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Scope of Content:
Disease designations may reflect a specific pathogen (ie, Adenovirus infection), generic pathology (Pneumonia – bacterial) or etiologic grouping(Coltiviruses – Old world). Such classification reflects the clinical approach to disease allocation in the Infectious Diseases Module of the GIDEON web application. Similarly, a number of diseases which are generally diagnosed and treated outside of the field of Infectious Diseases are not included, despite the fact that a clear infectious etiology exists. Examples include Peptic ulcer, Tropical spastic paraparesis, Hairy-cell leukemia, Creutzfeldt–Jakob disease, Human papilloma virus infections, etc. In contrast, a number of other entities of unknown etiology which do present to Infectious Diseases specialists have been included: Kawasaki's disease, Chronic fatigue syndrome, Kikuchi and Kimura diseases. Several minor infections having minimal relevance to the field of Geographic Medicine are not covered: Paronychia, Otitis externa, Molluscum contagiosum, etc.

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Chapters are arranged alphabetically, by disease name. Each section is divided into four sub-sections:
1. Descriptive epidemiology
2. Summary of clinical features
3. Status of the disease in Ethiopia
4. References

The initial items in the first section, Descriptive epidemiology, are defined as follows:

Agent Classification (e.g., virus, parasite) and taxonomic designation.

Reservoir Any animal, arthropod, plant, soil or substance in which an infectious agent normally lives and multiplies, on which it depends primarily for survival, and where it reproduces itself in such a manner that it can be transmitted to a susceptible host.

Vector An arthropod or other living carrier which transports an infectious agent from an infected organism or reservoir to a susceptible individual or immediate surroundings.

Vehicle The mode of transmission for an infectious agent. This generally implies a passive and inanimate (i.e., non-vector) mode.

There are 347 generic infectious diseases in the world today. 224 of these are endemic, or potentially endemic, to Ethiopia. A number of other diseases are not relevant to Ethiopia and have not been included in this book.

In addition to endemic diseases, we have included all published data regarding imported diseases and infection among expatriates from Ethiopia.

The availability and quality of literature regarding specific infectious diseases vary from country to country. As such, you may find that many of the sections in this book are limited to a general discussion of the disease itself - with no data regarding Ethiopia.

This is a book about the geography and epidemiology of Infection. Comprehensive and up-to-date information regarding the causes, diagnosis and treatment of each disease is available in the GIDEON web application. Many of the diseases are generic. For example, such designations as Pneumonia bacterial and Urinary tract infection include a number of individual diseases. These appear under the subheading, Synonyms, listed under each disease.

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+ Country specific note exists for disease

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Actinomycosis

Agent	BACTERIUM. Actinomycetes, Actinomyces spp. An anaerobic gram-positive bacillus
Reservoir	Human - oral, fecal, vaginal flora
Vector	None
Vehicle	Endogenous
Incubation Period	Unknown
Diagnostic Tests	Gram stain and bacteriological culture using strict anaerobic technique. Growth is apparent in 3-7 days.
Typical Adult Therapy	Ampicillin 50 mg/kg/day IV X 4 to 6 weeks - then Amoxicillin 1.5 g/d PO X 6 months. OR Penicillin G 10 to 20 million units/day X 4 to 6w; then Penicillin V X 6 to 12m. Alternatives: Doxycycline, ceftriaxone, Erythromycin Excision/drainage
Typical Pediatric Therapy	Ampicillin 50 mg/kg/day IV X 4 to 6 weeks - then Amoxicillin 20 mg/kg/day PO X 6 months. Penicillin G 100,000 units/kg/day X 4 to 6w; then Penicillin V 25,000 units/day X 6 to 12m. Excision/drainage
Clinical Hints	Mandibular osteomyelitis with fistulae (sulfur granules) in the setting of poor dental hygiene [oral actinomycosis]; intrauterine device and pelvic abscesses [pelvic actinomycosis]; fever, right lower quadrant mass and fistulae [abdominal actinomycosis].
Synonyms	Actinomyces, Aktinomykose, Lumpy jaw. ICD9: 039. ICD10: A42

Clinical

Anatomic variants of Actinomycosis

Oral-cervical actinomycosis accounts for 55% of actinomycosis, and may be manifested as soft tissue swelling, an abscess, or a mass lesion. [1]
• Lesions may be multiple, and relapse following short courses of therapy.
• The disease often spreads to adjacent structures (masseter muscle, carotid artery, cranium, cervical spine, trachea, or thorax) without regard for normal tissue planes.
• Lymphatic spread and lymphadenopathy are rare.
• Infection is associated with pain, fever, and leukocytosis.

Periapical actinomycosis [2] is common and responds to dental care and antibiotics.
• The most common location for actinomycosis is the perimandibular region.
• Periapical infection often precedes infection, which is usually seen at the angle of the jaw; however, the cheek, submental space, retromandibular space, and temporomandibular joint may be affected.
• The overlying skin is often blue to red-purple in color, and sinuses may appear.
• An abscess may ensue, with trismus.
• Mandibular periostitis and osteomyelitis are rarely encountered.
• Maxillary or ethmoid disease, with or without osteomyelitis, is uncommon; but maxillary sinusitis and associated cutaneous fistulas can occur.
• Masses of the hard palate, tongue, nasal septum, head and neck, salivary glands, thyroglossal ducts, thyroid, branchial cleft cysts, lacrimal ducts, orbital structures and larynx have also been reported.
• The tonsils are rarely, if ever, involved; however, infection of the external or middle ear, temporal bone and mastoid may occur following spread of facial disease.

Thoracic actinomycosis [3] accounts for 15% of actinomycosis cases, and represents aspiration of organisms from the pharynx (rarely direct extension from the head and neck or abdominal cavity).
• Most cases present as an indolent, slowly progressive process involving the lung parenchyma and pleura.
• Chest pain, fever, and weight loss are common; occasionally with hemoptysis and a productive cough.
• X-ray findings are non-specific.
• The usual appearance is either a mass lesion or pneumonitis with or without pleural involvement.
• An air bronchogram within a mass lesion is suggestive when present, pleural thickening, effusion, or empyema is seen in more than 50% of cases.
• An isolated pleural effusion may drain spontaneously through the chest wall or produce a soft tissue or breast mass; or posteriorly, to involve the vertebrae or paraspinal structures or spinal cord
• Pulmonary disease may extend across fissures or pleura, and involve the mediastinum, pericardium (rarely endocardium)

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or contiguous bone.

Abdominal actinomycosis [4] accounts for 20% of actinomycosis and represents ingestion of bacteria, hematogenous infection or extension from the female pelvis.
• Associated fever, weight loss, abdominal pain or fullness and changing bowel habits may be present for months before the diagnosis is suspected.
• Physical findings include mass lesions and sinus tracts of the abdominal wall.
• Lymphadenopathy is uncommon.
• 65% of cases are associated with appendicitis, and 65% of lesions present in the right iliac fossa.
• Associated tuboovarian infection, diverticulitis or foreign body perforation in the transverse or sigmoid colon may also be encountered.
• Other associated factors include previous gastric of bowel surgery, typhoid fever, amebic dysentery, trauma, and pancreatitis.
• Abdominal infection may extend to the liver hematogenously; and perirectal or perianal infection is occasionally encountered, resulting in chronic fistulae, sinuses and strictures.

Pelvic actinomycosis [5] may represent spread from intra-abdominal infection; but is most often a complication of intra-uterine device (IUD) placement.
• Any type of IUD can cause infection; and on average, the device has been in place for eight years prior to the appearance of actinomycosis.
• Infection may even occur months following removal of the device.
• Infection is manifest as endometritis or a mass/abscess of the tubes or ovaries.
• Presenting features consist of chronic fever, weight loss, abdominal pain, and vaginal bleeding .
• A "frozen pelvis" suggestive of malignancy or endometriosis is often encountered; and the infection may involve the ureters, bladder, rectum, small or large bowel or peritoneum.
• The diagnostic value of smears and cultures for Actinomyces among asymptomatic women with IUD's is controversial.

Other forms of actinomycosis include:
• brain abscess
• chronic meningitis
• urogenital infection
• musculoskeletal infection
• isolated skin [6] and muscle disease (including mycetoma)
• infected orthopedic prostheses
• thyroiditis
• disseminated hematogenous infection of multiple organs

This disease is endemic or potentially endemic to all countries.

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Adenovirus infection

Agent	VIRUS - DNA. Adenoviridae, Adenovirus Enteric strains classified in genus Mastadenovirus
Reservoir	Human Non-human primates
Vector	None
Vehicle	Droplet Water
Incubation Period	4d - 12d
Diagnostic Tests	Viral culture/serology or antigen assay. Direct fluorescence of secretions. Nucleic acid amplification.
Typical Adult Therapy	Enteric/secretion precautions. Cidofovir has been used in some cases. Symptomatic therapy
Typical Pediatric Therapy	As for adult
Vaccine	Adenovirus
Clinical Hints	Atypical pneumonia, upper respiratory infection, tracheitis, bronchiolitis or keratoconjunctivitis with preauricular adenopathy; uncomplicated illness usually lasts 3 to 5 days; this agent may also cause hemorrhagic cystitis.
Synonyms	Adenovirus gastroenteritis, Epidemic keratoconjunctivitis, Pharyngoconjunctival fever. ICD9: 047.9,077.1,077.2,008.62,480.0 ICD10: A08.2,B30.1,B34.0,J12.0

Clinical

Only 50% of Adenovirus infections are clinically apparent.
• Infection in children usually presents as mild pharyngitis or tracheitis.
• Adenovirus type 7 can cause fulminant bronchiolitis and pneumonia in infants.
• Severe respiratory infection is associated with serotype 14 [1]
• Adenoviruses have been isolated more often than any other nonbacterial pathogen from patients with the whooping cough syndrome; however, a causal relation has not been established.

Cough, fever, sore throat, tonsillitis [2] and rhinorrhea are the most common findings [3] , and usually last 3 to 5 days. [4] [5]
• Rales and rhonchi may be present.
• X-ray studies in patients with pneumonias reveal patchy ground-glass infiltrates primarily in the lower lung fields.
• Outbreaks among military personnel are characterized by tracheobronchitis, with 20% requiring hospitalization.
• The disease is usually is self-limited, superinfection and death are rare.
• Severe infections are increasingly reported among immunocompromized patients. [6-8]
• There are also case reports of severe Adenovirus pneumonia in immunocompetent adults. [9]
• Rare instances of fatal Adenovirus myocarditis have been reported. [10] [11]
• Adenoviral pneumonia is often followed by bronchiolitis obliterans in children. [12] [13]

Pharyngoconjunctival fever:
Pharyngoconjunctival fever often occurs in the setting of small outbreaks.
• Illness is characterized by conjunctivitis, pharyngitis, rhinitis, cervical lymphadenitis, and fever to 38 C.
• The onset is acute, and symptoms last 3 to 5 days.
• Bulbar and palpebral conjunctivitis, usually bilateral, may be the only finding.
• The palpebral conjunctivae have a granular appearance.
• Bacterial superinfection and permanent residuae are unusual.
• Respiratory involvement usually does not progress to the bronchi or lungs.
• Contaminated swimming pools and ponds have been implicated as sources of spread.

Epidemic keratoconjunctivitis:
Epidemic keratoconjunctivitis has an incubation period of 4 to 24 days, and lasts for 1 to 4 weeks.
• The conjunctivitis is often bilateral, and preauricular adenopathy is common. [14-16]
• Visual disturbance may persist for several months.
• Secondary spread to household contacts occurs in 10% of the cases.

Hemorrhagic cystitis:
Hemorrhagic cystitis is two to three times more common in boys than girls (unlike bacterial cystitis which is predominantly

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seen in girls). [17]
• Hematuria usually persists for approximately three days.
• There was no seasonal preponderance.
• Adenoviral urethritis is also reported. [18]

Infantile adenoviral enteritis:

Infantile adenoviral enteritis is characterized by watery diarrhea is watery with fever, and may last for 1 to 2 weeks.
• Adenoviruses have also been implicated in the etiology of intussusception, encephalitis and meningoencephalitis. [19]
• Rare instances of intestinal intussception have been associated with adenoviral gastroenteritis. [20]

Other forms of infection:

Adenoviruses have emerged as important pathogens in immunosuppressed patients, particularly those undergoing bone marrow or solid organ transplantation.
• Syndromes include infection of the transplanted organ, or disseminated infection involving the lung, colon (ie, chronic diarrhea [21]), and central nervous system.
• Infection, notably of the urinary [22] and gastrointestinal tracts, is also a common complication of AIDS.
• Adenoviral parotitis and encephalitis are also reported in AIDS patients.

This disease is endemic or potentially endemic to all countries.

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Aeromonas & marine Vibrio infx.

Agent	BACTERIUM. Aeromonas hydrophila & Vibrio vulnificus, et al Facultative gram-negative bacilli
Reservoir	Salt or brackish water Fish
Vector	None
Vehicle	Water/shellfish - contact or ingestion
Incubation Period	Range 2d - 7d
Diagnostic Tests	Culture. Notify laboratory if these organisms are suspected in stool.
Typical Adult Therapy	Fluoroquinolone or Sulfamethoxazole/trimethoprim . Other antimicrobial agent as determined by susceptibility testing
Typical Pediatric Therapy	Sulfamethoxazole/trimethoprim . Or other antimicrobial agent as determined by susceptibility testing
Clinical Hints	Diarrhea, fever, vomiting or sepsis after marine injury or ingestion of raw oysters/contaminated fresh or brackish water; fecal leukocytes present; severe or fatal in immunosuppressed or alcoholic patients.
Synonyms	Aeromonas, Aeromonas hydrophila, Vibrio mimicus, Vibrio vulnificus. ICD9: 005.81,027.9 ICD10: A48.8

Clinical

***Aeromonas hydrophila* gastroenteritis:**
There is controversy as to whether *Aeromonas hydrophila* can cause gastroenteritis.
• Volunteer feeding studies using as many as 1 billion cells have failed to elicit illness.
• The presence of this species in the stools of individuals with diarrhea, in the absence of other known enteric pathogens, suggests that it has some role in disease. [1]
• *Aeromonas* species are often implicated in traumatic and surgical wound infections. [2]
• *Aeromonas caviae* and *A. sobria* are considered by many as "putative pathogens," in diarrheal disease.

Two types of gastroenteritis have been associated with *A. hydrophila* [3] :
• a cholera-like illness with a watery diarrhea
• a dysenteric illness characterized by loose stools containing blood and mucus.
• cases of hemolytic uremic syndrome have followed *Aeromonas* infection [4]

Generalized systemic infection has been observed in individuals with underlying illness.

***Vibrio vulnificus*:**
Vibrio vulnificus causes septicemia in persons with chronic liver disease, alcoholism or hemochromatosis, and immunosuppressed patients. [5] [6]
• The disease appears 12 hours to 3 days after eating raw or undercooked seafood, especially oysters.
• One third of the patients are in shock within 12 hours after hospital admission.
• Three quarters have distinctive, bullous skin lesions which may be mistaken for pemphigus or pemphigoid.
• Thrombocytopenia is common and there is often evidence of disseminated intravascular coagulation.
• Over 50 percent of patients with septicemia die; and the mortality rate exceeds 90 percent among those with hypotension.

Relatively high mortality rates are associated with necrotizing fasciitis caused by *Aeromonas* or *Vibrio* species. [7]

V. vulnificus can also infect wounds sustained in coastal or estuarine waters.
• Infections range from mild self limited lesions to rapidly progressive cellulitis or myositis that can mimic clostridial myonecrosis clinically.

Additional species of *Aeromonas* and *Vibrio* are described in the Microbiology module.

This disease is endemic or potentially endemic to 204 countries.

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African tick bite fever

Agent	BACTERIUM. Rickettsia africae
Reservoir	Sheep Goat Cattle Tick
Vector	Tick (Rhipicephalus, Haemaphysalis, Amblyomma)
Vehicle	None
Incubation Period	6d - 7d (range 3d - 18d)
Diagnostic Tests	Serology. Demonstration of rickettsiae by immunofluorescence or culture. Nucleic acid amplification
Typical Adult Therapy	Doxycycline 100 mg PO BID X 3 to 5d. OR Chloramphenicol 500 mg PO QID X 3 to 5d
Typical Pediatric Therapy	Doxycycline 2 mg/kg PO BID X 3 to 5d (maximum 200 mg/day). OR Chloramphenicol 10 mg/kg PO QID X 3 to 5d
Clinical Hints	Fever and rash following a tick bite. Unlike Mediterranean spotted fever: 1) multiple eschars may be present; and 2) the rash is vesicular, and present in only 30% of patients.
Synonyms	Rickettsia africae, South African spotted fever. ICD9: 082.1 ICD10: A77.1

Clinical

As in other rickettsial spotted fevers, African tick bite fever is an acute illness associated with fever, lethargy, headache and myalgia. [1]
• Unlike *Rickettsia conorii*, *R. africae* infection is characterized by a low incidence of rash (usually vesicular) and the common finding of regional lymphadenopathy and multiple eschars. [2]
• The most common presentation is a flu-like illness. [3]
• An inoculation eschar is present in up to 50% of cases, with 20% to 45% having multiple eschars -they may be overlooked in dark skin, in the hair, or in the anogenital region. [4-6]
• Among elderly patients, rash is present in 87.5% (vesicular in 100%), enanthem in 50%, prolonged fever in 75%, chills 87.5%, asthenia 50%, anorexia 50% and weight loss (12.5%) [7]
• Reactive arthritis occurs occasionally. [8]
• Fever usually defervesces within 48 hours of anti-rickettsial therapy. [9]
• There are case reports of prolonged fever up to 3 weeks • consider in returned travelers from endemic areas with prolonged fever.
• Aphthous ulceration and lymphangitis have also been reported rarely. [10] [11]

Laboratory studies:
• Moderate lymphopenia, elevated CRP are seen at presentation in most cases. 40% have elevated liver enzymes, and 20% have thrombocytopenia. [12]
• Median time to development of IgM and IgG antibodies are 25 and 28 days respectively.
• Seroconversion may not occur in mild cases, or if treated early with doxycycline. [13]
• Complications are rare, and there have been no known fatal cases. [14]

This disease is endemic or potentially endemic to 30 countries.

African tick bite fever in Ethiopia

Rickettsia africae infection was acquired by a French traveler in Ethiopia in 2005. [15]

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AIDS

Agent	VIRUS - RNA. Retroviridae, Lentivirinae: Human Immunodeficiency Virus, HIV
Reservoir	Human
Vector	None
Vehicle	Blood Semen Sexual Transplacental Breast-feeding
Incubation Period	2m - 10y (50% within 10y)
Diagnostic Tests	HIV antibody (ELISA, Western blot). Nucleic acid amplification. Tests for HIV antigen & viral load as indicated.
Typical Adult Therapy	Two nucleosides + 1 protease inhibitor; or two nucleosides + 1 non-nucleoside; or 2 nucleosides + Ritonavir (alone or with lopinavir) + (indinavir, amprenavir, saquinavir or nelfinavir)
Typical Pediatric Therapy	As for adult
Clinical Hints	Most often associated with drug abuse, blood products, men who have sex with men, hemophilia. Hints: severe herpes simplex or moniliasis, chronic cough, diarrhea, weight loss, lymphadenopathy, retinitis, encephalitis or Kaposi's sarcoma.
Synonyms	ARC, Gay cancer, GRID, HIV-AIDS, SIDA, Slim disease. ICD9: 042 ICD10: B20,B21,B22,B23,B24

Clinical

CDC case surveillance definition:
As of 1993, the CDC (The United States Centers for Disease Control) surveillance case definition for AIDS includes all HIV-infected persons age 13 or over who have either. [1]
• a) a <200 CD4+ T-lymphocytes
• b) a CD4+ T-lymphocyte percentage of total lymphocytes of <14%
• or c) any of the following: pulmonary tuberculosis, recurrent pneumonia, or invasive cervical cancer; or any of the 23 clinical conditions defined in the case definition published in 1987. [2]
• For WHO case definition (1994) see reference [3]

The clinical features of AIDS are protean and often characterized by multisystem illness, evidence of immune suppression and the presence of one or more superinfections (tuberculosis [4], Cytomegalovirus infection, cerebral toxoplasmosis [5], pneumocystosis [6] [7], penicilliosis [8] [9], severe or recalcitrant candidiasis, disseminated *Acanthamoeba* infection [10], etc).

HIV infection and opportunistic pathogens:
HIV infection increases the incidence and severity of a wide variety of infectious diseases [11] caused by viruses, mycobacteria, actinomycetes, treponemes, fungi [12-16], protozoa and helminths.
• HIV infection increases the incidence of clinical malaria; however, in severe malaria the level of parasitemia is similar in HIV-positive and HIV-negative patients. [17-20]
• During pregnancy, HIV infection increases the incidence of clinical malaria, maternal morbidity, and fetal and neonatal morbi-mortality.
• HIV infection increases the risk of malaria treatment failure.
• Some antimalarial drugs may inhibit HIV, while certain anti-retroviral drugs are effective against *Plasmodium* species. [21]
• Reactivation of Chagas disease encephalopathy has been reported among infected HIV-positive patients. [22]
• Acquired syphilis in patients with HIV infection is characterized by severe and accelerated infection, often with overt meningitis, hepatitis and other forms of systemic involvement. [23-29] The presence of concurrent syphilis does not affect the progression of AIDS. [30]
• *Haemophilus ducreyi* has been associated with esophageal ulceration in HIV-positive patients. [31]
• Hepatitis G infection appears to improve survival among persons with concurrent HIV infection. [32] 41% of infants born to mothers with HIV-HGB-C coinfection acquired HGB-C infection (Thailand, 2009 publication) [33]
• Concurrent HIV infection increases the incidence of cirrhosis and HCC among Hepatitis B carriers [34]; and shortens the time to development of chronic liver disease in patients with Hepatitis C. [35]
• Concurrent HIV infection may prolong the duration of viremia in patients with hepatitis A. [36]

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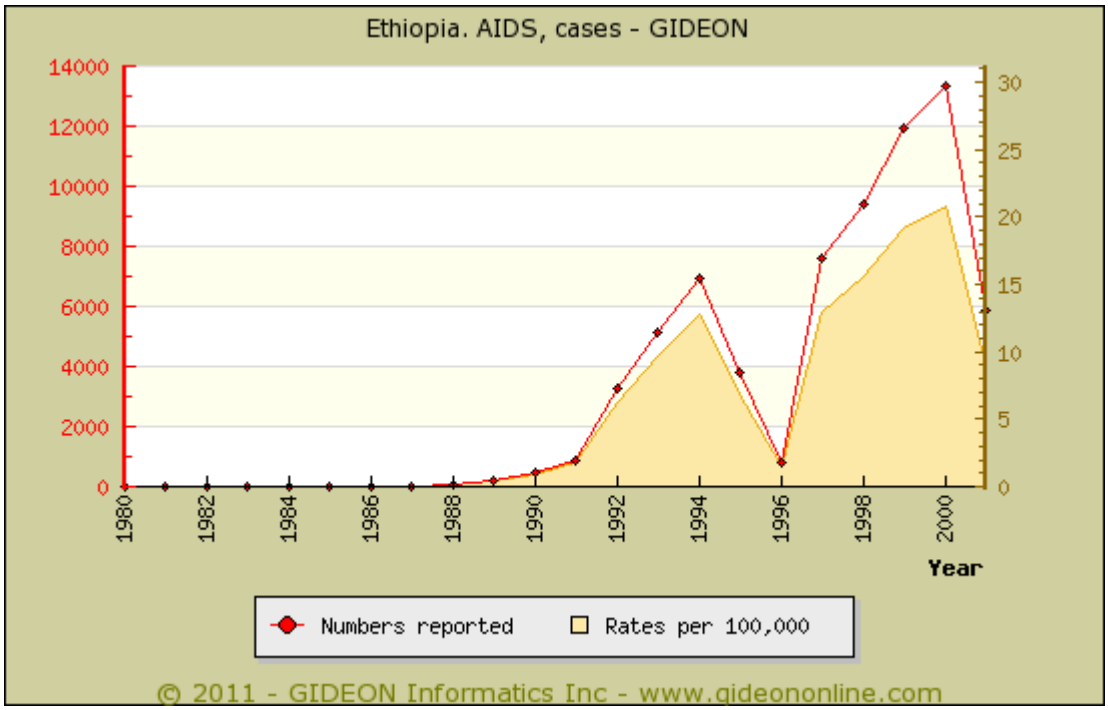
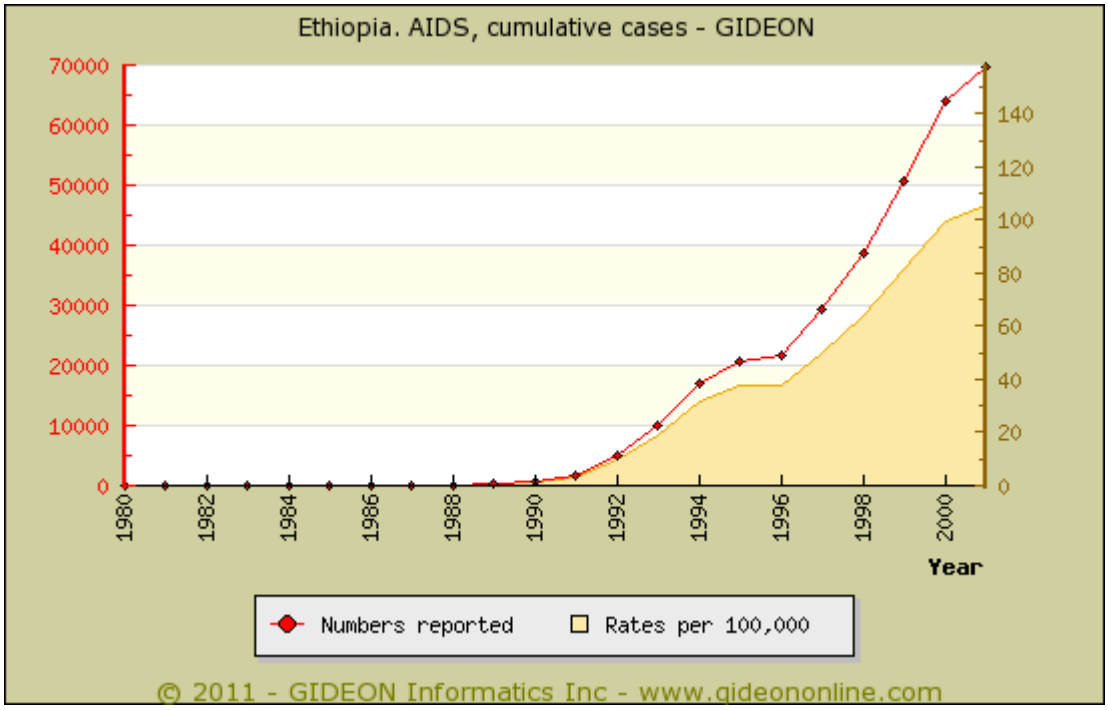
This disease is endemic or potentially endemic to all countries.

AIDS in Ethiopia

The first seropositive was reported in 1984, and the first cases of AIDS in 1986.



Graph: Ethiopia. AIDS, cases



Graph: Ethiopia. AIDS, cumulative cases

Notes:
1. The true number of AIDS cases to December 1997 was estimated at 1.1 million, with 1 million

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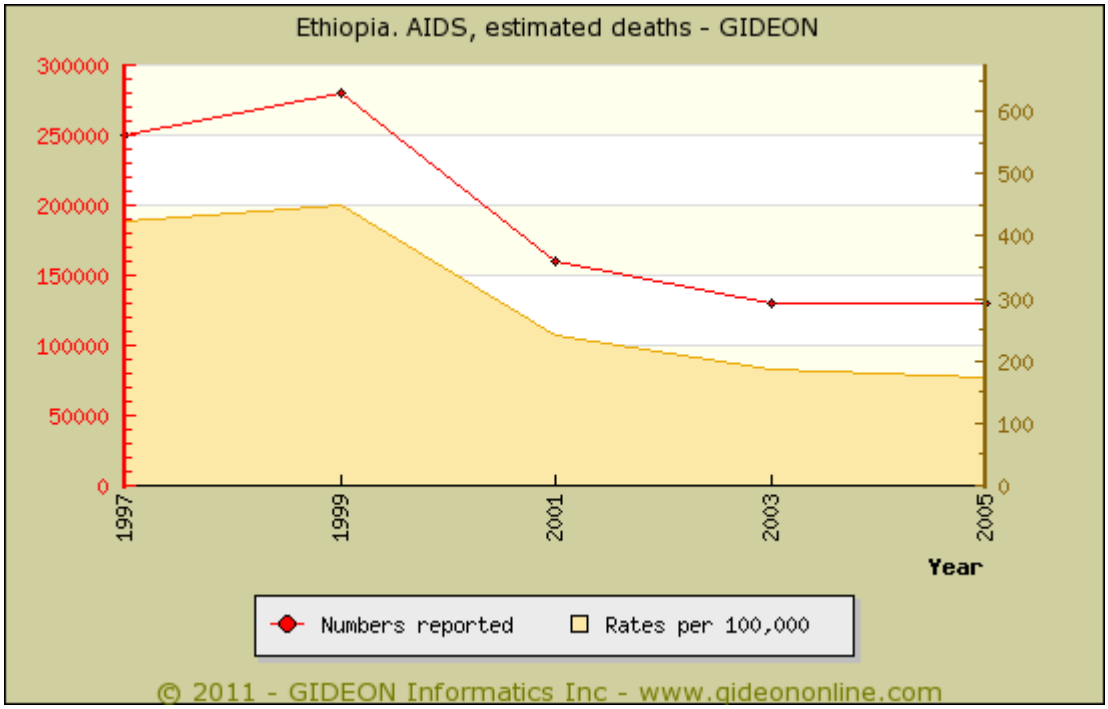
AIDS deaths.

Demography and risk factors:
- Cases to October 1997: 61.5% males; 93% ages 15 to 49; 97% heterosexual; 2% transfusion or hemophilia-related; 1% mother to infant.
- Cases during 1996 to 1998: 57% males; 90% ages 15 to 49.
- Cases during 1996 to 1998: 90% ages 15 to 49; 57% males.
- Cases during 2000 to 2001: 90% ages to 40; 52% males.



Graph: Ethiopia. AIDS, estimated deaths

Notes:
1. 1,200,000 AIDS orphans are estimated to December 1999; 990,000 in 2001.
2. Following the introduction of ART therapy, the number of AIDS deaths declined by 21.9% for men and 9.3% for women (2001 vs. 2005). [37]

Seroprevalence surveys:

5.9% of blood donors (2002 publication) [38]
3.8% of blood donors in Gondar (2003 to 2007) [39]
2.85% of the general population; 6.0%/6.9% - males/females in Addis Ababa (1994)
6.9% of street dwellers in Gondar City (2006 publication) [40]
13.6% of pregnant women in 1993; 24.2% in 1995; 18.25% in 1996; 17.6% (urban) in 1997; 9.2% (rural) in 1998; 15.1% in 2001 (ages 15 to 21, Addis Ababa); 11% in 2003 (Addis Ababa).
9.6% of pregnant women attending a hospital antenatal clinic; 1% were seropositive to syphilis, and 0.2% were seropositive to both HIV-1 and syphilis. (Gondar, 2005) [41]
11.9% of pregnant women in Gondar (2008 publication) [42]
3.8% of orthopedic inpatients in Dire Dawa (2007 to 2009)
45% (1988 to 1995) [43] to 50% of CSW (1992)
13% of truck drivers in 1988, and 20.1% in 1990
37.5% of urban male STD patients (1992)
67% of urban female STD patients (2004 publication) [44]
30.6% of soldiers in Gondar (1995); 7.2% of rural army recruits (1999); 3.8% of urban army recruits (2000)
9.4% of factory workers (1997 to 2001) [45]

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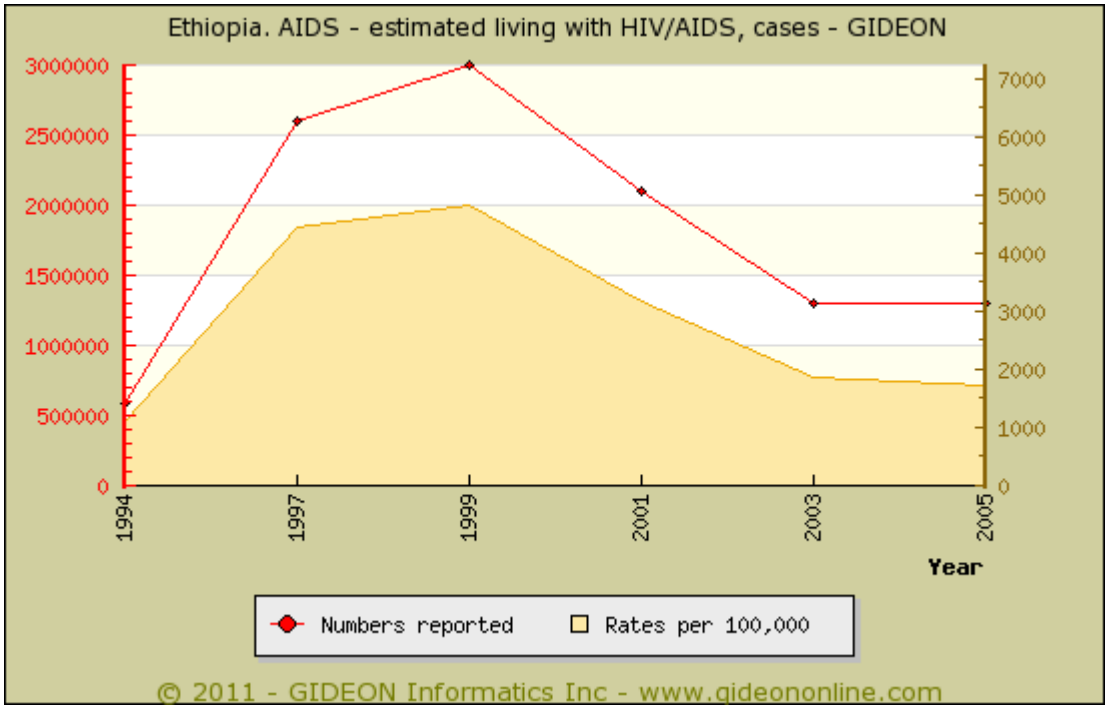

Graph: Ethiopia. AIDS - estimated living with HIV/AIDS, cases

Notes:
1. Figure for 1997 represented 9.31% of all adults; 6.4% in 2001; 4.4% in 2003.

Associated infections:
30 percent of tuberculosis patients were HIV-positive in 1997; 42% in 1999.
During 1995 to 1997, 11.2% of children with tuberculosis in Addis Ababa were HIV-positive.
In southern Ethiopia, 15% of urban and 30% of rural tuberculosis patients were found to be HIV-positive (2002). [46]
Bacterial infection was present in 33.6% of HIV-positive patients with AFB smear-negative pneumonia, pneumocystosis 29.7% and tuberculosis 23.7% (Addis Ababa, 2007 publication) [47]
Pneumocystosis was found in 30.3% of HIV-positive patients with AFB smear-negative pneumonia and 3.1% of those with concurrent tuberculosis (2003 publication) [48]
The first case of cryptococcosis in an Ethiopian patient with AIDS was reported in 1990. [49]
Concordant HIV infection and visceral leishmaniasis is a major, acquired immunodeficiency syndrome-defining illness in Ethiopia, with high relapse and mortality rates. [50]
- 29 cases of HIV-*Leishmania* coinfection were reported to November 1995.
- 2,782 cases of visceral leishmaniasis in HIV-positive patients was reported in Humera (western region) during 2003 to 2006. [51]
- In northwestern Ethiopia, 30% [52] to 38% [53] of visceral leishmaniasis patients were found to be HIV-positive (2006 to 2008).
A study published in 1997 noted that 95% of patients with herpes zoster ophthalmicus in Addis Ababa were HIV-positive.
A variety of parasites were found in 69.2% of stool samples from HIV/AIDS patients in southwest Ethiopia including *Isospora belli* (3.9%), *Cryptosporidium parvum* (15.4%), *Strongyloides stercoralis* (11.5%) and *Blastocystis hominis* (3.9%) (2004) [54]
Cryptosporidiosis was present in 25.9% of patients (Addis Ababa, 1998 publication) [55]
- Cryptosporidiosis was present in 39.7% of inpatients with AIDS (1994 publication) [56]
Microsporidiosis was present in 16.1% of HIV-positive patients in Addis Ababa [57]
- Cryptosporidiosis was present in 25% of HIV-positive patients, and strongyloidiasis in 12.0% (southern Ethiopia, 2007) [58]
- 96.3% of HIV-positive and 87.6% of HIV-negative persons in Addis Ababa were seropositive toward *Toxoplasma gondii* (2007) [59]

Shigella species were isolated from 8.5% of patients visiting a university hospital with diarrhea (same frequency in HIV-positive and -negative patients). (Gondar, 2007 publication) [60]
- *Salmonella* was found in 8.1% of HIV-positive patients with diarrhea, *Shigella* 13.1% and *Campylobacter* 3.0% (Jimma, 2001) [61]

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Antibody to Hepatitis C was present in 0.9% of the general population, and 4.5% of HIV-positive patients in Addis Ababa (1994). [62]

- 5.7% of patients at an HIV counseling center were found to be HBsAg-positive (Hawassa, 2007) [63]

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Amoeba - free living

Agent	PARASITE - Protozoa. Centramoebida, Acanthamoebidae: Acanthamoeba and Balamuthia Schizopyrenida, Vahkampfidae: Naegleria
Reservoir	Water Soil
Vector	None
Vehicle	Water (diving, swimming)
Incubation Period	5d - 6d (range 2d - 14d)
Diagnostic Tests	Wet preparation. Specialized cultures. Serology available in reference centers.
Typical Adult Therapy	CNS Naegleria: Amphotericin B to 1 mg/kg/d IV + 1.5 mg intrathecal X 8 days; plus Miconazole 350 mg/sq m/d IV + 10 mg intrathecal qod X 8d Acanthamoeba: Sulfonamides + Flucytosine
Typical Pediatric Therapy	CNS Naegleria: Amphotericin B to 1 mg/kg/d IV + 1.5 mg intrathecal X 8 days; plus Miconazole 350 mg/sq m/d IV + 10 mg intrathecal qod X 8d Acanthamoeba: Sulfonamides + Flucytosine
Clinical Hints	Severe, rapidly-progressing meningoencephalitis (*Naegleria*, *Acanthamoeba* or *Balamuthia*) following swimming or diving in fresh water; or keratitis (*Acanthamoeba*), often following use of contaminated solutions to clean contact lenses.
Synonyms	Acanthamoben, Acanthamoeba, Amebic keratitis, Balamuthia, Balmuthia, Dictyostelium, Free-living ameba, Leptomyxid ameba, Naegleria, Paravahlkampfia, Primary amebic meningoencephalitis, Sappinia, Vahlkampfia. ICD9: 136.2 ICD10: B60.1,B60.2

Clinical

Primary amebic meningoencephalitis usually occurs in children and young adults who have been swimming in warm fresh water. [1]

Infection is heralded by abnormal sensations of taste or smell followed by abrupt onset of fever, nausea, and vomiting.
• The majority of patients have headache, meningitis and disorders of mental status changes.
• Coma and death may ensue within one week
• Only three nonfatal infections had been reported to 2003.

***Acanthamoeba* encephalitis:**
Granulomatous amebic encephalitis due to *Acanthamoeba* occurs in immunocompromised and debilitated patients.
• Infection has a gradual onset characterized focal neurological deficits, mental status abnormalities, seizures, fever, headache, hemiparesis and meningismus.
• Visual disturbances and ataxia are often encountered.
• Death may ensue within 7 to as long as 120 days.
• Secondary infection of a cerebral ependymal cyst has been reported. [2]
• Disseminated *Acanthamoeba* infection has been reported in an HIV-positive patient. [3]

***Balamuthia* encephalitis:**
Balamuthia mandrillaris encephalitis may be associated with headache, low-grade fever, vomiting, ataxia, photophobia, cranial nerve palsy, speech disturbances, cerebellar nystagmus, seizures, and altered mental status. [4] [5]
• The case-fatality rate for *Balamuthia* encephalitis is over 90%.

***Acanthamoeba* keratitis:**
Acanthamoeba keratitis is clinically similar to herpetic infection, and presents with a foreign-body sensation followed by severe pain, photophobia, tearing, blepharospasm, conjunctivitis, iritis, anterior uveitis, dendriform keratitis, ptosis and blurred vision. [6-9]
• In rare instances, the infection is painless. [10]
• Rupture of Descemet's membrane may occur. [11]
• Bilateral infection is common. [12]
• In rare cases, the infection may be painless. [13]
• Dacryoadenitis may be present in some cases. [14]
• Ocular discharge and endophthalmitis are very rare. [15]

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- Atypical presentations have been described in patients with keratoconus. [16]

Acanthamoeba infection has also been associated with skin ulcers [17] , pneumonia, adrenalitis, vasculitis, osteomyelitis, and sinusitis.
- Cutaneous acanthamebiasis has been associated with ulceronecrotic lesions, an infiltrative bluish plaque, or periorbital tumor. [18]
- Fatal disseminated *Acanthamoeba lenticulata* infection has been reported in a heart transplant patient.
- Four cases of disseminated *Acanthamoeba* infection in stem-cell transplant recipients had been reported as of 2008. [19]

This disease is endemic or potentially endemic to all countries.

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Amoebic abscess

Agent	PARASITE - Protozoa. Sarcomastigota, Entamoebidea: Entamoeba histolytica (must be distinguished from non-invasive, Entamoeba dispar)
Reservoir	Human
Vector	Fly (Musca) - occasionally
Vehicle	Food Water Sexual contact Fly
Incubation Period	2w - 6m (rarely years; 95% within 6m)
Diagnostic Tests	Imaging. Serology. Nucleic acid amplification. Note: Amoebae are usually not present in stool at this stage.
Typical Adult Therapy	Metronidazole 750 mg TID X 10d OR Tinidazole 800 mg TID X 5d
Typical Pediatric Therapy	Metronidazole 15 mg/kg TID X 10d OR Tinidazole 15 to 20 mg/kg TID X 5d
Clinical Hints	Fever, local pain, weight loss. Remember that liver abscess may be bacterial or amoebic - latter most often single and in right hepatic lobe.
Synonyms	Absceso amebiano, Amebic liver abscess. ICD9: 006.3,006.4,006.5,006.6,006.8 ICD10: A06.4,106.5,A06.7,106.8

Clinical

The clinical presentation may be acute or subacute in onset.
- Fever than 50% of patients have fever, hepatomegaly or abdominal pain.
- 30% to 40% have concurrent diarrhea.
- Other findings may include shoulder pain, cough, chest pain, pleural or pericardial effusion. [1] [2]
- The findings of ameboma may mimic those of malignancy. [3]
- A case of Budd-Chiari syndrome complicating amebic abscess has been reported. [4]

Laboratory findings include leukocytosis without eosinophilia in 80%, anemia in over 50%, elevated serum alkaline phosphatase levels in 80%.

Pleuropulmonary amebiasis is the most common complication of amebic liver abscess, usually representing rupture of a superior right lobe abscess through the diaphragm.
- Symptoms include cough, pleuritic pain, and dyspnea.
- Empyema, hepatobronchial fistula or pericarditis (from left lobe abscesses) may follow.
- Although most cases involve the liver, abscesses may occur in virtually any organ. [5]
- *Entamoeba histolytica* encephalitis has been reported. [6]

This disease is endemic or potentially endemic to all countries.

Amoebic abscess in Ethiopia

Data regarding Amebic abscess are included in the note for Amebic colitis

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Amoebic colitis

Agent	PARASITE - Protozoa. Sarcomastigota, Entamoebidea: Entamoeba histolytica (must be distinguished from non-invasive, Entamoeba dispar)
Reservoir	Human
Vector	Fly (Musca) - occasionally
Vehicle	Food Water Sexual contact Fly
Incubation Period	1w - 3w (range 3d - 90d)
Diagnostic Tests	Fresh stool/aspirate for microscopy. Stool antigen assay. Stool PCR. Note: serological tests usually negative.
Typical Adult Therapy	Metronidazole 750 mg TID X 10d OR Tinidazole 2 g as single dose daily X 5d
Typical Pediatric Therapy	Metronidazole 15 mg/kg TID X 10d OR Tinidazole 50 mg/kg as single dose daily X 5d
Clinical Hints	Dysentery, abdominal pain, tenesmus - without hyperemia of rectal mucosa or fecal pus (i.e., unlike shigellosis); liver abscess and dysentery rarely coexist in a given patient.
Synonyms	Amebiasis, Amebiasis intestinal, Amebic dysentery, Amoebenruhr, Entamoeba moshkovskii. ICD9: 006.0,006.1,006.2 ICD10: A06.0,A06.1,A06.2

Clinical

Patients with noninvasive infection may present with nonspecific gastrointestinal complaints such as chronic intermittent diarrhea, mucus, abdominal pain, flatulence and weight loss [1] [2]

Infection has been documented in children as young as two weeks of age. [3]

Invasive amebiasis:
The onset of invasive infection is usually gradual (over 1 to 3 weeks) and characterized by abdominal pain, tenderness, and bloody stools.
• Fever is present in one third of cases, and the may be enlarged and tender.
• Signs of fluid loss and electrolyte loss may be seen in severe infections.
• In children, colitis can present as rectal bleeding alone without diarrhea.
• Fecal leukocytes may not be present, and are not as numerous as in shigellosis.
• Charcot-Leyden crystals are often seen in the stool.

Fulminant colitis:
Fulminant colitis is rare and carries a very high mortality.
• Predisposing factors include malnourishment, pregnancy and corticosteroid treatment.
• Such patients are severely ill with fever, leukocytosis, profuse bloody and mucoid diarrhea, generalized abdominal pain.
• Hypotension and peritonitis may be evident.
• Intestinal perforation and necrosis, or hepatic abscess may ensue.
• The clinical features of Cytomegalovirus colitis in AIDS patients may mimic those of amebic colitis. [4]

Additional complications:
Additional complications include toxic megacolon (complicates 0.5% of amebic colitis cases); annular ameboma of the colon, which may mimic carcinoma.
• Chronic, irritative bowel syndromes, ulcerative post-dysenteric colitis or perianal amebiasis may also follow acute amebic colitis.
• Extraintestinal amebiasis may involve a wide variety of organs.
• Other forms of amebiasis include amebiasis cutis [5] , brain abscess, rectovaginal fistulae and penile infection

Liver abscess is discussed separately in this module.

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Amoebic colitis in Ethiopia

Prevalence surveys:

15.0% of school children and 3.5% of other populations (1995 publication) [6]
2.1% of children ages 6 to 14 in Gondar (2006 to 2007) [7]
17.0% of diarrheal stools submitted to a parasitology reference laboratory (1998 to 2001) [8]
10.3% of HIV-positive patients in the southwestern region (2002) [9]
24.6% of sugar estate workers in the central region (2000 publication) [10]
0.6% of banana plantation workers in the middle Awash Valley (1987) [11]
1.6% of food handlers in Gondar town (2008 publication) [12]

Virtually all "*Entamoeba histolytica*" identified in stool samples are found to be *Entamoeba dispar*. [13] [14]

Non-biting cyclorrhaphan flies (*Musca domestica*, *Chrysomya rufifacies*, *Musca sorbens*, *Lucina cuprina*, *Calliphora vicina*, *Chrysomya bezziana* and *Wohlfahrtia magnifica*) have been found to carry this parasite. [15]
- *Entamoeba histolytica* and *E. coli* have been identified on cyclorhaphan flies (Diptera) in slum areas of Addis Ababa [16]

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Animal bite-associated infection

Agent	BACTERIUM. Pasteurella multocida, and other zoonotic bite pathogens
Reservoir	Cat Dog Marsupial (Tasmanian devil) Other mammal Rarely bird
Vector	None
Vehicle	Cat (60%), dog (30%) or other bite. No obvious source in 10%
Incubation Period	3h - 3d
Diagnostic Tests	Gram stain/culture. Hold specimen for 2 weeks to discount Capnocytophaga & other genera.
Typical Adult Therapy	Penicillin, a Tetracycline or Cefuroxime. Dosage and duration appropriate for nature and severity of infection
Typical Pediatric Therapy	Penicillin or Cefuroxime. Dosage and duration appropriate for nature and severity of infection
Clinical Hints	Infection of cat, dog or other bite wound - acquired during the preceding 3 to 72 hours (no history of bite in 10%); systemic infection (meninges, bone, lungs, joints, etc) may occur.
Synonyms	Bacteroides tectus, Bergeyella zoohelcum, Bisgaard's taxon 16, Capnocytophaga canimorsus, Capnocytophaga cynodegmi, CDC EF-4, CDC NO-1, Coryebacterium kutscheri, Corynebacterium canis, Corynebacterium freiburgense, Fusobacterium canifelinum, Halomonas venusta, Kingella potus, Moraxella canis, Neisseria animaloris, Neisseria canis, Neisseria weaveri, Neisseria zoodegmatis, Pasteurella canis, Pasteurella dagmatis, Pasteurella multocida, Pasteurella stomatis, Psychrobacter immobilis, Staphylococcus intermedius. ICD9: 027.2 ICD10: A28.0

Clinical

These are typically skin and soft infections which follow the bites of cats, dogs or other animals • usually during the preceding 3 to 72 hours. [1]
• There is no history of bite in ten percent of cases.
• Systemic infection (meninges [2] , bone, lungs [3] , joints, etc) may occur, with rare instance of severe septicemia. [4] [5]

See the Microbiology module (Bacteria • Characterize) for a comprehensive discussion of bacterial species associated with bite wound infection in humans.

This disease is endemic or potentially endemic to all countries.

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Anisakiasis

Agent	PARASITE - Nematoda. Phasmidea: Anisakis simplex and Pseudoterranova decipiens
Reservoir	Marine mammals Fish
Vector	None
Vehicle	Undercooked fish
Incubation Period	Hours - 14d
Diagnostic Tests	Endoscopic identification of larvae.
Typical Adult Therapy	Endoscopic removal of larvae; surgery for complications
Typical Pediatric Therapy	As for adult
Clinical Hints	Allergic reactions; or acute and chronic abdominal pain, often with 'peritoneal signs' or hematemesis; follows ingestion of undercooked fish (e.g., sushi), squid or octopus.
Synonyms	Anasakis, Bolbosoma, Cod worm disease, Contracaecum, Eustrongylides, Herring worm disease, Pseudoterranova, Whaleworm. ICD9: 127.1 ICD10: B81.0

Clinical

The location of the worms and presenting features depend somewhat on the genus.
• *Phocanema* more commonly associated with infection of the stomach.
• *Anisakis* is usually associated with intestinal disease. [1]

Invasive anisakiasis:
Symptoms occur within 48 hours after ingestion.
• Gastric anisakiasis is characterized by intense abdominal pain, nausea, and vomiting. [2]
• Small intestinal involvement results in lower abdominal pain and signs of obstruction [3] , and may mimic appendicitis. [4] [5]
• Symptoms may last for months, rarely for years.
• The disease may also suggest tumor, regional enteritis or diverticulitis. [6]
• Rare instances of intussusception reported. [7]
• Patients may also experience a pharyngeal "tickling sensation", cough or a foreign body in the mouth or throat. [8]

Allergic anisakiasis:
Ingestion of *Anisakis* larvae with seafood is often responsible for acute allergic manifestations such as urticaria and anaphylaxis, with or without accompanying gastrointestinal symptomatology. [9]
• Eosinophilia is usually not present in either gastric or intestinal anisakiasis; however, leukocytosis is noted in two thirds of patients with intestinal involvement.
• Urticaria is present in 20% of cases [10]

This disease is endemic or potentially endemic to all countries.

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Anthrax

Agent	BACTERIUM. Bacillus anthracis An aerobic gram positive bacillus
Reservoir	Soil Goat Cattle Sheep Water Horse
Vector	Fly (rare)
Vehicle	Hair Wool Hides Bone products Air Meat
Incubation Period	1d-7d; 1-12 cutaneous, 1-7 GI; 1-43 pulmonary
Diagnostic Tests	Bacteriological culture. Alert laboratory that organism may be present. Serology and rapid tests by Ref. Centers.
Typical Adult Therapy	Isolation (secretions). Ciprofloxacin; alt. Doxycycline, Penicillin G . Add Clindamycin + Rifampin for pulmonary infection. Dosage/route/duration as per severity
Typical Pediatric Therapy	Isolation (secretions). Ciprofloxacin (Doxycycline if age >= 8y). Add Clindamycin + Rifampin for pulmonary infection. Dosage/route/duration as per severity
Vaccine	Anthrax
Clinical Hints	Edematous skin ulcer covered by black eschar - satellite vesicles may be present; fulminant gastroenteritis or pneumonia; necrotizing stomatitis; hemorrhagic meningitis. Acquired from contact with large mammals or their products (meat, wool, hides, bone).
Synonyms	Antrace, Antrax, Antraz, Carbunco, Carbunculo, Malcharbon, Malignant pustule, Miltbrann, Miltvuur, Milzbrand, Mjaltbrand, Siberian plague, Siberian ulcer, Splenic fever, Wool-sorter's disease. ICD9: 022 ICD10: A22

Clinical

Most cases of anthrax occur in one of four forms: cutaneous, gastrointestinal, oropharyngeal and inhalational. [1]

CDC case definition for reporting:
As of 1996, the CDC (The United States Centers for Disease Control) case definition for reporting purposes consists of any illness with acute onset characterized by one or more of the following:
• cutaneous (a skin lesion evolving during a period of 2-6 days from a papule, through a vesicle to a depressed black eschar)
• pulmonary (hypoxia, dyspnea and mediastinal widening following a brief 'viral-type' prodrome)
• intestinal (severe abdominal distress followed by fever or signs of septicemia)
• oropharyngeal (mucosal lesion, cervical adenopathy and edema, and fever)
• demonstration of *Bacillus anthracis* by culture, immunofluorescence or serological response.

WHO case definition for surveillance:
The WHO Case definition for surveillance is as follows:
Clinical description:
An illness with acute onset characterized by several clinical forms. These are:
(a) localized form:
• cutaneous: skin lesion evolving over 1 to 6 days from a papular through a vesicular stage, to a depressed black eschar invariably accompanied by edema that may be mild to extensive
- systemic forms:
• gastro-intestinal: abdominal distress characterized by nausea, vomiting, anorexia and followed by fever
• pulmonary (inhalation): brief prodrome resembling acute viral respiratory illness, followed by rapid onset of hypoxia, dyspnea and high temperature, with X-ray evidence of mediastinal widening
• meningeal: acute onset of high fever possibly with convulsions, loss of consciousness, meningeal signs and symptoms; commonly noted in all systemic infections
Laboratory criteria for diagnosis
• isolation of *Bacillus anthracis* from a clinical specimen (e.g., blood, lesions, discharges)
• demonstration of B. anthracis in a clinical specimen by microscopic examination of stained smears (vesicular fluid, blood, cerebrospinal fluid, pleural fluid, stools)
• positive serology (ELISA, Western blot, toxin detection, chromatographic assay, fluorescent antibody test (FAT)
• Note: It may not be possible to demonstrate B. anthracis in clinical specimens if the patient has been treated with antimicrobial agents.
Case classification
• Suspected: A case that is compatible with the clinical description and has an epidemiological link to confirmed or suspected

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animal cases or contaminated animal products.
• Probable: A suspected case that has a positive reaction to allergic skin test (in non-vaccinated individuals).
Confirmed: A suspected case that is laboratory-confirmed.

Cutaneous anthrax:
• 95% of anthrax cases (worldwide) are cutaneous.
• The incubation period for cutaneous anthrax ranges from 12 hours to 12 days.
• Cutaneous anthrax begins with pruritus at the affected site, typically followed by a small, painless papule that progresses to a vesicle in 1 to 2 days. [2]
• The lesion erodes, leaving a necrotic ulcer with a characteristic black center.
• Secondary vesicles are sometimes observed.
• Lymphadenopathy may occur, and local edema may be extensive.
• Patients may have fever, malaise, and headache.
• The most common sites of cutaneous anthrax are the hands, forearms, and head.
• Rarely infection may involve the genital area [3] , eyelid [4-6] or other areas.
• Cutaneous anthrax is fatal in approximately 20% of cases if left untreated.

Inhalational anthrax: [7] [8]
• Infection may progress to respiratory failure and shock within 1 to 2 days following onset of symptoms.
• The case-fatality rate exceeds 80%, even with appropriate antibiotic therapy. [9]
• Symptoms include pharyngeal pain, cough, fever and myalgia • followed by respiratory distress, cervical edema and venous engorgement suggestive of mediastintis. [10] [11]

Gastrointestinal anthrax: [12]
• Infection is characterized by pharyngeal pain, nausea, vomiting, and bloody diarrhea.
• Intestinal gangrene, obstruction and perforation may ensue. [13]
• The case-fatality rate for intestinal infection ranges from 25% to 60%.
• Ulcerative lesions, usually multiple and superficial, may occur in the stomach, sometimes in association with similar lesions of the esophagus and jejunum.
• Ulcers may bleed, and in severe cases the hemorrhage may be massive and fatal.
• Ascites may be present.
• Lesions in the mid-jejunum, terminal ileum, or cecum tend to develop around a single site or a few sites of ulceration and edema, similar to cutaneous anthrax.

Oropharyngeal anthrax:
• Infection is characterized by painful neck swelling and fever.
• The other common symptoms are sore throat, dysphagia, and hoarseness, enlargement of cervical lymph nodes and soft tissue edema.
• Oral lesions are located on the tonsils, posterior pharyngeal wall, or the hard palate. [14]
• In severe cases, the tonsillar lesions extended to involve the anterior and posterior pillars of fauces, as well as the soft palate and uvula.
• Early lesions are edematous and congested.
• By the end of the first week, central necrosis and ulceration produce a whitish patch, which evolves to a pseudomembrane which covers the ulcer after an additional week.

