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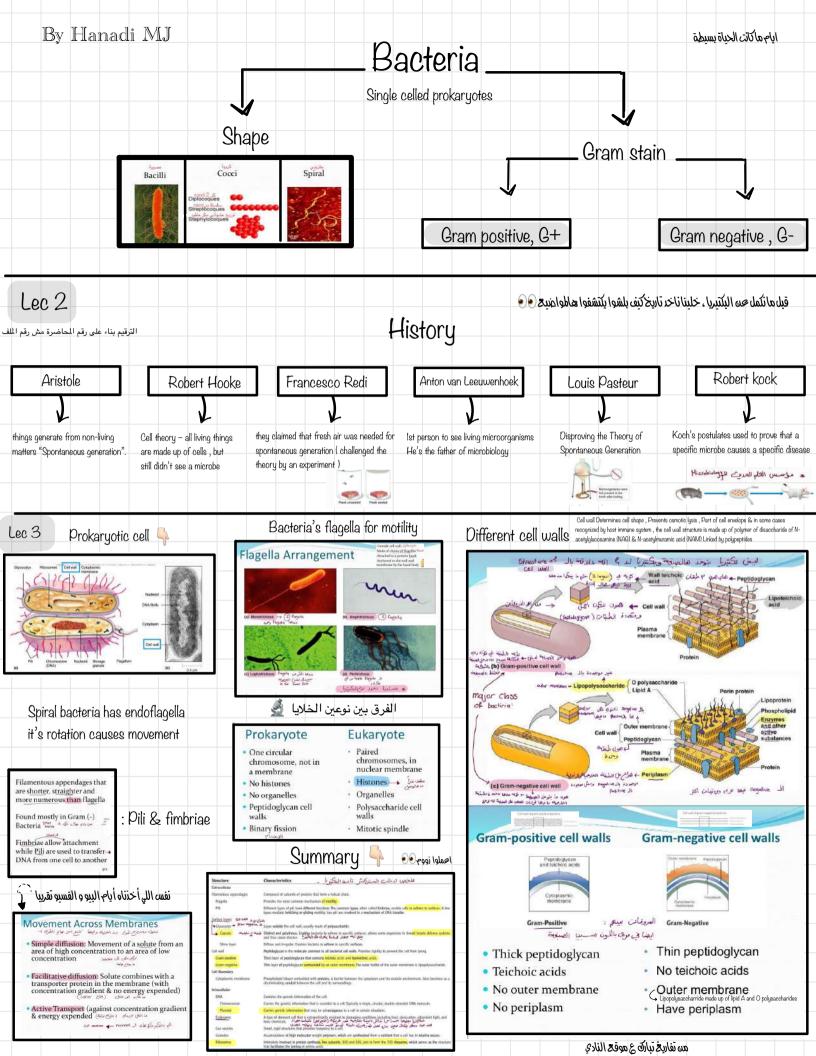
اللهم إني أسألك فهم النبيين وحفظ المرسلين والملائكة المقربين. اللهم اجعل ألسنتنا عامرة بذكرك وقلوبنا بخشيتك وأسرارنا بطاعتك إنك على كل شيء قدير، حسبنا الله ونعم الوكيل.

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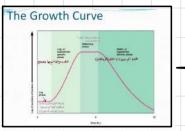


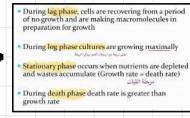


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Microbial growth or Binary Fission

Generation time is the time it takes for a single cell to grow and divide







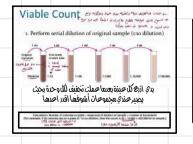
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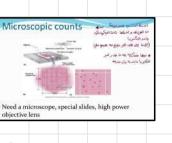
4) oxygen 1) Temperature 2)PH 3) osmotic pressure 5) nutrition Minimum Temperature: Temperature below which growth ceases, or lowest temperature at which microbes will grow Required nutrients: Acidophiles: Osmotic pressure C sobiii J depends on the surrounding Grow optimally between Optimum Temperature: Temperature at which its growth rate is the fastest Macronutrients : tel deligner del integers del functiones del Anores antidame dell'antidame del propulsione antidame antidame dell'antidame dell'antidame dell'antidame pH(O and 5.5) solute concentration and Maximum Temperature: Temperature above which growth ceases, or highest temperature at which microbes will grow Elements required in fairly large water availability amounts: Carbon , Nitrogen . Using oxygen (O2) in Sulfur , Phosphorus Neutrophiles: metabolism creates toxic waste Classification of Microorganisms by Temperature Grow optimally between Microbes that are able to use Micronutrients : pH (5.5 and 8) aerobic respiration produce **Osmophiles:** organisms Metals and organic compounds enzymes to detoxify oxygen: which thrive in high solute needed in very small amounts, Alkalophiles: usually as enzyme and cofactors: Catalase: Calcium, Copper, Iron, Grow optimally between **Osmotolerant:** organisms h202 > h20 & 02Magnesium, Manganese, and 80 90 100 110 pH(8-11.5) which tolerate high solute Iron 01 . Superoxide dismutase (SOD): oxygen radical > h2o & o2 Special requirements Examples : Amino acids , Nucleotide bases , Remember 🖣 Temperature Classes of Organisms Psychrophiles (0-20°C) (11) Cold temperature optima Most extreme representatives inhabit permanently cold environments Enzymatic cofactors or "vitamins" Classification of Organisms Based on O2 Utilization Most bacteria grow between Mesophiles (20 - 45°C) • Midrange temperature optima • Found in warm-blooded animals and in aquati-environments in temperate and tropical latitude: های اکثر طبیعه بلال الزمان سلطه این از مسطود دستا استان ۲۰ این از مصر میند ر آموریه سلال pH 6.5 and 7.5 Aerobes : · Obligate: require oxygen to grow Facultative: can live with or without oxygen but gro batter with oxygen better with oxygen Microaerphiles: require reduced level of oxyge Thermophiles (50-80°C) Molds and yeasts grow Growth temperature optima between 50°C and 80°C Hyperthermophiles عاو بكار بالدامع العامية between pH 5 and 6 Anaerobes · Obligate: do not require oxygen. Obligate anaerobes are killed by oxygen Optima greater than 80°C These organisms inhabit hot environments including boiling hot springs Aerotolerant anaerobes: can tolerati Human blood and tissues vithout oxygen has pH 7.2+0.2

Factors Affecting Bacterial Growth

Methods Used to Measure Microbial Growth :

Count colonies on plate or filter (counts live cells) , Microscopic counts , Mass determination→ Turbitity , Measurement of enzymatic activity or other cell components





