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# PERIPHERAL NERVOUS SYSTEM

SUBJECT :

Micro

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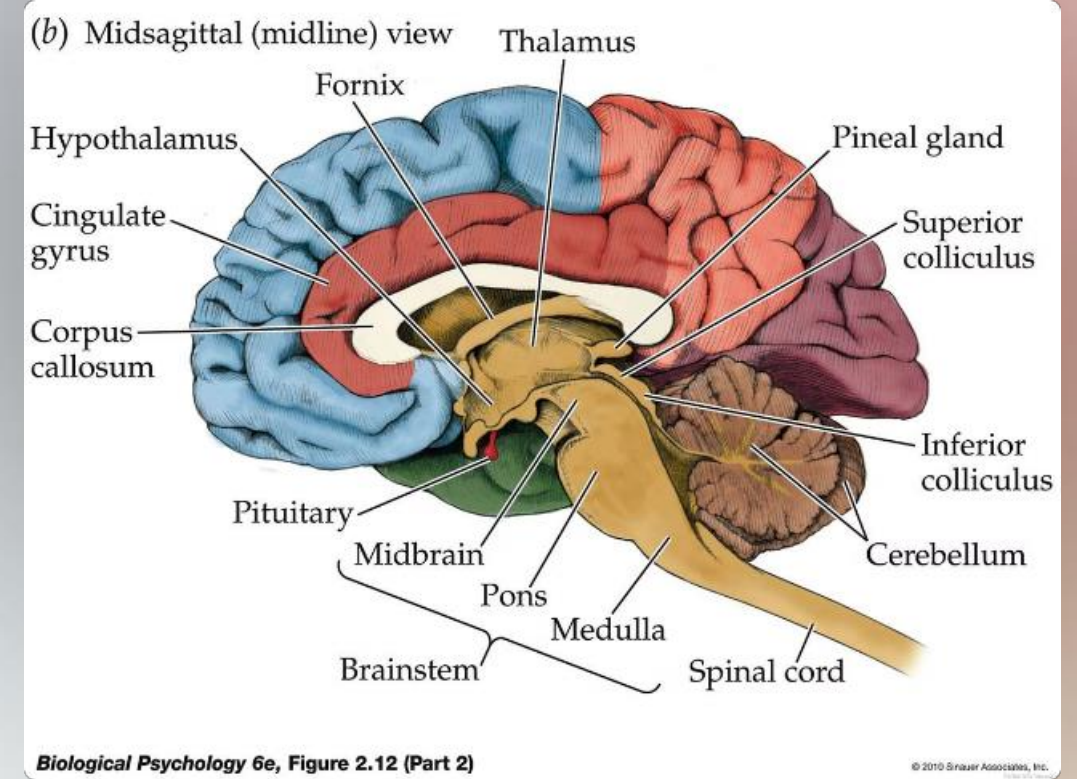
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+ركزو على كل النوت اللي ضفتها لانو الدكتور بالغالب حيترك  
كل السلايدات و يجيب من كلامه 😊  
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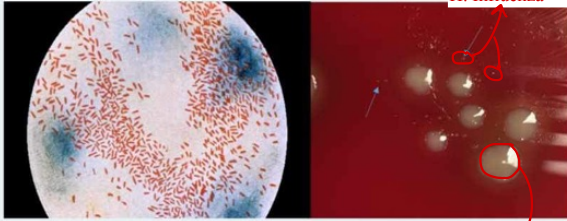
# CSF lab examination

The central nervous system (CNS) is susceptible to a variety of infectious pathogens, including bacteria, viruses, fungi, and parasites. Identifying these CNS pathogens through cerebrospinal fluid (CSF) analysis is crucial for effective diagnosis and treatment.

**Dr. Ashraf Khasawneh**



A 45-year-old male presents to the emergency department with a sudden onset of severe headache, fever, photophobia, and confusion. On physical examination, he has nuchal rigidity and positive Kernig's sign. A lumbar puncture is performed, and cerebrospinal fluid (CSF) analysis reveals an elevated white blood cell count with a predominance of neutrophils, elevated protein levels, and decreased glucose levels. Gram stain of the CSF shows Gram-negative bacilli. \*



*Haemophilus influenzae* type b

*Streptococcus pneumoniae*

*Neisseria meningitidis*

Group B *Streptococcus*

*E. coli*

سؤال الدكتور بلش فيه اللاب

بنقدر نعرف انو meningitis

بتدل على Bacterial infection

Gram negative bacilli:

✓ *E.coli*

✓ *Hemophilus*

✓ *p.aeruginosa*

هلاء الجواب الاخير حيكون من خلال الصورة

بنلاحظ في اسهم على نقط صغيره و اللي هي ال *Haemophilus*

***H. influenzae* (culture)**

**Blood agar (satellitism):**

- *H. influenzae* can grow on blood agar in the presence of *S. aureus*.
- *S. aureus* produces V factor and releases X factor by hemolysing blood.
- *Haemophilus* colonies will form small colonies called "satellites" in the hemolytic zone around *Staphylococcus* colonies.



هاي صورته خارجيه للتذكير بال culture

# Lumbar Puncture

## Specimen Collection: Lumbar Puncture

### Preparation

The patient is positioned, the puncture site is sterilized, and local anesthetic is administered.

1

### CSF Collection

The CSF is collected in sterile containers for analysis and further testing.

3

### Needle Insertion

A thin, hollow needle is carefully inserted between the vertebrae to access the CSF space.

