Salmonella

- Salmonellae
 - Typhi
 - Non-Typhi: S enterica
- Most strains are motile through the action of their flagella.
- Salmonella Typhi has a surface polysaccharide called the Vi antigen,

- Salmonella gastroenteritis is predominantly a disease of industrialized societies
 - improper food handling, which allows the transmission from the animal reservoir to humans.
 - The infecting dose of S enterica infection varies widely with the serotype (200-106 bacteria), but is generally considerably **higher than Shigella**.

- Ingestedpass the stomach acidthe intestinal mucous layer ... reach the small bowel.
- the initial contact there is with M cells, enterocytes, or both.....mediated by pili.
- injection (type III) secretion systems, the creation of membrane "ruffles" dramatically alters the normal host cell architecture within minutes





Bacterial cell

FIGURE 33-9. Salmonella

ruffles. S serotype Typhimurium is shown inducing wave-like ruffles on an intestinal M cell. This leads to induction of uptake of the bacteria by the M cell. (Reproduced with permission from Nester EW: *Microbiology: A Human Perspective,* 6th edition. 2009.)

plasma membrane sites of filamentous actin cytoskeletal rearrangement normally induced by physiologic molecules such as growth factors. The ruffles..... engulf the organism in an endocytotic vacuoletranscytose from the apical surface to the basolateral membrane.

 Once in the cell, S enterica multiplies in a vacuole and continues on through the cell and entering the lamina propria.



- induce a profound inflammatory response
- phagocytosed by neutrophils and macrophages.
- Persistence in the lamina propria
- remains localized to the mucosa and submucosa with most S enterica strains,

Enteric (Typhoid) Fever (Salmoella Typhi)

- Typhoid fever is a strictly human disease.
- Chronic carriers of serotype Typhi are the primary reservoir.
- Some patients become chronic carriers for years (hence the infamous "Typhoid Mary" Mallon), usually because of chronic infection of the biliary tract when gallstones are present..
- Mary Mallon, known commonly as Typhoid Mary, was an Irish-born American cook believed to have infected between 51 and 122 people with typhoid fever



- All cases can and should be traced back to their human source.
 - fecal–oral route.
- Three serotypes called **Paratyphi** (**A**, **B**, **C**) have features similar to S Typhi, including the production of an enteric fever syndrome.

Pathogenesis

- The invasion and killing of intestinal M cells and macrophages are presumed to follow the same pattern as that of S enterica.
- Two differences are the Vi surface polysaccharide and the extended multiplication of Typhi in macrophages.



• Vi+ phenotype favors **intracellular multiplication**. Like other serotypes of Salmonella, Typhi remains within a membrane-bound vacuole, but unlike them, rather than killing the macrophage, it enters a stage of **extended replication**.

- The primary difference between Typhi and the other serotypes is the **prolonged intracellular survival in macrophages.**
 - ability to inhibit the oxidative metabolic burst and continue to multiply.
 - lymphatic circulation
 - mesenteric nodes, spleen, liver, and bone marrow, all elements of the reticuloendothelial system (RES).

- This sometimes results in metastatic infection of other organs including the **urinary tract and the biliary tree**.
- The latter causes reinfection of the bowel. This cycle beginning and ending in the small intestine takes approximately 2 weeks to complete.

Manifistation

- The clinical patterns of salmonellosis can be divided into
 - Gastroenteritis,
 - Bacteremia with and without focal extraintestinal infection,
 - Enteric fever (multiorgan)
 - The asymptomatic carrier state.

Enteric Fever

- Enteric fever is a **multiorgan**
- prolonged fever, sustained bacteremia, and profound involvement of the mesenteric lymph nodes, liver, and spleen.

- The mean incubation period is 13 days,
- the first sign of disease is **fever** associated with a **headache**. The fever rises in a stepwise fashion over the next 72 hours.
- A relatively **slow pulse** is characteristic and out of character with the elevated temperature.
- A faint rash (rose spots) appears during the first few days on the abdomen and chest.



- Many patients are **constipated**, although perhaps one-third of patients have a mild diarrhea.
- chronic infection of the bloodstream is serious, and the effects of endotoxin can lead to myocarditis, encephalopathy, or intravascular coagulation. Moreover, the persistent bacteremia can lead to infection at other sites.

• Of particular importance is the **biliary tree**, with reinfection of the intestinal tract and diarrhea late in the disease.

• the most important complication of typhoid fever is **hemorrhage** from perforations through the wall of the terminal ileum or proximal colon at the site of necrotic Peyer patches. These occur in patients whose disease has been progressing for 2 weeks or more.



Diagnosis

- **Culture of Salmonella** from the blood or feces is the primary diagnostic method.
 - Early blood is far more likely to give a positive culture result than culture from any other site.
- Failure to ferment lactose and the production of hydrogen sulfides from sulfur-containing amino acids are characteristic features used to identify suspect colonies on the selective isolation media.

• the use of antimicrobial agents in **S enterica** gastroenteritis is restricted to those with severe infections or underlying risk factors, particularly children.

• Antimicrobial therapy is **clearly indicated in typhoid fever**.





- Closely related to E coli.
- lack flagella and thus H antigens.
- All Shigella species are nonmotile.
- The genus is divided into four species,

- Shigella dysenteriae (serogroup A),
- Shigella flexneri (serogroup B),
- Shigella boydii (serogroup C),
- Shigella sonnei (serogroup D).

- Shigella is the prototype **invasive** bacterial pathogen.
- Shigella dysenteriae type A1, the Shiga bacillus, is the most potent producer of Stx.
- Other Shigella species produce various molecular forms and quantities of Stx.

Epidemiology

- Shigellosis is a strictly human disease with no animal reservoirs.
- Worldwide, it is consistently one of the most common causes of infectious diarrhea
- Shigella disease remains important in both developed and developing countries.

• The fecal–oral route.

- person-to-person contact is **so effective**
- the infecting dose is extremely low, as few as 10 organisms in some studies.
- The secondary attack rates among family members are as high as 40%.
- Shigella is also spread by food or water contaminated by humans.

Pathogenesis

- Acid-resistant and survives passage through the stomach to reach the intestine **invasion** and destruction of the human **colonic mucosa**.
- This triggers an intense acute **inflammatory** response with mucosal **ulceration** and **abscess** formation.

- The diarrhea created by this process is almost purely **inflammatory**, consisting of small-volume stools containing **WBCs**, **RBCs**, bacteria, and little else. This is classic **dysentery**.
- The disease remains localized to the colonic mucosa. Spread to the bloodstream is uncommon.

- Some Shigella also produce **Stx**, which is not essential for disease, but does contribute to the severity of the illness.
 - The original and most potent producer of Stx, S dysenteriae type 1,
 - significant mortality rate in previously healthy individuals.
 - systemic effects of the **toxin and HUS**.

Manifestation

- acute inflammatory colitis and bloody diarrhea, which in the most characteristic state presents as a dysentery syndrome—a clinical triad consisting of
- **1.** cramps
- 2. painful straining to pass stools (tenesmus),
- 3. a frequent, small-volume, bloody, mucoid fecal discharge.

Treatment

• Usually self-limiting, the beneficial effect of treatment is in shortening the duration of the illness and the period of excretion of organisms.

- Ciprofloxacin, ceftriaxone, and azithromycin have been used depending on susceptibility testing.
- Antispasmodic agents may aggravate the condition and are contraindicated in shigellosis and other invasive diarrheas.