Meningeal anthrax: [15]
• Infection is characterized by fever, malaise, meningeal signs, hyperreflexia, and delirium, stupor, or coma. [16]
• CSF analyses demonstrated hemorrhagic meningitis, with positive Gram's stains and CSF cultures.
• 75% of patients die within 24 hours of presentation; mortality rates of 100% are reported in some series. [17] [18]
• Pathologic findings include hemorrhagic meningitis, multifocal subarachnoid and intraparenchymal hemorrhages, vasculitis, and cerebral edema. [19]

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Anthrax in Ethiopia

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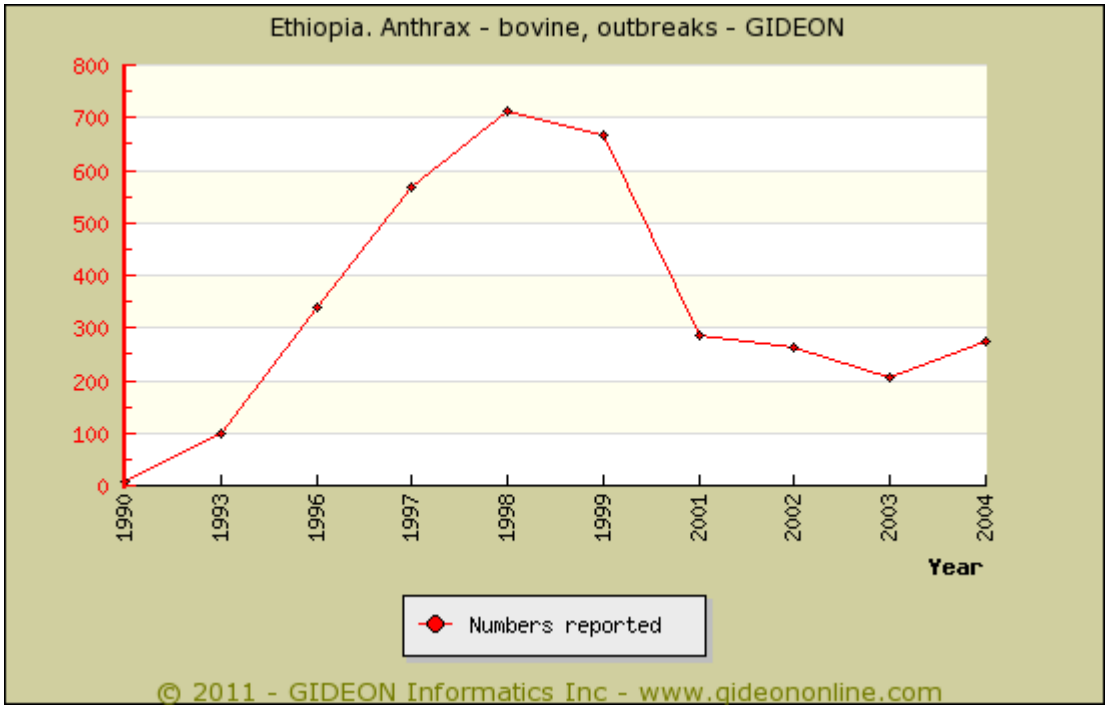

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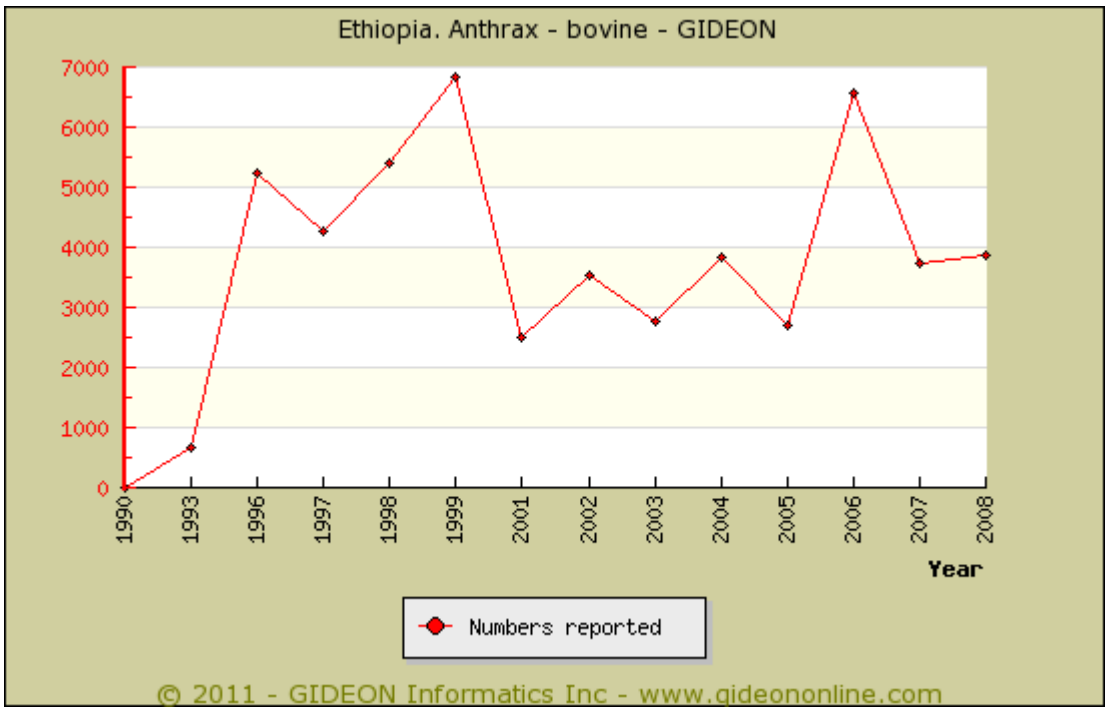

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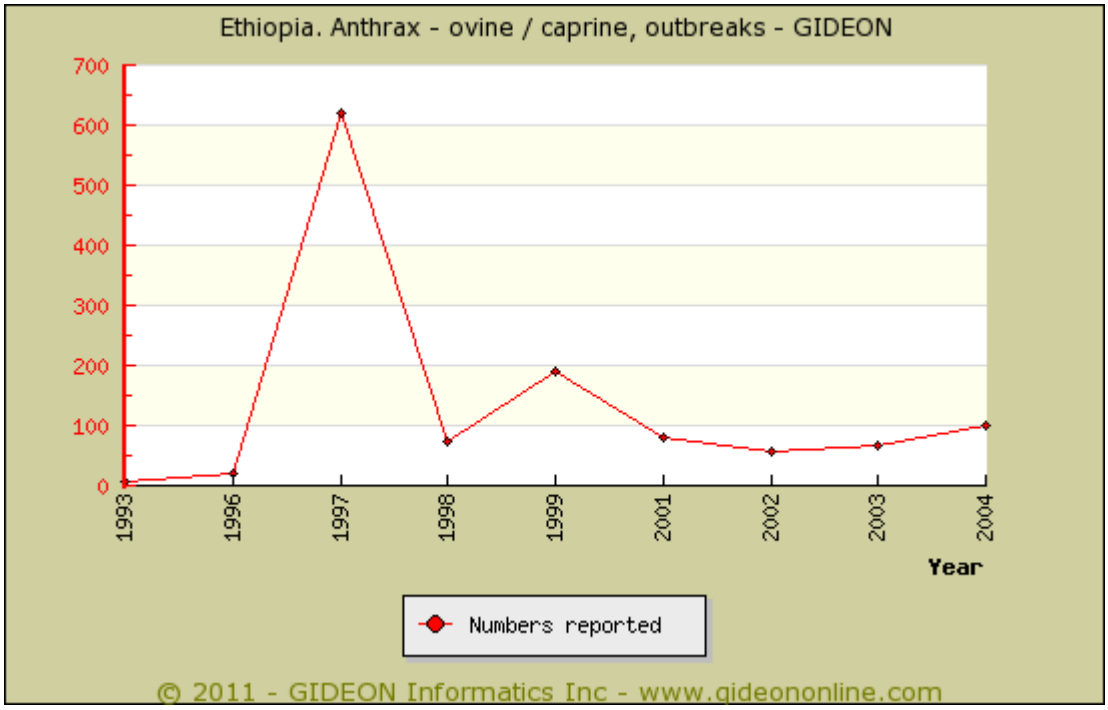

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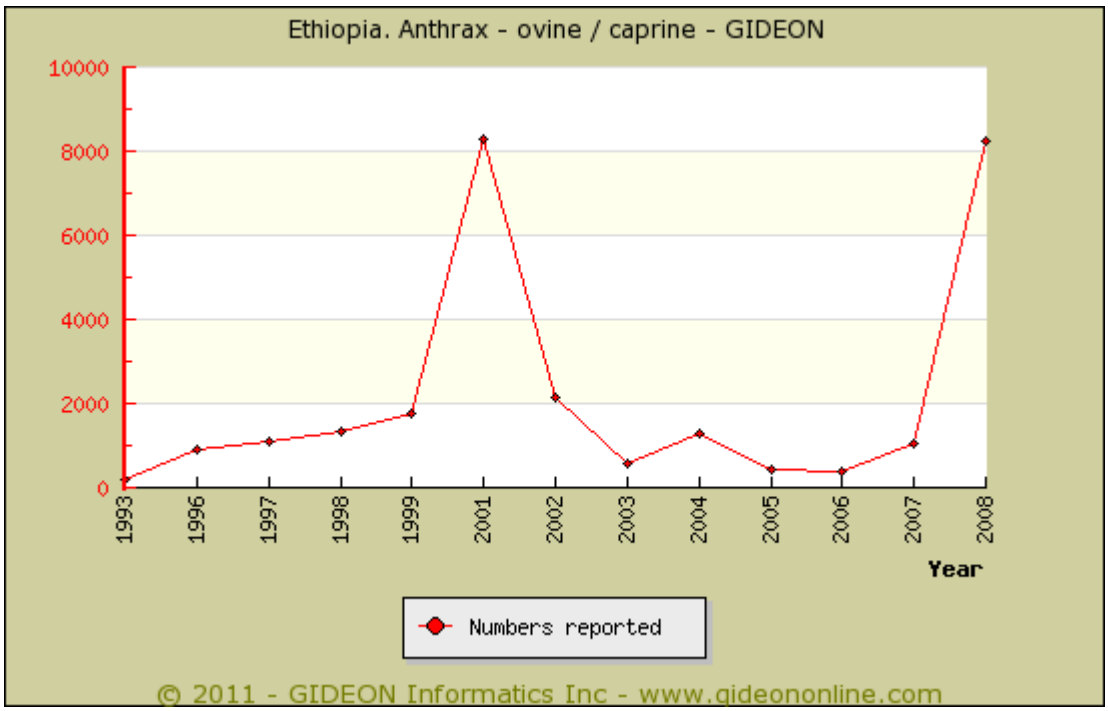

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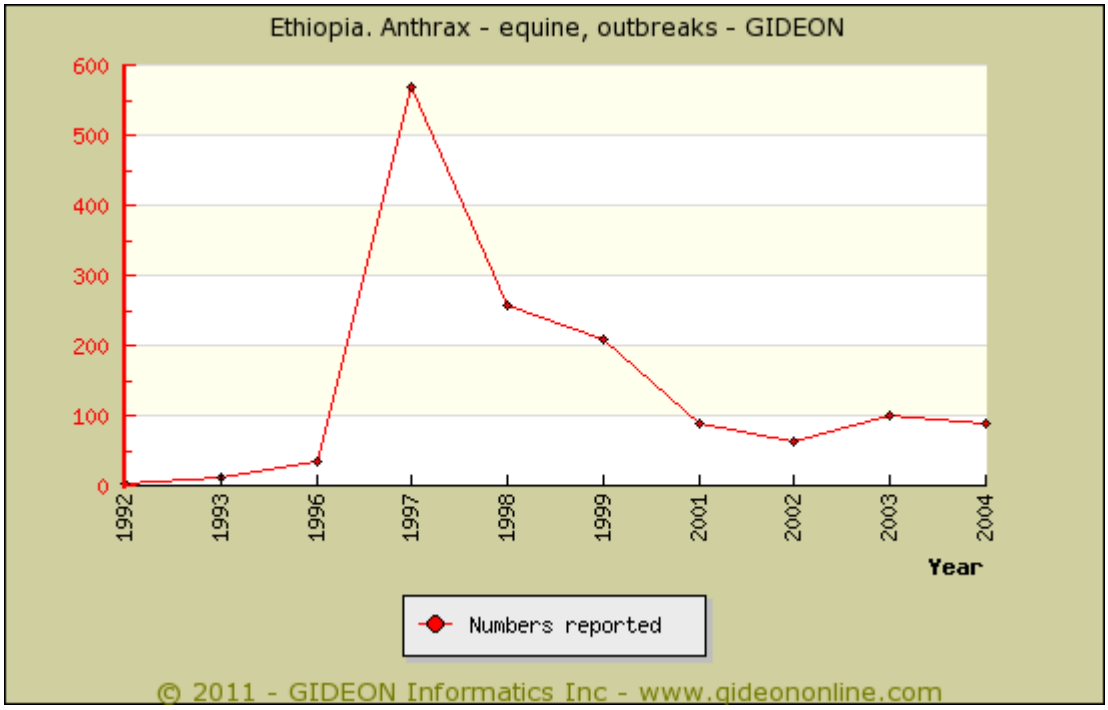

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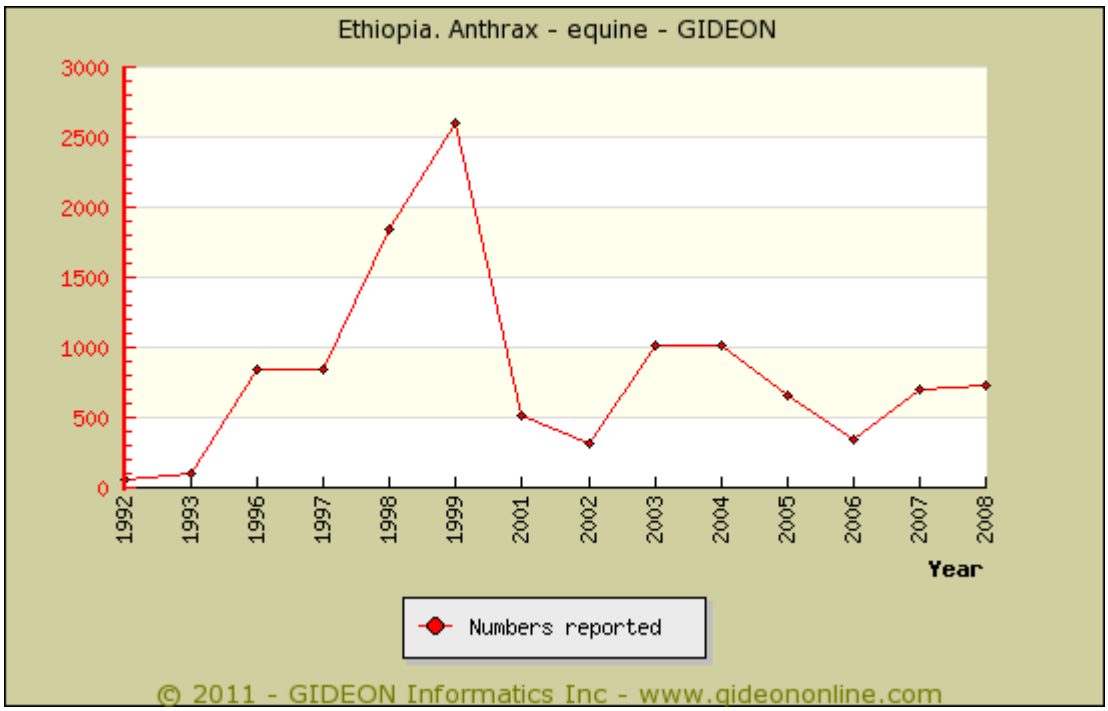

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Notable outbreaks:

1999 - An outbreak in Mago National Park resulted in the deaths of 1,615 animals of 21 species - 95% of these among lesser Kudu (*Tragelaphus strepsiceros*). Twenty humans in the park acquired cutaneous infection at the time. A second outbreak was reported in the park during 2000. [20] [21]

2000 - An outbreak of suspected human anthrax was reported in the Afar region. [22]

2002 - An outbreak (15 human cases, 6 fatal - and 20 cattle) was reported in the Mursiland region. [23]

2002 - An outbreak was reported among humans, cattle, goats and donkeys in Wabessa village, Dessie Zuria district. [24]

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Ascariasis

Agent	PARASITE - Nematoda. Phasmidea: Ascaris lumbricoides
Reservoir	Human ? Dog
Vector	None
Vehicle	Vegetables Fly
Incubation Period	10d - 14d (range 7d - >200d)
Diagnostic Tests	Stool microscopy.
Typical Adult Therapy	Albendazole 400 mg X 1 dose OR Mebendazole 100 mg BID X 3d
Typical Pediatric Therapy	Mebendazole 100 mg BID X 3 d (> age 2).
Clinical Hints	An acute illness characterized by cough, wheezing and eosinophilia; adult worms are associated with abdominal pain (occasionally obstruction), pancreatic or biliary disease; highest rates among children and in areas of crowding and poor sanitation.
Synonyms	Ascaris, Ascaris lumbricoides, Askariasis. ICD9: 127.0 ICD10: B77

Clinical

The pulmonary manifestations of ascariasis occur during the stage of larval migration through the lungs and resemble Loffler's syndrome: cough, wheezing, pulmonary infiltration and eosinophilia. [1] [2]
• Children with heavy *Ascaris* infection experience impaired digestion and absorption of proteins, often with moderate steatorrhea.
• A mass of worms may block the lumen of the small bowel, resulting in acute intestinal obstruction, with vomiting, abdominal distention, cramps [3-6] • and occasionally gangrene or perforation. [7]

Worms may also invade and obstruct the biliary duct (pancreatic-biliary ascariasis) [8-13], producing abdominal pain, which may be associated with ascending cholangitis, acute or recurrent pancreatitis [14], and obstructive jaundice. [15-17]
• The majority of patients with hepatobiliary and pancreatic ascariasis present with biliary colic. [18]
• Choledocholithiasis, hepatolithiasis, liver abscess and cirrhosis are associated with the presence of dead, rather than viable worms. [19]
• Aberrant worms may appear at umbilical and hernial fistulas, the fallopian tubes, urinary bladder, pleural space [20], lungs, nose and other sites.

Ascaris suum has been reported to cause rare cases of myelitis, eosinophilic pneumonia and focal liver lesions in humans, and is discussed under 'Toxocariasis.' [21-23]

This disease is endemic or potentially endemic to all countries.

Ascariasis in Ethiopia

Prevalence surveys:

20.7% of school children (national survey, 2008 publication) [24]
17.8% of children ages 6 to 14 in Gondar (2006 to 2007) [25]
29% of children in the highlands, 35% in the temperate areas and 38% in the lowlands (1998 publication) [26]
28.9% of school children in Amhara National Regional State (1995) [27]
21.0% of orphan school children (2010 publication) [28]
33.7% to 77% of persons in Wando Genet (1999 to 2002) [29]
11.2% of persons in the southern Rift Valley region (1994 publication) [30]
40.7% of persons in Akaki town (1989 publication) [31]
13.4% of persons in Harege region (1989 publication) [32]
30.8% of HIV-positive patients in the southwestern region (2002) [33]

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6.3% of malaria patients presenting to a hospital in Southern Ethiopia (2007) [34]
22.2% of sugar estate workers in the central region (2000 publication) [35]
1.3% of banana plantation workers in the middle Awash Valley (1987) [36]
18.11% of food handlers in Gondar town (2008 publication) [37]

Non-biting cyclorrhaphan flies (*Musca domestica*, *Chrysomya rufifacies*, *Musca sorbens*, *Lucina cuprina*, *Calliphora vicina*, *Chrysomya bezziana* and *Wohlfahrtia magnifica*) have been found to carry this parasite. [38]
- *Ascaris* ova have been identified on cyclorhaphan flies (Diptera) in slum areas of Addis Ababa [39]

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Aspergillosis

Agent	FUNGUS. Ascomycota, Euascomycetes, Eurotiales: Aspergillus. A hyaline hyphomycete
Reservoir	Compost Hay Cereal Soil
Vector	None
Vehicle	Air
Incubation Period	3d - 21d
Diagnostic Tests	Fungal culture. Biopsy. Nasal culture or serologic testing may be useful in select cases.
Typical Adult Therapy	Voriconazole 6 mg/kg IV Q12h, day 1; follow with 4 mg/kg IV OR Amphotericin B - if invasive, rapidly increase to max dose 0.6 mg/kg/d and to total 2.5g. OR Itraconazole
Typical Pediatric Therapy	Voriconazole 3 to 9 mg/kg IV Q12h OR Amphotericin B - if invasive, rapidly increase to max dose 0.6 mg/kg/d X 6w. OR Itraconazole
Clinical Hints	Pulmonary "fungus ball"; adult-onset asthma; consolidation or infected "pulmonary infarct" in setting of immune suppression (e.g., AIDS, leukemia, etc) leads to widespread hematogenous dissemination if not treated promptly.
Synonyms	Aspergillose, Aspergillus. ICD9: 117.3 ICD10: B44

Clinical

Clinical forms of aspergillosis include: [1] [2]
- allergy (allergic bronchopulmonary aspergillosis)
- colonization of air spaces (otomycosis, fungus ball or mycetoma of the paranasal sinuses or lungs)
- non-pulmonary invasive (eye, sinuses, cardiac valve, skin, gastrointestinal tract) [3] [4]
- pulmonary-invasive

Invasion of the ears and sinuses can cause extensive necrosis in immunocompromised hosts.
- The most common central nervous system manifestations include brain abscess or cerebral infarction
- Meningitis is rare
- Endophthalmitis and keratitis usually occur following injury
- Wound infections and infection of vascular access sites has also been reported. [5]
- Sporadic instances of Isolated invasive Aspergillus tracheobronchitis [6] and chronic necrotizing pulmonary aspergillosis are encountered. [7]

Case-fatality rates range from 10% to 90%.
- One series of 289 cases cited a mortality rate of 40.2% (2008 publication) [8]

This disease is endemic or potentially endemic to all countries.

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Bacillary angiomatosis

Agent	BACTERIUM. Bartonella henselae or Bartonella quintana. Rickettsia-like bacteria
Reservoir	Human ? Tick ? Cat
Vector	Cat flea Tick (ixodid) - rare
Vehicle	None
Incubation Period	Unknown
Diagnostic Tests	Histology with special stains. Specialized culture techniques. Serology. Nucleic acid amplification.
Typical Adult Therapy	Clarithromycin 500 mg BID X 8 weeks Alternatives Azithromycin 250 mg QD or Ciprofloxacin 500 mg BID
Typical Pediatric Therapy	Clarithromycin 7.5 mg/kg PO BID X 8 months. OR Gentamicin 2 mg/kg IMq12h
Clinical Hints	Hemangiomatous papules and nodules of skin, spleen, liver (peliosis hepatis), bone or other tissues; virtually all in the setting of AIDS or other immune deficiency; rare instances following tick bite in immune-competent individuals.
Synonyms	Bacillary peliosis, Peliosis hepatis. ICD9: 757.32,083.8 ICD10: K76.4,A44.0

Clinical

Bacillary angiomatosis was originally described as involving skin and regional lymph nodes of HIV-infected persons. [1]
• Subsequent infections have involved patients with other forms of immune suppression, and presented in a variety of organs including liver, spleen, bone, brain, lung, bowel, and uterine cervix.

Cutaneous lesions often arise in crops and resemble the lesions of verruga peruana.
• Lesions may present as fixed or mobile subcutaneous or dermal nodules.
• Single or multiple dome-shaped, skin-colored, red or purple papules are also described, which may ulcerate and discharge serosanguinous fluid. [2] [3]
• Lesions can range in diameter from millimeters to centimeters.
• Regional lymph nodes are frequently enlarged in a variety of distributions.
• Involved organs contain multiple blood-filled cystic structures that range from microscopic to several millimeters in size.
• Bone disease may present as multiple osteolytic lesions.

This disease is endemic or potentially endemic to all countries.

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Bacillus cereus food poisoning

Agent	BACTERIUM. Bacillus cereus (toxin). An aerobic gram-positive bacillus
Reservoir	Soil Processed & dried foods
Vector	None
Vehicle	Food
Incubation Period	2h - 9h (range 1h - 24h)
Diagnostic Tests	No practical test available. Isolation of organism from suspect food.
Typical Adult Therapy	Supportive
Typical Pediatric Therapy	As for adult
Clinical Hints	Usually follows ingestion of rice or other vegetables; vomiting within 1 to 6 hours and/or diarrhea within 6 to 24 hours; no fecal leucocytes.
Synonyms	

Clinical

Two types of illness are caused by two distinct metabolites. [1]
• Diarrhea is caused by a large molecular weight protein.
• Vomiting is caused by a low molecular weight, heat-stable peptide. [2]

Symptoms of *B. cereus* diarrheal food poisoning mimic those of *Clostridium perfringens* food poisoning.
• Symptoms of the emetic form mimic *S. aureus* food poisoning. [3]

Diarrheal form:

The onset of watery diarrhea, abdominal cramps, and pain occurs 6 to 15 hours after consumption of contaminated food. [4]
• Nausea may accompany diarrhea, but vomiting (emesis) rarely occurs.
• Symptoms persist for 24 hours in most instances.

Emetic form:

The emetic type of food poisoning is characterized by nausea and vomiting within 0.5 to 6 h after consumption of contaminated foods.
• Occasionally, abdominal cramps and/or diarrhea may also occur.
• Duration of symptoms is generally less than 24 h.

Only two fatal cases had been reported to 2005. [5] [6] Illness was characterized by rhabdomyolysis and renal failure.
• A case of encephalopathy and hepatic failure • similar to Reye's syndrome • was related to *Bacillus cereus* food poisoning. [7]

This disease is endemic or potentially endemic to all countries.

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Bacterial vaginosis

Agent	BACTERIUM. Gardnerella vaginalis (facultative gram-negative bacillus), Mobiluncus curtisii, Mobiluncus mulieris, Prevotella, et al
Reservoir	Human
Vector	None
Vehicle	Sexual contact - normal flora in 14% (girls) to 70% (women)
Incubation Period	Unknown
Diagnostic Tests	Identification of "clue cells" or positive KOH test in vaginal discharge. Culture.
Typical Adult Therapy	Metronidazole 500 mg BID X 7d (? Also treat sexual partner) + intravaginal Clindamycin or Metronidazole
Typical Pediatric Therapy	Metronidazole 7.5 mg/kg BID X 7d
Clinical Hints	Thin vaginal discharge - "fishy" odor when mixed with KOH; mild to moderate pruritus; occasionally urethritis in sexual partner.
Synonyms	Gardnerella, Gardnerella vaginalis, Mobiluncus. ICD9: 041.89,616,10,099.8 ICD10: N76.1

Clinical

The diagnosis of bacterial vaginosis required three of the following: [1-3]
1. A white, noninflammatory vaginal discharge or coating
2. The presence of clue cells [4]
3. A vaginal pH above 4.5
4. A fishy odor following addition of 10% KOH to the vaginal discharge (presumably due to liberated trimethylamine).

Note that routine culture is unnecessary.

Associated conditions:

Sequelae of bacterial vaginosis include preterm birth [5], low birth weight [6], chorioamnionitis, cervicitis [7], scalp abscess of the newborn, an increased risk of late miscarriage [8] and maternal infection. [9]
- Some studies have suggested a correlation between bacterial vaginosis and infertility. [10]
- Bacterial vaginosis may increase the risk for acquisition of HIV infection.
- Bacterial vaginosis may predispose to urinary tract infection [11] and endometritis. [12]

Gardnerella vaginalis has rarely been associated with balanitis, urethritis, urinary tract infections, asymptomatic bacteremia and infectious endocarditis in adult males. [13]

This disease is endemic or potentially endemic to all countries.

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Balantidiasis

Agent	PARASITE - Protozoa. Ciliate (Ciliophora), Litostomatea: Balantidium coli
Reservoir	Pig Non-human primate Rodent
Vector	None
Vehicle	Water Food
Incubation Period	1d - 7d (range 1d - 60d)
Diagnostic Tests	Microscopy of stool or colonic aspirates.
Typical Adult Therapy	Tetracycline 500 mg QID X 10d. OR Metronidazole 750 mg TID X 5d. OR Iodoquinol 650 mg TID X 20d
Typical Pediatric Therapy	Age >= 8 years: Tetracycline 10 mg/kg QID (max 2g/d) X 10d. Age <8 yrs, Metronidazole 15 mg/kg TID X 5d; or Iodoquinol 13 mg/kg TID X 20d
Clinical Hints	Dysentery, often with vomiting; mimics intestinal amebiasis. The disease is most common in pig-raising areas. Symptoms last for one to four weeks, and may recur.
Synonyms	Balantidiose, Balantidiosis, Balantidium coli, Balantidosis, Balindosis, Ciliary dysentery. ICD9: 007.0 ICD10: A07.0

Clinical

Most cases are asymptomatic.
• Clinical manifestations, when present, include persistent diarrhea, occasionally dysentery, abdominal pain, and weight loss. [1]

Symptoms can be severe in debilitated individuals.
• *Balantidium* pneumonia has been reported in immune-compromised patients [2] and persons with occupational exposure. [3]

Diagnosis is based on detection of trophozoites in stool specimens or in tissue collected during endoscopy.
• Cysts are less frequently encountered.
• *Balantidium coli* is passed intermittently and once outside the colon is rapidly destroyed. Thus stool specimens should be collected repeatedly, and immediately examined or preserved.
• Rare cases of pulmonary infection have been reported [4] .
• *Balantidium coli* has been identified in the urine. [5]

This disease is endemic or potentially endemic to 109 countries.

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Bartonellosis - cat borne

Agent	BACTERIUM. Afipia felis, Bartonella henselae, Bartonella clarridgeiae, et al. A facultative gram-negative coccobacillus
Reservoir	Cat Possibly tick
Vector	Flea (cat flea = Ctenocephalides)
Vehicle	Cat scratch Plant matter (thorn, etc)
Incubation Period	3d - 14d
Diagnostic Tests	Visualization of organisms on Warthin Starry stain. Culture. Serology. Nucleic acid amplification.
Typical Adult Therapy	Aspiration of nodes as necessary. Azithromycin 500 mg day 1, then 250 daily X 4 days Alternatives: Clarithromycin, Ciprofloxacin, Sulfamethoxazole/trimethoprim
Typical Pediatric Therapy	Aspiration of nodes as necessary. Azithromycin 10 mg/kg day 1, then 5 mg/kg daily X 4 days
Clinical Hints	Tender suppurative regional adenopathy following cat scratch (usually kitten); fever present in 25%. systemic infection (liver, brain, endocardium, bone, etc) occasionally encountered; most cases resolve within 6 weeks.
Synonyms	Afipia felis, Bartonella clarridgeiae, Bartonella henselae, Bartonella koehlerae, Cat scratch disease, Debre's syndrome, Foshay-Mollaret cat-scratch fever, Katszenkratz-Krankheit, Petzetakis' syndrome, SENLAT. ICD9: 078.3 ICD10: A28.1

Clinical

Clinical history:.
Approximately 90% of patients have a history of exposure to a cat.
• The disease has also been reported after exposure to squirrels, dogs, goats, thorns and barbed wire. [1]
• 75% of patients report a bite or scratch to the head, neck or upper limbs.
• Subclinical bacteremia is common among immuno-competent persons with animal and arthropod contact.

Symptoms:
Following an incubation period of 3 to 10 days, a small skin lesion appears consisting of a macule, papule, pustule or vesicle.
• Within 1 to 2 weeks, edema and tenderness of the regional lymph nodes appear.
• In some cases, the patient may present with Parinaud oculoglandular syndrome (conjunctival granuloma with suppurative preauricular adenitis), encephalopathy, erythema nodosum, thrombocytopenic purpura, arthritis, synovitis or pneumonia.

Signs:
Physical examination reveals involvement of a single node in 50% of cases.
• 30% have involvement of multiple sites, and 20% involvement of several nodes in the same region.
• Lymph nodes typically measure 1 to 5 cm.
• The majority of lesions regress over 2 to 6 months, but may last for as long as 2 years.
• Suppuration occurs in 10% of cases, and cellulitis is rare.
• Inguinal lympadenopathy in cat-scratch disease may suggest a diagnosis of lymphogranuloma venereum. [2]

Additional findings:
One third of patients manifest fever, lasting 1 to 7 days.
• Malaise, fatigue, anorexia, vomiting, weight loss, headache, splenomegaly and pharyngitis are occasionally observed.
• 10.5% of patients have musculoskeletal manifestations [3], including osteitis [4] and osteomyelitis [5]
• Rare features include a transient truncal maculopapular rash, encephalopathy [6] or encephalitis with seizures, lethargy, coma, parotitis [7], cranial or peripheral nerve involvement, facial nerve paresis, myelitis [8], uveitis or neuroretinitis [9-18], optic neuritis [19] with transient blindness, polyneuritis, radiculitis, Guillain-Barre syndrome [20], disseminated visceral infection [21] [22], osteomyelitis [23], endocarditis [24], hepatosplenomegaly with hepatic granulomata [25], renal microabscesses [26], erythema marginatum, erythema multiforme, erythema nodosum [27] and thrombocytopenic purpura. [28]
• Scalp eschar with neck lymphadenopathy (SENLAT) has been reported in some cases. [29]
• *B. henselae* accounts for 6.1% of bacterial species causing uveitis (2001 to 2007) [30]

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This disease is endemic or potentially endemic to all countries.

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Bartonellosis - other systemic

Agent	BACTERIUM. Bartonella quintana, B. koehlerae, B. elizabethae, B. tamiae, B. washoensis, etc A fastidious gram-negative coccobacillus
Reservoir	Human Louse Rat Cat Dog Sheep
Vector	Louse (Pediculus) Flea - rare (Ctenocephalides, Pulex)
Vehicle	Wound or eye contact with secretions/louse feces
Incubation Period	9d - 25d (range 4d - 35d)
Diagnostic Tests	Serology. Culture. Nucleic acid amplification.
Typical Adult Therapy	Doxycycline 100 mg PO BID X 3 to 5 days (if endocarditis, add Gentamicin 3 mg/kg daily X 28 days) Alternatives: Clarithromycin, Azithromycin, Gentamicin, Fluoroquinolone (Levofloxacin, Trovafloxacin, Pefloxacin, Sparfloxacin or Moxifloxacin)
Typical Pediatric Therapy	Erythromycin 10 mg/kg PO QID X 3 to 5 days. OR Gentamicin 2 mg/kg IM q12h. Alternatives: Clarithromycin, Azithromycin
Clinical Hints	Headache, myalgias, shin pain, macular rash, splenomegaly; endocarditis & bacteremia seen; relapse common; often associated with poor hygiene & crowding.
Synonyms	Bartonella alsatica, Bartonella elizabethae, Bartonella grahamii, Bartonella quintana, Bartonella rochalimae, Bartonella tamiae, Bartonella vinsonii, Bartonella vinsonii berkhoffii, Bartonella washoensis, Candidatus Bartonella mayotimonensis, Candidatus Bartonella melophagi, Candidatus Bartonella rochalimae, Five day fever, His-Werner disease, Meuse fever, Quintan fever, Quintana fever, Shank fever, Shin fever, Shinbone fever, Trench fever, Volhynian fever. ICD9: 083.1 ICD10: A44.0,A44.8,A79.0

Clinical

Infection is characterized by abrupt onset of headache, postorbital pain, conjunctivitis, leg and back pain, relapsing fevers, splenomegaly and an erythematous maculopapular rash on the chest, back and abdomen. [1]
• In 50% of cases, as many as 3 to 8 relapses occur.

Subclinical bacteremia is common among immuno-competent persons with animal and arthropod contact.

No fatalities have been reported in classic trench fever.

Bartonella quintana (formerly *Rochalimaea quintana*) and related bacteria may also produce bacillary angiomatosis (discussed separately in this module), bacteremia, endocarditis [2-4], myocarditis [5], uveitis [6] or chronic lymphadenopathy.
• *Bartonella* species other than *B. henselae* account for 8.1% of bacterial uveitis (France, 2008 publication) [7]
• A single reported case of *Bartonella rochalimae* infection was characterized by fever, myalgia, headache and splenomegaly. [8]

• *Bartonella vinsonii* subsp *berkhoffii* genotype has been implicated in a case of epithelioid hemangioendothelioma. [9]

This disease is endemic or potentially endemic to all countries.

Bartonellosis - other systemic in Ethiopia

Bartonella quintana endocarditis has been reported in an Ethiopian immigrant in Israel. [10]

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Blastocystis hominis infection

Agent	PARASITE - Protozoa. Chromista, Bigyra, Blastocystea: Blastocystis hominis. [taxonomic status remains uncertain]
Reservoir	Human
Vector	None
Vehicle	Fecal-oral Water
Incubation Period	Unknown
Diagnostic Tests	Stool microscopy. Nucleic acid amplification.
Typical Adult Therapy	Nitazoxanide 500 mg BID X 3 d. OR Metronidazole 750 mg TID X 10d. OR Iodoquinol 650 mg TID X 20 d. or Sulfamethoxazole/trimethoprim
Typical Pediatric Therapy	Nitazoxanide - Age 1 to 3 years: 5 ml (100 mg) PO Q12h X 3 days - Age 4 to 11 years: 10 mg (200 mg) PO Q12h X 3 days; OR Metronidazole 15 mg/kg/d X 10d. Sulfamethoxazole/trimethoprim
Clinical Hints	Diarrhea and flatulence; usually no fever; illness similar to giardiasis; increased risk among immune-suppressed patients; the exact role of this organism in disease is controversial.
Synonyms	Apoi, Blastocystiose, Blastocystis hominis, Zierdt-Garavelli disease. ICD9: 007.8 ICD10: A07.8

Clinical

Symptoms ascribed to blastocystosis include leucocyte-negative diarrhea, nausea, pain [1] , flatulence and abdominal distention associated with overgrowth of the protozoan. [2] [3]

- Symptoms usually last for 3 to 10 days, but may persist for weeks or months.
- *Blastocystis hominis* has also been implicated in the etiology of irritable bowel syndrome and urticaria. [4] [5]

A search for alternative etiologies (including other infectious agents) should always be made in such patients. [6] [7]

This disease is endemic or potentially endemic to all countries.

Blastocystis hominis infection in Ethiopia

Prevalence surveys:

14.1% of HIV-positive patients in the southwestern region (2002) [8]
3.9% of stool samples from HIV/AIDS patients in southwest Ethiopia (2004) [9]
3.3% of baboons (*Papio anubis*) and 34.2% of vervets (*Cercopithecus aethiops*) (2004 publication) [10]

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Botulism

Agent	BACTERIUM. Clostridium botulinum. An anaerobic gram-positive bacillus
Reservoir	Soil Animal Fish
Vector	None
Vehicle	Food Occasionally soil (wound contamination)
Incubation Period	1d - 2d
Diagnostic Tests	Electrophysiologic (EMG) pattern. Isolation of organism from food (occ. from infant stomach). Mouse toxin assay
Typical Adult Therapy	Heptavalent (types A-G) or trivalent (types A, B, E) antitoxin [following test dose] 10 ml in 100 ml saline over 30 min Additional 10 ml at 2 and 4 hours if necessary. Respiratory support
Typical Pediatric Therapy	As for adult
Vaccine	Botulism antitoxin
Clinical Hints	Clinical manifestations similar to those of atropine poisoning: dysarthria, diplopia, dilated pupils, dry mouth, constipation, flaccid paralysis, etc); onset approximately 36 hrs after ingestion of poorly-preserved food.
Synonyms	Botulisme, Botulismo, Botulismus, Kerner's disease. ICD9: 005.1 ICD10: A05.1

Clinical

For reporting purposes, the CDC (The United States Centers for Disease Control) case definitions for Foodborne, Infant and Wound Botulism are as follows:
• 1) Neurological syndrome (diplopia, blurred vision, bulbar weakness, symmetric paralysis); or
• 2) Infant exhibiting constipation, poor feeding and failure to thrive, followed by progressive weakness, impaired respiration and death. [1]

Symptoms and signs of botulism reflect characteristic electrophysiological abnormalities [2] and include diplopia [3] [4], blurred vision, ptosis, slurred speech, difficulty swallowing, dry mouth, and muscle weakness. Infants are lethargic, 'floppy,' constipated and feed poorly• exhibiting a weak cry and poor muscle tone. [5] [6]
• In foodborne botulism, symptoms generally begin 18 to 36 hours after ingestion (range 6 hours to 10 days). [7]
• Type F botulism is characterized by the appearance of respiratory failure within 24 hours, quadriplegia by the fifth day and rapid recovery beginning on the eighth day. [8] [9]
• If untreated, these symptoms progress to paralysis of the arms, legs, trunk and respiratory muscles.
• Patients who experience nausea and vomiting, cranial neuropathy or urinary retention are most likely to develop respiratory failure. [10]
• Botulinum toxin may persist in the serum of patients for as long as 12 days. [11]

Infant botulism should be suspected if a previously healthy infant (age <12 months) develops constipation and weakness in sucking, swallowing, or crying; hypotonia; and progressive bulbar and extremity muscle weakness. [12]
• Approximately 50% of patients require mechanical ventilation.
• Lumbar puncture and brain imaging studies are usually normal, in contrast to other causes of flaccid weakness.
• The findings of infant botulism may mimic those of Hirschprung's disease [13] or acute abdomen. [14]

This disease is endemic or potentially endemic to all countries.

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Brain abscess

Agent	BACTERIUM OR FUNGUS. Mixed oral anaerobes / streptococci, Staphylococcus aureus (from endocarditis), etc.
Reservoir	Human
Vector	None
Vehicle	None
Incubation Period	Variable
Diagnostic Tests	Imaging techniques (CT, scan, etc).
Typical Adult Therapy	Antibiotic(s) appropriate to likely pathogens + drainage
Typical Pediatric Therapy	As for adult
Clinical Hints	Headache, vomiting and focal neurological signs; often associated with chronic sinusitis or otitis media, pleural or heart valve infection; patients are often afebrile.
Synonyms	Ascesso cerebrale, Cerebral abscess. ICD9: 324.0 ICD10: G06.0

Clinical

The clinical presentation of brain abscess may range from indolent to fulminant. [1]
• Most manifestations are due to the size and location of this space-occupying lesion within the brain and the virulence of the infecting microorganism, and not to infection per se.
• Headache is observed in approximately 70% of patients and may be moderate to severe and unilateral or generalized.
• Sudden worsening of the headache, accompanied by meningismus, may herald rupture of the abscess into the ventricular space.
• Less than 50% of patients present with a classic triad of fever, headache, and focal neurological deficit.
• Mental status changes are seen in 70% of cases, fever in 45 to 50%, seizures in 25 to 35%, vomiting in 25 to 50%, nuchal rigidity in 25% and papilledema in 25%.

Metastatic infections are most often associated with endocarditis, and may present with multiple abscesses.
• Although the distribution of the middle cerebral artery is most often involved, any part of the brain may be infected.
• Common pathogens in this setting reflect the usual flora of endocarditis and bacteremia.

Etiological associations:
• Congenital heart disease: viridans streptococci, *Haemophilus* spp.
• Endocarditis: *Staphylococcus aureus*, streptococci
• Immunodeficiency: Toxoplasmosis, *Nocardia*, fungi
• Otitis: Peptostreptococci, streptococci, Enterobacteriaceae
• Pleuropulmonary infection: anaerobes, *Nocardia*
• Sinusitis: Streptococci, Enterobacteriaceae, *Bacteroides*, *Haemophilus influenzae*
• Traumatic or post-surgical: *Staphylococcus aureus*, streptococci, Enterobacteriaceae

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Brucellosis

Agent	BACTERIUM. Brucella abortus, Brucella melitensis, Brucella suis, Brucella canis An aerobic gram-negative bacillus
Reservoir	Pig Cattle Sheep Goat Dog Coyote Caribou
Vector	None
Vehicle	Food Air Dairy products Animal excretions
Incubation Period	10d - 14d (range 5d - 60d)
Diagnostic Tests	Culture of blood or bone marrow. Serology. Note: Alert laboratory to possibility of Brucella.
Typical Adult Therapy	Doxycycline 100 mg BID + Rifampin 600 mg BID X 6 weeks. Alternatives Tetracycline + Gentamicin
Typical Pediatric Therapy	Rifampin 20 mg/kg/day (maximum 600 mg) plus: >age 8 years: Doxycycline 2 mg/kg BID PO X 6w age < 8 years Sulfamethoxazole/trimethoprim 4/20 mg/kg BID X 4 to 6w Add Gentamicin if severe
Clinical Hints	Prolonged fever, hepatosplenomegaly, lymphadenopathy, arthritis, osteomyelitis or chronic multisystem infection following ingestion of unpasteurized dairy products, contact with farm animals or meat processing.
Synonyms	Bang's disease, Bangsche Krankheit, Brucella, Brucellemia, Brucelliasis, Brucellose, Brucellosen, Brucellosi, Brucelose, Brucelosis, Cyprus fever, Febris melitensis, Febris sudoralis, Febris undulans, Fievre caprine, Gibraltar fever, Goat fever, Malta fever, Maltafieber, Melitococcosis, Neapolitan fever, Rock fever, Typhomalarial fever, Undulant fever. ICD9: 023 ICD10: A23

Clinical

For surveillance purposes the CDC (The United States Centers for Disease Control) case definition of brucellosis consists of "an illness characterized by acute or insidious onset of ever, night sweats, undue fatigue, weight loss, headache and arthralgia" associated with epidemiological or laboratory evidence for infection.

WHO Case definition for surveillance:

The WHO Case definition for surveillance is as follows:
Clinical description
• An illness characterized by acute or insidious onset, with continued, intermittent or irregular fever of variable duration, profuse sweating particularly at night, fatigue, anorexia, weight loss, headache, arthralgia and generalized aching. Local infection of various organs may occur
Laboratory criteria for diagnosis
• Isolation of *Brucella* spp. from clinical specimen or
• *Brucella* agglutination titer (e.g., standard tube agglutination tests: SAT>160) in one or more serum specimens obtained after onset of symptoms or
• ELISA (IgA, IgG, IgM), 2-mercaptoethanol test, complement fixation test, Coombs, fluorescent antibody test (FAT), and radioimmunoassay for detecting antilipopolysaccharide antibodies; and counterimmunoelectrophoresis (CIEP)
Case classification
• Suspected: A case that is compatible with the clinical description and is epidemiologically linked to suspected or confirmed animal cases or contaminated animal products.
• Probable: A suspected case that has a positive Rose Bengal test.
Confirmed: A suspected or probable case that is laboratory-confirmed.

Clinical manifestations:

The clinical picture of brucellosis is nonspecific, and most often consists of fever, sweats, malaise, anorexia, headache, depression and back pain. [1] [2]
• The fever of brucellosis may mimic that of enteric fever [3] ; and an undulant fever pattern is seen in chronic infections.
• Fever may be absent among patients with end-stage renal disease who acquire brucellosis. [4]
• Mild lymphadenopathy is seen in 10 to 20% of patients; and splenomegaly or hepatomegaly in 20 to 30%.
• Bone and joint infections are common [5] [6] , including a high rate of vertebral osteomyelitis. [7-9] Rare instances of acute myositis, bursitis [10] and muscular abscesses have also been reported. [11] [12]
• Vertebral osteomyelitis is characterized by osteolysis, often associated with paravertebral masses, discitis [13] , epidural masses [14] , or psoas abscesses. [15-17]
• Epididymoorchitis is found in 7.6% to 12.7% of male patients with brucellosis. [18-22] Prostatitis has also been reported. [23]

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• Endocarditis is well documented [24-31], including isolated case reports of *Brucella* infection of prosthetic valves [32] and devices such as implantable defibrillators [33] and pacemaker leads. [34] Rare instances of myocarditis are also reported. [35]
• Pulmonary infiltrates [36] [37], primary brucellar endocarditis [38], ileitis [39], cholestatic jaundice [40], acalculous cholecystitis [41] and liver abscess have been reported. [42] [43]
• Ocular manifestations include uveitis, visual loss due to suprasellar mass [44], keratitis, conjunctivitis, papillitis, retinal hemorrhages and third-nerve palsy. [45] [46]
• Neurological manifestations may include encephalitis [47], meningitis [48-52], cranial [53] or peripheral neuropathy [54], progressive paraparesis [55], cerebral vasculitis with infarct [56], and parenchymal granulomata [57] or abscesses. [58-63]
• Renal infection may present at hematuria, proteinuria, pyuria, overt nephritis or renal failure. [64]
• Persons working with animals may present with severe pharyngitis as an initial feature of brucellosis. [65]
• Abscesses involving a variety of body areas and solid organs may occur [66-70]
• Various forms of rash occur in 6% to 13% of patients including generalized or localized papules or macules [71], ulcers, purpura, vasculitis, panniculitis and erythema nodosum [72] [73]
• Brucellosis has been implicated in cases of human abortion. [74]

Virtually any organ or body system may be infected during the course of illness [75-85]
• Chronic brucellosis generally represents persistence of local infection in bone, joints, liver, spleen or kidneys.
• Infection of natural [86] or prosthetic joints [87] [88] and soft tissue has been reported. [89]
• Relapses are common, especially following inadequate therapy.
• Pancytopenia is reported in 15% of cases [90]
• Brucellosis has been reported to cause myelofibrosis [91], and to trigger hemolytic anemia in patients with Glucose-6-Phosphate Dehydrogenase deficiency. [92]
• Isolated thrombocytopenia mimicking ITP is reported in 6% of cases [93-95]; hepatic dysfunction [96], colitis [97] Coombs-positive hemolytic anemia [98] [99], reactive hemophagocytic syndrome [100] [101], disseminated intravascular coagulation [102], TTP [103] [104], Guillain-Barre syndrome [105] and syndrome of inappropriate secretion of antidiuretic hormone (SIADH) have also been documented. [106]

This disease is endemic or potentially endemic to 177 countries.

Brucellosis in Ethiopia

Human disease in this country is due to *Brucella abortus* and *B. melitensis*.

Prevalence surveys:

0% in urban areas and 3.9% in periurban regions of Awassa (2009 publication) [107]

Seroprevalence surveys:

2.6% of febrile outpatients ages 3 to 17 (western Gojjam State, northwestern region, 2009 publication) [108]
4.8% of persons with occupational exposure (Addis Ababa, 2006 publication) [109]
5.7% of camels in camel-raising regions (2000 to 2001) [110]
5.8% of goats and 3.2% of sheep in the Afar region, Eastern Ethiopia (2005 to 2006) [111]
3.1% of cattle and 15.0% of cattle herds in Jimma zone (2009 publication) [112]
7.7% of indigenous cattle (63.6% of herds) in Tigray zone, North West Ethiopia (2007 to 2008) [113]
2.9% of cattle (13.6% of herds) in central Oromiya (2005 to 2006) [114]
10.6% of cattle, 2.2% of camels and 1.9% of goats, in Borana (2010 publication) [115]

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Bunyaviridae infections - misc.

Agent	VIRUS - RNA. Bunyaviridae, Orthobunyavirus. Over 30 strains have been associated with human disease (see Synonyms)
Reservoir	Rat Bird Marsupial Chipmunk Cattle Sheep Horse Bat
Vector	Mosquito (exceptions: Shuni is transmitted by culicoid flies; Bhanja, Tamdy, Wanowrie and Zirqa by ticks)
Vehicle	None
Incubation Period	3d - 12d
Diagnostic Tests	Serology and virus isolation. Nucleic acid amplification. Biosafety level 2 or 3.
Typical Adult Therapy	Supportive
Typical Pediatric Therapy	As for adult
Clinical Hints	Abrupt onset of fever, chills, headache; photophobia, rash arthralgia, myalgia, vomiting, diarrhea or cough may be present; meningitis or myocarditis may occur with Bwamba virus; usual course 2 to 7 days.
Synonyms	Bangui, Batai, Bhanja, Bunyamwera, Bwamba, Cache Valley, Calovo, Catu, Fort Sherman, Garissa, Germiston, Guama, Ilesha, Ingwavuma, Kairi, Lumbo, Ngari, Northway, Nyando, Pongola, Shokwe, Shuni, Tacaiuma, Tamdy, Tataguine, Tensaw, Wanowrie, Wyeomyia, Zirqa. ICD9: 066.3 ICD10: A93.8

Clinical

As a group, these diseases are characterized by acute febrile illness occurring in persons exposed to wild or forest environments.
• Additional features may include headache, myalgia, arthralgia, rash or aseptic meningitis.

Ilesha virus infection may be associated with fever or rash, or hemorrhagic fever.

This disease is endemic or potentially endemic to 88 countries.

Bunyaviridae infections - misc. in Ethiopia

Tataguine virus (vector, *Anopheles*), Ilesha (vectors, *Anopheles gambiae* and *Mansonia uniformis*), Bhanja and Bunyamwera viruses are encountered.

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Campylobacteriosis

Agent	BACTERIUM. Campylobacter jejuni subsp jejuni, et al A microaerophilic gram-negative bacillus
Reservoir	Human Mammal Bird
Vector	None
Vehicle	Water Food
Incubation Period	2d - 4d (range 1d - 10d)
Diagnostic Tests	Stool (rarely blood, CSF) culture. Nucleic acid amplification. Alert laboratory when these organisms are suspected.
Typical Adult Therapy	Stool precautions. Erythromycin 500 mg QID X 7d. Alternatives Azithromycin, Fluoroquinolone (Levofloxacin, Trovafloxacin, Pefloxacin, Sparfloxacin or Moxifloxacin), Gentamicin
Typical Pediatric Therapy	Stool precautions. Erythromycin 12.5 mg/kg PO QID X 7d. Alternatives - Azithromycin, Gentamicin
Clinical Hints	Febrile diarrhea or dysentery; vomiting or bloody stool often noted; severe abdominal pain may mimic appendicitis; disease is most common among children and lasts one to four days.
Synonyms	Campylobacter. ICD9: 008.43 ICD10: A04.5

Clinical

Following an incubation period of 1 to 10 days, patients develop diarrhea (often bloody) and abdominal pain.
• Initial symptoms of malaise, dizziness, fever, headache and myalgia are common.
• Vomiting is unusual.
• Leucocytes are usually seen on stool smears.

Infection may be complicated by cholecystitis [1], pseudoappendicitis, peritonitis [2] (including peritonitis associated with dialysis [3]), hemolytic-uremic syndrome, bacteremia [4 5], myocarditis [6-9], pericarditis [10 11], pleurisy [12 13], mycotic iliac [14] and aortic aneurysms [15], meningitis [16], epidural abscess [17 18], septic arthritis [19], cellulitis [20], spontaneous abortion, reactive arthritis or Guillain-Barre syndrome.
• Reactive arthritis has been reported in 1% to 13% of cases [21 22]
• The risk for reactive arthritis following *Campylobacter* infection was 2.1/100,00 cases (United States, 2002 to 2004) [23]
• Elderly patients are at risk for complicated or fatal infection. [24]

Guillain Barre syndrome (GBS) has been estimated to complicate 0.1% of *Campylobacter* infections. [25-27]
• *Campylobacter* infection is implicated in 15% to 40% of GBS episodes. [28-31]
• Risk for GBS continues for up to 2 months following an episode of Campylobacteriosis.
• The rate of GBS is 19.2 per 100,000 episodes of Campylobacteriosis. [32]
• There have been case reports of brain stem encephalitis [33], cranial neuropathy [34] and demyelization of the central nervous system or spinal cord following *C. jejuni* infection. [35]
• There is evidence that campylobacteriosis may increase the risk for later development of inflammatory bowel disease. [36]

This disease is endemic or potentially endemic to all countries.

Campylobacteriosis in Ethiopia

Prevalence surveys:

13.7% of children hospitalized with diarrhea (Addis Ababa, 1992 to 1993) [37]
13.8% of children with diarrhea (northwestern region, 1994 to 1995) [38]
3.0% of HIV-positive patients with diarrhea (Jimma, 2001) [39]
8.4% of Ethiopian immigrants hospitalized in Israel (1986 publication) [40]

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Candidiasis

Agent	FUNGUS - Yeast. Ascomycota, Hemiascomycetes, Saccharomycetales. Candida albicans, and other species.
Reservoir	Human
Vector	None
Vehicle	Contact Catheter
Incubation Period	Variable
Diagnostic Tests	Culture. Serology and assays for cell-specific antigens are performed in some centers,
Typical Adult Therapy	Topical, oral, systemic antifungal agent depending on clinical presentation and species [in Therapy module, scroll through upper left box]
Typical Pediatric Therapy	As for adult
Clinical Hints	Dermal erythema with satellite pustules; "cheesy" mucosal discharge; severe, widespread or intractable disease should suggest the possibility of underlying diabetes, AIDS or other form of immune suppression.
Synonyms	Candida, Candida-Mykosen, Candidiase, Candidiasi, Candidose, Monilia, Moniliasis, Salmonella, Thrush. ICD9: 112 ICD10: B37

Clinical

The clinical features of candidiasis range from localized mucosal or skin inflammation to multi-organ candidal sepsis.

Often infection represents overgrowth of *Candida* species following use of antimicrobial agents, or in the presence of the high mucosal glucose concentrations found in diabetics.
• Other predisposing factors include chronic intertrigo, oral contraceptive use, and cellular immune deficiency.
• Candidiasis is a common initial event in HIV-infected individuals.
• White exudative plaques may occur on the tongue or buccal mucosa (thrush), vaginal or rectal mucosa.
• Fissured, macerated lesions at the corners of the mouth (perleche) are common among individuals with poorly-fitting dentures. In fact, candidal infections have a predilection for sites that are chronically wet and macerated.
• Intertriginous lesions are edematous, erythematous, and scaly; and associated with scattered "satellite pustules." [1]
• The glans penis and scrotum as inner aspect of the thighs are often involved.

Systemic *Candida* infections may involve virtually any organ or organ system, and mimic bacterial sepsis. [2]
• Case fatality rates for infected vascular catheters range from 26% to 38%; 33% for infected prosthetic cardiac valves; 20% to 40% for urinary catheters.

This disease is endemic or potentially endemic to all countries.

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Chancroid

Agent	BACTERIUM. Haemophilus ducreyi. A facultative gram-negative bacillus
Reservoir	Human
Vector	None
Vehicle	Sexual contact
Incubation Period	3d - 10d (2d - 21d)
Diagnostic Tests	Culture (inform laboratory when this diagnosis is suspected). Fluorescent staining under development
Typical Adult Therapy	Azithromycin 1.0 g PO X 1 dose. OR Ceftriaxone 250 mg IM X 1 dose. OR Ciprofloxacin 500 mg PO BID X 3 days OR Erythromycin 500 mg PO TID X 7d.
Typical Pediatric Therapy	Azithromycin 12 mg/kg PO X 1 dose OR Erythromycin 10 mg/kg PO TID X 7d. OR Ceftriaxone 10 mg/kg IM X 1
Clinical Hints	Soft, painful and tender chancre on erythematous base, with regional lymphadenopathy (generally unilateral and painful); onset 3 to 10 days following sexual exposure.
Synonyms	Blot sjanker, Chancre mou, Chancro blando, Haemophilus ducreyi, Nkumunye, Soft chancre, Ulcera mole, Ulcus molle, Weeke sjanker, Weicher Schanker. ICD9: 099.0 ICD10: A57

Clinical

For surveillance the CDC (The United States Centers for Disease Control) case definition consist of a sexually-transmitted disease characterized by painful genital ulceration and inflammatory inguinal adenopathy; but without evidence for *Treponema pallidum* by dark field and serological examination (after at least 7 days) and without clinical or laboratory evidence for herpes simplex infection.

Infection begins with a papule or pustule which ulcerates and enlarges over a period of 1 to 2 days. [1]
- The lesion is soft, painful and bleeds easily; and the ulcer edges are undermined and irregular. [2]
- Two thirds of patients present with more than one ulcer
- Painful unilateral or bilateral lymphadenopathy is present in 40% of cases.
- Systemic signs are unusual.
- Extragenital skin ulcers are occasionally encountered. [3] [4]
- *Haemophilus ducreyi* has been associated with esophageal ulceration in HIV-positive patients. [5]

This disease is endemic or potentially endemic to all countries.

Chancroid in Ethiopia

Seroprevalence surveys:

19.4% of women attending antenatal and gynecology clinics in Addis Ababa (1994 publication) [6]
19% of CSW in Addis Ababa (1994 publication) [7]

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Chlamydia infections, misc.

Agent	BACTERIUM. Chlamydiaceae, Chlamydiae, Chlamydia trachomatis; Simkania negevensis; Waddlia chondrophila
Reservoir	Human
Vector	None
Vehicle	Sexual contact
Incubation Period	5d - 10d
Diagnostic Tests	Microscopy and immunomicroscopy of secretions. Serology. Tissue culture. Nucleic acid amplification.
Typical Adult Therapy	Doxycycline 100 mg BID X 7d. OR Azithromycin 1g as single dose OR Levofloxacin 500 mg daily X 7 days OR Ofloxacin 300 mg BID X 7 days
Typical Pediatric Therapy	Weight <45 kg: Erythromycin 10 mg/kg QID X 14d Weight >=45 kg, but age <8 years: Azithromycin 1 g as single dose Age >= 8 years: Azithromycin 1 g as single dose OR Doxycycline 100 mg BID X 7 d
Clinical Hints	Thin, scant penile discharge; cervicitis; conjunctivitis; neonatal pneumonia; pelvic inflammatory disease; concurrent gonorrhea may be present.
Synonyms	Bedsonia, Chlamydia trachomatis, Chlamydien-Urethritis, Chlamydien-Zervizitis, Chlamydophila, Inclusion blenorrhea, Non-gonococccal urethritis, Nonspecific urethritis, Parachlamydia, Parachlamydia acanthamoebae, Prachlamydia, Protochlamydia, Protochlamydia naegleriophila, Rhabdochlamydia, Simkania negevensis, Waddlia chondrophila. ICD9: 099.41,099.5 ICD10: A56,A55

Clinical

Infection with *Chlamydia trachomatis* may result in urethritis, epididymitis [1], obstructive uropathy [2], cervicitis, Fitz-Hugh-Curtis syndrome [3] [4], acute salpingitis, tubal scaring and ectopic pregnancy [5] [6], or other syndromes if sexually transmitted. [7]
• The rates of orchitis/epididymitis, prostatitis, infertility, and urethral stricture following genital infection in males are 4.28%, 1.41%, 1.27%, and 0.13% • respectively. [8]
• The extent to which *Chlamydia* infection contributes to male and female infertility is unclear. [9-13]
• Perinatal infections may result in inclusion conjunctivitis or pneumonia in the newborn. [14]

Chlamydia trachomatis infection is implicated in the etiology of reactive arthritis. [15-31]

Parachlamydiaceae (including *Parachlamydia acanthamoebae*) have been associated with human respiratory infections, conjunctivitis, keratitis and uveitis. [32] [33]
• The signs and symptoms of infection are similar to those of genital *Mycoplasma* infection. [34]
• Recurrent infection may represent either reinfection or treatment failure. [35]

For surveillance purposes, the CDC (The United States Centers for Disease Control) case definition of nongonococcal urethritis requires that gonorrhea has been discounted in the setting of:
• a visible abnormal urethral discharge
• or, a positive leukocyte esterase test from a male aged <60 who does not have a history of kidney disease or bladder infection, prostatic enlargement, anatomical abnormality of the urogenital tract, or recent urinary tract instrumentation
• or microscopic evidence of urethritis (over 5 leukocytes per high-power field) on stain of a urethral smear.

This disease is endemic or potentially endemic to all countries.

