
 - Symmetrically distributed skin nodules with poorly defined margins
 - Nerve damage leads to loss of digits
 - Late manifestations include loss of eyebrows (initially the lateral margins only) and eyelashes, and dry scaling skin, particularly on the feet
 - **Lepromin test negative**



- Lepromatous leprosy is also known as multibacillary leprosy
- The nerve damage seems to be caused by direct contact as there are many organisms

Feature	Tuberculoid Leprosy	Lepromatous Leprosy
Type of lesion	One or few lesions with little tissue destruction	Many lesions with marked tissue destruction
Number of acid-fast bacilli	Few	Many
Likelihood of transmitting leprosy	Low	High
Cell-mediated response to <i>M. leprae</i>	Present	Reduced or absent
Lepromin skin test	Positive	Negative

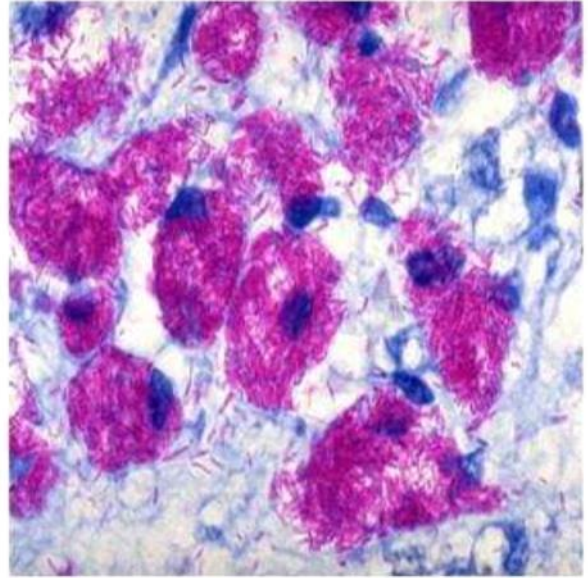
People with LL produce $INF-\beta$ whereas those with TL produce $INF-\gamma$. $INF-\beta$ inhibits synthesis of $INF-\gamma$ thereby reducing the CMI response needed to contain the infection

Operational	Multibacillary, >5 skin lesions		Paucibacillary, 1-5 skin lesions	
Ridley-Jopling*	Lepromatous leprosy (LL)	Borderline leprosy (BL)	Tuberculoid leprosy (TT)	Indeterminate (I)
Clinical findings				
Cellular immunity	Least (Th2 CD4 ⁺ T-cell response) 		Greatest (Th1 CD4 ⁺ T-cell response)	
Type of lesions	Macules, papules, and plaques and sometimes diffuse infiltration of the skin	Macules, papules, and plaques with variable induration	Infiltrated thin plaques with raised edges, often hypopigmented	Macules, often hypopigmented
Distribution	Symmetric; favors face, buttocks, lower extremities	Tendency to symmetry	Localized, asymmetric	Variable
Definition	Vague, difficult to distinguish normal versus affected skin	Less well-defined borders	Well-defined, sharp borders	Not always defined
Sensation	Not affected	Diminished	Absent	Impaired
Bacilli in skin lesions				Usually none detected

Note that in LL, only the cell-mediated response to *M. leprae* is defective (i.e., the patient is anergic to *M. leprae*). The cell-mediated response to other organisms is unaffected, and the humoral response to *M. leprae* is intact. However, these antibodies are not protective.

Mycobacterium leprae - Laboratory diagnosis -

- Collection of specimens:
 - skin lesion biopsy, skin scraping
 - Nasal exudate
- Microscopy:
 - Ziehl-Neelsen stained smear: acid fast bacilli, accumulated in intracellular, encapsulated globular masses - “leprosy globi” - in lepromatous leprosy
- (Cultivation – not applicable)



Treatment & Management

- Chemotherapy
 - First line drugs are rifampicin, dapsons, and clofazimine
 - The patients bacterial load decides length of treatment (6-24 months)
 - Second line drugs are ofloxacin and minocycline
 - Triple –drug combinations have been used in cases where a patient has only a single lesion

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The atypical mycobacteria are classified into four groups according to their rate of growth and whether they produce pigment under certain conditions. The atypical mycobacteria in groups I, II, and III grow slowly, at a rate similar to that of *M. tuberculosis*, whereas those in group IV are “rapid growers,” producing colonies in fewer than 7 days. Group I organisms e.g. *M. marinum* produce a yellow-orange–pigmented colony only when exposed to light (photochromogens), whereas group II organisms e.g. *M. scrofulaceum* produce pigments in the dark (scotochromogens). Group III mycobacteria e.g. *M. avium* produce little or no yellow-orange pigment, irrespective of the presence or absence of light (nonchromogens).

Scrofula

- A cervical lymphadenitis
- Source: Environmental H₂O sources, human respiratory tract
- Chronic, painless mass in the neck – known as a cold abscess
- In children – agent - *M.scrofulaceum*
 - Surgery, usually resistant to antibiotics
- In adults – agent - *M.tuberculosis* – antiTB drugs.

M.marinum

- Causes swimming pool or **fish tank granuloma**
- Lesions usually localized but may form secondary lesions
- Self-limiting; can use minocycline, cotrimoxazole or rifampicin with ethambutol

M.ulcerans

- Causes Buruli ulcer
- Found in low-lying marshy areas subject to periodic flooding
- Treatment
 - Early, pre-ulcerative lesion – excision and primary closure
 - Ulcerated lesions – excision & grafting
 - Antimicrobial agents – variable results

CONCLUSION

❓ Describe the structure and main pathogenic features of *M. tuberculosis*

What is extra-pulmonary TB?

❓ What is Latent *M. tuberculosis* and Active TB

❓ MDR and XDR TB: what are they, how have they come about, and how have they spread? Can they be treated? If so, how, and how is this different from treatment of traditional TB infections?

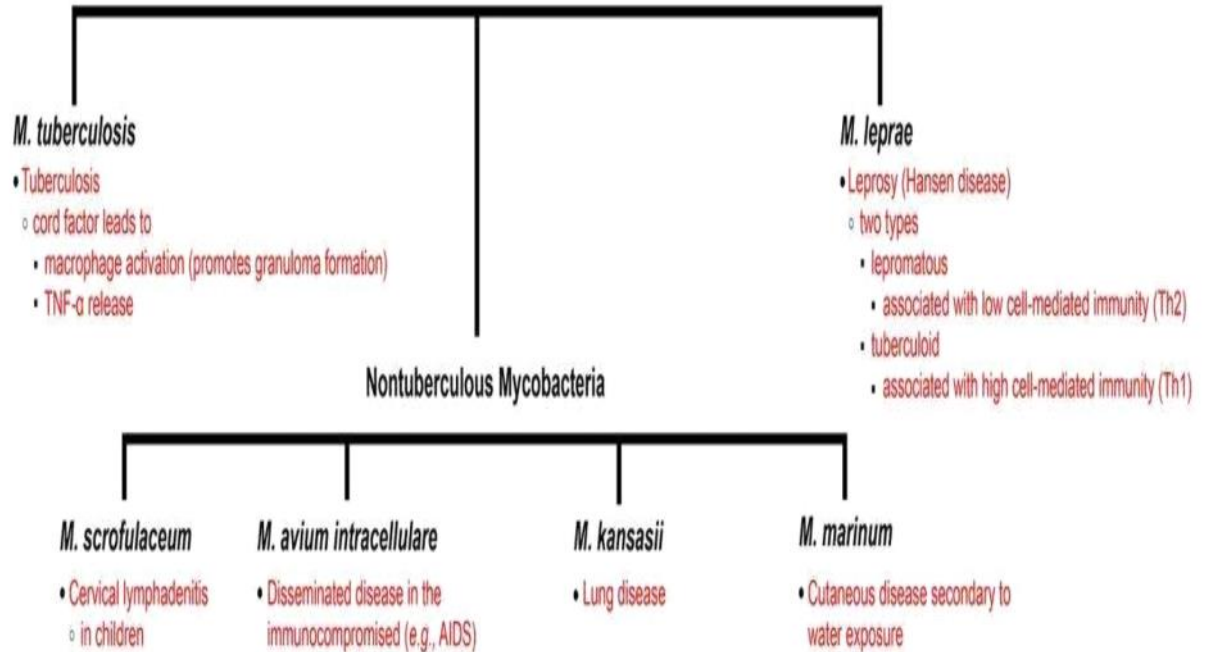
❓ What is the connection between TB and AIDS?

❓ Different classifications of Leprosy

? Non-Tubercular Mycobacteria infections

Mycobacterium

All are acid-fast



Spot Exam Revision

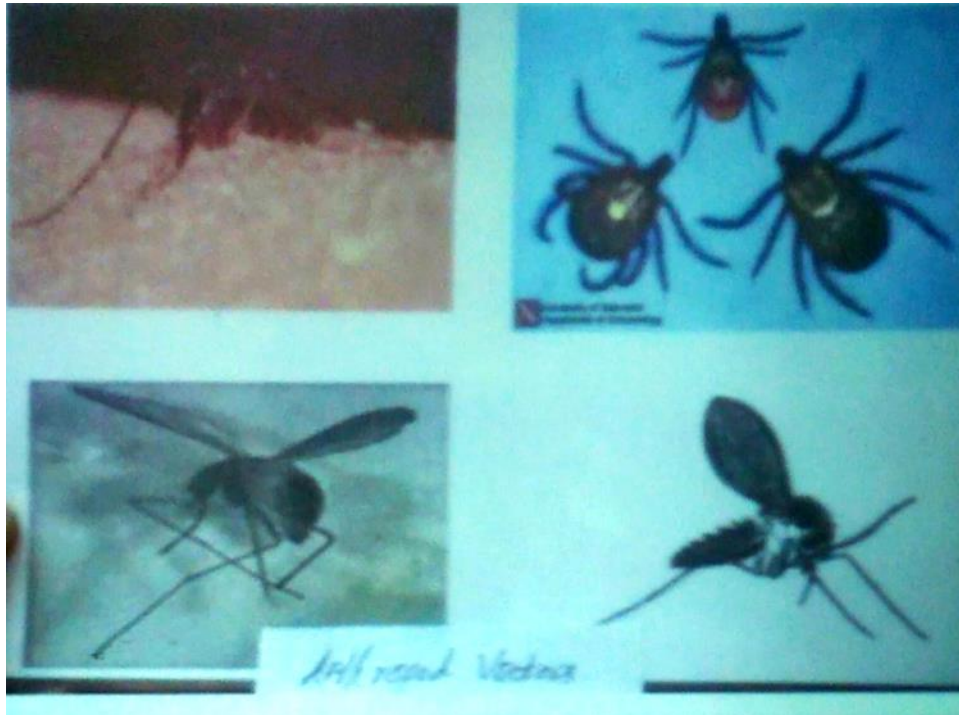
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- BY THE WAY, VIRAL REVISION
- Look at the notes displayed and think of the following for each one of them for an application
- 1) Lesion caused by virus
 - 2) Virus responsible for lesion
 - 3) Treatment
 - 4) Prevention
 - 5) Classification (Traditional + Baltimore)
 - 6) Virus transmission
 - 7) Pathogenesis
 - 8) Diseases caused
 - 9) Equipment used
 - 10) Virology/characteristics of virus
 - 11) Etc

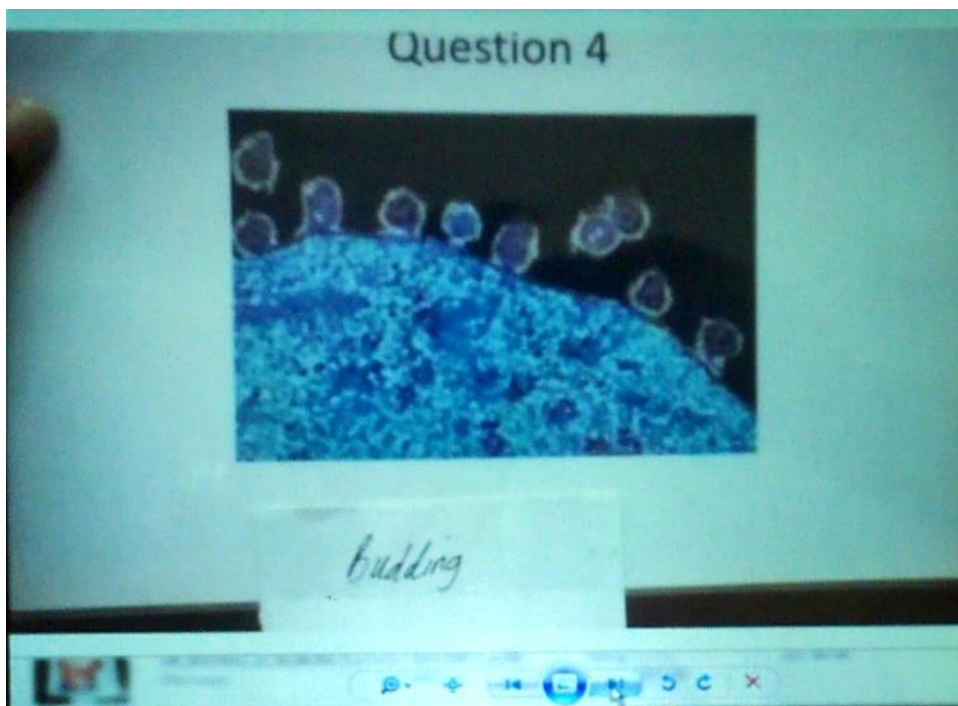
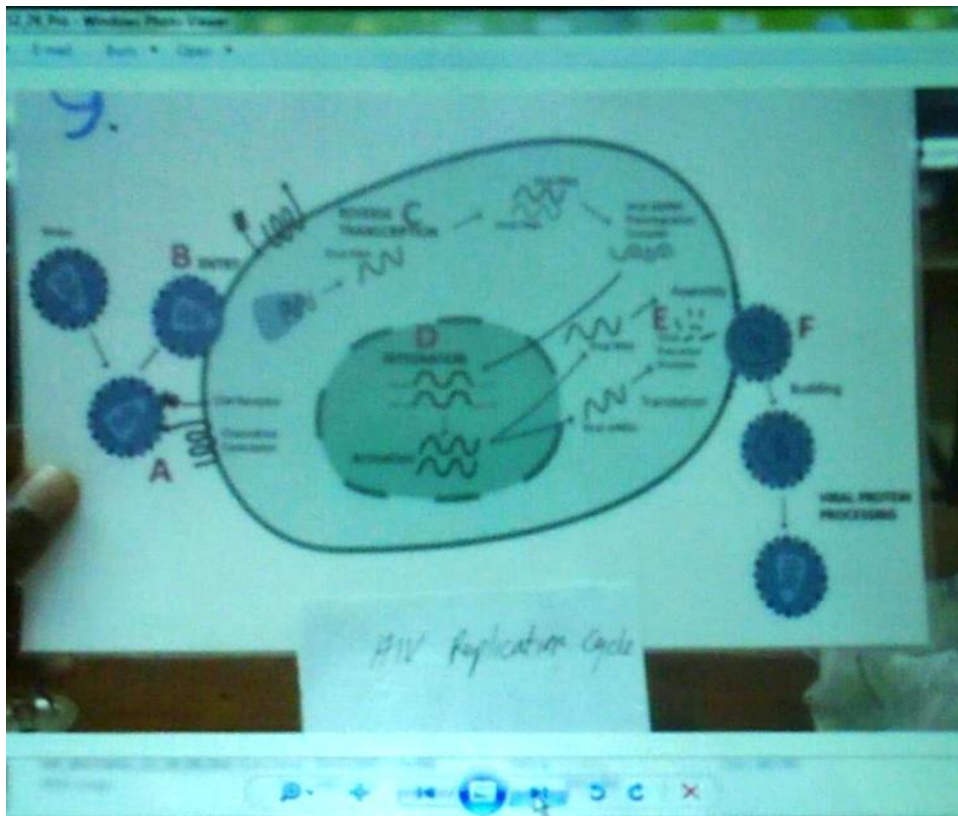


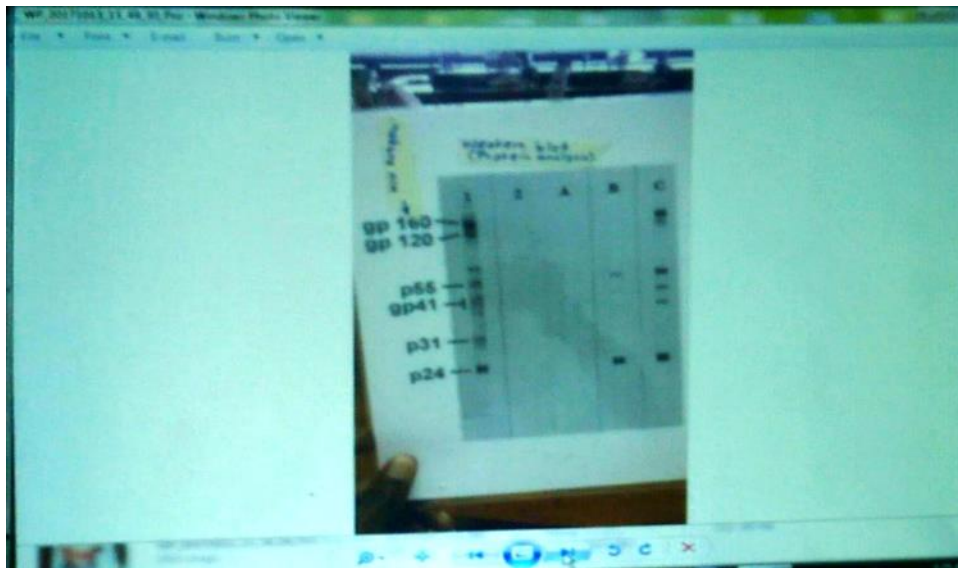


Herpes Zoster
(Shingles)

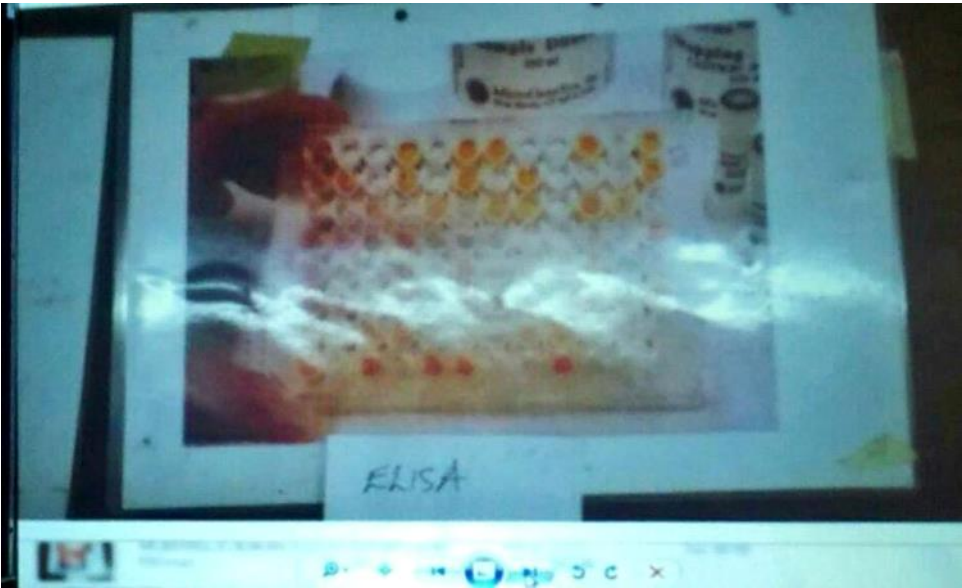
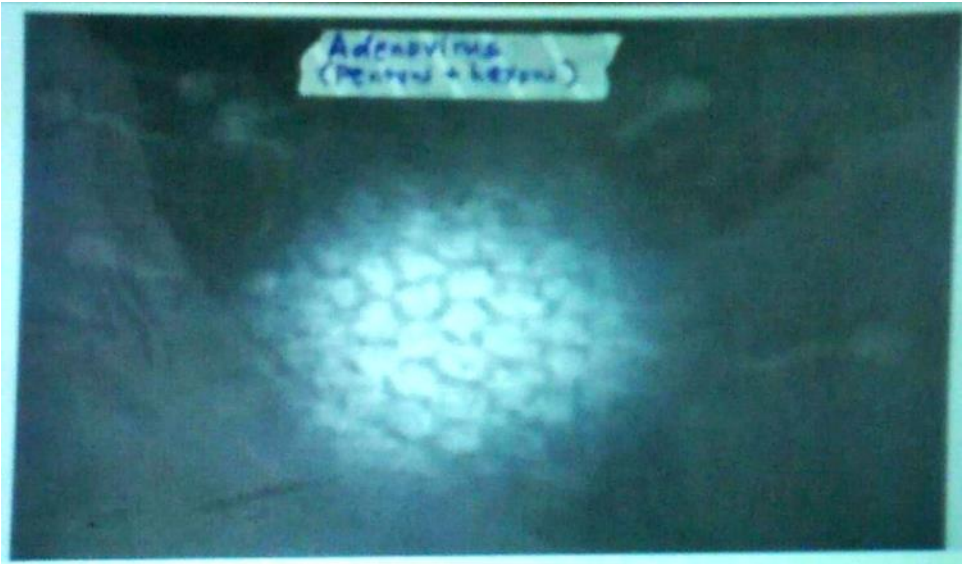