ال needle size يختلف من طفل ل adult وهكذا

بنجمع اكثر من عينه لاكثر من فحص مثلاً  
لل culture و لل chemistry و لل  
latex agglutination test و للهستو



# Indications and Contraindications for Lumbar Puncture

امور بعمل فيها LP

## Indications

- Suspected meningitis or encephalitis
- Evaluation of neurological disorders
- Suspected subarachnoid hemorrhage

امور اذا شفتها ممنوع اعمل فيها LP

## Contraindications

- Increased intracranial pressure We do CT to know the reason for increased ICP
- Spinal cord compression
- Bleeding disorders
- Skin infection at the puncture site

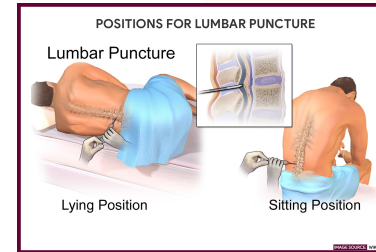
# Lumbar Puncture Procedure Procedure and Equipment

## Equipment



- Spinal needle
  - Less than 1 yr: 1.5in
  - 1yr to middle childhood: 2.5in
  - Older children and adults: 3.5in
- Three-way stopcock
- Manometer
- 4 specimen tubes
- Local anesthesia
- Drapes
- Betadine

صوره خارجيه للتوضيح:



### Patient Positioning

اما بحكيلا يجلس و يعمل lean forward او lying spine on the side و يعمل flexion لل hips

The patient is typically positioned on their side or sitting upright, with the back curved to open the spaces between the vertebrae.

+عشان يرجع ال CSF ل فوق و اقل ال risk for injury

### Sterile Technique

The clinician uses sterile gloves, drapes, and a local anesthetic to ensure a safe and comfortable procedure.

### Specialized Equipment

The procedure requires a lumbar puncture needle, manometer, and sterile containers for collecting the CSF sample.

الدكتور ما فصل بال equipment بس ذكر بشكل عام انو حجم ال needle زي ما حكينا بختلف من طفل ل adult و انو بنحتاج 4 عينات CSF

بشكل عام ال procedure تاعت ال CSF sample مش  
سهله و بتلاقي ال اهل و المريض كلهم خايفين منها

بالتالي ال CSF sample تعتبر one of the  
very precious samples

# Specimen Transportation and Storage



## Transport

The collected CSF sample should be transported to the laboratory as soon as possible in a sealed, leak-proof container.



## Storage

If immediate analysis is not possible, the sample should be refrigerated or frozen to preserve the integrity of the specimen.

بنحاول نبعد عن تجميد ال sample و الافضل  
انو نعمل ال test straight away



## Time Sensitivity

Timely processing of the CSF sample is crucial, as delays can affect the accuracy of the test results.

مهم انو ننقل العينه ب the quickest and best way

# Complications of Lumbar Puncture

1

## Post-Dural Puncture Headache **The most common one**

Leakage of CSF through the puncture site can cause a severe, persistent headache.

2

## Bleeding and Infection

Rare complications include bleeding at the puncture site or introduction of pathogens, leading to infections.

3

## Nerve Damage **Rare**

In rare cases, the needle may inadvertently damage a nerve, causing temporary or permanent neurological symptoms.

ما قرأ الدكتور هاد الجدول

Complication	Description	Prevention
Headache	Caused by persistent CSF leak. Begins 24-48h post-procedure. Described as a throbbing headache worse when standing.	1) Use thinner needle 2) Use atraumatic needle 3) Replace stylet 4) Insert needle with bevel parallel to dural fibers
Back Pain	Transient, electrical type pain. Typically resolves without intervention.	Limit number of attempts
Infection	Local skin infection or spinal fluid infection	Practice aseptic technique
Bleeding	Spinal hematoma may compress spinal cord	Avoid LP in patients at high risk for bleeding
Herniation	Brainstem compression due to pressure changes	Avoid in high risk patients
Epidermoid Tumor	Due to epidermoid tissue transplanted into spinal canal during procedure	Use a stylet when inserting needle



# Microbial Culture and Identification

## Culture Media

## Pathogenic Organisms

Blood Agar

Streptococcus pneumoniae, Neisseria meningitidis

Chocolate Agar

Haemophilus influenzae (Fastidious microorganism)

Sabouraud Dextrose Agar  
For fungal infection

Candida species, Cryptococcus neoformans

Thioglycollate Broth

Anaerobic bacteria

هلاء هون الدكتور ضاف حكي زياده عن موضوع ال thio broth :

مبدئياً خلينا نتفق انو ال thio broth بنستخدمه ك اشئ extra جنب ال culture بحيث ال broth هاد بنمو عليه مختلف انواع البكتيريا و بساعد بزيادة ال growth تاغ البكتيريا بشكل non specific و اكثر اشئ لل anaerobic bacteria على عكس ال culture العاديه فهي ع الاغلب بتكون اكثر specific ف من هون بنقدر نعرف ليه ال thio تعتبر اشئ بجانب ال culture

طيب هلاء دايماً اي swap sample بتوصل لمختبر المايكرو بروحو بزروعها ب culture و برضو بحطوها ب thio broth يعني العينه بتتوزع ع التنين

ف تاغت ال thio بنحطها بال incubator ل 24 ساعه و تعتبر زي اشئ احتياطي بحيث انا مرجعي الاساسي ال culture ف اذا ال culture ما كان فيها growth بشيك ع ال thio كمان اذا هي برضو صار عليها growth او لاء طبعاً عينة ال thio لو بعد ال 24 ساعه ما كان في نمو عادي برجع مره ثانيه بتركها 24 ساعه كمان لانو ممكن البكتيريا كان بدها اكثر وقت لتتكاثر او كان عددها جداً قليل بالعينه ف لازم اعطيها فرصتها بال thio