Chlamydia infections, misc. in Ethiopia

Prevalence surveys:

12.8% of women with vaginal discharge and 11.5% of men with urethral discharge (Addis Ababa, 1991 to 1994)
16.6% of males ages 15 and above in Dembia district (2002 publication) [36]

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5.9% of women in Gondar (1995) [37]

Seroprevalence surveys:

90% of obstetrics- gynecology patients in Gondar (IgG) (1995 publication) [38]
61% to 64% of women attending family planning clinics in Addis Ababa (1997 publication) [39]
78% of CSW (1994 publication) [40]
45.3% of male STD patients (1982 publication) [41]

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Chlamydophila pneumoniae infection

Agent	BACTERIUM. Chlamydiaceae, Chlamydiae, Chlamydophila [Chlamydia] pneumoniae
Reservoir	Human
Vector	None
Vehicle	Droplet
Incubation Period	7d - 28d
Diagnostic Tests	Direct fluorescence of sputum. Serology and culture in specialized laboratories. Nucleic acid amplification.
Typical Adult Therapy	Respiratory isolation. Doxycycline 50 mg BID X 10d. Alternatives: Erythromycin 500 mg QID X 10d. Azithromycin 1 g, then 0.5 g daily. Clarithromycin 0.5 g BID
Typical Pediatric Therapy	Respiratory isolation; Erythromycin 10 mg/kg QID X 10d
Clinical Hints	Atypical pneumonia, often associated with pharyngitis and myalgia; consider when Mycoplasma, Legionella and influenza are discounted.
Synonyms	Chlamydia pneumoniae, Chlamydia TWAR, Chlamydophila pneumoniae, TWAR. ICD9: 078.88 ICD10: J16.0

Clinical

Asymptomatic infection is common.
• Pneumonia and bronchitis are the most common clinical syndromes associated with *C. pneumoniae*. [1]
• Sinusitis and pharyngitis may also occur, even in the absence of lower respiratory tract infection.
• Initial symptoms may consist of rhinitis, sore throat, or hoarseness; followed after several days or weeks prominent cough.
• Fever is often absent.
• Cough and malaise may persist for months; and reinfection may occur.

A single, subsegmental, patchy infiltrate may be seen on chest X ray.
• Other findings described include, lobar pulmonary consolidation, interstitial infiltrates, bilateral pneumonia, pleural effusion, hilar adenopathy and myo-pericarditis. [2]
• The appearance of a miliary infiltrate may suggest a diagnosis of tuberculosis. [3]
• *Chlamydophila pneumoniae* has been identified as an agent of otitis media. [4]
• The peripheral white blood cell count is usually not elevated.

C. pneumoniae has been identified as a cause of acute respiratory exacerbations in patients with cystic fibrosis and acute respiratory infection in children with sickle cell disease.
• *C. pneumoniae* infection is implicated in the etiology of recurrent tonsillitis. [5]
• The organism has also been implicated in development of asthma [6-9], chronic rhinosinusitis [10], otitis media, migraine [11], endocarditis, lumbosacral meningoradiculitis, erythema nodosum, Guillain-Barre syndrome, hemophagocytic lymphohistiocytosis [12], reactive arthritis and atherosclerosis. [13]

This disease is endemic or potentially endemic to all countries.

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Cholecystitis & cholangitis

Agent	BACTERIUM. Escherichia coli, Klebsiella pneumoniae, enterococci, et al.
Reservoir	Human
Vector	None
Vehicle	Endogenous bacteria
Incubation Period	Variable
Diagnostic Tests	Roentgenograms/imaging (cholecystogram, ultrasound, CT, etc).
Typical Adult Therapy	Antibiotics and surgical intervention as required
Typical Pediatric Therapy	As for adult
Clinical Hints	Fever, chills and right upper quadrant abdominal pain; often "female, fat and 40"; may be associated with gallstones or pancreatitis, or present as 'fever of unknown origin'.
Synonyms	Acute cholecystitis, Angiocholite, Ascending cholangitis, Cholangitis, Cholecystite, Cholecystitis, Cholezystitis, Colangite, Colangitis, Colecistite, Gall bladder. ICD9: 575.0,576.1 ICD10: K81,K83.0

Clinical

Cholangitis is caused by obstruction of the common bile duct, which subsequently becomes infected. [1]
• Strictures, stenosis, tumors, or endoscopic manipulation of the CBD cause bile stasis.
• The resultant infection ascends into the hepatic ducts, while increased biliary pressure spreads infection into the biliary canaliculi, hepatic veins and perihepatic lymphatics, leading to bacteremia.

Charcot's triad (fever, right upper quadrant pain, and jaundice) is found in 70% of patients.
• Additional findings include right upper quadrant pain, mild hepatomegaly, tachycardia, altered mental status, rigors, fever, hypotension, jaundice, pruritis, acholic stools.
• The case-fatality rate is 7% to 40%, and is highest in patients with hypotension, renal failure, liver abscess, cirrhosis, inflammatory bowel disease, malignant strictures and advanced age, or delays in diagnosis or surgery.

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Cholera

Agent	BACTERIUM. Vibrio cholerae A facultative gram-negative bacillus
Reservoir	Human
Vector	None
Vehicle	Water Fecal-oral Seafood (oyster, ceviche) Vegetables Fly
Incubation Period	1d - 5d (range 9h - 6d)
Diagnostic Tests	Stool culture. Advise laboratory when this organism is suspected.
Typical Adult Therapy	Stool precautions. Doxycycline 100 mg BID X 5d, or Fluoroquinolone (Levofloxacin, Trovafloxacin, Pefloxacin, Sparfloxacin or Moxifloxacin). Fluids (g/l): NaCl 3.5, NaHCO3 2.5, KCl 1.5, glucose 20
Typical Pediatric Therapy	Stool precautions. Age >=8 years: Doxycycline 2 mg/kg BID X 5d. Age <8 years: Sulfamethoxazole/trimethoprim Fluids (g/l): NaCl 3.5, NaHCO3 2.5, KCl 1.5, glucose 20
Vaccines	Cholera - injectable Cholera - oral
Clinical Hints	Massive, painless diarrhea and dehydration; occasionally vomiting; apathy or altered consciousness common; rapid progression to acidosis, electrolyte imbalance and shock; fever is uncommon.
Synonyms	Colera, Kolera. ICD9: 001 ICD10: A00

Clinical

WHO Case definition for surveillance:
The WHO Case definition for surveillance is as follows:
Clinical case definition
• In an area where the disease is not known to be present: severe dehydration or death from acute watery diarrhea in a patient aged 5 years or more or
• In an area where there is a cholera epidemic: acute watery diarrhea, with or without vomiting in a patient aged 5 years or more
Laboratory criteria for diagnosis
• Isolation of *Vibrio cholerae* O1 or O139 from stools in any patient with diarrhea.
Case classification
• Suspected: A case that meets the clinical case definition.
• Probable: Not applicable.
• Confirmed: A suspected case that is laboratory-confirmed.
Note: In a cholera-threatened area, when the number of .confirmed cases rises, shift should be made to using primarily the .suspected. case classification.
• Cholera does appear in children under 5 years; however, the inclusion of all cases of acute watery diarrhea in the 2-4 year age group in the reporting of cholera greatly reduces the specificity of reporting.
• For management of cases of acute watery diarrhea in an area where there is a cholera epidemic, cholera should be suspected in all patients.

Symptoms and signs of cholera reflect the degree of fluid loss: thirst, postural hypotension, tachycardia, weakness, fatigue and dryness of the mucous membranes.
• Following an incubation period of 24 to 48 hours, the patient experiences sudden onset of painless, watery diarrhea, which may later be accompanied by vomiting. [1]
• Abdominal cramps may occur.
• Fever is typically absent in adults, but present in children.
• The diarrhea has a "rice water" appearance and fishy odor.
• In patients with severe disease, stool volume can exceed 250 ml per /kg during the first 24 hours (17.5 liters in a 70 kg adult!).
• Severe cases exhibit sunken eyes (depressed fontanelles in infants), thready pulse, somnolence or coma.
• Without replacement of fluids and electrolytes, hypovolemic shock and death ensue.
• The clinical features of cholera due to *Vibrio cholerae* O139 are indistinguishable from disease due to other strains. [2]
• Rare cases of acalculous [3-5] and infectious cholecystitis have been ascribed to *Vibrio cholerae*. [6]

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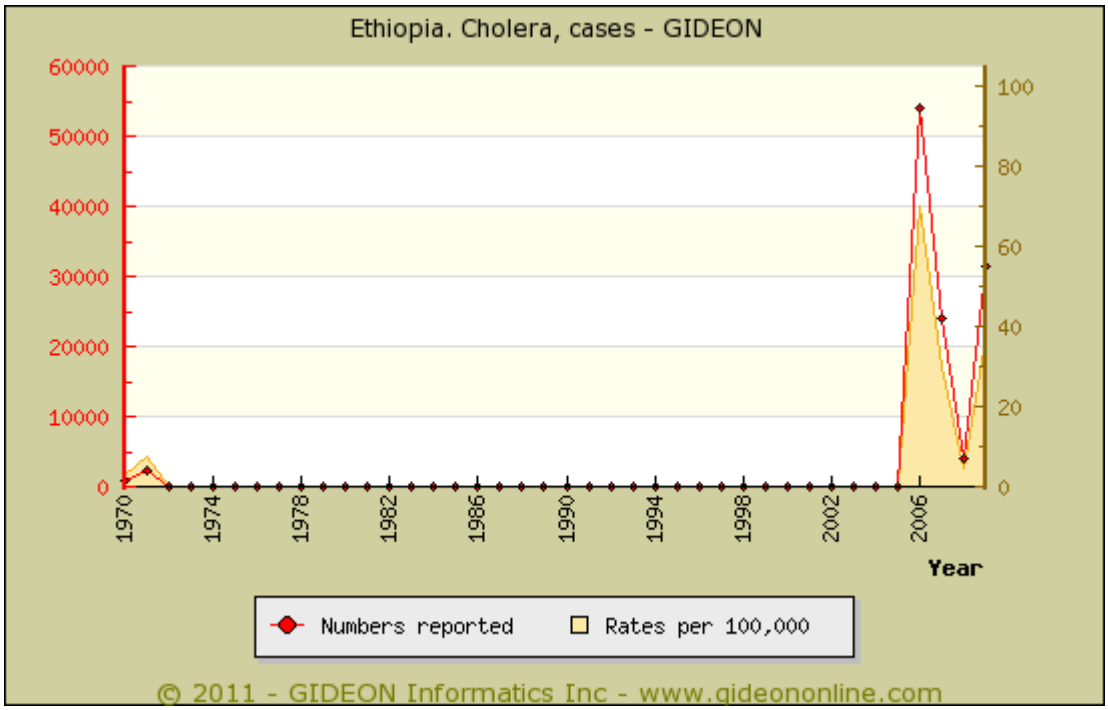
This disease is endemic or potentially endemic to 95 countries.

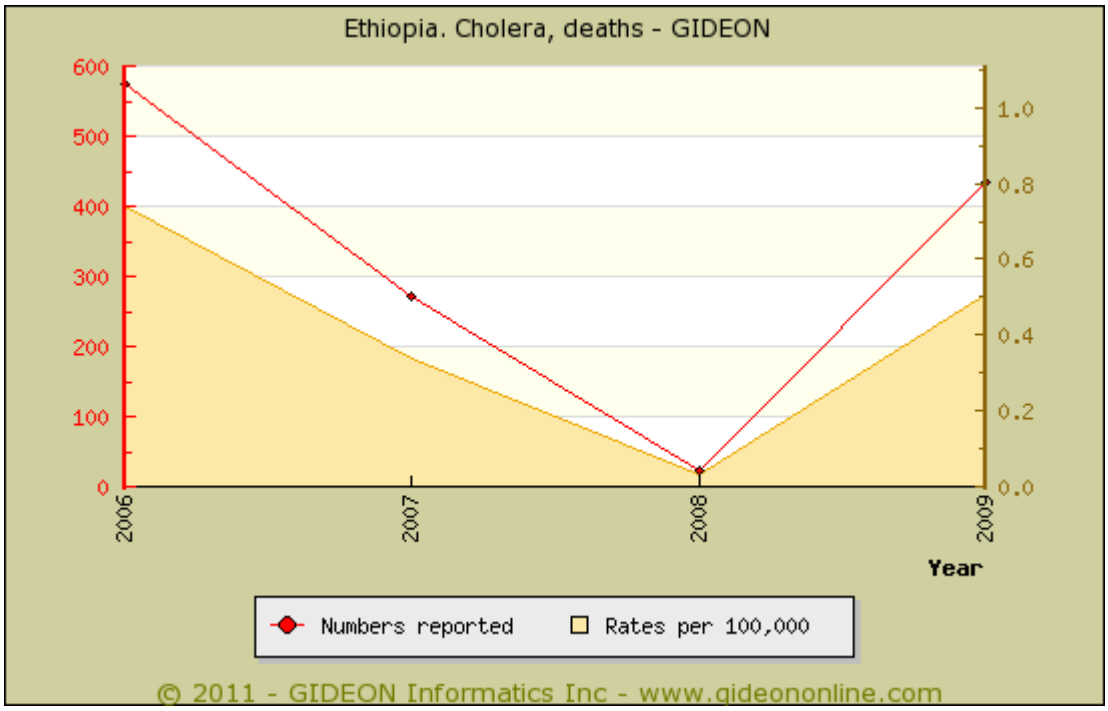
Cholera in Ethiopia



Graph: Ethiopia. Cholera, cases

Notes:

1. Cholera re-emerged in Ethiopia during 1993 to 1994, following a six-year absence. [7]
   Individual years:
   2004 - None fatal.



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Graph: Ethiopia. Cholera, deaths

Notes:
Individual years:
2006 - see reference [8]

Notable outbreaks:

2006 - An outbreak of cholera was reported in Oromiya Region. [9]

2007 - An outbreak (60,000 cases, 650 fatal) of suspected cholera was reported. [10-12]

2008 - An outbreak (3,804 cases, 23 fatal) of suspected cholera was reported in Somali region. [13] [14] Additional cases of suspected cholera were reported in Humbo district of Welayita zone (Southern Nations, Nationalities, and People's Region). [15]

2009 - Outbreaks (9,000 cases, approximate) were reported. [16-18]

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Chromomycosis

Agent	FUNGUS. Ascomycota, Euascomycetes, Chaetothyriales. Dematiaceous molds: Phialophora, Cladiophialophora, Fonsecaea, Rhinocladiella
Reservoir	Wood Soil Vegetation
Vector	None
Vehicle	Minor trauma
Incubation Period	14d - 90d
Diagnostic Tests	Biopsy and fungal culture.
Typical Adult Therapy	Itraconazole 100 mg PO QID X (up to) 18 m. OR (for late disease) Flucytosine 25 mg/kg QID X 4m. Terbinafine has been used in some cases. Local heat; excision as necessary
Typical Pediatric Therapy	Itraconazole 1 mg/kg PO BID X (up to) 18 m. OR Ketoconazole (if age >2) 5 mg/kg/d X 3 to 6m. Local heat; excision as necessary
Clinical Hints	Violaceous, verrucous, slowly-growing papule(s) or nodules, most commonly on lower extremities; usually follows direct contact with plant matter in tropical regions.
Synonyms	Chromoblastomycosis, Chromomykose, Verrucous dermatitis. ICD9: 117.2 ICD10: B43.0

Clinical

The lesions of chromomycosis typically progress from a papule to cicatricial fibrosis: nodules, tumors, plaques, warty lesions, and scarring lesions. [1]

- The verrucous form appears at the site of inoculation.
- The primary lesion, a small pink scaly papule, may be pruritic but rarely painful. [2]
- Over time (often months to years), new crops of lesions appear in the same or adjacent areas as warty, purplish, scaly nodules or smooth, firm tumors. [3]
- Peripheral spread may occur with healing in the center, as lesions enlarge and become grouped.
- Older lesions resemble cauliflower, with small ulcerations or "black dots" of hemopurulent material on the surface. [4]
- These lesions can be pruritic and are rarely painful.
- Satellite lesions may develop through autoinoculation or lymphatic spread.
- Coalesced lesions form a large verrucous mass.
- Occasionally, an annular, flattened, papular lesion having a raised border is encountered.
- Keloid formation, fibrosis, lymphostasis and marked edema may follow.
- Fistulae are not seen.
- Malignant transformation has been reported in long-lasting lesions. [5]

Signs of mucosal infection may mimic those of rhinosporidiosis. [6]

Rarely instances have been reported of hematogenous spread to the brain, lymph nodes, liver, lungs, soft tissues and other organs. [7]

This disease is endemic or potentially endemic to all countries.

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Chronic fatigue syndrome

Agent	UNKNOWN
Reservoir	Unknown
Vector	None
Vehicle	Unknown
Incubation Period	Unknown
Diagnostic Tests	Clinical diagnosis; ie, discount other diseases.
Typical Adult Therapy	Supportive; ? immune modulators (experimental)
Typical Pediatric Therapy	As for adult
Clinical Hints	Unexplained depression, fatigue, cognitive disorders, sleep disturbance, recurrent bouts of pharyngitis and adenopathy, rheumatological symptoms and fever lasting more than six months.
Synonyms	Myalgic encephalomyelitis. ICD9: 780.71 ICD10: G93.3

Clinical

The CDC (The United States Centers for Disease Control) consensus definition of Chronic Fatigue Syndrome requires the presence of two major criteria, in addition to at least six symptom criteria and at least two physical criteria (or the presence of eight symptom criteria, without need for physical criteria) as follows: [1-5]

Major criteria:
A. New onset of persistent or relapsing, debilitating fatigue or fatigability without a history of similar illness. Fatigue does not resolve with bed rest, and reduces daily activity by at least 50% for at least 6 months.
B. Exclusion of other disorders through history, physical examination and laboratory studies.

Minor criteria:
A. Symptoms.
1. Mild fever or chills
2. Sore throat
3. Painful cervical or axillary adenopathy
4. Myalgia
5. Muscle weakness
6. Migratory arthralgia
7. Prolonged fatigue not meeting major criteria
8. Generalized headaches
9. Neuropsychological complaints (photophobia), scotomata, forgetfulness, irritability, confusion, problems in thinking or concentration [6] [7] , depression)
10. Sleep disturbances
11. Description of the initial symptom complex as developing over a period of hours to days.

B. Physical criteria.
1. Low grade fever
2. Nonexudative pharyngitis
3. Cervical or axillary lymphadenopathy (nodes may be tender, and are usually no larger than 2 cm).

Affected children present with low levels of school attendance, fatigue, anxiety, functional disability and pain. [8]
• Three phenotypes of Chronic Fatigue Syndrome are described in children: musculoskeletal, migraine and "sore throat." [9]

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Additional findings described in Chronic fatigue syndrome have included generalized hyperalgesia [10] and postural orthostatic tachycardia. [11]

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Chronic meningococcemia

Agent	BACTERIUM. Neisseria meningitidis An aerobic gram-negative coccus
Reservoir	Human
Vector	None
Vehicle	Air Infected secretions
Incubation Period	Unknown
Diagnostic Tests	Blood culture. Test patient for complement component deficiency.
Typical Adult Therapy	Intravenous Penicillin G 20 million units daily X 7 days
Typical Pediatric Therapy	Intravenous Penicillin G 200,000 units daily X 7 days
Clinical Hints	Recurrent episodes of low-grade fever, rash, arthralgia and arthritis - may persist for months; rash is distal, prominent near joints and may be maculopapular, petechial or pustular; may be associated with complement component deficiency.
Synonyms	Meningococcemia, chronic. ICD9: 036.2 ICD10: A39.3

Clinical

Chronic meningococcemia is characterized by persistent meningococcal bacteremia associated with low-grade fever, rash and arthritis.

- The rash is similar to that of gonococcemia. [1] [2]
- The illness may recur over a period of weeks to months.
- Patients (or their contacts) may ultimately present with acute bacterial meningitis or septicemia.

Non-bacteremic cases occur, and may be diagnosed through demonstration of meningococci in skin lesions. [3]

This disease is endemic or potentially endemic to all countries.

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Clostridial food poisoning

Agent	BACTERIUM. Clostridium perfringens An anaerobic gram-positive bacillus
Reservoir	Soil Human Pig Cattle Fish Poultry
Vector	None
Vehicle	Food
Incubation Period	8h - 14h (range 5h - 24h)
Diagnostic Tests	Laboratory diagnosis is usually not practical. Attempt culture of food for C. perfringens.
Typical Adult Therapy	Supportive
Typical Pediatric Therapy	As for adult
Clinical Hints	Abdominal pain; watery diarrhea (usually no fever or vomiting) onset 8 to 14 hours after ingestion of meat, fish or gravy; no fecal leucocytes; usually resolves within 24 hours.
Synonyms	

Clinical

Seven to 15 hours after ingestion of toxin (range 6 to 24), the patient develops watery diarrhea (90%), abdominal cramps (80%); and occasionally nausea (25%), vomiting (9%) or fever (24%). [1]
- Symptoms may persist for 8 to 72 hours (usually one day)
- Fatal cases are rare [2] [3]

This disease is endemic or potentially endemic to all countries.

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Clostridial myonecrosis

Agent	BACTERIUM. Clostridium perfringens An anaerobic gram-positive bacillus
Reservoir	Soil Human
Vector	None
Vehicle	Soil Trauma
Incubation Period	6h - 3d
Diagnostic Tests	Gram stain of exudate. Wound and blood cultures. Presence of gas in tissue (not specific).
Typical Adult Therapy	Prompt, aggressive debridement. Penicillin G 3 million units IV Q3h + Clindamycin 900 mg IV Q8h. Hyperbaric oxygen
Typical Pediatric Therapy	Prompt, aggressive debridement. Penicillin G 50,000 units/kg IV Q3h + Clindamycin 10 mg/kg IV Q6h. Hyperbaric oxygen
Vaccine	Gas gangrene antitoxin
Clinical Hints	Gas gangrene is heralded by rapidly progressive tender and foul smelling infection of muscle associated with local gas (crepitus or seen on X-ray), hypotension, intravascular hemolysis and obtundation.
Synonyms	Anaerobic myonecrosis, Clostridial gangrene, Gas gangrene. ICD9: 040.0 ICD10: A48.0

Clinical

Gas gangrene is a fulminant infection with prominent findings at the infection site and severe systemic disease. [1]

The process may follow trauma (usually of an extremity), surgery (notably intestinal or biliary), septic abortion or delivery, vascular insufficiency or burns, underlying colorectal or pelvic cancer, or neutropenia complicating leukemia or cytotoxic therapy.

Following an incubation period of 1 to 4 days (range 6 hours to 3 weeks) the patient develops severe local pain, heaviness or pressure.
• The infection then progresses within minutes to hours, with localized edema, pallor and tenderness.
• Gas may be noted in the soft tissues by palpation, x-ray or scans, but crepitance is a late finding .
• The skin initially appears pale, and progresses to a magenta or bronze discoloration with hemorrhagic bullae and subcutaneous emphysema.
• A thin, brown, serosanguineous discharge may be present, associated with an offensive odor described as sweetish or "mousey.
• Gram's stain of the discharge shows a large number of gram-positive or gram-variable rods, with few or no white blood cells.

Profound systemic toxicity is also present, diaphoresis, anxiety, and tachycardia disproportionate to fever.
• In fact, fever may be low or absent in the early stages.
• Other complications include intravascular hemolysis, hemoglobinuria, hypotension, renal failure, and metabolic acidosis.
• Central nervous system manifestations are rare and most frequently comprise meningitis with or without pneumencephalon, encephalitis, plexitis, cerebral abscess, or subdural empyema. [2]
• Coma and generalized 'bronze' edema are seen preterminally.

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Clostridium difficile colitis

Agent	BACTERIUM. Clostridium difficile An anaerobic gram-positive bacillus
Reservoir	Human
Vector	None
Vehicle	Endogenous
Incubation Period	Variable
Diagnostic Tests	Assay of stool for C. difficile toxin.
Typical Adult Therapy	Metronidazole 250 mg PO TID X 10d. OR Vancomycin 125 mg [oral preparation] QID X 10d
Typical Pediatric Therapy	Vancomycin 2 mg/kg [oral preparation] QID X 10d
Clinical Hints	Fever, leukocytosis, abdominal pain; mucoid or bloody diarrhea during / following antibiotic therapy; fecal leucocytes present; suspect even when mild diarrhea follows antibiotic intake.
Synonyms	Klebsiella oxytoca colitis, Pseudomembranous colitis. ICD9: 008.45 ICD10: A04.7

Clinical

Symptoms may appear as early as the first or second day of antimicrobial therapy; or as late as 10 weeks after cessation. [1]

• Occasionally, a single dose of an antimicrobial or antineoplastic agent has been implicated. [2]

The frequency of diarrhea ranges from three to as many as 20 stools per day.
• Stools may be soft or watery, but rarely demonstrate overt blood.
• Occult blood in the stool is found in approximately 25% of patients. [3]
• Abdominal pain is present in 22% of patients, fever in 28% and leukocytosis in 50%.
• Reactive polyarthritis has been reported in some cases.
• Rare instances of *Clostridium difficile* bacteremia are reported. [4] [5]
• Disease caused by *C. difficile* 027 is relatively severe and carries a higher mortality rate than infection by other strains. [6] [7]

This disease is endemic or potentially endemic to all countries.

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Coenurosis

Agent	PARASITE - Platyhelminthes, Cestoda. Cyclophyllidea, Taeniidae: Taenia multiceps (Multiceps spp.)
Reservoir	Sheep Wild carnivore, Horse Dog
Vector	None
Vehicle	Water Food Soil (contaminated by dog)
Incubation Period	Unknown
Diagnostic Tests	Identification of parasite in biopsy material.
Typical Adult Therapy	Excision
Typical Pediatric Therapy	As for adult
Clinical Hints	Mass in brain, eye, muscle or subcutaneous tissue; may present months to years after exposure in sheep-raising areas; basilar arachnoiditis with internal hydrocephalus is common.
Synonyms	Multiceps, Taenia multiceps. ICD9: 123.8 ICD10: B71.8

Clinical

Human infection has a predilection for the cysterna magna, and presents as basal arachnoiditis and hydrocephalus. [1]
• Subcutaneous tissue, muscle and eye infections are also reported, and present as a cystic masses (often containing daughter cysts) which may attain the size of a hen's egg.
• The clinical features of coenurosis may mimic those of echinococcosis. [2]

This disease is endemic or potentially endemic to 25 countries. Although Coenurosis is not endemic to Ethiopia, imported, expatriate or other presentations of the disease have been associated with this country.

Coenurosis in Ethiopia

Prevalence surveys:

2.3% to 4.5% of highland sheep (Debre Berhan, 1996 to 1997) [3]

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Common cold

Agent	VIRUS - RNA. Picornaviridae. Rhinoviruses, Coronavirus, et al.
Reservoir	Human
Vector	None
Vehicle	Droplet Contact
Incubation Period	1d - 3d
Diagnostic Tests	Viral culture and serology are available, but not practical.
Typical Adult Therapy	Supportive; Pleconaril under investigation
Typical Pediatric Therapy	As for adult
Clinical Hints	Nasal obstruction or discharge, cough and sore throat are common; fever >38 C unusual in adults; illness usually lasts one week, occasionally two.
Synonyms	Acute coryza, Raffreddore, Rhinovirus. ICD9: 079,460 ICD10: J00

Clinical

In young adults, the common cold runs its course in an average of 7 days.

Fever is uncommon, and in most cases, rhinorrhea and nasal obstruction predominate. [1]
• Sore throat, cough and hoarseness are often present.
• The nasal tip is often red, and mucoid secretions and a glistening nasal mucosa are evident.
• The pharynx may be mildly edematous and erythematous, but without exudate.

Complications include bacterial sinusitis, otitis media, exacerbation of chronic bronchitis and precipitation of asthma. [2]
• Rare instances of pneumonia have been attributed to infection by Coronavirus strains OC43 and 229E.
• Severe symptoms, including bronchiolitis are associated with Coronavirus HCoV-NL63 infection in young children.

This disease is endemic or potentially endemic to all countries.

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Conjunctivitis - inclusion

Agent	BACTERIUM. Chlamydiae, Chlamydia trachomatis
Reservoir	Human
Vector	None
Vehicle	Infected secretions Sexual contact Water (swimming pools)
Incubation Period	5d - 12d
Diagnostic Tests	Demonstration of chlamydiae on direct fluorescence or culture of exudate.
Typical Adult Therapy	Secretion precautions. Topical Erythromycin. Erythromycin 250 mg PO QID. X 14 days OR Doxycycline 100 mg PO BID X 14 days
Typical Pediatric Therapy	Secretion precautions. Topical Erythromycin. Erythromycin 10 mg/kg PO QID X 14 days
Clinical Hints	Ocular foreign body sensation, photophobia and discharge which may persist for months to as long as 2 years; keratitis and conjunctival follicles may be evident.
Synonyms	Inclusion conjunctivitis, Paratrachoma. ICD9: 077.0 ICD10: P39.1,A74.0

Clinical

Ophthalmia neonatorum caused by *Chlamydia* is characterized by conjunctival injection without follicles. [1]

Follicular conjunctivitis in adults is most prominent on the lower lid, and the presence of bulbar follicles is highly suggestive of a Chlamydia etiology. [2]
• The infection is usually bilateral and accompanied by profuse discharge.

Parachlamydiaceae (including *Parachlamydia acanthamoebae*) have been associated with conjunctivitis, keratitis and uveitis. [3]

Trachoma may be differentiated from inclusion conjunctivitis by the presence of corneal scarring and a preference of the latter for the upper tarsal conjunctivae.

This disease is endemic or potentially endemic to all countries.

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Conjunctivitis - viral

Agent	VIRUS. Picornavirus, Adenovirus
Reservoir	Human
Vector	None
Vehicle	Contact
Incubation Period	1d - 3d
Diagnostic Tests	Viral isolation is available but rarely practical.
Typical Adult Therapy	Supportive
Typical Pediatric Therapy	As for adult
Clinical Hints	Watery discharge, generalized conjunctival injection and mild pruritus; may be associated with an upper respiratory infection.
Synonyms	Apollo conjunctivitis, Apollo eye, Congiuntivite virale, Hemorrhagic conjunctivitis, Viral conjunctivitis. ICD9: 077.1,077.2,077.3,077.4,077.8,372.0 ICD10: B30,B30.3,H10

Clinical

The symptoms of viral conjunctivitis include erythema, itching and lacrimation.
• The presence of large quantities of pus may suggest a bacterial etiology. [1] [2]

Hemorrhagic conjunctivitis is characterized by sudden onset of painful, swollen, red eyes with subconjunctival hemorrhaging, palpebral follicles, photophobia, foreign body sensation, eyelid edema, punctate keratitis, and excessive tearing. [3] [4]
• Symptoms usually persist for 3 to 5 days.

This disease is endemic or potentially endemic to all countries.

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Crimean-Congo hemorrhagic fever

Agent	VIRUS - RNA. Bunyaviridae, Nairovirus: CCHF virus. Infections also ascribed to related agents (Nairobi sheep and Dugbe viruses)
Reservoir	Hare Bird Tick Cattle Sheep Goat
Vector	Tick (Hyalomma - over 30 potential vectors in this genus)
Vehicle	Infected secretions from patient or livestock
Incubation Period	1d - 6d (range 2d - 12d)
Diagnostic Tests	Viral culture (blood, CSF, tissue. Serology. Nucleic acid amplification. Biosafety level 4.
Typical Adult Therapy	Isolation. Supportive therapy. Ribavirin: 1g PO QID X 4d, then 0.5g QID X 6d
Typical Pediatric Therapy	Isolation. Supportive therapy Ribavirin (dosage not established)
Clinical Hints	Headache, chills, myalgia, abdominal pain, photophobia, petechiae, thrombocytopenia and leukopenia; conjunctivitis and pharyngitis are often present; onset 3 to 7 days following a tick bite. Case-fatality rate approximately 30%.
Synonyms	Acute infectious capillary toxinosis, CCHF, Crimea Congo hemorrhagic fever, Dugbe, Erve, Ganjam, Nairobi sheep, Tribec, Xinjiang hemorrhagic fever. ICD9: 065.0 ICD10: A98.0

Clinical

The incubation period following tick bite is usually one to three days, with a maximum of nine days.
• The incubation period following contact with infected blood or tissues is usually five to six days, with a maximum of 13 days.

Onset of illness is sudden, with fever, myalgia, vertigo, neck pain and stiffness, backache, headache and photophobia. [1]
• There may be initial nausea, vomiting and sore throat accompanied by diarrhea and generalized abdominal pain. [2]
• Later, the patient may experience sharp mood swings, and may become confused and aggressive.
• After two to four days, agitation is be replaced by somnolence, depression and lassitude, and the abdominal pain may localize to the right upper quadrant, with detectable hepatomegaly. [3]
• Other clinical signs at this stage include tachycardia, lymphadenopathy and a petechial rash which progresses to ecchymoses and other bleeding diatheses.
• There is usually evidence of hepatitis.
• Increased serum ferritin levels may suggest severe infection [4]
• Acalculous cholecystitis [5] , hemorrhagic pleural effusion [6] and diffuse alveolar hemorrhage without overt hemoptysis have been reported. [7]
• Sub-conjunctival and retinal hemorrhages are present in some cases. [8]

The severely ill may develop hepatorenal and pulmonary failure after the fifth day of illness. [9] [10]
• Severe endo-myocardial dysfunction has been reported. [11]
• The mortality rate may vary from 10% to 20% [12] , with death occurring in the second week of illness.
• In those patients who recover, improvement generally begins on the ninth or tenth day after onset of illness.

Crimean-Congo hemorrhagic fever may be mis-diagnosed as dengue in regions where the two diseases co-exist. [13]

Diagnosis of suspected CCHF is performed in specially-equipped, high biosafety level laboratories.
• IgG and IgM antibodies may be detected in serum by enzyme-linked immunoassay from day six of illness.
• IgM remains detectable for up to four months, and IgG levels decline but remain detectable for up to five years.

Although an inactivated, mouse brain-derived vaccine against CCHF has been developed and used on a small scale in Eastern Europe, there is no safe and effective vaccine widely available for human use.

This disease is endemic or potentially endemic to 52 countries.

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Crimean-Congo hemorrhagic fever in Ethiopia

A related agent, Nairobi sheep disease virus, has been found in this country. [14]

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Cryptococcosis

Agent	FUNGUS - Yeast. Basidiomycota, Hymenomycetes, Sporidiales: Cryptococcus neoformans
Reservoir	Pigeon Soil
Vector	None
Vehicle	Air
Incubation Period	Variable
Diagnostic Tests	Fungal culture and stains. Latex test for fungal antigen in CSF and serum. Nucleic acid amplification.
Typical Adult Therapy	Amphotericin B 0.3 mg/kg/d X 6w (+/- Flucytosine); then 0.8 mg/kg qod X 8w. OR Fluconazole 200 mg/d
Typical Pediatric Therapy	Amphotericin B 0.3 mg/kg/d X 6w (+/- Flucytosine); then 0.8 mg/kg qod X 8w. OR Fluconazole 3 mg/kg/d
Clinical Hints	Chronic lymphocytic meningitis or pneumonia in an immune-suppressed patient; meningitis may be subclinical, or "wax and wane" - nuchal rigidity absent or minimal; bone, skin, adrenals, liver, prostate and other sites may be infected.
Synonyms	Busse-Buschke disease, Cryptococcus, European blastomycosis, Torulosis. ICD9: 117.5,321.0 ICD10: B45

Clinical

Central nervous system infection:
Central nervous system infection may be acute or gradual in onset, with acute manifestations most common in immunosuppressed patients (eg, with AIDS). [1]
• Often, the onset is characterized by waxing and waning manifestations over weeks to months, interspersed by asymptomatic periods.
• Complaints may be mild and nonspecific, and consist of headache, nausea, dizziness, irritability, somnolence, confusion, or obtundation. [2]
• Decreased visual acuity, diplopia, and facial weakness may be evident.
• Fever is often absent, and patients have minimal or no nuchal rigidity.
• Papilledema is noted as many as one third of cases, and cranial nerve palsies in 20%. Bilateral amaurosis has been reported as a sequela of infection. [3] [4]
• Hyperreflexia, choreoathetoid movements or myoclonic jerks may be present.
• Elevated CSF protein concentrations are present in 50%, hypoglycorrhachia in 33% and pleocytosis above 20 cells per cu. Mm. In 20%.
• Peripheral blood eosinophilia may be present. [5] [6]

Respiratory tract infection:
Respiratory tract cryptococcosis may be asymptomatic, or limited to a mild productive cough with blood-streaked sputum and minor ache in the chest. [7] [8]
• Pulmonary infection may present as a single rounded lesion, lobar pneumonia, bronchiolitis obliterans [9] or miliary disease.
• Rales or pleural friction rub are unusual, and pleural effusions are uncommon.
• Pulmonary infection in immunocompetent patients may progress or regress spontaneously over long periods.
• Concurrent CNS infection may be evident in some cases.

One-half of AIDS patients with cryptococcal meningitis have concurrent pulmonary involvement, and two-thirds are fungemic. [10]
• Initial cough and dyspnea are found in 5 to 25% of HIV-positive patients with cryptococcosis.
• Cryptococcal immune reconstitution inflammatory syndrome may present as a clinical worsening of cryptococcal disease after initiation of antiretroviral therapy. [11]
• Case-fatality rates for treated cryptococcosis in AIDS patients are 10% to 25%.

The clinical features of *Cryptococcus neoformans var. gattii* infection are similar to those of *C. neoformans* infection. [12]
• *C. neoformans var. gattii* infections usually involve the lungs (75 percent), although neurological (8 percent) and combined (9 percent) infections are seen. [13]

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Cryptococcosis may involve a variety of other sites including skin [14-22] and subcutaneous tissues [23] [24], blood stream [25] [26], mucosa, colon or intestine [27] [28], gall bladder, liver, peritoneum [29], lymph nodes [30] [31], bone and joints, breasts, pericardium, genital tract [32-34], placenta (without neonatal involvement) [35], eyes [36] [37], parotid glands [38], tongue [39], retropharyngeal space [40], etc.

The cutaneous features of cryptococcosis include papules, pustules, nodules, subcutaneous swelling, abscesses, molluscum contagiosum-like or tumor-like lesions, cellulitis, blisters, ulcers and very rarely, necrotizing fasciitis [41]

Note: *Cryptococcus neoformans* is one of at least a dozen *Cryptococcus* species. See the Microbiology • Yeasts module.

This disease is endemic or potentially endemic to all countries.

Cryptococcosis in Ethiopia

The first case of cryptococcosis in an Ethiopian patient with AIDS was reported in 1990. [42]

19 cases of cryptococcal meningitis were documented in a single hospital in Addis Ababa during 1998 to 2000. [43]

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Cryptosporidiosis

Agent	PARASITE - Protozoa. Sporozoa, Coccidea, Eimeriida: Cryptosporidium hominis and C. parvum (rarely C. muris, felis, meleagridis, et al).
Reservoir	Mammal (over 150 species)
Vector	None
Vehicle	Water Feces Oysters Fly
Incubation Period	5d - 10d (range 2d - 14d)
Diagnostic Tests	Stool/duodenal aspirate for acid-fast, direct fluorescence staining, or antigen assay. Nucleic acid amplification
Typical Adult Therapy	Stool precautions. Nitazoxanide 500 mg PO BID X 3 days
Typical Pediatric Therapy	Stool precautions. Nitazoxanide: 1 to 3 years: 100 mg PO BID X 3 days 4 to 11 years: 200 mg PO BID X 3 days >12 years: 500 mg PO BID X 3 days
Clinical Hints	Watery diarrhea, vomiting, abdominal pain; although self-limited in healthy subjects, this is a chronic and wasting illness and may be associated with pulmonary disease among immunosuppressed (e.g., AIDS) patients.
Synonyms	Cryptosporidium, Cryptosporidium fayeri, Cryptosporidium felis, Cryptosporidium hominis, Cryptosporidium parvum, Cryptosporidium ubiquitum, Kryptosporidiose. ICD9: 007.4 ICD10: A07.2

Clinical

Cryptosporidiosis affects the gastrointestinal tract and may be asymptomatic or associated with watery diarrhea and abdominal cramps.
• Fever and anorexia are uncommon, and fecal leukocytes are not seen.
• Although vomiting is not common among adults, it is often encountered in children. [1]

Rare instances of pulmonary infection have been reported. [2]

There is some evidence that *Cryptosporidium hominis* infection in children is associated with diarrhea, nausea, vomiting, general malaise, and increased oocyst shedding intensity and duration.
• In contrast, infections caused by *C. parvum*, *C. meleagridis*, *C. canis*, and *C. felis* are associated with diarrhea only.

Illness persists for 1 to 20 days (mean 10) in immunocompetent individuals
• Protracted, severe diarrhea leading to malabsorption, dehydration, extraintestinal (ie, biliary or pulmonary [3-5]) and fatal infection may develop in immunocompromised individuals. [6] [7]

This disease is endemic or potentially endemic to all countries.

Cryptosporidiosis in Ethiopia

Prevalence surveys:

25.9% of AIDS patients (Addis Ababa, 1998 publication) [8]
15.4% of stool samples from HIV/AIDS patients in southwest Ethiopia (2004) [9]
39.7% of inpatients with AIDS (1994 publication) [10]
25% of HIV-positive patients (southern Ethiopia, 2007) [11]
5.6% of children below age 5 with diarrhea (1992 to 1993) [12]
9% of children ages 2 to 48 months with diarrhea (Gondar, 1989 to 1990) [13]
12.2% of children in Lege Dini (2005 to 2006) [14]
20.8% of diarrheal stools submitted to a parasitology reference laboratory (1998 to 2001) [15]

Non-biting cyclorrhaphan flies (*Musca domestica*, *Chrysomya rufifacies*, *Musca sorbens*, *Lucina cuprina*, *Calliphora vicina*,

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Chrysomya bezziana and *Wohlfahrtia magnifica*) have been found to carry this parasite. [16]
- *Cryptosporidium* has been identified on cyclorhaphan flies (Diptera) in slum areas of Addis Ababa [17]

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Cutaneous larva migrans

Agent	PARASITE - Nematoda. Phasmidea: Ancylostoma braziliense, A. caninum, Bunostomum phlebotomum, Strongyloides myopotami
Reservoir	Cat Dog Cattle
Vector	None
Vehicle	Soil Contact
Incubation Period	2d - 3d (range 1d - 30d)
Diagnostic Tests	Biopsy is usually not helpful.
Typical Adult Therapy	Albendazole 200 mg BID X 3d OR Ivermectin 200 micrograms/kg as single dose. OR Thiabendazole topical, and oral 25 mg/kg BID X 5d (max 3g).
Typical Pediatric Therapy	Albendazole 2.5 mg/kg BID X 3d OR Ivermectin 200 micrograms/kg once OR Thiabendazole topical, and oral 25 mg/kg BID X 5d (max 3g).
Clinical Hints	Erythematous, serpiginous, pruritic advancing lesion(s) or bullae - usually on feet; follows contact with moist sand or beach front; may recur or persist for months.
Synonyms	Creeping eruption, Pelodera, Plumber's itch. ICD9: 126.2,126.8,126.9 ICD10: B76.9

Clinical

Cutaneous larva migrans is characterized by one or more erythematous linear or vesicular lesions which tend to be raised and palpable. [1-3]

- The lesions are intensely pruritic and extend in length from day to day. [4]
- The site of the lesions reflects contact with sand / soil, as from walking barefoot or lying on a beach. [5]
- Infection may persist for months

This disease is endemic or potentially endemic to all countries.

Cutaneous larva migrans in Ethiopia

Prevalence surveys:

32% of dogs examined by coproscopy, and 70% at necropsy are infested with *Ancylostoma caninum* (Debre Zeit, 2005 to 2006) [6]

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Cyclosporiasis

Agent	PARASITE - Protozoa. Sporozoa, Coccidea, Eimeriida: Cyclospora cayetanensis
Reservoir	Human ? Non-human primate
Vector	None
Vehicle	Water Vegetables
Incubation Period	1d - 11d
Diagnostic Tests	Identification of organism in stool smear. Cold acid fast stains and ultraviolet microscopy may be helpful.
Typical Adult Therapy	Sulfamethoxazole/trimethoprim 800/160 mg BID X 7d Ciprofloxacin 500 mg PO BID X 7 d (followed by 200 mg TIW X 2 w) has been used in sulfa-allergic patients
Typical Pediatric Therapy	Sulfamethoxazole/trimethoprim 10/2 mg/kg BID X 7d
Clinical Hints	Watery diarrhea (average 6 stools daily), abdominal pain, nausea, anorexia and fatigue lasting up to 6 weeks (longer in AIDS patients); most cases follow ingestion of contaminated water in underdeveloped countries.
Synonyms	Cryptosporidium muris, Cyanobacterium-like agent, Cyclospora. ICD9: 007.5 ICD10: A07.8

Clinical

Symptoms appear abruptly in 68% of cases
• Patients usually present with intermittent watery diarrhea, with up to eight or more stools per day. [1] [2]
• Other symptoms may include anorexia, nausea, abdominal cramps, bloating, flatulence, mild to moderate weight loss, fatigue, and myalgia.
• Fever is rare.

In the immunocompetent patient, the diarrhea may last from a few days to up to three months, with the organism detectable in the stool for up to two months.
- In immune compromised individual, particularly AIDS patients, the disease can persist for weeks to several months.

Reactive arthritis syndrome (Reiter's syndrome) has been associated with progression of the disease. [3]

Acalculous *Cyclospora* cholecystitis has been demonstrated in a patient with AIDS.

This disease is endemic or potentially endemic to all countries.

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Cysticercosis

Agent	PARASITE - Platyhelminthes, Cestoda. Cyclophyllidea, Taeniidae: Taenia solium
Reservoir	Pig Human
Vector	None
Vehicle	Soil (contaminated by pigs) Fecal-oral Fly
Incubation Period	3m - 3y
Diagnostic Tests	Serology (blood or CSF) and identification of parasite in biopsy material.
Typical Adult Therapy	Albendazole 400 mg PO BID X 30d. OR Praziquantel 30 mg/kg TID X 14d (15 to 30d for neurocysticercosis). Surgery as indicated Add corticosteroids if brain involved.
Typical Pediatric Therapy	Albendazole 15 mg/kg PO BID X 30d. OR Praziquantel 30 mg/kg TID X 14d (15 to 30d for neurocysticercosis). Surgery as indicated Add corticosteroids if brain involved.
Clinical Hints	Cerebral, ocular or subcutaneous mass; usually no eosinophilia; calcifications noted on X-ray examination; lives in area where pork is eaten; 25% to 50% of patients have concurrent *Taenia* infestation.
Synonyms	Taenia crassiceps. ICD9: 123.1 ICD10: B69

Clinical

Cysticercosis is manifest as painless, rubbery (average 2 cm) nodules in skin and soft tissues, or other body sites. [1-3]
- "Rice grain" calcifications are often visible on routine roentgenograms of soft tissue, notably the pelvis and upper legs.
- Virtually any area of the body may be affected. [4-8]
- Cysticercosis involving the subcutaneous tissues may mimic malignancy or tuberculous lymphadenitis. [9] [10]
- Rare instances of cysticercosis are reported in infants. [11]

Central nervous system infection may present as seizures, increased intracranial pressure, altered mental status, eosinophilic meningitis [12], focal neurological defects, medullary [13] or extramedullary spinal mass [14], or encephalitis. [15] [16]
- In humans, cysticerci are more frequently located in the ventricles and subarachnoid space at the base of the brain, while in pigs, cysticerci are more frequently found in the parenchyma. [17]
- Intramedullary spinal infection is rarely encountered

The eyes are infested in 15% to 45% of patients. [18] [19]
- The first ophthalmologic signs of cysticercosis are papilledema, pupillary abnormalities, or nystagmus. [20]
- Cysticercosis of the extraocular muscles is associated with limitation of eye movement, ptosis, proptosis and local mass. [21-25]

This disease is endemic or potentially endemic to all countries.

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Cytomegalovirus infection

Agent	VIRUS - DNA. Herpesviridae, Betaherpesvirinae: Human herpesvirus 5 (Cytomegalovirus)
Reservoir	Human
Vector	None
Vehicle	Droplet (respiratory) Urine Dairy products Tears Stool Sexual contact (rare) Transplacental
Incubation Period	3w - 5w (range 2w - 12w)
Diagnostic Tests	Viral culture (blood, CSF, urine, tissue). Serology. Direct viral microscopy. Nucleic acid amplification
Typical Adult Therapy	[Most cases self-limited]. Ganciclovir 5 mg/kg q12h IV X 2 to 3w. OR Foscarnet 90 mg/kg Q12h IV
Typical Pediatric Therapy	[Most cases self-limited] Ganciclovir 5 mg/kg q12h IV X 2 to 3w
Vaccine	Cytomegalovirus immunoglobulin
Clinical Hints	Heterophile-negative "mononucleosis"; mild pharyngitis (without exudate); variable lymphadenopathy and splenomegaly; retinitis in AIDS patients; pneumonia in setting of immune suppression.
Synonyms	Cytomegalovirus, Zytomegalie. ICD9: 078.5 ICD10: B25

Clinical

Acute Cytomegalovirus infection is clinically similar to infectious mononucleosis (IM), and characterized by fever, generalized lymphadenopathy and hepatosplenomegaly. [1]
• In contrast to IM, pharyngitis is uncommon in Cytomegalovirus infection.
• Cytomegalovirus infection is often identified in cases of fatal myocarditis in immunocompetent patients. [2]
• Primary CMV infection may be associated with uveitis [3] , retinitis or pneumonia [4] • even in immunocompetent patients [5] [6]
• Additional manifestations of CMV infection may include prostatitis [7] , adrenal failure [8] , protracted diarrhea [9] , gastritis [10] colitis with megacolon [11] , esophagitis [12] , myocarditis [13] and protein-loosing gastropathy (Menterier's disease). [14]
• The clinical features of Cytomegalovirus colitis in AIDS patients may mimic those of amebic colitis [15] [16] or Crohn's disease. [17]
• Cases of pruritic maculo-papular exanthem due to CMV infection are reported among patients with AIDS. [18]
• Evidence for primary CMV infection is often present among infants hospitalized for wheezing. [19]
• Ocular infection may present as inflammatory ocular hypertensive syndrome (IOHS) or corneal endothelitis. [20]
• CMV / EBV co-infection may be associated with prolonged illness. [21]

Severe or fatal multisystem disease occurs is encountered in congenital infection [22-27] and infection of immune-suppressed individuals. [28-31]
• Instances of pure red-cell aplasia [32] and hemophagocytic syndrome have been reported. [33]
• Sensorineural hearing loss detected in 21% of asymptomatic and 33% of symptomatic congenital infections [34]
• Residual neurological damage including epilepsy is common among infants with congenital infection. [35]
• Immunocompetent persons may also develop major complications [36] , including peripheral venous [37-44] , mesenteric [45-48] or portal vein thrombosis [49-55] ; hemolytic anemia [56] and cholecystitis. [57]

This disease is endemic or potentially endemic to all countries.

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Dengue

Agent	VIRUS - RNA. Flaviviridae, Flavivirus: Dengue virus
Reservoir	Human Mosquito ? Monkey (in Malaysia and Africa)
Vector	Mosquito - Stegomyia (Aedes) aegypti, S. albopictus, S. polynesiensis, S. scutellaris
Vehicle	Blood (rare)
Incubation Period	5d - 8d (range 2d - 15d)
Diagnostic Tests	Viral isolation (blood). Serology. Nucleic acid amplification. Biosafety level 2.
Typical Adult Therapy	Supportive; IV fluids to maintain blood pressure and reverse hemoconcentration
Typical Pediatric Therapy	As for adult
Clinical Hints	Headache, myalgia, arthralgia, relative bradycardia, leukopenia and macular rash; dengue hemorrhagic (DHF) = dengue + thrombocytopenia and hemoconcentration; dengue shock = DHF + hypotension.
Synonyms	Bouquet fever, Break-bone fever, Dandy fever, Date fever, Dengue Fieber, Duengero, Giraffe fever, Petechial fever, Polka fever. ICD9: 061 ICD10: A90,A91

Clinical

WHO Case definitions for surveillance:

1. DENGUE FEVER:

Clinical description

• An acute febrile illness of 2-7 days duration with 2 or more of the following: headache, retro-orbital pain, myalgia, arthralgia (as many as 41% of cases [1] , rash, hemorrhagic manifestations, leucopenia.

Laboratory criteria for diagnosis • One or more of the following:

• Isolation of the dengue virus from serum, plasma, leukocytes, or autopsy samples

• Demonstration of a fourfold or greater change in reciprocal IgG or IgM antibody titers to one or more dengue virus antigens in paired serum samples

• Demonstration of dengue virus antigen in autopsy tissue by immunohistochemistry or immunofluorescence or in serum samples by EIA

• Detection of viral genomic sequences in autopsy tissue, serum or CSF samples by polymerase chain reaction (PCR)

Case classification

• Suspected: A case compatible with the clinical description.

• Probable: A case compatible with the clinical description with one or more of the following:

• Supportive serology (reciprocal hemagglutination-inhibition antibody titer >1280, comparable IgG EIA titer or positive IgM antibody test in late acute or convalescent-phase serum specimen).

• Occurrence at same location and time as other confirmed cases of dengue fever.

• Confirmed: A case compatible with the clinical description, laboratory confirmed.

2. DENGUE HEMORRHAGIC FEVER:

A probable or confirmed case of dengue and hemorrhagic tendencies evidenced by one or more of the following:

• Positive tourniquet test (sensitivity questioned • see reference [2])

• Petechiae, ecchymoses or purpura

• Bleeding: mucosa, gastrointestinal tract, injection sites or other

• Hematemesis or melena

• And thrombocytopenia (100 000 cells or less per mm3)

• And evidence of plasma leakage due to increased vascular permeability, manifested by one or more of the following:

• 20% rise in average hematocrit for age and sex

• 20% drop in hematocrit following volume replacement treatment compared to baseline

• signs of plasma leakage (pleural effusion, ascites, hypoproteinemia)

3. DENGUE SHOCK SYNDROME:

All the above criteria, plus evidence of circulatory failure manifested by rapid and weak pulse, and narrow pulse pressure (<=20 mm Hg) or hypotension for age, cold, clammy skin and altered mental status.

CDC case definition:

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For surveillance purposes, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control (CDC) case definition of dengue fever consists of "acute febrile illness characterized by frontal headache, retro-ocular pain, muscle and joint pain, and rash."
• The initial fever rises rapidly and lasts for two to seven days.
• Occasionally "saddleback" fever pattern is evident, with a drop after a few days and rebound within 24 hours. [3] Relative bradycardia is common. [4]
• Conjunctival injection and pharyngeal inflammation may occur as well as lymphadenopathy.
• Rash occurs in up to 50 percent of patients, either early in the illness with flushing or mottling, or between the 2nd to the 6th day as a scarlatiniform or maculopapular rash that usually spreads centrifugally.
• The later rash usually lasts for two to three days.
• Diffuse erythema and late desquamation of hands and feet may be confused with toxic shock syndrome.
• As fever drops, petechiae may be seen.
• Additional manifestations of dengue may include post-dengue depression, acalculous cholecystitis, uveitis, retinitis and psychological depression.

Additional clinical features:
• The likelihood of encountering classic clinical findings of dengue fever increases with patient age. [5]
• The rash of dengue may be mistaken for measles or rubella. [6]
• A long time interval between attacks of dengue may actually increase the risk of dengue hemorrhagic fever. [7]
• Rare instances of encephalopathy [8], seizures, splenic rupture [9] [10] and aplastic anemia complicating dengue are reported. [11]
• Hepatic dysfunction is common. [12] [13]
• Retinal involvement may manifest as foveolitis, which can be diagnosed by funduscopy and optical coherence tomography [14]
• Prolonged post-dengue fatigue is common. [15]
• Renal failure is associated with increased mortality rates in dengue. [16]
• Risk factors for fatal dengue hemorrhagic fever among elderly patients in include male sex, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, dengue shock syndrome and acute renal failure. [17]

The diagnosis of Dengue Hemorrhagic Fever (DHF) is defined by [18]
• thrombocytopenia (<100,000/mm3)
• evidence of plasma leakage (hematocrit increased by at least 20%) or other objective evidence of increased capillary permeability
• Dengue Shock Syndrome (DSS) consists of DHF in addition to hypotension or narrow pulse pressure (less than 21 mm Hg). [19]

Note that Leptospirosis [20], Zika, Crimean-Congo hemorrhagic fever [21] and Dengue are clinically similar, and may coexist in a given country.

This disease is endemic or potentially endemic to 119 countries.

Dengue in Ethiopia

Sporadic cases have been reported. [22]

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Dermatophytosis

Agent	FUNGUS. Ascomycota, Euascomyces, Onygenales: Epidermophyton, Microsporum, Trichophyton, Trichosporon spp., Arthroderma, et al
Reservoir	Human Dog Cat Rabbit Marsupial Other mammal
Vector	None
Vehicle	Contaminated soil/flooring Animal contact
Incubation Period	2w - 38w
Diagnostic Tests	Fungal culture and microscopy of skin, hair or nails. Nucleic acid amplification.
Typical Adult Therapy	Skin - topical Clotrimazole, Miconazole, etc. Hair/nails - Terbinafine, Griseofulvin, Itraconazole or Fluconazole PO
Typical Pediatric Therapy	As for adult
Clinical Hints	Erythematous, circinate, scaling or dyschromic lesions of skin, hair or nails; pruritus, secondary infection and regional lymphadenopathy may be present.
Synonyms	Dermatomicose, Dermatomycose, Dermatomycosis, Dermatomykose, Dermatomykosen, Emericella, Favus, Granuloma trichophyticum, Gruby's disease, Leukonychia trichophytica, Onychocola, Onychomycosis, Pityriasis versicolor, Ringworm, Saint Aignan's disease, Scytalidium, Tinea, Tinea barbae, Tinea capitis, Tinea corporis, Tinea cruris, Tinea favosa, Tinea imbricata, Tinea manum, Tinea pedis, Tinea unguinum, Tokelau ringworm, Triadelphia pulvinata, Trichomycosis, Trichophytosis, Trichophytosis gladiatorum. ICD9: 110,111 ICD10: B35,B36

Clinical

Dermatophytosis is characterized by indolent infection of skin, hair or nails. [1] [2]

Common findings include scaling, pruritis and discoloration • usually without overt signs of inflammation.

Tinea imbricata, a superficial mycosis caused by *Trichophyton concentricum*, an anthropophilic dermatophyte.
• The skin lesions are characteristically concentric and lamellar (imbricata: in Latin, tiled) plaques of scale. [3]
• Predisposing conditions include humidity, inheritance, and immunologic factors. [4]

This disease is endemic or potentially endemic to all countries.

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Dientamoeba fragilis infection

Agent	PARASITE - Protozoa. Archezoa, Parabasala, Trichomonadea. Flagellate: Dientamoeba fragilis
Reservoir	Human Gorilla
Vector	None
Vehicle	Fecal-oral (? on pinworm ova)
Incubation Period	8d - 25d
Diagnostic Tests	Identification of trophozoites in stool. Nucleic acid amplification. Alert laboratory if this diagnosis is suspected.
Typical Adult Therapy	Stool precautions. Iodoquinol 650 mg PO TID X 20d. OR Tetracycline 500 mg QID X 10d. OR Paromomycin 10 mg/kg TID X 7d OR Metronidazole 750 mg PO TID X 10d
Typical Pediatric Therapy	Stool precautions. Iodoquinol 13 mg/kg PO TID X 20d. OR (age >8) Tetracycline 10 mg/kg QID X 10d OR Paromomycin 10 mg/kg TID X 7d OR Metronidazole 15 mg/kg PO TID X 10d
Clinical Hints	Abdominal pain with watery or mucous diarrhea; eosinophilia may be present; infestation may persist for more than one year.
Synonyms	

Clinical

Most infections are asymptomatic.
• Symptoms may include diarrhea, flatulence, abdominal pain, fatigue and anorexia; and may rarely mimic acute appendicitis. [1] [2]
• Clinical features are similar to those of giardiasis; however, vomiting, anorexia and weight loss are less common in *Dientamoeba* infection. [3]
• The presence of abdominal pain or diarrhea in a patient with enterobiasis should suggest the diagnosis of concurrent *Dientamoeba* infection. [4]

This disease is endemic or potentially endemic to all countries.