All round Vectors











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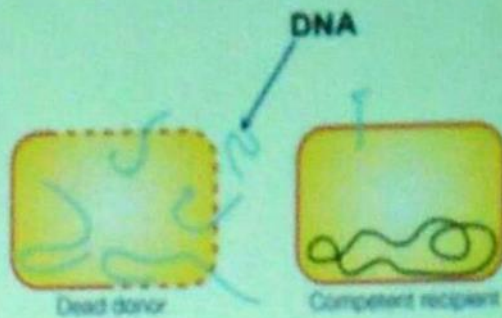
Bacterial culture from urine specimen



- Name 2 possible organisms
- Mention **one** important test to differentiate the 2 organisms

E.coli, klebsiella

Q. 2



- Name the process
- Mention **2** other processes with similar effect

Q. 4 Bacterial culture and identification test results



- Name the most likely organism
- Name 1 virulence factor possessed by the organism

Urase test - proteus

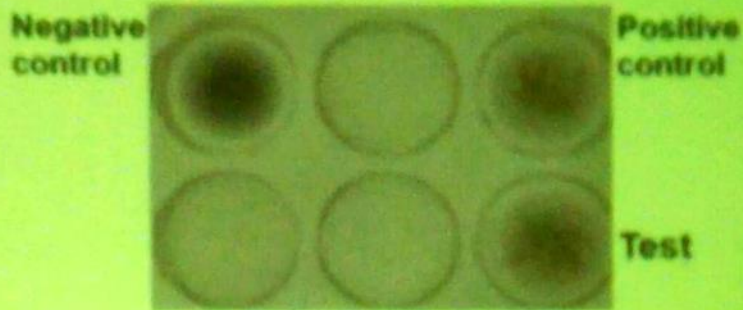
Q 5 Microscopic appearance of an organism associated with septicaemia



- Name the most likely organism
- Mention 2 other clinical presentations of the illness caused

Safety pin- yersinia Pestis
Bipolar staining
Bubonic

Q 6 Serological test of an antenatal clinic client



- Name the test and the organism under investigation
- Mention 1 confirmatory test for the condition

Syphilis RPR
Confirmatory - TPHA test

Q 7

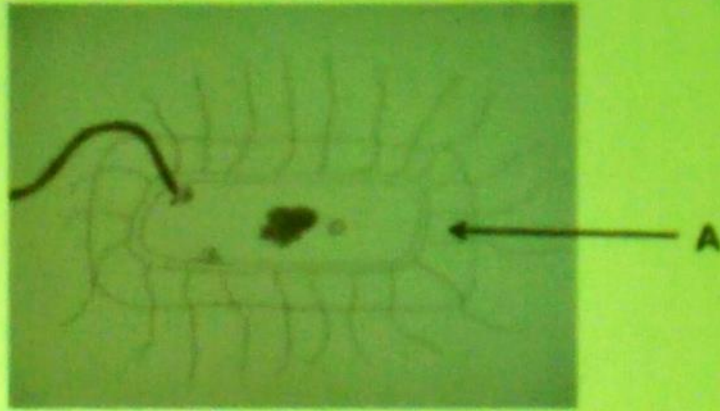


- Name the item
- Name 2 other items that can be used for the same purpose

Browne's tubes- sterilization
Sterilization- changes to green
For chemical control of sterilization

- Autoclave tape

Q 8



- Name the structure marked "A"
- Mention **two** bacteria that possess "A"

Capsule.

- Strep pneumonia
- Haemophilus


Q 9




- Name the type of haemolysis
- Mention 2 possible organisms associated with the haemolysis.

Q 10

A



B




a. Identify the items "A" and "B"

b. Mention **one** organism isolated using each item


A- Stuart. Neiseria gonorrhoea

B-RCM

Q 12 Culture and identification test of a gram positive coccus



BA



Positive control Negative control Test organism

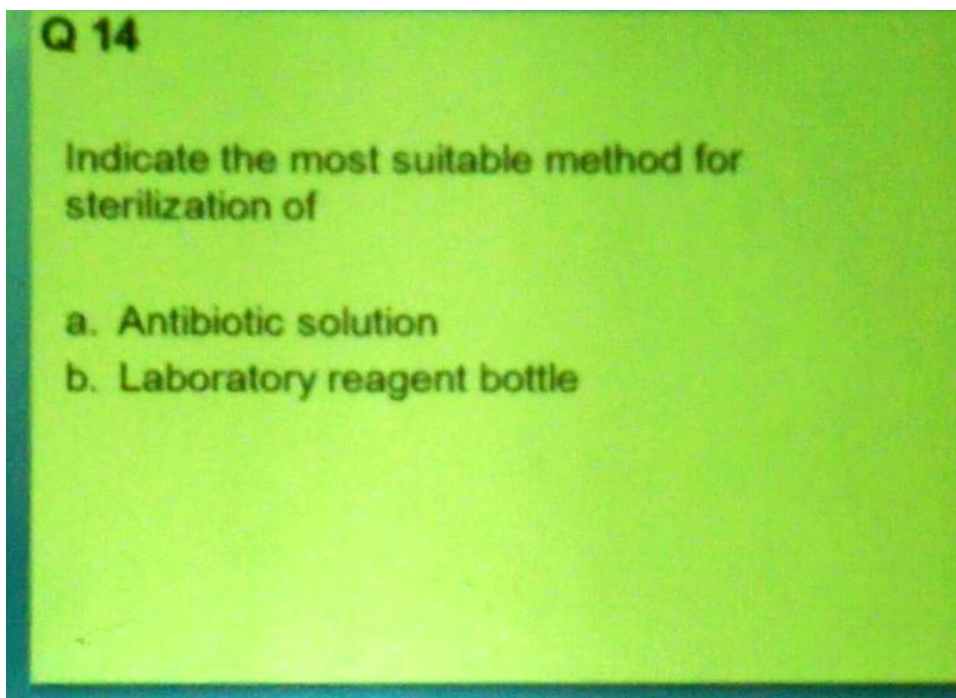
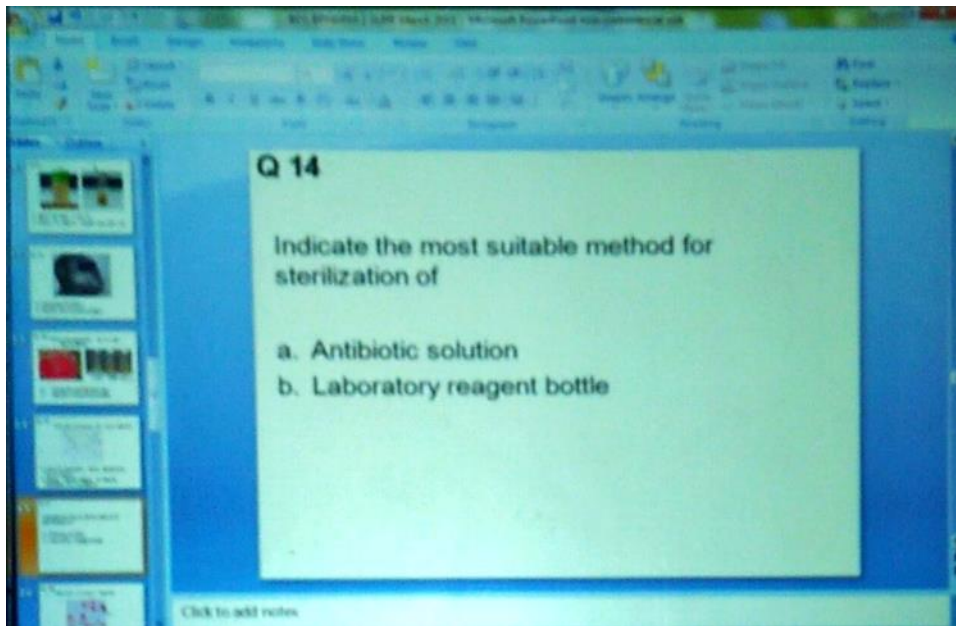
a. Name the identification test

b. Mention 2 possible species

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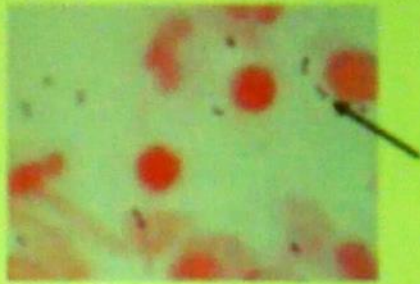
Tube coagulase test

Coagulase negative staphylococcus



Q 15

Gram stain of a sputum specimen



- a. Name the most likely organism
- b. Mention 2 tests to confirmatory tests for the organism

Gram negative - strep pneumoniae
Optochin and bile solubility

Q 16

Gram stain of an organism isolated from diarrhoeal stool of a febrile patient



- a. Name the most likely organism
- b. Mention 1 physical condition and 1 selective medium for growth

Campylobacter- wings

Q 17

Indicate the most suitable method of disinfection for

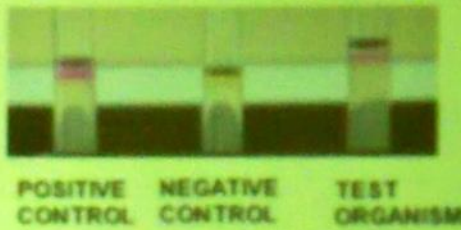
- a. Skin before venipuncture
- b. Laboratory bench top

Q 19 Skin manifestation of a chronic bacterial infection



- a. Name the causative agent and the clinical condition
- b. Mention one antimicrobial agent for treatment

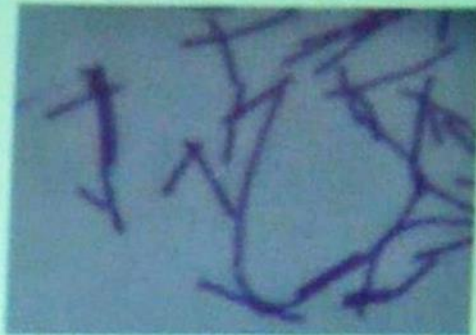
Q 20 Culture and identification test of the organism



- Name the organism
- Mention 2 clinical conditions associated with this organism

Q 22

Gram stain of an organism isolated from a wound on the arm of a livestock farmer



- Name the causative agent
- Name **one** other clinical presentation of this organism

Bacillus anthracis
Septicemia

Q 23



- Name the condition
- Mention 2 bacterial causative agents

N.gonorrhoea

Q 24

Aerobic culture and its identification test



- Name the most likely organism
- Mention **one** antimicrobial agent specific for this organism

Pseudomonas

Q.1 Culture and identification test of a gram positive pathogenic coccus

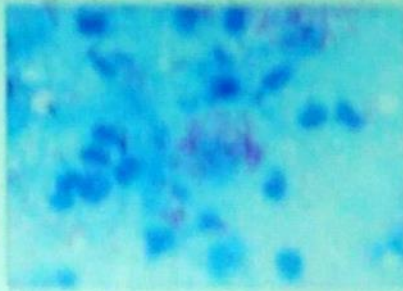


Positive control Negative control Test organism

- Name the identification test and the most likely organism
- Mention a pyogenic infection caused by the organism

S.aureus

Q.4 Photograph of a sputum specimen smear



- Name the illness under investigation and the causative agent
- Mention one medium used in its isolation

Q.5 Gram stain of an eye discharge from a 5 week old baby



- Name the most likely causative organism
- Mention another organism that causes a similar condition

Gram negative diplococci . N.gonorrhoea
Chlamydia trachomatis

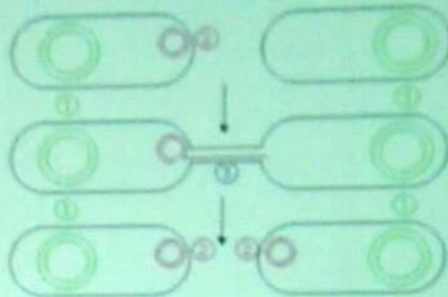
Q.7 Culture and identification test of an organism isolated from a cerebral spinal fluid specimen



Positive control Negative control Test Organism

- Name the test and the organism
- Mention **2** antimicrobial agents effective against the organism

Q.6 Process involving two bacterial cells



- Mention the mechanism
- Mention **one** possible outcome of the process

Q.9 Culture of a respiratory tract pathogen



- Name the most likely organism
- Mention **one** special staining method in the identification of the organism

Dark grey colonies- corynebacterium diphtheria
Albertstaun

Q. 11



- Name the identification medium
- Mention **1** organism which gives the above reaction

E.coli klebsiella-

Q.19 Culture of a gram positive coccus



Positive Control Negative Control Test Organism

- Name the test and the most likely organism
- Mention **1** antimicrobial agent used in treatment of infections caused by the organism

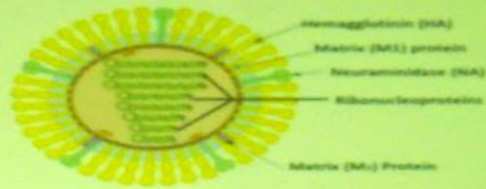
Bile esculin test for e.fecalis

Q. 24 Microscopy of an organism isolated from the blood of a patient with diarrhoea



- Mention the most likely organism
- Mention **one** selective medium for its growth

25.



- a) Name the family of this virus (1 mark)
- b) List two antiviral drugs for this virus (1 mark)

26. Serology results for Hepatitis B infection

	HBsAg	Anti-HBs	Anti-HBc (Total)
A	Negative	Negative	Negative
B	Negative	Positive	Negative
	Negative	Positive	Positive
	Positive	Negative	Positive

- a. Match the letters **A & B** with the corresponding interpretation (2mks)
 - i. Immunized after vaccination
 - ii. Susceptible

27.



- a. Name the condition and the causative virus (1 mark)
- b. List two cancers associated with the virus (1 mark)

Q31



- a. Identify the stage, genus and species of this parasite
- b. Name one drug used to treat its infection in Man

Q35



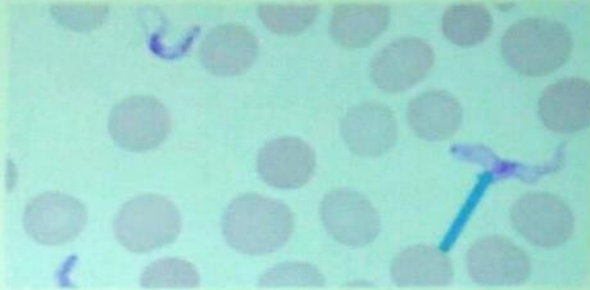
- a. Identify the parasite in a muscle biopsy (long arrow)
- b. Name one clinical presentation of infection with it

Q37



- a. Identify stage, genus & species of these parasites
- b. List two drugs used to treat its infection

Q39



- a. Identify the stage and parasite shown by the arrow
- b. Name one specimen useful in its diagnosis

Q45



- a. Name the condition shown in the picture
- b. Name one drug used to treat this condition

Q46



- a. Name the stage, genus and species of the parasite shown
- b. Give one reason for your identification

Q48



- Identify the insect shown in the picture
- Name one parasite transmitted by the insect

Q50



- Name the stage, genus & species of this parasite
- Name two methods of prevention of infection by it

Q 10

A



B




- Identify the items "A" and "B"
- Mention **one** organism isolated using each item

Norton

Q 17

Gram stain of a culture of a wound specimen

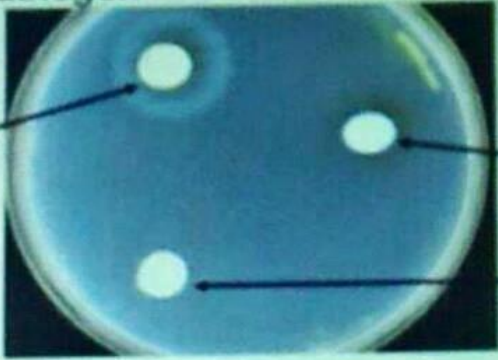


a. Name the identification feature demonstrated and the organism

b. Mention 1 control measure for infections associated with this organism

Drumsticks

Q 18 Identification test for a bacterial pathogen



a. Name the organism identified

b. Mention the clinical condition caused by the organism

Q 21



- Identify the item
- Mention the function of part 'B'

Fields mackintosh
B- anaerobiasis tube indicator
Changes to colourless

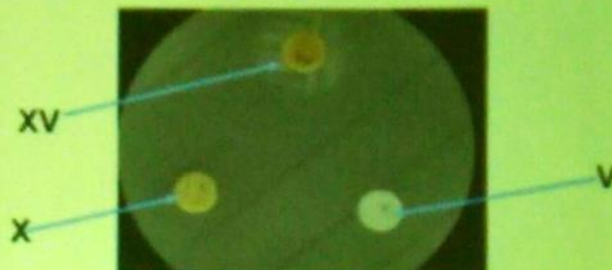
Q 18



- Identify the item
- Mention **two** clinical conditions investigated using the item


Brucellosis
Salmonellosis

Q.20 Identification test for a bacterial pathogen



- Name the organism identified
- Mention **one** control measure for the organism

Q. 5 Stained bacterial pathogen




a. Name the characteristic shown in "A"
b. Mention **three** likely genera

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The image shows a circular micrograph of a Gram-stained bacterial pathogen. The bacteria are purple (Gram-negative) and appear as pairs or short chains. An arrow labeled 'A' points to a specific structure on the surface of one of the bacteria, which is a flagellum. The background is light pink, indicating the presence of a counterstain.

Q. 7 Culture of a respiratory tract pathogen on a selective medium



a. Name the culture medium and the most likely organism
b. Mention one virulence test for the organism

The image shows a circular culture of a respiratory tract pathogen on a selective medium. The medium is a deep red color, and the culture shows a dense, dark, granular growth on the surface, characteristic of a bacterial culture on a selective medium like MacConkey agar.

