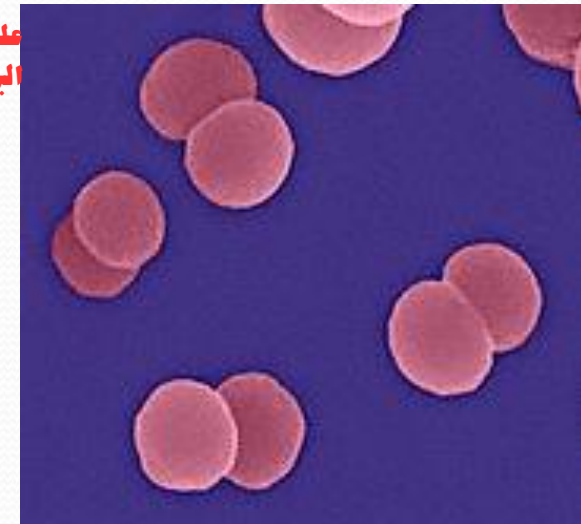




Neisseria meningitidis
(meningococcus)

General Characteristics

- Encapsulated small, gram-negative diplococci
- Oxidase positive ✓
- Catalase positive ✓
على عكس ال gonorrhoeae
التي وجودها غير طبيعي وبدل على وجود مرض
- Can be a member of the normal flora of the upper respiratory tract
- Causes life-threatening disease
when the bacteria invade the blood
or cerebrospinal fluid (١٧)
- CO₂ enhances growth but is not absolutely required
- Less sensitive than *Niessleria gonorrhoeae*
- Have a well developed highly antigenic capsule



Structure

- Pili: attachment and enhance virulence
- **Outer membrane:**
 1. Porins
 2. Outer membrane proteins (OMP)
 3. Lipooligosaccharide (LOS)
- Capsule contains polysaccharide with more than 13 known antigenic types
- Types A, B, C, Y & W₁₃₅ are more commonly associated with human disease

Epidemiology

10% من الناس عندها هاي البكتيريا في Nasopharynx normal flora

- *Neisseria meningitidis* found as nasopharyngeal flora in 10% of healthy individuals
- **Transmission** occurs by inhalation of respiratory droplets through close contacts with infectious person (e.g., family members, day care centers, military barracks, prisons, and other institutional settings)
تنتقل من خلال الاتصال القريب
- The most common cause of meningitis in under 20 and the second most common cause after pneumococci in all ages
اذا نحكي عن ال common للالتهاب السحايا للناس الي عمهم اقل من عشرين فهي هاي البكتيريا اما اذا مان بغض النظر عن العمر فتكون ال pneumonia
يعني ناد بين وقتنا اخر ← خط مفيد
- Usually cause **sporadic cases** but can be associated with **outbreaks**
يعني عندك طفل في مدرسة مع الالتهاب نقل العدوى الى زملاءه والحالات تسجل فقط من تلك المدرسة

↳ Rare

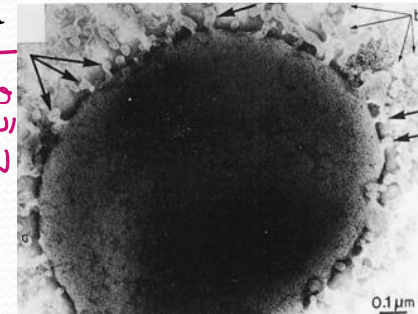
Virulence Factors الشراسة

- Pili-mediated, receptor-specific colonization of nonciliated cells of nasopharynx
- **Antiphagocytic polysaccharide capsule allows systemic spread in absence of specific immunity**
- Toxic effects mediated by hyperproduction of lipooligosaccharide (Endotoxin)