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Diphtheria

Agent	BACTERIUM. Corynebacterium diphtheriae A facultative gram-positive bacillus
Reservoir	Human
Vector	None
Vehicle	Droplet Contact Dairy products Clothing
Incubation Period	2d - 5d (range 1d - 10d)
Diagnostic Tests	Culture on special media. Advise laboratory when this diagnosis is suspected.
Typical Adult Therapy	Respiratory isolation. Equine antitoxin 20,000 to 80,000 units IM. Erythromycin 500 mg QID X 10d
Typical Pediatric Therapy	Respiratory isolation. Equine antitoxin 1,000 units/kg IM. Erythromycin 10 mg/kg QID X 10d
Vaccines	Diphtheria antitoxin Diphtheria DTP DT DTaP Td
Clinical Hints	Pharyngeal membrane with cervical edema and lymphadenopathy; or punched out skin ulcers with membrane; myocarditis or neuropathy (foot/wrist drop) appears weeks later.
Synonyms	Corynebacterium diphtheriae, Difteri, Difteria, Difterie, Difterite, Diphterie. ICD9: 032 ICD10: A36

Clinical

WHO Case definition for surveillance:
Clinical description
• An illness of the upper respiratory tract characterized by laryngitis or pharyngitis or tonsillitis, and adherent membranes of tonsils, pharynx and/or nose
Laboratory criteria for diagnosis
• Isolation of *Corynebacterium diphtheriae* from a clinical specimen.
• Note: A rise in serum antibody (fourfold or greater) is of interest only if both serum samples were obtained before administration of diphtheria toxoid or antitoxin. This is not usually the case in surveillance, where serological diagnosis of diphtheria is thus unlikely to be an issue.
Case classification
• Suspected: Not applicable.
• Probable: A case that meets the clinical description.
• Confirmed: A probable case that is laboratory confirmed or linked epidemiologically to a laboratory confirmed case.
Note: Persons with positive *C. diphtheriae* cultures who do not meet the clinical description (i.e. asymptomatic carriers) should not be reported as probable or confirmed diphtheria cases.

Faucal diphtheria:
Following an incubation period of 2 to 5 days (7 days after primary skin infection for cutaneous diphtheria), the patient presents with nonspecific symptom which may include fever and chills, malaise, sore throat, hoarseness or dysphagia, cervical edema and lymphadenopathy, rhinorrhea (mucopurulent or blood-tinged), cough, stridor, wheezing, nausea and vomiting and headache. [1]
• Respiratory diphtheria may progress rapidly to respiratory arrest from airway obstruction by a tracheobronchial pseudomembrane.
• Tachycardia, pallor, and foul breath may be present.
• The pseudomembrane is generally firm, adherent, thick, fibrinous and of a gray-brown color.
• It may occur over the palate, pharynx, epiglottis, larynx, or trachea • occasionally extending into the tracheobronchial tree.
• The area may bleed if disturbed.
• Marked edema of the tonsils, uvula, submandibular region and anterior neck ("bull neck) may be observed and may be associated with thick speech, stridor, anterior cervical lymphadenopathy, and petechial hemorrhages.

Cutaneous diphtheria:
Cutaneous diphtheria is associated with a history of a break in the skin, followed by pain, tenderness, erythema, or exudate.

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- Lesions appear as punched-out ulcers with dirty gray membranes at their margins.
- Genital ulcers may be misdiagnosed as venereal disease. [2]

Cardiac complications:
Cardiovascular signs ensue 1 to 2 weeks following the initial illness.
- Myocarditis occurs in as many as two thirds of patients, and approximately 20% develop cardiac dysfunction.
- Circulatory collapse, heart failure, atrioventricular blocks and arrhythmias may occur.
- Endocarditis and mycotic aneurysms also have been reported, typically in intravenous drug users.

Neurological complications:
Approximately 70% of patients with severe infection develop neuropathy, neuritis or motor paralysis 2 to 8 weeks following initial illness.
- Clinical and cerebrospinal fluid findings at this stage are indistinguishable from those Guillain-Barre syndrome.
- Potentially fatal paralysis of the diaphragm may ensue.
- Paralysis typically resolves completely with resolution of infection.

The neurological manifestations of diphtheria include:
- hypesthesia and paralysis of the soft palate
- weakness of the posterior pharyngeal, laryngeal, and facial nerves, resulting in a "nasal tone" to the voice, difficulty in swallowing, and occasionally aspiration
- cranial neuropathies, typically during the fifth week, leading to oculomotor and ciliary paralysis (strabismus, blurred vision, and loss of accommodation)
- symmetric polyneuropathy beginning within 10 days to 3 months after infection, and manifest as motor deficit with diminished deep tendon reflexes
- proximal muscle weakness of the extremities progressing distally (or distal weakness progressing proximally).

Other forms of diphtheria:
Other less common manifestations include infection of the genitourinary tract, gastrointestinal tract, vagina, external ear, and conjunctiva.
- Hemorrhagic conjunctivitis and dissolution of the cornea may occur. [3]
- Focal necrosis of the kidneys, liver, and adrenal glands may be observed.
- Cases of septic arthritis, osteomyelitis, splenic abscesses, and bacteremia have been reported.

This disease is endemic or potentially endemic to all countries.

Diphtheria in Ethiopia

Vaccine Schedule:
BCG - birth
DTwPHibHep - 6, 10, 14 weeks
Measles (monovalent) - 9 months
OPV - birth; 6, 10, 14 weeks
TT - Women of child-bearing age 15-49 years
Vitamin A - 9 months

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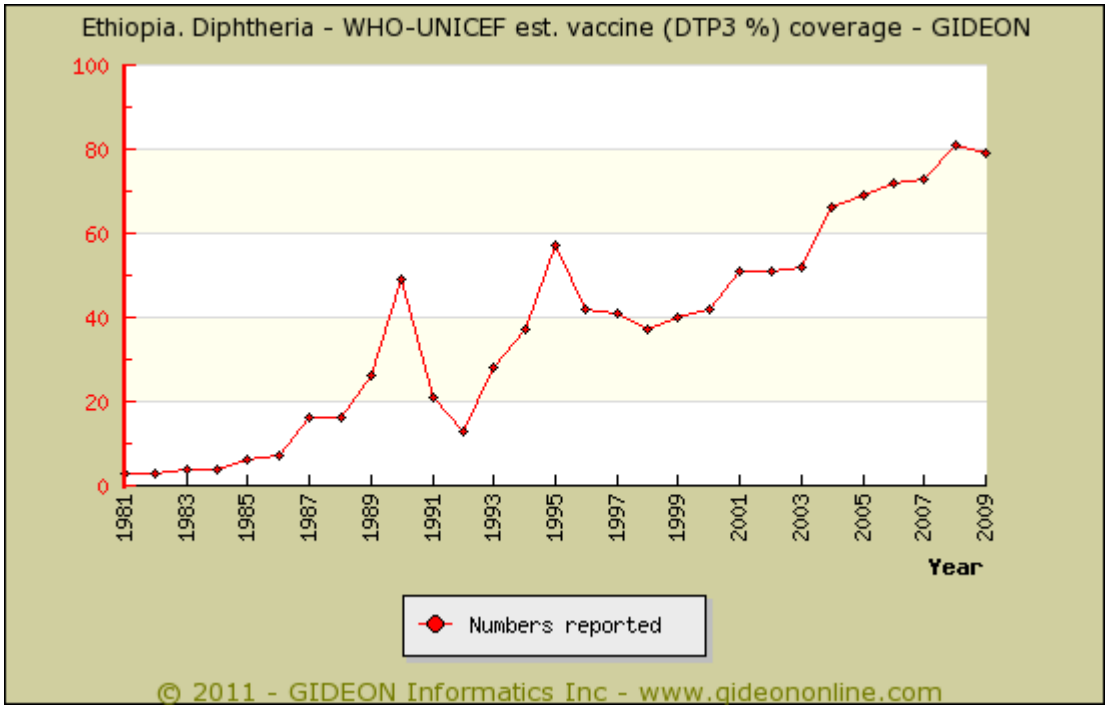
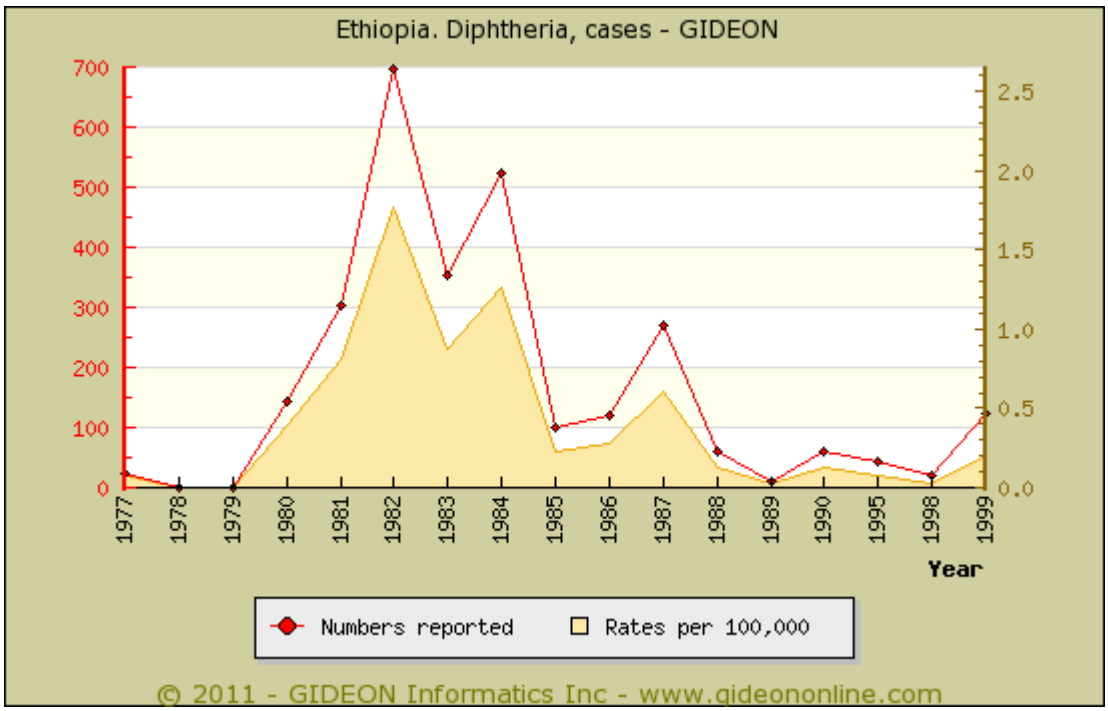


Graph: Ethiopia. Diphtheria - WHO-UNICEF est. vaccine (DTP3 %) coverage



Graph: Ethiopia. Diphtheria, cases

Notes:
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Diphyllobothriasis

Agent	PARASITE - Platyhelminthes, Cestoda. Pseudophyllidea, Diphyllobothriidae: Diphyllobothrium latum, et al
Reservoir	Human Dog Bear Fish-eating mammal
Vector	None
Vehicle	Fresh-water fish - notably (for D. latum) perch, burbot and pike
Incubation Period	4w - 6w (range 2w - 2y)
Diagnostic Tests	Identification of ova or proglottids in feces.
Typical Adult Therapy	Praziquantel 10 mg/kg PO as single dose OR Niclosamide 2 g PO once
Typical Pediatric Therapy	Praziquantel 10 mg/kg PO as single dose OR Niclosamide 50 mg/kg PO once
Clinical Hints	Abdominal pain, diarrhea and flatulence; vitamin B12 deficiency is noted in 0.02% of patients; rare instances of intestinal obstruction have been described; worm may survive for decades in human intestine.
Synonyms	Bandwurmer [Diphyllobothrium], Broad fish tapeworm, Diphyllobothrium latum, Diplogonoporiasis, Fish tapeworm. ICD9: 123.4 ICD10: B70.0

Clinical

Patients may experience abdominal pain, diarrhea, weight loss, asthenia or vertigo. [1]
• Vitamin B-12 deficiency is described in cases of prolonged infestation.

This disease is endemic or potentially endemic to all countries.

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Dipylidiasis

Agent	PARASITE - Platyhelminthes, Cestoda. Cyclophyllidea, Dipylidiidae: Dipylidium caninum
Reservoir	Dog Cat
Vector	None
Vehicle	Flea = Ctenocephalides spp. (by ingestion)
Incubation Period	21d - 28d
Diagnostic Tests	Identification of proglottids in feces.
Typical Adult Therapy	Praziquantel 10 mg/kg PO as single dose OR Niclosamide 2 g PO once
Typical Pediatric Therapy	Praziquantel 10 mg/kg PO as single dose OR Niclosamide 50 mg/kg PO once
Clinical Hints	Diarrhea, abdominal distention and restlessness (in children); eosinophilia may be observed; proglottids may migrate out of anus.
Synonyms	Cucumber tapeworm, Dipylidium caninum, Dog tapeworm, Double-pored dog tapeworm. ICD9: 123.8 ICD10: B71.1

Clinical

Most infections with *Dipylidium caninum* are asymptomatic.
• Severe diarrhea, urticaria, fever and eosinophilia are occasionally encountered. [1]
• The principal sign (in animals and children) consists of the passage of proglottids on the perianal region, feces, diapers, or occasionally on floor covering and furniture.
• Infection has been reported in patients as young as two years. [2]
• Proglottids are motile when freshly passed and may be mistaken for maggots or fly larvae.

This disease is endemic or potentially endemic to all countries.

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Dirofilariasis

Agent	PARASITE - Nematoda. Phasmidea, Filariae: Dirofilaria (Nochtiella) immitis (pulmonary); D. tenuis & D. repens (subcutaneous infection) & D. ursi
Reservoir	Mammal Dog Wild carnivore (D. tenuis in raccoons; D. ursi in Bears)
Vector	Mosquito
Vehicle	None
Incubation Period	60d - 90d
Diagnostic Tests	Identification of parasite in tissue (ie, lung biopsy). Serologic tests available in some centers.
Typical Adult Therapy	Not available; excision is often diagnostic and curative
Typical Pediatric Therapy	As for adult
Clinical Hints	Most patients are asymptomatic; occasional instances of cough and chest pain, with solitary pulmonary coin lesion; or multiple tender subcutaneous nodules; eosinophilia usually not present.
Synonyms	Dirofilariosis, Dirofiliaria, Dog heartworm, Filaria conjunctivae. ICD9: 125.6 ICD10: B74.8

Clinical

Pulmonary infections usually present as a well-circumscribed coin lesion. [1]
• Occasionally the lesions are transient or multiple. [2]
• Symptoms such as chest pain, dyspnea, fever, cough and eosinophilia are present in only 50% of cases.
• Isolated infections have been reported in the mesentery, spermatic cord, epididymis [3] , peritoneal cavity [4] , orbital muscles [5] and liver.
• Lesions may suggest malignancy [6] , and coexistence of dirofilariasis and lung cancer has been reported. [7]
• In rare cases pulmonary cavitation may occur [8]

Skin and subcutaneous infections are caused by *D. tenuis*, *D. repens* [9] , *D. ursi*, *D. immitis* and *D. striata*.
• Clinical manifestations are limited to a small (0.5 to 1.5 cm) discrete nodule which may appear on any area of the body. [10-12]
• Local pain, inflammation, eosinophilia and a sensation of motion may be present in some cases.

This disease is endemic or potentially endemic to 228 countries.

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Dracunculiasis

Agent	PARASITE - Nematoda. Phasmidea, Filariae: Dracunculus medinensis
Reservoir	Human
Vector	None
Vehicle	Copepod (Mesocyclops and Thermocyclops) in drinking water
Incubation Period	12m - 18m
Diagnostic Tests	Identification of adult worm in situ; or identification of discharged larvae from wound.
Typical Adult Therapy	Worm removal Metronidazole 500 mg PO TID X 10d. OR Thiabendazole 30 mg/kg PO BID X 3d have been used to facilitate worm removal.
Typical Pediatric Therapy	Worm removal Metronidazole 8 mg/kg PO TID X 10d. OR Thiabendazole 30 mg/kg BID X 3d have been used to facilitate worm removal.
Clinical Hints	Nausea and urticaria followed by the appearance of a papule or bulla (usually lower leg) which ruptures; calcified worm on x-ray; occasional eosinophilia; worm may survive for 18 months in human.
Synonyms	Dracunculose, Dracunculus medinensis, Drancontiasis, Filaria medinensis, Guinea worm, Medina worm. ICD9: 125.7 ICD10: B72

Clinical

WHO Case definition for surveillance:
Clinical case definition
• A case of dracunculiasis is defined as an individual exhibiting or having a history of a skin lesion with the emergence of a Guinea worm.
• A recent history (within one year) of a skin lesion with emergence of a Guinea worm (*Dracunculus medinensis*) is the only time-frame which must be used in surveillance programs.

As the adult female migrates, a blister develops on the skin where the worm will emerge. [1]
• Symptoms consist of fever, urticaria and other allergic phenomena, swelling, and local pain and burning. [2]
• The blister will eventually rupture, and the patient seeks relief through immersing the affected skin in water.
• The resulting temperature change causes the blister to erupt, exposing the worm, which then releases a milky white liquid containing millions of larvae into the water.
• The process of larval shedding continues for several days after it has emerged from the ulcer.

More than 90% of the worms appear on the legs and feet, but may occur anywhere on the body.
• Ulcers may take many weeks (8 weeks average) to heal; and are secondarily infected with bacteria in approximately 50% of cases.
• Permanent disabling scars and crippling may result.
• Each time a worm emerges, the patient may be unable to work and resume daily activities for an average of 3 months.
• Overtly symptomatic infection become apparent during planting or harvesting season, resulting in heavy crop losses.
• Dermal onchocerciasis may mimic dracunculiasis. [3]

This disease is endemic or potentially endemic to 16 countries.

Dracunculiasis in Ethiopia

Dracunculiasis is reported from the southern region (South Omo, Gambella).

Peak transmission occurs during March to December.

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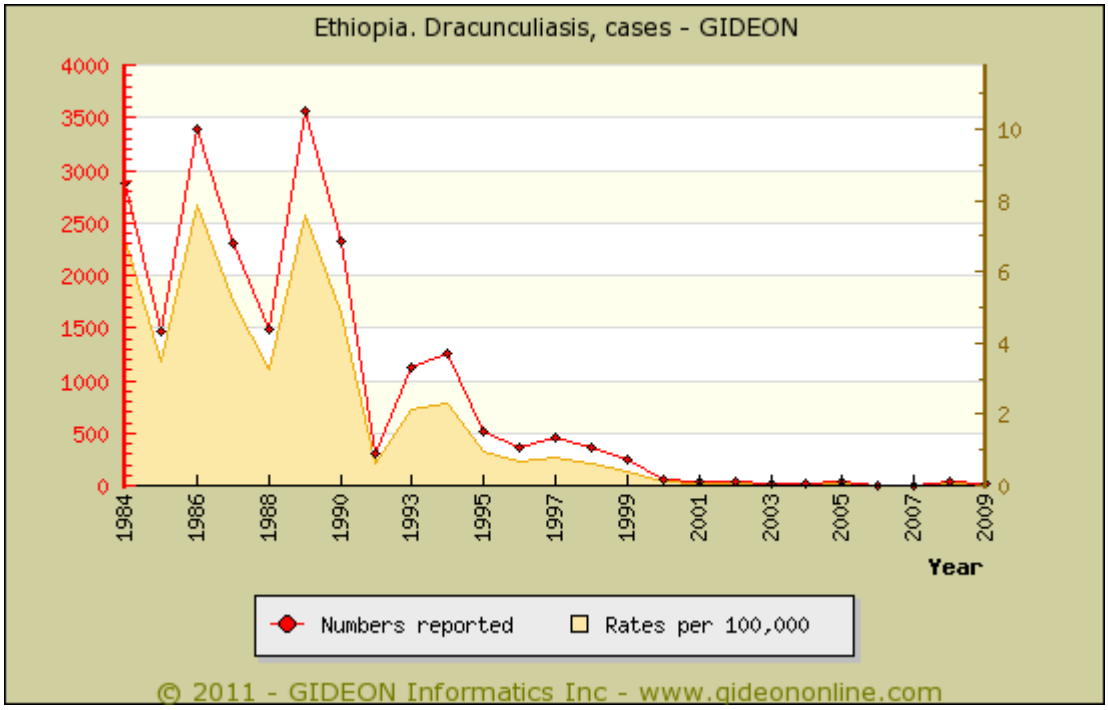

Graph: Ethiopia. Dracunculiasis, cases

Notes:

Individual years:

1997 - 90% from South Omo, and including 12 imported cases [4]

1998 - 83% from South Omo, and including 6 imported cases [5]

1999 - 86% from South Omo

2000 - 50% from 2 villages in the Abobo area of Gambella district, and including 6 imported cases from Sudan. [6]

2001 - 100% from Gambella region, and including 19 imported cases, from Sudan. [7] [8]

2002 - 100% from Gambella region, and including 23 imported cases, from Sudan

2003 - Included 15 imported cases, from Sudan.

2004 - Included 14 imported cases, from Sudan. [9]

2005 - Included 8 imported cases, from Sudan. [10]

2006 - Included 2 imported cases, from Sudan. [11]

2007 - All imported. [12]

2008 - Included 4 imported cases. [13]

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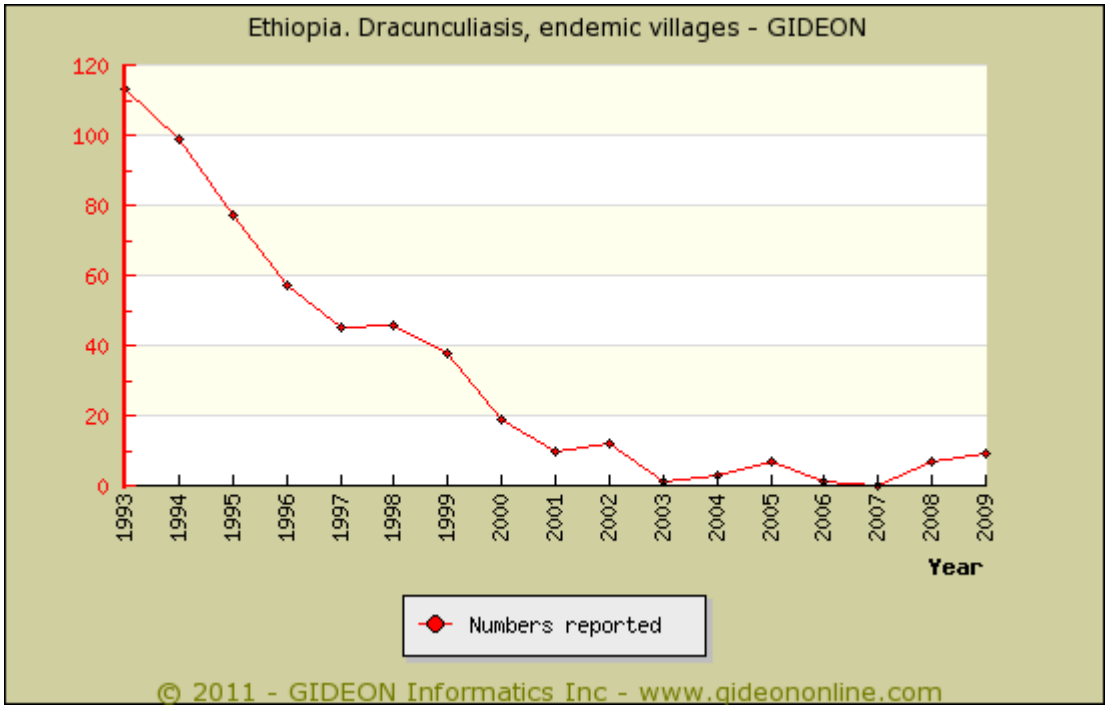

Graph: Ethiopia. Dracunculiasis, endemic villages

Notes:
Individual years:
2006 - From Gambrella. [14]

Notable outbreaks:

1971 (publication year) - An outbreak of dracunculiasis was reported. [15]

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Ebola

Agent	VIRUS - RNA. Mononegavirales, Filoviridae, Filovirus: Ebola virus
Reservoir	? Primate ? Guinea pig ? Bat
Vector	None
Vehicle	Infected secretions Contact Needle Syringe
Incubation Period	5d - 12d (range 2d - 21d)
Diagnostic Tests	Viral culture (blood, liver, spleen). Serology. Nucleic acid amplification. Biosafety level 4.
Typical Adult Therapy	Strict isolation; supportive
Typical Pediatric Therapy	As for adult
Clinical Hints	Fever, myalgia, arthralgia, sore throat, vomiting, diarrhea, conjunctivitis, hepatic dysfunction and maculopapular rash; hemorrhagic diatheses from 3rd to 4th day of illness; case-fatality rate 50% to 90%.
Synonyms	

Clinical

WHO Case definition for surveillance: [1]
Clinical description
• Ebola hemorrhagic fever begins with acute fever, diarrhea that can be bloody (referred to as "diarrhee rouge" in francophone Africa), and vomiting.
• Headache, nausea, and abdominal pain are common.
• Conjunctival injection, dysphagia, and hemorrhagic symptoms such as nosebleeds, bleeding gums, vomiting of blood, blood in stools, purpura may further develop.
• Some patients may also show a maculopapular rash on the trunk.
• Dehydration and significant wasting occur as the disease progresses.
• At a later stage, there is frequent involvement of the central nervous system, manifested by somnolence, delirium, or coma.
• The case-fatality rate ranges from 50% to 90%.
Laboratory criteria for diagnosis
• Supportive: Positive serology (ELISA for IgG and/or IgM), or
• Confirmatory: Positive virus isolation (only in a laboratory of biosafety level 4) or
• Positive skin biopsy (immunohistochemistry) or
• Positive PCR
Case classification
Suspected: A case that is compatible with the clinical description.
Probable: in epidemic situation:
• Any person having had contact with a clinical case and presenting with acute fever, or
• Any person presenting with acute fever and 3 of the following symptoms: headache, vomiting / nausea, loss of appetite, diarrhea, intense fatigue, abdominal pain, general or articular pain, difficulty in swallowing, difficulty in breathing, hiccoughs, or
• Any unexplained death
Confirmed: Any suspected or probable case that is laboratory-confirmed.
Contact: in epidemic situation:
• An asymptomatic person having had physical contact within the past 21 days with a confirmed or probable case or his/her body fluids (e.g., care for patient, participation in burial ceremony, handling of potentially infected laboratory specimens).
• In epidemic situations and after laboratory confirmation of a few initial cases, there is no need for individual laboratory confirmation and the use of .suspected or probable. case classifications is sufficient for surveillance and control purposes.

The symptoms and signs of Marburg and Ebola virus infections are similar. [2]

As in smallpox [3] , transmission of Ebola [4] has occurred during funerals.

Following an incubation period of 4 to 16 days, onset is sudden, marked by anorexia, fever, chills, headache and myalgia. [5]
• Later, the patient develops nausea, vomiting, sore throat, abdominal pain and diarrhea. [6]
• Patients are dehydrated, apathetic and disoriented and exhibit pharyngeal and conjunctival injection.

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- Most develop severe hemorrhagic manifestations between days 5 and 7.
- Bleeding is often from multiple sites, most commonly from the gastrointestinal tract, lungs and gingiva. [7] [8]
- Hemorrhage and oropharyngeal lesions carry a particularly poor prognosis.
- Death occurs between days 7 and 16.
- Infection by Ebola virus without development of symptoms has been reported. [9]

This disease is endemic or potentially endemic to 14 countries.

Ebola in Ethiopia

During 1960 to 1962, epidemics of Yellow fever occurred in Ethiopia. [10-12] Retrospective studies suggest that cases of Ebola or Ebola-like viral infection may also have occurred. [13]

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Echinococcosis - unilocular

Agent	PARASITE - Platyhelminthes, Cestoda. Cyclophyllidea, Taeniidae: Echinococcus granulosus, Echinococcus canadensis
Reservoir	Dog Wolf Dingo Sheep Horse Pig
Vector	None
Vehicle	Soil Dog Feces Fly
Incubation Period	1y - 20y
Diagnostic Tests	Serology. Identification of parasite in surgical specimens.
Typical Adult Therapy	Albendazole 400 mg BID X 28d. Repeat X 3, with 2 week hiatus between cycles. Praziquantel has been used preoperatively to sterilize cyst. Follow by surgery as indicated. PAIR (puncture-aspiration-injection-reaspiration) is also used
Typical Pediatric Therapy	Albendazole 10 mg/kg/day X 28d. Repeat X 3, with 2 week hiatus between cycles. Praziquantel has been used preoperatively to sterilize cyst. Follow by surgery as indicated. PAIR (puncture-aspiration-injection-reaspiration) also used
Clinical Hints	Calcified hepatic cyst or mass lesions in lungs and other organs; brain and lung involvement are common in pediatric cases.
Synonyms	Echinococcus canadensis, Echinococcus granulosus, Hydatid cyst, Unilocular echinococcosis. ICD9: 122.0,122.1,122.2,122.3,122.4 ICD10: B67.0,B67.1,B67.2,B67.3,B67.4

Clinical

Symptoms are often absent, even when large cysts are present; and cysts are often discovered incidentally on a routine x-ray or ultrasound study. [1]

Hepatic echinococcosis often presents as abdominal pain with or without a palpable mass in the right upper quadrant. [2]
• Biliary compression or rupture of the cysts into a bile duct may mimic cholecystitis or cholelithiasis.
• Ductal compression may also result in pancreatitis. [3]
• Leakage from a cyst may produce fever, pruritis, urticaria, eosinophilia or even anaphylactic shock. [4]

Extra-hepatic echinococcosis presents as space-occupying lesions of brain [5], lung [6], bone [7-13], muscle [14-17], joints [18], parapharyngeal spaces [19] or paranasal sinuses [20], heart [21-24] and heart valves [25], pericardium [26], breast [27-29], subcutaneous tissue [30], peripheral nerves [31], ovary, thyroid [32], spleen [33-36], adrenal [37], kidney [38], urinary bladder [39] [40], peritoneum [41] or virtually any other organ. [42] [43]
• In contrast to hepatic echinococcosis, extrahepatic cysts are often non-calcified and may at times be mistaken for malignancy. [44]
• The brain is involved in 1 to 2% of all *Echinococcus granulosus* infections. [45]
• The clinical features of cerebral coenurosis may mimic those of echinococcosis. [46]
• Primary spinal hydatidosis occurs in 1% of cases and may be confused with space-occupying non-infectious disorders [47-50]

Pulmonary cysts [51] may rupture into the bronchial tree and produce cough, hemoptysis and chest pain. [52]
• Rupture of cysts may disseminate protoscolices to contiguous organs or into the vascular system, resulting in the formation of additional cysts.
• Late intrathoracic complications include intrapulmonary or pleural rupture, infection of the ruptured cysts, reactions of the adjacent tissues, thoracic wall invasion and iatrogenic involvement of pleura. [53]
• Rupture can occur spontaneously or as a result of trauma or surgery. [54]
• Anaphylaxis may follow cyst rupture, but has also reported in patients with intact cysts. [55]

Primary superinfection of cysts by bacteria or fungi occurs in approximately 7.3% of cases. [56]

This disease is endemic or potentially endemic to 153 countries.

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Echinococcosis - unilocular in Ethiopia

Prevalence surveys:

2.2% of Nyangatom, 0.5% of Hamar and 1.8% of Boran peoples in south-west Ethiopia (1989 publication) [57]
4.8% of Dassanetch and Nyangatom in the lower Omo River valley (1981 publication) [58]
15.4% of cattle slaughtered in Wolaita Soddo (2007 to 2008) [59]
20.5% cattle and 22% of dogs in eastern Ethiopia (1993 publication) [60]
22.1% of cattle and 23% of stray dogs in Tigray Province (2008 publication) [61]
16.4% of sheep slaughtered in Addis Ababa (1988 publication) [62]
68% of slaughtered sheep and goats in Eastern Ethiopia (2003 to 2005) [63]

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Endemic syphilis (bejel)

Agent	BACTERIUM. Treponema pallidum subsp. endemicum A microaerophilic gram-negative spirochete
Reservoir	Human
Vector	None
Vehicle	Contact
Incubation Period	14d - 90d
Diagnostic Tests	VDRL & FTA (or MHTP) are positive, as in venereal syphilis.
Typical Adult Therapy	Benzathine Penicillin G 1.2 million units
Typical Pediatric Therapy	Benzathine Penicillin G IM: <14 kg - 300,000u X one dose 14 to 18kg - 600,000u X one dose >18kg - 1.2 million units X one dose
Clinical Hints	Oral mucous patches, intertriginous papillomata and generalized lymphadenopathy; occasional instances of condyloma lata; late gummata and periostitis (often of the tibia or fibula) may develop.
Synonyms	Bejel, Belesh, Dichuchwa, Endemic syphilis, Firjal, Frenga, Mal de Breno, Morbus Skerljebo, Njovera, Siti, Skerljevo. ICD9: 104.0 ICD10: A65

Clinical

Fewer than 1% of patients manifest a primary lesion (most often on the mouth or breast).
• Secondary lesions are reminiscent of the mucous patches of venereal syphilis, and are usually accompanied by regional lymphadenopathy. [1] [2]
• Disseminated papillomata and generalized lymphadenopathy are also encountered in some cases. [3]
• Late lesions include tibial osteoperiostitis and destruction of the palate and nasal septum.

This disease is endemic or potentially endemic to 24 countries.

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Endocarditis - infectious

Agent	BACTERIUM OR FUNGUS. viridans streptococci, Staphylococcus aureus, enterococci, Candida albicans, et al.
Reservoir	Human
Vector	None
Vehicle	Endogenous
Incubation Period	Variable
Diagnostic Tests	Blood culture, clinical findings, ultrasonography of heart valves.
Typical Adult Therapy	Bactericidal antibiotic appropriate to species
Typical Pediatric Therapy	As for adult
Clinical Hints	Consider in any patient with fever, multisystem disease (i.e., skin lesions, hematuria, neurological symptoms, single or multiple abscesses or bone, brain, lung, etc) and a preexisting cardiac valvular lesion.
Synonyms	Bacterial endocarditis, Endocardite, Endocarditis, Endokarditis, Fungal endocarditis, Infectious endocarditis, S.B.E.. ICD9: 421 ICD10: I33

Clinical

The definitive diagnosis of infective endocarditis requires: [1] [2]
1) Demonstration of microorganisms; and/or histological lesions in the heart or heart valves; or
2) Presence of two major criteria; or 1 major and 3 minor criteria; or 5 minor criteria, as follows:

Major Criteria:
A. Culture:
• 1. Typical microorganisms (HACEK, *Streptococcus viridans*, *Streptococcus bovis*) in 2 separate blood cultures; or community acquired *Staphylococcus aureus* or enterococcus without obvious focus.
• 2. Persistently positive blood cultures (drawn more than 12 hours apart; or three positive cultures at least one hour apart).
B. Evidence of endocardial or valvular involvement (echocardiogram, abscess, new valvular regurgitant lesion)

Minor Criteria:
A. Predisposition (heart condition, drug abuse)
B. Fever
C. Embolic phenomena, mycotic aneurysm, Janeway lesion, or intracranial hemorrhage.
D. Immunological phenomena (Osler nodes, positive rheumatoid factor)
E. Echocardiogram with suggestive, but not specific findings.
F. Positive blood culture, but not meeting Major criteria.

Etiological associations:.
• Injecting drug user: *Staphylococcus aureus*, enterococci, Enterobacteriaceae, *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*, *Candida*
• Prosthetic valve: *Staphylococcus epidermidis* Enterobacteriaceae, *Candida*, *Aspergillus*
• Rheumatic or other valvular disease: viridans Streptococci, enterococci

This disease is endemic or potentially endemic to all countries.

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Enterobiasis

Agent	PARASITE - Nematoda. Phasmidea: Enterobius vermicularis
Reservoir	Human
Vector	None
Vehicle	Fecal-oral Air Clothing Sexual contact (rare)
Incubation Period	14d - 42d
Diagnostic Tests	Apply scotch tape to anal verge in a.m. & paste onto glass slide for microscopy.
Typical Adult Therapy	Albendazole 400 mg PO as single dose - repeat in 2w. OR Mebendazole 100 mg PO as single dose - repeat in 2w. OR Pyrantel pamoate 11 mg/kg (max 1g) PO as single dose; or
Typical Pediatric Therapy	Mebendazole 100 mg PO as single dose (>age 2) - repeat in 2w. OR Pyrantel pamoate 11 mg/kg (max 1g) PO X 1
Clinical Hints	Nocturnal anal pruritus; occasionally vaginitis or abdominal pain; eosinophilia is rarely, if ever, encountered.
Synonyms	Enterobio, Enterobius vermicularis, Oxyuriasis, Oxyuris, Pinwom, Seatworm. ICD9: 127.4 ICD10: B80

Clinical

The typical manifestation of enterobiasis is nocturnal pruritus ani related to hypersensitivity to worm antigens.
• Local dermal "tingling" is also encountered. [1]
• Migration of adult females to the vulva may result in vulvovaginitis [2] or predispose to urinary tract infection.
• Eosinophilia is occasionally present.

Complications are rare, and include salpingitis [3], cystitis [4], peritonitis [5] and urethritis. [6]
• Although abdominal symptoms may mimic those of appendicitis, *Enterobius* is at least as common in normal as in inflamed appendices. [7-10]
• Cases of *Enterobius* prostatitis [11] and peritonitis have been reported. [12]
• Ova of *Enterobius* have been identified in a kidney removed for nephrolithiasis. [13]

The presence of diarrhea or abdominal pain suggests coinfection with *Dientamoeba fragilis*.

This disease is endemic or potentially endemic to all countries.

Enterobiasis in Ethiopia

Prevalence surveys:

1.3% of sugar estate workers in the central region (2000 publication) [14]
0.1% of persons in the southern Rift Valley region (1994 publication) [15]
2.2% of persons in Akaki town (1989 publication) [16]
0.31% of children ages 6 to 14 in Gondar (2006 to 2007) [17]

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Enterovirus infection

Agent	VIRUS - RNA. Picornaviridae: Coxsackievirus, ECHO virus, Enterovirus, Parechovirus
Reservoir	Human
Vector	None
Vehicle	Droplet Fecal-oral
Incubation Period	2d-7d
Diagnostic Tests	Viral culture (stool, pharynx, CSF). Serology. Nucleic acid amplification.
Typical Adult Therapy	Supportive. Pleconaril 200 to 400 mg PO TID X 7d has been used for severe infections
Typical Pediatric Therapy	Supportive. Pleconaril 5 mg/kg PO BID has been used for severe infections
Clinical Hints	Summer-to-autumn sore throat; occasionally chest pain, macular or vesicular rash, meningitis, myopericarditis, etc.
Synonyms	Boston exanthem [Caxsackie. A 16], Coxsackie, Coxsackievirus, ECHO, Echovirus, Enteroviruses, Hand, foot and mouth disease, Hand-foot-and-mouth disease, Herpangina [Coxsackievirus A], HPeVs, Human Parechovirus, Ljungan virus, Myocarditis, enteroviral, Parechovirus, Pericarditis, enteroviral. ICD9: 049,079.2,008.67,074.0,074.8,074.3,070.4,078.89 ICD10: A88.0,A87.0,B08.4,B08.5,B08.8,B30.3,B34.1

Clinical

The various enteroviruses are associated with fever and pharyngitis, which may be followed by appearance of: [1] [2]
• rash
• aseptic meningitis
• encephalitis [3]
• acute disseminated encephalomyelitis [4]
• epidemic conjunctivitis
• herpangina
• hand-foot-and-mouth disease
• myocarditis
• pericarditis
• pleurodynia
• pneumonia
• acute flaccid paralysis [5] [6]
• conjunctivitis, etc

Hand, foot and mouth disease (HFM) is characterized by a prodrome of fever and sore throat, followed by the appearance of vesicles on the palmar and plantar regions, and oral mucosa.
• Vesicles in the mouth are often pleomorphic, with rectangular and triangular shapes.
• Hand foot and mouth disease has been associated with onychomadesis • complete nail shedding from the proximal portion, affecting both fingernails and toenails. [7-15]

The clinical features of Enterovirus infection among neonates and infants are similar to those of Parechovirus infection. [16]

Echoviruses 22 and 23 have been reclassified as human paraechovirus (HPeV) 1 and 2 , respectively. [17]
• HPeV infections are characterized by mild gastrointestinal symptoms or respiratory distress.
• HPeV2 is usually associated with gastrointestinal illness.
• HPeV3 has been associated with transient paralysis and sepsis-like syndromes.
• HPeV4 has been associated with fever in a neonate [18]
• HPeV6 (NII561-2000) has been associated with infectious gastroenteritis, fever with rash, upper respiratory infection and Reye's syndrome

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Epidural abscess

Agent	BACTERIUM. Staphylococcus aureus, facultative gram negative bacilli, etc
Reservoir	Human
Vector	None
Vehicle	Endogenous
Incubation Period	Variable
Diagnostic Tests	Imaging (CT scan, MRI). Gram-stain and culture of blood or pus.
Typical Adult Therapy	Intravenous antibiotic(s) appropriate to identified or suspected pathogens. Drainage as indicated
Typical Pediatric Therapy	Intravenous antibiotic(s) appropriate to identified or suspected pathogen. Drainage as indicated
Clinical Hints	Frontal bone abscess; or spinal cord compression with signs of infection - often in setting of injecting drug abuse or preexisting staphylococcal infection.
Synonyms	

Clinical

Intracranial epidural abscesses:
Intracranial epidural abscesses may appear gradually, with initial findings suggestive of the underlying sinusitis or otitis. [1]
• Early findings include local pain followed by generalized headache, often with alteration of mental status.
• Focal neurological signs and focal or generalized seizures appear, which reflect the local anatomy of the lesion, for example:
• abscess near the petrous bone may involve cranial nerves V and VI, with unilateral facial pain and lateral rectus weakness (Gradenigo's syndrome)
• an occipital epidural abscess may obstruct the superior sagittal sinus

Eventually, papilledema and other signs of elevated intracranial pressure develop.
• Extension into the subdural space is accompanied by rapid neurological deterioration.

Spinal epidural abscess:
Spinal epidural abscess is more common in men than in women and may occur at any age.
• The presentation may be acute or gradual, over several months. [2]
• Most begin with focal vertebral pain, which begins to radiate along the course of involved nerve roots.
• Signs of spinal cord compression (long-tract findings), later progress to paralysis below the level of the lesion.
• Hematogenous infection of the epidural space produces rapid progression with prominent systemic signs, and severe local pain.
• Chronic abscesses may mimic epidural neoplasia, often without systemic signs of infection.
• Cervical abscesses may compromise respiration, and produce rapid evolving flaccid hyporeflexia, suggestive of Guillain-Barre syndrome.
• Epidural abscess has occasionally been reported as a complication of pyomyositis. [3]

This disease is endemic or potentially endemic to all countries.

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Erysipelas or cellulitis

Agent	BACTERIUM. Erysipelas: Streptococcus pyogenes Cellulitis: Staphylococcus aureus, Streptococcus pyogenes, occasionally others
Reservoir	Human
Vector	None
Vehicle	Endogenous
Incubation Period	1d - 7d
Diagnostic Tests	Clinical diagnosis is usually sufficient. Aspiration of lesion for smear and culture may be helpful in some cases.
Typical Adult Therapy	Antibiotic directed at likely pathogens (Group A Streptococcus and Staphylococcus aureus)
Typical Pediatric Therapy	As for adult
Clinical Hints	Erysipelas is well-circumscribed, tender, edematous (peau d'orange), warm and painful; cellulitis is less painful, flat and without a distinct border.
Synonyms	Cellulite, Cellulitis, Celulite, Celulitis, Erisipela, Erysipelas, St. Anthony's fire (erysipelas), St. Francis' fire (erysipelas), Zellulitis. ICD9: 035,681,682 ICD10: A46,L03

Clinical

Erysipelas:
Erysipelas is characterized by abrupt onset of "fiery-red" superficial swelling of the face or extremities. [1]
• The lesion is typically recognized by the presence of well-defined indurated margins, particularly along the nasolabial fold; rapid progression; and intense pain. [2]
• Flaccid bullae may develop on the second or third day of illness; but extension to deeper soft tissues is rare.
• Desquamation occurs between the fifth and tenth days of illness.

Cellulitis:
Cellulitis is characterized by local pain, erythema, swelling, and heat. [3] [4]
• Cellulitis may be caused by any of a wide variety of bacteria or yeasts; however, *S. aureus* or S. pyogenes are most often implicated.
• A history of preceding trauma, insect bite, needle insertion or surgery is often present.
• Cultures of biopsy specimens or aspirates are positive in only 20% of cases.
• Infection by *S. aureus* often spreads out from a localized infection (abscess, folliculitis) or foreign body
• Streptococcal cellulitis tends to be more diffuse and rapid in onset, and associated with lymphangitis and fever.
• Streptococci also cause recurrent cellulitis in the setting of lymphedema resulting from elephantiasis or lymph node damage.

Recurrent staphylococcal cutaneous infections are encountered in patients with "Job's syndrome" (eosinophilia and elevated serum levels of IgE); and nasal carriers of staphylococci.

This disease is endemic or potentially endemic to all countries.

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Erysipeloid

Agent	BACTERIUM. Erysipelothrix rhusiopathiae A facultative gram-positive bacillus
Reservoir	Mammal Bird Fish
Vector	None
Vehicle	Contact with meat, mammal, poultry or fish
Incubation Period	1d - 4d
Diagnostic Tests	Culture.
Typical Adult Therapy	Penicillin V, Ampicillin, third-generation cephalosporin, Fluoroquinolone (Levofloxacin, Trovafloxacin, Pefloxacin, Sparfloxacin or Moxifloxacin), Erythromycin or Tetracycline generally adequate
Typical Pediatric Therapy	Penicillin V, Ampicillin, third-generation cephalosporin or Erythromycin generally adequate
Clinical Hints	Annular erythema or 'target lesion' on hand following contact with raw animal or fish products; local pain and swelling; no discharge is noted and fever is present in only 10% of cases.
Synonyms	Erysipelothrix rhusiopathiae, Rutlauf. ICD9: 027.1 ICD10: A26

Clinical

Erysipeloid is limited to the skin (mainly hands and fingers)

Infection is characterized by pain, edema and purplish erythema with sharp irregular margins which extends peripherally but clears centrally. [1] [2]
• Relapses and extensions of the lesions to distant areas are common, but there is no fever.
• 31 cases of endocarditis due to *Erysipelothrix rhusiopathiae* had been reported to 1976 [3] [4] ; and approximately 50 to 1988. [5]
• There is no permanent immunity following an attack.
• Lesions of cutaneous leishmaniasis may mimic those of erysipeloid. [6]
• A case of erysipeloid presenting as chronic granulomatosis cheilitis was reported in Morocco. [7]
• A case of *Erysipelothrix rhusiopathiae* peritonitis associated with peritoneal dialysis has been reported. [8]

This disease is endemic or potentially endemic to all countries.

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Erythrasma

Agent	BACTERIUM. Corynebacterium minutissimum A facultative gram-positive bacillus
Reservoir	Human
Vector	None
Vehicle	Indigenous flora
Incubation Period	Unknown
Diagnostic Tests	Coral fluorescence of skin lesion under Wood's lamp. Culture (alert lab regarding diagnosis).
Typical Adult Therapy	Erythromycin 250 mg PO QID X 14d. Topical Clindamycin 2% has also been used
Typical Pediatric Therapy	Erythromycin 10 mg/kg PO QID X 14d. Topical Clindamycin 2% has also been used
Clinical Hints	Pruritic, scaling, slowly-progressive red-brown patch; usually in groin - occasionally in toe webs; common in obese or diabetic males; coral fluorescence with Wood's light.
Synonyms	Corynebacterium minutissimum, Eritrasma. ICD9: 039.0 ICD10: L08.1

Clinical

Erythrasma is characterized by slowly spreading, reddish-brown, pruritic patches • usually in the groin and axillae. [1]
• Other areas include the interdigital regions of the feet [2], the vulva [3] and intergluteal and crural folds.
• Most patients are obese, male diabetics. [4-6]
• The lesions fluoresce red when exposed to Wood's lamp. [7-10]
• The differential diagnosis of erythrasma includes psoriasis, dermatophytosis, candidiasis and intertrigo.

The etiologic agent of erythrasma, *Corynebacterium minutissimum*, has also been associated with bacteremia [11-14], meningitis [15], breast abscess [16], eye infection [17], endocarditis [18] [19], peritonitis [20], cutaneous granulomas [21], costochondral abscess [22], pueperal infection [23] and pyelonephritis. [24] [25]

This disease is endemic or potentially endemic to all countries.

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Escherichia coli diarrhea

Agent	BACTERIUM. Escherichia coli A facultative gram-negative bacillus
Reservoir	Human Mammal
Vector	None
Vehicle	Food Water Fecal-oral
Incubation Period	1d - 3d (range 12h - 10d)
Diagnostic Tests	Stool culture. Request characterization of E. coli isolates.
Typical Adult Therapy	Supportive therapy. Avoid anti-motility drugs and antimicrobial agents. Note that antimicrobial agents may increase risk for hemolytic-uremic syndrome when used in cases of E. coli O157:H7 infection
Typical Pediatric Therapy	Supportive therapy. Avoid anti-motility drugs and antimicrobial agents. Note that antimicrobial agents may increase risk for hemolytic-uremic syndrome when used in cases of E. coli O157:H7 infection
Clinical Hints	Watery diarrhea or dysentery - common among travelers and infants; hemorrhagic colitis and hemolytic uremic syndrome are associated with type O157:H7 (& occasionally other types).
Synonyms	DAEC (Diffusely Adherent E. coli), E. coli diarrhea, EAEC (Enteroadherent E. coli), EAggEC (Enteroaggregative E. coli), EHEC (Enterohemorrhagic E. coli), EIEC (Enteroinvasive E. coli), EPEC (Enteropathogenic E. coli), ETEC (Enterotoxic E. coli), Hamolytisch-uramisches Syndrom, Hemolytic Uremic Syndrome, HUS. ICD9: 008.0 ICD10: A04.0,A04.1,A04.2,A04.3,A04.4

Clinical

Enterotoxic *Escherichia coli* (ETEC) infection is characterized by a short incubation period, and watery diarrhea without blood or mucus.
• Fever and vomiting occur in a minority of patients. [1]
• The disease may be life-threatening in infants.

Enteropathogenic *E. coli* (EPEC) causes watery diarrhea with fever and vomiting, primarily among children under age 2 years.

Enteroinvasive *E. coli* (EIEC) causes watery diarrhea; only a minority of patients experience dysentery.

Enterohemorrhagic *E. coli* (EHEC) causes diarrhea without fever, often with blood and cramps at all ages. [2]
• Rare instances of toxic megacolon have been reported [3]
• One strain of EHEC, O157:H7 is an important cause of hemolytic-uremic syndrome (HUS). [4]
• Approximately 6% to 10% of patients infected by this strain develop HUS • with an overall mortality rate of 0.6% for STEC O157 infections and 4.6% for HUS. [5]
• Reactive arthritis is reported in 10% of cases [6]

Enteroaggregative *E. coli* (EAggEC) causes watery, persistent diarrhea (over 2 weeks) without vomiting. [7]
• Low-grade fever may be observed, and gross blood may occasionally be present in stools. [8]

This disease is endemic or potentially endemic to all countries.

Escherichia coli diarrhea in Ethiopia

Prevalence surveys:

Enterotoxigenic *E. coli* is found in 23% of children with diarrhea and 10% of asymptomatic controls (1982) [9]
E. coli was identified in 15.6% of diarrhea episodes among persons in a rehabilitation camp in Korem (1985) [10]
E. coli was found on the hands of 3.1% of food handlers in Gondar town (2008 publication) [11]

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Fascioliasis

Agent	PARASITE - Platyhelminthes, Trematoda. Echinostomatida, Fasciolidae: Fasciola hepatica or Fasciola gigantica
Reservoir	Sheep Cattle Snail (Lymnaea, Fossaria)
Vector	None
Vehicle	Food Aquatic plants Watercress (Nasturtium officinale)
Incubation Period	2w - 3m
Diagnostic Tests	Identification of ova in stool or duodenal aspirates (adult parasites in surgical specimens). Serology. CT scan.
Typical Adult Therapy	Triclabendazole 10 mg/kg PO X 2 doses. OR Bithionol 50 mg/kg every other day X 10 doses OR Nitazoxanide 500 mg PO BID X 7d
Typical Pediatric Therapy	Triclabendazole 10 mg/kg PO X 2 doses. OR Bithionol 50 mg/kg every other day X 10 doses OR Nitazoxanide: Age 1 to 3y 100 mg BID X 7 d Age 4 to 11y 200 mg BID X 7d
Clinical Hints	Fever, hepatomegaly, cholangitis, jaundice and eosinophilia; urticaria occasionally observed during the acute illness; parasite may survive more than 10 years in the biliary tract.
Synonyms	Eurytrema, Fasciola gigantica, Fasciola hepatica, Hepatic distomiasis, Lederegelbefall, Sheep liver fluke. ICD9: 121.3 ICD10: B663.

Clinical

The presence and severity of disease depend on the intensity of infection and the host.

Symptoms may appear a few days after ingestion of larvae, when the immature worms reach the abdominal cavity and begin migrating across or within the liver. [1]

- Typical early symptoms include fever, abdominal pain, gastrointestinal disturbances and urticaria. [2]
- Hepatomegaly, anemia and jaundice may also be present.
- Creeping eruption has been reported. [3]
- Rare instance of ectopic adult worms are reported [4-7]

A latent phase follows during which the only finding is prominent eosinophilia.

- Eventually, the patient enters a chronic phase characterized by biliary colic [8] , epigastric pain, jaundice, hepatomegaly and abdominal tenderness. [9] [10]
- Sporadic cases of pancreatitis are encountered. [11-16]

This disease is endemic or potentially endemic to 96 countries.

Fascioliasis in Ethiopia

Prevalence surveys:

0.1% of persons in the southern Rift Valley region (1994 publication) [17]
85.7% of necropsied working donkeys (2009 publication) [18]
9.1% (*Fasciola gigantica*) and 3.2% (*F. hepatica*) of abattoir cattle in Soddo (2009 publication) [19]
44.4% of working donkeys in Ada, Akaki, Bereh and Boset (*Fasciola hepatica* and *Fasciola gigantica*, 1995 to 2004) [20]

Fasciola hepatica and *F. gigantica* are found in sheep and goats at abattoirs in eastern Ethiopia. (Haramaya, Harar, Dire Dawa and Jijiga, 2007 publication) [21]

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Filariasis - Bancroftian

Agent	PARASITE - Nematoda. Phasmidea, Filariae: Wuchereria bancrofti
Reservoir	Human
Vector	Mosquito (Anopheles, Aedes, Culex)
Vehicle	None
Incubation Period	5m - 18m (range 1m - 2y)
Diagnostic Tests	Identification of microfilariae in nocturnal blood specimen. Nucleic acid amplification. Serology may be helpful.
Typical Adult Therapy	Diethylcarbamazine : 50 mg day 1 50 mg TID day 2 100 mg TID day 3 Then 2 mg/kg TID X 18 days. OR Ivermectin 200ug/kg PO as single dose. Doxycycline 200 mg daily X 8 w is also effective.
Typical Pediatric Therapy	As for adult
Clinical Hints	Lymphangitis, lymphadenitis, eosinophilia, epididymitis, orchitis, hydrocoele or progressive edema; episodes of fever and lymphangitis may recur over several years; chyluria occasionally encountered.
Synonyms	Bancroftian filariasis, Rosetta leg, Wuchereria bancrofti. ICD9: 125.0 ICD10: B74.0

Clinical

WHO Case definition for surveillance:
Clinical case definition
• Hydrocoele or lymphedema in a resident of an endemic area for which other causes of these findings have been excluded.
Laboratory criteria for diagnosis
• Microfilaria positive, antigen positive or biopsy positive.
Case classification
Suspected: Not applicable.
Probable: A case that meets the clinical case definition.
Confirmed: A person with laboratory confirmation even if he/she does not meet the clinical case definition.

Clinical manifestations reflect either acute inflammation or lymphatic obstruction. [1-3]
• Repeated episodes of lymphangitis, lymphadenitis, fever, headache, backache and nausea may occur; and arthritis [4] , funiculitis, epididymitis, or orchitis are common.
• In long-standing cases lymphedema or persistent adenopathy may develop.
• Hydrocoele [5] is the most common clinical manifestation of lymphatic filariasis, and causes sexual disability.
• Hydrocoelectomy accounts for 25% of all surgical procedures performed in endemic areas of Ghana and Kenya.
• Lower limb involvement is characterized by initial pretibial pitting edema, which eventually becomes nonpitting and involves the entire leg.
• The skin of the leg or scrotum becomes thick, fissured, and warty; and ulceration and secondary infection may occur.
• Chyluria reflects rupture of swollen lymphatics into the urinary tract. Microscopic (occasionally gross) hematuria is reported in some cases. [6] [7]
• Filarial granuloma may mimic testicular cancer. [8]

Microfilariae may be found in properly timed blood specimens, hydrocoele fluid, chylous urine and organ aspirates. [9]
• Adult worms are identified in biopsy material.
• Eosinophilia usually appears only during acute episodes of inflammation.

There is extensive evidence that endosymbiont bacteria (***Wolbachia*** spp.) are necessary for the development of filarial larvae, and fertility of adult parasites. [10-12]
• Doxycycline has proven effective in therapy, presumably through inhibition of *Wolbachia* spp. [13-16]

This disease is endemic or potentially endemic to 117 countries.

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Filariasis - Bancroftian in Ethiopia

4.9% of Ethiopians and 41.4% of Eritreans are at risk for Bancroftian filariasis as of 2000.
- 99,037 persons were at risk as of 2009.
- 77,042 persons received mass treatment in 2009.

Prevalence surveys:

20.7% of males and 23.7% of females in the Baro River area, Gambella (1993) [17]

The disease in this country is nocturnally periodic. [18]

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Fungal infection - invasive

Agent	FUNGUS. Various (major syndromes such as Candidiasis, Blastomycosis, etc are discussed separately in this module)
Reservoir	Human
Vector	None
Vehicle	Endogenous
Incubation Period	Variable
Diagnostic Tests	Culture of blood, urine, biopsy material. Serum antigen or antibody assay in some cases.
Typical Adult Therapy	Antifungal agent(s) directed at known or likely pathogen
Typical Pediatric Therapy	As for adult
Clinical Hints	This diagnosis should be suspected in any patient with evidence of severe local or multisystem infection, particularly in the setting of immune suppression.
Synonyms	Acremonium, Adiaspiromycosis, Allescheriasis, Alternaria, Arthrographis kalrae, Athopsis, Aureobasidium, Bipolaris, Blastobotrys proliferans, Chaetomium, Chrysosporium, Cladophialophora, Cladosporium, Curvularia, Cyphellophora, Dactylaria, Debaryomyces, Dreschslera, Emmonsia, Exophiala, Exserohilum, Fonsecaea, Fungal sepsis, Fusarium, Geosmithia, Geotrichosis, Graphium, Hansenula, Haplomycosis, Hendersonula, Hyalophycomycosis, Kluyveromyces, Lasiodiplodia, Lasiodiplodia, Lecythophora, Malassezia furfur, Monascus, Monosporiosis, Mycocentrospora, Neocosmospora vasinfecta, Neosartorya hiratsukae, Neosartorya udagawae, Ochroconis, Oidiodendron, Paecilomyces, Phaeoacremonium, Phaeohyphomycosis, Phialophora, Phoma, Pichia, Pseudallescheria, Pseudallescheriasis, Pyrenochaeta, Ramichloridium, Rhinocladiella, Sarcopodium, Scedosporium, Septicemia - fungal, Taeniolella, Trichoderma, Ulocladium, Veronacea, Wallemia. ICD9: 117.6,117.8,117.9,118 ICD10: B43.1,B43.2,B43.8,B48.2,B48.3,B48.7,B48.8

Clinical

Major syndromes (Aspergillosis, Candidiasis, Coccidioidomycosis, Cryptococcosis, Penicilliosis, etc) are discussed elsewhere in this module.

Clinical syndromes associated with systemic fungal infection (in alphabetical order):

Adiaspiromycosis (Haplomycosis) is a pulmonary infection due to *Emmonsia* (*Chrysosporium*) species.
• Most cases have been described in Latin America and Central Europe, with additional reports from Israel and the United States.
• Three forms are recognized: solitary granuloma, localized granulomatous disease and diffuse, disseminated granulomatous disease. [1]

Arthrographis kalrae has been reported as a cause of sinusitis and meningitis in patient with AIDS.

Blastobotrys proliferans is an ascomyetous yeast that has been reported to cause peritonitis in a dialysis patient. [2]

Curvularia inaequalis has been associated with several cases of peritonitis complicating peritoneal dialysis. [3]

Exophiala jaenselmei and ***Rhinocladiella*** species have been implicated in cases of nosocomial fungemia.
• An outbreak of *Exophalia* infection in the United States was associated with contamination of injectable steroids.

Exserohilum is a dematiaceous fungus that has been associated with skin infections, keratitis, systemic infections and sinusitis. [4]

Fusarium often infects the cornea [5] , but may occasionally cause subcutaneous infection, fungemia, pneumonia, arthritis, bursitis, brain abscess and a variety of other systemic infection. [6]
• Pathogenic members of the *Fusarium solani* complex are common in the environment. [7]

Geotrichosis is a rare form of pneumonia and systemic mycosis caused by *Geotrichum candidum*.
• The organism is ubiquitous in nature and often found in the stool of healthy humans.