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Introduction : Bacterial genome includes Chromosome & DNA	يلا ندخل شوية جنتكس على المايكرو 📀 🌮
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DNA=deoxyribonucleic acid	المادة المائية الله جوا المكتويا UA A/UA G/UGA المادة المائية الله جوا المكتويا
RNA=ribonucleic acid	Represents all potential genes of bacteria cell (Its <u>genom</u> e). All Inherited essential biological features & growth patterns.
Basic building blocks: Basic building b	L Constitutive genes : gene expressed all the time Complex year of growth and year 2. Inducible genes: genes only expressed when the gene products
 Nucleotides (Adenine , Thymine Guanine , Cylosine) اج تحرک به معام دارد امتراضه النشتيوجينه Phosphate group تجن حاديتم مدراد بالماحله الجراي هو 	هو سکه او یک اهال مین اسال مین اسال به و معام ۶ از درید مدر مدود مد کار دارید است.
· Pentose sugar Puckeoside and and the function	Is all the organism's physical traits, attributes or characteristics (The expressed genes).
Nitrogenous base Stard Star	Expressed by physical & biochemical properties. Growth
• Complimentary base pairing	patterns, Fermentation products, Antibiotic resistance, Toxins production. etc.
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Genetic information is encoded in DNA, transcribed into	mRNA, translated on ribosomes through
tRNA into various protein, polypeptides /structures and	t enzymes with diverse functions
Plasmid : Extra-chromosomal piece of circular double-stranded a	autonomous DNA , Replicate by itself, It often carries
nonessential genes such as resistance to antibiotics, virulence fact	tors (enterotoxin, adhesion factor). Each contains 5-100 genes
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transferring itself between bacteria (F-plasmid). 2. Non-conjugative plasmid: are incapable of initiating	Identification of new species Diagnosis of pathogens
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small genetic elements that can exist in two ways in the bacterial cell: Both can be integrated into the bacterial	Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR technique):
chromosome or attached to plasmid. سنگر پنتار برد الگرینوسی والیلارید. داخل البکتریا نشسها	 allows amplification of specific region of DNA to detect few number of organism/ cell DNA in clinical specimens Blood,
سمح قامها فكر، ملاقطانيك لايد ولية ديس بليملك مسية	Urine identify cause of Disease Bacteria, Viruses & others • 16S ribosomal RNA gene (16srRNA) is highly stable in most
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Genetic change: A major mechanism for the ap	pearance of new pathogens/toxigenic strains, Development of
antimicrobial resistance and can occur and bec	ome widespread over a short period of time
Genetic recombination	
Maria Mariana Maria Maria	By Mutations and genetic variation
	Random, heritable, undirected variation due to a
individuals together:	change in the nucleotide sequence of DNA . Addition, deletion or substitution of a base pair
Transduction: Bacteriophages (bacterial viruses) Transduction	on I. Spontaneous mutation
transfer bacterial genes from one host cell to another Transformation: Alteration of a bacterial cell's	2. Induced mutation -mutagens
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and phenotype by the uptake of naked, foreign DNA	Mutation ~ Harmful
from surrounding environment	reconstruction access manually accessed to the of
Conjugation: Direct transfer of DNA between live	فالايتقير الودةي وذا كان، التبدي من مكان لمناهم
bacterial cells that are temporarily joined	
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Note : British physician Joseph Lister (Father of antideptic)

Definitions

- Kun Sula العقيم 🛶 Sterilization: A treatment that kills or removes all living cells, including viruses and spores, from a substance or object
- Disinfection: A treatment that reduces the total number of microbes on an object or surface, but does not necessarily remove or kill all of the microbes
- Antiseptic: A mild disinfectant agent suitable for use onskin surfaces استدار استدار استدار onskin surfaces He)
- Sanitization The process whereby pathogenic organisms are reduced to safe levels on inanimate objects (المستوى أحسد (مناهد ما متليعا قل سنته ال 10 to
- Biocide A chemical or physical agent, usually broad X 100 spectrum, that inactivates microorganisms



- Bacterial endospores: most resistant, only extreme heat or chemical treatment destroys them
- Protozoan cysts and oocysts: resistant to disinfectants; excreted in feces; causes diarrheal
- disease if ingested Mycobacterium species: waxy cell walls makes resistant to many chemical treatments
- Pseudomonas species: resistant to and can actually grow in some disinfectants
- المرسو مواد و التعليم (هم يدريهما ملكة حراما) Non-enveloped viruses: lack lipid envelope; more resistant to disinfectants day let



Conditions Influencing Antimicrobial Activity

- Several critical factors play key roles in determining the effectiveness of an antimicrobial agent, including: الل ما كان عدد الكيري اكث التفاء المياها بمبر المعد - Population size
- Suite And a start day of the L Types of organisms^{*}
- Types of organisms دیدار مادیم برای کارم بر پیشام بر پیش بردی Concentration of the antimicrobial agent برگذیری Duration of exposure
- Duration of exposure المار الكسالية والترتخل بالعا
- تسطيعا دابراد (دانة + Temperature) • pH
- وف الواد الدينية: والد وحل المعنى التأثر بالمواد المنوجة-Organic matter
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	Phy	jsical Methods		
Moist heat	Dry heat	Low temperature.	Filtration.	Radiation
Protein Denaturation and membrane disruption Boiling at 100°C: Effective against most vegetative cells; ineffective against spores; unsuitable for heat sensitive chemicals & many foods Autoclaving/pressure canning: Temperatures above 100°C achieved by steam pressure Most procedures use 121.1°C, achieve approx. 15 psi pressure, with 15 - 30 min autoclave time Pasteurization: Used to reduce microbial numbers in milk and other beverages while retaining flavor and food of Traditional treatment of milk, 63°C for 30 min Flash pasteurization) (high-temperature short term pasteurization); quick heating to about 72°C for 15 sec, then rapid cooling	Oven sterilization Used for dry glassware & heat-resistant metal equipment Typically 2 hr at 160°C is required to kill	Refrigerator: around 4°C inhibits growth of mesophiles or thermophiles; psychrophiles will grow Freezer: "ordinary" freezer around -10 to "ultracold" laboratory freezer typi -80°C Generally inhibits all growth; many bacteria and other microbes may survive freezing temperatures	pically material (e.g., cellulose), Larger pores Membrane filters: Small pore size (0.2 µm) to remove bacteria, Thin, eg	Ultraviolet Radiation : DNA absorbs ultraviolet radiation at 260 nm wavelength & This causes damage to DNA in the form of thymine dimen mutations & it's Useful for continuous disinfection of work surfaces
	Cher	mical agents		
Phenolics Alcohols	Halogens	Heavy metal	Quaternary Ammonium compounds	Aldehydes
Aromatic organic compounds with attached -OH Denature protein & disrupt membranes Commonly used as disinfectants e.g. "Lysol" Commonly used as Commonly used as Common	rations Act as oxidizing agents; 95% that oxidize proteins & other 95% that cellular components as 18; Chlorine compounds nes & (disinfectant) and iodine	Mercury, silver, zinc, arsenic, copper ions it Form precipitates with cell proteins	are cationic detergents they glu: Denature proteins and disrupt che	rmaldehyde and Iteraldehyde React emically with nucleic acid d protein, inactivating them

	GENERAL MECHANISMS OF BIOCIDE ACTION
	Disruption of the Cell Membrane or Wall
	Protein Denaturation
Remember 👉	Disruption of Free Sulfhydryl Groups
	Damage to DNA
	Chemical Antagonism

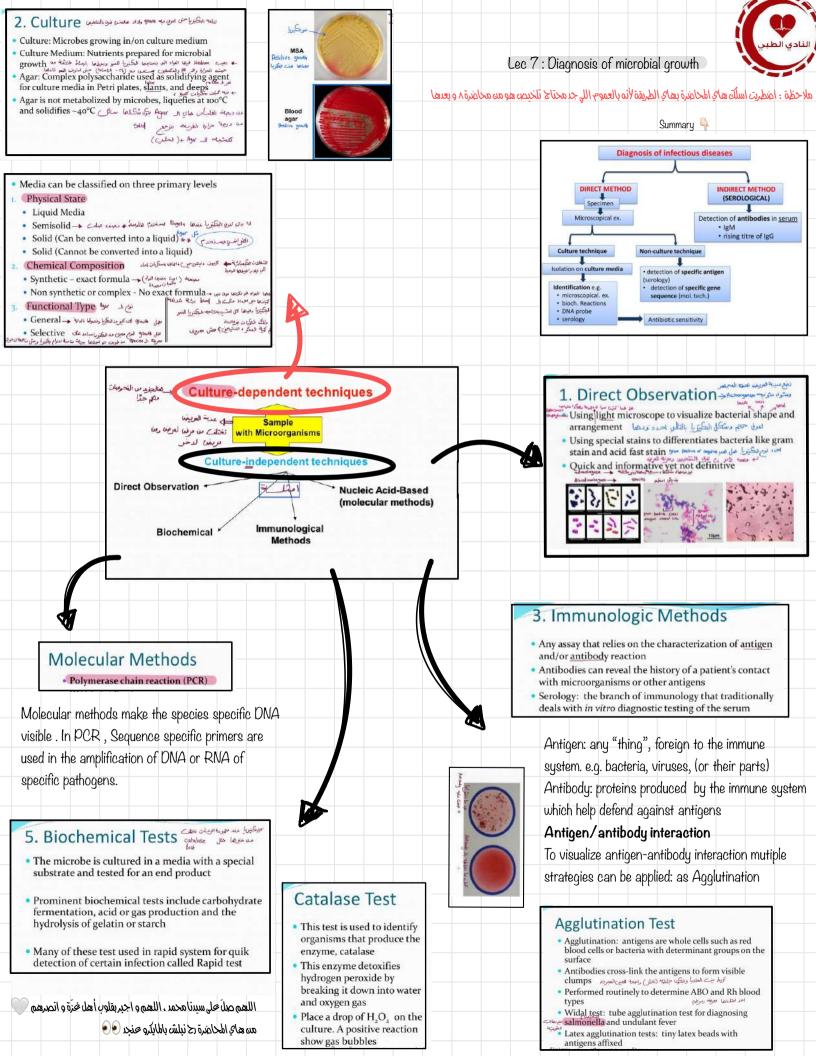
Toxic

compounds (antiseptics)

bacteria & fungi but not

spores





Staphylococci are gram-positive cocci which are Spherical cells arranged in irregular clusters (grape like clusters). They're Common inhabitant of the skin and mucous membranes, Lack spores and flagella, May have capsules, Catalase-positive, About 40 species one common is Saureus And other 2 species in the pic (zoom in)