هلاء ممكن انو انا ما اعمل ع طول culture و thio مع بعض ف هون مثلاً بكون عامله بس culture بدون ال thio و بعد ما تركت ال culture ل 48 ساعه و لسا ما لقيت growth فهون بروح اعمل subculture الها بال thio و بتركها 24 ساعه بال thio و بشوف ف اذا طلع growth بتكون هاي بكتيريا كانت بدها امور ثانيه لتنمو و هيك طلع positive او انو ما بطلع فعلاً في growth و بكون negative

هلاء في حالات ما بنعمللها thio broth زي ال vaginal sample و ال CSF sample و ال sputum sample

طيب ليه ؟

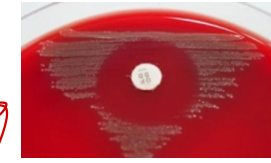
بالعادة ال sputum sample المفروض تتاخذ بشكل دايركت من الرئه واللي بتكون sterile و ع طول ال cup بس هاد الاشئ فعلياً صعب نقدر نعمله ف بالعادة المريض بعمل cough up من الرئه لل oral cavity و بعدها spit it out فهون المشكله بتكون انو ال oral cavity مليان microorganism فتخيلو اروح ازرعها على ال thio فهون حيضير growth لاشكال الوان من ال organisms ف ع الفاضي ما حمير ازا البكتيريا اللي عامله المشكله موجوده او لاء فهون الافضل انو ع culture تكون specific لحتى ما اعمل growth لل microorganisms التانيه اللي ما بتهمني

طيب كيف اعرف متي بقدر ازرع ال sputum ومتي لاء؟  
فحص عدد ال wbcس اذا طلع اكثر من 25 و ال Epithelial cells اقل من 10 هون عادي بعملو culture بس غير عن هيك ما بزرع لانو بكون جاي من ال oral cavity

اما بالنسبه لل CSF برضو ما بنعمللها thio لانو عينة ال CSF بتكون highly oxygenated و ال thio حكيئا اكثر اشئ بتفيد بال anaerobic ف مش كتير حتفيد بالاضافه انو لما اوصل لمرحله اخذ عينة CSF من مريض فهون اكيد حيكون عندي manifestation ظاهره و واضحه انو في بكتيريا ف الاغلب بكون عارف شو هي و ما بتحتاج ال thio لك اشئ زياده ، عشان هك عينة ال CSF بنزرعها على ال blood or chocolate or macconkey ل 48 ساعه وبعدها اذا ما في growth تعتبر negative results

# *S. pneumoniae*

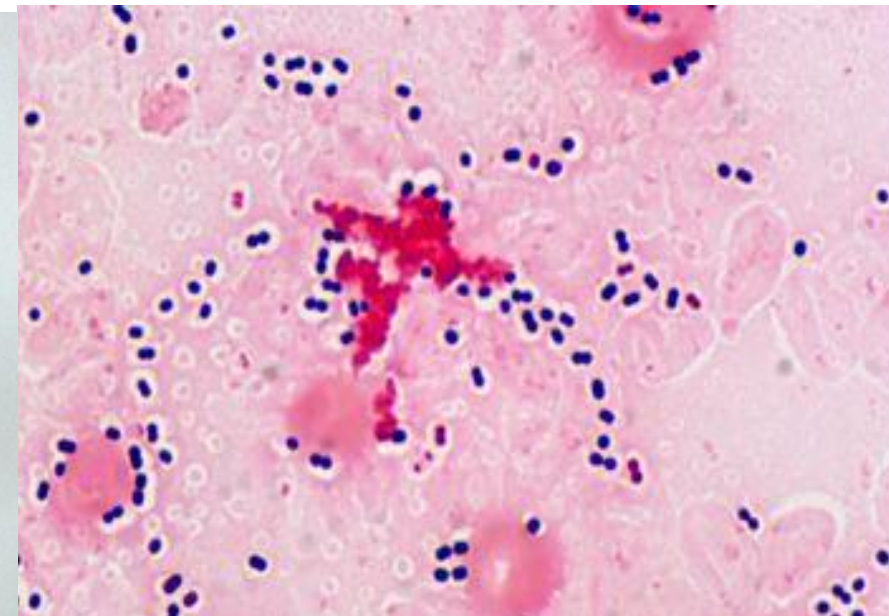
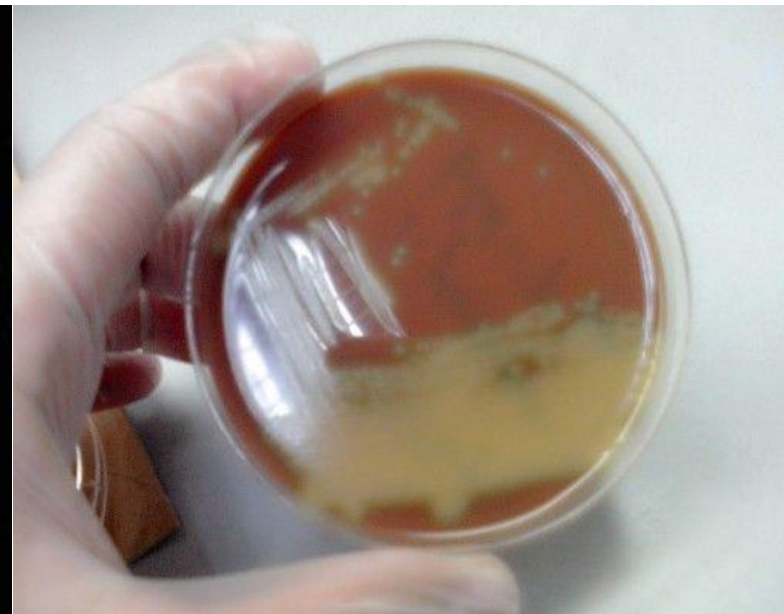
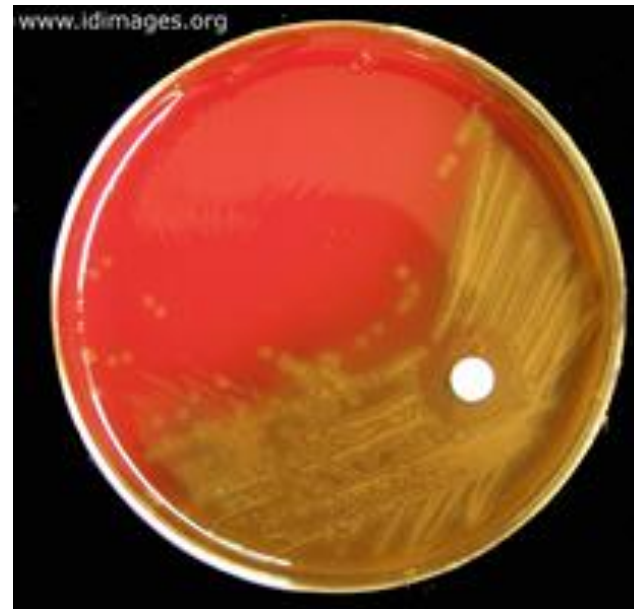
- ✓ Gram-positive
- ✓ Diplococci
- ✓ a-hemolytic
- ✓ optochin positive