Q.9 Gram stain of an organism isolated from the blood of a hides and skin dealer



- a. Name the most likely organism
- b. Mention two laboratory characteristics used in confirming the identification

Q. 10



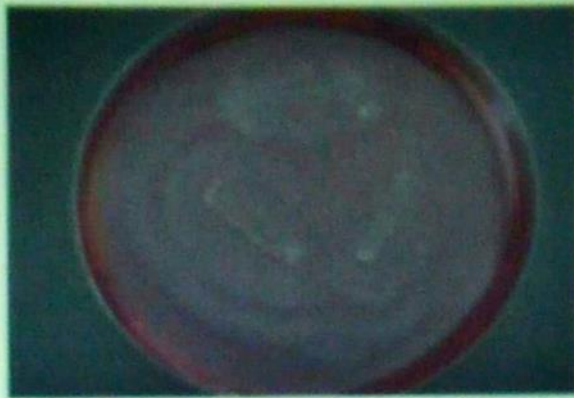
- a. Name the medium and the most likely organism
- b. Mention 2 antimicrobial agents effective against the organism

Q. 11



- a. Mention 2 possible organisms associated with the haemolysis
- b. Mention 2 tests useful in their differentiation


Q. 12



- a. Name the phenomenon and the genus involved
- b. Mention **one** biochemical test which is positive for the organism


Dienes phenomenon

Q. 14 Anaerobic culture of a bacterial pathogen



a. Name the most likely organism
b. Mention **one** clinical conditions associated with this organism and **one** preventive measure

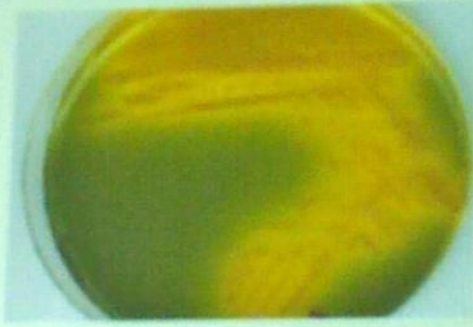
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a. Name the method
b. Mention one advantage and one disadvantage of the method

Storks

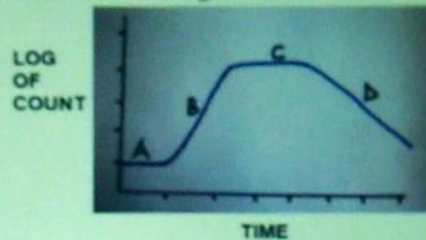
Q. 17 Culture on a selective medium of a diarrhoeal stool specimen



- Name the medium and the most likely organism
- Mention one transport and one enrichment media for the organism


TCBS
Caryblair
Selenite F

Q. 19 Bacterial growth curve



- Identify the parts "A" and "C"
- Mention one activity which occurs in each of the parts "B" and "D"


Q. 20



a. Name the test
b. Mention an organism detected by this test and one laboratory characteristic that differentiates it from other strains

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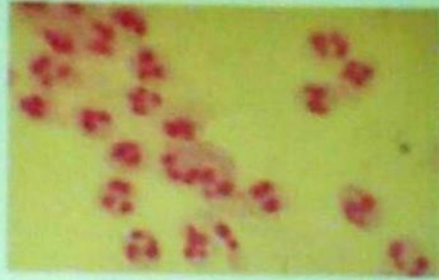
Q. 21



a. Name the most likely genus
b. Mention one test for species identification

Ss media. Salmonella

Q.22 Gram stain of culture negative urethral discharge from a male



- Name the most likely organism
- Recommend **two** most suitable antimicrobial agents for treatment

N.gonorrhoea
If specimen is csf- meningitidis

Q 24

Carbohydrate fermentation test results for pathogenic gram negative diplococci

	GLUCOSE	MALTOSE	SUCROSE
A	Positive	Positive	Negative
B	Positive	Negative	Negative

- Name the most likely organisms "A" and "B"
- Name one clinical condition caused by each organism

A-Neisseria meningitidis
B-gonorrhoea

Q 25

Indicate the most suitable method of sterilization

- a. Serum
- b. Surgical blade

notes

Serum- microfilter,

Blade-radiation

Q 26



- a. Name the apparatus
- b. Mention 2 organisms of different genera isolated using the apparatus

Strep pneumonia
H.influenzae

Q. 30

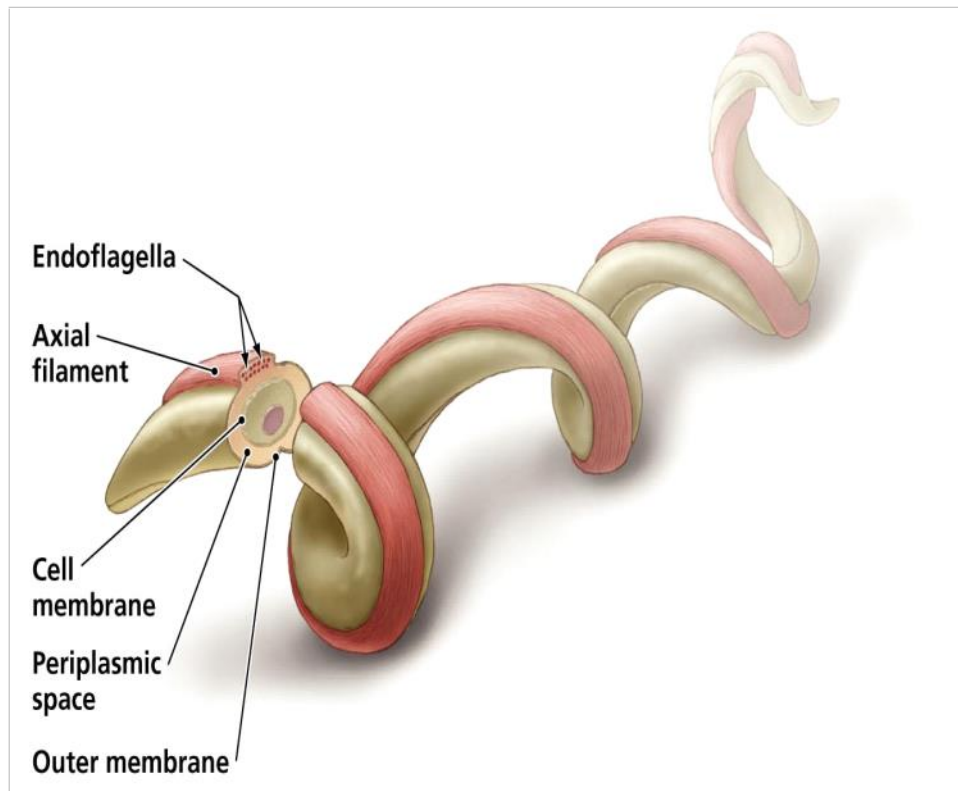


- a. Name the phenomenon and the organism
- b. Mention the importance of this phenomenon

Importance- same species

Spirochaetes: Treponema

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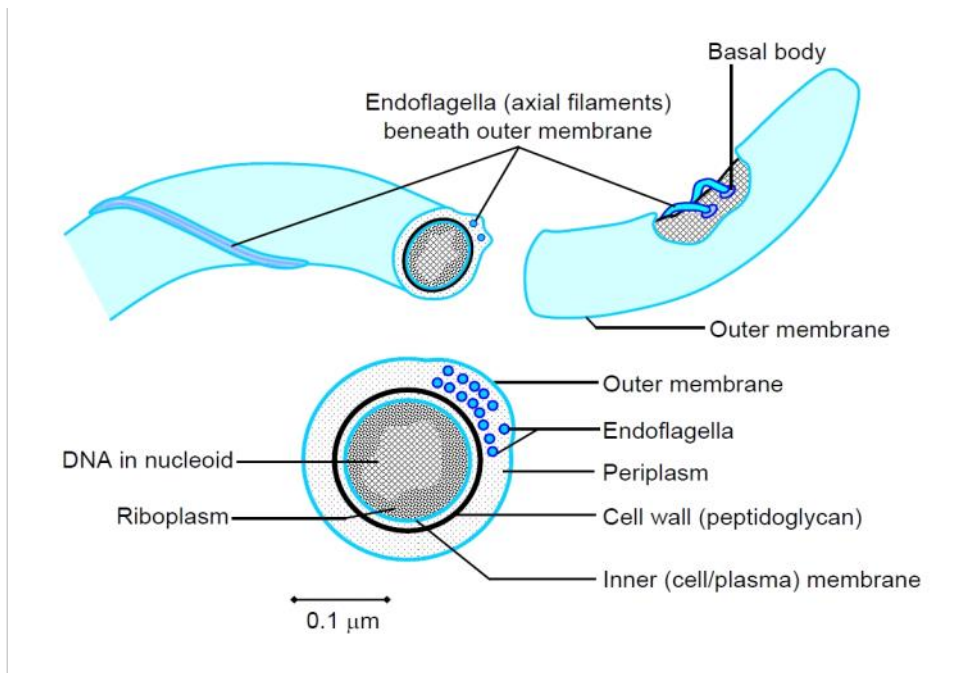


Spirochaetes

spirochaete derived from Greek word for coiled hair

- bacterial cells which are
 - extremely narrow
 - elongated
 - cylindrical in shape
 - spiral with tight coils with tapered ends
- possess endo- or internal flagella
 - number varies according to the species
- actively motile also exhibit rotational movement

Axial filaments contain endoflagella = periplasmic flagella



- spirochaetes possess some bacterial cell structural characteristics which are
 1. similar to typical Gram negative organisms
 - several characteristics
 2. different from Gram negative organisms including
 - a. lack of cell wall lipopolysaccharide
 - b. inability to stain readily by commonly used stains
 - few specific species are stainable by
 - a. modified Gram's stain
 - as Gram negative cells
 - b. Wright's stains

Cant be cultured bcoz it is an obligate (but not intracellular) pathogen. Unlike treponemes and leptospitrae, borreliae are larger, accept Giemsa and other blood stains, and can be seen in the standard light microscope

Genera of spirochaetes associated with human infections

mainly

1. Treponema
2. Borrelia
3. Leptospira

Treponema

- composed of pathogenic and non-pathogenic organisms

Non-pathogenic species

1. human bacterial normal flora mainly in the mouth and genital tract

2. saprophytic species

- a. Reiter's strain of *Treponema pallidum*
 - antigenically related to pathogenic *T. pallidum*
 - can be grown in artificial media
 - requires anaerobic incubation
- b. Nichol's strain of *T. pallidum*
 - both Reiter's and Nichol's strains are used in laboratory studies

Main pathogenic species of *Treponema*

- previously
 1. *Treponema pallidum*
 2. *T. pertenue*
 3. *T. carateum*
- re-classified as sub-species of *T. pallidum*
- other species associated with human disease include *T. denticola* as causative agent of infections in the mouth
- all *Treponema* species or sub-species are similar in morphology and antigenic composition
 - cause cross reactions in serological tests
- differentiated by
 - a. geographical location
 - b. clinical manifestations
 - c. genetic characteristics

Treponema pallidum pallidum

- not visualized in specimens by Gram's stain and light microscope
- may be visualized by special staining methods and microscopes
 1. dark field microscope
 2. fluorescence staining and microscopy
 3. special staining in infected tissues and microscopy
 4. electron microscope

Growth of *T. pallidum pallidum* in cultures

- does not grow in artificial culture media
- live organisms can be inoculated in various parts of laboratory animals for propagation
 - spectrum of manifestations of disease observed in infected humans rarely develops in the animal

Physical properties

- delicate organism
 - loses viability rapidly when exposed to
 - a. dry conditions
 - b. heat
 - c. low temperatures including 0° to 4° c for more than 2 days

Antigenic properties and antibodies of *T. pallidum pallidum*

- exact antigenic components are not clearly identified
- immune system is stimulated during infection
- distinct antibodies are produced in response to infection including
 1. antibody which reacts with **cardiolipin**
 - cardiolipin is a lipid compound in beef heart muscle
 - extracted and prepared for use in laboratory tests
- antibody is referred to as
 - a. Wasserman's
 - b. reagin
 - c. lipoidophil
 - d. anticardiolipin antibody

2. antibody formed in response to a specific antigen contained within the treponemes referred to as **antitreponemal antibody**

Clinical implications of *T. pallidum pallidum*

- natural infection is limited to humans
- causative agent of syphilis
 - illness characterized by severe manifestations and long term complications in the absence of adequate treatment

Transmission of *T. pallidum pallidum*

- transmission depends on the presence of organisms in the blood and syphilitic lesions
 1. **sexual** transmission
 - as venereal disease or STD or STI
 - transmission rate depends on the stage of the illness
 2. **vertical** transmission from infected pregnant female to the expected baby
 3. **blood transfusion**
 - transfusion of blood containing spirochaetes into a susceptible recipient

Sexually transmitted *T. pallidum pallidum*

- infectious lesion in the majority is on the skin or mucosal surface of the external genital organs
- entry into a susceptible person is through broken skin or mucous membrane
- multiplication occurs at the site of entry
- incubation period follows during which the person is not infectious

manifestations

- change as the disease progresses
- basis for classification of syphilis into
 1. primary
 2. secondary
 3. tertiary
 4. late syphilis

Primary syphilis

- characterized by
 - a. localized invasion of mucus membranes
 - b. relatively rapid multiplication of the organism
 - c. initial dissemination through lymphatics and blood circulation
- manifestations occur within 10 to 90 days after exposure
- main lesion is an ulcer referred to as the **primary sore** or **chancre** or **hard chancre**
 - exudate contains *T. pallidum pallidum*



Chancre of primary syphilis. Note the shallow ulcer with a rolled edge (red arrow) that is typical of a syphilitic chancre

chancre

- starts as a papule
 - commonest site is on the surface of external genital parts
 - ulcerates and forms a painless ulcer with clearly defined margin
- single lesion occasionally multiple
- associated with painless enlarged inguinal lymph nodes in most cases
- heals spontaneously in 3 to 8 weeks without treatment
 - the organisms are not necessarily eliminated

Secondary syphilis

- characterized by invasion of the blood circulation and widespread dissemination
- generalized infection with varied manifestations including
 - 1 skin rash
 - 2 lesions on the mucous membranes
 - 3 ulcers in the mouth
- 4. generalized lymph node enlargement
- 5. small swellings described as plaques on various parts including the skin and mucosal surfaces
 - can develop into wart-like lesions referred to as *condylomata lata*
- uncommon manifestations include inflammatory processes involving bones joints possibly eyes

Moist lesions on the genitals are called condylomata lata



Condylomata lata

- lesions of secondary syphilis contain numerous *T. pallidum pallidum*
- possible outcome
 - healing in the absence of treatment
 - development of asymptomatic state referred to as **latent syphilis**
 - progression to tertiary syphilis



Secondary syph: papulosquamous lesions on the right palm. Palmar lesions are typically bilateral

Tertiary syphilis

- develops approximately 3 to 10 years after the primary lesion
- *T. pallidum pallidum* is rarely detected in lesions
- manifestations include small swellings on various parts due to chronic inflammatory process on various tissues and organs including the
 - a. skin
 - b. mucous membranes
 - c. bones
 - lesions referred to as **gummas**
- some of the skin gummatous lesions undergo ulceration

Neurosyphilis: tabes dorsalis, paresis



-Gumma: syphilitic granuloma

-In tertiary syphilis, it infects the endothelium of small blood vessels, causing endarteritis

Late syphilis

- manifests 10 to 20 years after primary disease
- lesions involve mainly
 1. **cardiovascular system** majority as
 - inflammation and other abnormalities mostly of the aorta including the aortic valve
 2. **central nervous system**
 - generally referred to as **neurosyphilis**
 - associated with abnormalities related to the function of affected parts
 - manifestations include
 - a. abnormal gait
 - b. trophic changes of joints
 - c. abnormalities of the optic nerve
 - d. abnormal mental capacity
 - e. involvement of meninges and blood vessels leading to more complications

Aneurysm of the ascending aorta

The latent period can be divided into:

1. **early stage where symptoms of secondary syphilis can reappear and patients can infect others**
2. **late stage where no symptoms occur and patients are not infectious**

Latent syphilis

- dormant disease without clinical manifestations
- detectable by serological tests
- capable of progression to cardiovascular disease or neurosyphilis in the absence of treatment

Congenital syphilis

- transmission can take place any time throughout the pregnancy
 - may be as early as the 10th week or at the time of delivery
 - associated with septicaemia in the foetus and widespread dissemination



CONGENITAL SYPHILIS.

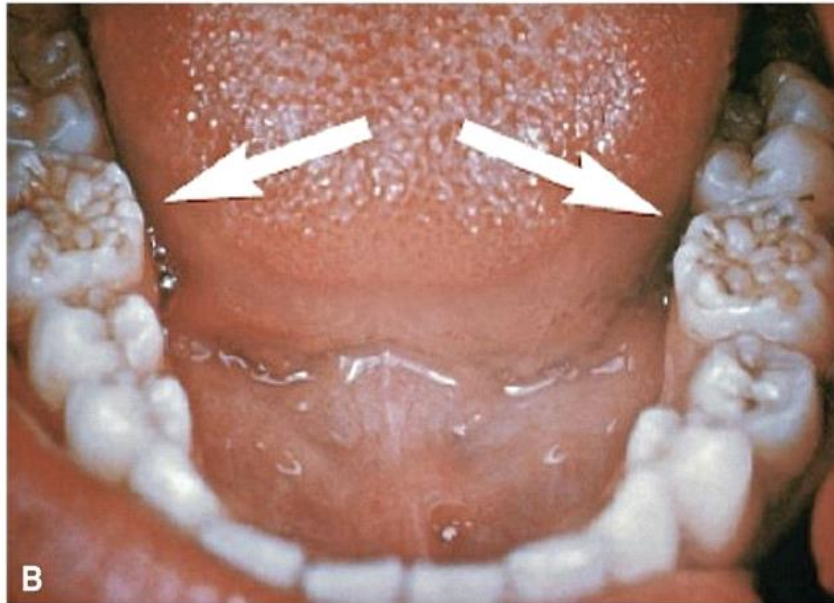
Destruction of nasal bones with major portion of skin of nose and its vicinity. The skin is replaced by cicatricial tissue. Ectropion of the lower lids owing to contraction of scar. The scars themselves are affected by recent ulceration.

- Congenital syphilis: 8th nerve damage, notched teeth (hutchinson's), tabes dorsalis
- Skin and bone lesions, such as Hutchinson's teeth, mulberry molars, saber shins, saddle nose, rhagades, snuffles, and frontal bossing, are common.
- Snuffles: syphilitic rhinitis

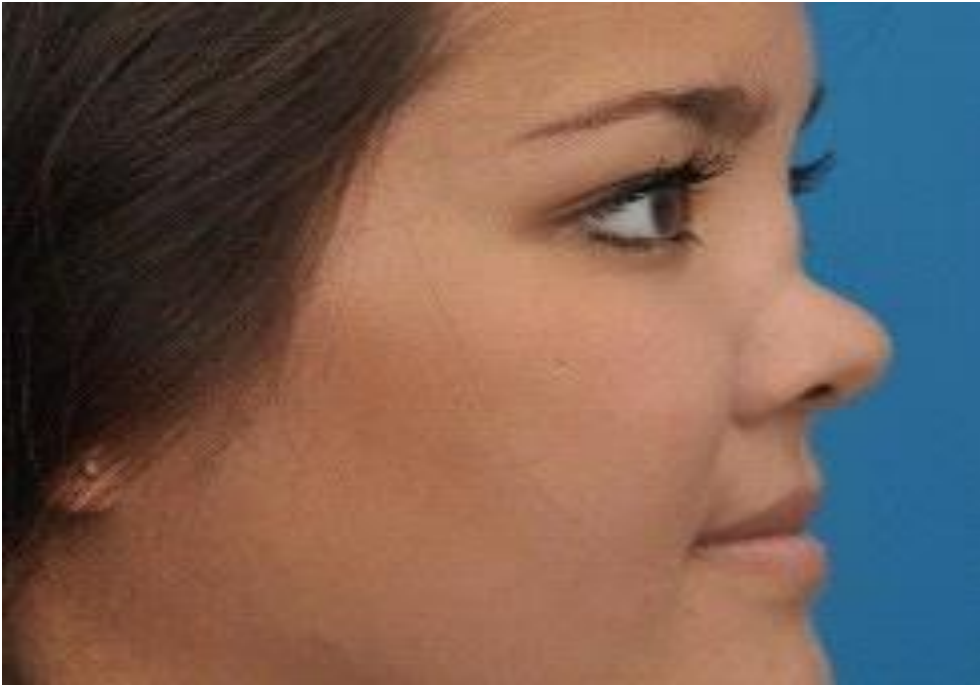


Hutchinson's teeth

Mulberry Molars



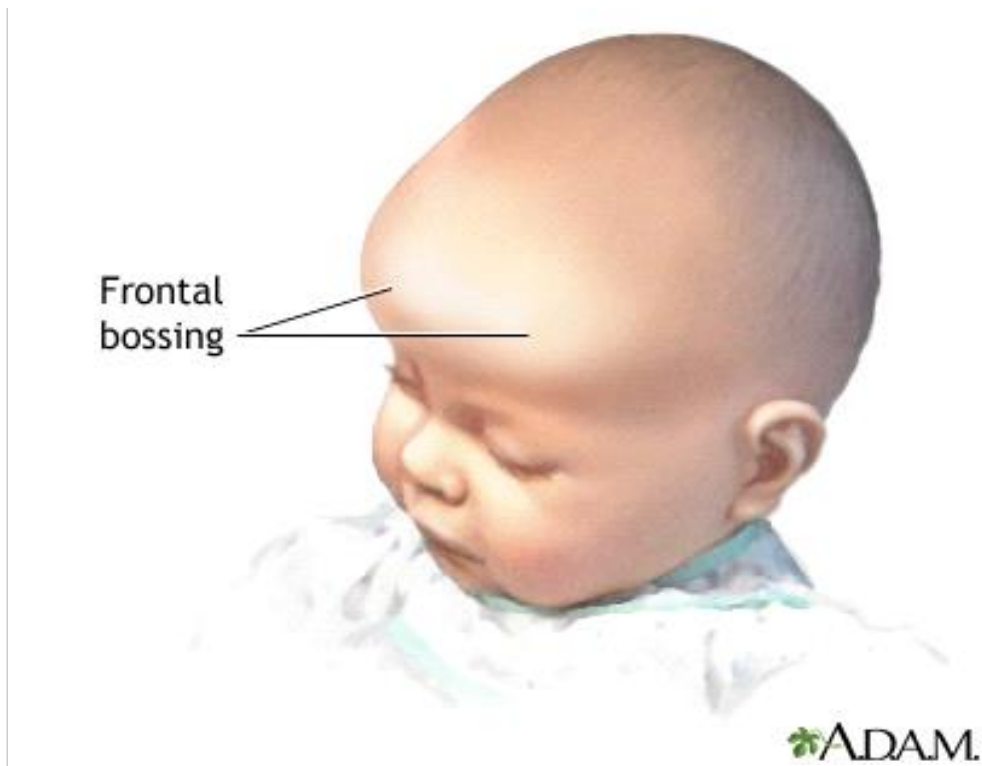
Saber shins



Saddle nose



Rhagades



manifestations of congenital syphilis

- include
 - a. death of fetus which may be associated with a miscarriage or still born at term
 - b. developmental abnormalities
 - c. baby born with latent infection or manifestations which develop anytime within the first two years including
 - failure to thrive
 - skin rash
 - nasal and other abnormalities