General characteristics

Optimum temperature of 37 Celsius Coagulase-positive Facultative anaerobe Withstands high salt, extremes in pH and high temperatures Produces many virulence factors

Epidemiology: 🌳

Source of infection: A) Exogenous: patients or carriers B) Endogenous: from colonized site Mode of transmission: A) Contact: direct or indirect B) Inhalation of air borne droplets

Clinical presentations

Infections: 1) Skin and soft tissue: Folliculitis, furuncle (boil), carbuncle, styes, abscess, wound infections, impetigo 2) Musculoskeletal: Osteomyelitis, arthritis, bursitis 3) Respiratory: Tonsillitis, pharyngitis, sinusitis, otitis, infection bronchopneumonia, lung abscess, empyema 4) Central nervous system: Abscess, meningitis 5) Endovascular: Bacteremia, septicemia, endocarditis 6) Urinary: Urinary tract infection Intoxications: 1) Food poisoning 2) Toxic shock syndrome 3) Staphylococcal scalded skin syndrome



1: folliculitis 2: furuncle

It is fatal multisystem disease

Exfoliative toxin produced by Saureus is responsible for this

3: carbuncle

Staphylococcal Toxic Shock Syndrome (STSS): Menstrual associated STSS occurs in the vagina of m Staphylococcal Scalded Skin Syndrome (SSSS): Staphylococcus aureus

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1. Common pathogen: S. aureus

Staphylococcus saprophyticus

40 species, how are they classified ?

I. Coagulase-positive: Staphylococcus aureus

2. Coagulase-negative: Staphylococcus epidermidis

Based on coagulase production:

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Virulence factors

Cell associated factors:

A) Cell associated polymers

1. Cell wall polysaccharide 2. Teichoic acid 3. Capsular polysaccharide B) Cell surface proteins I. Protein A 2. Clumping factor (bound coagulase) Enzymes : Coagulase - coagulates plasma and blood Hyaluronidase - digests connective tissue Staphylokinase - digests blood clots DNase - digests DNA DNA Lipases - digest oils; enhances colonization on skin Penicillinase - inactivates penicillin Toxins: Hemolysins $(\alpha, \beta, \gamma, \delta)$ – lyse red blood cells Leukocidin - lyses neutrophils and macrophages Enterotoxin - induce gastrointestinal distress Exfoliative toxin - separates the epidermis from the dermis Toxic shock syndrome toxin (TSST) - induces fever, vomiting, shock, systemic organ damage Laboratory diagnosis 👇 1. Specimens collected: Pus, sputum, blood, stool for the detection of carriers- Nasal swab 2. Gram Stain: Gram-positive cocci in grape like clusters 3. Culture: Culture media: Non selective: Nutrient agar, Blood agar, MacConkey's agar Selective media: Mannitol Salt Agar Culture conditions: Ambient conditions, 37 °C, 18-24 h Colonial morphology: Nutrient agar- golden yellow pigmer MacConkey's agar-small & pink in colour Blood agar- most strains produce β - haemolytic color **Biochemical tests:** Catalse -positive, Coagulase-positive, Ferments mannitol

Drug resistance is common (we may use penicillin, cloxamicillin, methicillin, vancomycin, but there still may be resistance to them as MRSA

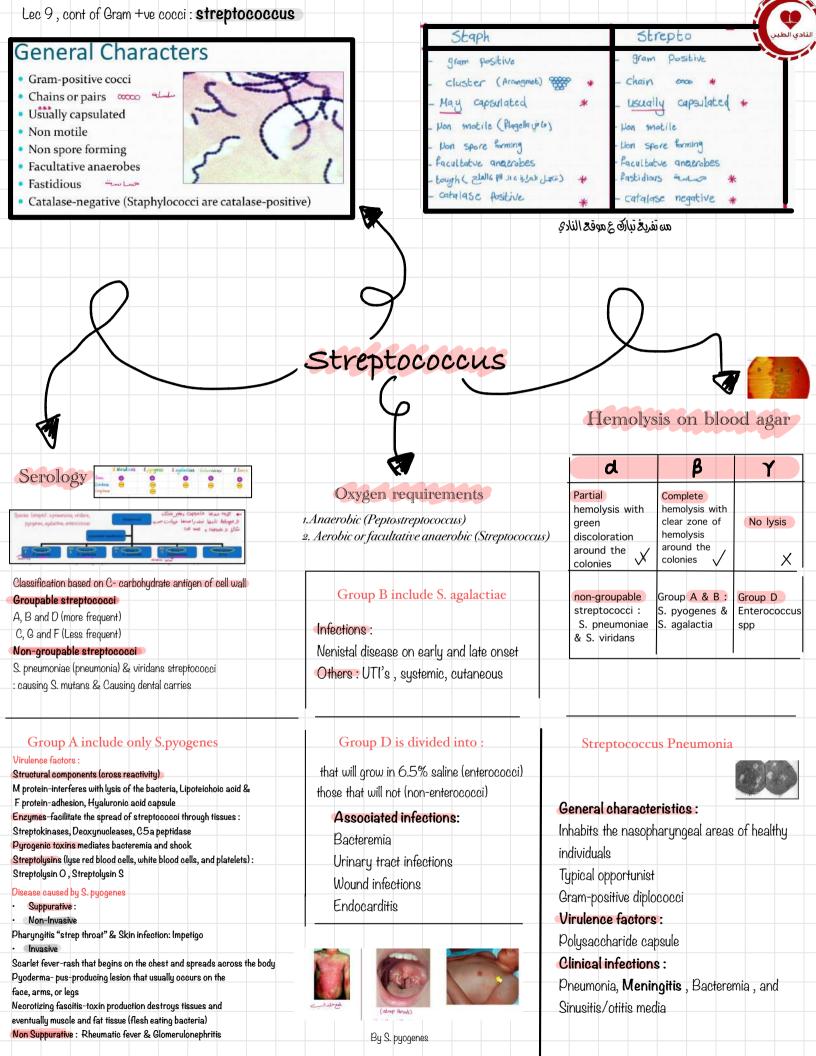


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Based on pathogenicity:

2. Opportunistic pathogens: S. epidermidis & S. saprophyticus

3. Non pathogen: S. homonis



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Neisseria gonorrhoeae (gonococcus)

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General characteristics:

Gram-negative cocci often arranged in pairs (diplococci) Oxidase positive Most catalase positive Non-motile non spore forming Sensitive, aerobic but grow better with low CO2

Epidemiology & Pathogenesis :

Not part of normal human flora, only fond in mucous membranes of genitalia, anorectal area, oropharynex or conjunctiva during infection Transmission primarily by sexual contact or from infected mother during birth , Asymptomatic carriage is a major reservoir & reinfection can occur

Attachment and invasion: pili and outer membrane protein help the bacteria to attach Survival and multiplication : in the submucosa to establish infection Spread and dissemination: The bacteria cause local cell injury and inflammatory response Most common sites of inoculation: • Cervix (cervicitis) or vagina in the female

• Urethra (urethritis) or penis in the male

Laboratory diagnosis :