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• Pulmonary disease simulates tuberculosis; and mucosal infection is similar to moniliasis.

Graphium basitruncatum has been associated with fungemia in a patient with leukemia. [8]

Hansunella species have been implicated in nosocomial infections, endocarditis, fungemia and urinary tract infection

Lasiodiplodia theobromae has been reported to cause keratomycoses. [9]

Neocosmospora vasinfecta, a plant pathogen, has caused at least 3 cases of soft tissue infection (lower extremities, in Senegal) or fatal disseminated infection in immunocompromized humans. [10]

Neosartorya hiratsukae has been implicated in a case of brain abscess.

Penicillium • 31 cases of invasive infection by *Penicillium* species other than *P. marneffei* were reported during 1951 to 2001 • including 12 of pulmonary disease, and 4 prosthetic valve endocarditis.

Phaeohyphomycosis (infection by demataceous fungi) is manifested as:
• brain abscess (typically *Cladosporium trichoides*; also *Exophiala dermatitidis* [11] , *Fonsecaea pedrosoi*, *Ramichloridium obovoideum*, *Ochroconis gallopavum*, *Chaetomium atrobruneum*, et al),
• sinusitis (*Drechslera*, *Bipolaris*, *Exsorohilum*, *Curvularia*, *Alternaria*, *Cladosporium*)
• subcutaneous infection (typically due to *Exophiala* and *Phialophora* species • occasionally *Fonsecaea*, *Cladosporidium*, *Alternaria*, *Dactylaria*, *Mycocdentrospora*, *Phaeoacremonium* [12] , *Veronaea*, *Cyphellophora pluriseptata*, etc)
• endocarditis.

Pseudoallescheriasis (Petriellidiosis) is caused by *Scedosporium apiospermum* (*Pseudoallescheria boydii*) and may present as mycetoma; or infection of the brain, bone and joints, orbits and other tissues. [13] [14]

Ramichloridium mackenziei has been reported to cause brain abscess in the Middle East.

Sarcopodium oculorum has been implicated as a cause of corneal ulcer in Brazil.

Trichoderma spp. are associated with peritonitis among dialysis patients, and disseminated infection in the immune-suppressed.

Fungal eye infection:
• Fungal endophthalmitis may be exogenous or endogenous.
• Clinically, onset is delayed and more gradual than infection due to bacteria.
• Hyaline fungi:
Fusarium species are implicated in keratitis, scleritis and intraocular infections
Aspergillus in keratitis following industrial trauma or surgery, orbital infection, dacryocystitis, scleritis and endophthalmitis
Scedosporium in keratitis, scleritis, endophthalmitis, orbital infection
Paecilomyces in keratitis, endophthalmitis and intralenticular infections
Acremonium in keratitis and endophthalmitis.
• Dematiaceous fungi
Bipolaris, *Curvularia*, *Exophiala*, *Exserohilum*, *Lecytophora* and *Phialophora* are implicated in keratitis and intraocular infections
*Lasiodiplodia*in keratitis and endophthalmitis.
• Other fungal agents (*Candida*, *Cryptococcus*, *Coccidioides*, *Paracoccidioides*, *Blastomyces*, *Histoplasma*, *Sporothrix*) which may cause ocular infection are discussed separately in this module.

This disease is endemic or potentially endemic to all countries.

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Gastroenteritis - viral

Agent	VIRUS - RNA Calicivirus (Norwalk, Hawaii, Sapporo, Snow Mountain, Norovirus); Torovirus; or Astrovirus
Reservoir	Human
Vector	None
Vehicle	Food Water Shellfish Vegetables
Incubation Period	Norwalk 1d - 2d; astrovirus 3d - 4d
Diagnostic Tests	Demonstration of virus (electron microscopy or stool antigen analysis). Serology. Nucleic acid amplification.
Typical Adult Therapy	Stool precautions; supportive
Typical Pediatric Therapy	As for adult
Clinical Hints	Vomiting (less common with Astrovirus), abdominal pain; loose, watery diarrhea lasting 1 to 3 days; no fecal leucocytes; fever in 50% - headache and myalgia in some cases.
Synonyms	Aichi, Astroviridae, Astrovirus, Calicivirus gastroenteritis, Chiba, Diarrhea, Gastroenterite virale, Hawaii agent gastroenteritis, Klassevirus, Mexico virus, Mini-reovirus, Minireovirus, Norovirus gastroenteritis, Norwalk agent gastroenteritis, Norwalk-like, Parkville virus gastroenteritis, Picobirnavirus, Roskilde disease, Saffold Cardiovirus, Salivirus, Sapovirus, Sapporo, Sapporo-like, Snow Mountain, SRSV gastroenteritis, Toronto virus, Torovirus, Vinterkraksjuka, Viral gastroenteritis, Winter vomiting disease. ICD9: 008.8,008.69,008.62,008.63,008.64,008.65,008.66,008.67 ICD10: A08.1,A08.2,A08.3,A08.4

Clinical

The onset of infection due to the Norwalk virus group may be gradual or abrupt, and is heralded by abdominal cramps with or without nausea.

- In most cases, both vomiting and diarrhea occur. [1]
- Four to eight non-bloody stools are passed per day; and fecal leucocytes are absent.
- 87% of patients with NLV infection develop diarrhea within 5 days; and only 60% of patients with Sapporo-like virus [SLV] infection.
- 59% of children below age 1 year develop vomiting with NLV, and 44% with SLV.
- Myalgias, malaise, headaches and even benign febrile seizures [2] may also be present.
- A low-grade fever occurs in 50% of cases.
- Original publications stated that symptoms remit in 48 to 72 hours without sequelae; however, recent studies suggest that illness usually persists for 5 to 6 days.
- The duration of illness has been correlated with fecal concentration of virus.
- Cases of necrotizing enterocolitis in newborn infants have been ascribed to Norovirus infection. [3] [4]

Astrovirus diarrhea is similar to NLV infection; however, the incidence of vomiting is somewhat lower.

This disease is endemic or potentially endemic to all countries.

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Gianotti-Crosti syndrome

Agent	UNKNOWN
Reservoir	Unknown
Vector	None
Vehicle	Unknown
Incubation Period	Unknown
Diagnostic Tests	Clinical features and skin biopsy findings.
Typical Adult Therapy	None
Typical Pediatric Therapy	None
Clinical Hints	Generalized skin eruption involving the extremities, face and buttocks; lymphadenopathy of the axillae and inguinal region; anicteric hepatitis; resolves in 15 to 42 days. Rare outbreaks have been reported.
Synonyms	Acrodermatitis papulosa infantilis, Papular acrodermititis of childhood, Papulovesicular acrolocated syndrome. ICD9: 693.0 ICD10: L27.8

Clinical

Most patients are in the age group 2 to 6 years; however, the disease has occasionally been reported in infants and young adults. [1]

Clinical features are largely limited to discrete flat-topped papules on the face, extensor surfaces of the extremities and buttocks. [2]
• The eruption is symmetrical, occasionally pruritic, either skin-colored or erythematous, and evolves over a period of two to three days.
• The skin lesions measure 2 to 4 mm in diameter, with a tendency for larger lesions among young children. [3]
• Koebner phenomenon has been described.
• In most cases, the exanthem resolves after 15 to 20 days, but may persist for as long as 5 weeks.
• Hemorrhagic skin lesions and petechiae have been described in some cases. [4]
• Prominent lymphadenopathy is noted, primarily in the inguinal and axillary regions.
• Hepatomegaly and anicteric hepatitis are common.

Gianotti-Crosti syndrome may be the only presenting manifestation of Epstein-Barr virus infection. [5]

The diagnosis is confirmed by skin biopsy, which reveals spongiosis of the upper epidermis and upper dermis, with perivascular lymphocytic and histiocytic infiltrates. [6]

This disease is endemic or potentially endemic to all countries.

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Giardiasis

Agent	PARASITE - Protozoa. Archezoa, Metamonada, Trepomonadea. Flagellate: Giardia lamblia [G. intestinalis, G. duodenalis]
Reservoir	Human Beaver Muskrat
Vector	None
Vehicle	Food Water Fecal-oral Fly
Incubation Period	1w - 3w (range 3d - 6w)
Diagnostic Tests	String test (gelatin capsule containing string). Stool microscopy or antigen assay. Nucleic acid amplification.
Typical Adult Therapy	Metronidazole 250 mg PO TID X 5d. OR Nitazoxanide 500 mg PO BID X 3d OR Tinidazole 2 g PO X1. OR Furazolidone 100 mg PO QID X 7d. OR Paromomycin 10 mg/kg PO TID X 7d OR Quinacrine 100 mg PO TID X 5d
Typical Pediatric Therapy	Metronidazole 5 mg/kg PO TID X 5d. OR Tinidazole 50 mg PO X 1 (maximum 2g). OR Furazolidone 1.5 mg/kg QID X 7d OR Nitazoxanide: Age 1 to 3y 100 mg BID X 7 d Age 4 to 11y 200 mg BID X 7d
Clinical Hints	Foul smelling, bulky diarrhea, nausea and flatulence; may 'wax and wane'; weight loss and low-grade fever are common.
Synonyms	Beaver fever, Giardia duodenalis, Giardia intestinalis, Giardia lamblia, Lambliasis. ICD9: 007.1 ICD10: A07.1

Clinical

The usual interval between infection and the onset of acute symptoms ranges from one to two weeks.

In most instances, the individual will experience sudden explosive, watery, foul-smelling diarrhea; excessive gas; abdominal pain; bloating; nausea; asthenia; and anorexia. [1]
• Symptoms consistent with irritable bowel syndrome and functional dyspepsia are reported in 80.5% and 24.5% of patients, respectively [2]
• Upper gastrointestinal symptoms such as vomiting may predominate. [3]
• Fever is unusual, and asymptomatic infection is common.
• Blood or mucus in the stool is rare, and there is neither leucocytosis nor eosinophilia.

Occasionally, the illness may last for months, or even years, causing recurrent episodes of impaired digestion, lactose intolerance, diarrhea, depression, asthenia and weight loss. [4-6]
• Recurrence of symptoms is also common following effective treatment. [7]
• Severe and prolonged infections are reported among patients with IgA deficiency and malnutrition.
• Infection in children may result in stunted growth, delayed development [8] [9] and vitamin A deficiency. [10]
• Reactive arthritis may occasionally follow infection by *Giardia intestinalis*. [11]

This disease is endemic or potentially endemic to all countries.

Giardiasis in Ethiopia

Prevalence surveys:

3.2% of school children (national survey, 2008 publication) [12]
8.9% of school children and 3.1% of adults (Addis Ababa)
35.3% of children in Lege Dini (2005 to 2006) [13]
9% of children ages 6 to 14 in Gondar (2006 to 2007) [14]
8.6% of diarrheal stools submitted to a parasitology reference laboratory (1998 to 2001) [15]
3.8% of HIV-positive patients in the southwestern region (2002) [16]
3.0% of sugar estate workers in the central region (2000 publication) [17]
0.8% of food handlers in Gondar town (2008 publication) [18]

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Non-biting cyclorrhaphan flies (*Musca domestica*, *Chrysomya rufifacies*, *Musca sorbens*, *Lucina cuprina*, *Calliphora vicina*, *Chrysomya bezziana* and *Wohlfahrtia magnifica*) have been found to carry this parasite. [19]
- *Giardia* has been identified on cyclorrhaphan flies (Diptera) in slum areas of Addis Ababa [20]

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Glanders

Agent	BACTERIUM. Burkholderia mallei An aerobic gram negative bacillus
Reservoir	Horse Mule Donkey
Vector	None
Vehicle	Infected secretions Contact
Incubation Period	5d - 14d (range 1d - 21d)
Diagnostic Tests	Culture of blood or exudate. Serology.
Typical Adult Therapy	Sulfonamides 25 mg/kg QID (up to 6g) X 3w
Typical Pediatric Therapy	As for adult
Clinical Hints	Ulcerating skin nodule with lymphangitis; or fever, myalgia, pneumonia and pleuritis; history of contact with horses in most cases.
Synonyms	Burkholderia mallei, Farcy, Rotz. ICD9: 024 ICD10: A24.0

Clinical

Four clinical forms of glanders are described: septicemia, pulmonary infection, acute localized infection and chronic infection
• One form of the disease may progress to another

Localized infections are characterized by nodules, abscesses and ulcers in the mucous membranes, skin or subcutaneous tissues at the site of inoculation.
• Dermal nodules are white or gray and firm, with a caseous or calcified center. They are surrounded by areas of inflammation, and may progress to gangrene. [1]
• Mucous membranes may exhibit a mucopurulent or blood-tinged discharge. Nodules and deep ulcers may also develop in the mucosa of the nasal septum and nasal turbinates.
• Lesions are accompanied by fever, sweats and swelling of regional lymph nodes which may suppurate.
• Mucosal or skin infections may disseminate, resulting in a papular or pustular rash and abscesses of the liver, spleen, lungs, subcutaneous tissues and muscles.

Lung infection results from either inhalation of *B. mallei* or hematogenous spread.
• The patient experiences acute onset of fever, diaphoresis, cough, chest pain and dyspnea.
• Pulmonary lesions are characterized by small nodules which have caseous or calcified centers surrounded by inflammatory zones.
• Untreated pulmonary disease often progresses to septicemia.

This disease is endemic or potentially endemic to 22 countries.

Glanders in Ethiopia

Equine glanders was last reported in Ethiopia / Eritrea in 1996; and in 2002 (one outbreak, 4 horses).

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Gonococcal infection

Agent	BACTERIUM. Neisseria gonorrhoeae An aerobic gram-negative coccus
Reservoir	Human
Vector	None
Vehicle	Sexual contact Childbirth Exudates
Incubation Period	2d - 7d
Diagnostic Tests	Smear (male), culture. Consult laboratory for proper acquisition & transport. Nucleic acid amplification.
Typical Adult Therapy	Ceftriaxone 250 mg IM X 1. Alternative Cefixime 400 mg PO X 1 OR Spectinomycin 2g IM X 1. Consider empiric therapy for concurrent Chlamydia infection
Typical Pediatric Therapy	Ceftriaxone 125 mg IM X 1 (wt >45 kg). OR Spectinomycin 40 mg/kg IM (weight <45 kg - adult dose if > 45 kg) Consider empiric therapy for concurrent Chlamydia infection (Erythromycin)
Clinical Hints	Copious urethral discharge (male) or cervicitis beginning 2 to 7 days after sexual exposure; PID; fever, painful pustules and suppurative arthritis (primarily encountered in postmenstrual females).
Synonyms	Blennorragie, Blenorragia, Gonococcemia, Gonore, Gonorre, Gonorrea, Gonorrhea, Gonorrhee, Gonorrho, Gonorrhoe, Infeccion gonococica, Infeccoes gonococicas, Neisseria gonorrhoeae. ICD9: 098 ICD10: A54

Clinical

Gonorrhea:
Gonorrhea in males typically presents as urethral discomfort, dysuria, and discharge.
• The degree of discomfort and discharge are variable.
• Asymptomatic infection is common among females, but may also occur in males [1]
• Gonococcal epididymitis presents with unilateral pain and swelling localized posteriorly within the scrotum.
• Gonorrhea in the female are usually manifest as vaginal discharge and endocervicitis.
• The discharge is thin, purulent and mildly odorous.
• Dysuria or a scant urethral discharge may be present.
• Non-gonococcal urethritis, including infection by *Chlamydia trachomatis* and other *Neisseria* species [2] may mimic gonococcal infection.
• Infection can be passed to the male urethra from the pharynx through fellatio. [3]

Gonococcal PID:
Pelvic or lower abdominal pain suggests infection of the endometrium, fallopian tubes, ovaries or peritoneum.
• Pain may be midline, unilateral, or bilateral.
• Fever and vomiting may be present.
• Right upper quadrant pain from perihepatitis (Fitz-Hugh-Curtis syndrome) may occur following the spread of organisms upward along peritoneal planes to the hepatic capsule [4-6] (The syndrome is also reported as a complication of gonorrhea in males) [7]

Other clinical forms: [8]
Gonococcal proctitis is often asymptomatic, but rectal pain, pruritus, tenesmus, bloody diarrhea and rectal discharge may be present.
Gonococcal pharyngitis may be asymptomatic, or associated with severe inflammation. *Neisseria gonorrhoeae* is often present in throat specimens from patients with urethritis. [9]
Gonococcal conjunctivitis is usually unilateral in adults; however, neonatal infection (ophthalmia neonatorum) involves both eyes.
• Symptoms include pain, redness, and a purulent discharge and may result in blindness.
• Rare instances of corneal perforation are reported. [10]
Disseminated gonococcal infection is characterized by joint or tendon pain, of single or multiple joints. [11]
• Severe pain, swelling, and decreased mobility in a single joint (usually the knee) suggest purulent arthritis.
• Tenosynovitis is common, usually affecting the small joints of the hands.
• A rash is present in 25% of patients with gonococcemia.
• Additional complications include meningitis, endocarditis, septic shock with ARDS [12] and other localized infections. [13]

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This disease is endemic or potentially endemic to all countries.

Gonococcal infection in Ethiopia

Prevalence surveys:

75% of male urethritis in Addis Ababa (1991 to 1994)

56% to 66% of women attending family planning clinics in Addis Ababa (1997 publication) [14]

Seroprevalence surveys:

88% of CSW (1994 publication) [15]

Over 85% of isolates in Gondar are penicillinase-producing. [16]

Notable outbreaks:

1987 to 1988 - An outbreak (9,000 cases) of severe pustular conjunctivitis due to *Neisseria gonorrhoeae* was reported in North Omo. [17]

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Granuloma inguinale

Agent	BACTERIUM. Klebsiella granulomatis (formerly Calymmatobacterium granulomatis) An gram-negative bacillus
Reservoir	Human
Vector	None
Vehicle	Sexual contact Direct contact
Incubation Period	7d - 30d (range 3d - 1 year)
Diagnostic Tests	Identification of organism in stained smears. Culture in specialized laboratories (HEp-2 cells).
Typical Adult Therapy	Doxycycline 100 mg BID PO X 3w. Alternatives: Azithromycin 1 g daily X 3 w. Sulfamethoxazole/ trimethoprim 800/160 mg BID X 3w Erythromycin 500 mg QID X 3w.
Typical Pediatric Therapy	Doxycycline 2 mg/kg BID X 2 to 3w (above age 8). Alternatives: Sulfamethoxazole/trimethoprim , Erythromycin or Azithromycin
Clinical Hints	Slowly expanding, ulcerating skin nodule with friable base; usually painless; may be complicated by edema or secondary infection - rarely spreads to bone or joints.
Synonyms	Calymmatobacterium granulomatis, Donovanosis, Granuloma genitoinguinale, Granuloma inguinale tropicum, Granuloma venereum, Sixth venereal disease. ICD9: 099.2 ICD10: A58

Clinical

The primary lesion of granuloma inguinale appears on the perineum or genitals in 80% to 90% of cases.
• Infection begins as a small painless papule or indurated nodule which progresses to a painless beefy-red ulcer with rolled edges and a friable surface.
• Multiple ulcers may coalesce, and new lesions may also form through autoinoculation. [1]
• Scar formation, deformity, keloids and lymphedema may develop. [2]
• The most common sites of infection are the prepuce, coronal sulcus, and penile shaft; the labia and the fourchette .
• Rectal lesions may follow anal intercourse.
• Systemic disease of bones, joints, liver and lymphatics is rare, and may follow infection of the uterine cervix.
• Granuloma inguinale may present as mass lesions which mimic malignancy. [3]

This disease is endemic or potentially endemic to all countries.

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Hepatitis A

Agent	VIRUS - RNA. Picornaviridae, Hepatovirus: Hepatitis A virus
Reservoir	Human Non-human primate
Vector	None
Vehicle	Fecal-oral Food Water Fly
Incubation Period	21d - 30d (range 14d - 60d)
Diagnostic Tests	Serology. Nucleic acid amplification.
Typical Adult Therapy	Stool precautions; supportive
Typical Pediatric Therapy	As for adult
Vaccines	Hepatitis A Hepatitis A + Hepatitis B Immune globulin
Clinical Hints	Vomiting, anorexia, dark urine, light stools and jaundice; rash and arthritis occasionally encountered; fulminant disease, encephalopathy and fatal infections are rare (case-fatality rate 0.15% to 2.7%, depending on age).
Synonyms	Botkin's disease, Epatite A, HAV, Hepatite per virus A, Infectious hepatitis. ICD9: 070.0 ICD10: B15.0, B15.9

Clinical

WHO Case definition for surveillance of acute viral hepatitis (all types):
Clinical description
• Acute illness typically including acute jaundice, dark urine, anorexia, malaise, extreme fatigue, and right upper quadrant tenderness.
• Biological signs include increased urine urobilinogen and >2.5 times the upper limit of serum alanine aminotransferase.
• Note: Most infections occur in early childhood. A variable proportion of adult infections is asymptomatic.
Laboratory criteria for diagnosis
• Hepatitis A: IgM anti-HAV positive
• Hepatitis B: positive for Hepatitis B surface antigen (HBsAg) or IgM anti-HBC-positive
• Non-A, non-B: IgM anti-HAV and IgM anti-HBc (or HBsAg) negative
Note 1: The anti-HBc IgM test, specific for acute infection, is not available in most countries.
• HBsAg, often available, cannot distinguish between acute new infections and exacerbations of chronic hepatitis B, although continued HBsAg seropositivity (>6 months) is an indicator of chronic infection.
Note 2: For patients negative for hepatitis A or B, further testing for a diagnosis of acute hepatitis C, D, or E is recommended:
Hepatitis C: anti-HCV positive
Hepatitis D: HBsAg positive or IgM anti-HBc positive plus anti-HDV positive (only as co-infection or super-infection of hepatitis B)
Hepatitis E: IgM anti-HEV positive
Case classification
• Suspected: A case that is compatible with the clinical description.
• Probable: Not applicable.
• Confirmed: A suspected case that is laboratory confirmed or, for hepatitis A only, a case compatible with the clinical description, in a person who has an epidemiological link with a laboratory-confirmed case of hepatitis A (i.e. household or sexual contact with an infected person during the 15-50 days before the onset of symptoms).

Clinical features of Hepatitis A:

The prodrome is characterized by anorexia, asthenia, headache, myalgia and moderate fever.
• Patients develop nausea, vomiting and right upper abdominal pain • and later overt jaundice. [1]
• Rare instances of acute renal failure are reported in non-fulminant hepatitis A. [2] [3]
• Symptoms persist for 4 to 8 weeks, and the patient may remain asthenic and anorectic for several months thereafter.
• As many as 90% of cases in children less than 5 years of age are asymptomatic; fewer 50% among adults.
• Relapses may occur for up to 6 months following the initial infection.
• Rare instances of acute disseminated encephalomyelitis [4] , myelitis [5] , meningoencephalitis [6] , acalculous cholecystitis [7] ,

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urticaria [8] , pancreatitis [9] , pleural effusion [10] , acute glomerulonephritis or renal failure [11-14] , and rhabdomyolysis have been reported. [15]
• Concurrent HIV infection may prolong the duration of viremia in patients with hepatitis A. [16]

Hepatitis A accounts for 3.1% of acute hepatic failure cases (United States, 1998 to 2005) [17]
• The case-fatality rate is 0.1% among children below age 4 years; 0.4% ages 5 to 29 years; and 1% above age 40.
• 55% of hepatitis A patients with acute hepatic failure recover • the remainder either die of the disease or require transplantation. [18]

A false positive serological reaction toward Epstein-Barr virus has been associated with Hepatitis A. [19]

This disease is endemic or potentially endemic to all countries.

Hepatitis A in Ethiopia

Seroprevalence surveys:

50% of children by age 5 (1990 publication) [20]
100% of adults

Notable outbreaks:

2008 - An outbreak (13 cases) was reported in the United States, following adoption of an infant from Ethiopia. [21] [22]

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Hepatitis B

Agent	VIRUS - DNA. Hepadnaviridae, Orthohepadnavirus: Hepatitis B virus
Reservoir	Human Non-human primate
Vector	None
Vehicle	Blood Infected secretions Sexual contact Transplacental
Incubation Period	2m - 3m (range 1m - 13m)
Diagnostic Tests	Serology. Nucleic acid amplification.
Typical Adult Therapy	Needle precautions; supportive. For post-exposure or chronic infection: Peginterferon alfa-2a or Peginterferon alfa-2b ; OR Lamivudine; OR Adefovir
Typical Pediatric Therapy	As for adult
Vaccines	Hepatitis A + Hepatitis B Hepatitis B + Haemoph. influenzae Hepatitis B immune globulin Hepatitis B
Clinical Hints	Vomiting and jaundice; rash or arthritis occasionally noted; risk group (drug abuse, blood products, sexual transmission); cirrhosis or hepatoma may follow years after acute illness; fulminant and fatal infections are encountered.
Synonyms	Epatite B, HBV, Hepatite per virus B, Serum hepatitis. ICD9: 070.1 ICD10: B16.2,B16.9, B16.1

Clinical

WHO Case definition for surveillance of acute viral hepatitis (all types):
Clinical description
• Acute illness typically including acute jaundice, dark urine, anorexia, malaise, extreme fatigue, and right upper quadrant tenderness.
• Biological signs include increased urine urobilinogen and >2.5 times the upper limit of serum alanine aminotransferase.
• Note: Most infections occur in early childhood. A variable proportion of adult infections is asymptomatic.
Laboratory criteria for diagnosis
• Hepatitis A: IgM anti-HAV positive
• Hepatitis B: positive for Hepatitis B surface antigen (HBsAg) or IgM anti-HBc positive
• Non-A, non-B: IgM anti-HAV and IgM anti-HBc (or HBsAg) negative
Note 1: The anti-HBc IgM test, specific for acute infection, is not available in most countries.
• HBsAg, often available, cannot distinguish between acute new infections and exacerbations of chronic hepatitis B, although continued HBsAg seropositivity (>6 months) is an indicator of chronic infection.
Note 2: For patients negative for hepatitis A or B, further testing for a diagnosis of acute hepatitis C, D, or E is recommended:
Hepatitis C: anti-HCV positive
Hepatitis D: HBsAg positive or IgM anti-HBc positive plus anti-HDV positive (only as co-infection or super-infection of hepatitis B)
Hepatitis E: IgM anti-HEV positive
Case classification
• Suspected: A case that is compatible with the clinical description.
• Probable: Not applicable.
• Confirmed: A suspected case that is laboratory confirmed or, for hepatitis A only, a case compatible with the clinical description, in a person who has an epidemiological link with a laboratory-confirmed case of hepatitis A (i.e. household or sexual contact with an infected person during the 15-50 days before the onset of symptoms).

Clinical features of Hepatitis B:

Infection can be asymptomatic (particularly in young children) or quite mild, with only fatigue, anorexia, and malaise.
• Clinical disease with jaundice occurs in 50% of adults and 10% of young children.
• Extrahepatic manifestations include arthralgia, arthritis, rash, focal segmental glomerulosclerosis [1] and acute glomerulonephritis. [2-4]
• Rare instances of pancreatitis are reported. [5]
• Chronic infection occurs in most young children and in 5% to 10% of adults, and can lead to persistent hepatitis, active

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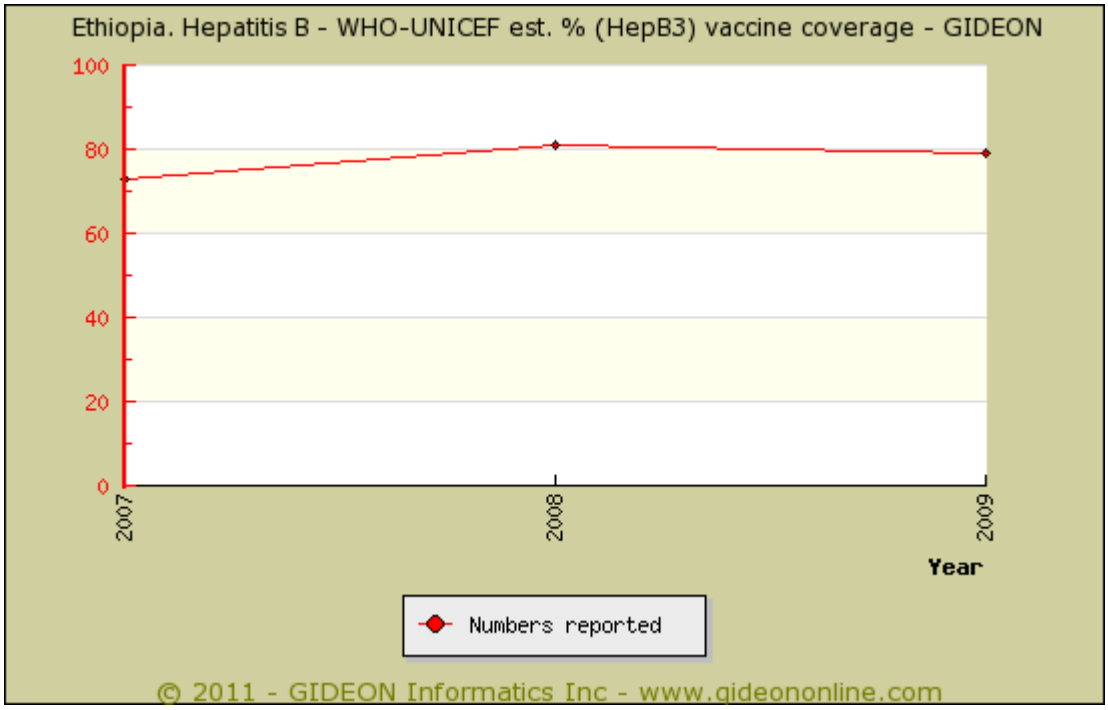
hepatitis, cirrhosis, or hepatocellular carcinoma. [6]
• Acute exacerbation of chronic Hepatitis B may occur. [7]
• Patients with HBV-HDV coinfection appear to have more severe acute disease and a higher risk of fulminant hepatitis (2% to 20%) compared with those infected with HBV alone [8] ; however, chronic HBV infection appears to occur less frequently in persons with HBV-HDV coinfection.
• Concurrent HIV infection increases the incidence of cirrhosis and HCC among Hepatitis B carriers. [9]

One to two million deaths are attributed to hepatitis B annually. 25% of chronic carriers died of primary liver cancer or cirrhosis as adults.
• This infection is responsible for 60% to 80% of the world's primary liver cancer.
• Primary liver cancer is one of the three leading causes of cancer death in East Asia, Southeast Asia, the Pacific Basin and sub-Saharan Africa.
• Hepatitis B predominates among patients with hepatocellular carcinoma in most Asian, African and Latin American countries; while hepatitis C predominates in Japan, Pakistan, Mongolia, Egypt, Europe and the United States. [10]

This disease is endemic or potentially endemic to all countries.

Hepatitis B in Ethiopia

Vaccine Schedule:
BCG - birth
DTwPHibHep - 6, 10, 14 weeks
Measles (monovalent) - 9 months
OPV - birth; 6, 10, 14 weeks
TT - Women of child-bearing age 15-49 years
Vitamin A - 9 months



Graph: Ethiopia. Hepatitis B - WHO-UNICEF est. % (HepB3) vaccine coverage

Hepatitis B accounts for 20% of sporadic acute hepatitis episodes in Ethiopia. [11]

HBsAg-positivity surveys:
20% to 30% of young adults
4.7% of blood donors in Gondar (2003 to 2007) [12]
7.3% of pregnant women in Gondar (2008 publication) [13]
7% of persons under age 50 in Addis Ababa (1994) [14]
14.4% of blood donors in Gondar (1995) [15]

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5.7% of patients at an HIV counseling center (Hawassa, 2007) [16]
5.3% of persons living at 4 *Schistosoma mansoni* endemic areas (2007 publication) [17]

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Hepatitis C

Agent	VIRUS - RNA. Flaviviridae, Hepacivirus: Hepatitis C virus
Reservoir	Human
Vector	None
Vehicle	Blood Sexual contact Transplacental
Incubation Period	5w - 10w (range 3w - 16w)
Diagnostic Tests	Serology. Nucleic acid amplification.
Typical Adult Therapy	Needle precautions; supportive. If evidence of hepatocellular disease: Weekly Peginterferon alfa-2a 180 mcg SC or Peginterferon alfa-2b 1.5 mcg SC; and Ribavirin 400 mg in AM & 600 mg in PM daily Duration per viral genotype
Typical Pediatric Therapy	Peginterferon alfa-2b 3 MU/m2 SC x1 weekly + Ribavirin 15mg/kg
Clinical Hints	Vomiting and jaundice; may be history of transfusion within preceding 1 to 4 months; chronic hepatitis and fulminant infections are encountered.
Synonyms	Epatite C, HCV, Hepatite per virus C, Non-A, non-B parenteral hepatitis. ICD9: 070.2,070.3,070.44,070.51,070.54,070.7 ICD10: B17.1

Clinical

WHO Case definition for surveillance of acute viral hepatitis (all types):
Clinical description
• Acute illness typically including acute jaundice, dark urine, anorexia, malaise, extreme fatigue, and right upper quadrant tenderness.
• Biological signs include increased urine urobilinogen and >2.5 times the upper limit of serum alanine aminotransferase.
• Note: Most infections occur in early childhood. A variable proportion of adult infections is asymptomatic.
Laboratory criteria for diagnosis
• Hepatitis A: IgM anti-HAV positive
• Hepatitis B: positive for Hepatitis B surface antigen (HBsAg) or IgM anti-HBc positive
• Non-A, non-B: IgM anti-HAV and IgM anti-HBc (or HBsAg) negative
Note 1: The anti-HBc IgM test, specific for acute infection, is not available in most countries.
• HBsAg, often available, cannot distinguish between acute new infections and exacerbations of chronic hepatitis B, although continued HBsAg seropositivity (>6 months) is an indicator of chronic infection.
Note 2: For patients negative for hepatitis A or B, further testing for a diagnosis of acute hepatitis C, D, or E is recommended:
Hepatitis C: anti-HCV positive
Hepatitis D: HBsAg positive or IgM anti-HBc positive plus anti-HDV positive (only as co-infection or super-infection of hepatitis B)
Hepatitis E: IgM anti-HEV positive
Case classification
• Suspected: A case that is compatible with the clinical description.
• Probable: Not applicable.
• Confirmed: A suspected case that is laboratory confirmed or, for hepatitis A only, a case compatible with the clinical description, in a person who has an epidemiological link with a laboratory-confirmed case of hepatitis A (i.e. household or sexual contact with an infected person during the 15-50 days before the onset of symptoms).

Clinical features of Hepatitis C:

Patients with acute infection typically are either asymptomatic or have a mild clinical illness. [1]
• 60% to 70% of patients have no symptoms
• 20% to 30% of patients have jaundice
• 10% to 20% of patients have non-specific symptoms, such as anorexia, malaise, or abdominal pain.

Clinical illness in patients with acute hepatitis C who seek medical care is similar to that of other types of viral hepatitis.
• The average time period from exposure to symptom onset is 6-7 weeks, whereas the average time period from exposure to seroconversion is 8-9 weeks.
• Anti-HCV can be detected in 80% of patients within 15 weeks after exposure, in >90% within 5 months after exposure, and in >97% by 6 months after exposure.

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• Rarely, seroconversion is delayed for as long as 9 months after exposure.
• Rare instances of optic neuritis have been reported. [2]

The clinical course is variable; and fluctuating elevations in serum ALT levels, are the most characteristic feature. [3] [4]
• Fulminant hepatic failure following acute infection is rare.
• 15% to 25% of infections resolve without sequelae.
• Chronic HCV infection develops 75% to 85% of patients who exhibit persistent or fluctuating ALT elevations.
• 75% to 85% of patients with acute hepatitis C infection progress to chronic disease, and 20% to cirrhosis within 20 to 25 years. [5]
• No clinical or epidemiological features among patients with acute infection are predictive of persistent infection or chronic liver disease.
• Chronic liver disease is usually insidious, progressing without symptoms or physical signs in the majority of patients during 20 or more years following acute infection.
• Cirrhosis develops in 10% to 20% of persons with chronic hepatitis C over a period of 20 to 30 years; and hepatic cell carcinoma in 1% to 5%.
• HCV infection appears to have little short-term impact on survival after bone marrow transplantation, but is a risk factor for veno-occlusive disease and graft-versus-host disease. [6]
• Concurrent HIV infection shortens the time to development of chronic liver disease in patients with Hepatitis C. [7]

Hepatitis B predominates among patients with hepatocellular carcinoma in most Asian, African and Latin American countries; while hepatitis C predominates in Japan, Pakistan, Mongolia, Egypt, Europe and the United States. [8]

Additional manifestations seen in patients with chronic hepatitis C infection [9] may include mixed cryoglobulinemia with systemic vasculitis of the skin, erythema induratum [10], kidney [11] [12] and nervous system disorders [13]; thrombocytopenia [14]; non-Hodgkin lymphoma; porphyria cutanea tarda and lichen planus [15]; hypothyroidism; lymphocytic sialoadenitis (similar to that of Sjogren's syndrome) [16]; autoimmune and other rheumatological disorders [17-20], nectolytic acral erythema [21]; scleritis [22]; and orbital plasmacytoma. [23]

This disease is endemic or potentially endemic to all countries.

Hepatitis C in Ethiopia

Seroprevalence surveys:

0.9% to 2.0% of the general population, and 4.5% of HIV-positive patients in Addis Ababa (1994) [24] [25]
1.4% of blood donors in Addis Ababa
0.7% of blood donors in Gondar (2003 to 2007) [26]
1.3% of pregnant women in Gondar (2008 publication) [27]
21% patients with chronic hepatitis, 36% with cirrhosis and 46% with hepatocellular carcinoma (1995 publication) [28]
1.3% of persons living at 4 *S. mansoni* endemic regions (2007 publication) [29]

The nationwide carriage rate (Ethiopia) in 1997 was estimated at 0.84%.\

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Hepatitis D

Agent	VIRUS - RNA. Deltavirus: Hepatitis D virus - a 'satellite' virus which is encountered as infection with a co-virus (Hepatitis B)
Reservoir	Human
Vector	None
Vehicle	Infected secretions Blood Sexual contact
Incubation Period	4w - 8w (range 2w - 20w)
Diagnostic Tests	Serology. Nucleic acid amplification.
Typical Adult Therapy	Needle precautions; supportive Interferon alfa 2-a has been used.
Typical Pediatric Therapy	As for adult
Clinical Hints	Vomiting and jaundice - biphasic course often noted; occurs as a coinfection or superinfection of hepatitis B; may be chronic or fulminant (combined hepatitis B and delta carries a worse prognosis than seen with hepatitis B alone).
Synonyms	Epatite D, Hepatitis delta. ICD9: 070.41,070.52 ICD10: B17.0

Clinical

WHO Case definition for surveillance of acute viral hepatitis (all types):
Clinical description
• Acute illness typically including acute jaundice, dark urine, anorexia, malaise, extreme fatigue, and right upper quadrant tenderness. [1]
• Biological signs include increased urine urobilinogen and >2.5 times the upper limit of serum alanine aminotransferase.
• Note: Most infections occur in early childhood. A variable proportion of adult infections is asymptomatic.
Laboratory criteria for diagnosis
• Hepatitis A: IgM anti-HAV positive
• Hepatitis B: Positive for Hepatitis B surface antigen (HBsAg) or IgM anti-HBc positive
• Non-A, non-B: IgM anti-HAV and IgM anti-HBc (or HBsAg) negative
Note 1: The anti-HBc IgM test, specific for acute infection, is not available in most countries.
• HBsAg, often available, cannot distinguish between acute new infections and exacerbations of chronic hepatitis B, although continued HBsAg seropositivity (>6 months) is an indicator of chronic infection.
Note 2: For patients negative for hepatitis A or B, further testing for a diagnosis of acute hepatitis C, D, or E is recommended:
Hepatitis C: anti-HCV positive
Hepatitis D: HBsAg positive or IgM anti-HBc positive plus anti-HDV positive (only as co-infection or super-infection of hepatitis B)
Hepatitis E: IgM anti-HEV positive
Case classification
• Suspected: A case that is compatible with the clinical description.
• Probable: Not applicable.
• Confirmed: A suspected case that is laboratory confirmed or, for hepatitis A only, a case compatible with the clinical description, in a person who has an epidemiological link with a laboratory-confirmed case of hepatitis A (i.e. household or sexual contact with an infected person during the 15-50 days before the onset of symptoms).

Clinical features of Hepatitis D:

Hepatitis D is characterized by gradual onset of abdominal pain and vomiting, followed by development of jaundice.
• A biphasic course often noted.
• When coinfection by hepatitis B is often present, the course may be chronic or fulminant. [2]
• 80% of patients with chronic hepatitis D infection progress to cirrhosis within 5 to 10 years. [3]

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Hepatitis D in Ethiopia

Seroprevalence surveys:

6% of HBsAg-positive persons (2% of Oromo and 17% of Tigre)
5.8% of HBsAg-positive military recruits (1988 publication) [4]

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Hepatitis E

Agent	VIRUS - RNA. Caliciviridae: Hepatitis E virus
Reservoir	Human Rodent Pig
Vector	None
Vehicle	Fecal-oral Water Shellfish Blood (rare) Meat (rare)
Incubation Period	30d - 40d (range 10d - 70d)
Diagnostic Tests	Identification of virus by immune electron microscopy (stool). Serology. Nucleic acid amplification.
Typical Adult Therapy	Stool precautions; supportive
Typical Pediatric Therapy	As for adult
Clinical Hints	Clinically similar to hepatitis A - no chronic residua; severe or fatal if acquired during pregnancy (10% to 24% case-fatality rate).
Synonyms	Epatite E, Non-A, non-B enteric hepatitis. ICD9: 070.43,070.53 ICD10: B17.2

Clinical

WHO Case definition for surveillance of acute viral hepatitis (all types):
Clinical description
• Acute illness typically including acute jaundice, dark urine, anorexia, malaise, extreme fatigue, and right upper quadrant tenderness.
• Biological signs include increased urine urobilinogen and >2.5 times the upper limit of serum alanine aminotransferase.
• Note: Most infections occur in early childhood. A variable proportion of adult infections is asymptomatic.
Laboratory criteria for diagnosis
• Hepatitis A: IgM anti-HAV positive
• Hepatitis B: positive for Hepatitis B surface antigen (HBsAg) or IgM anti-HBc positive
• Non-A, non-B: IgM anti-HAV and IgM anti-HBc (or HBsAg) negative
Note 1: The anti-HBc IgM test, specific for acute infection, is not available in most countries.
• HBsAg, often available, cannot distinguish between acute new infections and exacerbations of chronic hepatitis B, although continued HBsAg seropositivity (>6 months) is an indicator of chronic infection.
Note 2: For patients negative for hepatitis A or B, further testing for a diagnosis of acute hepatitis C, D, or E is recommended:
Hepatitis C: anti-HCV positive
Hepatitis D: HBsAg positive or IgM anti-HBc positive plus anti-HDV positive (only as co-infection or super-infection of hepatitis B)
Hepatitis E: IgM anti-HEV positive
Case classification
• Suspected: A case that is compatible with the clinical description.
• Probable: Not applicable.
• Confirmed: A suspected case that is laboratory confirmed or, for hepatitis A only, a case compatible with the clinical description, in a person who has an epidemiological link with a laboratory-confirmed case of hepatitis A (i.e. household or sexual contact with an infected person during the 15-50 days before the onset of symptoms).

Clinical features of Hepatitis E:
In contrast to hepatitis A, hepatitis E is characterized by:
• relatively long incubation period
• prolonged clinical course
• severe and often fatal illness among pregnant women [1] , patients with pre-existing hepatic cirrhosis [2] , hemodialysis patients [3] and possibly women taking oral contraceptive medication. [4]
• poor protective value of immune serum globulin. [5]

Rare instances of pancreatitis are reported. [6]

Possible chronic hepatitis E infection has been reported among liver transplant recipients. [7]

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Clinical disease in western countries and Japan is most common among males and persons above age 60 years. [8]

Clinical signs and symptoms are similar to those of other types of viral hepatitis and include abdominal pain anorexia, dark urine, fever, hepatomegaly, jaundice, malaise, nausea, and vomiting. [9]
• Less common findings include arthralgia, arthritis [10], diarrhea, pruritus, an urticarial rash, severe thrombocytopenia [11], Guillain-Barre syndrome [12] and hemophagocytic syndrome. [13]
• A false positive serological reaction toward Epstein-Barr virus has been reported in Hepatitis E virus infection. [14]
• The case fatality rate for young adults is 0.5% to 3%; 15% to 20% for pregnant women. [15]

The period of infectivity following acute infection is not known; however, virus excretion in stools has been demonstrated up to 14 days after illness onset.
• The period of viral excretion appears to be prolonged among patients with hematological malignancy. [16]

In most hepatitis E outbreaks, the highest rates of clinically evident disease have been among young to middle-age adults.
• Lower disease rates in younger age groups may be the result of anicteric and/or subclinical HEV infection.

Sporadic cases of chronic Hepatitis E virus infection are reported, notably among immunosuppressed patients. [17-25]

This disease is endemic or potentially endemic to all countries.

Hepatitis E in Ethiopia

Prevalence surveys:

59% of acute hepatitis episodes among pregnant women (1993) [26]

Notable outbreaks:

1985 to 1986 - Outbreaks (2,000 cases, 87 fatal) of enterically-transmitted non-A, non-B hepatitis were reported among Ethiopian refugees in camps in Somalia and Sudan. [27] [28]

1988 to 1989 - An outbreak (423 hospitalized) of acute hepatitis E was reported among military personnel in the north. [29] [30]

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Hepatitis G

Agent	VIRUS - RNA. Flaviviridae, Hepacivirus: Hepatitis G virus. HGBV-A, B and C appear to be related
Reservoir	Human
Vector	None
Vehicle	Blood Vertical transmission has also been documented Sexual transmission suspected
Incubation Period	Unknown
Diagnostic Tests	Serology. Nucleic acid amplification.
Typical Adult Therapy	Supportive. Alpha interferon has been shown to ? transiently eliminate the carrier state
Typical Pediatric Therapy	As for adult
Clinical Hints	Acute or chronic hepatitis acquired from blood (needles, etc); clinically milder than hepatitis C - most cases limited to anicteric elevation of hepatic enzyme levels; viremia documented for as long as 10 years.
Synonyms	Epatite G, Hepatitis GB. ICD9: 070,59 ICD10: B17.8

Clinical

Hepatitis G is characterized by acute or chronic hepatitis acquired from blood (needles, etc). [1]
- The disease is milder than hepatitis C, with most cases limited to anicteric elevation of hepatic enzyme levels. [2]
- Viremia has been documented for as long as 10 years.

This disease is endemic or potentially endemic to all countries.

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Herpes B infection

Agent	VIRUS - DNA. Herpesviridae, Alphaherpesviridae, Simplexvirus: Cercopithecine herpesvirus 1 (Herpes B virus)
Reservoir	Monkey (usually Macaca species and cynomolgus)
Vector	None
Vehicle	Contact or bite
Incubation Period	10d - 20d (range 2d - 60d)
Diagnostic Tests	Viral culture (skin exudates). Nucleic acid amplification. Biosafety level 4.
Typical Adult Therapy	Therapy: Acyclovir 12 mg/kg IV q8h. OR Ganciclovir 5 mg/kg IV q12h. Follow with prolonged Acyclovir 800 mg PO 5X daily. Postexposure prophylaxis: Valacyclovir 1g PO q8h X 14 days. OR Acyclovir 800 mg PO X 5 X 14 days
Typical Pediatric Therapy	Acyclovir or Ganciclovir as for adult.
Clinical Hints	Vesicles, lymphadenopathy, myalgia, singultus, major neurological signs; usually within one month following contact with monkey; case-fatality rates exceed 80%. permanent neurological residua are common.
Synonyms	Cercopithecine herpesvirus 1, Herpes B, Herpesvirus simiae. ICD9: 078.89 ICD10: B00.4

Clinical

Most human infections have been fatal, consisting of myelitis and hemorrhagic encephalitis with concomitant multiorgan involvement. [1]

The illness begins with fever, malaise, diffuse myalgia, nausea, abdominal pain and headache.
- Lymphadenitis is seen proximal to the site of inoculation.
- Dermal vesicles may be present.
- Abdominal pain and nausea may occur.
- Neurological findings then predominate, with dysesthesia, ataxia, diplopia, seizures, and ascending flaccid paralysis. [2]
- A lymphocytic CSF pleocytosis and elevated protein levels are noted, often with numerous erythrocytes.
- In contrast to herpes simplex infection, the encephalitis is multifocal.
- Rarely, isolated skin infection and even an isolated meningitis may be encountered.

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Herpes simplex encephalitis

Agent	VIRUS - DNA. Herpesviridae, Alphaherpesvirinae, Simplexvirus: Human herpesvirus (usually type I)
Reservoir	Human
Vector	None
Vehicle	Infected secretions, including Sexual contact
Incubation Period	Unknown
Diagnostic Tests	Viral culture CSF usually negative. CT brain. Compare CSF/blood antibody levels. Nucleic acid amplification.
Typical Adult Therapy	Acyclovir 10 mg/kg IV Q8h
Typical Pediatric Therapy	Acyclovir 10 mg/kg IV Q8h
Clinical Hints	Rapidly-progressive severe encephalitis, usually without exanthem; often unilateral, temporal and parietal lobe predominance; permanent residua and high case-fatality rate in untreated cases.
Synonyms	

Clinical

Although fever, headache, behavioral changes, confusion, focal neurological findings, and abnormal cerebrospinal fluid are suggestive of herpetic encephalitis, signs are not pathognomonic.
• Typical findings include fever, headache, psychiatric symptoms, altered consciousness, dysphagia, seizures and vomiting. [1]
• Focal weakness, ataxia, hemiparesis, and memory loss are common.
• In some cases, patients exhibit memory loss, photophobia, cranial nerve deficits, papilledema, loss of visual fields, olfactory disturbance [2], choreoathetosis [3] or other movement disorders. [4]
• Meningismus and cutaneous herpes simplex are uncommon.
• Infection is usually frontotemporal and unilateral and characterized by severe, often fatal disease. [5]
• Unilateral involvement of the temporoparietal region is typical, and helps distinguish herpetic infection from other forms of viral encephalitis • which tend to be bilateral and symmetrical. [6]
• Cases of overt cerebral hemorrhage [7] and symmetric brain stem encephalitis have been reported. [8]
• West Nile viral encephalitis may mimic herpes simplex encephalitis. [9]

Herpes encephalitis is a risk factor for acute retinal necrosis. [10]

Relapse of encephalitis occurs in 12% of treated patients. [11] [12]

This disease is endemic or potentially endemic to all countries.

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Herpes simplex infection

Agent	VIRUS - DNA. Herpesviridae, Alphaherpesvirinae, Simplexvirus: Human herpesvirus I and II
Reservoir	Human
Vector	None
Vehicle	Infected secretions, including Sexual contact
Incubation Period	1d - 14d
Diagnostic Tests	Viral culture or microscopy of lesions. Serology. Nucleic acid amplification.
Typical Adult Therapy	Acyclovir 400 mg PO TID X 7d. OR Famciclovir 250 mg PO TID X 7d. OR Valacyclovir 1 g PO BID X 7d
Typical Pediatric Therapy	Acyclovir 10 mg/kg PO QID X 7 d
Clinical Hints	Recurring localized crops of painful vesicles on a red base; regional adenopathy often present; may follow a prodrome of neuropathy or hyperesthesia.
Synonyms	Herpes gladiatorum, Herpes rugbiorum, Herpes simplex. ICD9: 054.0,054.1,054.2,054.4,054.5,054.6,054.7,054.8,054.9 ICD10: A60,B00

Clinical

The initial attack of herpes simplex is generally more overt than recurrent episodes; however, primary infections are often asymptomatic. [1]
• Symptoms will also vary depending on the site of infection (eye [2] [3] , esophagus [4] , anal region, etc).

Signs and symptoms:

Following a prodrome of local discomfort, tender papular, vesicular or ulcerative lesions on an erythematous base appear. [5]
• Anorexia, malaise and fever may accompany individual episodes.
• The lesions coalesce, and tender bilateral lymphadenopathy develops.
• Skin lesions usually heal over the next several days to weeks.
• Patients may give a history of occupational exposure (ie, herpetic whitlow, found in medical or dental personnel; herpes gladiatorum among wrestlers).
• Vesicular skin lesions of tularemia may mimic those of herpes simplex [6] ; and herpetic infection may present as folliculitis. [7]

Complications:

Immunosuppressed patients and neonates are at particular risk for disseminated and severe infections. [8-12]
• Chronic (>1 month) mucocutaneous infections may occur in HIV-positive patients, in the absence of disseminated disease. [13]
• Lesions of the tongue may present as Herpetic geometric glossitis. [14]
• Mucosal herpetic lesions may serve as a portal for bacterial invasion. [15]
• Ocular complications include conjunctivitis, scleritis [16] , severe keratitis and retinal necrosis. [17] [18] Over 10% of keratouveitis cases are complicated by secondary glaucoma [19] Herpetic keratitis may complicated ocular steroid injection [20]
• Herpes simplex infection has been etiologically linked to facial (Bell's) palsy. [21] [22]
• Pancreatitis [23] , esophagitis [24] , cardiomyopathy [25] and rhabdomyolysis with renal failure have been reported to complicate herpes simplex infection. [26]
• Rare cases of hepatitis and fulminant hepatic failure due to HSV infection have been reported in immunocompetent persons. [27-31]
• HSV-related erythema multiforme [32] has been reported in stem-cell transplant recipients [33]
• Disseminated infection among patients with eczema (Eczema herpeticum) may resemble smallpox. [34]

Neonatal herpes simplex infection is characterized by vesicular rash, hypothermia, lethargy, seizures, respiratory distress, hepatosplenomegaly, thrombocytopenia, hepatic dysfunction and cerebrospinal fluid pleocytosis. [35]

Herpes simplex virus is an important cause of encephalitis (discussed separately in this module) and keratitis. [36]

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Herpes simplex infection in Ethiopia

HSV-2 **Seroprevalence surveys:**

40.9% of factory workers (1997 to 2002) [37]
46% of CSW (1994 publication) [38]
50% of adults in Addis Ababa, by age 25 years (1996 to 1997) [39]

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Herpes zoster

Agent	VIRUS - DNA. Herpesviridae, Alphaherpesvirinae: Varicella-zoster virus
Reservoir	Human
Vector	None
Vehicle	Air Direct contact
Incubation Period	Unknown
Diagnostic Tests	Viral culture (vesicles). Serology. Nucleic acid amplification.
Typical Adult Therapy	Acyclovir 800 mg PO X 5 daily X 7 to 10d. OR Famciclovir 500 PO TID. OR Valacyclovir 1 g PO TID
Typical Pediatric Therapy	Acyclovir 20 mg/kg PO QID X 7 to 10d
Vaccine	Herpes zoster
Clinical Hints	Unilateral dermatomal pain, tenderness and paresthesia followed in 3 to 5 days by macular, erythematous rash evolving to vesicles; trunk and chest most common, but other areas possible; patients usually above age 50.
Synonyms	Fuocodi Saint'Antonio, Shingles, Zona, Zoster. ICD9: 053 ICD10: B02

Clinical

The condition represents reactivation of dormant Varicella-Zoster virus in dorsal root ganglia.

Disease is characterized by grouped vesicular lesions distributed along one to three sensory dermatomes, usually unilateral and on the trunk or face. [1]
• Mild pruritis or excruciating pain may be present, and after the disappearance of the rash.
• In immunocompromised individuals, herpes zoster may become disseminated.
• A chronic verrucous form of herpes zoster seen in HIV-positive patients is associated with antiviral drug-resistance. [2]

Most healthy persons recover without complications; however, individuals above age 50 years are at increased risk of postherpetic neuralgia which may persist for months to years after the rash has healed.
• Immunocompromised patients are risk for chronic herpes zoster; or infection of the central nervous system [3] , liver, lungs or pancreas.
• Chronic (>1 month) mucocutaneous infections may occur in HIV-positive patients, in the absence of disseminated disease. [4]
• Visual impairment or scleral damage may follow zoster ophthalmia. [5-7] Over 10% of keratouveitis cases are complicated by secondary glaucoma [8]
• VZ virus infection may be associated with facial nerve palsy. [9]
• VZ virus infection can be a presenting symptom of hyperparathyroidism and occurs twice as often in persons with hypercalcemia than age-matched controls. [10]
• In some cases, reactivation of VZ virus may present as radiculitis, cranial nerve palsy or other features of herpes zoster • but without rash (zoster sine herpete). [11]

This disease is endemic or potentially endemic to all countries.

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Histoplasmosis - African

Agent	FUNGUS. Ascomycota, Euascomycetes, Onygenales: Histoplasma capsulatum var. duboisii A dimorphic fungus
Reservoir	? Bat ? Chicken Baboon Bird
Vector	None
Vehicle	Air
Incubation Period	Unknown
Diagnostic Tests	Fungal culture or biopsy.
Typical Adult Therapy	Amphotericin B; or Ketoconazole
Typical Pediatric Therapy	As for adult
Clinical Hints	Skin nodule, abscess or ulcer; underlying bone lesion (commonly skull, femur and ribs) - may be multiple and associated with lymphadenopathy and weight loss.
Synonyms	African histoplasmosis. ICD9: 115.1 ICD10: B39.5

Clinical

Although *H. capsulatum* var. *duboisii* is probably acquired through inhalation, pulmonary infection has not been demonstrated.
• Infection is characterized by suppurative granulomata in the skin, bones and subcutaneous tissues • rarely in the abdominal viscera, lungs and other organs. [1]
• There is neither pain nor systemic illness in local infection; however, disseminated and even fatal infections are described.

Skin and bone are most frequently affected.
• Typical findings consist of ulcers, nodules or psoriaform lesions which may resolve spontaneously. [2] [3]
• Wide dissemination is occasionally reported. [4]
• Cutaneous lesions may mimic molluscum contagiosum. [5]
• Tender, subcutaneous 'cold abscesses may also be present.
• Osteolytic bone occur in up to 50% of cases • primarily of the skull and ribs, and often involving the vertebrae as well.
• Local, draining lymphadenitis may also be present.
• Immunosuppressed patients may develop miliary infection; or multiorgan involvement of liver, spleen, kidney and lung.
• Addison's disease resulting from adrenal gland involvement has been reported. [6]

This disease is endemic or potentially endemic to 25 countries.

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HIV infection - initial illness

Agent	VIRUS - RNA. Retroviridae, Lentivirinae: Human Immunodeficiency Virus
Reservoir	Human
Vector	None
Vehicle	Blood Semen Sexual Transplacental Breast-feeding
Incubation Period	1w - 6w
Diagnostic Tests	HIV antibody (ELISA, Western blot). HIV or HIV antigen assays. Nucleic acid amplification.
Typical Adult Therapy	Supportive; 'prophylactic' Zidovidine + additional drugs (DDI, 3TC, etc) should be considered - particularly during pregnancy
Typical Pediatric Therapy	Supportive; role for 'prophylactic' Zidovidine + additional drugs (DDI, 3TC, etc) should be considered
Clinical Hints	Fever, diarrhea, sore throat and a mononucleosis-like illness in a 'high risk' patient (eg, men who have sex with men, drug abuser, etc).
Synonyms	HIV, HIV infection. ICD9: 042 ICD10: B20,B21,B22,B23,B24

Clinical

The clinical features of acute HIV infection are protean and often characterized by fever, generalized lymphadenopathy, headache, fatigue, myalgia, rash, nausea, vomiting, night sweats, sore throat, diarrhea or weight loss. [1]
• 40% to 90% of persons have symptoms suggestive of an acute viral infection.
• Symptoms tend to subside within two weeks; however, some patients continue to be ill for as long as ten weeks.
• In most cases, a history of likely acquisition within the past several weeks can be established: unprotected sex, extra-medical injection, transfusion, etc.

This disease is endemic or potentially endemic to all countries.