## predisposing conditions

- pneumococcal pneumonia
- acute or chronic pneumococcal sinusitis or otitis media
- Alcoholism
- diabetes
- Splenectomy
- Hypogammaglobulinemia
- complement deficiency
- head trauma with basilar skull fracture and CSF rhinorrhea.

مهم تعرفوا كل  
بكتيريا مذكوره  
شو خصائصها  
فحكتبلكم اهم  
الخصائص اللي  
الدكتور حكاها  
لكل وحده

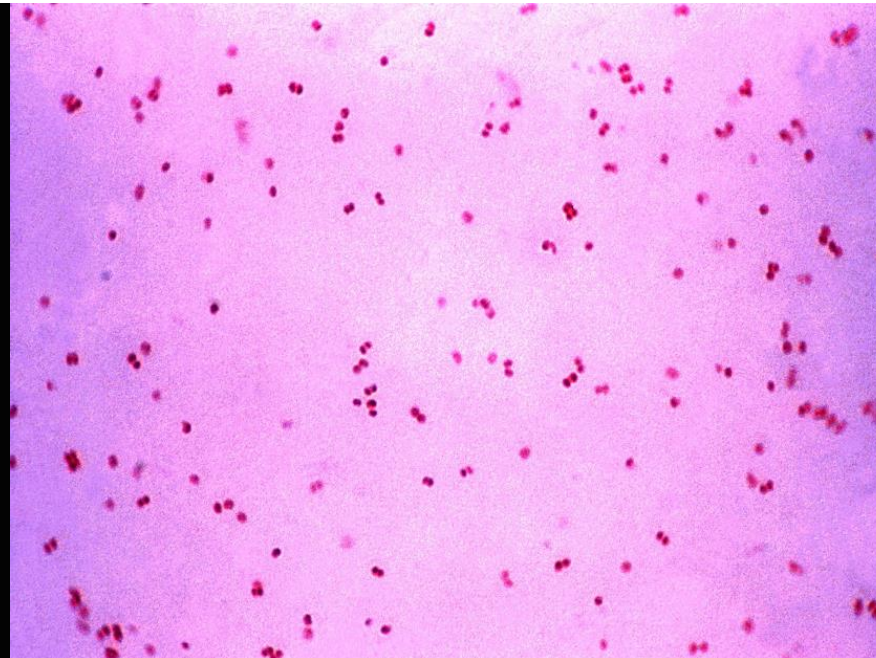




We also see rash in Rocky Mountain spotted fever

- Petechial or purpuric skin lesions are important clue for the *N. meningitidis*.
- It is fulminant, progressing to death within hours.
- Initiated by nasopharyngeal colonization
- Individuals with deficiencies of any of the complement components, are highly susceptible.
- Oral sex is dangerous risk for this disease.

- ✓ Gram negative
- ✓ diplococcus with a “kidney” shape facing each other
- ✓ It grows better in chocolate agar