- Gram Stain: Grame –ve diploccoci inside polymorphonuclear leukocytes
- Culture : Media:

Thayer Marten Media (TM):

Enriched chocolate agar with antimicrobial colistin (to inhibit G- bacili) nystatin (to inhibit yeast) and vancomycin (to inhibt G+ bacteria)

Modified Thayer Marten Media (MTM):

as above plus trimethoprim (to inhibit proteus) Martin Lewis medium (ML):

same as above except that anisomysin is substituted for nystatin and vancomycin concentration is increased Colonial appearance: Small, grayish white, convex, translucent, shiny, with smooth or irregular margins



Pili (N-methylphenylalanine)
Outer membrane:
1. Phospholipids
2. Proteins: Outer membrane proteins (OMP I, OMP II, Opa)
3. Lipopolysaccharide (LPS) mainly as lipooligosaccharide (LOS)
Antigenic variation: Pili, OMPs, LOS

Virulence factors :

N. gonorrhoea secrets IgA protease that inhibit IgA antibodies function Outer membrane proteins:

1. Prevents phagolysosome and promotes intracellular survival

 Mediates firm attachment to epithelial cells and subsequent invasion into cells
 Protects other surface antigens from

bactericidal antibodies Lipooligosaccharide (LOS) (Lipid A) has endotoxin activity Acquisition of antibiotic

resistance:

1. Plasmid-encoded beta-lactamase production

 Chromosomally-mediated changes in cellular permeability inhibit entry of antibiotics

Other tests :

Resistance to pencillin is quite common due to production of beta-lactemase but Resistance to ceftriaxone is not described

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

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Neisseria meningitides(meningococcus)

General characteristics:

Encapsulated small, gram-negative diplococci Oxidase positive , Catalase positive 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 CO2 enhances growth but is not absolutely required Less sensitive than Niesseria gonorrhoeae Have a well developed highly antigenic capsule

Epidemiology & Pathogenesis :

Neisseria meningitidis found as nasopharyngeal flora in 10% of healthy individuals Transmission occurs by inhalation of respiratory droplets The most common cause of meningitis in under 20 and the second most common cause after pneumococci in all ages

Replicate intracellularly and migrate to subepithelial space , Organisms are internalized into phagocytic vacuoles, avoid intracellular killing and primarily infect the CNS to cause acute meningitis withh bacterremia

Immunity : Absence of antibody correlates with susceptibility

Clinical presentation

Meningitis: Fever, fatigue, weakness CNS: convulsion, motor disability, loss of consciousness Thrombocytopenia results in bleeding and skin petchiae Disseminated intravascular coagulation (DIC) Fatal if not treated early

penicillin can be used, but we need something stronger



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

Virulence factors :

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)

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Laboratory diagnosis :

Specimens: pharyngeal swab, cerebrospinal fluids, skin lesions and blood

Gram stain : encapsulated, small, gram negative diplococci and polymorphonuclear leukocytes (PMN's) can be seen microscopically in cerebrospinal fluid (CSF)

Culture same as previous

Biochemical Tests :

Oxidase positive

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

Immunological test not recommended ,and for antibiotics Chloramphenicol or cephalosporins can be used

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General characteristics & Epidemiology

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Aerobic gram-negative bacilli/coccobacilli liking blood & Are Major pathogens for which humans are natural hosts : 1. Haemophilus influenzae 2. Haemophilus ducreyi-induce sexually transmitted diseases (chancroid) are Non motile & H. influenza has a polysaccharide capsule with six different serotypes (a-f) ... 95% of invasive disease are caused by type **b** (Hib) which contain polyribose-ribitol phosphate (PRP) capsule

Epidemiology

Transmitted via respiratory droplets, or direct contact with contaminated secretions & is Normal flora of the human respiratory tract and oral cavity

Virulent factors & vaccinations

Antiphagocytic polysaccharide capsule is the major pathogenesis factor lipid A component from the cell wall (major role in non capsule strains) All virulent strains produce neuraminidase and an IgA protease Pathogenesis: Organism colonizes nasopharynx followed by : 1. Local invasion: otitis media and sinusitis 2. Systemic invasion: ...bacteremia...meningitis Vaccinations Pre-vaccination: Meningitis

Post-vaccination: Most cases in unvaccinated Non-encapsulated, non-typeable strains and serotype f are the most common Children - Pneumonia and meningitis are less common Hib are among the commonest causes of bacterial otitis media and sinusitis



General characteristics & transmissions

Gram-negative coccobaccili (rod-shaped) single or paired & Obligate aerobe, Optimum growth 35-37 °C, grow better on media with a slightly acidic reaction Colonizes the respiratory tract . Incidence dropped significantly after vaccination & is Specific to human hosts & The main species : 1. B. pertussis: whooping Cough (Pertussis) 2. B. parapertussis & 3. B. bronchiseptica

Transmission

Spread through direct contact of respiratory secretions Most contagious during first few days of infection Resides in upper airway pathways, mostly the trachea and bronchi & is very contagious

Clinical presentation : Whooping cough

Incubation period 4-21 days 3 Stages: 1. Catarrhal Stage 1-2 weeks: runny nose, sneezing, low fever, and a mild cough (common mistaken for cold) 2. Paroxysmal Stage 1-6 weeks: whooping cough, which consists of bursts of numerous, rapid coughs, that end with a long inspiratory effort with high pitched whoop, severity of the infection is at its greatest 3. Convalescent Stage: weeks-months, gradual recovery starts

Pseudomonads

General characteristics & Epidemiology

P. aeruginosa is the most common pseudomonad Gram-ve rods arranged in pairs & are Motile by single or multiple polar flagella Non-fermentative, Oxidase-positive

obligate aerobes .. Some strains are mucoid contain (polysaccharide capsule)

- Pseudomonads produce diffusible pigments, as:
- 1. Blue pyocyanin 2. Yellow fluorescein
- 3. Reddish-brown pyorubin 4. Black pyomelanin

Epidemiology 👇

Habitats in soil, water and plants

Rarely a part of normal flora in healthy individuals Transmission by:

Ingestion or exposure to contaminated stuff rarely transmitted by p2p





Clinical presentations & Laboratory diagnosis

Clinical Presentation

- Pulmonary infections, common in cystic fibrosis patients المحت يالية المعالية المحتاية المحتاية المحتاية المحتاية المحتاية المحتاية المحتاية المحتاية patients Primary skin infections: Opportunistic infections of
- existing wounds (e.g., burns) to localized infections of doub and the second s UTT infections: Opportunistic infections in patients
- with indwelling urinary catheters
- Ear infections: range from mild irritation of external ear "swimmer's ear" to invasive destruction of cranial bones
- Eye infections: Opportunistic infections of exposed, mildly damaged corneas e.g., contact lens wearer
- Bacteremia: Dissemination of bacteria from primar infection to other organs and tissues that reason

Specimens: according to infection Gram stain: Gram-negative bacilli Culture: nutrient or blood can grow at 42 °C Green color and fruity smell & for Biochemical tests: Oxidase, Catalase, and Nitrate reduction-positive & Pyocyanin green pigment production & non fermenters Serological test: not usually used Antibiotics sensitivity tests: to prevent using resistant antibiotics commonly

associated with P. aeruginosa

Laboratory diagnosis & treatment

Gram stain: Gram-negative bacilli/coccobacilli that Requires 2 erythrocyte factors for growth: X (hemin) and V (NAD)... X & V factors are released following lysis of RBCs Culture: IsoVitaleX-enriched chocolate agar & Blood agar with S. aureus **Biochemical tests:** Catalase, oxidase, nitrate reduction, and glucose fermentation are all positive Iridescence: different colors on transparent media due to the optical properties of the capsule

Serological tests for serotyping (anti-a, ..)