عوامل الشراسة مش كثير خطيرة بس
الخطير فيها مكان المرض الي هو الدماغ

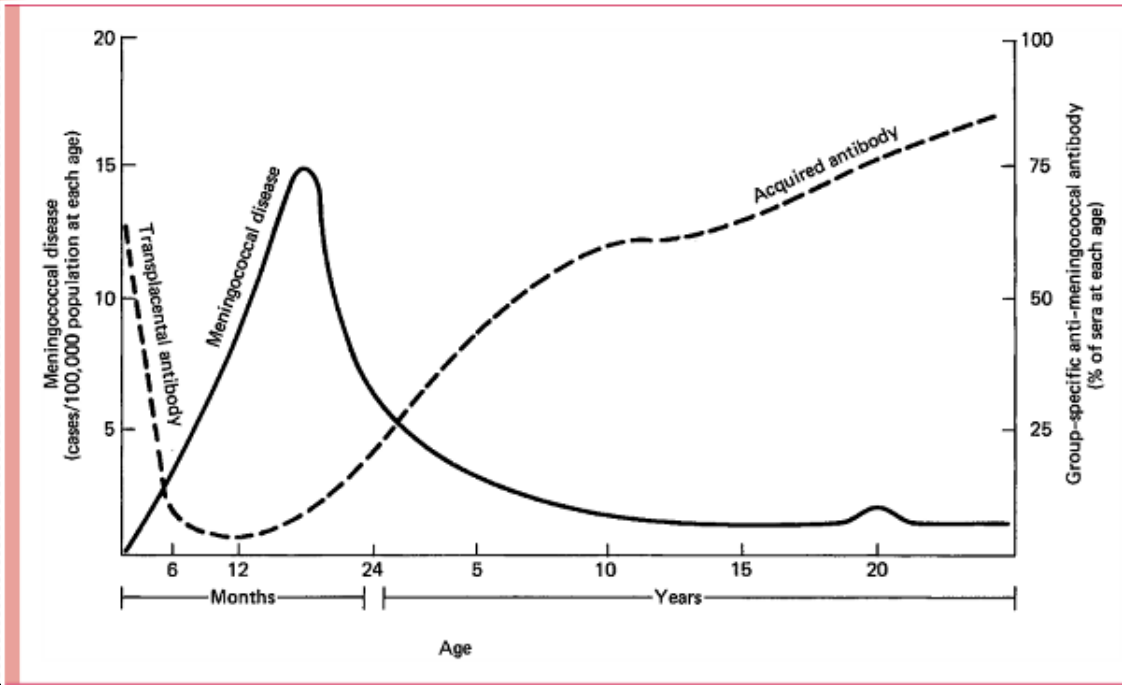
Pathogenesis

- Pili/fimbriae facilitate attachment to mucosal epithelium and invasion of submucosa زيب بالي قبل
- Specific receptors for bacterial fimbriae on nonciliated columnar epithelial cells in nasopharynx of host كمان الي بسهل التصاقها وجود reseptors معينة عليها
- Organisms are internalized into phagocytic vacuoles, avoid intracellular killing تترحل
- Replicate intracellularly and migrate to subepithelial space
- Once bacterial reach blood survival is mediated by production of polysaccharide capsule وسيلة الدفاع الوحيدة للعنا لعائل الدم ممكن هاي السموم تعمل للمريض Shock
- Endotoxin release and blebbing mediates systemic manifestation like shock
- Primarily infect CNS to cause acute purulent meningitis with meningococcal bacteremia and systemic manifestation



Immunity

- Immunity to meningococcal infection is related to group specific **antipolysaccharide** antibody which is bactericidal and facilitate phagocytosis
- Infection, carrier state or other polysaccharide stimulate antibodies production
- Absence of antibody ^{حساسية} correlates with susceptibility



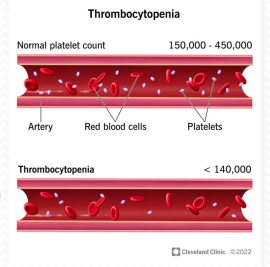
Clinical Presentation

Meningitis:

عوامل عالية بسبب Endotoxin

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- Fever, fatigue, weakness, Drowsiness
- CNS: convulsion, motor disability, loss of consciousness
- **Thrombocytopenia** results in **bleeding and skin petchiae**
- Disseminated intravascular coagulation (DIC)
- Fatal if not treated early (death within 6 hours of initial presentation)