# Staphylococcus aureus:

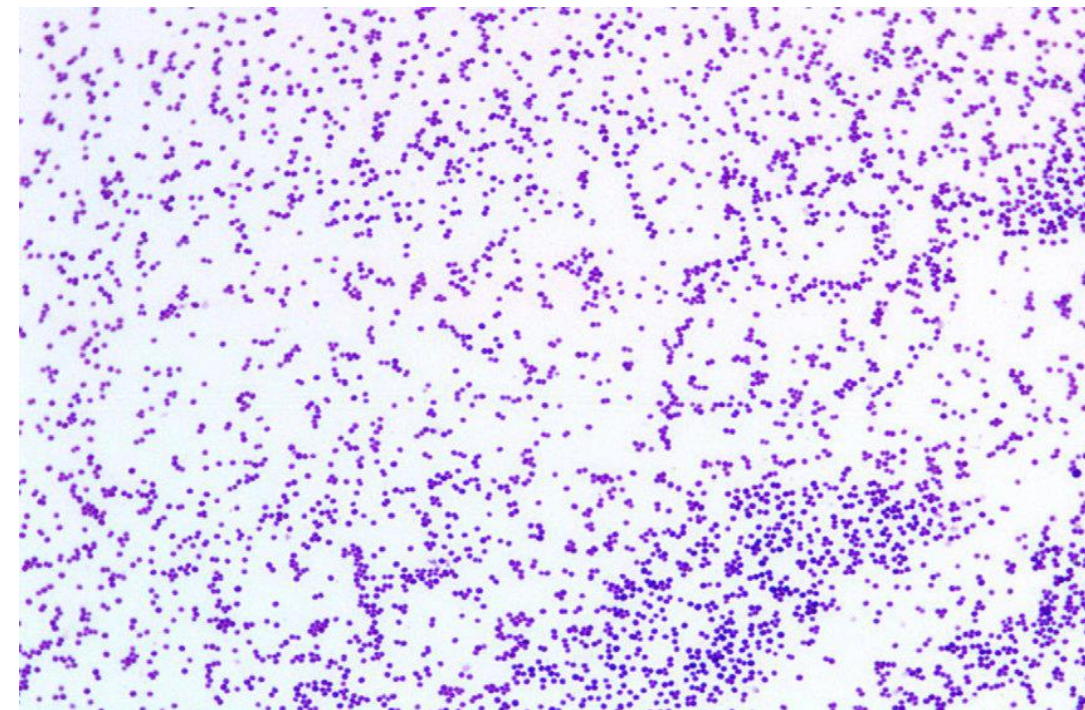
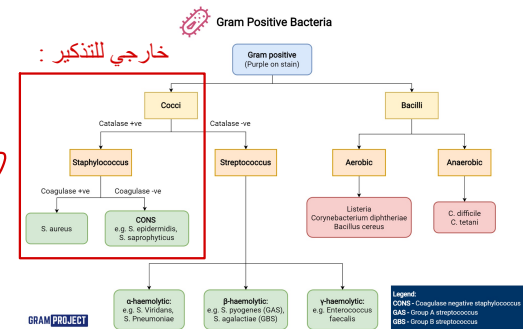
Important cause of meningitis that follows invasive neurosurgical procedures, particularly shunting procedures for hydrocephalus or after intrathecal chemotherapy.

✓ Gram positive

✓ Blood Agar	Beta haemolysis
✓ Mannitol salt Agar (MSA)	It is a selective medium for <i>S. aureus</i> produces yellow colored colonies due to fermentation of mannitol

✓ Coagulase positive

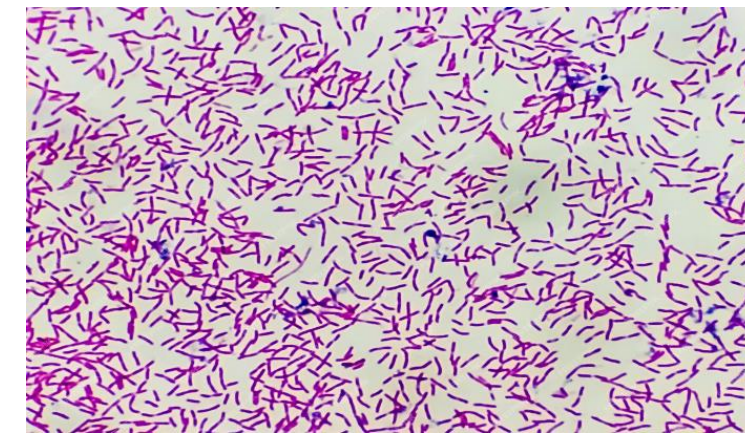
لازم ال mannitol fermentation مع ال  
coagulase positive عشان احكي انو  
هاي S. A اما mannitol لحالو ما بربط





*Gram-negative* meningitis can complicate neurosurgical procedures, particularly craniotomy.

الهانتوت بالسلايد البعدو



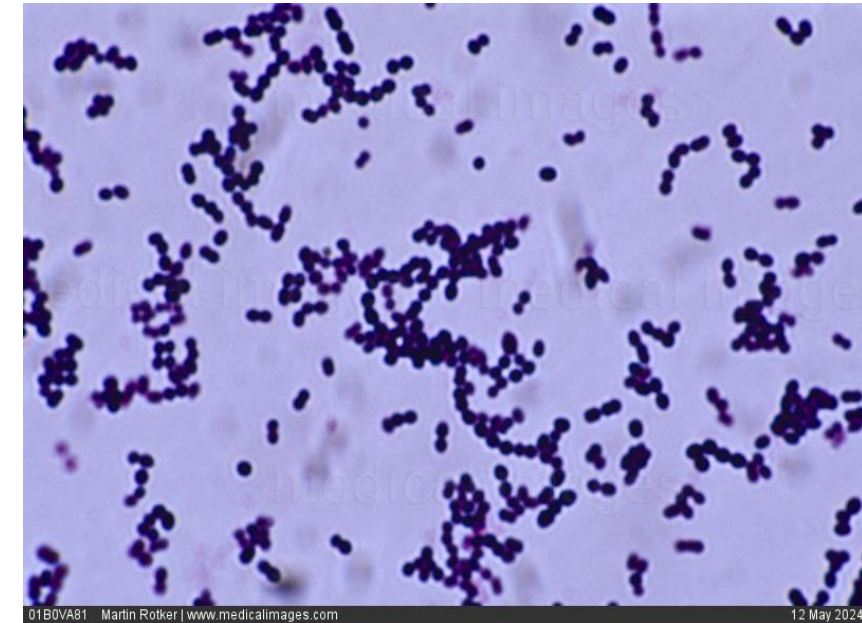
*Group B streptococcus*

in neonates

in individuals  $\geq 50$  years of age..