Treatment

Treatment with an effective 3rd generation cephalosporin . Ampicillin-resistant strains now common , Prevention by vaccination

Laboratory diagnosis & treatment

- 1 Specimen: posterior nasopharynex
- 2. Gram stain: Grame-negative coccobacilli
- 3. Culture:
- Media: Bordet-Gengou, or charcoal agar
- 4. Polymerase Chain Reaction: rapid, specific 5. Bordettela antibodies detection by ELISA
- 6. Slide agglutination

Treatment

Antibiotic Therapy :

Erythromycin, Azithromycin, Clarithromycin Pertussis vaccine :

1st Pertussis vaccine, Acellular vaccine, Combination vaccines

CDC recoomends children be given the

Diphtheria, Tetanus, and Pertussis (DTaP) vaccine

Virulence factors

Polysaccharide capsule Mediated bacteria adhesion

to epithelial cells, prevent phagocytosis and inhibits antibiotics

Endotoxin (lipid A) & Exotoxin A disrupts

protein synthesis by blocking peptide chain elongation leading to necrosis >The toxin is also immunosuppressive

Pyocyanin : Can mediate tissue damage **E**oenzymes S and T: Cause epithelial cell damage

Elastases: Cause damage to elastincontaining tissues and lung parenchymal Alkaline Protease: Causes tissue destruction and interferes with host immune response Phospholipase C: Heat-labile hemolysin Rhamnolipid: Heat-stable hemolysin Resistance to antibiotics

P. aeruginosa is one of the most resistant bacteria to many groups of antibiotics :Mechanism of resistance

Mainly due to outer membrane porin proteins mutation & Production of many β -lactamases and carbapenemase

Antimicrobial resistance (AMR) is resistance of a microorganism to an antimicrobial drug that was originally effective for treatment of infections caused by it Penicillin G: when first introduced only 3% of bacteria resistant, but now over 90% are resistant

Natural & Acquired Resistance

- الیکتیریا عن اول ما خلقت عندها natural resistance لیعض ال antibiotics . هاد اکتشقر، بالاماتیر ربا کتا مکتشفین ال antibiotics لسا
 - Intrinsic resistance: some species naturally insensitive
 - Chromosomic genetic support
 - Affect almost all species strains ~ resistance كلهم عادة بأونوا
 - Existed before antibiotic use (Enterobacter sp. amoxicillin)

2. Acquired resistance (mutation)

- Spontaneous mutation: happen as cells replicate
- Gene transfer: usually spread through conjugative transfer of R plasmid مرات strain بنتر با ندكتر با المكتر با فن strain مرات الـstrain مرات المائي المائر
- Affects a fraction of strains
- Increased with antibiotic use (extended spectrum beta-lactamase producing *E. coli*)

Contributing Factors to Resistance

- Misuse and overuse of antibiotics
- Modern live: travelers carry resistant bacteria and the second sec
- There are more large cities in the world today
- Food is also a source of infection and resistance
- Increase in the number immunocompromised people
- Emerging and re-emerging diseases are another source of resistance.
- Hospitals are ideal reservoirs for the acquisition of resistance.
- Destruction of normal flora allows pathogenic pathogens to dominate

Impact of Antibiotics Resistance

- Infections caused by resistance organisms result in² prolonged illness, disability, or death
- Antimicrobial resistance reduces the effectiveness of treatment; thus patients remain infectious for a longer time, increasing the risk of spreading resistant microorganisms to others
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- AMK has the potential to threaten health security, and damage trade and economies
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Slowing the emergence and spread of antimicrobial resistance

- Responsibilities of Physicians: must work to identify microbe and prescribe suitable antimicrobials, must educate patients and the last and the last and the last suitable patients and the last and the last and the last suitable patients and the last and the last and the last suitable patients and the last and the last and the last suitable patients and the last and the last and the last suitable patients and the last and the last and the last suitable patients and the last and the last and the last suitable patients and the last and the last and the last suitable patients and the last and the last and the last suitable patients and the last and the last and the last suitable patients and the last and the last and the last suitable patients and the last and the last and the last suitable patients and the last and the last and the last suitable patients and the last and the last and the last suitable patients and the last and the last and the last suitable patients and the last and the last and the last and the last suitable patients and the last and the last and the last and the last suitable patients and the last and the last and the last and the last suitable patients and the last and the last
- Responsibilities of Patients: need to carefully follow instructions (مرم مالدوم مالدوم مالدوم المرمج)
 Educate Public: must understand appropriateness
- Educate Public: must understand appropriateness and limitations of antibiotics; antibiotics not effective against viruses
 Planet Circle Victor Action (Planet resolution)
- Global Impacts: organism that is resistant can quickly travel to another country, in some countries antibiotics available on non-prescription basis

Approaches to Antibiotic Therapy To Prevent Resistance

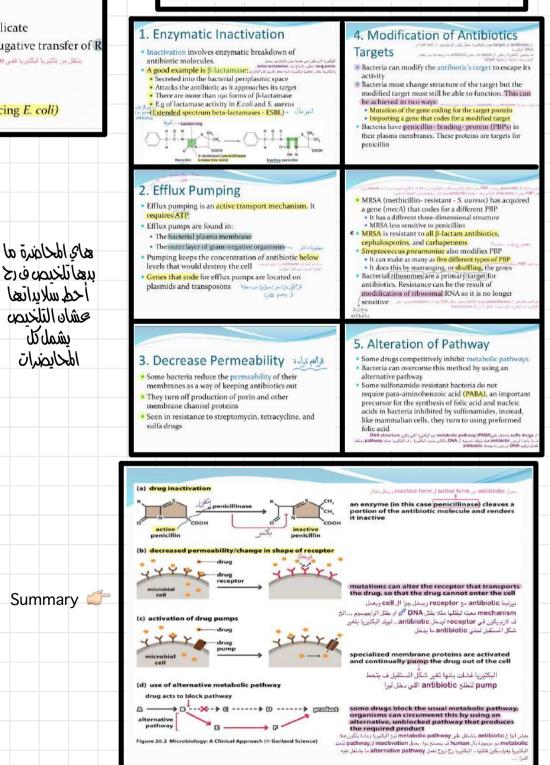
- Use antimicrobials only when necessary
- Maintain high concentration of drug in patient for sufficient time
- Use antimicrobial agents in combination (in training or resistance).
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 Develop new variations of existing drugs
- Second-generation drugs Third-generation drugs
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 Search for new antibiotics, semi-synthetics, and synthetics
- Design drugs complementary to the shape of microbial