اعراض اخرى يكون عند المريض Neck stiffness



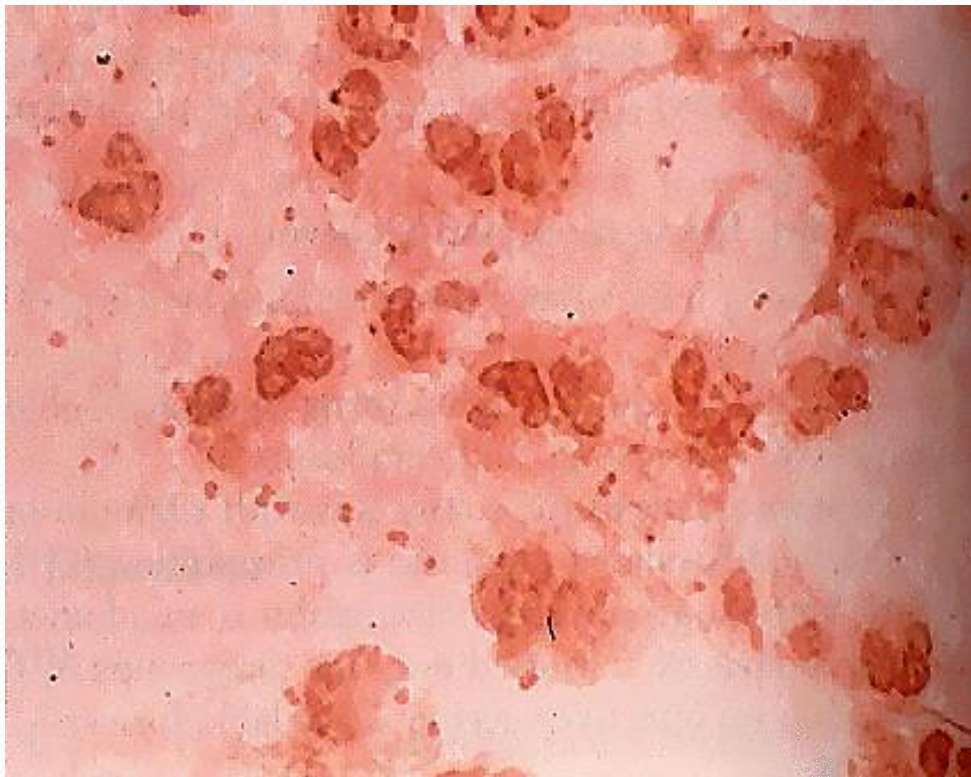
Laboratory Diagnosis

Specimen collection and transportation

- Specimens: pharyngeal swab, cerebrospinal fluids, skin lesions and blood
نأخذ عينة من Cerebrospinal fluid من العامود الفقري من الفقرة L4 -L5
وجودها في الدم لا يعني الإصابة
- Less sensitive compared to *Neisseria gonorrhoeae*, however quick handling is required to establish the diagnosis early
- Transport in media with increased CO_2 using special packaged system that contain CO_2 generation system

1. Gram Stain

- Large numbers of encapsulated, small, gram-negative diplococci (flattened along adjoining side) and polymorphonuclear leukocytes (PMN's) can be seen microscopically in cerebrospinal fluid (CSF)



2. Culture

Media:

- ✓ • Thayer Marten Media (TM)
- ✓ • Modified Thayer Marten Media (MTM)
- ✓ • Blood or Chocolate agar

Incubation conditions:

- Incubate at 35-37 °C for 18 hours
- CO₂ enriched ex candle jar (5-7%)
- Humid atmosphere ex sterile gauze pad soaked with sterile water in the bottom of candle jar

Colonial appearance:

- Medium, smooth, round, moist, gray to white, encapsulated strains are mucoid

3. Biochemical Tests

- Oxidase positive
- Glucose and maltose fermentation positive (while lactose fermentation is negative)
- Nitrite reduction negative

4. Immunological Tests

- The routine detection of *Neisseriae meningitidis* capsular polysaccharide antigen in body fluids (CSF) is not recommended

5. Antimicrobial Susceptibility Tests

- Resistance to penicillin is very rare and accordingly penicillin is still the drug of choice
- Chloramphenicol or cephalosporins can be used as alternatives
- Routine susceptibility testing is of limited value

Penicillin ✱

cephalosporin ممكن يتجاوب بس لخطورة المرض نستخدم

Diagnosis

Neisseria gonorrhoeae and *Neisseria meningitidis* Flow Chart



Microscopic Appearance
Kidney bean shaped Gram negative diplococci



Growth in Culture
Use chocolate agar or Thayer Martin agar
Fastidious
Capnophilic
Will not grow at 22°C



Positive Oxidase Test

Sugar Utilization



Glucose Maltose

Glucose positive
Neisseria gonorrhoeae



Glucose Maltose

Glucose Positive, Maltose Positive
Neisseria meningitidis

Prophylaxis and vaccination

- Chemoprophylaxis of close contacts (if susceptible)
- **Polyvalent vaccine** containing serogroups A, C, Y, and W₁₃₅ is effective for immunoprophylaxis as an adjunct to chemoprophylaxis
- Serogroup B is only weakly immunogenic and protection must be acquired naturally from exposure to cross-reacting antigens

لقاح متعدد الأولي

اللقاح يغطي
A/C/Y/W135
وهو يغطي
ال B



Thank you....