HIV infection - initial illness in Ethiopia

Data regarding HIV infection are included in the note for AIDS

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Hookworm

Agent	PARASITE - Nematoda. Phasmidea: Necator americanus, Ancylostoma duodenale, A. ceylonicum (in Calcutta and the Philippines)
Reservoir	Human
Vector	None
Vehicle	Soil Contact
Incubation Period	7d - 2y
Diagnostic Tests	Examination of stool for ova.
Typical Adult Therapy	Albendazole 400 mg X 1 dose. OR Mebendazole 100 mg BID X 3d. OR Pyrantel pamoate 11 mg/kg (max 3g) X 3d; or
Typical Pediatric Therapy	As for adult
Clinical Hints	Pruritic papules (usually of feet) - later cough and wheezing; abdominal pain and progressive iron-deficiency anemia; eosinophilia common; dyspnea and peripheral edema in heavy infections; *Ancylostoma caninum* implicated in eosinophilic enteritis.
Synonyms	Anchilostoma, Ancylostoma ceylanicum, Ancylostoma duodenale, Ancylostomiasis, Anquilostomiasis, Cyclodontostomum, Eosinophilis enteritis, Hakenwurmer-Befall, Miner's anemia, Necator americanus, Necatoriasis, Uncinariasis. ICD9: 126.0,126.1 ICD10: B76.0,B76.1,B76.8

Clinical

Initial manifestations of hookworm consist of pruritus, erythema, and a papular, or vesicular rash at the site of larval penetration ("ground itch"). [1]
• Migration of larvae through the lungs may result in a Loeffler-like syndrome with transitory cough, wheezing, diffuse opacities on x-ray and eosinophilia in sputum and blood. [2] [3]
• Migration of *A. duodenale* larvae to the breast, with infection of nursing infants ('hypobiosis') has been described. [4]
• The major finding in overt infection is iron-deficiency anemia. [5]
• Heavy intestinal infection may also produce local symptoms of abdominal pain, diarrhea, and occasionally malabsorption with weight loss (most commonly in children).
• Rare instances of overt melena have been reported. [6]

This disease is endemic or potentially endemic to all countries.

Hookworm in Ethiopia

Prevalence surveys:

7.7% of school children (national survey, 2008 publication) [7]
24% of children in the lowlands, 15% in temperate regions, and 7% in the highlands (1998 publication) [8]
12.9% of school children in Amhara National Regional State (1995) [9]
6.7% of school children in Babile Town, Eastern Ethiopia (2001)
7.6% of orphan school children (2010 publication) [10]
4.3% of children ages 6 to 14 in Gondar (2006 to 2007) [11]
2.5% of HIV-positive patients in the southwestern region (2002) [12]
9.6% of malaria patients presenting to a hospital in Southern Ethiopia (2007) [13]
25.3% of persons in the southern Rift Valley region (1994 publication) [14]
23.8% of sugar estate workers in the central region (2000 publication) [15]
53.1% of banana plantation workers in the middle Awash Valley (1987) [16]
0.8% of food handlers in Gondar town (2008 publication) [17]

Non-biting cyclorrhaphan flies (*Musca domestica*, *Chrysomya rufifacies*, *Musca sorbens*, *Lucina cuprina*, *Calliphora vicina*,

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Chrysomya bezziana and *Wohlfahrtia magnifica*) have been found to carry this parasite. [18]
- Hookworm ova have been identified on cyclorhaphan flies (Diptera) in slum areas of Addis Ababa [19]

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Hymenolepis diminuta infection

Agent	PARASITE - Platyhelminthes, Cestoda. Cyclophyllidea, Hymenolepididae: Hymenolepis diminuta
Reservoir	Rodent Various insects
Vector	None
Vehicle	Arthropod - ingestion
Incubation Period	2w - 4w
Diagnostic Tests	Identification of ova in stool
Typical Adult Therapy	Praziquantel 25 mg/kg as single dose. OR Niclosamide 2g, then 1g/d X 6d
Typical Pediatric Therapy	Praziquantel 25 mg/kg as single dose. OR Niclosamide 1g, then 0.5g/d X 6d (1.5g, then 1g for weight >34kg)
Clinical Hints	Nausea, abdominal pain and diarrhea; eosinophilia may be present; primarily a pediatric disease, in rodent-infested areas; infestation resolves spontaneously within 2 months.
Synonyms	Hymenolepis diminuta, Mathevotaenia, Rat tapeworm. ICD9: 123.6 ICD10: B71.0

Clinical

Patients, usually children, may develop mild abdominal pain, nausea diarrhea and eosinophilia. [1]

This disease is endemic or potentially endemic to all countries.

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Hymenolepis nana infection

Agent	PARASITE - Platyhelminthes, Cestoda. Cyclophyllidea, Hymenolepididae: Hymenolepis (Rodentolepis) nana
Reservoir	Human Rodent (especially hamster)
Vector	None
Vehicle	Food Water Fecal-oral
Incubation Period	2w - 4w
Diagnostic Tests	Identification of ova in stool
Typical Adult Therapy	Praziquantel 25 mg/kg once. OR Nitazoxanide 500 mg daily for 3 days OR Niclosamide 2g/d X 1, then 1g/d X 6d
Typical Pediatric Therapy	Praziquantel 25 mg/kg once. OR Nitazoxanide 100 mg (age 1 to 3 years) to 200 mg (age 4 to 11 years) BID X 3d OR Niclosamide 1g/d X 1, then 0.5g/d X 6d (1.5g, then 1g for weight >34kg)
Clinical Hints	Nausea, abdominal pain, diarrhea, irritability and weight loss; eosinophilia may be present; infection is maintained by autoinfection (worm reproduces within the intestinal lumen).
Synonyms	Dwarf tapeworm, Hymenolepis nana, Rodentolepis (Hymenolepis) microstoma, Rodentolepsiasis, Vampirolepis nana. ICD9: 123.6 ICD10: B71.0

Clinical

Infestation by *Hymenolepis nana* is largely asymptomatic. [1]
- Children are most likely to exhibit symptoms consisting of abdominal pain and diarrhea. [2]
- Pruritis ani and behavioral and sleep disturbances are occasionally encountered. [3]
- Most patients have eosinophilia (5% to 10% of total leucocyte count).

This disease is endemic or potentially endemic to all countries.

Hymenolepis nana infection in Ethiopia

Prevalence surveys:

2.0% of school children (national survey, 2008 publication) [4]
10.1% of school children in Babile Town, Eastern Ethiopia (2001)
4.7% of children ages 6 to 14 in Gondar (2006 to 2007) [5]
0.8% of persons in the southern Rift Valley region (1994 publication) [6]
0.6% of banana plantation workers in the middle Awash Valley (1987) [7]
0.6% of persons in Akaki town (1989 publication) [8]

Non-biting cyclorrhaphan flies (*Musca domestica*, *Chrysomya rufifacies*, *Musca sorbens*, *Lucina cuprina*, *Calliphora vicina*, *Chrysomya bezziana* and *Wohlfahrtia magnifica*) have been found to carry this parasite. [9]
- Hymenolepis ova have been identified on cyclorhaphan flies (Diptera) in slum areas of Addis Ababa [10]

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Infection of wound, puncture, IV line, etc

Agent	BACTERIUM. Staphylococcus aureus, streptococci, facultative or aerobic gram negative bacilli, anaerobes, et al
Reservoir	Human Soil Water Air (spores) Various animals and plants
Vector	None
Vehicle	Trauma Water Medications Bandages Autoinoculation
Incubation Period	Variable
Diagnostic Tests	Smear and culture of catheter, material from wound.
Typical Adult Therapy	Drainage, remove catheter, debridement and antibiotics appropriate to infecting species
Typical Pediatric Therapy	As for adult
Clinical Hints	Source (ie, venous line, postoperative, marine, animal bite) may suggest species; onset less than 24 hrs = group A Strep. or *Cl. perfringens*; 2 to 7 days *S. aureus*; over 7 days gram negative bacilli; foul odor anaerobes.
Synonyms	Intravenous catheter infection, Line infection, Surgical wound infection, Wound infection. ICD9: 686.9,451 ICD10: T79.3,I80.0, Y95

Clinical

Wound infection is a self-defined illness.

The features and severity of infection are largely determined by the health status of the patient, and the nature of the wound and infecting organism.

Signs of infection which develop in a patient with an intravenous catheter should be assumed to be related to the catheter until proven otherwise.

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Infectious mononucleosis or EBV infection

Agent	VIRUS - DNA. Herpesviridae. Gammaherpesvirinae, Lymphocryptovirus: Human herpesvirus 4 (Epstein Barr virus)
Reservoir	Human
Vector	None
Vehicle	Saliva Blood transfusion
Incubation Period	28d - 42d
Diagnostic Tests	Serology. Nucleic acid amplification.
Typical Adult Therapy	Supportive
Typical Pediatric Therapy	As for adult
Clinical Hints	Exudative pharyngitis, symmetrical cervical lymphadenopathy, splenomegaly and hepatic dysfunction; atypical lymphocytes and positive serology appear after 10 to 14 days; acute illness resolves in 2 to 3 weeks, but malaise and weakness may persist for months.
Synonyms	EBV, EBV, Epstein-Barr, Febbre ghiandolare, Glandular fever, Infectious mononucleosis, Monocytic angina, Mononucleose, Mononucleosi, Mononucleosis - infectious, Mononukleose, Pfeiffer's disease. ICD9: 075 ICD10: B27.0

Clinical

Symptoms of Infectious Mononucleosis (IM) usually consist of fever, pharyngitis, and lymphadenopathy. [1]
• Patients usually do not recall a history of possible exposure.
• A prodrome consisting of 1 to 2 weeks of fatigue, malaise, and myalgia is common; however, abrupt presentations may occur.
• A low-grade fever is usually present and lasts for 1 to 2 weeks, occasionally up to 5 weeks.
• CMV / EBV co-infection may be associated with prolonged illness. [2]

Pharyngitis may be severe, particularly during the first week of illness. [3]
• Tonsillitis may be present, and lymphadenopathy is almost universal, lasting for 1 to 2 weeks.
• Posterior cervical nodes are often affected, and generalized adenopathy may occur.
• Periorbital edema and palatal petechiae are often present.
• Splenomegaly is found in most cases, and hepatomegaly in 25%.
• Patients often complain of headache.
• A morbilliform or papular erythematous eruption of the upper extremities or trunk is noted in 5% of cases.
• Lemmiere's syndrome has been reported as a complication of infectious mononucleosis. [4]
• Guillain-Barre syndrome and membranous glomerulonephritis have been reported following primary EBV infection. [5]

It is of note that a macular erythematous rash may occur in patients treated with ampicillin, usually appearing 5 to 9 days following the first dose.
• This phenomenon should not be misinterpreted as a penicillin allergy.
• Erythema nodosum and erythema multiforme have been associated with IM, as have petechiae and jaundice.
• The presence of severe abdominal pain may herald splenic rupture.

Other diseases ascribed to Epstein-Barr virus include nasopharyngeal carcinoma, Burkitt's lymphoma (African type), post-transfusion lymphoproliferative disorder (PTLD) [6] and hemolytic anemia. [7]
• Epstein-Barr virus infection, like many other infectious diseases, is occasionally followed by Guillain-Barre syndrome.
• Gianotti-Crosti syndrome may be the only presenting manifestation of Epstein-Barr virus infection. [8]

A false positive serological reaction toward Epstein-Barr virus has been associated with a variety of conditions, including rheumatoid arthritis [9] [10], Hepatitis E [11], Hepatitis A [12] and Parvovirus B19 infection. [13]

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Influenza

Agent	VIRUS - RNA. Orthomyxoviridae, Orthomyxovirus: Influenza virus
Reservoir	Human Occasionally Ferret Bird Pig
Vector	None
Vehicle	Droplet
Incubation Period	1d - 3d
Diagnostic Tests	Viral culture (respiratory secretions). Serology. Nucleic acid amplification techniques are available.
Typical Adult Therapy	Respiratory precautions. Influenza A or B: Oseltamivir 75 mg PO BID X 5d OR Zanamavir 10 mg BID X 5 days
Typical Pediatric Therapy	Respiratory precautions. Influenza A or B: Oseltamivir 2 mg/kg (max 75 mg) PO BID X 5d OR Zanamavir (age > 5 years) 10 mg BID X 5 days
Vaccines	Influenza - inactivated Influenza - live
Clinical Hints	Myalgia, headache, cough, fever; pharyngitis and conjunctivitis often present; usually encountered in the setting of an outbreak; leucocytosis, chest pain and lobar infiltrate herald bacterial (pneumococcal or staphylococcal) pneumonia.
Synonyms	Asian flu, Aviaire influenza, Avian flu, Avian influenza, Bird flu, Epidemic catarrh, Grippe, H1N1, H2N2, H3N2, H5N1, Hong Kong flu, LPAI, Spanish influenza, Swine flu, Swine influenza. ICD9: 487 ICD10: J09,J10,J11

Clinical

Influenza is characterized by acute onset of fever, headache, myalgia, nonproductive cough, sore throat, and rhinitis. [1]
• The illness usually resolves in 2 to 7 days; however, symptoms often persist for up to two weeks.
• Severe illness or death may complicate the acute infection, notably in pregnant women [2] , the elderly and patients with underlying medical conditions. [3]
• Complications include primary viral pneumonia or bacterial pneumonia (most commonly pneumococcal); myocarditis, myositis, Guillain-Barre syndrome [4] , encephalitis [5] , and transverse myelitis. [6-8]

WHO Case definition for surveillance • Influenza:
Clinical case definition
A person with sudden onset of fever of >38°C and cough or sore throat in the absence of other diagnoses.
Laboratory criteria for diagnosis
• Virus isolation: Swab or aspirate from the suspected individual, or
• Direct detection of influenza viral antigen.
• Serology: Fourfold rise in antibody titer between early and late serum.
Case classification
• Suspected: A case that meets the clinical case definition.
• Confirmed: A case that meets the clinical case definition and is laboratory-confirmed (used mainly in epidemiological investigation rather than surveillance).

WHO definition for surveillance • Swine influenza (H1H1):
confirmed case • person with swine influenza A (H1N1) virus infection laboratory confirmed by
• real-time RT-PCR and/or
• viral culture and/or
• 4-fold rise in swine influenza A(H1N1) virus specific neutralizing antibodies
probable case • either
• person with influenza test positive for influenza A, but unsubtypable by reagents used to detect seasonal influenza virus infection , or
• person with clinically compatible illness or who died of unexplained acute respiratory illness who is considered to be epidemiologically linked to probable or confirmed case

CDC definition for surveillance • Swine influenza (H1H1):
confirmed case • person with acute respiratory illness with swine influenza A (H1N1) virus infection laboratory confirmed at CDC by

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• real-time reverse transcriptase polymerase chain reaction (RT-PCR) and/or
• viral culture
probable case • person with acute febrile respiratory illness who is
• positive for influenza A, but negative for H1 and H3 by influenza RT-PCR
• positive for influenza A by influenza rapid test or influenza immunofluorescence assay (IFA) plus meets criteria for suspected case
suspected case • person with acute respiratory illness (defined as recent onset of >= 2 of rhinorrhea or nasal congestion, sore throat, or cough) plus
• close contact to confirmed case of swine influenza A (H1N1) virus infection during case's infectious period, or
• close contact defined as within about 6 feet of ill person
• infectious period defined as 1 day prior to illness onset to 7 days after onset
• travel to or residence in area with confirmed cases of swine influenza A (H1N1) virus infection

Avian influenza H5N1 infection:

Avian influenza H5N1 infection is characterized by fever greater than 38 C, shortness of breath and cough. [9] [10]
• The incubation period is 2 to 4 days.
• All patients reported to date have presented with significant lymphopenia and marked chest radiograph abnormalities consisting of diffuse, multifocal or patchy infiltrates.
• Some cases showed segmental or lobular consolidation with air bronchograms.
• Crackles were frequently heard on auscultation.
• Some of the patients reported sore throat, conjunctivitis, myalgia, rash or rhinorrhea.
• Watery diarrhea or loose stools was noted in approximately 50% of the cases.
• Myocardial dysfunction and hepatic dysfunction are also reported.
• Reactive hemophagocytic syndrome is the most characteristic pathological finding and may contribute to the lymphopenia, liver dysfunction, and abnormal clotting profiles observed among patients with severe infection.
• Approximately 90% of patients with H5N1 infection have been below age 40. [11]
• Approximately 60% of patients have died, on an average of 10 days after onset of symptoms.

Influenza virus H1N1 infection

• During the "Spanish flu" H1N1 pandemic of 1918 to 1919, illness was characterized by unusual severity, tendency to affect young healthy adults, rapid progression and overwhelming pneumonia.
• During the outbreak of H1N1 2009 virus infection [12], children [13] [14] and young adults accounted for a large proportion of cases. [15] [16] Severe cases were not necessarily associated with underlying disease. Obesity [17-21], immune-compromise [22], pregnancy [23-31] sickle cell disease [32] and asthma were identified as risk factors for complications. [33-39] Children below age 5 years, particularly those with neuro-developmental disorders, were also found to be at risk. [40-42]
• Most deaths were caused by primary viral pneumonia [43-53], and bacterial co-infection was identified in as many as 29% of fatal cases. [54-58]
• Vomiting and diarrhea were reported in up to 25% of patients [59], and as many as 6% were afebrile. [60] Case-fatality rates were not necessarily higher than those reported for other strains of Influenza virus. [61] [62]
• Additional complications included rhabdomyolysis [63-67], encephalitis or encephalopathy [68-83], acute hemorrhagic leukoencephalitis [84-88], cerebellitis [89], acute myelopathy [90], Guillain-Barre syndrome [91-93], parkinsonism [94], quadriplegia [95], glomerulonephritis [96] [97], hemolytic-uremic syndrome [98-101], myopathy [102], cold agglutinin syndrome [103], renal failure [104-106], myocarditis [107-119] or reversible myocardial dysfunction [120-122], pericarditis [123], subacute thyroiditis [124], pancreatitis [125], plastic bronchitis [126] and Acute Respiratory Distress Syndrome (ARDS). [127-138]

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Influenza in Ethiopia

GIDEON does not follow routine country reports on human Influenza, since the scope and nature of these data are often diffuse, sporadic or inconsistent. See the "Worldwide" note for material regarding pandemic influenza, influenza vaccine, avian influenza in humans and other relevant subjects.

Notable outbreaks:

2009 to 2010 - An outbreak (12 cases) was reported. ***Context :*** A pandemic of H1N1 Influenza virus infection occurred. [139-193] Over 600,000 cases had been officially-reported worldwide as of March, 2010. [194-196] 18,449 fatal cases were reported to August 1, 2010. [197-219] Indigenous populations from Australia, Canada, the United States and New Zealand were found to have a at least a 3-fold greater death rate than others in their countries. [220-228] Reporting of case-number summaries was suspended by WHO as of July 6 [229]; and on August 10, the pandemic was declared to have ended. [230] [231] The pandemic began in Mexico, spreading rapidly to the United States and Canada. Swine were not implicated in the transmission of disease. [232] [233] Human-to-swine transmission was confirmed in Argentina [234] and Canada during the outbreak [235-243]; and infected swine were identified in Argentina [244-246], Australia [247], Denmark [248], Finland [249], Germany [250], Iceland [251], India [252], Indonesia [253], Ireland [254], Italy [255-263], Japan [264], England [265], Mexico [266],

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Northern Ireland [267] , Norway [268] [269] , Republic of Korea [270] , Russian Federation [271] , Scotland [272] , Taiwan [273] , Thailand [274] and the United States. [275-281] Infected turkeys were subsequently identified in Canada [282-284] , Chile [285-288] , France [289] and the United States. [290] [291] Infection was reported in cats [292-298] , ferrets [299-302] , a dog [303] and a cheetah [304] in the United States [305-311] ; skunks in Canada [312] ; dogs in Italy [313] , and in dogs and swine in Hong Kong. [314]

- Reporting dates vary by country. The following updates include incidence data as of June 18. [315] [316] : Afghanistan (17 fatal) [317] [318] , Albania (6 fatal), Algeria (57 fatal cases), American Samoa (94), Andorra (1), Angola (37), Anguilla (1), Antigua and Barbuda (0 fatal), Argentina (626 fatal) [319-335] , Armenia (3 fatal), Aruba (13), Australia (191 fatal) [336-376] , Austria (24 fatal), Azerbaijan (2), Bahamas (4 fatal), Bahrain (7 fatal), Bangladesh (7 fatal), Barbados (156 - 3 fatal) [377] , Belarus (20 fatal) [378] , Belgium (17 fatal) [379] [380] , Belize (36), Bermuda (1 fatal), Bhutan (6), Bolivia (59 fatal) [381] , Bosnia and Herzegovina (10 fatal), Botswana (23), Brazil (2,125 fatal) [382-385] , British Virgin Islands (12), Brunei (850 - 1 fatal), Bulgaria (40 fatal) , Burundi (7), Cambodia (6 fatal) [386] [387] , Cameroon (4) [388] , Canada (429 fatal) [389-409] , Cape Verde (118), Cayman Islands (104 - 1 fatal), Chad (1), Chile (156 fatal) [410-420] , China (724 fatal - including 56 in Hong Kong [421-434] and 2 in Macao) [435-477] , Colombia (254 fatal) [478] , Comoros (2 fatal in Mayotte) [479] , Congo (21) [480] , Cook Islands (106 - 1 fatal), Costa Rica (65 fatal), Croatia (25 fatal), Cuba (83 fatal), Cyprus (6 fatal) [481] , Czech Republic (97 fatal), Democratic Republic of Congo (222), Democratic Republic of Korea (9) [482] , Denmark (30 fatal) [483] [484] , Dominica (30), Dominican Republic (464 - 24 fatal), Ecuador (130 fatal) [485] , Egypt (210 fatal) [486-489] , El Salvador (34 fatal) [490] , Estonia (19 fatal), Ethiopia (12), Falkland Islands (7), Fiji (234), Finland (41 fatal) [491] [492] , France (308 fatal) [493-512] , French Guiana (29 - 1 fatal) [513] , French Polynesia (7 fatal) [514] [515] , Gabon (4), Georgia (20 fatal), Germany (243 fatal) [516-528] , Ghana (1 fatal), Gibraltar (16), Greece (138 fatal) [529-536] , Grenada (20), Guadeloupe (5 fatal) [537] , Guam (2 fatal), Guatemala (26 fatal) [538] [539] , Guyana (17), Haiti (92) [540] , Honduras (18 fatal), Hong Kong (56 fatal) [541-554] , Hungary (130 fatal), Iceland (2 fatal) [555] [556] , India (1,385 fatal) [557-572] , Indonesia (691 - 10 fatal) [573] , Iran (147 fatal) [574-579] , Iraq (42 fatal) [580] , Ireland (23 fatal) [581-583] , Israel (113 fatal, including 28 in Gaza and the West Bank) [584-592] , Italy (200 fatal) [593-598] , Ivory Coast (5), Jamaica (7 fatal), Japan (145 fatal) [599-612] , Jordan (19 fatal) [613] , Kazakhstan (17), Kenya (417) [614] , Kiribati (4), Kuwait (30 fatal), Laos (156 - 1 fatal) [615] [616] , Latvia (34 fatal), Lebanon (5 fatal) [617] , Lesotho (65), Libya (1 fatal), Liechtenstein (5), Lithuania (23 fatal), Luxembourg (3 fatal), Macao (2 fatal) [618] , Macedonia (23 fatal), Madagascar (3 fatal) [619] , Malaysia (1,780 - 77 fatal) [620-626] , Malawi (4), Maldives (1 fatal), Mali (12), Malta (5 fatal), Marshall Islands (115 - 1 fatal), Martinique (44 - 1 fatal) [627] , Mauritania (15), Mauritius (8 fatal), Mexico (1,289 fatal) [628-657] , Micronesia (82), Moldova (35 fatal) [658] , Monaco (1), Mongolia (29 fatal) [659] , Montenegro (7 fatal), Morocco (53 fatal) [660] , Mozambique (2 fatal), Myanmar (137) [661] , Namibia (1 fatal), Nauru (8), Nepal (2 fatal) [662] , The Netherlands (58 fatal) [663-668] , Netherlands Antilles (179 cases - 53 in Curacao, including 3 on a cruise ship; 24 in St. Maarten and 31 on Bonaire), New Caledonia (507 - 7 fatal), New Zealand (35 fatal) [669-687] , Nicaragua (2,152 cases - 11 fatal) [688] , Niger (12), Nigeria (2 fatal) [689] , Niue (0), Northern Marianas (6), Norway (29 fatal) [690] [691] , Oman (31 fatal), Pakistan (14 fatal) [692-694] , Palau (47), Panama (12 fatal) [695] , Papua New Guinea (12), Paraguay (47 fatal), Peru (238 fatal) [696-699] , Philippines (3,207 - 30 fatal), Pitcairn Island (0), Poland (148 fatal), Portugal (83 fatal) [700] [701] , Puerto Rico (20), Qatar (8 fatal), Republic of Korea (170 fatal) [702-708] , Reunion (7 fatal) [709-718] , Romania (122 fatal) [719] , Russian Federation (19 fatal) [720] [721] , Rwanda (433) [722] , Saint Kitts and Nevis (2 fatal), Saint Lucia (1 fatal), Saint Vincent and the Grenadines (2), Samoa (138 - 2 fatal), Sao Tome and Principe (2 fatal), Saudi Arabia (124 fatal) [723-734] , Scotland (38 fatal) [735-739] , Senegal (184), Serbia (71 fatal), Seychelles (33), Singapore (19 fatal) [740-755] , Slovakia (53 fatal), Slovenia (19 fatal), Solomon Islands (4), South Africa (93 fatal) [756] [757] , Spain (271 fatal) [758-778] , Sri Lanka (48 fatal), Sudan (5 fatal), Suriname (108 - 2 fatal), Swaziland (2), Sweden (25 fatal) [779] [780] , Switzerland (16 fatal) [781] , Syria (127 fatal), Taiwan (36 fatal) [782-790] , Tanzania (1 fatal), Thailand (212 fatal) [791-801] , Tokelau (0), Tonga (1 fatal), Trinidad and Tobago (5 fatal), Tunisia (21 fatal), Turkey (415 fatal) [802-805] , Turks and Caicos Islands (36), Tuvalu (23), Uganda (263), Ukraine (282 fatal) [806-815] , United Arab Emirates (6 fatal) [816] [817] , United Kingdom (362 fatal: at least 142 in England, 38 in Scotland - including the first fatal case in Europe [818-820] , 21 in Wales and 13 in Northern Ireland) [821-845] , United States (2,718 fatal) [846-886] , Uruguay (20 fatal), Vanuatu (3), Venezuela (137 fatal) [887] [888] , Vietnam (53 fatal) [889-894] , Virgin Islands, U.S. (49), Wallis and Futuna (55), Yemen (28 fatal) , Zambia (90) and Zimbabwe (41). 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Intestinal spirochetosis

Agent	BACTERIUM. Brachyspira pilosicoli and B. aalborgi Anaerobic gram-negative spirochetes
Reservoir	Human Fowl Pigs
Vector	None
Vehicle	Endogenous
Incubation Period	Unknown
Diagnostic Tests	Spirochetes resemble "brush border' on bowel biopsy; identification of Brachyspira by PCR
Typical Adult Therapy	Metronidazole appears to be effective in some cases.
Typical Pediatric Therapy	As for adult.
Clinical Hints	Chronic diarrhea and abdominal pain in the absence of other identifiable etiology
Synonyms	Human intestinal spirochetosis. ICD9: 009.1 ICD10: A04.8

Clinical

This diagnosis should be suspected in patients with persistent or chronic diarrhea lasting more than several weeks, in whom alternative etiologies are not identified.

- Abdominal pain, hematochezia, flatulence and intermittent constipation are also reported in some cases. [1-3]
- *Brachyspira* has been identified in the blood in some cases. [4]
- Asymptomatic infection is common. [5]
- Although some patients improve following administration of Metronidazole, other cases resolve without specific therapy. [6]

Roentgenographic studies may reveal colonic mucosal edema and luminal narrowing. [7]

Standard H & E staining of colonic biopsies reveals a 'pseudo-brush border' consisting of tiny spirochetes [8-10] ; or free-floating spirochetes in the intestinal mucus. [11]

- Similar findings are often present in asymptomatic individuals. [12]
- The organism can be identified using specialized culture [13] or molecular methods. [14-16]

This disease is endemic or potentially endemic to all countries.

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Intra-abdominal abscess

Agent	BACTERIUM. Mixed anaerobic / aerobic, staphylococci, Neisseria gonorrhoeae, Chlamydia trachomatis, etc
Reservoir	Human
Vector	None
Vehicle	None
Incubation Period	Variable
Diagnostic Tests	Various imaging techniques (CT, Gallium scan, ultrasound, etc).
Typical Adult Therapy	Percutaneous or open drainage + antibiotics directed at known or suspected pathogen(s)
Typical Pediatric Therapy	As for adult
Clinical Hints	Fever, chills and localizing pain (e.g., chest pain in subphrenic abscess) - setting of prior surgery, biliary or colonic disease, appendicitis, vaginal discharge (PID); FUO, subdiaphragmatic gas or limited diaphragmatic motion may be present.
Synonyms	Abscess - Abdominal, Acute appendicitis, Appendicitis, Intraabdominal abscess, Intraperitoneal abscess, P.I.D., Pancreatic abscess, Pelvic abscess, Pelvic inflammatory disease, Pylephlebitis, Subhepatic abscess, Subphrenic abscess, Suppurative pancreatitis, Tuboovarian abscess. ICD9: 614,577.0 ICD10: K35,N73,K75.1,K85

Clinical

Intraabdominal abscesses often occur in the setting of prior abdominal trauma, surgery or infection.

Signs and symptoms may include fever, pain, tenderness and leucocytosis.
• In many cases, the sole presenting feature is prolonged fever, which may be accompanied by weight loss, lethargy and anemia.
• One or more localized masses may be detectable on palpation or through the use of imaging techniques.

Comprehensive reviews of clinical presentation:
• Pelvic Inflammatory Disease [1-6]
• Splenic Abscess [7] [8]
• Pancreatic Abscess [9] [10]
• Pylephlebitis. [11]

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Intracranial venous thrombosis

Agent	BACTERIUM. Oral anaerobes, streptococci, et al
Reservoir	Human
Vector	None
Vehicle	Endogenous
Incubation Period	Variable
Diagnostic Tests	Culture (blood, CSF if indicated). Ophthalmoscopy. Roentgenographic studies of skull & sinuses.
Typical Adult Therapy	Antibiotic(s) directed at known or suspected pathogens
Typical Pediatric Therapy	As for adult
Clinical Hints	Headache, seizures and fever; cranial nerve dysfunction may be present; usually occurs in the setting of facial, otic or sinus infection.
Synonyms	Cavernous sinus thrombosis, Cerebral sinus thrombosis, Cortical vein thrombosis, Internal cerebral vein thrombosis, Straight sinus thrombosis, Superior sinus thromobosis, Transverse sinus thrombosis. ICD9: 325 ICD10: G08

Clinical

Cortical vein thrombosis may occasionally be clinically silent, or produce only transient neurological findings. [1]
• Septic cortical vein or venous sinus occlusion may progress to subdural empyema, meningitis, brain abscess, systemic infection or pulmonary embolism.
• Severe headache is present in 90% of cases, and cerebral lesions with neurological signs in 50%. [2]
• If collateral flow is compromised, the resulting neurological may mimic brain abscess, with impairment of consciousness, focal or generalized seizures, and increased intracranial pressure.
• Depending on the site of the lesion, one may encounter hemiparesis, which involves the face and hand if veins; unilateral or bilateral leg weakness; aphasia; etc. [3]

Cavernous sinus thrombosis is characterized by diplopia, photophobia, orbital edema, and progressive exophthalmos.
• Involvement of cranial nerves III, IV, V, and VI is reflected by ophthalmoplegia, fixed pupil, a loss of the corneal reflex and diminished upper facial.
• Papilledema, retinal hemorrhages, and visual loss may also occur.

Anterior superior sagittal sinus thrombosis may produce intracranial hypertension without other signs.
• More extensive blockage of this sinus is associated with bilateral leg weakness followed by arm weakness and clouding of consciousness.

Lateral sinus thrombosis causes pain over the ear and mastoid, occasionally with edema over the mastoid itself (Griesinger's sign); or ipsilateral facial pain and lateral rectus weakness (Gradenigo's syndrome).

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Isosporiasis

Agent	PARASITE - Protozoa. Sporozoa, Coccidea, Eimeriida: Isospora [Cystoisospora] belli
Reservoir	Human
Vector	None
Vehicle	Food Liquids Fecal-oral Sexual (homosexual) contact
Incubation Period	7d - 10d
Diagnostic Tests	Microscopy of stool or duodenal contents. Advise laboratory when this organism is suspected.
Typical Adult Therapy	Sulfamethoxazole/trimethoprim 800/160 mg BID X 10 days - Then BID X 3 weeks (may be indefinite in AIDS patient) Increase dosage / duration in immune-suppressed patients Pyrimethamine 50 to 75 mg per day + leucovorin if allergic to sulfa
Typical Pediatric Therapy	Sulfamethoxazole/trimethoprim 25/5 mg/kg BID X 10 days - Then BID X 3 weeks
Clinical Hints	Myalgia, watery diarrhea, nausea and leukocytosis; eosinophilia may be present; prolonged and severe in AIDS patients.
Synonyms	Isospora belli. ICD9: 007.2 ICD10: A07.3

Clinical

Isosporiasis is characterized by abdominal cramps, watery diarrhea, headache, weight loss and myalgias. [1]
• Fever and vomiting may also be present.
• A low-grade eosinophilia is present in 50% of patients
• Fecal leucocytes are not seen.

Infection in AIDS patients may cause significant weight loss and dehydration, requiring hospitalization. [2]
• Disease is also more severe among patients with lymphoma and leukemia.
• Chronic and severe infection may occasionally affect immunocompetent patients as well, and infants and young children are most likely to suffer severe disease. [3]
• Paralysis related to severe potassium depletion has been reported in an AIDS patient with isosporiasis. [4]
• Biliary disease similar to primary sclerosing cholangitis has been reported. [5]
• Disseminated extraintestinal infection has rarely been reported.

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Isosporiasis in Ethiopia

Prevalence surveys:

7.9% of diarrheal stools submitted to a parasitology reference laboratory (1998 to 2001) [6]
3.9% of stool samples from HIV/AIDS patients in southwest Ethiopia (2004) [7]

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Kawasaki disease

Agent	UNKNOWN
Reservoir	Unknown
Vector	None
Vehicle	Unknown
Incubation Period	Unknown
Diagnostic Tests	Diagnosis is based on clinical criteria only.
Typical Adult Therapy	Intravenous gamma globulin 2.0 g/kg over 10 to 12h X 1 dose. Plus aspirin 100 mg/kg/day X 14d (or until defervescence) - then 5 to 10 mg/kg/day until normal ESR Infliximab 5 mg/kg has been successful in some studies.
Typical Pediatric Therapy	As for adult
Clinical Hints	Fever, conjunctivitis, stomatitis, erythematous rash which desquamates; occasional coronary artery occlusion; the disease is most common among children; case-fatality rates of 1% to 4% are reported.
Synonyms	Kawasaki's disease, Mucocutaneous lymph node syndrome. ICD9: 446.1 ICD10: M30.3

Clinical

Diagnostic criteria are as follows: [1] [2]
Fever for at least five days in addition to at least 4 of the following:

1. Changes in the oral mucosa (erythema, strawberry tongue, etc)
2. Changes in hands and feet (erythema, swelling, periungual desquamation, rarely gangrene [3])
3. Rash, primarily on trunk (maculopapular, scarlatiniform, erythema multiforme).
4. Cervical lymphadenopathy
5. Absence of other etiology.

Occasionally, the initial presentation of Kawasaki disease may be limited to fever with cervical lymphadenopathy. [4]

There is no diagnostic test for Kawasaki disease.

The appearance of redness or crusting at a BCG inoculation site is a valuable predictive sign for Kawasaki disease. [5]

Kawasaki disease is encountered among adults [6] [7] as well as children.
• The incidence of specific diagnostic criteria are roughly similar in both groups
• Cheilitis, meningitis, and thrombocytosis are more common in children. Rare instances of thrombocytopenia are also reported [8]
• Arthralgia is common, and may involve one or multiple joints [9]
• Arthralgia, adenopathy, and liver function abnormality [10] [11] are more common in adults. [12]
• Older children may have a more marked inflammatory response and worse outcome, as compared to young children. [13]
• Absence of fever [14] , acute hepatitis [15] , pleural effusion, disseminated intravascular coagulopathy [16] , pancreatitis [17] [18] and cholestasis have been reported in some cases. [19]

Infants below age 1 year have a relatively high incidence of cardiac involvement. [20]
• Cardiac involvement is present in 13.6% of cases (Japan, 2003 to 2004) [21]
• Coronary arteritis is common, and coronary artery aneurysms may rupture [22] [23] or persist into adulthood. [24-27]
• Meningoencephalitis, often with seizures, has been reported as a presenting feature of Kawasaki disease. [28] [29]
• Additional complications include oculomotor [30] or facial palsy [31] , parotitis [32] , large pleural effusions [33] , retropharyngeal mass [34] , sensorineural hearing loss [35] and peripheral vascular gangrene [36] and necrotic lesions on the face. [37]
• 7% of affected children develop Kawasaki disease shock syndrome, with decreased systolic blood pressure or evidence of hypoperfusion. The shock syndrome is characterized by an increased rate of echocardiographic abnormalities and is less likely

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to respond to IVIG therapy [38]

• Neutrophilia, anemia, thrombocytosis, hepatic dysfunction [39] and sterile pyuria [40] are common. Syndrome of inappropriate ADH secretion has been reported. [41]

Diseases which may mimic Kawasaki disease include Chikungunya [42], meningococcal septicemia [43], Takayasu's arteritis [44], systemic onset juvenile idiopathic arthritis [45] and Q fever. [46]

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Kikuchi's disease and Kimura disease

Agent	UNKNOWN
Reservoir	Unknown
Vector	None
Vehicle	Unknown
Incubation Period	Unknown
Diagnostic Tests	Biopsy.
Typical Adult Therapy	Supportive Hydroxychloroquine and corticosteroids have been successful for Kikuchi's disease in some cases.
Typical Pediatric Therapy	As for adult
Clinical Hints	Most patients of Asian origin. Kikuchi disease: prolonged (1 to 12 months) cervical lymphadenopathy (rubbery, non-matted - may be tender), fever (40%), weight loss, 'sweats', leukopenia. Salivary gland involvement, glomerulitis, painless subcutaneous masses and eosinophilia suggest Kimura disease.
Synonyms	Angiolymphoid hyperplasia, Angiolymphoid hyperplasia-eosinophia, Eosinophilic follicular lymphadenitis, Histiocytic necrotizing lymphadenitis, Kikuchi and Fujimato's disease, Kikuchi's disease, Kimura disease. ICD9: 289.3 ICD10: I89.8

Clinical

Kikuchi's disease:
Kikuchi's disease (histiocytic necrotizing lymphadenitis) is characterized by histiocytic necrotizing lymphadenitis, usually of the cervical region. [1] [2]
• Generalized lymphadenopathy is occasionally encountered [3]
• The disease is primarily seen in young Japanese women or women of Oriental descent in the third decade of life. [4]
• Pediatric [5] , male and elderly patients are occasionally encountered. [6]
• Leukopenia is present in 50% of cases, and atypical lymphocytes may be seen in the peripheral blood smear.
• Additional features may include aseptic meningitis [7] , maculopapular or urticarial rash [8] , arthralgia, myalgia, hepatosplenomegaly, hepatic dysfunction, neuropathy, pulmonary infiltrates with pleural effusion [9] and pulmonary hemorrhage.
• Biopsy material reveals paracortical hyperplasia without granulocytic infiltration and a typical 'starry sky' pattern. [10] [11]
• Clinical features may mimic those of lupus erythematosus [12] or lymphoma. [13] [14]
• The prognosis is good, and patients recover after a mean of 3 months.
• Relapse occurs in 20% of cases. [15]
• Hydroxychloroquine and corticosteroids have been advocated by some authorities.

Kimura disease:
Kimura disease (angiolymphoid hyperplasia with eosinophiles (eosinophilic follicular lymphadenitis) is also most common among Oriental males. [16]
• Most present as painless subcutaneous masses and lymphadenopathy of the cervical region.
• Cases of isolated Kimura disease of the earlobe [17] and eyelid have been reported [18]
• In contrast to Kikuchi's disease, salivary gland involvement, glomerulitis, nephrotic syndrome [19] , elevated IgE and eosinophilia are often encountered.
• Hypercoagulability has been reported in some cases [20]

Angiolymphoid hyperplasia with eosinophilia is clinically similar to Kimura disease, but is histologically distinct from the latter. [21-27]

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Kingella infection

Agent	BACTERIUM. Kingella kingae, et al A facultative gram-negative coccobacillus
Reservoir	Human
Vector	None
Vehicle	Endogenous
Incubation Period	Unknown
Diagnostic Tests	Culture of blood, joint fluid, CSF, etc. Alert laboratory if these organisms are suspected.
Typical Adult Therapy	Penicillin G or Penicillin V usually effective - dosage per severity/site
Typical Pediatric Therapy	As for adult
Clinical Hints	A relatively rare cause of septic arthritis, endocarditis, meningitis and other infections; most infections have been in young children.
Synonyms	

Clinical

Kingella kingae, *K. (Suttonella) indologenes*, *K. denitrificans* and *K. oralis* are found in the normal respiratory tract, and occasionally associated with bacteremia, bone and joint infection (notably in young children) [1] [2] and endocarditis (the 'K' in the HACEK group). [3]
• *Kingella potus* has been isolated from a kinkajou wound in a zookeeper. [4]

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Laryngotracheobronchitis

Agent	VIRUS OR BACTERIUM. Parainfluenza virus, Influenza virus, Mycoplasma, et al
Reservoir	Human
Vector	None
Vehicle	Droplet
Incubation Period	3d - 8d
Diagnostic Tests	Viral culture (respiratory secretions). Serology. Nucleic acid amplification.
Typical Adult Therapy	Supportive
Typical Pediatric Therapy	As for adult
Clinical Hints	Usually encountered in the setting of bronchiolitis, laryngitis or croup following a minor upper respiratory infection in young children.
Synonyms	Bronchitis, Croup, Laringitis, Laryngite, Laryngitis, Laryngotracheitis. ICD9: 464,466 ICD10: J04,J05,J20,J21

Clinical

Laryngotracheobronchitis is a self-defined syndrome consisting of hacking cough, often with an 'itching' or 'foreign body' sensation in the airways, and hoarseness. [1]
• Viral croup and epiglottitis are two major inflammatory causes of airway obstruction in children.
• Spasmodic croup and membranous laryngotracheobronchitis may be associated with obstruction. [2]

Bacterial tracheitis is an uncommon (>200 cases reported worldwide) severe condition usually affecting children that manifests as cough, stridor, mucopurulent tracheal secretions and lack of response to therapeutic modalities used for treating viral croup. [3]
• Fever may be low-grade or even absent.
• 75% of patients require intubation and mechanical ventilation.
• The case/fatality rate is approximately 2%.
• Causative pathogens include *Staphylococcus aureus* (50% of cases) and *S. pneumoniae*, *H. influenzae*, *M. catarrhalis* and *S. pyogenes*. Gram-negative bacilli are also reported in some cases.
• Occasionally, co-infection with viral croup agents is found.

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Legionellosis

Agent	BACTERIUM. Legionella pneumophila, et al An aerobic gram-negative bacillus
Reservoir	Water
Vector	None
Vehicle	Water Aerosols
Incubation Period	5- 6d (range 2-12d); Pontiac fever = 1-2d
Diagnostic Tests	Serology. Culture. Urine antigen (certain types). Nucleic acid amplification. Alert lab if organism suspected.
Typical Adult Therapy	Fluoroquinolone (Levofloxacin, Trovafloxacin, Pefloxacin, Sparfloxacin or Moxifloxacin). OR Azithromycin. OR Erythromycin + Rifampin
Typical Pediatric Therapy	Azithromycin. OR Erythromycin + Rifampin
Clinical Hints	Respiratory illness with extrapulmonary manifestations (diarrhea, confusion, renal or hepatic dysfunction, relative bradycardia, etc.); most cases reported during summer in temperate areas; case-fatality rates of 5% to 25% are reported.
Synonyms	Doenca dos legionarios, Legionarsjuka, Legionarssjuka, Legionella, Legionellose, Legionellosi, Legionnaire's disease, Pontiac fever. ICD9: 482.84 ICD10: A48.1,A48.2

Clinical

WHO Case definition for surveillance:
Clinical description
An illness characterized by an acute lower respiratory infection with focal signs of pneumonia on clinical examination and/or radiological evidence of pneumonia.
Laboratory criteria for diagnosis
Presumptive: one or more of the following:
• Detection of specific *Legionella* antigen in respiratory secretions or urine
• Direct fluorescent antibody (DFA) staining of the organism in respiratory secretions or lung tissue, using evaluated monoclonal reagents
• A fourfold or greater rise in specific serum antibody titer to *Legionella* species other than *Legionella pneumophila* serogroup 1, using a locally validated serological test
Confirmative: one or more of the following:
• Isolation of *Legionella* from respiratory secretions, lung tissue, pleural fluid, or blood
• A fourfold or greater rise in specific serum antibody titer to *L. pneumophila* serogroup 1 by indirect immunofluorescence antibody test or microagglutination
• Most European countries and others such as the United States now include the detection of *L. pneumophila* serogroup 1 antigen in urine as a confirmatory test.
Case classification
• Suspected: Not applicable.
• Probable: A case compatible with the clinical description, with presumptive laboratory results.
• Confirmed: A case compatible with the clinical description, with confirmative laboratory results.

Pneumonia associated with extrapulmonary findings should suggest the possibility of Legionnaire's disease.
• Q-fever may be mistaken for Legionnaires' disease [1]
• The most common clinical manifestation is pneumonia, ranging from mild • to severe, with respiratory failure and death.
• Risk factors for overt disease include advanced age, smoking, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, immunosuppression, and recent surgery.
• Person-to-person transmission has not been demonstrated.

Legionnaire's disease vs. Pontiac fever:
There are 2 currently recognized distinct clinicoepidemiological manifestations of legionellosis:
• Both forms are characterized initially by anorexia, vomiting, myalgia and headache, followed within a day by rising fevers and chills.
• Legionnaires. disease. (pneumonic form) and
• Pontiac fever (non-pneumonic Legionnaires disease)

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Legionnaires disease [2] [3]

• In the pneumonic form, non-productive cough, abdominal pain / diarrhea, confusion / delirium are common.
• It is not possible, clinically, to distinguish *Legionella* pneumonia from other pneumonias [4] ; suspicion should be raised in any pneumonia connected with epidemiological information (e.g., recent traveling, hospitalization, gatherings, immunosuppression).
• In addition, age (>50), sex (M), smoking, alcohol consumption have been shown to be risk factors.

Pontiac fever:

Pontiac fever is a self-limited, influenza-like illness lasting 2 to 5 days, often in healthy persons following exposure to contaminated whirlpools or spas. [5-7]
• Pontiac fever is not associated with pneumonia. It is thought to represent a reaction to inhaled antigen, rather than to bacteria.
• Proposed case definition for Pontiac fever include occurrence of at least one symptom among headache, myalgia, fever and rigors, beginning 2 to 8 days following exposure. [8]

Complications:

Complications include empyema, pleural effusion, lung abscess, renal failure (in 10% to 50% of cases), endocarditis [9] , peritonitis, cutaneous and visceral abscesses [10] , arteriovenous fistula infection, pericarditis and myocarditis.
• Case-fatality rates may approach 40%, particularly among patients with underlying disease or immunosuppression.
• Additional risk factors for fatal infection include heart disease, malignancy, alcoholism and renal disease. [11]

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Leishmaniasis - cutaneous

Agent	PARASITE - Protozoa. Neozoa, Euglenozoa, Kinetoplastea. Flagellate: Leishmania tropica, et al
Reservoir	Human Hyrax Rodent Marsupial Dog Sloth Anteater Armadillo
Vector	Fly (sandfly = Phlebotomus for old world; Lutzomyia or Psychodopygus for new world)
Vehicle	None
Incubation Period	2w - 8w (range 1w - months)
Diagnostic Tests	Identification of organism on smear or specialized culture. Nucleic acid amplification
Typical Adult Therapy	Pentavalent antimonials 20 mg/kg/d IV or IM X 21d & / or topical paromomycin. Alternatives: L. major - Fluconazole or Azithromycin, PO L. mexicana or L. panamensis - Ketoconazole, PO L. braziliensis - Azithromycin, PO
Typical Pediatric Therapy	As for adult
Clinical Hints	Chronic ulcerating skin nodule; painless (*Leishmania tropica*) or painful (*L. major*); diffuse infection or regional lymphadenopathy occasionally encountered.
Synonyms	Aleppo button, Antep boil, Baghdad boil, Bay sore, Bejuco, Biskra button, Bolho, Bush yaws, Chiclero ulcer, Cutaneous leishmaniasis, Delhi ulcer, Domal, El-Mohtafura, Forest yaws, Gafsa boil, Granuloma endemicum, Hashara, Jericho boil, Kaal Daana, Kandahar sore, Leishmania major, Leishmania tropica, Leishmaniasis, Leishmaniose: Kutane, Leishmaniosi cutanea, Lepra de montana, Liana, Okhet, One-year boil, Oriental sore, Pendjeh sore, Pian bois, Saldana, Ulcera de Bejuco, Uta, Yatevi. ICD9: 085.1,085.2,085.3,085.4 ICD10: B55.1

Clinical

WHO Case definition for surveillance:
Clinical description
• Appearance of one or more lesions, typically on uncovered parts of the body.
• The face, neck, arms and legs are the most common sites.
• At the site of inoculation a nodule appears, and may enlarge to become an indolent ulcer.
• The sore remains in this stage for a variable time before healing, and typically leaves a depressed scar.
• Other atypical forms may occur.
• In some individuals, certain strains can disseminate and cause mucosal lesions. These sequelae involve nasopharyngeal tissues and can be very disfiguring.
Laboratory criteria for diagnosis
• positive parasitology (stained smear or culture from the lesion)
• mucocutaneous leishmaniasis only: positive serology (IFA, ELISA)
Case classification
WHO operational definition:
• A case of cutaneous leishmaniasis is a person showing clinical signs (skin or mucosal lesions) with parasitological confirmation of the diagnosis (positive smear or culture) and/or, for mucocutaneous leishmaniasis only, serological diagnosis.

Typically, a nodule develops at the site of a sandfly bite following a few days to several months. [1] [2]
• The lesion may be erythematous, or covered by a thin yellow crust.
• The nodule reaches a diameter of 1 to 5 cm over a period of weeks or months, and is not painful. [3]
• The crust may thicken, and even replace the nodule; or may fall away to reveal an ulcer with a raised edge.
• Satellite papules are common.
• The lesion may heal over a period of months or even years, leaving a depressed scar.
• Secondary infection is not prominent, and the major residua are scarring and disability.
• Rare instances of late scar carcinoma have been reported. [4]

Lesions caused by ***Leishmania major*** evolve and heal most rapidly, and are often inflamed or exudative ("wet sore" or "rural sore").
• Lesions caused by *L. tropica* are less inflamed ("dry sore" or "urban sore").
• Lesions due to *L. infantum* appear only after several months, and are small, nodular, and persist for years.

Lesions of ***L. aethiopica*** are typically single, and often involve the face.
• Satellite papules evolve to produce a slowly growing, shiny tumor or plaque that may not crust nor ulcerate.

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• If the site borders an area of mucosa, mucocutaneous leishmaniasis may develop, with swelling of the lips and enlargement of the nose over many years.

Leishmania brasiliensis produces deep, usually single, ulcers with a granulomatous base.
• 15 per cent of patients will relapse after spontaneous recovery or therapeutic improvement.

The lesions of ***L. guyanensis*** are multiple, fleshy and protuberant, and involve the limbs.
• Unlike other *Leishmania* species, ***L. braziliensis*** and ***L. panamensis*** are commonly associated with metastatic lesions along the path of draining lymphatics.
• Nodular lymphadenitis occurs, and may mimic nocardiosis. [5]

The lesions of ***L. mexicana*** ('chiclero ulcer') are commonly located on the side of the face or behind the ears.
• Destruction of the pinna is common.

Skin lesions with regional adenopathy may also occur in visceral leishmaniasis, and suggest a diagnosis of cutaneous leishmaniasis. [6]

Other clinical forms:
Three forms of cutaneous leishmaniasis do not heal spontaneously: **Disseminated cutaneous leishmaniasis**, **Leishmaniasis recidivans** and **American mucosal leishmaniasis**.
• Diffuse cutaneous leishmaniasis is often seen with *L. amazoensis* infections, and also occurs in about 0.01% of *L. aethiopica* infections.
• The nodule spreads locally without ulceration, while secondary hematogenous lesions appear on other body sites.
• These are often symmetrical, and involve the face and extensor surfaces of the limbs.
• The external genitalia may also be affected, but the eye, mucosae and peripheral nerves are not infected (in contrast to lepromatous leprosy).
• The infection evolves gradually over many years.

Cases of erysipeloid, recidiva cutis (LRC), and disseminated leishmaniasis (DL) have been ascribed to *L. panamensis* infection. [7]

Leishmaniasis recidivans (lupoid leishmaniasis) is a rare complication of *L. tropica* infection.
• After initial healing, papules reappear in the edge of the scar and the lesion spreads slowly over many years.
• The condition most commonly involves the face, and may be quite disfiguring.

Sporotrichoid cutaneous leishmaniasis may mimic cutaneous sporotrichosis. [8]
• Lesions of cutaneous leishmaniasis may mimic those of erysipeloid [9] or carcinoma. [10]
• Diffuse cutaneous leishmaniasis may mimic lepromatous leprosy [11]

Atypical, non-ulcerating nodular granulomatous lesions caused by *L. mexicana* and *L. chagasi* have been described in Central America.
• Most cases have involved exposed areas on the body, and most patients have been children.

In rare cases, leishmaniasis of the nose may present as rhinophyma [12]

This disease is endemic or potentially endemic to 85 countries.

Leishmaniasis - cutaneous in Ethiopia

Time and Place:
- *Leishmania aethiopica* is common in the highlands (basalt rock hills at 1,500 to 2,700 meters).
- *L. major* is confined to the lower Omo Valley, just north of Lake Turkana.
- Active transmission of zoonotic cutaneous leishmaniasis has been documented in Addis Ababa - reservoir hyrax (*Heterohyrax brucei*), vector *Phlebotomus longipes*. [13]

The first case report of human *L. tropica* infection in Ethiopia was published in 2005. [14]

Reservoirs:
- The local reservoir is the hyrax (*Procavia sp* and *Heterohyrax brucei*).

Vectors:
- *Leishmania tropica* and *L. aethiopica* have been isolated from *Phlebotomus (Paraphlebotomus)* species (Diptera: Psychodidae) in the Awash Valley, northeastern Ethiopia. [15]
- The vectors for *Leishmania major* are *Phlebotomus pedifer* and *Ph. (Larroussius) longipes*. [16]
- *Ph. duboscqi* [17] , *Ph. sergenti*, *Ph. orientalis* and *Ph. (Synphlebotomus) martini* are also present.

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Notable outbreaks:

2005 - An outbreak of cutaneous leishmaniasis in Silti woreda involved 4.8% of the population. [18]

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Leishmaniasis - mucocutaneous

Agent	PARASITE - Protozoa. Neozoa, Euglenozoa, Kinetoplastea. Flagellate: Leishmania braziliensis, et al
Reservoir	Rodent Human Sloth Marsupial
Vector	Fly (sandfly = Lutzomyia or Psychodopygus)
Vehicle	None
Incubation Period	2w - 8w (range 1w - 6m)
Diagnostic Tests	Microscopy (culture in specialized laboratories). Serology. Nucleic acid amplification.
Typical Adult Therapy	Pentavalent antimonials (Stibogluconate) 20 mg/kg/d IV/IM X 28d. OR Amphotericin B 0.5 mg/kg/d X 4 to 8w
Typical Pediatric Therapy	As for adult
Clinical Hints	Skin ulceration or nasopharyngitis associated with purulent, mucoid exudate; the process may extend to underlying soft tissues; metastatic lesions often involve the palate and pharynx.
Synonyms	Agla, Espundia, Mucocutaneous leishmaniasis. ICD9: 085.5 ICD10: B55.2

Clinical

As many as 40 per cent of patients with cutaneous ulcers due to *Leishmania brasiliensis* will develop mucosal involvement, 50% of these within two years of the original infection, and 90% within ten years (cases appearing after as many as 35 years have been reported).
• 15% of patients give no history of a previous primary skin lesion.
• In virtually all cases the nasal mucosa is affected, and in 33% a second site is also involved • the pharynx, palate, larynx, or upper lip, in order of frequency.
• Lesions may be subtle, and a thorough otorhinolarygologic examination should be performed in suspect cases. [1]

The initial presentation is typically nasal obstruction associated with a nodule or polyp on the inferior turbinate. [2] [3]
• The process evolves slowly to perforate the nasal septum, and may ultimately destroy the entire mouth and nose.
• Death may result from secondary sepsis, starvation or laryngeal obstruction.
• The clinical features of mucosal leishmaniasis may suggest a misdiagnosis of Wegener's granulomatosis. [4]
• Extensive lesions are less common in infection by *Leishmania panamensis* and *Leishmania guyanensis*.

A form of muco-cutaneous disease (Sudanese mucosal leishmaniasis) has been reported in Africa.
• The disease is not preceded or accompanied by cutaneous lesions.
• Infection presents as either: nasal obstruction, discharge and bleeding; oral 'fullness', loss of teeth and bleeding gums; or perforation of the hard palate.
• The muco-cutaneous form is found almost exclusively in Sudanese adult males. [5]

This disease is endemic or potentially endemic to 17 countries. Although Leishmaniasis - mucocutaneous is not endemic to Ethiopia, imported, expatriate or other presentations of the disease have been associated with this country.

Leishmaniasis - mucocutaneous in Ethiopia

29 cases of mucocutaneous leishmaniasis were identified by one treatment center in Tigray Province during an 18-month period (2005 to 2007). [6]

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Leishmaniasis - visceral

Agent	PARASITE - Protozoa. Neozoa, Euglenozoa, Kinetoplastea. Flagellate: Leishmania donovani, L. infantum, L. cruzi; rarely, L. tropica
Reservoir	Human Rodent Dog Fox
Vector	Fly (sandfly = Phlebotomus for old world; Lutzomyia for new world)
Vehicle	Blood
Incubation Period	2m - 6m (10d - 12m)
Diagnostic Tests	Smear / culture of bone marrow, splenic aspirate, lymph nodes. Serology. Nucleic acid amplification.
Typical Adult Therapy	Pentavalent antimonials (Stibogluconate) 20 mg/kg/d X 28d. OR Amphotericin B 1 mg/kg/QOD X 8w (or lipid complex 3 mg/kg/d X 5d) OR Paromomycin 11 mg/kg IM QD X 21 days OR Miltefosine 50 to 150 mg PO daily X 4 to 6 weeks.
Typical Pediatric Therapy	Pentavalent antimonials (Stibogluconate) 20 mg/kg/d X 28d. OR Amphotericin B 1 mg/kg/QOD X 8w (or lipid complex 3 mg/kg/d X 5d) OR Paromomycin 11 mg/kg IM QD X 21 days OR Miltefosine 2.5 mg/kg daily (maximum 150 mg) X 28d
Clinical Hints	Chronic fever, weight loss, diaphoresis, hepatosplenomegaly, lymphadenopathy and pancytopenia; grey pigmentation (Kala Azar = 'black disease') may appear late in severe illness; case-fatality rate = 5% (treated) to 90% (untreated).
Synonyms	Burdwan fever, Cachectic fever, Dum Dum fever, Kala azar, Leishmania donovani, Leishmania infantum, Leishmaniose: Viszerale, Leishmaniosi viscerale, Ponos, Visceral leishmaniasis. ICD9: 085.0 ICD10: B55.0

Clinical

WHO Case definition for surveillance:
Clinical description
• An illness with prolonged irregular fever, splenomegaly and weight loss as its main symptoms.
Laboratory criteria for diagnosis
• positive parasitology (stained smears from bone marrow, spleen, liver, lymph node, blood or culture of the organism from a biopsy or aspirated material)
• positive serology (IFA, ELISA)
Case classification
WHO operational definition:
• A case of visceral leishmaniasis is a person showing clinical signs (mainly prolonged irregular fever, splenomegaly and weight loss) with serological (at geographical area level) and/or parasitological confirmation (when feasible at central level) of the diagnosis.
• In endemic malarious areas, visceral leishmaniasis should be suspected when fever lasts for more than two weeks and no response has been achieved with anti-malaria drugs (assuming drug resistant malaria has also been considered).

Following an incubation period of two to eight months, the patient develops chronic fever, abdominal pain (from an enlarged spleen) and swelling, weight loss, cough and occasionally, diarrhea.
• The classical fever rises twice daily, without rigors; however, single 'spikes,' irregular or undulant fevers are common.
• Caucasians may experience an abrupt onset of high fever, with rapid progression of illness, toxemia, weakness, dyspnea, and anemia.
• Visceral leishmaniasis in HIV-positive patients is characterized by short incubation period, high incidence of multi-organ disease, and tendency to relapse. [1]

Physical signs may be limited to splenomegaly; but chronically-ill patients are typically pale and cachetic.
• Hyperpigmentation of face, extremities and abdomen ('Kala azar) may be present in advanced cases.
• The spleen is non-tender, and may be massively enlarged, reaching the left or even right iliac fossa.
• Moderate hepatomegaly is present in one-third of cases.
• Rare instances of granulomatous hepatitis are reported. [2]
• Generalized lymphadenopathy is found in 50% of African patients, and a smaller percentage of Indian and European cases.
• Jaundice, mucosal and retinal hemorrhage, laryngeal lesions [3] , uveitis, chronic diarrhea with malabsorption [4] , interstitial nephritis [5] ,pericardial effusion [6] are occasionally encountered.