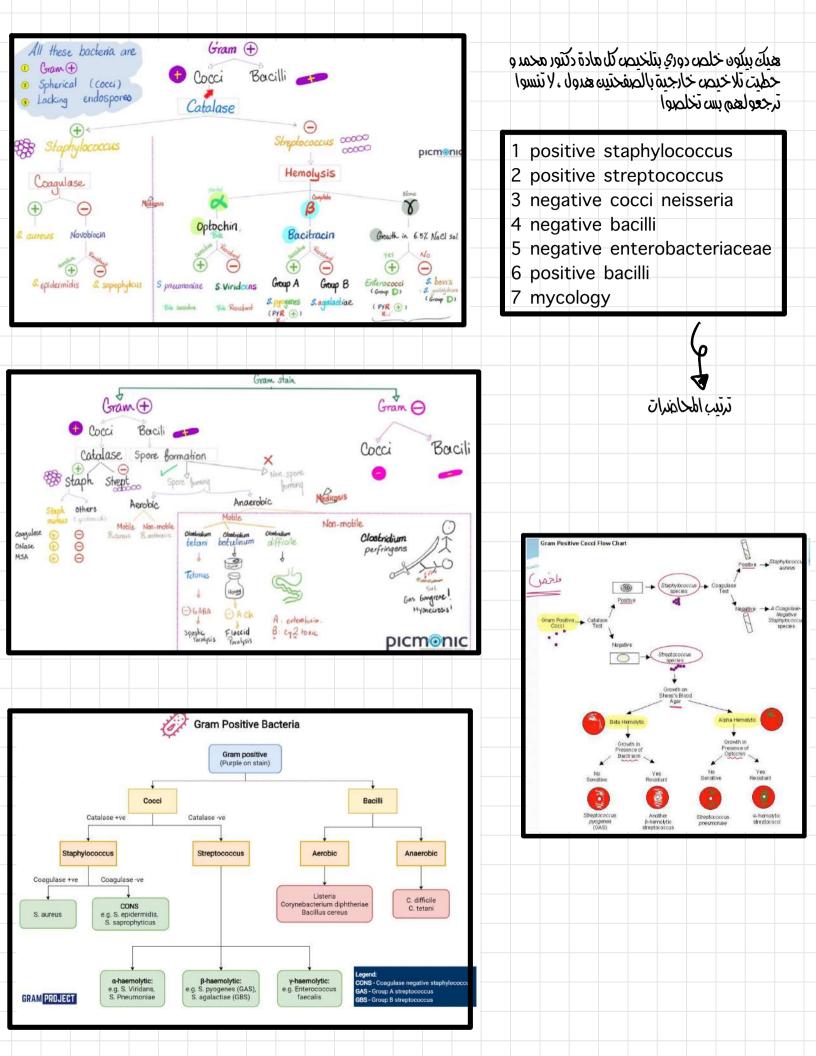
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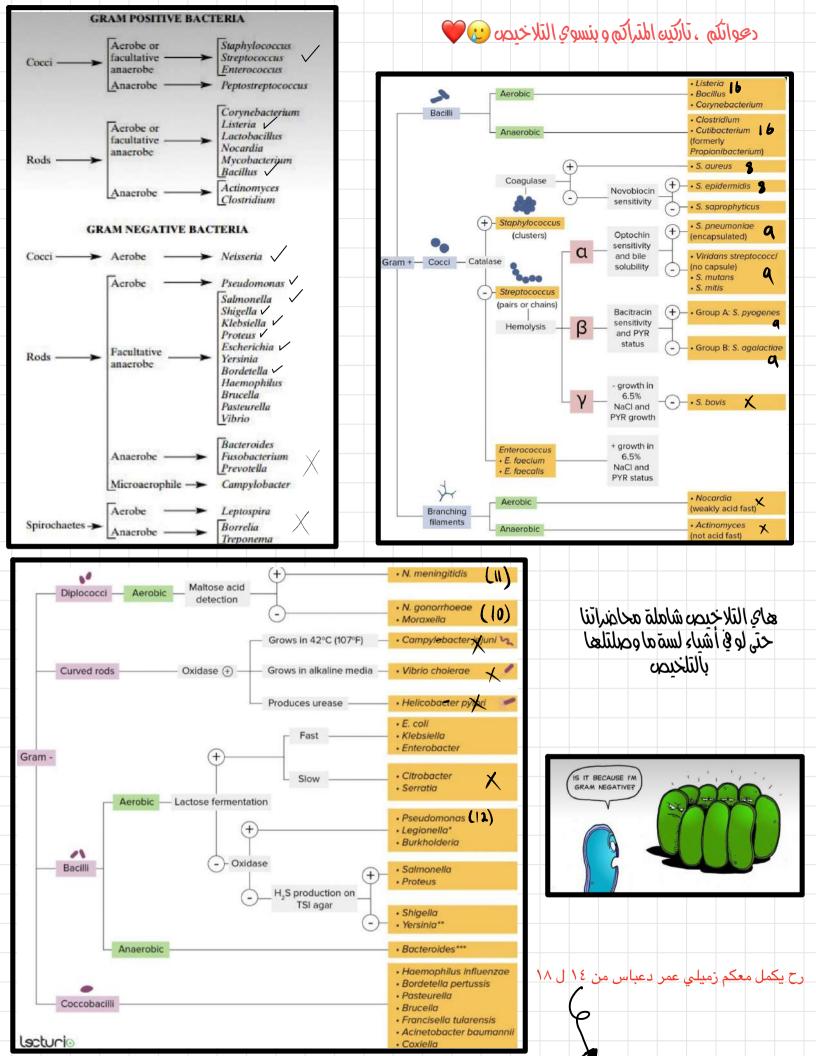
Mechanisms of Resistance

- Production of enzyme that destroys or deactivates drug
- 2. Pump antimicrobial drug out of the cell before it can act
- 3. Slow or prevent entry of drug into the cell
- 4. Alter target of drug so it binds less effectively
- 5. Alter their metabolic chemistry



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	Salmonella	Shigella	E. coli	Klebsiella	Proteus
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Oxidase	Oxidase -	Oxidase -	Oxidase -	Oxidase -	Oxidase -
Motility	motile	Non motile	Motile	Non-motile	Very motile
Capsule	capsule	Capsule	Capsules	Capsulated	Non-capsulated
Anaerobes	Facultative anaerobes	Facultative anaerobes	Facultative anaerobes	Facultative anaerobes	Facultative anaerobes
spore	Non-spore forming	Non-spore forming	Non-spore forming	Non-spore forming	Non-spore formin
nitrite	Reduce nitrates to nitrites	Reduce nitrates to nitrites	Reduce nitrates to nitrites	Reduce nitrates to nitrites	Reduce nitrates to nitrites
Lactose	Non-lactose fermenting	Non-lactose fermenting	Lactose fermenting	Lactose fermenting	Non-lactose fermenting
Glucose	Glucose fermentation	Glucose fermentation	Glucose fermentation	Glucose fermentation	Glucose fermentation
Gas production	+	-	+	+	+
H ₂ S	H ₂ S positive	negative	negative	negative	H ₂ S-positive
urease	Urease negative	Urease negative	Urease negative	Ureaese-positive	Ureaese-positiv

H2S +ve bacteria produce black colonies.

Lactose fermentation +ve appear pink on MacConkey's agar, and lactose fermentation-ve appear yellow.

E. Coli

O antigen-LPS H antigen-flagella K antigen-capsule

CNF: α-β toxin that disrupts G protein signaling, causing apoptosis & cytoskeleton arrangements.

Stx: binds to 28S rRNA and inhibits protein synthesis . Its B unit binds to Gb3 receptor a-hemolysin, protein synthesis inhibitor, toxins that alter messenger pathways

LT: A-B toxin that increases cAMP in the cell, which opens chloride channels

ST: small peptide that increases cGMP in the cell, pumps electrolytes out

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Salmonella

Typhi	Mutual	Non-typhi
		(S. enterica)
Contains Vi antigen	Salmonella alters	No vi antigen
Causes typhoid	the cell	stops at the
fever (enteric fever):	architecture of M	mucosa and
	cells by creating	submucosa
Fever and headache,	"ruffles" which	causes
slow pulse, chest and	endocytose the	gastroenteritis
abdominal rash. Initial	organism and the	
constipation followed by	salmonella enters	Animals and
diarrhea.	the lamina propria	humans
Chronic infection can lead	where they are	
to myocarditis,	phagocytosed.	
encephalopathy, intravascular coagulation.	Typhi salmonella	
After progressing for over	continue on by	
weeks, a hemorrhage	surviving inside	
may occur in the terminal	the macrophage	
ileum or proximal colon.	and replicating.	
The vi antigen resists		

The vi antigen resists phagocytosis and allows intracellular replication. S. Typhi causes chronic infection of biliary tree and uronary tract.

Strictly human

Shigella

Shigella dysenteriae (Type A1) is the most potent Stx producer

Dysentery: inflammatory diarrhea: small volume stool, WBC's, RBC's, bacteria.

Stx-producing shigella cause HUS with high mortality rate. Patient experiences: cramps, painful straining to pass stool (tenesmus) and small volume, bloody, mucoid fecal discharge

Strictly human disease with very low infection dose (10 micro-organisms)

Orynebacterium d'phtheria

- Corynebacterium: pleomorphic gram +ve bacilli
- Diphtheroids: Aerobic, Normal Flora;
- Respiratory, Urinary tract and Skin. Mostly Nonpathogenic.
- Corynebacterium diphtheriae:
- Diphtheria is an acute, serious, highly infectious disease. Strains are facultative aerobes, Non-motile, Non-sporing bacilli that appear like Chinese characters.
 - Diphtheria toxin (DT): inhibit cytoplasmic protein synthesis irreversibly by targeting elongation factor 2 (EF2).
 - Results in inflammation and Necrosis in the throat, pharynx and larynx (pseudomembranes), with myocarditis
 - having a high fatality.