*Streptococcus agalactiae* :

- ✓ Gram positive
- ✓ Cocci in chains
- ✓ B hemolytic

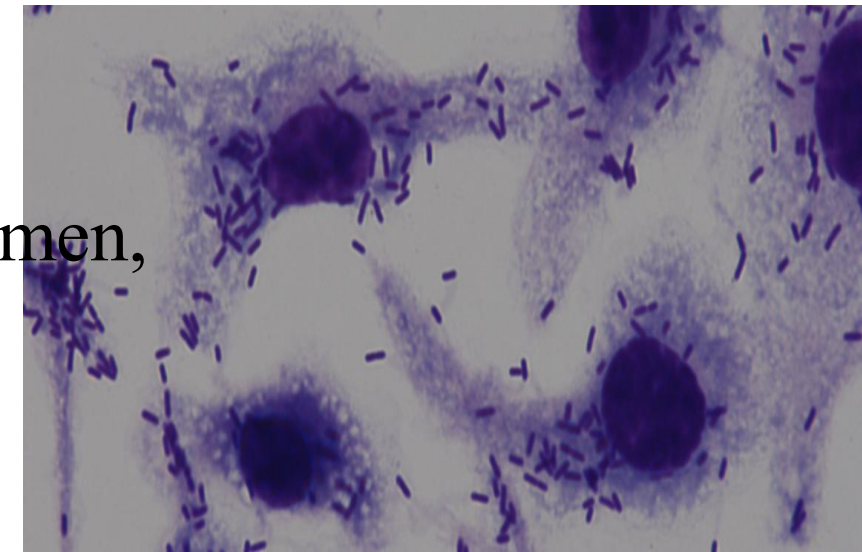


*L. monocytogenes*

in infants (1st month of age), pregnant women,

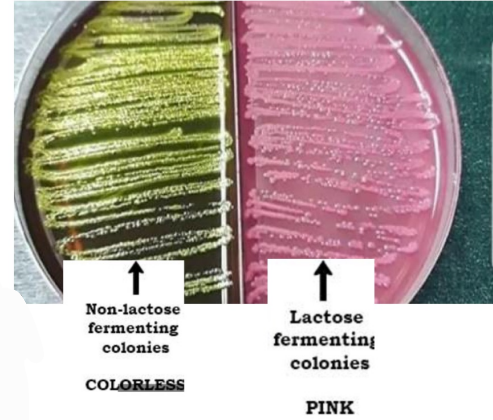
individuals  $\geq 60$  years of age.

- ✓ Gram positive
- ✓ Cocci bacilli

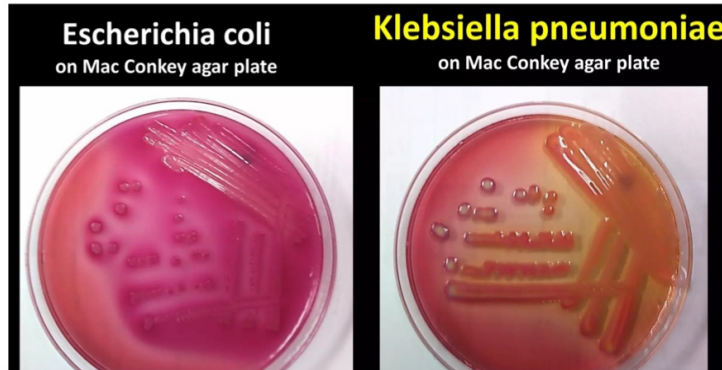


# Gram-negative

مثل ال E coli بتتمو على ال blood agar و  
ال chocolate agar و ال macconkey agar  
اللي تعتبر selective for gram negative



و كمان بنفرق بين ال E coli and klebsilla عن  
طريق ال Mac برضو بحيث:

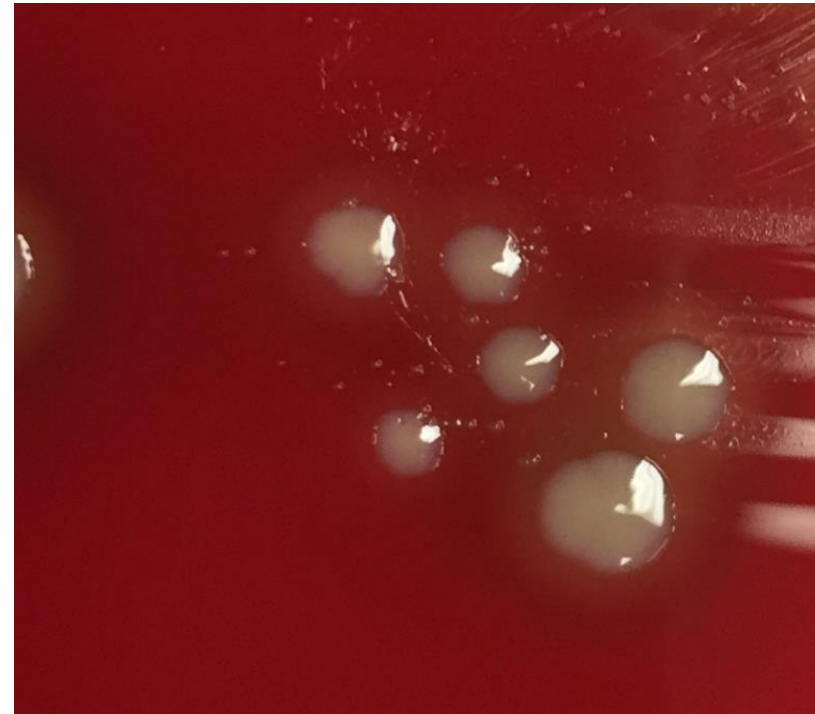
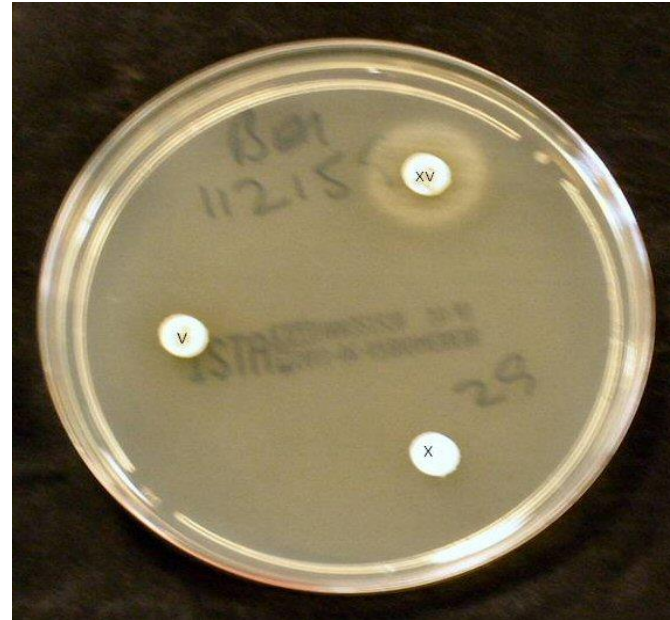
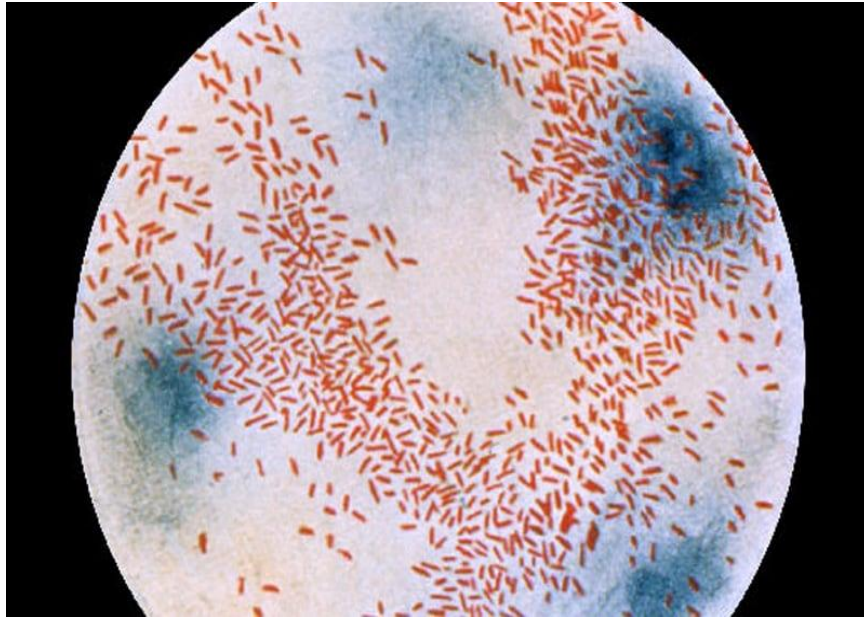


More pink-ish  
Dry

More yellow-ish  
Wet



# H. influenzae



# Latex Agglutination Tests for Meningitis

## Meningitis

It is a guide for the empirical ttt then it can be confirmed by either a culture or pcr



### 1 Rapid Detection

Latex agglutination tests can quickly identify the presence of bacterial antigens in CSF, enabling prompt diagnosis of meningitis.

### 2 Broad Spectrum

These tests can detect a variety of meningitis-causing pathogens, including Streptococcus pneumoniae, Neisseria meningitidis, and Haemophilus influenzae.

+ E coli and group B streptococcus

### 3 Cost-Effective

Latex agglutination tests are relatively inexpensive, making them accessible for laboratories with limited resources.





Streptococcus group B, *Haemophilus influenzae* type b, *Streptococcus pneumoniae* (pneumococcus), *Neisseria meningitidis* (meningococcus) groups A, B, C, Y or W135 and *Escherichia coli* K1

# Limitations and Challenges of New CSF Tests



1

## Sample Collection

Proper collection and handling of CSF samples is crucial, as contamination or delays can compromise test results.

2

## Interpretation

Interpreting CSF test results requires specialized expertise, as various factors can influence the interpretation of findings.

3

## Cost Considerations

Advanced CSF testing methods, such as multiplex panels and ELISA kits, may be more expensive, limiting accessibility in certain healthcare settings.

# الدكتور طلب واجب من احد الطلاب عن ال CSF analysis :

رح نحكي بالاول عن ال normal ويقسم الى اربع اقسام

## Physical

لازم يكون clear وما  
في turbidity

## Chemical

البروتين لازم يكون من 15-45  
يشكل ال 1% CSF من البلازما لانو اصلاً  
ال CSF هو infiltrate من ال blood

ال glucose من 40-80

ال bilirubin لازم absent

ال chloride من 100-120

## Presence of microorganism

There must not  
be any  
microorganism

## Microscopic findings (Cell count )

- In Adults: 0 - 5 cells/cumm
  - In Neonates: 0 - 30 cells/cumm
- No RBC's should be present in normal CSF

WBCs

: هلاء ال abnormal

البروتين اذا اعلى من 45  
ال glucose اقل من 40

## Bacterial

الجلوكوز بكون low  
البروتين بكون كثير elevated

## Viral

الجلوكوز normal  
البروتين slightly elevated

# Cerebrospinal Fluid (CSF) Analysis

ما انقرأ بس  
هي مقدمه يعني

## 1 Cell Count

Evaluating the number and type of cells in the CSF can provide clues about the underlying infection.