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• Skin lesions with regional adenopathy may suggest a diagnosis of cutaneous leishmaniasis. [7]
• A chronic rash (Post kala-azar dermal leishmaniasis = PKDL) resembling leprosy, and involving primarily the extremities and face often appears months to years following infection. [8]
• Other rare manifestations include the hemophagocytic syndrome, leukemoid changes or myelodysplasia or pyothorax [9]

Laboratory studies reveal pancytopenia, hypoalbuminemia, hyperglobulinemia, and only mild hepatic dysfunction.
- Intercurrent infections are common notably pneumococcal disease (otitis, pneumonia or septicemia), tuberculosis and measles.

The case/fatality rate without treatment is 80% to 90%.

This disease is endemic or potentially endemic to 107 countries.

Leishmaniasis - visceral in Ethiopia

Time and Place:
- Visceral leishmaniasis is common in Metema-Humera [10] , the Segen [11] and Woito valleys, Setit-Humera and the Red Sea Coast.
- The rate in endemic areas is estimated at 14 per 1,000 person-years.
- During 2000 to 2001, the disease emerged in the Denan, Hargele, Huddur regions (borders of Kenya, Somalia and Ethiopia).
- There has been a recent influx of infected refugees into western region (a previously non-endemic area).

173 cases were reported during 1981 to 1987.

Leishmaniasis and HIV infection:
- Concordant HIV infection and visceral leishmaniasis is a major, acquired immunodeficiency syndrome-defining illness in Ethiopia, with high relapse and mortality rates. [12]
- 29 cases of HIV-*Leishmania* coinfection were reported to November 1995.
- In northwestern Ethiopia, up to 30% [13] to 38% [14] of visceral leishmaniasis patients were found to be HIV-positive (2006 to 2008).
- 2,782 cases of visceral leishmaniasis in HIV-positive patients were reported in Humera (western region) during 2003 to 2006. [15]
- 159 fatal cases were documented in northern Ethiopia during 2004 to mid-2005. [16]

The local strain is *Leishmania donovani* (archibaldi). [17]

Seroprevalence surveys:
45% of farmers in Setit Humera, northwestern region (skin test-positivity, 1976 publication) [18]
30.0% of persons in Konso district, southwestern region (skin test-positivity, 2009 publication) [19]
3.8% of dogs in Amhara region (2007) [20]

Vectors:
- The principal local vectors are *Phlebotomus (Larroussius) orientalis* [21] , *Ph. vansomerenae*, and *Ph. martini*.
- *Ph. (Synphlebotomus) celiae* [22] , *Ph. papatasi*, *Ph. bergeroti*, *Ph. duboscqi*, *Ph. rodhaini*and *Ph. alexandri* are also implicated. [23]

Local reservoirs may include various rodents, Serval cats (*Felis serval*) and genets (*Genetta genetta*).

Notable outbreaks:
2005 - An outbreak was reported in Libo Kemkem, highland region. [24] [25]

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Leprosy

Agent	BACTERIUM. Mycobacterium leprae An acid-fast bacillus
Reservoir	Human ? Armadillo
Vector	None
Vehicle	Patient secretions
Incubation Period	3y - 5y (range 3m - 40y)
Diagnostic Tests	Visualization of organisms in exudate, scrapings or biopsy. Nucleic acid amplification.
Typical Adult Therapy	Multibacillary: One year therapy Dapsone 100 mg + Clofazimine 50 mg daily; and, Rifampin 600 mg + Clofazimine 300 mg once monthly Paucibacillary: Six month therapy Dapsone 100 mg daily; and Rifampin 600 mg once monthly
Typical Pediatric Therapy	Multibacillary: One year therapy Dapsone 1 to 2 mg/kg + Clofazimine 1 mg/kg daily; and, Rifampin 10 mg/kg + Clofazimine 1 mg/kg once monthly Paucibacillary: Six month therapy Dapsone 1 to 2 mg/kg daily; and Rifampin 10 mg/kg once monthly
Clinical Hints	Anesthetic, circinate hypopigmented skin lesions and thickened peripheral nerves (tuberculoid leprosy); or diffuse, destructive papulonodular infection (lepromatous leprosy); or combined/ intermediate forms.
Synonyms	Aussatz, Doence de Hansen, Hansen's disease, Lebbra, Lepra, Mycobacterium leprae, Mycobacterium lepromatosis. ICD9: 030 ICD10: A30

Clinical

WHO Case definition for surveillance:
Clinical description
• The clinical manifestations of the disease vary in a continuous spectrum between the two polar forms, lepromatous and tuberculoid leprosy:
• In lepromatous (multibacillary) leprosy, nodules, papules, macules and diffuse infiltrations are bilateral symmetrical and usually numerous and extensive; involvement of the nasal mucosa may lead to crusting, obstructed breathing and epistaxis; ocular involvement leads to iritis and keratitis
• In tuberculoid (paucibacillary) leprosy, skin lesions are single or few, sharply demarcated, anesthetic or hypoesthesic, and bilateral asymmetrical, involvement of peripheral nerves tends to be severe
• Borderline leprosy has features of both polar forms and is more labile
• Indeterminate leprosy is characterized by hypopigmented maculae with ill-defined borders; if untreated, it may progress to tuberculoid, borderline
or lepromatous disease
Laboratory criteria for confirmation
• Alcohol-acid-fast bacilli in skin smears (made by the scrape-incision method).
• In the paucibacillary form the bacilli may be so few that they are not demonstrable.
• In view of the increasing prevalence of HIV and hepatitis B infection in many countries where leprosy remains endemic, the number of skin smear sites and the frequency of smear collection should be limited to the
minimum necessary.

Case classification:
WHO operational definition:
A case of leprosy is defined as a person showing one or more of the following features, and who as yet has to complete a full course of treatment:
• hypopigmented or reddish skin lesions with definite loss of sensation
• involvement of the peripheral nerves, as demonstrated by definite thickening with loss of sensation
• skin smear positive for acid-fast bacilli
Classification (microbiological):
Paucibacillary (PB): includes all smear-negative cases
Multibacillary (MB): includes all smear-positive cases.
Classification (clinical):
Paucibacillary single lesion leprosy: 1 skin lesion.
Paucibacillary leprosy: 2 to 5 patches or lesions on the skin.
Multibacillary leprosy: >5 patches or lesions on the skin.

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The major forms of leprosy are as follows: [1]

Tuberculoid • one or a few well-demarcated, hypopigmented, and anesthetic skin lesions, frequently with active, spreading edges and a clearing center; peripheral nerve swelling or thickening also may occur.

Lepromatous • a number of erythematous papules and nodules or an infiltration of the face (including oral mucosa [2] , hands, and feet with lesions in a bilateral and symmetrical distribution that progress to thickening of the skin.

Borderline (dimorphous) • skin lesions characteristic of both the tuberculoid and lepromatous forms.

Indeterminate • early lesions, usually hypopigmented macules, without developed tuberculoid or lepromatous features.

Relapsing disease may manifest as lymphadenopathy mimicking tuberculosis [3]

• Relapses may follow effective antimicrobial therapy. [4-6]

The skin lesions of paracoccidioidomycosis may mimic those of tuberculoid leprosy. [7]

• Lepromatous leprosy may mimic sarcoidosis. [8]

• Lupus vulgaris may mimic actinomycosis or mycetoma. [9]

• Diffuse cutaneous leishmaniasis may mimic lepromatous leprosy [10]

Leprosy may be associated with endocrine dysfunction including hypogonadism, sterility and osteoporosis [11]

6% of leprosy patients exhibit rheumatological manifestations, most commonly resembling rheumatoid arthritis [12] [13]

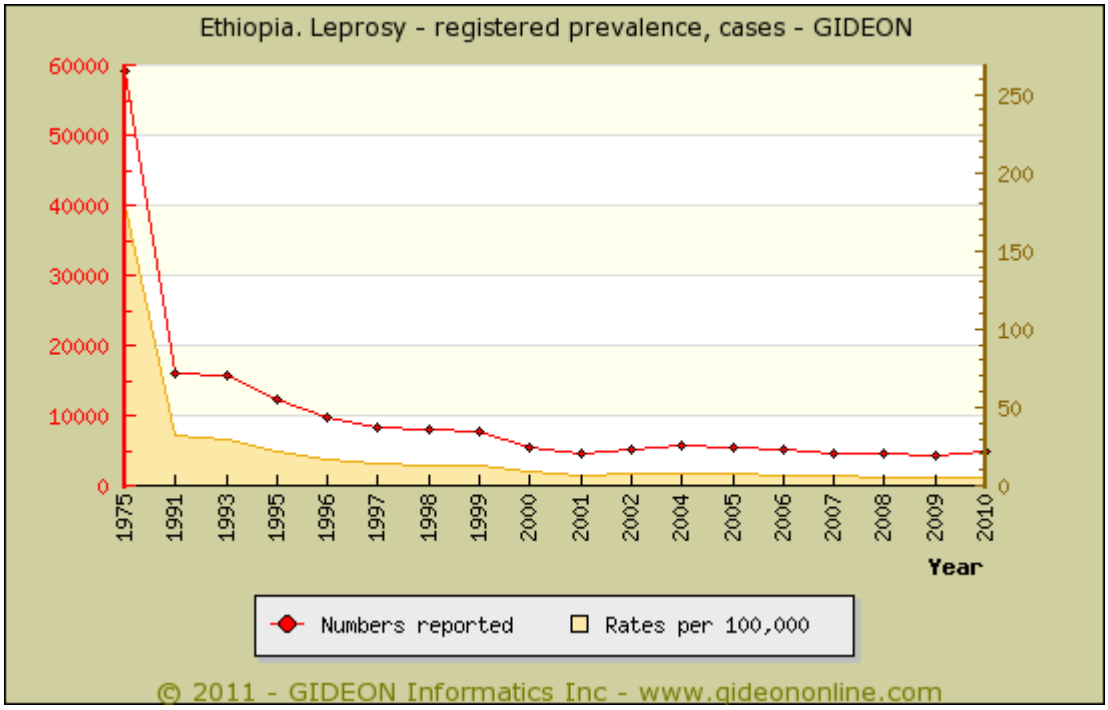
• Rare instances of spondylodiscitis have been reported. [14]

Lucio's phenomenon is a rare and aggressive necrotizing variant of erythema nodosum leprosum that classically occur in patients with undiagnosed, diffuse non-nodular lepromatous leprosy. [15]

Chronic skin lesions may undergo malignant transformation. [16]

This disease is endemic or potentially endemic to all countries.

Leprosy in Ethiopia



Graph: Ethiopia. Leprosy - registered prevalence, cases

Notes:

Individual years:

1975 - True number estimated at 135,000 cases.

1991 - True number estimated at 60,000 cases.

1993 - True number estimated at 20,000 cases (38.3 per 100,000).

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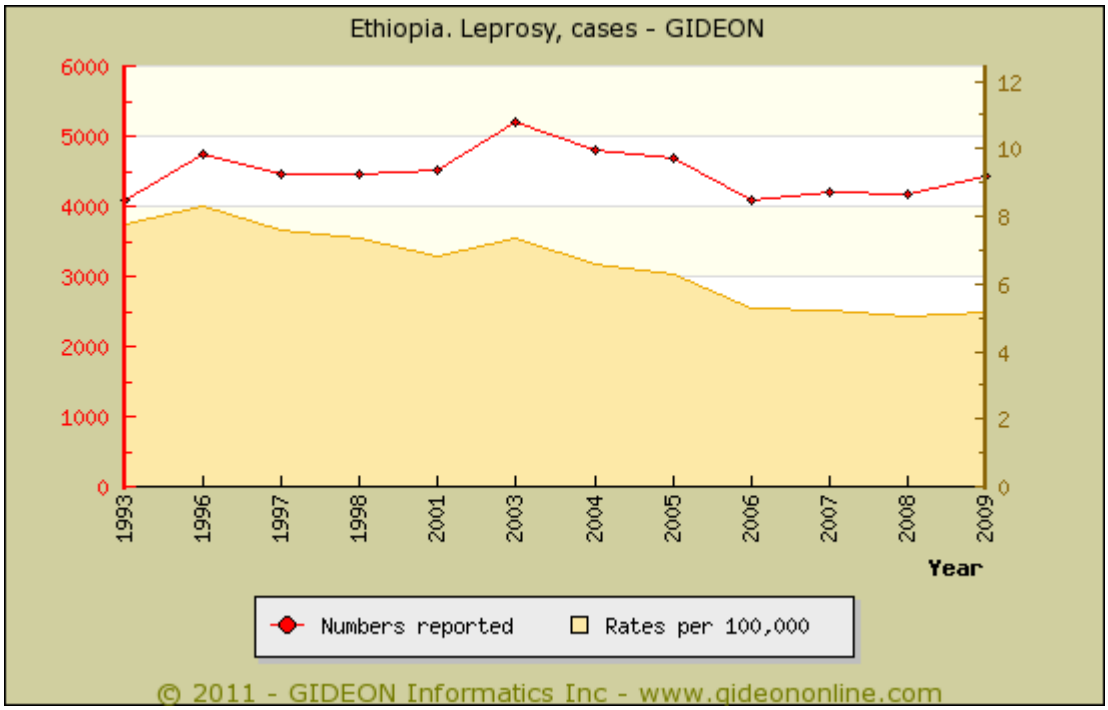
1995 - True number estimated at 18,000 cases.
1996 - 60.84% multibacillary.



Graph: Ethiopia. Leprosy, cases

Notes:
Individual years:
1997 - 65.5% multibacillary.

280 cases (33.45 per 100,000) were detected in Oromiya and Amhara regions through active case finding in 1999 - 53% multibacillary.

MDT coverage is 100% (1998).

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Leptospirosis

Agent	BACTERIUM. Leptospira interrogans An aerobic non-gram staining spirochete
Reservoir	Cattle Dog Horse Deer Rodent Fox Marine mammal Cat Marsupial Frog
Vector	None
Vehicle	Water Soil urine contact
Incubation Period	7d - 12d (range 2d - 26d)
Diagnostic Tests	Culture on specialized media. Dark field microscopy of urine, CSF. Serology.
Typical Adult Therapy	Doxycycline 100 mg BID X 5 to 7d
Typical Pediatric Therapy	Age >= 8y: Doxycycline 2.2 mg/kg BID X 5 to 7d. Age < 8y: IV Penicillin G 50,000u/kg q6h X 5 to 7d
Clinical Hints	"Sterile" meningitis, nephritis, hepatitis, myositis and conjunctivitis; often follows recent skin contact with fresh water in rural or rodent-infested areas; case-fatality rates of 5% to 40% are reported.
Synonyms	Andaman hemorrhagic fever, Canefield fever, Canicola fever, Field fever, Fish handler's disease, Fort Bragg fever, Japanese autumnal fever, Leptospira, Leptospirose, Leptospirosen, Leptospirosi, Mud fever, Pre-tibial fever, Rat fever, Rice field fever, Swamp fever, Swineherd disease, Weil's disease. ICD9: 100 ICD10: A27

Clinical

WHO Case definition for surveillance:
Clinical description
Acute febrile illness with headache, myalgia and prostration associated with any of the following symptoms:
• conjunctival suffusion
• meningeal irritation
• anuria or oliguria and/or proteinuria
• jaundice
• hemorrhages (from the intestines; lung bleeding is notorious in some areas)
• cardiac arrhythmia or failure
• skin rash
and a history of exposure to infected animals or an environment contaminated with animal urine.
Other common symptoms include nausea, vomiting, abdominal pain, diarrhea, arthralgia.
Laboratory criteria for diagnosis
• Isolation (and typing) from blood or other clinical materials through culture of pathogenic leptospires
• Positive serology, preferably Microscopic Agglutination Test (MAT), using a range of *Leptospira* strains for antigens that should be representative of local strains
Case classification
• Suspected: A case that is compatible with the clinical description.
• Probable: Not applicable.
• Confirmed: A suspect case that is confirmed in a competent laboratory.
Note: Leptospirosis is difficult to diagnose clinically in areas where diseases with symptoms similar to those of leptospirosis occur frequently.
SPECIAL ASPECTS
• Serology by Microscopic Agglutination Test (MAT) may provide presumptive information on causative serogroups.
• Attempts should be made to isolate leptospires, and isolates should be typed to assess locally circulating serovars.
• Questioning the patient may provide clues to infection source and transmission conditions.
• Animal serology may give presumptive information on serogroup status of the infection Isolation followed by typing gives definite information on serovar.

Disease due to *Leptospira interrogans* serovar. *icterohaemorrhagiae* is usually overt, and often manifest as hepatitis, meningitis and nephritis. [1]
• Canicola fever is due to serovar. *canicola* (occasionally *L. interrogans* serovar. *pomona*) and characterized by a milder lymphocytic meningitis, without hepatic or renal involvement.
• Serovar. *autumnalis* (occasionally *L. interrogans* serovar. *pomona*) produces Fort Bragg fever, a febrile illness associated with raised, erythematous, and mildly tender pretibial skin lesions.

Acute phase

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Subclinical infection is common.
• Overt leptospirosis (90% of cases) is characterized by a self-limited, systemic illness.
• Patients are at risk for severe and potentially fatal illness which may present with renal failure, liver failure, pneumonia [2] [3] or hemorrhagic diathesis. [4]
• Illness begins abruptly with such symptoms as fever (38 to 40 C), headache (over 95% of cases), rigors, myalgia (over 80%), conjunctivitis (30 to 40%), abdominal pain (30%), vomiting (30 to 60%), diarrhea (15 to 30%), cough, muscular (calf) tenderness, pharyngitis (20%) and a pretibial maculopapular rash (fewer than 10%).
• Additional findings may include lymphadenopathy, splenomegaly, hepatomegaly or pancreatitis. [5]
• During the acute illness, bacteria can be recovered from or seen in blood, CSF, or tissue using specialized techniques.
• Organisms are demonstrated in urine after the 5th to 7th days. Pyuria, hematuria and proteinuria may be evident as well.
• Severe hypomagnesemia has been reported during the acute phase of infection. [6-8]

Latency and relapse:
The acute phase is followed by an asymptomatic period of 4 to 30 days.
• At this point, illness reappears, with conjunctival suffusion, photophobia, eye pain, myalgia, lymphadenopathy and hepatosplenomegaly.
• Additional findings may lymphocytic meningitis (70 to 80% of patients) with normal glucose levels; pretibial purpura, uveitis [9] [10], iridocyclitis or chorioretinitis, and facial nerve palsy. [11]
• Weil's disease is characterized by hepatic and renal function which may progress to severe and even fatal hepatorenal failure which carries a case-fatality rate of 5 to 40%.
• Renal involvement may be severe, even in the absence of jaundice. [12]
• Additional findings in such patients include thrombocytopenia, hypotension and myopericarditis. [13]
• Pulmonary infiltrates [14], severe hemorrhagic pneumonia and acute pulmonary distress syndrome may be encountered, even in the absence of hepatic and renal failure. [15]
• Congestive heart failure is rare; however, cardiac arrhythmias may occur and result in sudden deaths.
• Acute disseminated encephalomyelitis has been reported as a complication of leptospirosis. [16]

Persistent, asymptomatic renal colonization by Leptospirae may follow infection in humans. [17]

The clinical features of dengue [18] and pyomyositis may mimic those of leptospirosis. [19]

This disease is endemic or potentially endemic to all countries.

Leptospirosis in Ethiopia

Seroprevalence surveys:
0% of dogs (RMAT, 1970 to 1973) [20]
91.3% of horses, 70.7% of cows, 57.1% of pigs, 476.3% of goats, 43.4% of sheep, 15.4% of camels and 8.3% of dogs (1975 publication) [21]

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Listeriosis

Agent	BACTERIUM. Listeria monocytogenes A facultative gram-positive bacillus
Reservoir	Mammal Human Bird Soil Water
Vector	None
Vehicle	Transplacental Dairy products (eg, soft cheeses), Infected secretions Vegetables Poultry Water
Incubation Period	3d - 21d (-60d post-ingestion)
Diagnostic Tests	Culture of blood or CSF.
Typical Adult Therapy	Ampicillin 2g IV q6h X 2w (higher dosage in meningitis) + Gentamicin. Sulfamethoxazole/ trimethoprim recommended for Penicillin-allergic patients
Typical Pediatric Therapy	Ampicillin 50 mg/kg IV Q6h X 2w (higher dosage in meningitis). Sulfamethoxazole/trimethoprim recommended for Penicillin-allergic patients
Clinical Hints	Meningitis or sepsis, often immune-suppressed patients (lymphoma, AIDS, etc); gastroenteritis - may follow ingestion of 'over-the-counter' foods; neonatal septicemia occasionally encountered.
Synonyms	Listeria monocytogenes, Listeriose, Listeriosi. ICD9: 027.0 ICD10: A32

Clinical

Major risk factors for invasive Listeriosis reflect T-cell mediated immune compromise, including old age, pregnancy, hematological malignancy, chemotherapy, corticosteroid therapy and anti-TNF-alpha agents

Signs of *Listeria* meningitis are often atypical: [1]
• brain stem involvement in 11% [2]
• nuchal rigidity in only 80% to 85%
• movement disorders (ataxia, myoclonus) in 15% to 20% [3]
• seizures in 25%. [4]

The blood culture is positive in 75% of meningitis cases; and the cerebrospinal fluid gram stain is positive in only 40%.

Symptoms of foodborne listeriosis develop between one day and three months after ingestion the bacteria in food. [5]
• Most cases are characterized by diarrhea and fever [6] [7]
• Headache, myalgia and arthralgia are common. [8]
• The bacteria may be excreted in stool for several months.

Other forms of listeriosis:
• Hepatic listeriosis may present as single or multiple abscesses, or diffuse granulomatous hepatitis. [9]
• Numerous cases of *Listeria* endocarditis of both native and prosthetic valves have been reported. [10-24] Cardiac pseudotumor [25], and aortitis with aortic dissection have also been reported. [26]
• Rare instances of prosthetic joint infection [27] [28], renal failure, brain abscess [29], cutaneous infection [30], mycotic aortic aneurysm [31], uveitis [32] and rhabdomyolysis have been reported. [33]
• *Listeria* peritonitis has been reported in a patient undergoing peritoneal dialysis [34] and in a patient with biliary cirrhosis. [35]

This disease is endemic or potentially endemic to all countries.

Listeriosis in Ethiopia

Prevalence surveys:
0% of ayib, a traditional Ethiopian cottage cheese (Awassa, 1990 publication) [36]
4.8% of ready-to-eat food items (*Listeria monocytogenes*, Addis Ababa, 2009 publication) [37]

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Liver abscess - bacterial

Agent	BACTERIUM. Various species from portal (Bacteroides, mixed aerobe-anaerobe) or biliary (Escherichia coli, etc) source
Reservoir	Human
Vector	None
Vehicle	Endogenous
Incubation Period	Variable
Diagnostic Tests	Ultrasonography, CT or radionucleotide scan. If amoebic abscess suspected, perform Entamoeba serology
Typical Adult Therapy	Intravenous antibiotic(s) directed at likely or suspected pathogens. Percutaneous or open drainage
Typical Pediatric Therapy	As for adult
Clinical Hints	Tender liver, and prolonged fever in a patient with history of diverticulosis, cholecystitis, appendicitis, etc; clinically similar to amoebic abscess, but often multiple.
Synonyms	Ascesso fegato, Bacterial liver abscess, Hepatic abscess - bacterial, Liver abscess. ICD9: 572.0 ICD10: K75.0

Clinical

Symptoms of pyogenic hepatic abscess include fever and rigors of several days' to several weeks' duration.
• Dull right upper quadrant pain may be associated with cough and pleuritic pain with radiation to the right shoulder and an associated pleural rub. [1]
• Tender hepatomegaly is present in 50 to 70% of the patients.
• Jaundice is uncommon, unless the abscess is extensive or associated with ascending.
• In some cases, the sole presentation may be fever of unknown origin.

Serological studies, a history of diarrhea, edema of the right chest wall, and limitation to a single abscess in the posterior, superior right hepatic lobe may be suggestive of amoebic abscess. [2] [3]

Alkaline phosphatase is the most consistently elevated serum enzyme in patients with liver abscess.
• Blood cultures are positive in 50% of cases.

This disease is endemic or potentially endemic to all countries.

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Lymphocytic choriomeningitis

Agent	VIRUS - RNA. Arenaviridae, Arenavirus: Lymphocytic choriomeningitis virus
Reservoir	House mouse Guinea pig Hamster Monkey
Vector	None
Vehicle	Urine Saliva Feces Food Dust
Incubation Period	8d - 12d (range 6d - 14d)
Diagnostic Tests	Viral culture (blood, throat, CSF). Serology. Nucleic acid amplification. Biosafety level 3.
Typical Adult Therapy	Supportive
Typical Pediatric Therapy	As for adult
Clinical Hints	Headache, myalgia, meningitis and encephalitis; photophobia or pharyngitis may be present; prior exposure to rodents; infection resolves within 2 weeks, however convalescence may require an additional 2 months.
Synonyms	

Clinical

Acute infection:
35% of infections are asymptomatic and 50% are characterized by a nonspecific flu-like illness.
• Overt infections are characterized by fever, headache, nausea and systemic symptoms, leukopenia and thrombocytopenia. [1] [2]
• Patients may also exhibit lymphadenopathy and a maculopapular rash (12% to 15% of patients have rash and/or meningitis or encephalitis).
• Relapses characterized by a more severe headache with meningitis may occur after initial improvement.
• Papilledema may be noted

The CSF protein concentration ranges from 50 to 300 mg/dl.
• A pleocytosis of several hundred lymphocytes/mm3 is commonly observed.
• Decreases in CSF glucose concentration are documented in over 20% of cases.

Complications:
Complications include encephalitis, psychosis, paraplegia, transitory aqueductal stenosis, and disturbances of cranial, sensory, or autonomic nervous function.
• Occasionally, orchitis, myocarditis, arthritis, or alopecia are encountered.
• Lymphocytic choreomeningitis is increasingly recognized as a cause of hydrocephalus, psychomotor retardation, congenital chorioretinitis and blindness, most often when acquired during the first or second trimesters of pregnancy. [3]
• Congenital infection is also associated with microencephaly, periventricular calcifications, ventriculomegaly, pachygyria, cerebellar hypoplasia, porencephalic and periventricular cysts. [4]

The case-fatality rate for Lymphocytic choriomeningitis is less than one percent; however, patients with sustained viremia lacking an inflammatory response seem to be at risk for fatal outcome. [5]

This disease is endemic or potentially endemic to all countries.

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Lymphogranuloma venereum

Agent	BACTERIUM. Chlamydiaceae, Chlamydiae, Chlamydia trachomatis, types L1, L2, L3
Reservoir	Human
Vector	None
Vehicle	Sexual contact
Incubation Period	7d - 12d (range 3d - 30d)
Diagnostic Tests	Serology. Culture of pus performed in specialized laboratories.
Typical Adult Therapy	Doxycycline 100 mg PO BID X 3w. OR Erythromycin 500 mg QID X 3w
Typical Pediatric Therapy	Age < 8 years: Erythromycin 10 mg/kg PO QID X 2 to 4w. Age >= 8 years: Doxycycline 2 mg/kg PO BID X 2 to 4w
Clinical Hints	Genital nodule or vesicle with large, suppurating regional nodes; generalized lymphadenopathy or proctitis may be present; late complications include genital edema, rectal strictures and perianal abscesses.
Synonyms	Bubonulus, Durand-Nicolas-Favre disease, Linfogranuloma venereo, Lymphogranuloma inguinale, Lymphopathia venereum, Maladie de Nicolas et Favre, Tropical bubo, Venereal bubo, Venerisk lymfogranulom. ICD9: 099.1 ICD10: A55

Clinical

Acute illness:
The first stage of Lymphogranuloma venereum (LGV) is characterized by a papule or ulcer on the genital mucosa or adjacent skin. [1-3]
• Occasionally, the lesion is intraurethral or cervical, producing urethritis or cervicitis.
• The secondary stage occurs days to weeks after the primary lesion and is characterized by lymphadenopathy and systemic illness.
• Cervical lymphadenopathy may occur if infection is acquired through oro-genital contact. [4]

Lymphadenitis:
The inguinal lymph nodes are most often affected, and are unilateral in two thirds of patients.
• The obturator and iliac nodes are occasionally affected in women.
• Initially the lymph nodes are discrete and tender with overlying erythema.
• A characteristic "groove" may be evident between the femoral and inguinal lymph nodes.
• In some cases, patients may present with a "bubonulus": penile adenopathy and secondary local acute lymphedema. [5]
• Later, the nodes may suppurate and coalesce, forming a bubo that may rupture spontaneously (30% of cases) to produce fistulae [6] or sinus tracts which may drain for months.

Inguinal lympadenopathy in cat-scratch disease may suggest a diagnosis of lymphogranuloma venereum. [7]
• Rectal involvement may suggest a diagnosis of inflammatory bowel disease. [8]

Systemic manifestations at this stage include fever, headache, and myalgia.
• Meningitis may also occur.
• LGV is increasingly recognized as a cause of hemorrhagic proctitis in men who have sex. [9]
• Reactive arthritis has been reported following LGV proctitis [10]

Relapse occurs in 20% of untreated patients.

Only 25% of women present with inguinal lymphadenopathy.
• Women and homosexual men may present with proctitis or pain in the lower abdomen and back pain related to involvement of pelvic and lumbar lymph nodes.
• Late complications include esthiomene (chronic hypertrophic and ulceration of the vulva, scrotum or penis), and elephantiasis of the male or female genitalia.

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This disease is endemic or potentially endemic to all countries.

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Malaria

Agent	PARASITE - Protozoa. Sporozoa, Coccidea, Haemosporida: Plasmodium spp.
Reservoir	Human Primate (Plasmodium knowlesi)
Vector	Mosquito (Anopheles)
Vehicle	Blood
Incubation Period	12d -30d
Diagnostic Tests	Examination of blood smear. Serology, antigen & microscopic techniques. Nucleic acid amplification.
Typical Adult Therapy	Resistant falcip: Quinine + (Doxycycline or Clindamycin) OR Mefloquine OR Atovaquone/proguanil OR Artemisinin OR Artesunate (IV indications) If sens., Chloroquine 1g, then 500 mg at 6, 24 & 48 hrs. If P. ovale or P. vivax - follow with Primaquine
Typical Pediatric Therapy	Resistant falcip: Quinine + (Doxycycline or Clindamycin) - OR Atovaquone/proguanil OR Artesunate (>age 8) for IV indications If sensitive, Chloroquine 10 mg/kg, then 5 mg/kg at 6, 24, & 48 hrs. If P. ovale or P. vivax - follow with Primaquine
Clinical Hints	Fever, headache, rigors ("shaking chills"), vomiting, myalgia, diaphoresis and hemolytic anemia; fever pattern (every other or every third day) and splenomegaly may be present; clinical disease may relapse after 7 (ovale and vivax) to 40 (malariae) years.
Synonyms	Ague, Bilious remittent fever, Chagres fever, Estiautumnal fever, March fever, Marsh fever, Paludism, Paludismo, Plasmodium falciparum, Plasmodium knowlesi, Plasmodium malariae, Plasmodium ovale, Plasmodium vivax. ICD9: 084 ICD10: B50,B51,B52,B53,B54

Clinical

WHO Case definition for surveillance (For use in endemic areas and people exposed to malaria, e.g., a history of visit to endemic area).
• Malaria must be defined in association with clinical disease symptoms.
• The case definition for malaria cannot be uniform: it will vary according to how malaria is perceived in a given country, local patterns of transmission, and disease consequences.
• The suggested definitions are deliberately broad.
• Each national malaria control programme must adapt the definition and introduce additional indicators to make it more applicable to local epidemiology and control targets.
Clinical description
• Signs and symptoms vary; most patients experience fever.
• Splenomegaly and anemia are commonly associated signs.
• Common but non-specific symptoms include otherwise unexplained headache, back pain, chills, sweating, myalgia, nausea, vomiting.
• Untreated *Plasmodium falciparum* infection can lead to coma, generalized convulsions, hyperparasitemia, normocytic anemia, disturbances of fluid, electrolyte, and acid-base balance, renal failure, hypoglycemia, hyperpyrexia, hemoglobinuria, circulatory collapse / shock, spontaneous bleeding (disseminated intravascular coagulation), pulmonary edema, and death.
Laboratory criteria for diagnosis
Demonstration of malaria parasites in blood films (mainly asexual forms).
Case classification
In areas without access to laboratory-based diagnosis.
• Probable uncomplicated malaria: A person with symptoms and/or signs of malaria who receives anti-malarial treatment.
• Probable severe malaria: A patient who requires hospitalization for symptoms and signs of severe malaria and receives anti-malarial treatment.
• Probable malaria death: death of a patient diagnosed with probable severe malaria.
In areas with access to laboratory-based diagnosis.
• Asymptomatic malaria: A person with no recent history of symptoms and/or signs of malaria who shows laboratory confirmation of parasitemia.
• Confirmed uncomplicated malaria: A patient with symptoms and/or signs of malaria who received anti-malarial treatment, with laboratory confirmation of diagnosis.

Acute infection:
Most cases present with non-specific signs suggestive of 'sepsis,' such as fever, rigors, headache and myalgia.
• Clinical findings include cough, fatigue, malaise, arthralgia, myalgia, headache, and diaphoresis.

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• In Africa, tickborne relapsing fever [1] and rabies are often mis-diagnosed as malaria. [2]

The typical malarial paroxysm begins with rigors lasting 1 to 2 hours, followed by high fever.
• This is followed by marked diaphoresis and a fall in temperature.
• Tertian (fever every other day) fever may occur in infection by *P. falciparum*, *P. vivax* and *P. ovale*; quartan (every third day) fever with *P. malariae* infection; and daily fever with *P. knowlesi* infection. [3]
• *P. knowlesi* malaria appears to be more severe than *P. malariae* malaria, with higher rates of parasitemia and fatality. [4] [5]
• 'Classical' fever patterns are rarely helpful, and anemia and splenomegaly develop only after several attacks.
• Less common findings include anorexia, vomiting, diarrhea and hypotension.

Complications:

Complications include pulmonary disease (ARDS), encephalopathy, nephropathy, retinopathy [6-8], shock ('algid malaria'), purpura fulminans [9], massive diarrhea, myocarditis and dysfunction of other organs. [10]
• Occasionally, patients experience Post-malaria Neurological Syndrome: acute confusion, cerebellar ataxia, diffuse cerebral demyelinatiion, seizures, cognitive dysfunction [11] or other neuropsychiatric findings several days to weeks following successful treatment of falciparum malaria. [12-17]
• *Plasmodium falciparum* infection accounts for most complications and deaths from malaria; however, severe disease may occasionally complicate infection by other species. [18-22]
• The presence of malarial retinopathy is associated with a poor prognosis. [23]
• *P. falciparum* is also responsible for most malarial drug resistance.
• Maternal infection is associated with fetal loss and low birth weight in infants. [24-26]
• 5% of African children with severe malaria were found to have concomitant bacteremia [27]
• Severe disease associated with *Plasmodium vivax* infection is increasingly reported in recent years. [28]
• *Plasmodium malariae* infection is rarely associated with severe illness [29]; and may lead to renal glomerular damage and nephrotic syndrome. [30]
• Rare instances of acute respiratory distress syndrome have been reported with *Plasmodium vivax* [31] and *Plasmodium ovale* infections. [32]

Malaria and HIV infection:

HIV infection increases the incidence of clinical malaria; however, in severe malaria the level of parasitemia is similar in HIV-positive and HIV-negative patients. [33-36]
• During pregnancy, HIV infection increases the incidence of clinical malaria, maternal morbidity, and fetal and neonatal morbi-mortality.
• HIV infection increases the risk of malaria treatment failure.
• Some antimalarial drugs may inhibit HIV, while certain anti-retroviral drugs are effective against *Plasmodium* species. [37]

Relapse:

Relapse may occur months to years following the initial episode.
• Relapses of *P. vivax* and *P. ovale* infection result from release of parasites which had remained dormant in the liver.
• As such, treatment of infection by either of these two species should include a drug (eg, primaquine) active against intrahepatic parasites.

Plasmodium malariae persists without symptoms in the blood, rather than the liver.
• Relapse has been reported as long as 40 to 50 years following exit from an endemic area. [38]

This disease is endemic or potentially endemic to 113 countries. Chloroquine resistant falciparum malaria endemic to 81 countries. Chloroquine-sensitive malaria endemic to 29 countries.

Malaria in Ethiopia

Time and Place:

Risk exists year-round; with peaks of transmission beginning in April, and again in October.
- Principal risk is in rural areas below 2,500 meters (<8,202 feet) elevation.
- Recent epidemics have been reported in the Ethiopian highlands. [39] [40]
- Recent heavy activity has been reported in the Ogaden region, resulting in an average of 14 deaths daily.

Infecting species:

Chloroquine-resistant *P. falciparum* **IS** reported. [41]
Plasmodium falciparum predominates in both Ethiopia and Eritrea.
- At least one mutation for drug resistance to sulfadoxine-pyrimethamine is found in 94% of *P. vivax*.
- 87% of *P. falciparum* carry at least one chloroquine resistance gene. (southern Ethiopia, 2006 publication) [42]
- Choroquine-resistant *Plasmodium vivax* has been documented in Ethiopia. [43]

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Epidemics in the Ethiopian highlands resulted in 7,000 deaths in 1953 and 150,000 in 1958 (out of 3.5 million cases). [44] [45]
- It is estimated that over 1 million cases occur in Oromia State each year.

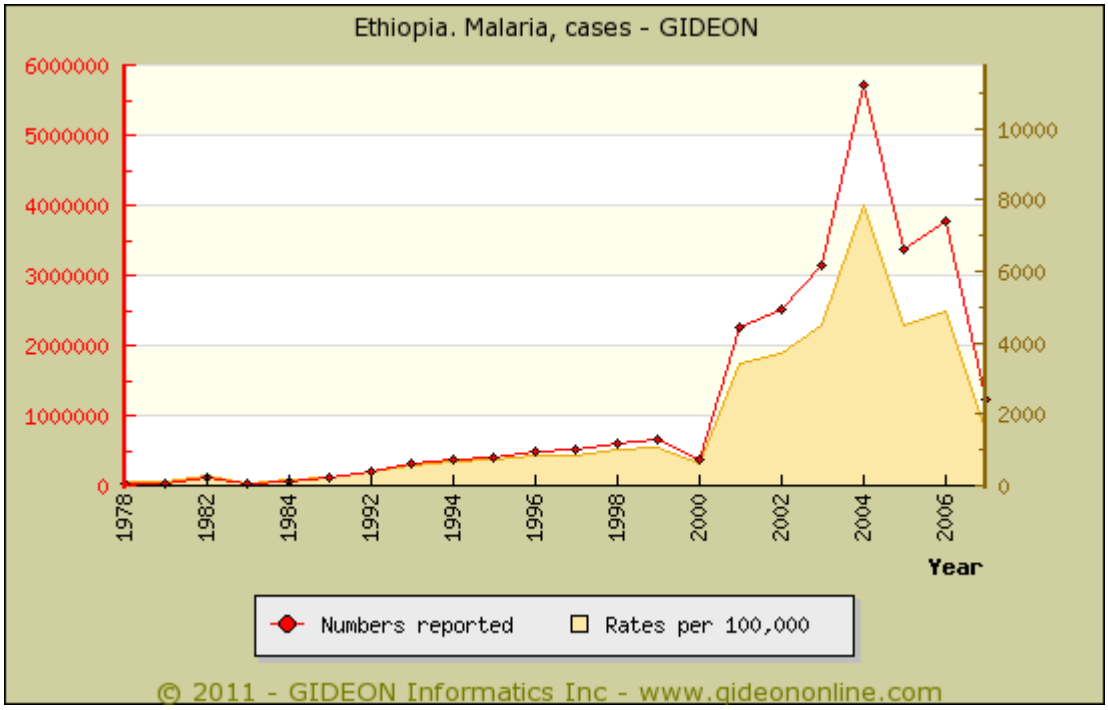
Prevalence surveys:

14.9% of all infectious disease-related admissions in children (West Hararghe, 2000 to 2002) [46]

9.3% of admissions to a medical intensive care Unit (Addis Ababa, 1985 to 2000) [47]

62% of febrile outpatients ages 3 to 17 - 47.3% *P. falciparum* and 23% *P. vivax* (western Gojjam State, northwestern region, 2009 publication) [48]

9.6% of malaria patients in southern Ethiopia are co-infected by hookworm, 6.3% ascariasis and 2.1% trichuriasis (2007) [49]



Graph: Ethiopia. Malaria, cases

Notes:

1. Incidence for 2000 to 2005 includes data from reference [50]
   Individual years:
   1998 - 57,610 patients were hospitalized for malaria - 2,020 fatal.
   1999 - Malaria accounted for 20% of hospital admissions, and 24% of hospital deaths.

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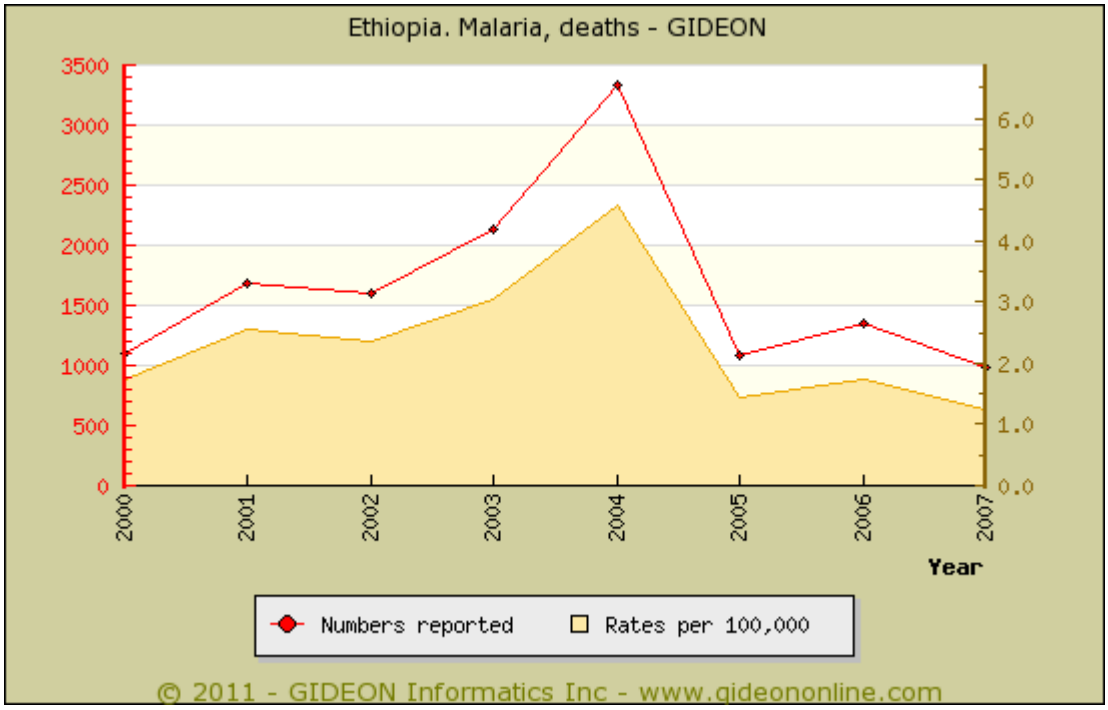

Graph: Ethiopia. Malaria, deaths

Notes:
Individual years:
2001 - Malaria accounted for 31% of hospital admissions, and 24% of hospital deaths.

Vectors:
43 Anophelene species have been identified in Ethiopia.
- The principal vectors are *Anopheles arabiensis*, *An. funestus*, *An. pharoensis* and *An. culifacies* (in the northeast). [51] [52]
- Additional vectors include *An. nili*, *An. coustani*, *An. paludis*, and *An. quadriannulatus*. [53]

Notable outbreaks:
2003 - Outbreaks were reported in Gutten (15,928 cases, 34 fatal) [54] and the highlands region. [55]

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Malignant otitis externa

Agent	BACTERIUM. Pseudomonas aeruginosa: aerobic gram-negative bacillus (virtually all cases)
Reservoir	Human
Vector	None
Vehicle	Endogenous
Incubation Period	Variable
Diagnostic Tests	Culture of otic exudate and biopsy material. Careful roentgenographic and neurological examinations.
Typical Adult Therapy	Early debridement complemented by at least 2 parenteral antibiotics active against Pseudomonas aeruginosa
Typical Pediatric Therapy	As for adult
Clinical Hints	Otic pain, swelling and discharge; infection of bony and cartilaginous ear canal; over 80% of patients are diabetics over age 50; cranial nerve (usually VII) signs in 50%. case-fatality rate > 55%.
Synonyms	

Clinical

Severe pain and tenderness in the mastoid area are accompanied by drainage of pus from the external canal. [1]
• Involvement of the temporal bone, meninges, venous sinuses, cranial nerves (IX, X, XII) and brain may follow.

This disease is endemic or potentially endemic to all countries.

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Mansonelliasis - M. perstans

Agent	PARASITE - Nematoda. Phasmidea, Filariae: Mansonella (Esslingeria) perstans
Reservoir	Human
Vector	Midge (Culicoides spp.)
Vehicle	None
Incubation Period	5m - 18m (range 1m - 2y)
Diagnostic Tests	Identification of microfilariae in blood. Nucleic acid amplification.
Typical Adult Therapy	Albendazole 400 mg PO BID X 10 d OR Mebendazole 100 mg PO BID X 30 d. Recent data suggest that addition of doxycycline may be of benefit.
Typical Pediatric Therapy	Age >2 years: As for adult. OR Albendazole 10 mg/kg/day PO X 10d
Clinical Hints	Recurrent pruritic subcutaneous lesions, arthralgia and eosinophilia; headache, fever or abdominal pain may also be present.
Synonyms	Acanthocheilonema perstans, Bung eye disease, Dipetalonema berghei, Dipetalonema perstans, Dipetalonema semiclarum, Esslingeria perstans, Filaria perstans, Mansonella perstans, Mansonella rhodhaini, Mansonella semiclarum, Meningonema peruzzii, Tetrapetalonema berghei, Tetrapetalonema perstans. ICD9: 125.4 ICD10: B74.4

Clinical

Patients develop recurrent pruritic subcutaneous swellings, fever, headache, joint pain, abdominal or chest pain and eosinophilia.
• Hepatosplenomegaly and intraocular lesions are occasionally seen.
• Asymptomatic microfilaremia from transfusion of infected blood has been reported.
• "Bung eye,' characterized by the formation of yellowish nodules on the bulbar conjunctivae with proptosis and lid edema, has been reported in Uganda and neighboring countries. [1]

Human cerebral infection by *Meningonema peruzzii* has been reported. [2]

This disease is endemic or potentially endemic to 49 countries.

Mansonelliasis - M. perstans in Ethiopia

Prevalence surveys:
1% of Anuaks and 4.1% of Sudanese refugees in Gambrella (1989 to 1992, southwest region).

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Measles

Agent	VIRUS - RNA. Paramyxoviridae, Paramyxovirinae, Morbillivirus: Measles virus
Reservoir	Human
Vector	None
Vehicle	Droplet
Incubation Period	8d - 14d
Diagnostic Tests	Viral culture (difficult and rarely indicated). Serology. Nucleic acid amplification.
Typical Adult Therapy	Respiratory isolation; supportive. Ribavirin 20 to 35 mg/kg/day X 7 days has been used for severe adult infection
Typical Pediatric Therapy	As for adult
Vaccines	Measles Measles-Mumps-Rubella Measles-Rubella
Clinical Hints	Coryza, fever, headache, conjunctivitis, photophobia and a maculopapular rash after 3 to 5 days; Koplik's spots (bluish-grey lesions on buccal mucosa, opposite second molars) often precede rash; encephalitis or viral pneumonia occasionally encountered.
Synonyms	Masern, Massling, Mazelen, Meslinger, Morbilli, Morbillo, Rubeola, Rugeole, Sarampion, Sarampo. ICD9: 055 ICD10: B05

Clinical

WHO Case definition for surveillance:
Any person with:
• fever, and
• maculopapular (i.e. non-vesicular) rash, and
• cough, coryza (i.e. runny nose) or conjunctivitis (i.e. red eyes).
or
Any person in whom a clinician suspects measles infection.
Laboratory criteria for diagnosis
• At least a fourfold increase in antibody titer or
• Isolation of measles virus or
• Presence of measles-specific IgM antibodies
Case classification
• Clinically confirmed: A case that meets the clinical case definition.
• Probable: Not applicable.
• Laboratory-confirmed: only for outbreak confirmation and during elimination phase A case that meets the clinical case definition and that is laboratory-confirmed or linked epidemiologically to a laboratory-confirmed case.

Acute illness:
Symptoms begin to appear about 10 to 12 days after exposure to the virus, with fever followed by cough, rhinorrhea, and/or conjunctivitis. [1]
• The rash appears approximately 14 days after exposure and lasts 5 to 6 days.
• The rash begins at the hairline, spreading to the face and neck.
• Over the next three days, the rash gradually extends, eventually reaching the hands and feet. [2]

Complications:
Complications of measles include diarrhea, otitis media (10%), pneumonia (5%), encephalitis (0.1%) [3], arthropathy (28%) [4], seizures, and death. [5]
• Twenty percent of patients experience one or more complications, most often children below five years of age and adults over 20.
• Measles in pregnancy is characterized by abortion or low birth weight. [6] [7]
• In developing countries, measles has been known to kill as many as one out of four people.
• Measles is the leading cause of blindness among African children, as a result of concomitant vitamin A deficiency.

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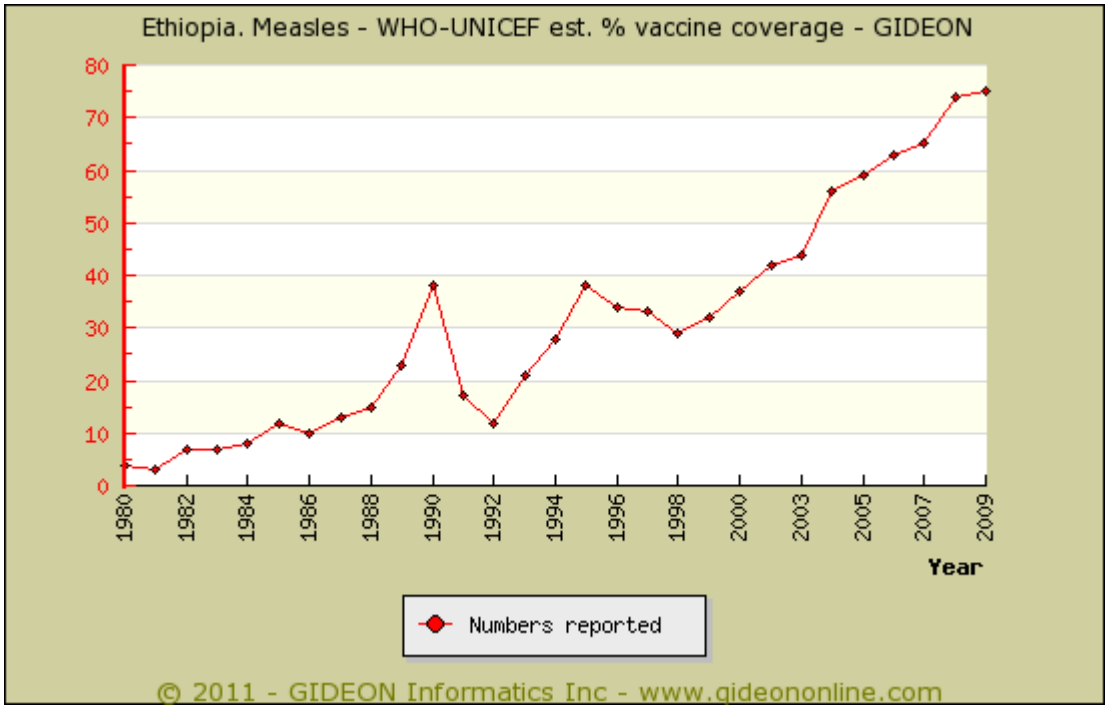
- Measles pneumonia accounts for approximately 17% of bronchiolitis obliterans in children (Beijing, 2001 to 2007) [8]
- Rare instances of thyroiditis, pancreatitis and sialoadenitis have been reported. [9]

This disease is endemic or potentially endemic to all countries.

Measles in Ethiopia

Vaccine Schedule:
BCG - birth
DTwPHibHep - 6, 10, 14 weeks
Measles (monovalent) - 9 months
OPV - birth; 6, 10, 14 weeks
TT - Women of child-bearing age 15-49 years
Vitamin A - 9 months



Graph: Ethiopia. Measles - WHO-UNICEF est. % vaccine coverage

Seroprevalence surveys:
80% of children below age 5 years; 91% ages 5 to 9; 95% ages 10 to 14; over 99% above 14 (Addis Ababa, 1994) [10]

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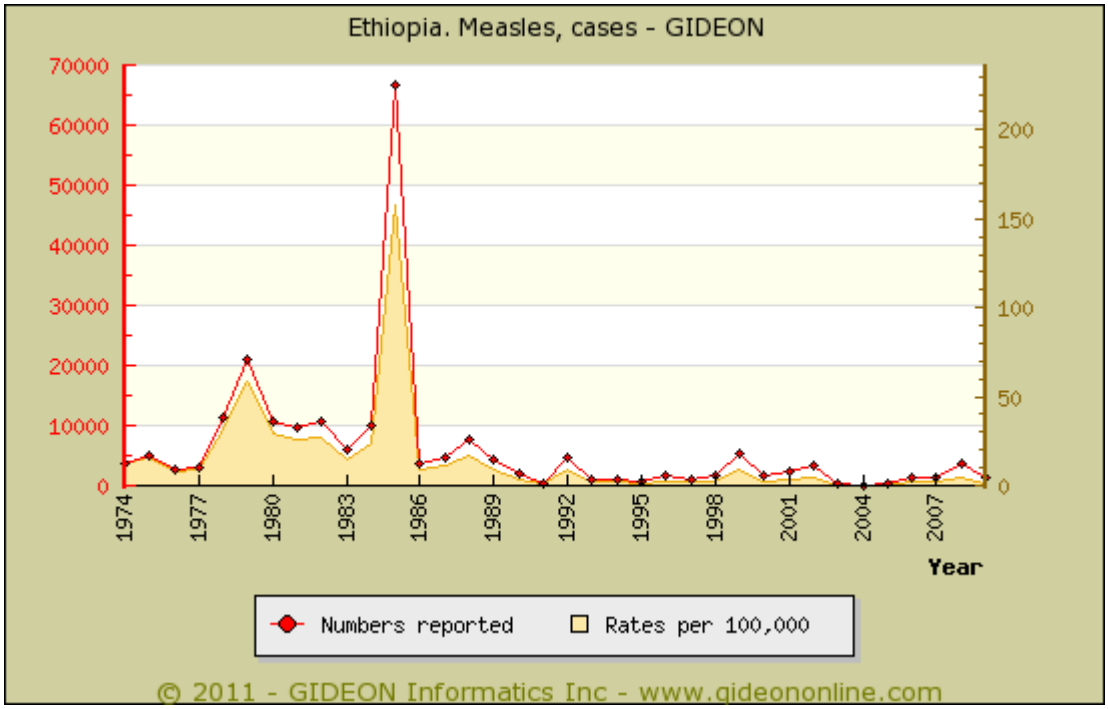

Graph: Ethiopia. Measles, cases

During 2000 to 2004, twenty-eight outbreaks were reported in six regions and two major cities in Ethiopia. [11]

Notable outbreaks:

1984 (publication year) - An outbreak of measles was reported. [12]
1986 (publication year) - An outbreak was reported in the Gardulla area of southwest Ethiopia. [13]
1998 - An outbreak was reported in Bedelle. [14]
2006 - An outbreak was reported. [15]
2010 - An outbreak (2,108 cases, 8 fatal - during January to June) of measles was reported. [16-18]

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Meningitis - aseptic (viral)

Agent	VIRUS - RNA. Picornaviridae, enteroviruses
Reservoir	Human
Vector	None
Vehicle	Fecal-oral Droplet
Incubation Period	Variable
Diagnostic Tests	Viral isolation (stool, CSF, throat). Serology.
Typical Adult Therapy	Supportive
Typical Pediatric Therapy	As for adult
Clinical Hints	Lymphocytic meningitis (normal CSF glucose); often follows sore throat; typically occurs during late summer and early autumn in temperate regions.
Synonyms	Aseptic meningitis, Encephalitis - viral, Meningite virale, Meningitis, viral, Meningo-encefalite virale, Viral encephalitis, Viral meningitis. ICD9: 047,048,049,320.2 ICD10: A87,G03.0

Clinical

WHO Case definition for surveillance:
Clinical case definition
A case with fever 38.5°C and one or more of the following:
• neck stiffness
• severe unexplained headache
• neck pain and 2 or more of the following: photophobia, nausea, vomiting, abdominal pain, pharyngitis with exudates
For children <2 years of age a case is defined as
• A case with fever 38.5°C and one or more of the following: irritability, bulging fontanelle
Laboratory criteria for confirmation
• The specific virus confirmed on cell culture.
Case classification
Suspected: A case that meets the clinical case definition and one or more of the following:
• normal CSF glucose and normal or mild increase in CSF protein (>50 mg/dl), moderate increase CSF cells (<500/mm3) and lymphocyte predominance (>50%)
• CSF Positive for viral genomic sequences using PCR (Polymerase Chain Reaction)
• Epidemiological link to a confirmed case
Confirmed: A suspected or probable case with laboratory confirmation.

As a group, the viral meningitides are characterized by fever, headache, meningismus and lymphocytic pleocytosis. [1] [2]
• Major complications and sequelae are unusual. [3] [4]
• The cerebrospinal fluid glucose level is normal, and a transitory neutrophilic pleocytosis is occasionally encountered.
• CSF pleocytosis may be absent among younger infants with enteroviral meningitis. [5]

This disease is endemic or potentially endemic to all countries.

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Meningitis - bacterial

Agent	BACTERIUM. Neisseria meningitidis, Streptococcus pneumoniae, Haemophilus influenzae, et al
Reservoir	Human
Vector	None
Vehicle	Air Infected secretions
Incubation Period	Variable
Diagnostic Tests	CSF microscopy and culture. Blood culture. Note: Antigen detection is non-specific and rarely useful.
Typical Adult Therapy	Bactericidal agent(s) appropriate to known or suspected pathogen + dexamethasone
Typical Pediatric Therapy	As for adult
Vaccines	H. influenzae (HbOC-DTP or -DTaP) Haemophilus influenzae (HbOC) Haemophilus influenzae (PRP-D) Haemophilus influenzae (PRP-OMP) Haemophilus influenzae (PRP-T) Meningococcal Hepatitis B + Haemoph. influenzae
Clinical Hints	Headache, stiff neck, obtundation, high fever and leukocytosis; macular or petechial rash and preceding sore throat suggest meningococcal infection.
Synonyms	Bacterial meningitis, Enfermedad Meningococica, Haemophilus influenzae, Haemophilus influenzaes, HIB meningitis, HIBs, Infections a meningocoque, Meningite batterica, Meningite meningococcica, Meningococcal, Meningokokken Erkr., Meningokokkose. ICD9: 036.0,320 ICD10: A39,G00,G01,G02

Clinical

WHO Case definition for surveillance of Meningococcal infection:
Clinical case definition
• An illness with sudden onset of fever (>38.5°C rectal or >38.0°C axillary) and one or more of the following:
• neck stiffness
• altered consciousness
• other meningeal sign or petechial or purpuric rash
• In patients <1 year, suspect meningitis when fever accompanied by bulging fontanelle.
Laboratory criteria for diagnosis
• Positive CSF antigen detection or
• Positive culture
Case classification
• Suspected: A case that meets the clinical case definition.
• Probable: A suspected case as defined above and turbid CSF (with or without positive Gram stain) or ongoing epidemic and epidemiological link to a confirmed case
• Confirmed: A suspected or probable case with laboratory confirmation.

WHO Case definition for surveillance of *Haemophilus influenzae* type b (Hib disease):
Clinical description
• Bacterial meningitis is characterized by fever of acute onset, headache and stiff neck.
• Meningitis is not a specific sign for Hib disease, and Hib disease cannot be diagnosed on clinical grounds.
Laboratory criteria for diagnosis
• Culture: isolation of Hib from a normally sterile clinical specimen, such as cerebrospinal fluid (CSF) or blood.
• Culture of Hib from non-sterile sites such as the throat, where bacteria can grow without causing disease, does not define Hib disease.
• Antigen detection: identification of Hib antigen in normally sterile fluids, by methods such as latex agglutination or counter-immunoelectrophoresis (CIE).
Case classification
• Potential: (bacterial meningitis case): a child with a clinical syndrome consistent with bacterial meningitis.
• Probable: Not applicable.
• Confirmed: A case that is laboratory-confirmed (growth or identification of Hib in CSF or blood).