Laboratory investigation of syphilis

specimens according to manifestations include

1. exudate from infected tissues
2. blood
3. cerebrospinal fluid
4. infected tissue

procedures on specimens

- applied to detect the organism or antibodies formed in response infection
 1. **detection of *T. pallidum pallidum***
 - a. in unstained freshly collected fluid or scrapings from a chancre or ulcerated lesions of secondary syphilis
 - examined by **dark field microscope**

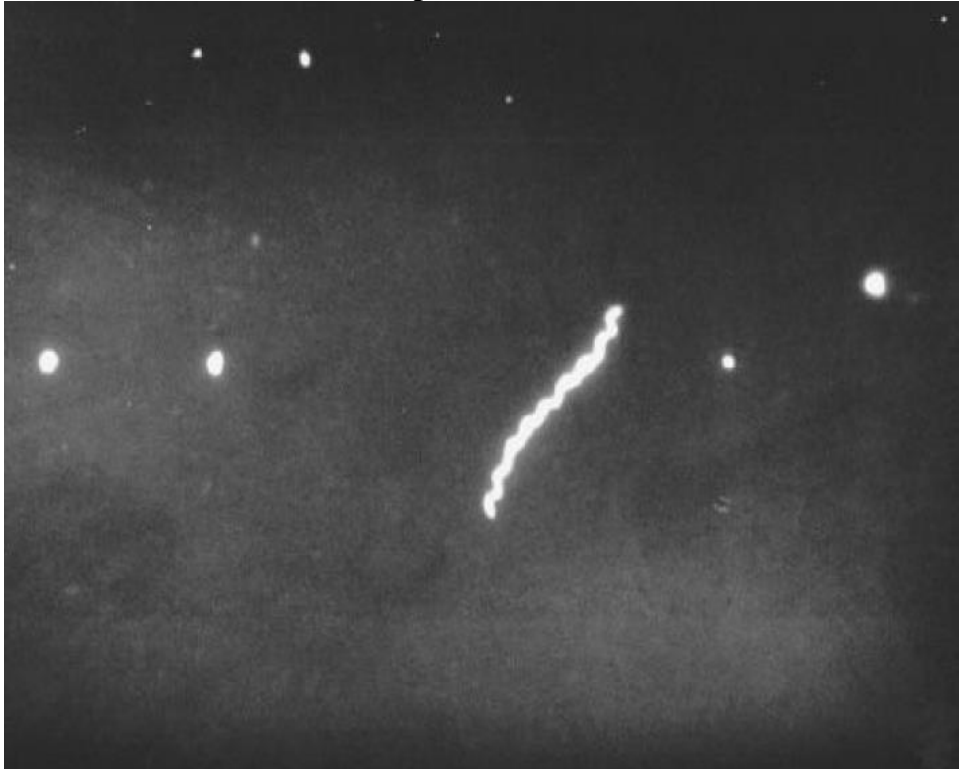
- dark field microscopy
 - performed promptly and repeatedly if necessary
 - *T. pallidum pallidum* is observable as spiral organism with characteristic motility
- b. **fluorescence staining** in exudates with antibody attached to fluorescent stain and examination by fluorescence microscope
 - **immunofluorescence staining** technique
- c. specific staining techniques for *T. pallidum* in infected tissues and microscopic examination

3 important approaches in lab diagnoses:

1. **Microscopy**
 - a. **Dark field**
 - b. **DFA - direct fluorescent antibody**
2. **Nonspecific serologic tests by use of nontreponemal antigens eg cardiolipin which react with antibodies in serum samples from patients with syphilis. These antibodies, which are a mixture of IgG and IgM, are called "reagin" antibodies. Flocculation tests (e.g. VDRL and RPR tests) detect the presence of these antibodies. False-positive reactions occur in infections such as leprosy, hepatitis B, and infectious mononucleosis and in various autoimmune diseases.**

Therefore, positive results have to be confirmed by specific tests. These tests can also be falsely negative as a result of the prozone phenomenon. In the prozone phenomenon, the titer of antibody is too high (antibody excess), and no flocculation will occur. On dilution of the serum, however, the test result becomes positive

3. **Specific tests:** These tests involve the use of treponemal antigens and therefore are more specific than those described earlier



Dark-field: T. pallidum

2 serological tests for syphilis

- detection of antibodies in patient's serum generally and cerebrospinal fluid in suspected neurosyphilis
- do not distinguish syphilis from infections by other pathogenic Treponema species or sub-species

types of tests

• non-treponemal tests

- detect the anticardiolipin antibody include
 - 1 Venereal Disease Research Laboratory (VDRL)
 - 2 Kahn test
 - 3 Rapid Plasma Reagin or RPRRPR positive tests can be semi-quantified
- most sera become positive approximately 10 to 14 days after appearance of the chancre

- associated with
 - a. false negative results
 - may occur in early primary and late stages of syphilis
 - b. false positive results
 - may be due to other infectious and non infectious diseases
- positive in all patients with secondary syphilis
- used as screening tests
 - positive results are subjected to confirmatory tests
- sera of patients testing positive and are confirmed positive become negative after successful treatment
 - may be used to monitor response to treatment

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-Falsely negative as a result of the prozone phenomenon. In the prozone phenomenon, the titer of antibody is too high (antibody excess), and no flocculation will occur. On dilution of the serum, however, the test result becomes positive

-Congenital syphilis is based on the finding that the infant has a higher titer of antibody in the VDRL test than has the mother

- b. **Treponemal tests for syphilis**
 - detect specific antibody to treponemal antigen
 - associated with fewer false positive reactions
 - majority remains positive after completion of treatment
 - tests include
 1. *T. pallidum* haemagglutination assay (TPHA)
 2. Fluorescent Treponemal antibody absorption test (FTA-ABS)
 3. ELISA
 4. *T. pallidum* immobilization test or TPI
 - has several disadvantages including use of live treponemes
 - used less frequently
- c. **other tests** include gene detection methods

These tests remain positive for life after effective treatment and cannot be used to determine the response to treatment or

reinfection

Antimicrobial susceptibility of *T. pallidum pallidum*

- susceptible to a wide range of antimicrobial agents
- for treatment of infection agents include
 - penicillin various preparations
 - mostly used is **benzathine penicillin**
 - others tetracycline erythromycin
- a. choice b. dose c. duration
d. routes of administration
all depend on patient factors and stage of syphilis

-Benzathine pen: long acting penicillin for prim and sec syphilis

-Pen G for congenital and late syph

-Syphilis Rx is associated with Jarisch–Herxheimer reaction

-Jarisch–Herxheimer reaction: is a reaction to endotoxin-like products released by the death of harmful microorganisms within the body during antibiotic treatment. Efficacious antimicrobial therapy results in lysis of bacterial cell membranes, and consequently releases bacterial toxins into the bloodstream, resulting in a systemic inflammatory response or systemic shock. This reaction occurs after treatment of spirochetal diseases such as syphilis, Lyme disease, leptospirosis, and relapsing fever

Prevention of *T. pallidum pallidum* infection

1. **sexually transmitted infection**
 - methods of prevention of STI and STD in general are applied
 - screening clients with other STDs for syphilis and giving appropriate treatment if infected
2. **congenital syphilis**
 - antenatal screening of expectant females
 - prompt diagnosis
 - adequate treatment of infected expectant females
3. **blood transfusion**
 - screening all donated blood for *T. pallidum* before use and discarding if infected

Non-venereal diseases due to *Treponema*

- transmitted through person to person contact or via contaminated articles
1. **bejel or non-venereal or endemic syphilis**
 - caused by *T. pallidum* subspecies *endemicum*
 - usually begins in childhood in the mucous membranes as a small patch which can start in the mouth
 - progresses gradually associated with raised eroding small swellings on the limbs and trunk
 - later lesions include gummas which may occur on the skin bones and nasopharynx
 - encountered in tropical and subtropical areas of Africa and other continents

-Bejel: in Africa

-Yaws: tropical countries (caused by *T. pallidum* subspecies *pertenue*)

-Pinta: Central and S. America (caused by *Treponema carateum*)

2. yaws

- causative agent is *T. pallidum pertenue*
 - infects through broken skin
- numerous manifestations which vary according to the stage of the illness include
 - painless papular nodules initially
 - later develops into destructive lesions involving
 - a. skin may form ulcers
 - b. lymph nodes
 - c. bones and joints
 - d. other destructive lesions on soft tissues
- encountered mostly in various areas of S. America
Central Africa SE Asia

3. pinta

- causative agent is *Treponema carateum* or *T. pallidum carateum*
- primarily restricted to skin
- clinically characterized by
 - initial lesions as small pruritic papules
 - later lesions consist of enlarged plaques which persist for months to years
 - disseminated illness is characterized by recurrent hypopigmentation or depigmentation of skin lesions and marked scar formation

Spirochetes: Borrelia & Leptospira

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Borrelia

- relatively broader than other spirochaetes
- some species are stainable although not readily and observable microscopically
 1. by modified Gram's stain as Gram negative cells
 2. on dried blood films by Giemsa or Wright's stains

Culture in the laboratory

- do not grow easily on cultures
- not requested or performed routinely
- experiments show that some species may grow on
 - a. enriched media specially formulated to provide the necessary nutritional requirements
 - b. incubation under microaerophilic conditions

Species of Borrelia which infect humans

1. *Borrelia recurrentis*
 - causative agent of louse-borne relapsing fever or louse-borne borreliosis or epidemic relapsing fever
2. Borrelia transmitted by blood sucking ticks
 - several species include
 - a. *Borrelia duttoni*
 - b. Borrelia species with species name corresponding with that of the tick responsible for transmission
 - causative agents of tick-borne relapsing fever or tick-borne borreliosis or endemic relapsing fever

- c. *Borrelia burgdorferi*
 - isolated in some countries in the temperate regions
 - transmitted by hard ticks from mammals including rodents
 - causative agent of febrile illness with a wide spectrum of manifestations
 - illness referred to as Lyme disease
3. *Borrelia vincentii*
 - normal flora spirochaetes in the mouth

Lyme disease can cause Bells palsy

Transmission of *Borrelia* species associated with relapsing fever

Borrelia recurrentis

- transmitted by lice from person to person
- infected humans with the organisms in the blood form the reservoir
 - lice acquire the organisms while feeding on infected human blood
- enters susceptible person through broken skin
- rubbing or crushing the infected lice releases fluid containing spirochaetes and facilitates entry
- over-crowding in places with scarce facilities for cleanliness favours transmission

Borrelia duttoni and related tick-borne species

- humans acquire infection through broken skin
 - from a tick bite or from crushed infected tick
- ticks
 - transmit the borreliae between animals and from animals to humans
 - infected animals involved in transmission include
 - a. rodents b. pigs c. armadillos d. porcupines
 - together with infected ticks constitute the reservoir
 - infection in ticks
 - a. persists throughout its life
 - b. is passed on via the ova to next generations

Manifestations of relapsing fever

- louse-borne or tick-borne similar manifestations
 - characterized by febrile and afebrile periods
- febrile period
 - lasts approximately 3 to 5 days
 - spirochaetes are abundant in the blood
 - immune system responds by production of antibodies to specific antigenic components
 - together with other immune defense mechanisms antibodies recognize and act to eliminate the spirochaetes in the circulation at the time
- overall effects
 - a. marked reduction of borreliae in the blood
 - b. fever subsides

- fever recurs after 4 to 10 days and spirochaetes reappear in the blood causing a relapse
- several recurrences or relapses occur
- during each febrile episode
 - a few borreliae undergo mutation
 - acquire new antigenic determinants which differ structurally from the previous ones
 - phenomenon of antigenic variation
 - organisms with new antigenic determinants
 - constitute a new strain
 - are not recognized by the circulating antibodies at the time and therefore are not eliminated
 - multiply and cause the subsequent relapse

Clinical Findings

The clinical findings have been divided into three stages; In stage 1 (early localized stage), the most common finding is **erythema chronicum migrans** (also called **erythema migrans**), an expanding, erythematous, macular rash that often has a “target” or “bull’s eye” appearance



-In stage 2 (early disseminated stage), which occurs weeks to months later, cardiac and neurologic involvement predominates. Myocarditis, accompanied by various forms of heart block, occurs. Acute (aseptic) meningitis and cranial neuropathies, such as facial nerve palsy (Bell’s palsy), are prominent during this stage. Bilateral facial nerve palsy is highly suggestive of Lyme disease

-In stage 3 (late disseminated stage), arthritis, usually of the large joints (e.g., knees), is a characteristic finding. Lyme arthritis is thought to be autoimmune in origin. Encephalopathy also occurs in stage 3

Laboratory investigation of relapsing fever

1. detection of *Borrelia* species in peripheral blood
 - chances of detection are high during the febrile periods by
 - a. direct microscopic examination for motile spiral organisms
 - b. examination of dry smears stained by Giemsa or Wright's stain
 - c. dark field or phase contrast microscopic examination for motile spiral organisms
 - more reliable procedure
2. other methods of investigation

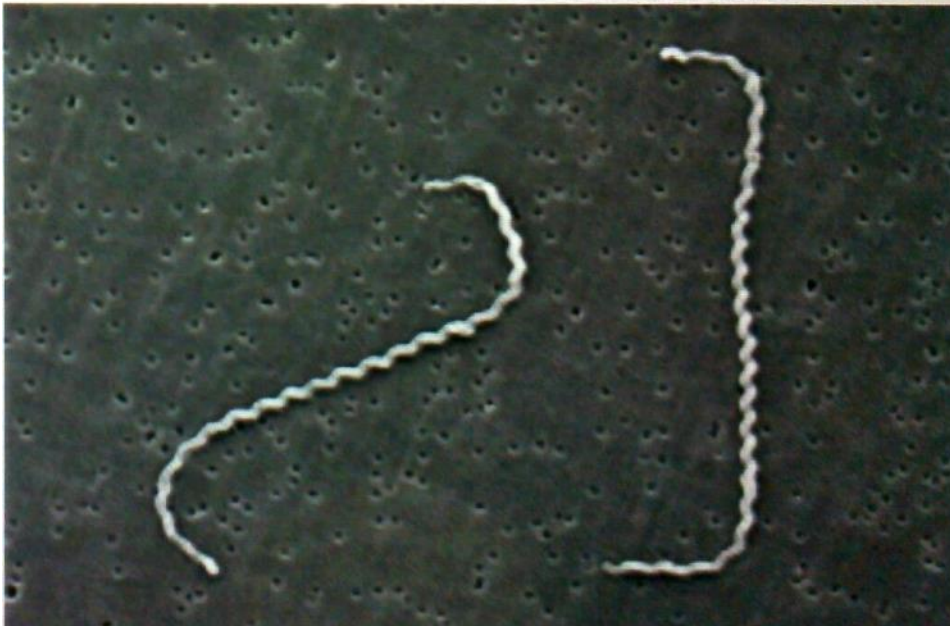
Antibiotic susceptibility of *Borrelia*

- sensitive to several agents including penicillin

Borrelia vincentii

- relatively longer and broader actively motile
- fastidious nutritional requirements for growth
 - possibility of growth on specially formulated enriched medium under anaerobic incubation
- significant as one of the causative agents of **ulcerative gingivostomatitis** and **ulcerative oropharyngitis** also referred to as **trench mouth**
 - in association with
 1. other abnormalities including
 - a. trauma
 - b. vitamin deficiency
 2. other organisms in the mouth

Leptospira



Leptospira

- narrower than other spirochaetes
 - possesses numerous closely set coils
- recognized by its characteristic vigorous motility
- visualized by dark field or phase contrast or electron microscopes
- stainable by special methods including fluorescent staining methods
- culturable in specifically formulated enriched media
 - liquid or semi-solid preparations as obligate aerobes
 - slow growth especially in primary isolation
 - may take 6 to 14 days or longer
- also capable of growing on embryonated eggs

Species of genus *Leptospira*

- composed of saprophytic organisms and potential pathogens
- two species morphologically indistinguishable
 - each species is composed of numerous serotypes
- 1. *L. interrogans*
 - hundreds of serotypes
 - includes a serotype associated with rodents which is pathogenic to humans *L. interrogans icterohaemorrhagiae*
- 2. *L. biflexa*
 - saprophytes in the environment

Leptospira interrogans serotype associated with human disease

- parasitic to small animals including rodents
 - found in their kidneys
- no disease manifestations in the animals
 - can also infect other animals including domestic animals
 - the infected small animals provide the reservoir
- passed out in the urine and contaminates the environment
- saprophytes in water or damp soil
- **transmission to humans** is by accidental exposure through contact with infected urine of the animal

- directly or through contaminated soil or water

Clinical implication

- causative agent of human leptospirosis
 - entry is through broken skin or mucous membranes
 - infection is associated with invasion into the blood circulation and septicaemia
 - associated with haematogenous spread to various internal organs including the kidneys
 - associated with excretion in urine
 - increased risk of exposure for people who work in damp places populated by rodents

Manifestations of human leptospirosis

- vary from asymptomatic to severe illness
- symptomatic leptospirosis
 - initially characterized by septicaemia constituting the septicaemic phase
 - manifestations include mild non-specific signs and symptoms including fever
 - may progress severe illness characterized by an internal organ damage
 - with manifestations due to abnormal functions of the organ

The illness is typically biphasic, with fever, chills, intense headache, and conjunctival suffusion (diffuse reddening of the conjunctivae) appearing early in the disease, followed by a short period of resolution of these symptoms as the organisms are cleared from the blood.