## 2 Protein Level

Elevated protein levels in the CSF may indicate inflammation or an infectious process.

## 3 Glucose Level

A decrease in CSF glucose compared to blood glucose can suggest certain types of CNS infections.

## 4 Gram Stain and Culture

Direct visualization of microorganisms and growth in culture media can identify the specific pathogen.



# Interpreting CSF Test Results



	Leukocyte/ mm <sup>3</sup>	% PMN <small>Polymorphonuclear neutrophils</small>	Glucose % of blood	Protein (mg/dl)
Normal	0-5	0	≥ 60	≤ 30
Viral	2-2000 (80) <i>Slightly elevated</i>	≤ 50	≥ 60 <i>Normal</i>	30-80 <i>Slightly elevated</i>
Bacterial	5-5000 (800) <i>Highly elevated</i>	≥ 60 <i>كثير Increased</i>	≤ 45 <i>Decreased</i>	>60 <i>Highly elevated</i>
TB and fungal	5-2000 (100)	≤ 50	≤ 45	>60
N neonate	0-32 (8)	≤ 60	≥ 60	20-170 (90)

# Meningitis Panels and their Capabilities

## Multiplex Approach

Meningitis panels utilize multiplex assays to simultaneously detect and identify multiple pathogens in a single CSF sample.

## Improved Accuracy

These panels combine various testing methods, such as real-time PCR and immunoassays, to provide more accurate and comprehensive results.

## Expanded Coverage

Meningitis panels can detect a broader range of infectious agents, including viruses and fungi, in addition to bacteria.

HSV  
Enterovirus  
cryptococcus

هاد السلايد اضافي مني  
 لتوضيح اهمية ال  
**meningitis panel**  
 حالياً و كيف انو وفر  
 وقت جداً كبير كنا  
 بنحتاجه للتشخيص  
 علماً انو حالياً مش  
 موجود الا بمختبر واحد  
 بعمان

## Every Minute Counts When it Comes to Meningitis.



24-48 hrs



Time to diagnosis is critical. Bacterial meningitis can be fatal in healthy people in 24 to 48 hours.<sup>2</sup> The right treatment depends on quick identification of the pathogen as bacterial, viral, or yeast.

Patients with suspected meningitis are treated empirically pending diagnostic results.<sup>3,4</sup> This can mean lengthy hospitalizations and unnecessary antimicrobial use, all of which add to the overall cost of care.



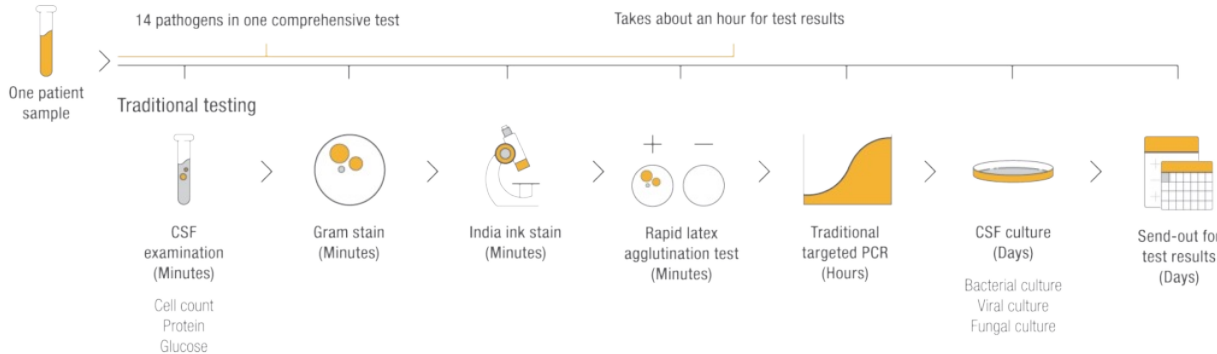
BioFire ME Panel testing



14 pathogens in one comprehensive test



Takes about an hour for test results



# Future Directions in CSF Testing

**Cerebrospinal fluid (CSF) analysis**

	Normal	Viral	Bacterial	Tuberculous	Subarachnoid Hemorrhage
Appearance	Clear	Usually clear/turbid	Turbid/Purulent	Turbid/Viscous	Blood stained/Xanthochromic (yellowish)
Opening Pressure	50-100 mm of water	Normal	Normal/elevated	Normal/elevated	Elevated
WBC count (x10 <sup>6</sup> /L)	0-4	10-1000, mainly lymphocytes	1000-4000, mainly polymorphs	50-5000, mainly lymphocytes	Normal (slightly increased)
Glucose	50-60% blood glucose	>50% blood glucose	<30% blood glucose	<30% blood glucose	Normal
Protein	0.2-0.4 g/L	0.4-0.8 g/L	0.5-2.0 g/L	0.5-3.0 g/L	Increased
Microbiology	Sterile	Usually sterile	Organism on gram stain/culture	Positive Ziehl-Neelsen stain	Sterile

DRAM PROJECT

1

## Biomarker Discovery

Ongoing research aims to identify novel biomarkers in CSF that can aid in the early detection and monitoring of neurodegenerative diseases.

Not infection

2

## Personalized Medicine

Advancements in CSF testing will enable more personalized treatment approaches, tailored to an individual's unique disease profile.

3

## Point-of-Care Testing

على السريع اقدر اعملو ال test واعرف ال causative organism

The development of portable, rapid CSF testing devices could improve access to timely diagnosis and management of neurological conditions.

بتمنى اكون فدتكم وما تنسوننا  
من صالح دعائكم ....