- Pharyngitis, tonsillitis, Gray-white psudomembrane, cervical adenitis (bull neck).
- complications: mechanical obstruction, myocarditis (2-3w), cardiac enlargement, arrhythmias, CHF

Gram stain, direct smear and throat culture on blood tellurite medium

Listeria monocytogenes

Small Bacilli, flagellated, motile at 37°C, but active tumbling motility at 25°C. Catalase positive, Grow slowly in cold even below zero. Foodborn transmission. Transmitted transplacentally to the fetus and causes stillbirth. It causes Invasive Infection (listeriosis), Septicemia, Meningitis and Abortion.



Spore - forming bacilli

Aeobic (bacillus)

Ancerobic (clostridium)

Bacillus Ceres:	Bacillus anthracis:
Food poisoning, vomiting	Large, non-motile, rectangular bacilli, arranged in chains.
and diarrhea	Spores are oval and central.
Bacillus Subtilis: Small, short, thin bacillus with	Aerobe and facultative anaerobe. Vegetative cells are readily destroyed by heat, Spores are highly resistant to heat.
rounded ends.	infected from animals and its products: Cutaneous
Motile and non-	Anthrax: Wound Infect,
capsulated.	Hemorrhagic Pneumonia & Septicemia by Inhalation.
Opportunistic Pathogen,	Polypeptide capsule, Potent exotoxin complex capable of
can cause wound	protein inactivation.
infection and Sepsis in Infants and in	High Fatality. Biological War Agent.
Immunocompromised	Cutaneous anthrax: 2-5 day erythematous papule, 7-10
Patients.	- day ulcer(malignant pustule)
	Pulmonary anthrax: distress, cyanosis, 1-5 day, fever, cough, edema, hemorrhagic anthrax, meningitis

C. botulinum

- Food-borne botulism. BT: resistance to GI enzymes. No change in food (doesn't spoil)
- Home canned, green bean, fish, mushroom
- The most potent toxin in nature (a Heat-Stable Exotoxins-Protein (20min /100C))
- Metaloprotease act on NM junction
- Block release of NTM Acetyhcoline at presynaptic
- membrane causing flaccid paraysis of motor system.
- Botulism: Clinical symptoms begin 18-36 hours after toxin ingestion with:
- weakness, dizziness, dryness mouth, Nausea, Neurologic features.. blurred vision, inability to swallow, difficulty in speech, weakness of skeletal muscles and Respiratory Paralysis
- Diagnosis: Clinical Features.. Rare Toxin Detection Feeding honey to infants can result inbotulism

C. tetani

Tetanus is a highly fatal disease with a High Mortality rate, Localized infection/Surface or Deep in Tissues,

Wound: puncture wound with a splinter, unskilled abortion, female circumcision.

Release potent neurotoxin (Tetanus toxin / tetanospasmin) produced when spores germinate and vegetative cells grow in necrotic tissues.

The organism multiplies locally and symptoms appear remote from the infection site.

Toxin:

NTM: glycine and gamma aminobutyric acid and affects inhibitory neurons

Unopposed firing of active motor neuron resulting in spasm, spasmatic paralysis (botulism: flaccid paralysis)

masseter muscle affected first, unable to open mouth (lock jaw) or trismus.

Clostridium

C. difficile

Antibiotic associated diarrhea (10 Days after anti- biotic) causing overgrowth of C. difficile. Pseudomembraneuse Colitis..Bloody Diarrhea (lethal inflammation of colon, toxic megacolon). Treatment: Stop Antibiotics, Give metronidazol Vancomycin.

Gas gangrene: Traumatic wound and muscle damage, compound wound and bullet wound. Food poisoning, intense watery diarrhea, but No Fever.

Mycology

The natural habitat of most fungi is the environment. An important exception is Candida albicans, which is part of the normal human flora.

Fungi are Eukaryotic organisms

- 1. Have a true nucleus with nuclear membrane.
- 2. Have membranous organelles
- 3. Their cell membrane containing ergosterol.
- 4. Their cell wall consists mainly of polysaccharides:
- a) Chitin b) β-glucan

β-glucan is the target of the antifungal drug,

- Echinocandin (e.g.Caspofungin)
- 5. Cryptococcus have an antiphagocytic polysaccharide capsule

Fungal reproduction:

(1) Sexual reproduction (perfect fungi):

When two parents' spores combine to produce a zygospore.

(2) Asexual reproduction (imperfect fungi):

Most of the common pathogenic species are imperfect fungi and propagate by forming conidia (Asexual spores).



Mold (filamentous fungi): They are multicellular fungi which produce hyphae (i.e) microscopiclong branching filaments. There are 2 types: a-Molds with septate hyphae (i.e) with cross walls in hyphae. b-Molds with aseptate hyphae (i.e) without cross walls in hyphae. Mycelium: a mass of hyphae. Example: Dermatophytes, Madurella & Aspergillus. Yeasts (Budding fungi): Oval or rounded single cells, reproduce by budding (blastospore). Have NO hyphae, but some yeasts may have elongated budding cells linked in branches called pseudo-hyphae. Example: Candida and

Cryptococcus.

Dimorphic fungi: (Dimorphism) Some fungi can occur in 2 different forms: ≻In nature or in culture at room temperature, they occur in a filamentous form (molds). In infected tissues or when incubated at 37°C they occur in a yeast form. Example: Histoplasma capsulatum & Sporothrix schenckii

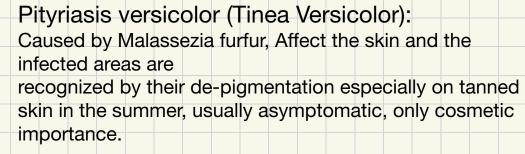
Feature	Fungi	Bacteria
Diameter	Approximately 4 µm (Candida)	Approximately 1µm (Staphylococcus)
Nucleus	Eukaryotic	Prokaryotic
Cytoplasm	Mitochondria and endoplasmic reticulum present	Mitochondria and endoplasmic reticulum absent
Cell membrane	Sterols present	Sterols absent (except Mycoplasma)
Cell wall content	Chitin	Peptidoglycan
Spores	Sexual and asexual spores for reproduction	Endospores for survival, not for reproduction
Thermal dimorphism	Yes (some)	No

Prokaryotes (Bacteria)	Eukaryotes (Fungi)
0.1-10 um	10-100 um
No nuclear membrane	Nuclear membrane
Single chromosome	multiple
No histones	Histones
Binary fission	Mitotic division
No organelles	Organelles
Peptidoglycan	Chitin
No ergosterol	Ergosterol
70 S ribosomes	80 S ribosomes

Suparticial Mycoses

Affect the skin and / or mucous membrane, hair or nails.







Candidiasis (Moniliasis):

Caused by Candida, a budding yeast. Candida albicans (the commonest cause of candidiasis) is a member of the normal flora of the mucous membranes of respiratory, gastrointestinal and female genital tracts.

Candida albicans are opportunistic fungi which may dominate and become associated with pathological conditions.

Superficial candidiasis includes:

- 1- Candidiasis of the skin especially in:
- Axilla, Groin, intergluteal folds, diaper rash (warm, moist areas). The lesion is itchy, flat, red with smaller "satellite lesions" nearby.
- 2- Candidiasis of mucous membranes:
- Oral thrush, esophagitis, vaginal thrush.
- 3- Mucocutaneous Candidiasis. Angle of the mouth.



Candidiasis of the skin



Oral thrush

Mucocutaneous Candidiasis

Suparficial mycoses pt.

Dermatophytes (Ringworm):

They are filamentous fungi and are classified into 3 genera:

1) Microsporum 2) Trichophyton 3) Epidermophyton

They infect only the superficial keratinized layers of the Skin, Hair and Nails. They never spread to deeper tissues. Infections are acquired from soil or active ringworm lesions (contagious disease).

The spores settle on the skin, germinate, and form a mass of branching hyphae whichgrows out radially to produce circular or ring-like lesions.

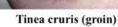






Tinea capitis (scalp)

Tinea corporis (body)





Tinea of the nails (onychomycosis)

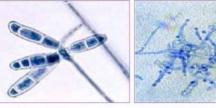
Tinea pedis (Athlete's foot)

Specimen is placed on a slide with a drop of 20% KOH to digest the keratin surrounding the fungus. All species of dermatophytes appear as septate hyphae and arthrospores.