Laboratory investigation of leptospirosis

- involves detection of spirochaetes in specimens and serological tests for antibodies
 - specimens include 1. blood 2. urine 3. tissue
- procedures**
1. **culture**
 2. **dark field microscopy**
 - chances for positive results on blood are higher during the septicaemic phase
 3. **serology**
 - detection and demonstration of rising antibody titre in serum
 4. **DNA detection and amplification in specimen**

Antimicrobial susceptibility of *L. interrogans*

- effective antimicrobial agents include penicillin and tetracycline

Prevention and control of *L. interrogans* infection may involve

- reduction of infection in wild and domestic animals
- vaccination of domestic animals in areas where *L. interrogans* is detected
- protective clothing for those at higher risk of exposure

Chlamydia & Mycoplasma

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OUTLINE

- Important Properties
- Replicative Cycle
- Epidemiology and Transmission
- Pathogenesis and Clinical Findings
- Laboratory Diagnosis
- Treatment
- Control

CURRENTLY 2 GENERA:

- Chlamydia
- Chlamydophila

IMPORTANT PROPERTIES

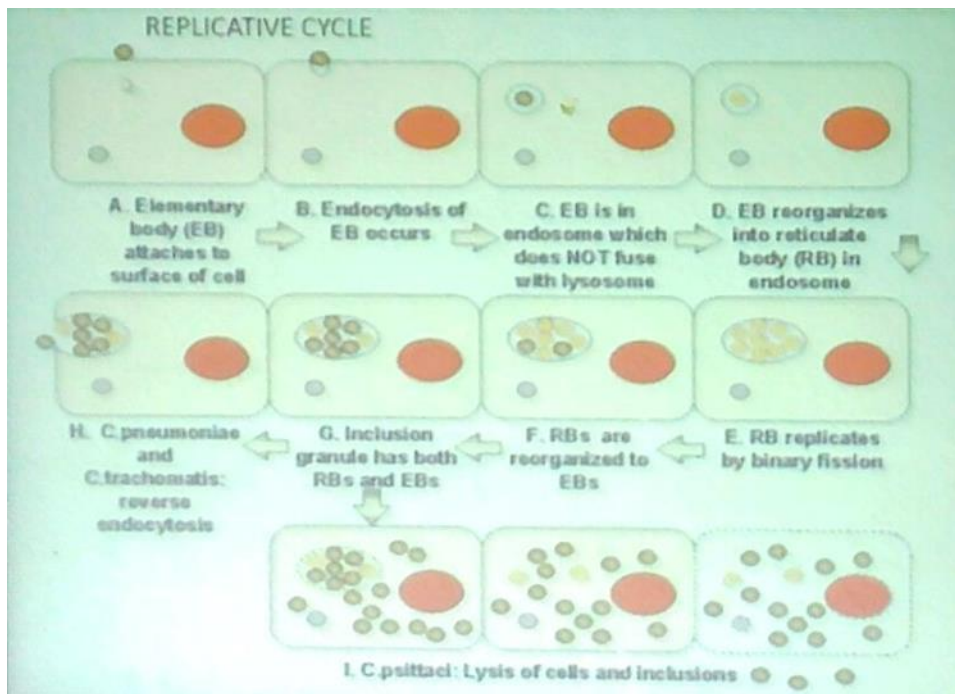
- obligate intracellular organisms.
 - Cannot synthesize own ATP
- parasites of humans, animals & birds

- Share some characteristics with viruses:
 - Very small
 - Don't synthesize ATP (get ATP from host cell)
 - Don't replicate extracellularly

- Unlike Viruses:
 - Contain both DNA &RNA
 - Have ribosomes
 - Replicate by binary fission
 - Respond to antibacterial agents

REPLICATIVE CYCLE

1. The cycle begins when the metabolically inert spore-like **elementary** body enters the cell.
2. It then reorganizes into a larger metabolically active **reticulate** body.
3. The reticulate body undergoes **repeated binary fission** to form daughter elementary bodies.
4. Formed elementary bodies are released from the cell.



- Pathogenic Species
Chlamydia trachomatis
Chlamydophila pneumoniae
Chlamydophila psittaci

C. trachomatis

- Occurs worldwide.
- Infects only humans .
- Transmitted sexually, passage through the birth canal, flies, contaminated fingers.

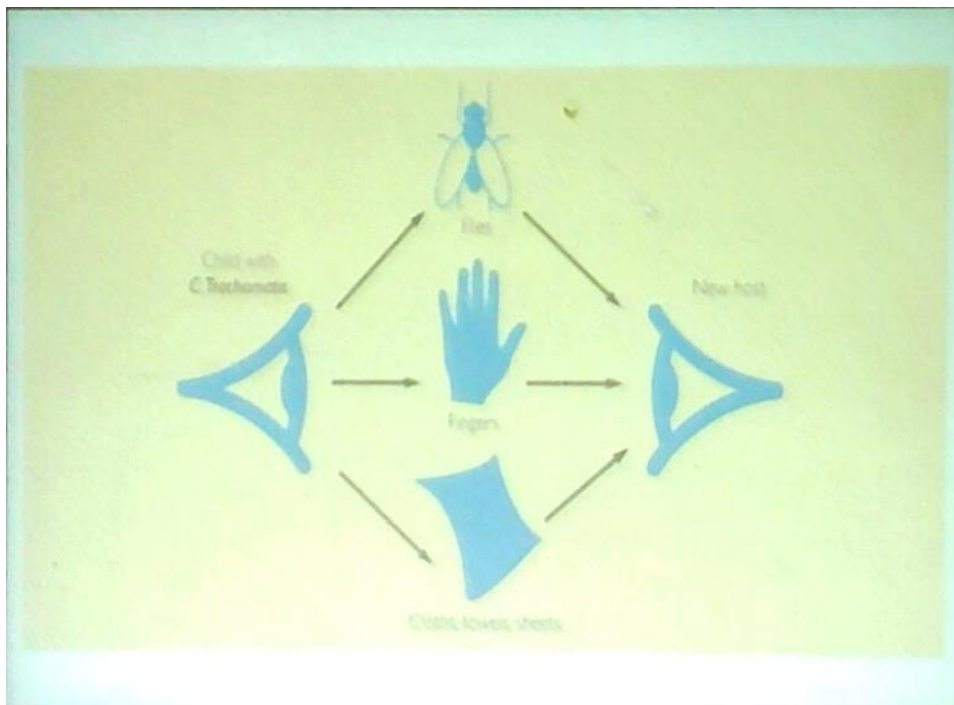
Clinical manifestations

1. **Trachoma** chronic follicular keratoconjunctivitis

- Leading cause of preventable blindness in the developing world
- Eye disease of conjunctiva & cornea
- Caused by Serotypes A, B1, B2 , and C
- Infections result in scarring & corneal damage

-Trachoma

- Spread by transfer of infected discharge from eye of infected person by hands, clothing, towels
- Flies important carriers
- Poverty, overcrowding, poor personal hygiene, inadequate water.... enhance spread



WHO STAGES

1. Trachomatous inflammation, follicular (TF)—Five or more follicles of >0.5 mm on the upper tarsal conjunctiva
2. Trachomatous inflammation, intense (TI)—Papillary hypertrophy and inflammatory thickening of the upper tarsal conjunctiva obscuring more than half the deep tarsal vessels
3. Trachomatous scarring (TS)—Presence of scarring in tarsal conjunctiva.
4. Trachomatous trichiasis (TT)—At least one ingrown eyelash touching the globe, or evidence of epilation (eyelash removal)
5. Corneal opacity (CO)—Corneal opacity blurring part of the pupil margin

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Stage 2: Follicles, inflammation,



Stage 3: Trachoma with scarring



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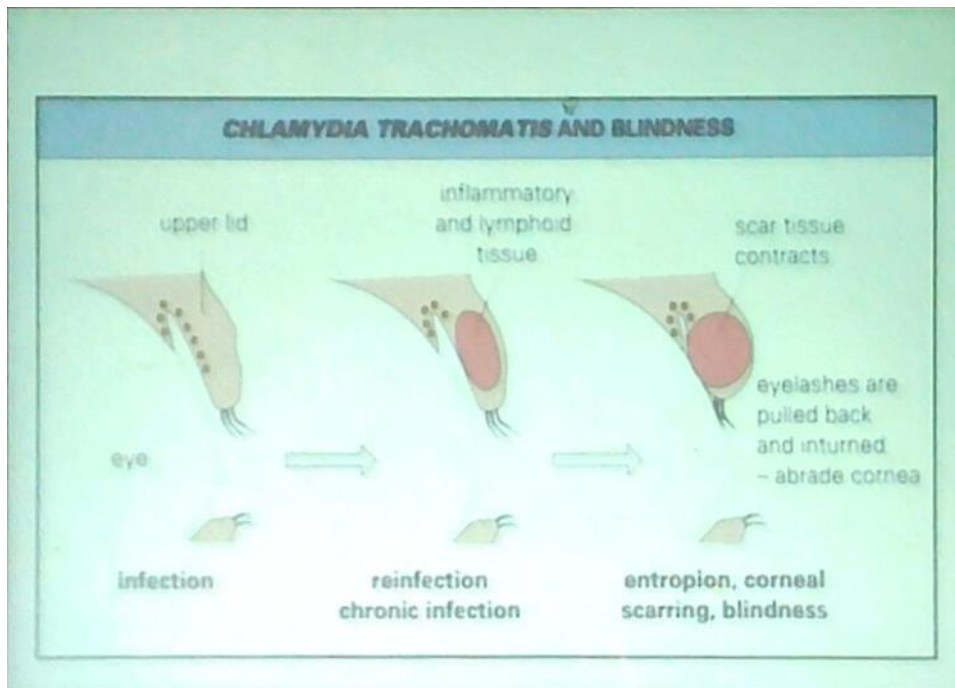


Eyelids turn in towards the cornea

Stage 5: Corneal Opacity



- Corneal Scarring
- Bacteria/Virus enters damaged cornea



2. Inclusion conjunctivitis:

- Associated with serotypes D-K
- Half of infected adults have concurrent genital tract infection
- Can affect neonates born of mothers with genital infection
- Presents with mucopurulent discharge in the eye (Ophthalmia neonatorum)
- No corneal scarring

3. Neonatal pneumonia:

- Associated with serotypes D-K
- Most acquired from mothers genital tract
- Often preceded by inclusion conjunctivitis
- Presents with cough & wheezing; fever

4. Lymphogranuloma venereum (LGV)

- Associated with serotypes L1, L2, and L3
- Sexually transmitted- enters thru skin abrasions
- Primary lesion: small painless papule or ulcer, at infection site
- Secondary symptoms, weeks later- Fever, headache, Lymphadenopathy (inguinal buboes), Abscesses
- Chronic infxn.: scarring, lymphatic obstruction; may resemble elephantiasis

Epididymitis, Salpingitis, Cervicitis, PID

- Caused by Serotypes D-K

LABORATORY DIAGNOSIS

- Microscopy: Cytoplasmic inclusions
- *C. trachomatis* inclusion bodies contain glycogen, can visualize by staining with iodine.
- visualized with giemsa, fluorescent antibody staining or hybridization with a DNA probe.

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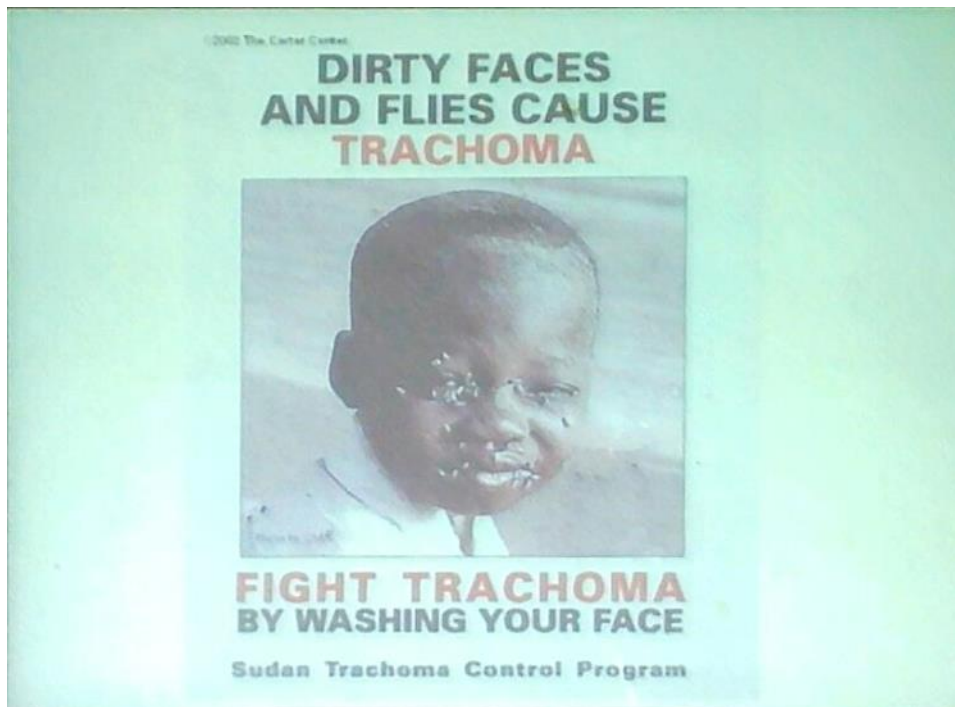
- Antigens can be detected in exudates or urine by ELISA.
- Pathogen can be grown in cell cultures eg
 - Chicken embryo yolk sac
 - McCoy cell lines

TREATMENT

- Trachoma – erythromycin, doxycycline
- LGV – doxycycline; aspirate buboes
- Genital & ocular – azithromycin, doxycycline

CONTROL

- Antibiotic prophylaxis- oral azithromycin
- Public education: hygiene
- Tracing and treating partners in genital tract infections.



C.psittaci

- infects wild & domestic birds
- Human infection: inhalation of organism in dried infected bird droppings
- Influenza-like illness, pneumonitis
- Diagnosis – serology: ELISA
- Rx – tetracycline/ doxycycline/ erythromycin
- ❖ Proper control of importation or handling of psittacine birds.

C.pneumoniae

- inflammatory process in respiratory tract
atypical pneumonia, bronchitis, sinusitis
- Person-to-person spread via respiratory droplets
- Diagnosis – serology, PCR, cell cultures
- Rx – doxycycline/ erythromycin

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Colonial morphology: fried egg-appearance

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- Variable membrane lipoproteins form an antigenic variation system - escaping the host immune response.

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PATHOGENESIS AND EPIDEMIOLOGY

Respiratory and Urogenital

- Respiratory Infections

M. pneumoniae

- Common cause of atypical pneumonia.
- Transmitted by respiratory droplets.
- Ciliary motion is inhibited and necrosis of the epithelium occurs.

It produces hydrogen peroxide which contributes to damage by respiratory tract cells.

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...Respiratory Infections

- *M. hominis* - respiratory disease in newborns
- *M. fermentans* –throat, associated with adult respiratory distress syndrome.

❖ Extrapulmonary

- due to production of autoantibodies.
- Include: meningitis, hemolytic anaemia, myocarditis, pericarditis.

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TREATMENT

- **** Resistant to antibiotics which interfere with bacterial cell wall synthesis ****
- *M.pneumoniae* – tetracyclines/ quinolones/ macrolides
- *U.urealyticum* – less susceptible to quinolones; use erythromycin

Chlamydiaceae

- Two genera: *Chlamydia* and *Chlamydophila*

Important characteristics:

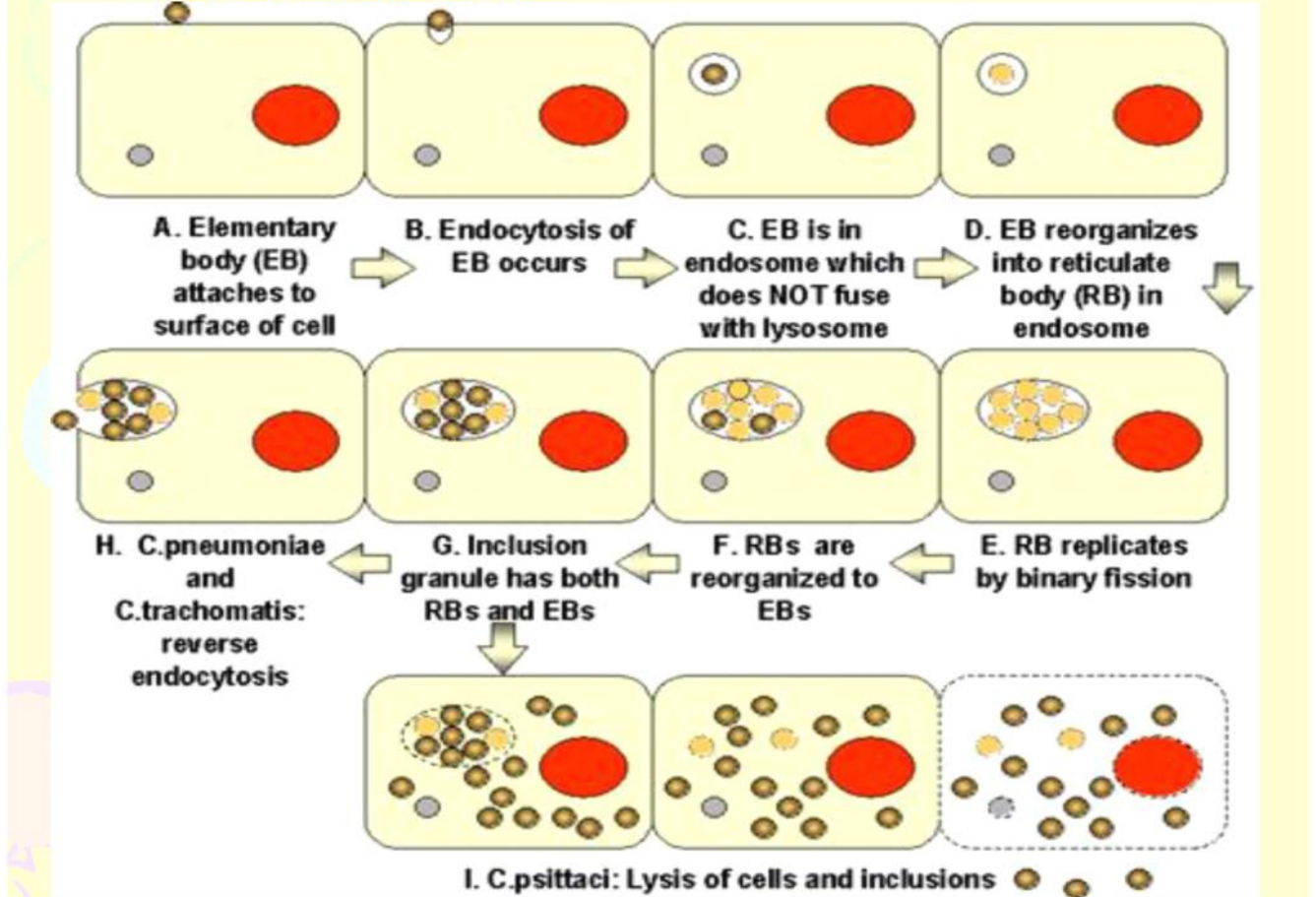
- obligate intracellular parasites
- possess inner and outer membranes similar to those of gram-negative bacteria
- contain both DNA and RNA
- possess prokaryotic ribosomes
- synthesize their own proteins, nucleic acids, and lipids
- susceptible to antibiotics.

Chlamydiaceae

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- metabolically inactive infectious forms (**elementary bodies [EBs]**)
- metabolically active, noninfectious forms (**reticulate bodies [RBs]**)
- EBs are resistant to many harsh environmental factors

REPLICATIVE CYCLE



Chlamydia trachomatis

- Serovars (antigenic difference-major outer membrane protein)
 - A, B, C.....Primarily conjunctiva
 - D-K.....Primarily urogenital tract
 - L1, L2, L3Inguinal lymph nodes

Trachoma:

- Chronic, inflammatory granulomatous process of the eye surface, leading to corneal ulceration, scarring, and blindness.
- Active trachoma, characterized by the presence of lymphoid follicles on the conjunctiva and intermittent shedding of chlamydiae
- Is primarily a disease of children.
- Blindness can occur as a complication

-Trachoma

- Spread by transfer of infected discharge from eye of infected person by hands, clothing, towels

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Adult inclusion conjunctivitis:

- Acute process with mucopurulent discharge, dermatitis, corneal infiltrates, and corneal vascularization in chronic disease.
- Most prevalent in sexually active young people, being spread from genitalia to the eye....*poor hygiene

Neonatal conjunctivitis

- Acute process characterized by a mucopurulent discharge.
- Develops in infants around 14 days after birth.
- Presents as a swelling of the eyelids and orbit and a purulent infiltration of the conjunctiva.
- Acquired from the mother during birth.
- If untreated the infection usually resolves, but a substantial proportion of these infants develop chlamydial pneumonia about 6 weeks after birth

Genital infection: *Infection in men*

- *C. trachomatis* serovars D-K are responsible for about 30% of cases of non-specific urethritis in men.
- The infection can be asymptomatic, with infected men serving as a reservoir of infection.
- In symptomatic patients, varying amounts of mucopurulent discharge are produced.
- Occasionally this progresses to epididymitis or prostatitis
- It is likely that chronic chlamydial epididymitis may eventually lead to occlusion of the tube and infertility due to azoospermia.

Genital infection: *Infection in women*

- In symptomatic women, *C. trachomatis* serovars D-K cause mucopurulent cervicitis and urethritis.
- However, many women harbour the organism asymptotically in their cervix.
- Not only a risk to their sexual partners or offspring, but also to themselves, as ascending infection frequently occurs.
- This results first in an endometritis, in which chlamydiae survive monthly menstrual shedding of the uterine lining, followed by infection of the fallopian tubes to cause acute salpingitis.

...genital tract infection in women

- Collectively, endometritis and salpingitis are known as *pelvic inflammatory disease*, which is largely caused by *C. trachomatis*.
- Chlamydial pelvic infection may lead to further abdominal involvement and the formation of pelvic adhesions. Perihepatitis (*Fitz-Hugh-Curtis syndrome*) and even peri-appendicitis may result.

Lymphogranuloma venereum

- Genital tract infection with *C. trachomatis* serovars L1-L3
- Usually begins with a genital ulcer followed by lymphadenopathy of the regional lymph nodes.
- Buboes are seen if infection persists, can spread to the gastrointestinal and genito-urinary tracts, causing strictures and, in rare cases, peno-scrotal elephantiasis.

Site of infection	Disease	Organism (serovars)
Eye	Trachoma	<i>C. trachomatis</i> (A, B, Ba, C)
	Inclusion conjunctivitis	<i>C. trachomatis</i> (D-K)
	Ophthalmia neonatorum	<i>C. trachomatis</i> (D-K)
Genital tract		
Male	Non-specific urethritis, proctitis, epididymitis	<i>C. trachomatis</i> (D-K)
Female	Cervicitis, urethritis, endometritis, salpingitis, PID, perihepatitis, peri-appendicitis, infertility with tubal occlusion	<i>C. trachomatis</i> (D-K)
	Abortion, premature birth	<i>C. trachomatis</i> (D-K) ^a
Male and female	Lymphogranuloma venereum	<i>C. trachomatis</i> (L1-L3)
Respiratory tract	Neonatal atypical pneumonia	<i>C. trachomatis</i> (D-K)
	Pharyngitis, bronchitis, pneumonia	<i>Ch. pneumoniae</i>
	Psittacosis	<i>Ch. psittaci</i>
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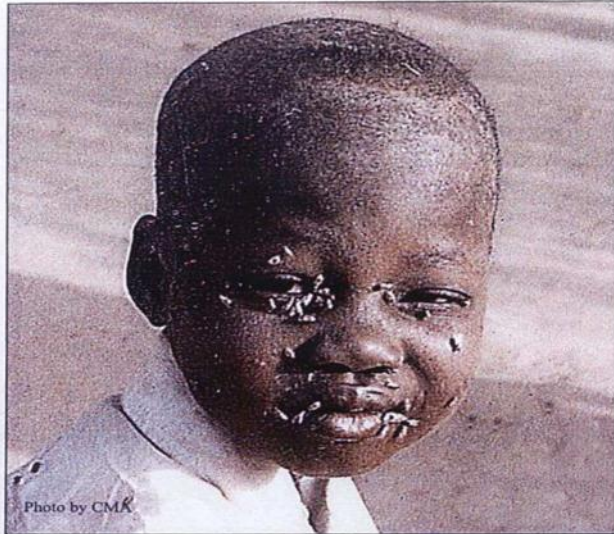


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FIGHT TRACHOMA BY WASHING YOUR FACE

Sudan Trachoma Control Program

Chlamydophila pneumoniae

- Spread via respiratory secretions
 - Human pathogen, No animal reservoir
 - Causes bronchitis, pneumonia, sinusitis, atypical pneumonias
 - 50% of people have serologic evidence
 - A significant cause of acute exacerbations of asthma
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- Diagnosis – serology, PCR, cell cultures
 - Macrolides (erythromycin, azithromycin , clarithromycin), tetracyclines (tetracycline, doxycycline), or levofloxacin administered for 10 to 14 days

Chlamydophila psittaci

- Infects wild & domestic birds
- Human infection: inhalation of organism in dried infected bird droppings
- The incubation period is about 10 days
- Ranges from an 'influenza-like' syndrome, with general malaise, fever, anorexia, sore throat, headache and photophobia, to a severe illness with delirium and pneumonia.
- Diagnosis – serology (ELISA)
- Rx – tetracycline/ doxycycline/ erythromycin
 - ❖ Proper control of importation or handling of psittacine birds
 - ❖ Occupational hazard-use PPE

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ACTINOMYCETES

General characteristics

- Gram-positive bacteria with branching filaments
- **fungal-like** organisms but they have a prokaryotic nuclei
- Gram positive
- Related to mycobacteria and corynebacteria
- Non-motile, Non-capsulated, Non-spore forming
- soil saprophytes but can cause chronic granulomatous infections in animals and man

Classification

- Family: Actinomycetaceae
- Based on the ability to grow aerobically or anaerobically
 1. **Anaerobic actinomycetes**
 - *Actinomyces*
 - *Bifidobacterium*
 - *Eubacterium*
 2. **Aerobic actinomycetes**
 - *Nocardia*
 - *Streptomyces*
 - *Actinomadura*

Actinomyces

- Anaerobic Gram-positive bacteria
- Branching filamentous rods
- Human commensal flora of the oropharynx, GIT, urogenital tract
- >30 species
- Cause **actinomycosis**- an infrequent invasive bacterial disease

Actinomyces species

A.israelii

A.meyeri

A.odontolyticus

A.neuii

A.radingae

A.viscosus

- *A. israelii* is an endogenous organism isolated from the mouths of healthy people
- However can cause suppurative infection in patients with tooth abscess or a tooth extraction

Pathogenesis

- The organisms have a low virulence potential
- Cause disease when the normal mucosal barriers are disrupted by trauma, surgery, or infection.
- Actinomycosis is characterized by;
 - multiple abscesses and granulomata,
 - tissue destruction,
 - formation of sinuses.

N/B Within diseased tissues, they form large masses of mycelia (sulfur granules)

Yellow sulfur granules

Clinical manifestations

1. Cervicofacial actinomycosis

- Most frequent clinical form
- The disease is endogenous in origin.
- occurs mainly in cheek and submaxillary regions
- Infection follows a tooth extractions or other dental procedures'
- Predisposing conditions
 - Poor oral hygiene
 - Oral mucosa trauma- Dental caries

- Initially xt by soft-tissue swelling of the perimandibular area (lumpy jaw)
- Followed by development of sinus tracts that discharge purulent material containing granules with a yellow sulfurlike appearance
- Invasion of the cranium or the bloodstream may occur if the disease is left untreated.

2. GUT actinomycosis

- 2nd most frequent clinical form
- Pelvic actinomycosis in women using an IUD

Presentation

- Genital mass +/- fever (fever not usually present unless peritonitis present)

3. Thoracic actinomycosis

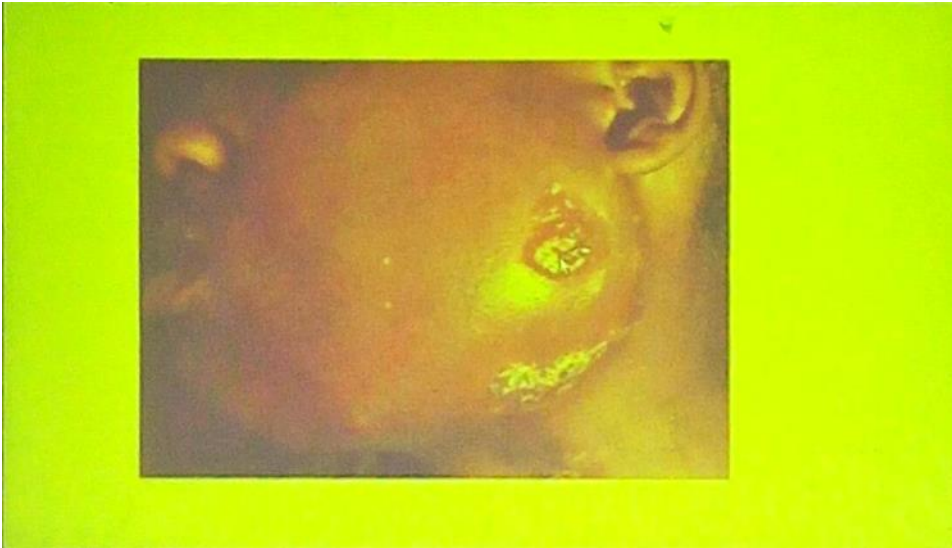
- commences in the lung,
- usually secondary to aspiration of actinomyces from the mouth
- pneumonitis develops and spread outwards through the chest wall
- Pulmonary actinomycosis may disseminate hematogenously- brain abscess

4. Extrafacial bone and joint actinomycosis

5. GIT actinomycosis- *A. israelii* mostly involved

6. CNS actinomycosis- Brain abscess

- haematogenously from the lungs
- contiguously from cervicofacial actinomycosis
- Following penetrating head injury



Laboratory diagnosis

- Specimen: abscess content, sinus discharge, bronchial secretions, biopsy material
- Culture: BA
 - Slow growing (produce growth on BA, CBA after 5-7 days - may take up to 15-20 days); incubation 35-37°C; **anaerobic conditions**
 - Colonies: small, cream or white, with a rough nodular surface
- Gram-stain- Gram-positive branching filamentous rods except *A. meyeri* which is small and non-branching

Branching diagram*

Other tests

- Serology
- PCR
- 16sRNA sequencing

Treatment

- Prolonged high doses of antimicrobial therapy with beta-lactam antibiotics
 - Penicillin G
 - Cephalosporins
 - Amoxicillin

AEROBIC ACTINOMYCETES

Nocardia- General characteristics

- Gram-positive bacilli
- Microscopic appearance of branching hyphae
- >50 species described
- Possess short chain mycolic acids
- Saprophytic components
- Transmission is by **inhalation of airborne spores or mycelial fragments** from environmental sources

Nocardia species

- *N. asteroides*
- *N. africana*
- *N. asteroides*
- *N. brasiliensis*
- *N. farcinica*
- *N. ignorata*

*first 4

Clinical manifestations

Predisposing factors

1. Underlying chronic lung disease e.g. COPD, asthma
2. Drug-induced systemic immunosuppression
3. Chronic granulomatous disease
4. Diabetes
5. HIV

Clinical manifestations

- Cutaneous Infection
 - mycetoma, lymphocutaneous infections, cellulitis, subcutaneous abscesses.
- Systemic nocardiosis
 - manifests primarily as pulmonary disease, pneumonia, lung abscess or other lesions resembling tuberculosis and endocarditis
 - occurs more often in immunodeficient persons.



Laboratory diagnosis

- **Specimen:** bronchial washings, bronchial lavage fluids, sputum, abscesses, wound drainages, tissues, CSF
- Macroscopic examination-
- Gram stain/modified acid fast stains
 - Partially acid fast filamentous bacilli

Macro - sulfur granules

Laboratory diagnosis

Culture:

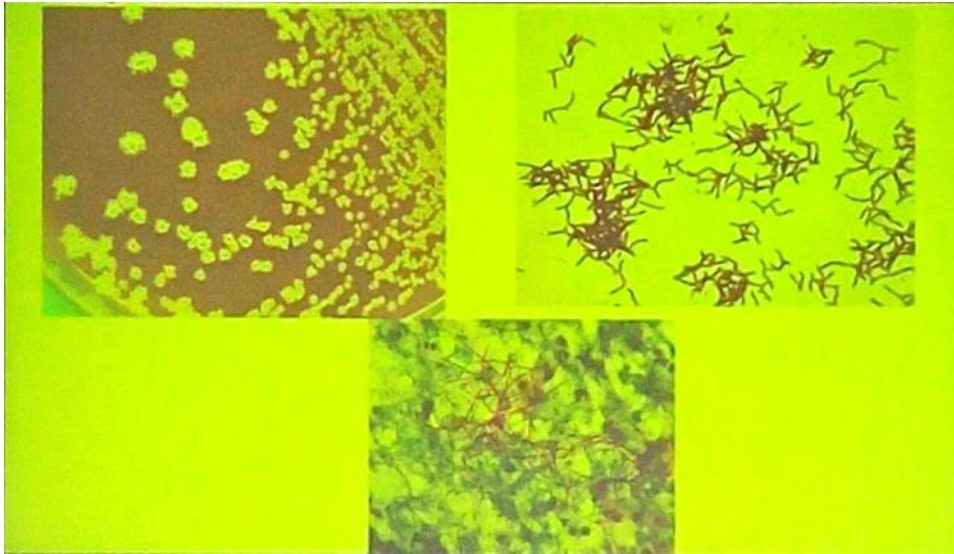
- Culture on nutrient agar or brain-heart infusion agar (BHI agar)
- incubated at 36°C for 3 weeks.
- Colony morphology – variable from cream, orange or pink colored to Chalky white appearance

Laboratory diagnosis

Identification

- Biochemical tests: Hydrolysis of adenine, casein, tyrosine, xanthine, hypoxanthine
- Molecular

PCR, 16s RNA Genetic Sequencing



ZN stain- mycobacteria- no branching

Treatment

- Trimethoprim-Sulfamethoxazole
- Amikacin
- Ceftriaxone
- Imipenem
- Combination therapy in serious disease, CNS and dissemination

Streptomyces

- *Streptomyces somaliensis*
- Saprophytic soil organisms
- Cause **mycetoma (actinomycetoma)**
- Few cases of invasive disease
 - Preexisting conditions: cancer, HIV, medical devices
- Diagnosis- requires microscopic and pathological correlation to rule out contamination

Actinomadura

- *Actinomadura madurae*; *Actinomadura pelletieri*
- Soil saprophytes
- Cause mycetoma

Rickettsiae

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RICKETTSIAE

General characteristics

- Diverse collection of bacteria
- Small Gram-negative coccobacilli
- Aerobic
- **Obligate/facultative intracellular bacteria**
- Non-motile
- Cause febrile exanthematous illnesses
- Do not stain well with Gram stain

General characteristics

- Stained by **Giemsa** or **Gimenez** stains- take on a characteristic red colour
- Cause **Zoonoses**
- Natural hosts are **mammals** and **arthropods** and are usually transmitted to humans by arthropods
- Emerging and re-emerging infections

Genera

- Rickettsia
- Neorickettsia
- Orientia
- Ehrlichia
- Neoehrlichia
- Anaplasma
- Coxiella
- *Bartonella

*Bartonella has been reclassified

Transmission

- Most transmitted by ectoparasites e.g **fleas, lice, mites, and ticks** during feeding
- Scratching **crushed** arthropods or infectious faeces into the **skin**
- **Inhaling** dust or **inoculating** conjunctiva with infectious material
- **Transfusion** or **organ transplantation** - rare but has been reported.

Epidemiology

- Widely distributed globally, in **endemic** foci,
- **Sporadic** and often **seasonal** outbreaks.
- All age groups at risk during **travel to endemic areas**
- Transmission increased during outdoor activities
- Infection can occur **throughout the year**
- **5- to 14-day** incubation period for most rickettsial diseases

Diseas pattern follows vector distribution

Rickettsia

Classification

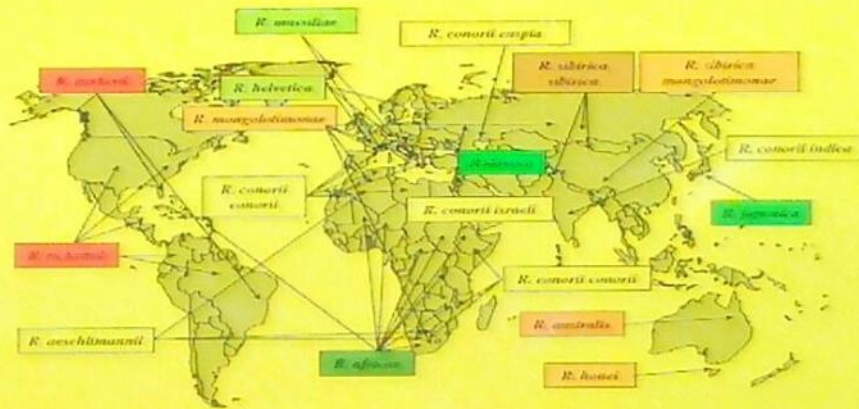
May be classified into

1. Spotted Fever Group(SFG) rickettsia
2. Typhus group(TG)rickettsia
3. *Rickettsia bellii* group
4. *Rickettsia canadensis* group

Spotted fever group

- Many species
- Transmitted by **Ixodid** ticks=Tick-borne rickettsioses
 - *R. africae*
 - *R. conori*
 - *R. rickettsii*
 - *R. akari*- mites
 - *R. felis*- flea

Tick-borne rickettsioses



Spotted fever infections

1. Rocky Mountain spotted fever(RMSF)
 - *R.rickettsii*
2. Mediterranean spotted fever or Bouteunneuse fever
 - *R.conorii*
3. African tick-bite fever(ATBF)
 - *R.africae*

2. Also known as Kenya fever
3. Mostly isolated in tourists

Spotted fever infections

4. Rickettsialpox
 - *R. akari*
5. Cat flea rickettsiosis
 - *R. felis*
6. Tick-borne lymphadenopathy(TIBOLA),
Derma-centor-borne necrosis and lymphadenopathy(DEBONEL)
 - *R.slovaca*

Typhus fever group

- 2 highly pathogenic species
- Transmitted by obligate haematophagous insects
 1. *Rickettsia prowazekii*
 - **Epidemic typhus**
 - Transmitted by the human **body louse**(*Pediculus humanus humanus*)
 - *Pediculus humanus capitis* also implicated
 2. *Rickettsia typhi*
 - Murine typhus/ **Endemic typhus**
 - Transmitted by **fleas**

1. Head louse also implicated

R. prowazekii

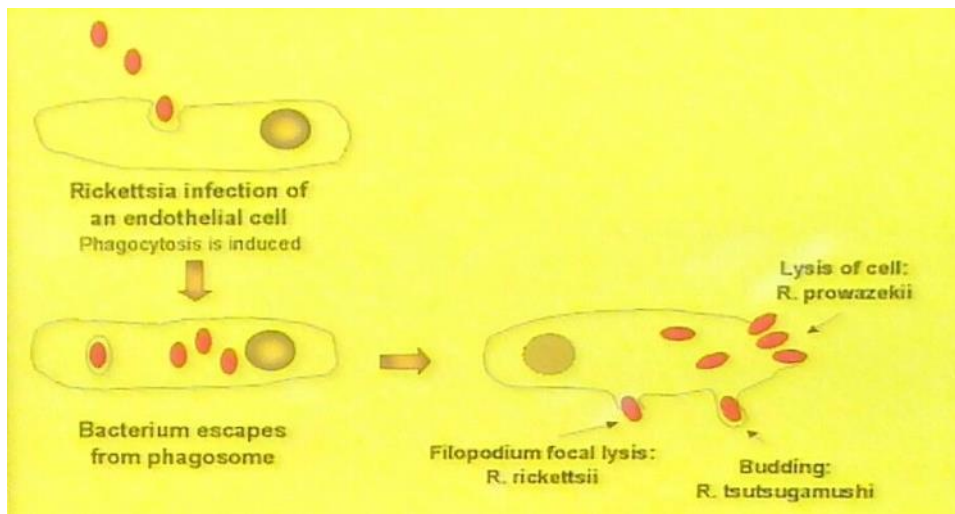
- Infections occur in 3 situations
 1. **Louse- transmitted epidemics.**
 - Transmitted from person to person
 - Tends to occur in areas of overcrowding
 - Deposited on the skin via louse faeces or in the crushed body of a louse
 - Scratching inoculates rickettsiae into the skin
 2. Between epidemics persists as a latent human infection.
 - Years later, recrudescence may occur (Brill-Zinsser disease)
 3. **Zoonosis** from the flying squirrel

Pathogenesis of *Rickettsia*

- Enter host cells through **induced phagocytosis**
- Exit phagosome before phagolysosomal fusion
- Live freely in the cytoplasm
 - Access to host nutrients
 - Protective from host's immune responses
- **SFG** moves intra and intercellularly by **actin polymerisation**
- **TG** moves by **host cell lysis**

SFG: spotted fever grp

TG: typhus grp



Clinical Manifestations

Spotted Fever

- Onset 2-4 days after infective bite
- Fever, severe headache, muscle pain and rash.
- Rash typically appears on ankles and wrists.
- Complications: partial paralysis of lower limbs; gangrene