Culture On sabouraud's agar: Incubate at room temp (22- 25°C) for up to 3 weeks



Microsporum Spindle shaped



Epidermophyton

Club shaped

Trichophyton Rounded or oval

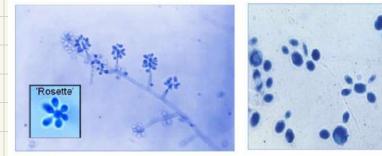
Subcutaneous Mycoses

These are caused by fungi that grow in soil and on vegetation and acquired only when the fungus is implanted into subcutaneous tissues by trauma.

Sporotrichosis "Rose gardener's disease":

Caused by Sporothrix schenckii, a dimorphic fungus. Spores of the mold found on rose thorns, hay, sphagnum moss, twigs, and soil, and introduced into the skin, typically by a thorn, cuts or abrasions, so, occurs most often in gardeners or farmers because they may be stuck by a rose thorn.

It occurs in the form of a local nodule (which may ulcerate) with nodules along the draining lymphatics.



Mold phase: Septate hyphae with oval conidia in clusters with characteristic flowery shape.

Yeast phase: Round or cigarshaped budding yeasts

Mycetoma

Caused by mold Madurella mycetomatis, and the foot is the common site affected and is usually called "Madura foot".

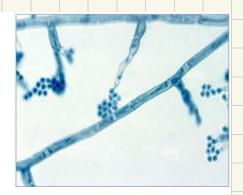
A localized chronic granuloma with progressive destruction of deeper tissues.

Mycetoma swelling is nodular and contains sinuses which usually open on the surface of the skin,

discharging mucopus containing small black granules which are compact colonies of the causative organism.



Black granules in infected tissue



Septate hyphae and chlamydospores

Deep Mycoses

CANDIDIASIS

Systemic (invasive) candidiasis is a serious infection of the blood or other normally sterile sites. Affects mostly immunosuppressed and hospitalized individuals.

Candida albicans (budding yeast) is the commonest cause of candidiasis, but C. tropicalis and C. parapsilosis are important pathogens also.

Infection is mostly blood borne e.g. Central venous catheters, intravenous drug use, Major surgery,..)

Systemic Candidiasis include:

- 1- Candida bloodstream infection (candidemia).
- 2- Broncho-pulmonary infection.
- 3- Endocarditis.
- 4- Meningitis.
- 5- Endophthalmitis (infection within the eye).

Laboratory Diagnosis

Specimen: According to the lesion:

- În superficial candidiasis: Skin scraping, vaginal discharge, oral swab,..
- In deep candidiasis: Blood, Urine, Sputum,...

Direct microscopy:

In Gram stained film, candida appear as Gram + ve, oval, budding cells with pseudohyphae

Culture:

On sabouraud's agar at 37°C for 1-2 days, colonies are cream colored, pasty, with distinctive yeast smell.

Biochemical reactions:

C. albicans ferment Glucose & Maltose (acid&gas) and Sucrose (acid only). Serology: A rise in antibody titer is of diagnostic value in diagnosis of deep candida infections.



Differential tests:

To differentiate between C. albicans and non-C.albicans species 1- Germ tube test:

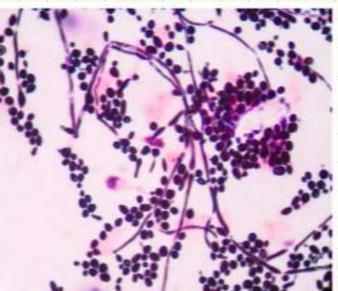
When Candida is grown in human serum at 37°C for 3 hours, they forms a germ tubes (tubal outgrowth extending from yeast cells). C. albicans gives + ve test.

2- Chlamydospore formation:

When candida is cultured on corn meal extract agar medium (deficient medium), it produce pseudohyphae and chlamydospores. C. albicans gives + ve test.

3 Chrom agar (Indicator media):

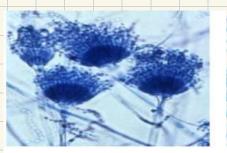
Different candidas give different colored colonies.



Aspergillus

A. fumigatus:

Causes pulmonary Aspergillosis, (in patients with a pre-existing lung disease). 1-Aspergilloma or " Fungus ball": Fungus grow in a pre- existing cavity e.g. T.B. cavity. X- ray shows fungus ball. 2- Invasive Aspergillosis: Mainly occurs in immunocompromised persons, and usually fatal. Fungus invades lung tissues giving rise to pneumonia and hemoptysis. Dissemination to other organs occur leading to disseminated Aspergillosis . 3- Allergic bronchopulmonary aspergillosis.



A. Fumigatus Flask shaped head

A. flavus:

Produce aflatoxins

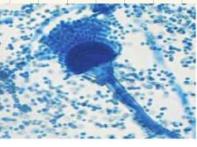
liver (Cancer liver)

which cause chronic

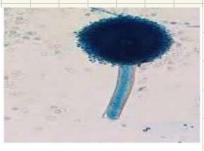
damage & neoplasm in

A. niger:

Causes otomycosis, chronic infection of the external auditory meatus. Manifested by pain, itching and ear discharge.



A. Flavus Hemi-spherical head



A. Niger Rounded head



A. Fumigatus

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A. Flavus

A. Niger

Histo plasmosis

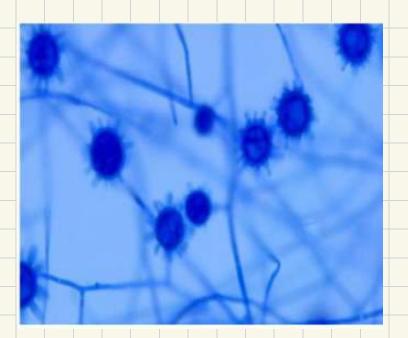
- It is an intracellular mycoses of the Reticuloendothelial system caused by dimorphic Fungi called Histoplasma capsulatum.
- Infection is acquired by inhalation of the spores. Inhaled spores are engulfed by alveolar macrophages, resist intracellular killing and develop into budding cells. Spores may spread from the lung to any part of the body.
- Infection may be either:
- Asymptomatic,
- Acute: Due to heavy exposure. Similar to pneumonia,
- Disseminated: into reticuloendothelial system with lymphadenopathy, enlarged liver & spleen, high fever and anemia.

Specimen is taken from sputum, Bone marrow aspirate or blood.

In Giemsa stained preparations, yeast form can be seen intracellular as round or oval budding cells. On sabouraud's agar at room temperature for up to 3 weeks produce filamentous growth. *A lactophenol cotton blue stained film show

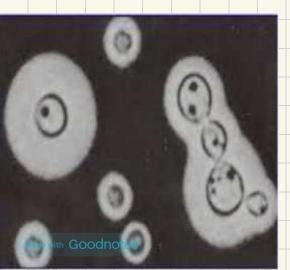
septate hyphae and round spores with finger like projections.





Cryptococcus

- Opportunistic mycoses usually affecting the lungs, brain and meninges, Caused by a budding yeast called Cryptococcus neoformans.
- Found in large amounts in dry pigeon faeces and this is the main source of human infection. Human infection occur by inhalation of yeast cells or its spores.
- In normal persons the infection may be:-Asymptomatic or mild pulmonary symptoms.
- In immunocompromised Persons: A primary pulmonary infection occurs and then disseminates mainly to Meninges.
- Clinically the commonest manifestation is chronic meningitis with a fluctuating course usually called:- "Cryptococcal meningitis ". It is fatal unless treated.
- Specimen: C.S.F. or Sputum. Direct microscopy: Yeast cells of cryptococcus neoformans can be detected best in an India ink preparation from C.S.F. -Cells appear rounded
- surrounded by a wide capsule (white unstained halo) against a black background.



On sabouraud's agar at 37°C for 2-3 days, colonies are cream colored, mucoid & Shiny. Serology: Detection of capsular Ag by latex agglutination in C.S.F of patients is of diagnostic value.