Tissue tropism for small blood vessels

Clinical manifestations

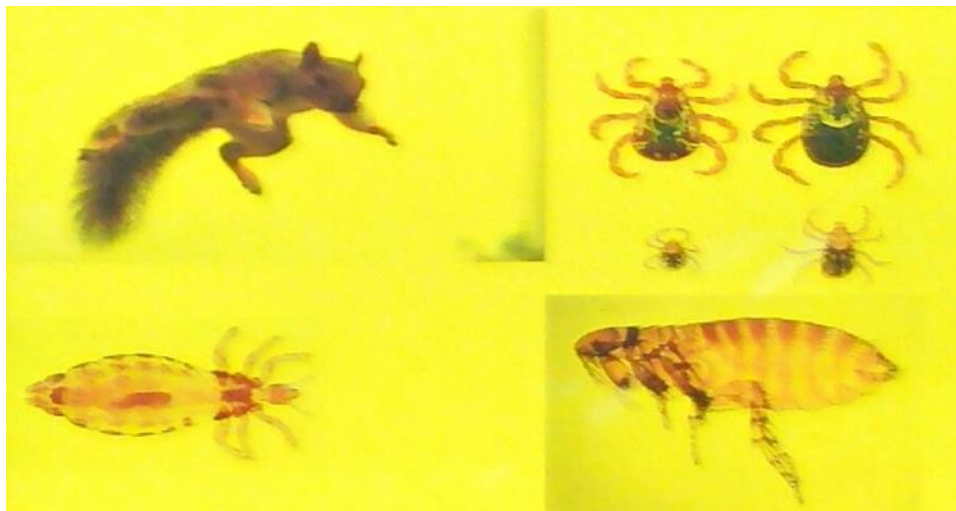
Typhus Fever

- Fever,
- Chills,
- Headache,
- Myalgia,
- Macules which appear on the trunk then to the extremities,
- Conjunctival injection
- Delirium

Clinical manifestations

Murine typhus(endemic)

- Causes a milder form of fever
- Most infections being self limiting in children and young adults
- Pneumonitis
- Meningoencephalitis



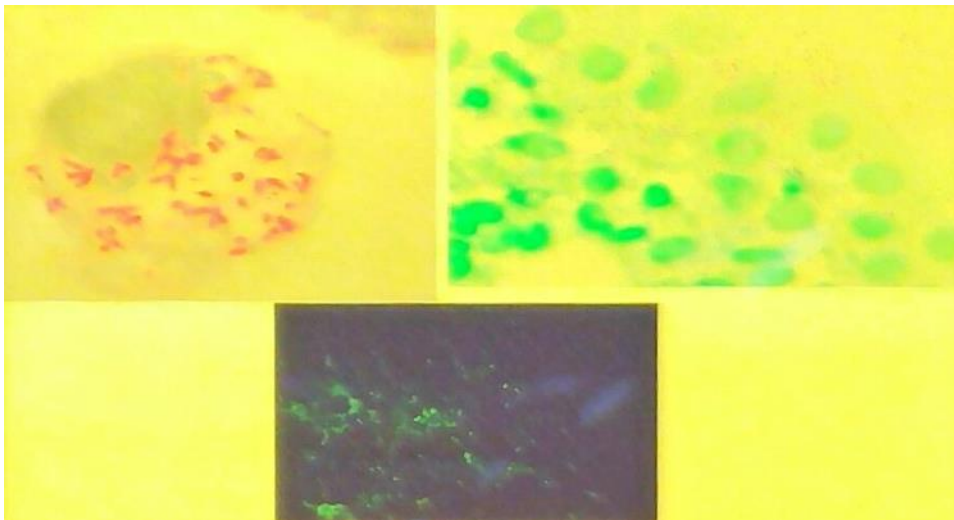
Laboratory Diagnosis

- Stain poorly with Gram's stain.
- Giemsa and Gimenez stains used
- Serological
- **Weil-Felix reaction**- Non specific
- Indirect Immunofluorescence Assay(IFA)
- Latex agglutination

In Weil-Felix reaction, there's X-reaction with *Proteus vulgaris*

Laboratory Diagnosis

- Direct fluorescent antibody testing
- Culture in embryonated eggs and tissue cultures
- *Risk of laboratory acquired infection is very high



Top right: geimsa showing intracellular pathogen

Top left: specimen from vector

Bottom: immuno

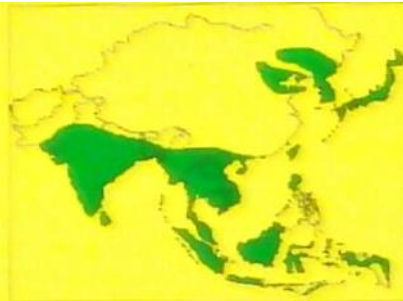
Treatment/Prevention/Control

- Doxycycline
- Chloramphenicol
- * Highly antimicrobial resistance
- Limiting exposure to
- Tick control: acaricides

ORIENTIA

Orientia tsutsugamushi

- Causes **scrub typhus**, an acute febrile illness
- Also known as tsutsugamushi disease
- Transmitted to humans by the bite of the larva of trombiculid mites (**chiggers**)
- Endemic to the “tsutsugamushi triangle”.



Clinical manifestations

- Illness varies from mild and self-limiting to fatal
- Incubation period of 6-21 days
- Fever, headache, myalgia, cough, and gastrointestinal symptoms
- Primary papular lesion → flat black eschar.
- Associated with regional and generalized lymphadenopathy

Clinical manifestations

- Symptoms gradually increase in severity
- A macular rash may appear on the trunk
- If untreated, meningoenzephalitis develops
- Various cranial nerve deficits may occur



Top: black eschar

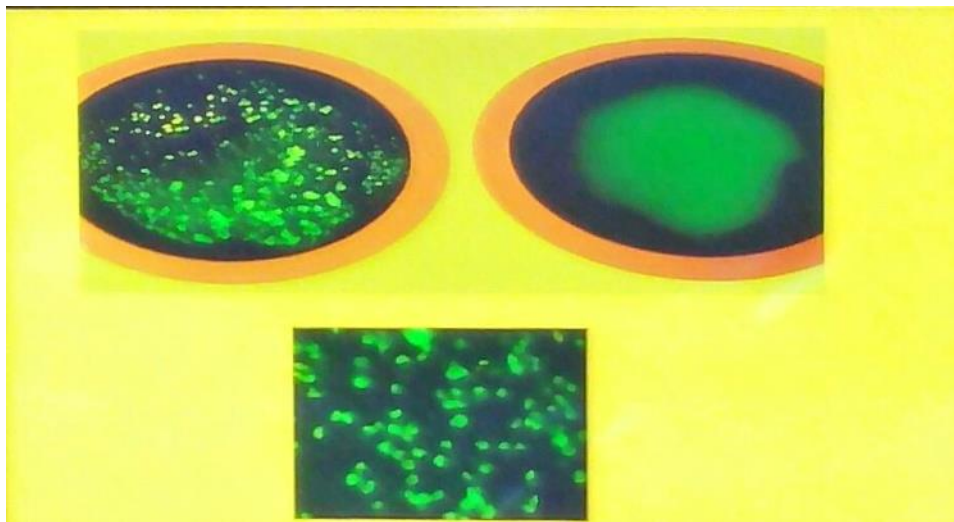
- Differential Dx: infection by aerobic gram-ve bacillus

Bottom: rash

Laboratory Diagnosis

Specimen: Skin or LN biopsy, blood, serum

- Serology e.g Weil-Felix agglutination test
- Complement-fixation test
- IFA- gold standard
- Indirect immunoperoxidase
- ELISA
- Rapid diagnostic tests
- Tissue culture
- PCR



Top right: +ve WF reaction, agglutination

Top left: -ve WF reaction

Bottom: +ve fluorescent

Treatment

- Doxycycline-DOC
 - Chloramphenical
 - Combination of Doxycycline and Rifampicin
- *After infection there is non-sterile immunity

Prevention

- Protective clothing
- Insect repellants
- Avoid sitting or lying on bare ground or grass
- Clearing of vegetation and chemical treatment of soil

Control

- Case identification
- Public education
- Rodent control

Ehrlichia and Anaplasma

- *Anaplasma phagocytophilum*
- *Ehrlichia chaffeensis*
- *Ehrlichia ewingii*
- *Ehrlichia canis*
- Cause acute febrile tick-borne diseases

Ehrlichia and Anaplasma

1. Human monocytotropic ehrlichiosis (HME)
 - *Ehrlichia chaffeensis*
 - Primary vector is the Lone Star tick (*Amblyomma americanum*)
2. Human granulocytotropic anaplasmosis (HGA)
 - *Anaplasma phagocytophilum*
 - Transmitted by *Ixodes scapularis*,

General characteristics

- Exist intracellularly in two morphologically distinct forms
 - dense-cored cells (DC) and reticulate cells (RC)
- Lack important cell membrane components including LPS and peptidoglycan
- HME and HGA have similar clinical presentations
 - fever,
 - Headache
 - leukopenia



Clinical manifestation

- HME more severe than HGA
- Fever, headache, myalgia, arthralgia,
- Skin eruptions
- Nausea, vomiting, abdominal pain,
- Cough
- GI symptoms

Diagnosis/Treatment/Prevention

Diagnosis

- Clinical suspicion
- Serology
- PCR

Treatment

- Tetracycline
- Doxycycline
- Rifampin

Prevention

- Avoid tick bites

Neorickettsia and Neoehrlichia

Neorickettsia

- Obligate intracellular bacteria
- *N. sennetsu*
- Infect trematodes that parasitize fish
- Transmission to humans- eating raw fish
- In humans, infect mononuclear phagocytes
- Doxycycline

Neoehrlichiosis

- Candidatus *Neoehrlichia mikurensis*
- Emerging tick-borne pathogen
- Causes a systemic inflammatory syndrome
- Mostly in persons with underlying haematologic or autoimmune diseases.
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Coxiella

Coxiella burnetii

- Order: Legionellales
- Family: Coxiellaceae
- Genus: *Coxiella*
- Small, Pleomorphic, Gram negative coccobacilli
- Stain poorly with Gram's stain- Giemsa and Gimenez stains used

Coxiella burnetii

- Obligate intracellular bacteria that live inside acidic lysosomes
- Causes Q- fever
- 2 morphologic variants:
 1. **Small cell variant**(SCV) spore-like and can survive harsh environmental conditions
 2. **Large cell variant**(LCV) multiplies in the host monocytes and macrophages

Q-fever; previously, the cause not known

Epidemiology

- Various hosts:
 - mammals, birds, numerous different genera of ticks.
 - Farm animals are the primary reservoirs for human disease
- Excreted in urine, milk, faeces, and birth products
- Birth products containing high numbers of bacteria

Epidemiology

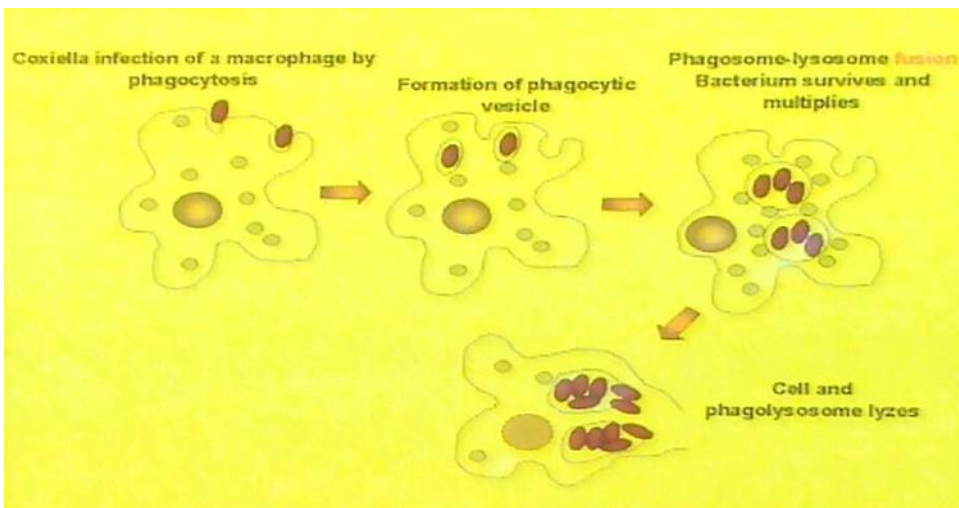
- Human infection occurs after
 - Inhalation or skin contact
 - Exposure to placenta of an infected woman
 - Blood transfusion.
- Due to its high infectivity and low infective dose, has been classified as an agent of bioterrorism

Pathogenesis

- **Attaches** to host macrophages using ankyrin
- **Passive** entry into the phagosome,
- **Delays fusion** of the phagosome with lysosomes to transform from SCV to LCV
- **Intracellular multiplication** is initialised in the phagolysosome
- **Proliferation** of organisms within phagolysosome
- **Rupture** of the host cell

Pathogenesis

- Infected macrophages transported systematically
- Reticuloendothelial system (liver, spleen, bone marrow) most heavily infected



Passive phagocytosis

Clinical Manifestations

- Can be acute or chronic

Acute disease:

- Long incubation period- average 20 days
- Sudden onset of severe headache, high fever, chills, myalgia.
- Respiratory symptoms are generally mild
- Hepatosplenomegaly present in \approx half of cases

Clinical Manifestations

Chronic disease:

- Most common presentation is **infective endocarditis**, generally on a prosthetic or previously damaged heart valve

Laboratory Diagnosis

- Serology- most commonly used diagnostic test
 - Microagglutination test
 - Complement fixation test
 - Indirect immunofluorescent –antibody (IFA) test
 - Test of choice
 - Enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay (ELISA)
- Tissue culture
- PCR

Treatment

Treatment

- Acute infections:
 - Tetracyclines e.g doxycycline
- Chronic infections:
 - Treated for a prolonged period with a bactericidal combination of drugs e.g. Rifampin and either doxycycline or sulphamethoxazole-trimethoprim

Bartonella

General characteristics

- Facultative intracellular pathogens
- Infections with *Bartonella* are ubiquitous among mammals,
- Many species can infect humans either as their natural host or incidentally as zoonotic pathogens.

Bartonella

- ***Bartonella bacilliformis*:**
 - Oroya fever, verruga peruana=Carrion's disease
 - Transmitted by phlebotomine sand flies.
- ***Bartonella henselae***
 - Cat scratch disease(CSD) and peliosis of the liver(bacillary peliosis)
- ***Bartonella quintana***
 - Trench fever
- Both *Bartonella henselae* and *Bartonella quintana*
 - Bacillary angiomatosis

Clinical manifestations

Bartonella bacilliformis

Oroya fever

- More common in children (>60% of cases)
- Acute bacteremia 60 days after bite of an infected sand fly.
- Colonizes the entire circulatory system
- Nearly every erythrocyte is infected

Clinical manifestations

- Severe reduction in hematocrit (>80% destruction)
 - Pallor
 - fever
 - anorexia
 - malaise
 - cardiac murmur
 - myalgia
 - headache
 - jaundice
 - tachycardia, and hepatomegaly

Clinical manifestations

- Complications:
 - high mortality in pregnant women and their unborn children,
 - cardiovascular and neurological problems, respiratory infections, and arthralgia
- Fatal in 40%–88% without antimicrobial intervention
- Secondary infections:
 - salmonellosis, toxoplasmosis, malaria, shigellosis, histoplasmosis

Clinical manifestations

Verruga peruana (VP)

- Blood-filled nodular hemangiomas of the skin=VP or Peruvian warts
- Occur on the head and extremities
- Persist for several weeks to months

Hemangioma pic

Clinical manifestations

Bartonella quintana

- Trench fever, chronic bacteraemia, endocarditis
- Spread by *Pediculus humanus corporis*
- Trench fever- 1-3 days fever, recover every 4-6 days



Clinical manifestations

Bartonella henselae

- CSD
- Transmitted through the scratch or bite of infected cat
- Clinical manifestations
 - Inflammatory lymphadenopathy
 - Papular lesion of the skin which develops at the site of the injury



Laboratory diagnosis

- Special staining techniques
- Culture in enriched BA, prolonged incubation(1-6weeks) in a humid(37°C) atmosphere supplemented with CO₂
- Serology: IF, EIA, Western blot
- PCR



Treatment

- Tetracyclines,
- Macrolides,
- Aminoglycosides,
- Chloramphenicol
- Control difficult: cats that transmit CSD are usually not sick

Practical

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Mycobacteria

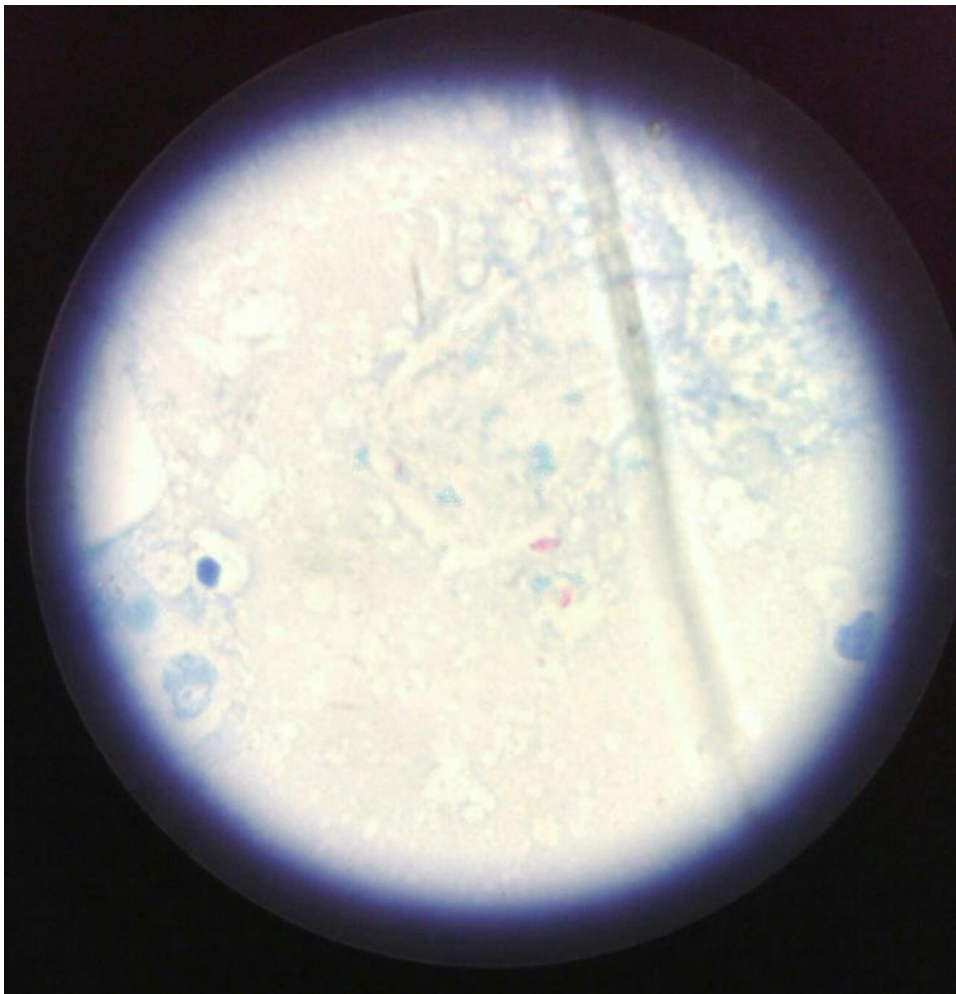
-ZN stain components:

- Carbol fuchsin
- 3% acid alcohol for decolorisation
- 100ml methylene blue / malachite blue for counter staining

-4% NaOH for decontamination phenol

-L-J medium

-other selective media



brigh red M.TB



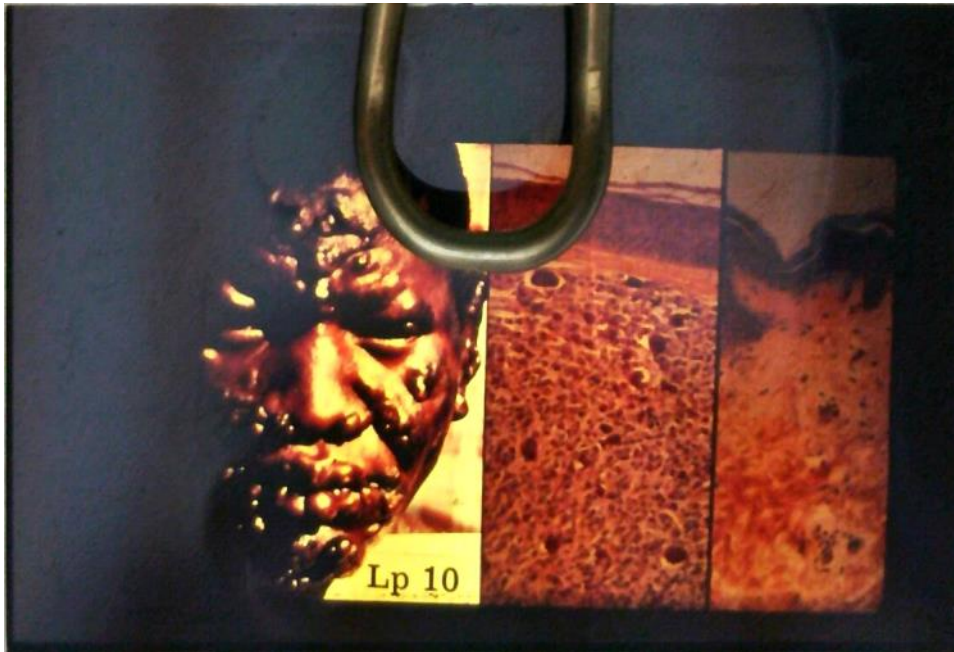
MYCOBACTERIA

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**TROPHIC ULCER ON THE HAND OF A PATIENT
WITH TUBERCULOID LEPROSY.**

-WHAT IS THE CAUSE OF THIS ULCERATION?

2-13 → Granuloma



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LEPROMATOUS LEPROSY

NOTE THE DESTRUCTIVE NODULES ON THE
FACIAL STRUCTURES.

- LIST THE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN

LEPROMATOUS AND TUBERCULOID LEPROSY.

Degeneration
of leprosy



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TUBERCULOID LEPROSY

NOTE THE DEPIGMENTED
PATCHES.

WHAT ARE THE POSSIBLE
COMPLICATIONS OF THIS
FORM OF LEPROSY?

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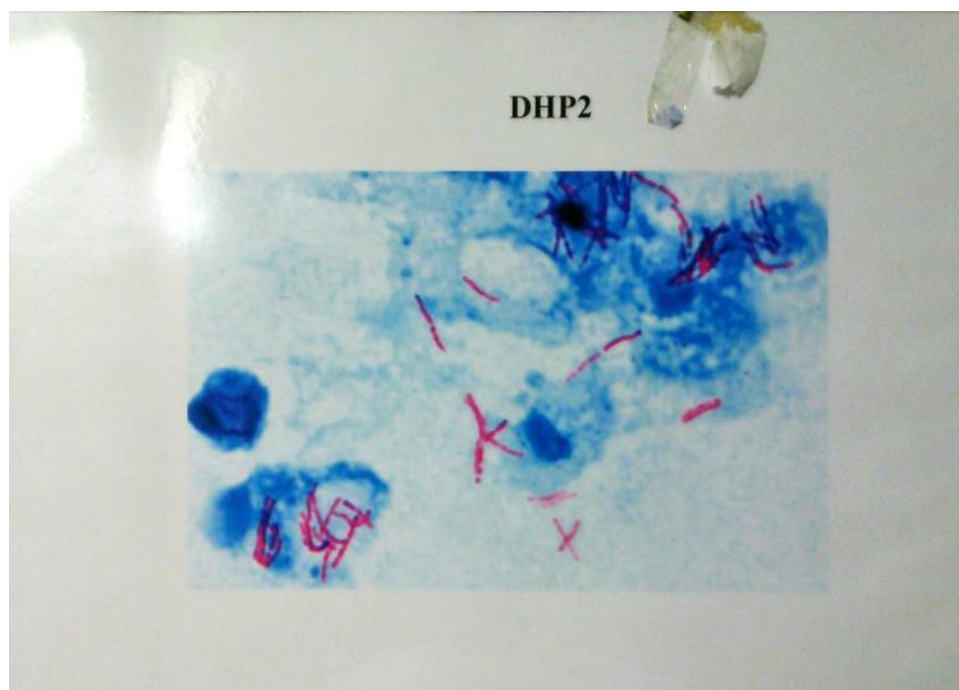
TROPHIC ULCER ON THE FOOT OF A PATIENT


WITH TUBERCULOID LEPROSY.

→ WHAT IS THE CAUSE OF THIS ULCERATION?

Ziehl–Neelsen stain

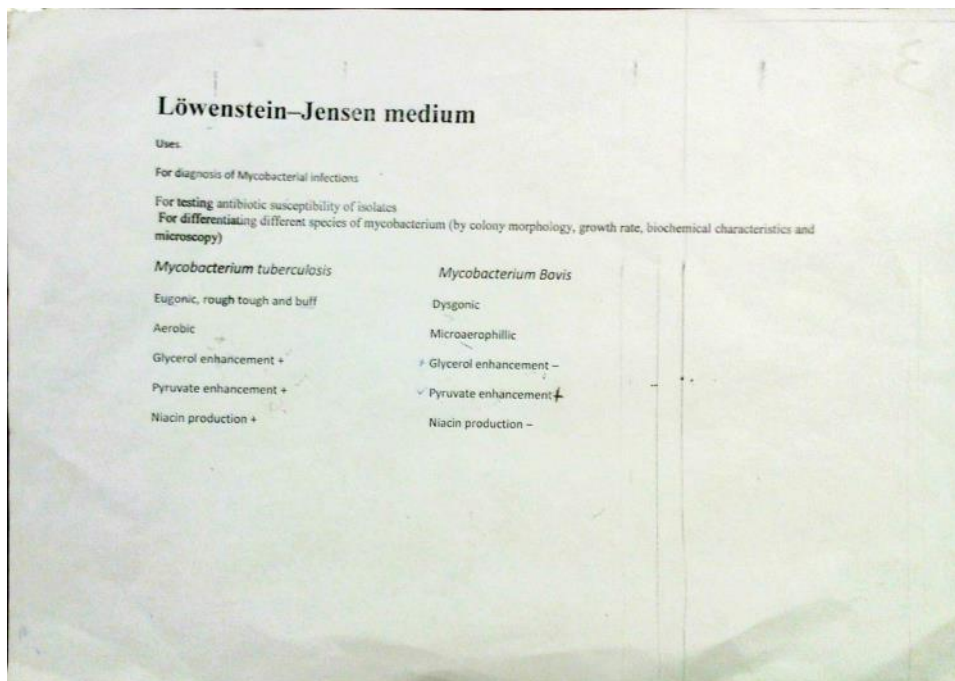
Mycobacterium tuberculosis





Mycobacterium spp.

**M. tuberculosis On:
- Lowenstein-Jensen Medium.**



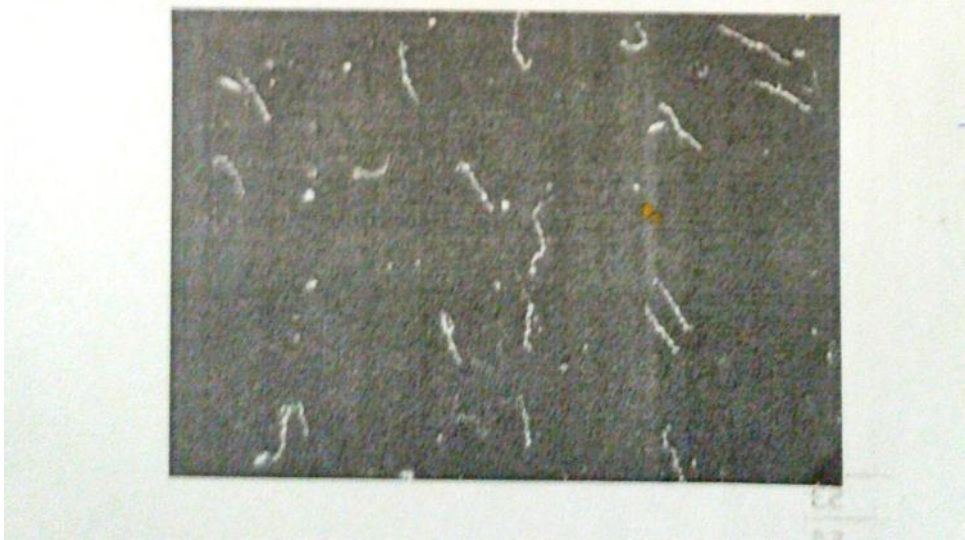
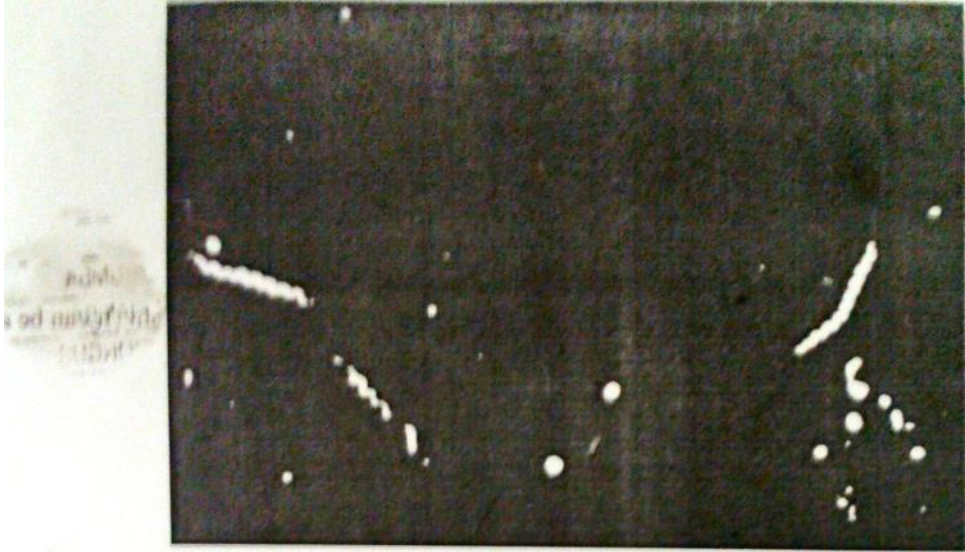
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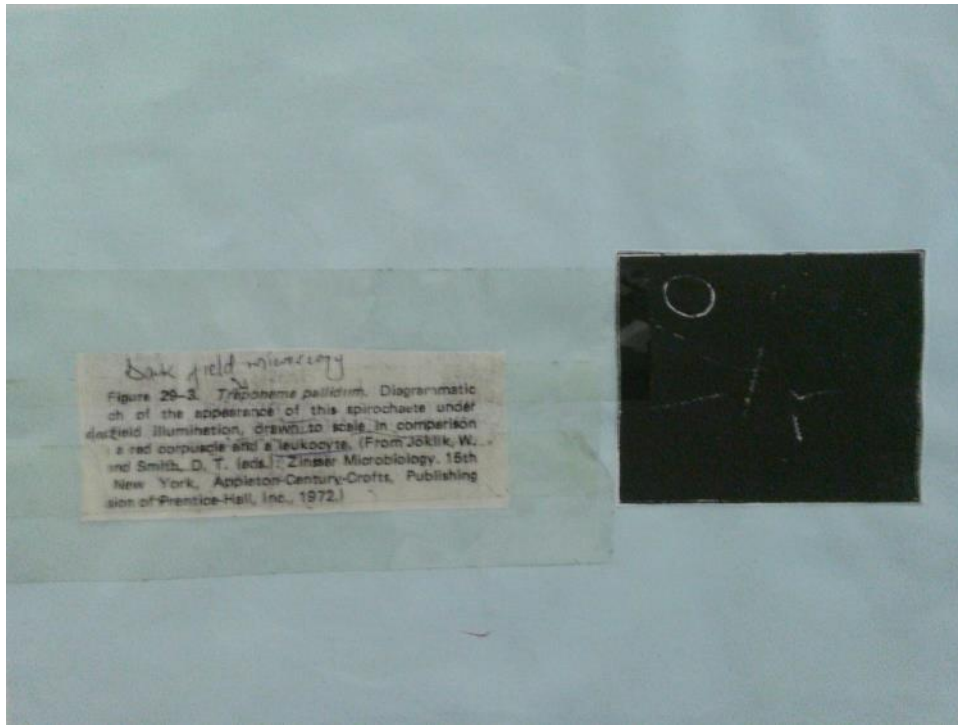
- hard to grow, serological testing used more often
- T.palidum
- Treponemal test: confirmatory
- Non Treponemal test: for diagnosis eg RPR
 - Flocculation where positive
 - No flocculation where negative
 - Mononucleosis and Malaria Give positive results
- Treponemal/Specific tests: TPHA
 - antigens attached to sheep/rabbit milk
 - Hemagglutination if positive
 - Tight malt at the bottom of the well if negative

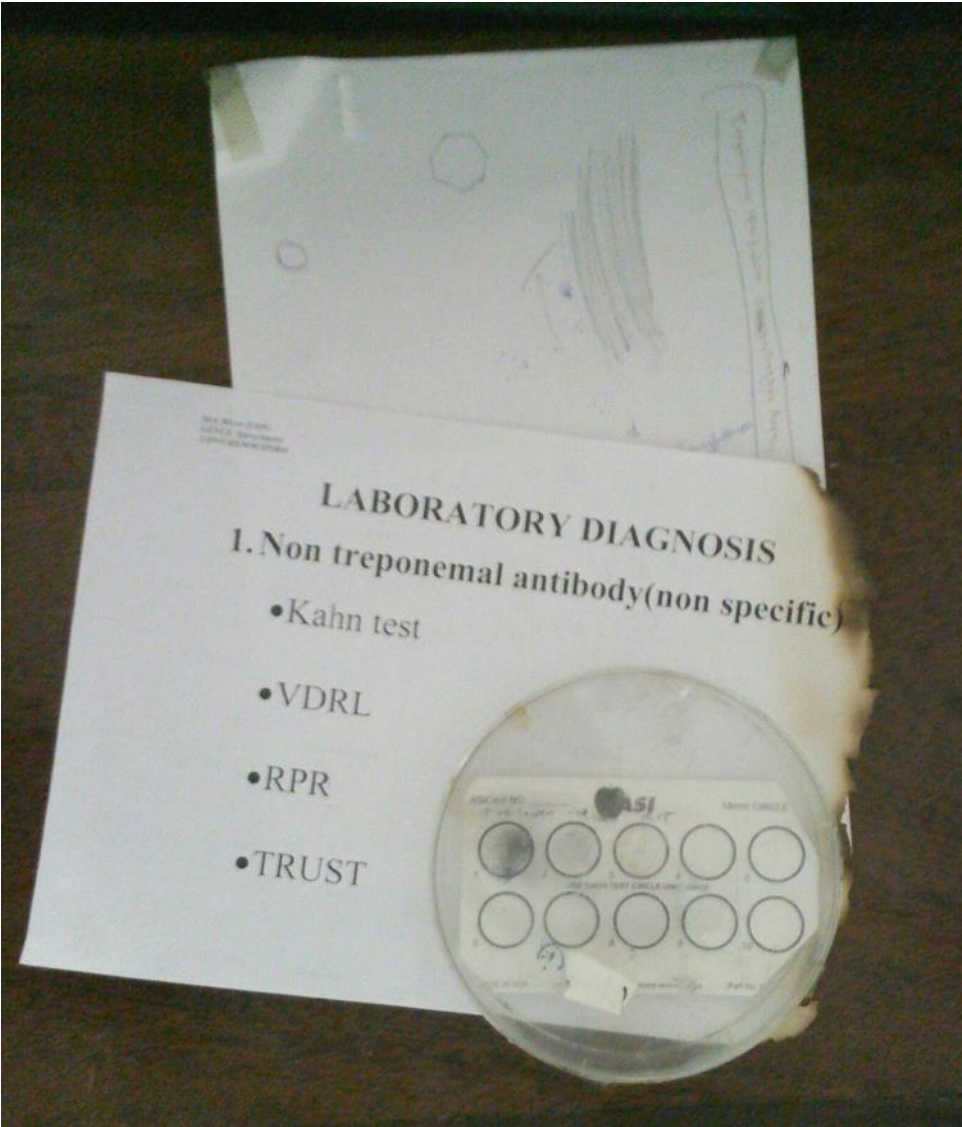
NB: the two bacteria that cause chancre

1. H.ducreyi
2. T.palidum



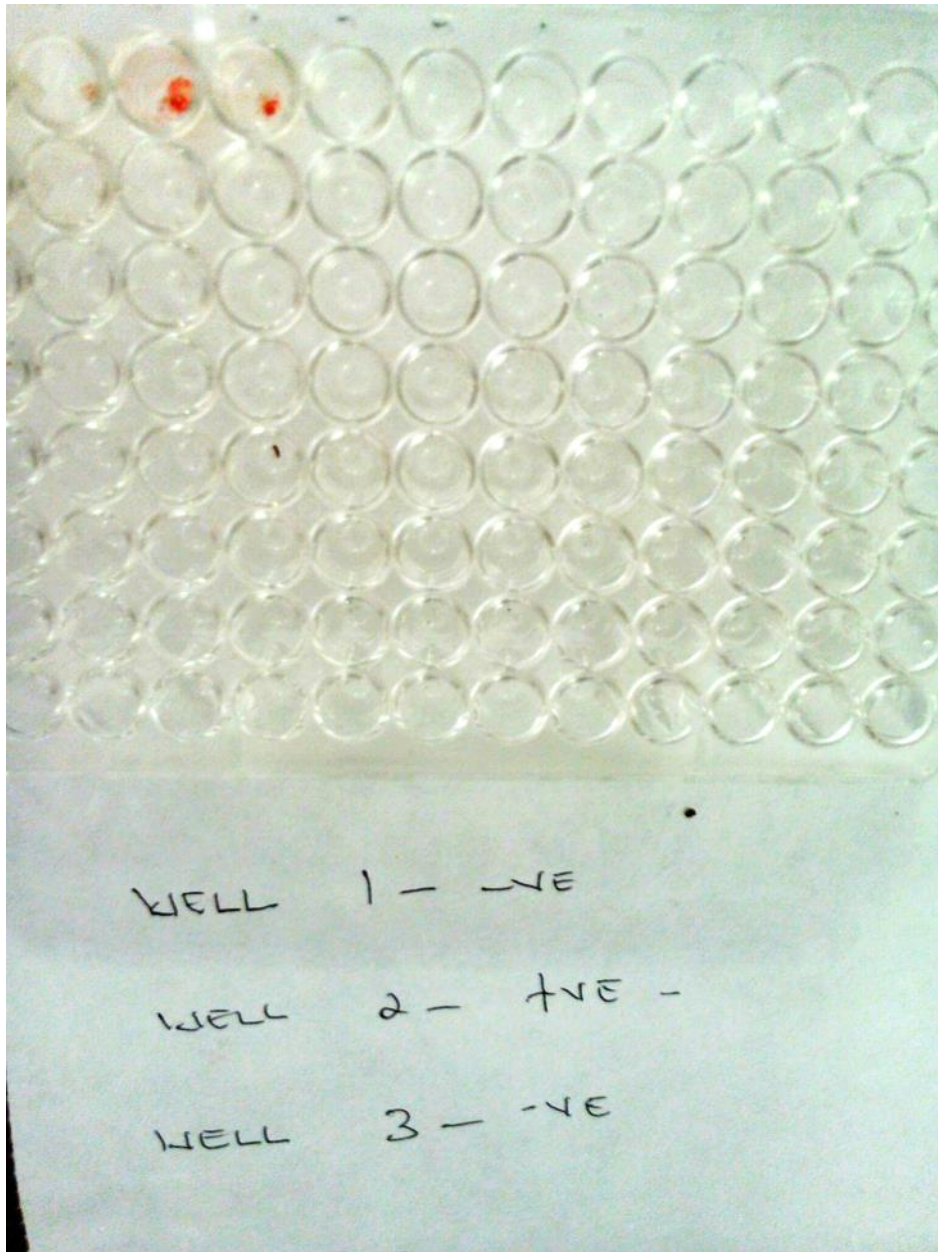












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WELL 2 - +VE -

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