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Note: Any person with Hib isolated from CSF or blood may be reported as a confirmed case, regardless of whether their clinical syndrome was meningitis.

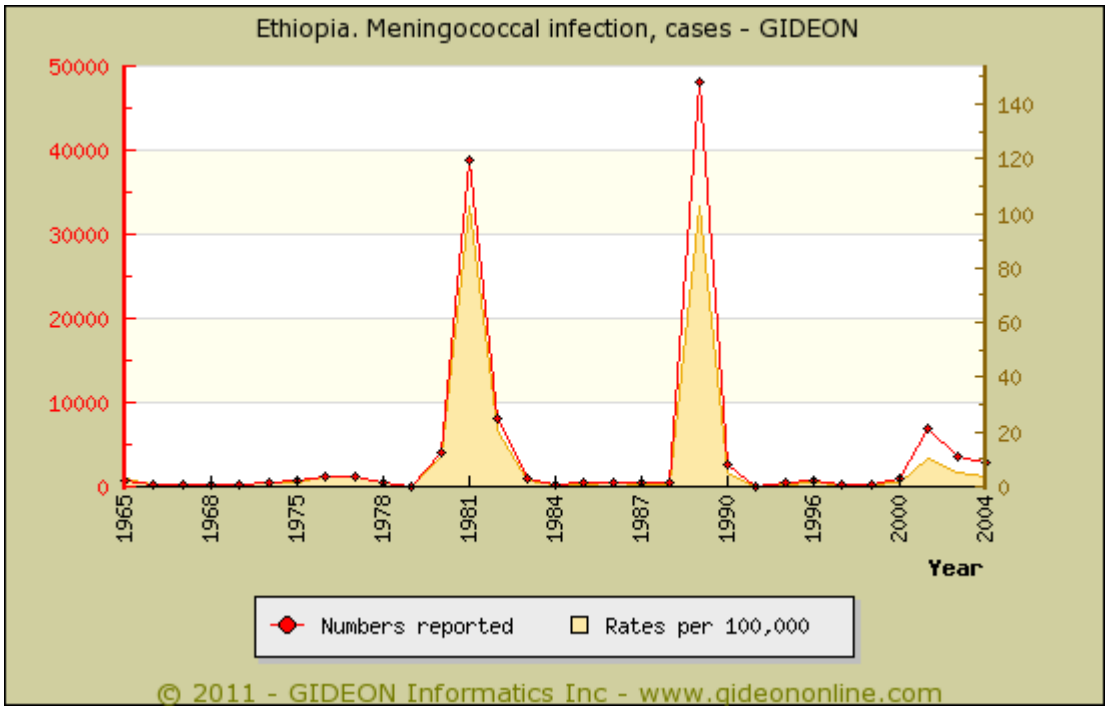
As a group, the bacterial meningitides are characterized by signs of sepsis, fever, headache, meningismus and neutrophilic pleocytosis. [1] [2]

- 69% of adult cases have hyperglycemia on admission [3]
- Major complications and sequelae are common.

This disease is endemic or potentially endemic to all countries.

Meningitis - bacterial in Ethiopia

Outbreaks of meningococcal meningitis were reported in 1935, the 1940's, the 1950's and 1964.



Graph: Ethiopia. Meningococcal infection, cases

Notes:

1. 1,619 cases (154 fatal) were reported in North Gondar during 2001 to 2002. [4]
2. Additional references - 2003 to 2005 [5]
   Individual years:
   1981 - Group A meningococcus.
   1988 to 1989 - Group A. meningococcus. [6] [7]
   1995 - Highest incidence in North Omo Zone (the southern region).
   1996 - Notably in Konso wereda.
   2005 - 564 cases (57 fatal) were reported during weeks 1 to 17.
   2006 - 487 cases (22 fatal) were reported during weeks 1 to 8. [8]

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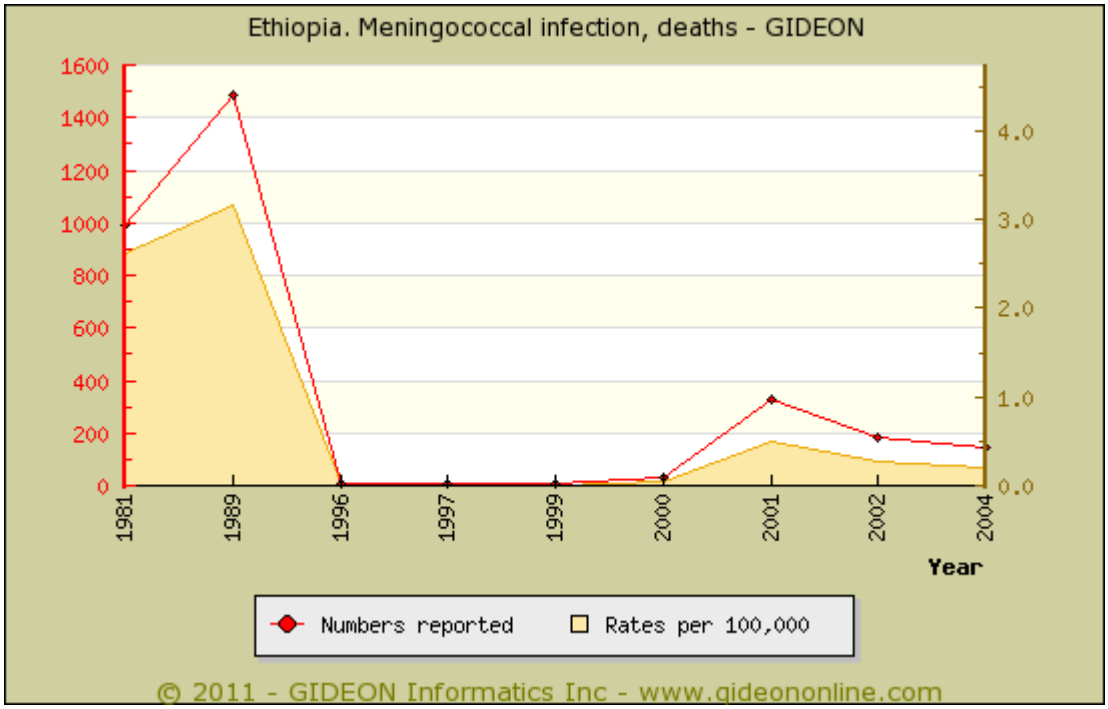
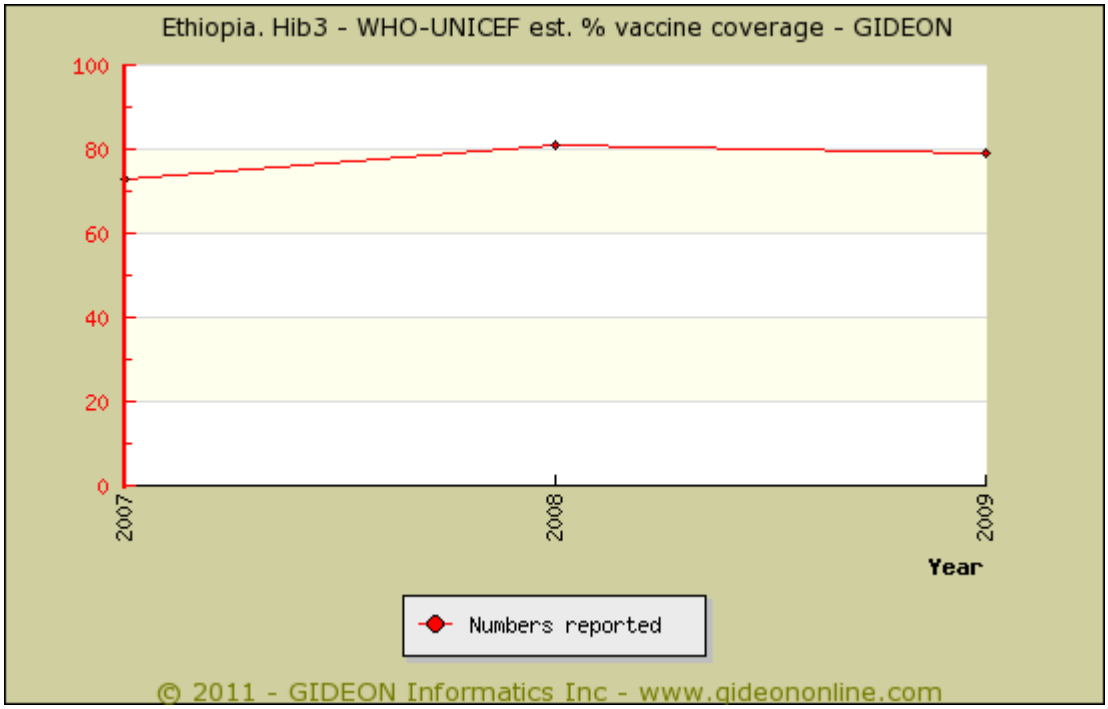


Graph: Ethiopia. Meningococcal infection, deaths

Pilgrims arriving to Saudi Arabia from this country are required to receive chemoprophylaxis with oral ciprofloxacin (injectable ceftriaxone if pregnant). [9]

Vaccine Schedule:
BCG - birth
DTwPHibHep - 6, 10, 14 weeks
Measles (monovalent) - 9 months
OPV - birth; 6, 10, 14 weeks
TT - Women of child-bearing age 15-49 years
Vitamin A - 9 months



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Graph: Ethiopia. Hib3 - WHO-UNICEF est. % vaccine coverage

Notable outbreaks:

1983 - An outbreak of bacterial meningitis was reported in Wello, northern Ethiopia. [10]

1988 to 1989 - An outbreak of meningococcal meningitis was reported in southern Ethiopia. [11-14]

1999 - An outbreak (126 cases, 4 fatal) of serogroup A meningococcal disease was reported in the North Wolo zone.

2000 - An outbreak of meningococcal meningitis was reported in Kobo District (Amhara Region), Alamata District (Tigray Region) and Gambrella region. [15] As of August, 855 cases (19 fatal) were reported in Addis Ababa. [16] [17] 90% of isolates were serogroup A and 10% serogroup C. The last major outbreak in Addis Ababa had been reported in 1989.

2001 - An outbreak of Group A meningococcal infection involved 10 of the country's 11 regions - 52% from Amhara; with additional cases in Southern, Gambella, Somali, Tigray, Diredawa Regional Administration, Dembia (Amhara region), Degem and Abote (Oromiya region) and Oromia. Subsequent outbreaks were reported in the Sidama Zone of the Southern Nations, Nationalities and Peoples Region (SNNPR, primarily the woredas of Dale and Sheedino), Davro, Keffa, South Omo, Amhara and Tigray. [18-20]

2009 - An outbreak (41 cases, 6 fatal during January to May) of meningococcal infection was reported. [21]

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Microsporidiosis

Agent	PARASITE - Protozoa. Microspora: Enterocytozoon, Encephalitozoon (Septata), Vittaforma (Nosema), Pleistophora, Trachipleistophora, et al.
Reservoir	Rabbit Rodent Carnivore Non-human primate Fish Dog Bird
Vector	None
Vehicle	? Fecal-oral
Incubation Period	Unknown
Diagnostic Tests	Microscopy of duodenal aspirates. Inform laboratory if this organism is suspected. Nucleic acid amplification.
Typical Adult Therapy	Albendazole 400 mg PO BID X 3 weeks. Add Fumagillin for ocular S. intestinalis may respond to Albendazole and Fumagillin Nitazoxanide has been used for E. bieneusi.
Typical Pediatric Therapy	Albendazole 200 mg PO BID X 3 weeks. Add Fumagillin for ocular S. intestinalis may respond to Albendazole and Fumagillin Nitazoxanide has been used for E. bieneusi.
Clinical Hints	In AIDS patients, infection is characterized by chronic diarrhea, wasting and bilateral keratoconjunctivitis; hepatitis and myositis may be present.
Synonyms	Brachiola, Encephalitozoon, Enterocytozoon, Microsporidium, Nosema, Pleistophora, Trachipleistophora, Vittaforma. ICD9: 136.8 ICD10: A07.8

Clinical

Intestinal disease in immunocompetent patients is characterized by self-limited diarrhea, traveler's diarrhea or asymptomatic carriage. [1]

• Immunocompromized patients present with diarrhea, cholangitis, cholecystitis, sinusitis or pneumonia. [2] [3]

Ocular microsporidiosis is associated with keratoconjunctivitis.

Other syndromes include sinusitis, nephritis, myositis and prostatitis. [4]

This disease is endemic or potentially endemic to all countries.

Microsporidiosis in Ethiopia

Prevalence surveys:

16.1% of HIV-positive patients in Addis Ababa (2006 publication) [5]

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Moniliformis and Macracanthorhynchus

Agent	PARASITE - Archiacanthocephala. Moniliformida: Moniliformis moniliformis, Oligocanthorhynchida: Maracanthorhynchus hirudinaceus.
Reservoir	Pig (Maracanthorhynchus), rat and fox (Moniliformis),
Vector	None
Vehicle	Insect (ingestion)
Incubation Period	Unknown - presumed 15 to 40 days
Diagnostic Tests	Identification of worm in stool.
Typical Adult Therapy	Infection is usually self-limited. Pyrantel pamoate has been used against Moniliformis moniliformis - 11 mg/kg PO - repeat once in 2 weeks
Typical Pediatric Therapy	Infection is usually self-limited. Pyrantel pamoate has been used against Moniliformis moniliformis - 11 mg/kg PO - repeat once in 2 weeks
Clinical Hints	Most infections are characterized by asymptomatic passage of a worm; however, vague complaints such as 'periumbilical discomfort' and 'giddiness' have been described.
Synonyms	Acanthocephalan worms, Macracanthorhynchus, Moniliform acanthocephalan, Moniliformis moniliformis. ICD9: 128.9 ICD10: B83.8

Clinical

Most infections are characterized by asymptomatic passage of a worm; however, vague complaints such as 'periumbilical discomfort' and 'giddiness' have been described. [1]

- In one instance, a man developed marked abdominal pain following experimental self-infection.
- In another case, intestinal perforation was associated with *Macracanthorhynchus hirudinaceus* infestation. [2]

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Mumps

Agent	VIRUS - RNA. Paramyxoviridae, Paramyxovirinae, Rubulavirus: Mumps virus
Reservoir	Human
Vector	None
Vehicle	Aerosol
Incubation Period	14d - 24d (range 12d - 24d)
Diagnostic Tests	Viral culture (saliva, urine, CSF) indicated only in complicated cases. Serology. Nucleic acid amplification.
Typical Adult Therapy	Respiratory isolation; supportive
Typical Pediatric Therapy	As for adult
Vaccines	Measles-Mumps-Rubella Mumps Rubella - Mumps
Clinical Hints	Fever, parotitis, orchitis (20% of post-pubertal males), meningitis (clinically apparent in 1% to 10%), oophoritis, or encephalitis (0.1%); most cases resolve within 1 to 2 weeks.
Synonyms	Bof, Epidemic parotitis, Fiebre urliana, Infectious parotitis, Kusma, Oreillons, Paperas, Parotidite epidemica, Parotiditis, Parotite epidemica, Passjuka. ICD9: 072 ICD10: B26

Clinical

One third of Mumps virus infections are asymptomatic.

Acute illness:
The prodrome of mumps consists of low-grade fever, anorexia, malaise, and headache.
• Usually within one cay, the patient complains "earache" and tenderness is noted over the parotid gland. [1]
• The gland is soon visibly enlarged and progresses to maximum size over the next 2 to 3 days, often with lifting of the ear lobe upward and outward.
• The orifice of Stensen's duct is edematous and erythematous, and trismus and pain on chewing may be present.
• It is important to remember that the enlarged gland obscures the angle of the mandible, while cervical adenopathy does not.
• Parotid involvement if unilateral in 25% of cases.
• As the disease progresses, fever may reach 40C.
• Subsequently pain, fever, and tenderness resolve, and the parotid gland returns to normal size within a week.
• Involvement of the other salivary glands occurs in 10% of cases, but are rare in the absence of parotid involvement.
• Presternal edema develops in 6% of patients, most often in those who have submandibular adenitis.

8% to 15% of patients will continue shedding Mumps virus 5 days after the onset of symptoms. [2]

Neurological manifestations:
Central nervous system involvement is the most common extrasalivary gland manifestation of this disease.
• Cerebrospinal fluid pleocytosis has been documented in 51% patients with mumps, without other evidence of meningitis.
• Clinical meningitis occurs in 1 to 10% of persons with mumps parotitis; while parotitis is documented in less than 50% of patients with mumps.
• Meningitis may occur before, during or after salivary gland involvement.
• The features of mumps meningitis are similar to those of other viruses, and the clinical course is benign; however, polymorphonuclear CSF pleocytosis and reduced glucose levels are not unusual.

Encephalitis occurs in less than 0.1% of cases, and may be accompanied by altered consciousness, seizures, paresis, aphasia, involuntary movements; and sequelae such as psychomotor retardation, deafness (1 per 1,000 to 20,000 cases [3]) [4] and convulsive disorders.
• Other neurological complications of mumps include cerebellar ataxia [5] , facial nerve palsy, transverse myelitis, Guillain-Barre syndrome, and aqueductal stenosis.

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Epididymo-orchitis:
Epididymo-orchitis is the most common extra-salivary gland manifestation in adults, developing in 20 to 30% of infected postpubertal males.
• This complication is bilateral in 15% of cases, and appears during the first week of mumps in 70% of cases.
• Rarely, this is the only manifestation of mumps.
• Onset is abrupt, with elevation of fever, chills, headache, vomiting, and testicular pain.
• The testis is warm, swollen (to as much as four times normal size), and tender, with erythema of the scrotum.
• Epididymitis is present in 85%, and usually precedes the orchitis.
• Tenderness may persist for more than 2 weeks in 20% of cases; and some degree of atrophy is noted in 50% of the patients, even after 2 years.
• Impotence is not encountered, and sterility is rare.

Additional manifestations of mumps:
Other features of mumps include oophoritis, fetal wastage [6], migratory polyarthritis, monoarticular arthritis and arthralgia, electrocardiographic changes (with or without overt myocarditis), nephritis, thyroiditis, mastitis, prostatitis, hepatitis, cholecystitis and thrombocytopenia.

This disease is endemic or potentially endemic to all countries.

Mumps in Ethiopia

2,301 cases were reported in 1999.

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Mycetoma

Agent	BACTERIUM OR FUNGUS. Nocardia spp, Madurella mycetomatis, Actinomadura pellitieri, Streptomyces somaliensis, et al
Reservoir	Soil Vegetation
Vector	None
Vehicle	Contact Wound Soil
Incubation Period	2w - 2y
Diagnostic Tests	Bacterial and fungal culture of material from lesion.
Typical Adult Therapy	Antimicrobial or antifungal agent as determined by culture. Excision as indicated
Typical Pediatric Therapy	As for adult
Clinical Hints	Painless, chronic, draining, fistulous subcutaneous nodule - usually involving lower extremity; osteolytic lesions may be noted on x-ray; usually no fever; most patients are males age 20 to 40 (ie, occupational exposure).
Synonyms	Madura foot, Madura-Fuss, Madurella, Mycetom, White grain eumycetoma. ICD9: 039.4,117.4 ICD10: B47

Clinical

Mycetoma is typically characterized by a painless nodule or thickening, which involve the feet in 80% of cases. [1]
• The lesions slowly enlarge and form sinus tracts which drain bloody, serous or purulent fluid containing granules of various colors. [2]
• Systemic findings are absent.
• Lesional hyperhydrosis is common, and tendons and nerves are usually spared until late stages of the infection. [3]
• Regional lymphadenopathy is encountered in 1% to 3% of cases.
• Lupus vulgaris may mimic mycetoma. [4]

Hematogenous spread of infection is extremely rare. [5]
• Mycetoma may spread to involve contiguous bone or regional lymph nodes.
• In Actinomycotic infections, the course is more rapid and aggressive, with prominent inflammation and early destruction of bone.

Dark granules characterize Madurella infection, while pale colored granules are seen in Acremonium infection.
• *Actinomadura madurae*, *Nocardia brasiliensis*, and *Streptomyces somaliensis* produce smaller white, yellow, or brownish granules.

Rare instances of mycetoma of the scalp due to *Microsporum canis* have been reported.
• Perianal actinomycetoma may mimic other chronic diseases of the anal region.
• Ocular mycetoma has been reported as a complication of a sub-tenon injection [6]
• A rare case of paranasal and cavernous sinus infection has been reported. [7] [8]

Diagnosis is based on radiological and ultrasonic imaging, histology, culture and serology.
• Although Actinomycotic lesions may be amenable to antibiotic therapy, eumycetoma requires aggressive surgical excision.

This disease is endemic or potentially endemic to all countries.

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Mycobacteriosis - M. marinum

Agent	BACTERIUM. Actinomycetes, Mycobacterium marinum An aerobic acid-fast bacillus
Reservoir	Fresh and salt water (eg, swimming pools, aquaria) Fish (ornamental, salmon, sturgeon, bass)
Vector	None
Vehicle	Water per areas of minor skin trauma
Incubation Period	5d - 270d (median 21d)
Diagnostic Tests	Mycobacterial culture from lesion. Alert laboratory when this organism is suspected.
Typical Adult Therapy	Rifampicin 600 mg/day + Ethambutol 20 mg/kg/day X 6w. Alternative: Minocycline
Typical Pediatric Therapy	Sulfamethoxazole/trimethoprim 5 mg-25 mg/kg BID X 6w. Alternative Minocycline (Age >= 8)
Clinical Hints	Violaceous papule, ulcer, plaque, psoriaform lesion; onset weeks after exposure (swimming pool, aquarium); commonly involves the elbow, knee, hand or foot.
Synonyms	Aquarium granuloma, Fish fanciers' finger syndrome, Fish tank granuloma, Mariner's TB, Mycobacterium balnei, Mycobacterium marinum, Mycobacterium scrofulaceum, Spam, Swimming pool granuloma. ICD9: 031.1 ICD10: A31.1

Clinical

The incubation period varies from 5 to 170 days (median 21 days); with 35% of cases exceeding 30 days.

- Characteristic painful, slowly-growing blue papules usually involve the extremities, and may ulcerate. [1]
- The upper extremities are involved in 95%, and spread to deeper structures occurs in 29%.
- Dissemination is rare, but has been described in AIDS patients. [2]
- Multiple sporotrichoid subcutaneous nodules have been reported. [3] [4]
- Extensive verrucous dermal plaques have been reported among Pacific Islanders infected by *Mycobacterium marinum*. [5] [6]
- Tenosynovitis ("fish-tank finger") is occasionally encountered. [7-10]
- Scarring may occur, but is less pronounced than that which follows *M. ulcerans* infection.

This disease is endemic or potentially endemic to all countries.

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Mycobacteriosis - M. scrofulaceum

Agent	BACTERIUM. Actinomycetes, Mycobacterium scrofulaceum An aerobic acid-fast bacillus
Reservoir	Water (lakes, rivers) Soil Raw milk Plant material
Vector	None
Vehicle	Water Soil ? Through areas of minor trauma
Incubation Period	Unknown
Diagnostic Tests	Culture of tissue or aspirates.
Typical Adult Therapy	Excision. Drugs (Isoniazid - Rifampin - streptomycin - Cycloserine) are rarely indicated
Typical Pediatric Therapy	As for adult
Clinical Hints	Painless lymphadenopathy, most commonly unilateral and submandibular (true tuberculosis involves the lower neck and produces a strongly positive tuberculin reaction and/or suggestive chest X ray). The disease is most common during early childhood.
Synonyms	

Clinical

Mycobacterium scrofulaceum is a common cause of lymphadenitis, most commonly among children ages 1 to 3 years.
• Most infections involve the submandibular region, however involvement of other lymph node groups or body organs may occur. [1]
• Rare instances of dissemination are reported. [2] [3]

This disease is endemic or potentially endemic to all countries.

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Mycobacteriosis - miscellaneous nontuberculous

Agent	BACTERIUM. Actinomycetes, Mycobacterium spp. An aerobic acid-fast bacillus
Reservoir	Water Soil Fish Mammal Bird
Vector	None
Vehicle	Air Water Contact Ingestion Trauma
Incubation Period	Variable
Diagnostic Tests	Microscopy & culture of tissue, secretions, blood. Nucleic acid amplification. Inform laboratory if suspected
Typical Adult Therapy	Drug, route and duration appropriate to clinical setting and species [in Therapy module, scroll through upper left box]
Typical Pediatric Therapy	As for adult
Clinical Hints	Pneumonia, or chronic granulomatous infection of various tissues; systemic disease may complicate immune suppression; *M. avium-intracellulare* characterized by aggressive course and resistance to most antimycobacterial drugs.
Synonyms	Mycobacterium abscessus, Mycobacterium avium, Mycobacterium avium-intracellulare, Mycobacterium immunogenum, Mycobacterium jacussii, Mycobacterium xenopi, Segniliparus. ICD9: 031.9,031.2 ICD10: A31.0,A31.1,A31.8

Clinical

The clinical features of systemic mycobacterial infection are protean, and can involve disease of virtually any organ or tissue. [1-5]

• Specific syndromes reflect the immune status of the patient and the specific fungal species involved (see Worldwide note)

Mycobacterium avium-intracellulare infection is clinically similar to tuberculosis, producing localized pulmonary disease [6] or disseminated lesions of virtually any organ. [7] [8]
- Bacteremia is common, and can be detected using specialized blood culture systems.

Mycobacterium kansasii infection is characterized by productive cough, dyspnea, and chest pain.
• 16% of patients are asymptomatic.
• A right sided, apical or subapical, thin walled cavitary infiltrate is characteristic. [9]

Mycobacterium malmoense infection is usually characterized by pulmonary disease suggestive of tuberculosis, or pediatric cervical lymphadenopathy. [10]

Note: Over 110 species of *Mycobacterium* have been associated with human infection.
• See Microbiology • Mycobacteria module

This disease is endemic or potentially endemic to all countries.

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Mycoplasma (miscellaneous) infections

Agent	BACTERIUM. Mycoplasmatales Mycoplasma genitalium, Mycoplasma hominis, Mycoplasma fermentans, Mycoplasma penetrans, Ureaplasma urealyticum
Reservoir	Human
Vector	None
Vehicle	Secretion, Sexual transmission
Incubation Period	Unknown
Diagnostic Tests	Culture (urine, pharynx). Serology. Nucleic acid amplification.
Typical Adult Therapy	Azithromycin 1 g orally as single dose OR Doxycycline 100 mg PO BID X 7 days OR Levofloxacin 500 mg daily X 7 days OR Ofloxacin 300 mg BID X 7 days
Typical Pediatric Therapy	Erythromycin 10 mg/kg PO QID X 2w
Clinical Hints	Urethritis, vaginitis, neonatal pneumonia; rarely stillbirth, prematurity or infertility
Synonyms	Acholeplasma laidlawii, Epirythrozoon, Hemotrophic Mycoplasma, Mycoplasma amphoriforme, Mycoplasma buccale, Mycoplasma faucium, Mycoplasma felis, Mycoplasma fermentans, Mycoplasma genitalium, Mycoplasma hominis, Mycoplasma lipophilum, Mycoplasma orale, Mycoplasma penetrans, Mycoplasma pirum, Mycoplasma primatum, Mycoplasma salivarium, Mycoplasma spermatophilum, T Mycoplasmas, T strains, Ureaplasma parvum, Ureaplasma urealyticum. ICD9: 041.81 ICD10: A49.3

Clinical

Asymptomatic pharyngeal and vaginal carriage of *Mycoplasma* species and *Ureaplasma* is common.
• As many as 70% of sexually-active persons are colonized.

The signs and symptoms of infection are similar to those of *Chlamydia* infection. [1]
• Urogenital infection may present as vaginitis, cervicitis, non-gonococcal urethritis, epididymitis [2], prostatitis [3] or urethral discharge.
• Less common findings may include pelvic inflammatory disease [4-6], post-partum fever [7] [8], chorioamnionitis, infertility [9], prematurity [10] and stillbirth. [11-13]
• Bronchitis, arthritis [14] [15], neonatal meningitis and encephalitis [16-18], osteitis [19], endocarditis [20] [21], brain abscess [22], soft tissue infections [23], genital under disease [24], bacteremia [25], respiratory distress in the newborn [26] and pneumonia have been reported. [27-30]

Infection by hemotrophic *Mycoplasma* species (formerly *Epirythrozoon*) is characterized by fever, anemia and hemolytic jaundice • notably among pregnant women and newborns. [31]

This disease is endemic or potentially endemic to all countries.

Mycoplasma (miscellaneous) infections in Ethiopia

Prevalence surveys:

7.9% of perinatal deaths in Addis Ababa are due to *Ureaplasma urealyticum* (1976 publication) [32]

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Mycoplasma pneumoniae infection

Agent	BACTERIUM. Mollicutes. Mycoplasma pneumoniae
Reservoir	Human
Vector	None
Vehicle	Droplet
Incubation Period	6d - 23d
Diagnostic Tests	Culture (sputum, throat). Serology. Nucleic acid amplification.
Typical Adult Therapy	Erythromycin 500 mg PO BID X 2w. OR Azithromycin 1 g, followed by 500 mg PO daily X 5 days. OR Doxycycline 100 mg PO BID
Typical Pediatric Therapy	Erythromycin 10 mg/kg PO QID X 2w
Clinical Hints	Coryza, "hacking" cough; subsegmental infiltrate; bullous otitis media is often present; most patients below age 30; cold agglutinins are neither sensitive nor specific for infection, and appear only during second week.
Synonyms	Mycoplasma pneumoniae, Primary atypical pneumonia. ICD9: 041.81,483.0 ICD10: B96.0

Clinical

Acute infection:
Onset is insidious and gradual, and characterized by fever, malaise, a dry cough, headache, 'scratchy' throat and chest wall (ie, muscular) pain. [1]
• Pleuritic pain, productive cough and rigors are unusual and should suggest infection by other bacterial species.
• The pharynx and tympanic membranes are often erythematous, without adenopathy; and the lungs are usually normal to auscultation.
• A macular, urticarial or vesicular rash is occasionally present; and erythema multiforme (including Stevens-Johnson syndrome) is reported. [2-5]

Atypical manifestations: [6]
Atypical and severe disease is encountered among older adults.
• Rare instances of acute hepatitis [7] [8], glomerulonephritis [9] [10], rhabdomyolysis [11], septic shock [12], endocarditis [13], ARDS [14], pericarditis and empyema have been reported. [15]
• Neurological findings may include encephalitis [16] [17], aseptic meningitis, acute transverse myelitis [18] [19], stroke, or polyradiculopathy. [20-22]
• Obsessive-compulsive disorder has been ascribed to *Mycoplasma pneumoniae* infection [23]
• Extrapulmonary manifestations also include hematologic (including autoimmune hemolytic anemia [24]), pancytopenia [25], acute thrombocytosis [26], renal, gastrointestinal, genitourinary [27], hepatic [28], osteoarticular [29], cutaneous (rash, angioedema with eosinophilia [30]), and ocular involvement (including vasculitis). [31]

Patients carry *Mycoplasma pneumoniae* in their throats for up to 7 months following infection. [32]
• *Mycoplasma pneumoniae* infection is implicated in the etiology of recurrent tonsillitis [33] and asthma. [34-39]

This disease is endemic or potentially endemic to all countries.

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Myiasis

Agent	PARASITE - Insecta (Diptera) larvae
Reservoir	Mammal
Vector	Biting arthropod
Vehicle	Fly eggs deposited by biting arthropod
Incubation Period	1w - 3m
Diagnostic Tests	Identification of extracted maggot.
Typical Adult Therapy	Removal of maggot
Typical Pediatric Therapy	As for adult
Clinical Hints	Pruritic or painful draining nodule; fever and eosinophilia may be present; instances of brain, eye, middle ear and other deep infestations are described.
Synonyms	Calliphora, Chrysomya, Chrysomyia, Cochliomyia, Cordylobia, Cuterebrosis, Dermatobia, Furuncular myiasis, Gasterophilus, Hypoderma, Lucilia, Lund's fly, Maggot infestation, Megaselia, Musca, Muscina, Oedemagena, Oestrus larvae, Ophthalmomyiasis, Rectal myiasis, Sarcophaga, Screw worm, Urinary myiasis, Vaginal myiasis, Wohlfarthia. ICD9: 134.0 ICD10: B87

Clinical

Myiasis may be primary (active invasion) or secondary (colonization of wound). [1]
• Primary furuncular myiasis is usually characterized by one or more erythematous, painful "pustules" having a central perforation. [2]
• Eosinophilia may be present. [3]
• Other clinical forms include ophthalmomyiasis (migrating larvae in the conjunctival sac), pharyngeal, nasal [4] , urinary, vaginal, tracheopulmonary and rectal infestation.
• Larvae may rarely invade the paranasal sinuses and even cause eosinophilic meningitis. [5]
• Penile myiasis may mimic a sexually transmitted disease [6]

This disease is endemic or potentially endemic to all countries.

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Necrotizing skin/soft tissue infx.

Agent	BACTERIUM. Streptococcus pyogenes, Clostridium perfringens, mixed anaerobic and/or gram-negative bacilli
Reservoir	Human
Vector	None
Vehicle	Endogenous
Incubation Period	Variable
Diagnostic Tests	Clinical features. Smear and culture (including anaerobic culture) of exudate.
Typical Adult Therapy	Debridement and parenteral antibiotics directed by smear and culture results. Hyperbaric oxygen in more severe infections
Typical Pediatric Therapy	As for adult
Clinical Hints	At least 7 syndromes in this category: most characterized by local pain and swelling, skin discoloration or edema, gas formation, foul odor and variable degrees of systemic toxicity.
Synonyms	Anaerobic cellulitis, Chancrum oris, Clostridial cellulitis, Clostridium novyi, Fasciitis, Fournier's gangrene, Gangrenous cellulitis, Gangrenous stomatitis, Invasive group A strep. Infections, Meleney's synergistic gangrene, Necrotizing fasciitis, Noma, Streptococcal fasciitis, Synergistic necrotizing cellulitis. ICD9: 686.8,528.1 ICD10: M72.6,A69.0

Clinical

Infections often begin in areas of minor trauma or loss of dermal integrity (as in varicella), and may spread within hours to involve large areas and endanger life. [1-5]

Clinical forms of necrotizing skin and soft tissue infection (in alphabetical order):

Clostridial cellulitis usually follows local trauma or surgery, and has a gradual onset following an incubation period of 3 or more days.
• There is minimal pain and discoloration, with moderate swelling.
• A thin, occasionally foul and dark colored exudate is noted and copious gas is present.
• Systemic signs are minimal.

Clostridial myonecrosis is discussed elsewhere in this module • but is distinguishable from the above syndromes by its severity, prominent systemic toxicity and the presence of overt muscle involvement.

Fournier's gangrene is a form of necrotizing fasciitis which involves the scrotum and penis. [6-8]
• Most patients are over the age of 50 • diabetic, alcoholic or suffering from rectal cancer.
• The lesion is markedly destructive and mutilating, and typically due to a mixed flora of anaerobic and facultative or aerobic gram negative bacilli.
• Fournier's gangrene may occasionally complicate varicella [9]
• The case fatality rate for Fournier's gangrene is over 20% [10]

Gangrenous stomatitis (chancrum oris, Noma) is a mutilating condition of the skin and soft tissues of the face which affects primarily immune-suppressed [11-13] and malnourished children. [14-19]
• Most patients are under the age of 6 years.
• The disease usually begins as a painful red or purple intraoral lesion, which rapidly spreads to destroy surrounding bone and soft tissues of the mouth and face.
• The case-fatality rate is 70% to 90%.

Infected vascular gangrene is a complication of peripheral vascular insufficiency and has a gradual onset beginning 5 or more days after the initiating event.
• Onset is gradual, and pain may vary from absent to prominent.
• The area is discolored and painful, and associated with foul malodorous gas and involvement of underlying muscle.
• Systemic signs are minimal.

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Meleney's gangrene (progressive bacterial synergistic gangrene) usually involves sites of fistulae, retention sutures or draining empyema. [20] [21]
• The infection begins 1 to 2 weeks following surgery, and is characterized by erythema and moderate swelling, with minimal crepitus.

Necrotizing fasciitis is typically associated with diabetes mellitus or recent abdominal surgery. [22] [23]
• Following an incubation period of 1 to 4 days, the patient becomes increasingly ill, with moderate local pain and gas formation, and a foul seropurulent discharge.
• Pain may be severe, and areas of erythema and necrosis are evident.
• Relatively high mortality rates are associated with necrotizing fasciitis caused by *Aeromonas* or *Vibrio* species. [24]

Non-clostridial anaerobic cellulitis is usually associated with diabetes mellitus or a preexisting local infection.
• Onset may be gradual or rapid, with moderate swelling, dark pus, minimal discoloration and copious foul-smelling gas.
• Pain is minimal, and the patient is moderately ill.

Synergistic necrotizing cellulitis is associated with diabetes, renal disease, obesity or preexisting perirectal infection.
• The incubation period varies from 3 to 14 days, and onset is acute.
• Swelling may be marked, and associated with intense local pain, foul 'dishwater' pus and small amounts of gas.
• Moderate muscle involvement and marked systemic disease are present.

This disease is endemic or potentially endemic to all countries.

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Neutropenic typhlitis

Agent	BACTERIUM. Clostridium septicum (occasionally Clostridium tertium, Clostridium sporogenes, Clostridium sordellii or Clostridium tertium)
Reservoir	Human
Vector	None
Vehicle	Endogenous
Incubation Period	Unknown
Diagnostic Tests	Typical findings in the setting of neutropenia. Ultrasonography may be helpful.
Typical Adult Therapy	Broad spectrum antimicrobial coverage, which should include clostridia and Pseudomonas aeruginosa. Role of surgery is controversial
Typical Pediatric Therapy	Broad spectrum antimicrobial coverage, which should include clostridia and Pseudomonas aeruginosa. Role of surgery is controversial
Clinical Hints	Fever, abdominal pain, diarrhea (occasionally bloody) and right lower quadrant signs in a neutropenic (leukemic, etc) patient; may spread hematogenously to extremities; case-fatality rate 50% to 75%.
Synonyms	Neutropenic enterocolitis. ICD9: 540.0 ICD10: A04.8

Clinical

Neutropenic typhlitis is clinically similar to acute appendicitis, but limited to patients with severe neutropenia. [1-3]

This disease is endemic or potentially endemic to all countries.

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Nocardiosis

Agent	BACTERIUM. Actinomycetes, Nocardia spp. An aerobic gram positive bacillus (acid-fast using special technique)
Reservoir	Soil
Vector	None
Vehicle	Air Dust Wound Contact
Incubation Period	? days to weeks
Diagnostic Tests	Culture and gram stain of exudates, sputa, tissue specimens. Advise laboratory when Nocardia suspected.
Typical Adult Therapy	Sulfamethoxazole/trimethoprim - dosage and duration of therapy appropriate to clinical severity
Typical Pediatric Therapy	As for adult
Clinical Hints	Pneumonia, lung abscess, brain abscess, or other chronic suppurative infection; often in the setting of immune suppression.
Synonyms	Nocardia, Nocardiose. ICD9: 039 ICD10: A43

Clinical

Nocardiosis may present as an acute or chronic suppurative infection with a tendency to remission and exacerbation. [1]
- Infections are most common among immunocompromized patients. [2] [3]
- The most common presentation is pneumonia.
- Brain abscesses account for 33% of cases.
- Infection of virtually any other organ may occur.

Nocardiosis may mimic tuberculosis, particularly in the setting of HIV infection. [4]
- Nodular lymphadenitis, seen with *Nocardia brasiliensis* infection, may mimic nocardiosis. [5]

The ecology and phenotypic characteristics of *Nocardia* species [6] are discussed in the Microbiology module.

This disease is endemic or potentially endemic to all countries.

Nocardiosis in Ethiopia

Prevalence surveys:

3.6% of HIV-positive patients clinically suspected of having tuberculosis (2005) [7]

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Oesophagostomiasis

Agent	PARASITE - Nematoda. Phasmidea: Oesophagostomum bifurcum (O. apiostomum, O. stephanostomum)
Reservoir	Non-human primate Soil
Vector	None
Vehicle	Feces Water Soil
Incubation Period	2w - 2m
Diagnostic Tests	Demonstration of parasite in tissue.
Typical Adult Therapy	Albendazole (400 mg as single dose), or Pyrantel pamoate may be effective. Excision as necessary
Typical Pediatric Therapy	Albendazole or Pyrantel pamoate may be effective. Excision as necessary
Clinical Hints	Right lower quadrant abdominal pain and tenderness, often with intraabdominal mass or peritoneal signs.
Synonyms	Dapaong tumor, Oesophagostomum apiostomum, Oesophagostomum bifurcum, Oesophagostomum stephanostomum, Ternidens. ICD9: 127.7 ICD10: B81.8

Clinical

Oesophagostomiasis is contracted through ingestion of soil-contaminated food or water, and is characterized by development of an inflammatory mass in the ileum or colon.
• Approximately 15% of patients present with multinodular disease, characterized by abdominal pain, fever, vomiting and mucous diarrhea. [1] [2]
• 85% of patients develop an intestinal mass adherent to the overlying abdominal wall ('Dapaong tumor'), often associated with pain and fever. [3]

This disease is endemic or potentially endemic to 35 countries.

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Old World phleboviruses

Agent	VIRUS - RNA. Bunyaviridae, Phlebovirus: Sandfly fever virus (at least three types) Dabie Mountain virus (tentative designation)
Reservoir	Fly (Phlebotomus) ? Rodent
Vector	Fly (sandfly = Phlebotomus papatasi for Naples and Sicilian; P. perfilewi for Naples) Vector for Dabie Mountain virus not established
Vehicle	None
Incubation Period	3d - 4d (range 2d - 9d)
Diagnostic Tests	Viral culture (blood, CSF). Serology. Nucleic acid amplification. Biosafety level 3.
Typical Adult Therapy	Supportive
Typical Pediatric Therapy	As for adult
Clinical Hints	Myalgia, eye pain, arthralgia, vomiting, facial flush and leukopenia; gastrointestinal symptoms common in Dabie Mountain virus. Disease is most common during summer in temperate regions; fever resolves within 5 days; fatality and sequelae are not reported.
Synonyms	Dabie Mountain virus, Grenada virus, Karimabad, Naples sandfly fever, Pappataci fever, Phlebotomus fever, Salehabad, Sandfly fever, Toscana. ICD9: 066.0 ICD10: A93.1

Clinical

Most infections are characterized by abrupt onset of fever, frontal headache, generalized myalgia, back pain, conjunctivitis, eye pain, photophobia and prominent neutropenia. [1]
• Vomiting, vertigo and stiff neck have been described in some cases.
• Patients recover completely within one to two weeks
• No fatal cases have been reported.

Toscana virus infections usually present as self-limited febrile illness without neurological manifestations.
• Rare instances of neurological residua have been reported following Toscana virus infection. [2]

Dabie Mountain virus infection is characterized by high fever and gastrointestinal symptoms. Bleeding and high case fatality rates have been reported.

This disease is endemic or potentially endemic to 53 countries.

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Onchocerciasis

Agent	PARASITE - Nematoda. Phasmidea, Filariae: Onchocerca volvulus
Reservoir	Human
Vector	Fly (black fly = Simulium)
Vehicle	None
Incubation Period	12m - 18m
Diagnostic Tests	Identification of microfilariae in skin snips or on ophthalmoscopy. Nucleic acid amplification.
Typical Adult Therapy	Excision of nodules. Ivermectin 150ug/kg PO once. Repeat every 6 months Doxycycline 100 mg PO daily for 6 weeks prior to Ivermectin improves cure rate If eye involved, administer corticosteroid for several days prior to ivermectin.
Typical Pediatric Therapy	Excision of nodules. Ivermectin 150ug/kg PO once. Repeat every 6 months Age > 8 years: Doxycycline, as for adult
Clinical Hints	Macular, papular or dyschromic skin lesions; pruritus; lymphadenopathy; keratitis or uveitis; eosinophilia; firm nodules over bony prominences; adult worms may survive for 15 years in the human host.
Synonyms	Aswad, Craw-craw, Dipetalonema arbuta, Dipetalonema sprenti, Erysipelas de la Costa, Flussblindheit, Jur blindness, Lichenified onchodermatitis, Nakalanga syndrome, Onchocerca cervicalis, Onchocerca dewittei, Onchocerca guttarosa, Onchocerca jakutensis, Onchocerca lupi, Onchocerca retuculata, Onchocerca volvulus, Onchozerkose, River blindness, Robles' disease, Sowda. ICD9: 125.3 ICD10: B73

Clinical

WHO Case definition for surveillance:
• In an endemic area, a person with fibrous nodules in subcutaneous tissues.
Laboratory criteria for confirmation • one or more of the following
• Presence of microfilariae in skin snips taken from the iliac crest
• Presence of adult worms in excised nodules
• Presence of typical ocular manifestations, such as slit-lamp observations of microfilariae in the cornea, the anterior chamber, or the vitreous body
Case classification
Suspected: A case that meets the clinical case definition.
Probable: Not applicable.
Confirmed: A suspected case that is laboratory-confirmed.

W.H.O. recognizes five forms of skin disease for purposes of survey and control:
• acute papular onchodermatitis
• chronic papular onchodermatitis
• lichenified onchodermatitis
• atrophy
• depigmentation

Dermal onchocerciasis may mimic dracunculiasis. [1]

The microfilariae of *Onchocerca* migrate throughout the body and give rise to visual impairment (punctate keratitis) [2] , rashes, intense pruritis and depigmentation of the skin [3] ; lymphadenitis; "hanging groin" and elephantiasis of the genitals. [4]

• Rare instance of eosinophilic meningitis have been reported. [5]

Onchocerciasis has been implicated in the etiology of Nakalanga syndrome (hyposexual dwarfism) in Sudan; and sowda (a form of endemic filarial limb dermatosis with adenopathy) on the Arabian Peninsula. [6]
• It has been suggested that sowda may be caused by a zoonotic species rather than *Onchocerca volvulus*.

There is extensive evidence that endosymbiont bacteria (*Wolbachia* spp.) are necessary for the development of filarial larvae, and fertility of adult parasites. [7-9]

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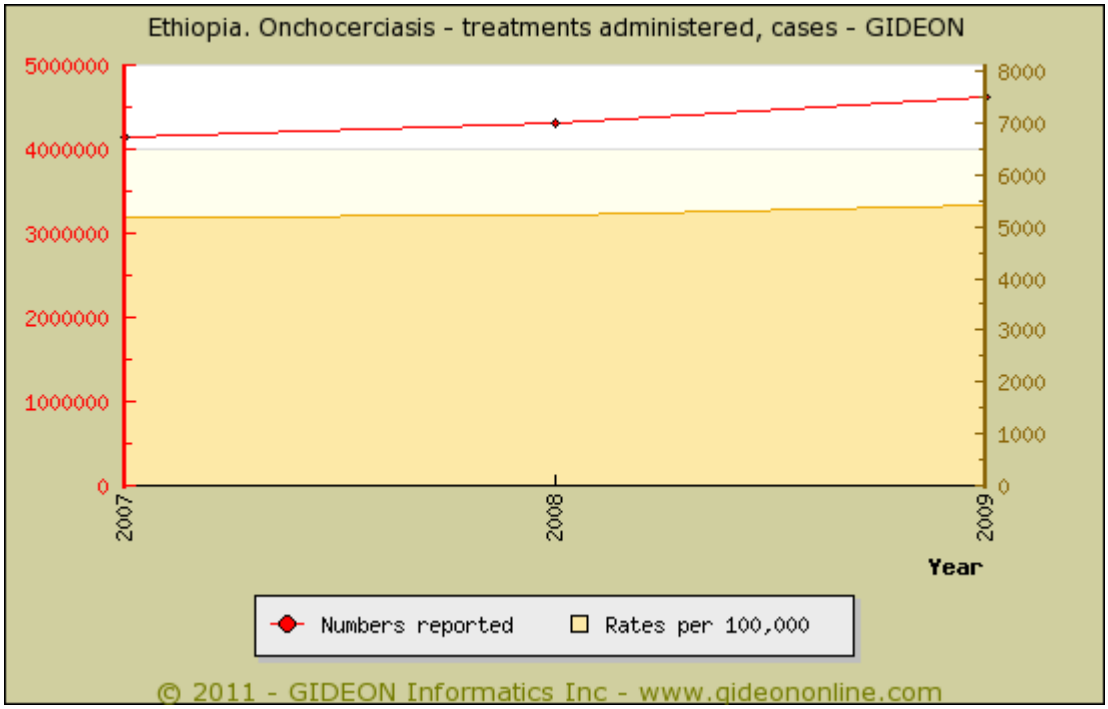
- Doxycycline has proven effective in therapy, presumably through inhibition of *Wolbachia* spp. [10-12]

This disease is endemic or potentially endemic to 36 countries.

Onchocerciasis in Ethiopia

Time and Place:
- Onchocerciasis was first described in this country in 1939. [13]
- The disease is most common in the southwest and northwest regions, particularly among nomads.
- 17.4% of the population are at risk for infection.
- 1,380,000 were infested (20,700 blind) in 1985; 929,000 in 1995.
- 1,764 outpatient cases and 106 hospitalizations (4 fatal) for onchocerciasis were reported in 1998.



Graph: Ethiopia. Onchocerciasis - treatments administered, cases

Notes:
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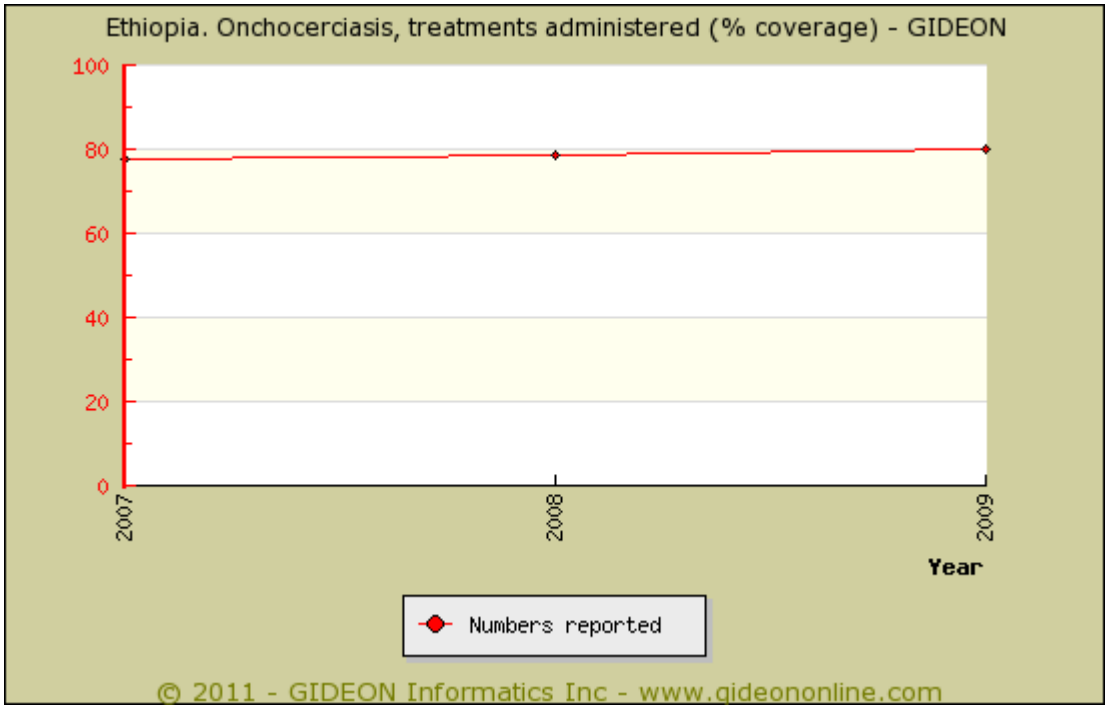

Graph: Ethiopia. Onchocerciasis, treatments administered (% coverage)

Prevalence surveys:

15.6% of secondary school children in Kara (southwestern Ethiopia) (1993) [16]
85.3% of coffee workers in Teppi (onchocercal skin disease, 1996) [17]
34% of persons in the Blue Nile valley (1993 publication) [18]

Several imported cases have been described among Ethiopian immigrants to Israel, notably from the Kuwara highlands. [19]

Vectors:

- The local vectors are *Simulium damnosum* and *S. ethiopiense*. [20]
- *Simulium kaffanse* has been implicated as a vector in south-western Ethiopia. [21]

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Orbital and eye infections

Agent	BACTERIUM OR FUNGUS. Streptococcus pyogenes, oral anaerobes, Aspergillus spp., facultative gram-negative bacilli, et al
Reservoir	Endogenous Introduced flora (trauma, surgery)
Vector	None
Vehicle	Trauma Surgery Contiguous (sinusitis) Hematogenous
Incubation Period	Variable
Diagnostic Tests	Imaging techniques (CT or MRI). Culture of aspirates or surgical material.
Typical Adult Therapy	Local and systemic antimicrobial agents appropriate for species and severity
Typical Pediatric Therapy	As for adult
Clinical Hints	Proptosis, chemosis, extraocular palsy, or hypopyon associated with sinusitis, bacteremia, eye trauma or surgery. Involves the eye (endophthalmitis); periosteum (periorbital infection); orbit (orbital cellulitis); orbit + eye (panophthalmitis).
Synonyms	Bacterial keratitis, Ceratite, Cheratite, Endophthalmitis, Eye infection, Keratite, Keratitis, Orbital infection, Panopthalmitis, Queratitis. ICD9: 360.0 ICD10: H05.0

Clinical

Endophthalmitis involves the ocular cavity and adjacent structures. [1] [2]
• Infection may occur in the setting of endocarditis or other bacteremic infections, or follow surgery or penetrating trauma.
• The onset of fungal endophthalmitis is more gradual than infection due to bacteria.
• Several species of parasites (ie, *Toxoplasma*, *Toxocara*, *Onchocerca*, etc) and viruses (CMV, Herpes simplex, measles) may also infect a variety of orbital structures, and are discussed elsewhere in this module.

Panophthalmitis involves all ocular tissue layers, including the episclera. [3] [4]
• Pain on eye movement is prominent.

Orbital cellulitis is an acute infection of the orbital contents.
• Infection can easily spread to the cavernous sinuses.
• The most common sources for infection are the paranasal sinuses (most commonly ethmoid in children).
• Fever, lid edema, orbital pain, proptosis and limited motion of the globe are important symptoms.

Keratitis can be caused by viruses (Herpes simplex, zoster, smallpox), bacteria, fungi, protozoa (*Acanthamoeba*) or helminths (*Onchocerca volvulus*)
• Microbial keratitis complicating orthokeratology is mainly caused by *P. aeruginosa* or *Acanthamoeba* [5]

This disease is endemic or potentially endemic to all countries.

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Orf

Agent	VIRUS - DNA. Poxviridae, Parapoxvirus: Orf virus
Reservoir	Sheep Goat Reindeer Musk ox
Vector	None
Vehicle	Contact Infected secretions Fomite
Incubation Period	3d - 6d (range 2d - 7d)
Diagnostic Tests	Viral culture (skin lesion or exudate). Serology. Nucleic acid amplification. Biosafety level 3.
Typical Adult Therapy	Supportive
Typical Pediatric Therapy	As for adult
Clinical Hints	Skin pustule or ulcer following contact with sheep or goats; most lesions limited to finger or hand; heals without scarring within 6 weeks.
Synonyms	Contagious pustular dermatitis, Ecthyma contagiosum, Ovine pustular dermatitis. ICD9: 078.89 ICD10: B08.0

Clinical

Human infection is milder than that of sheep, and usually limited to indolent vesicles and pustules on the hands. [1] [2]
• Pustules may attain a size of 1 to 2 cm, and are often associated with low-grade fever and regional lymphadenitis.
• Lesions heal over a period of 2 to 6 weeks, without scarring.
• Bullous lesions [3] , secondary bacterial infection, disseminated orf and erythema multiforme have been described in some cases.

This disease is endemic or potentially endemic to all countries.

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Ornithosis

Agent	BACTERIUM. Chlamydiaceae, Chlamydiae, Chlamydophila [Chlamydia] psittaci
Reservoir	Parakeet Parrot Pigeon Turkey Duck Cat Sheep Goat Cattle ? Dog
Vector	None
Vehicle	Bird droppings Dust Air Aerosol from cat [rare]
Incubation Period	7d - 14d (range 4d - 28d)
Diagnostic Tests	Serology. Culture (available in special laboratories) rarely indicated.
Typical Adult Therapy	Doxycycline 100 mg PO BID X 10d. Alternatives: Erythromycin 500 mg PO QID X 10d. Azithromycin 1 g, then 0.5 g daily. Clarithromycin 0.5 g BID
Typical Pediatric Therapy	Age < 8 years: Erythromycin 10 mg/kg QID X 10d Age >=8 years: Doxycycline 100 mg PO BID X 10d.
Clinical Hints	Headache, myalgia and pneumonia, often with relative bradycardia, hepatomegaly or splenomegaly; onset 1 to 4 weeks following contact with pigeons, psittacine birds or domestic fowl; case-fatality rate without treatment = 20%.
Synonyms	Chlamydophila abortus, Chlamydophila psittaci, Ornitose, Papegojsjuka, Parrot fever, Psitacosis, Psittacosis, Psittakose. ICD9: 073 ICD10: A70

Clinical

Onset may be insidious or abrupt, and the illness may subclinical, or take the form of nonspecific fever and malaise, pharyngitis, hepatosplenomegaly, and adenopathy. [1]
• Bradycardia and splenomegaly may suggest typhoid at this stage.

A more common presentation consists of atypical pneumonia, with nonproductive cough, fever, headache and pulmonary infiltrates. [2] [3]
• Additional findings may include photophobia, tinnitus, ataxia, deafness, anorexia, vomiting, abdominal pain [4] , diarrhea, constipation, hemoptysis, epistaxis, arthralgia, and rash (Horder's spots) reminiscent of the rose spots of typhoid. [5]
• Fever, pharyngitis, rales and hepatomegaly are noted in over 50% of cases.

Complications include pericarditis, myocarditis, and "culture-negative" endocarditis, ARDS [6] , overt hepatitis, hemolytic anemia, DIC, reactive arthritis, cranial nerve palsy, cerebellar dysfunction, transverse myelitis, meningitis, encephalitis and seizures, thrombophlebitis, pancreatitis and thyroiditis.
• Rare instances of abortion have been reported.

Chlamydophila abortus, a related species which affects goats, cattle and sheep, had been associated with rare instances of abortion, stillbirth and even maternal death in humans.

This disease is endemic or potentially endemic to all countries.

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Osteomyelitis

Agent	BACTERIUM OR FUNGUS. Staphylococcus aureus, facultative gram-negative bacilli, Candida albicans, etc
Reservoir	Endogenous Introduced flora (trauma, surgery)
Vector	None
Vehicle	Trauma Hematogenous Extension from other focus
Incubation Period	Variable
Diagnostic Tests	Radiography, including bone scan. Culture of biopsy material.
Typical Adult Therapy	Systemic antimicrobial agent(s) appropriate to known or suspected pathogen. Surgery as indicated
Typical Pediatric Therapy	As for adult
Clinical Hints	Limb pain or gait disturbance; obscure fever; prior skin infection; may be hematogenous, or arise from contiguous (soft tissue, joint) infection; X-ray changes are not apparent for at least 10 days in acute infection.
Synonyms	Osteomielite, Osteomielitis, Osteomyelite, Paravertebral abscess. ICD9: 015,730.9 ICD10: M86

Clinical

Osteomyelitis is a self-defined condition characterized by infection of one or more bones.
• Signs and symptoms vary widely, and reflect associated underlying conditions, infecting species and location of the infection. [1-3]

Etiological associations:
• Animal bite: *Pasteurella multocida*
• Diabetes and vascular insufficiency: Usually mixed infection (*Staphylococcus aureus*, *Staphylococcus epidermidis*, Gram-negative bacilli, Anaerobes)
• Hematogenous: Usually single organism (*Staphylococcus aureus*, Enterobacteriaceae)
• Injecting drug user: staphylococci, Gram-negative bacilli, Candida spp.
• Secondary to contiguous infection: Often mixed infection (*Staphylococcus aureus*, Gram-negative bacilli)
• Sickle cell anemia: *Staphylococcus aureus*, *Salmonella* spp.

This disease is endemic or potentially endemic to all countries.

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Otitis media

Agent	BACTERIUM OR VIRUS. Haemophilus influenzae & Streptococcus pneumoniae in most acute cases; RSV, Parainfluenza, et al
Reservoir	Human
Vector	None
Vehicle	None
Incubation Period	Variable
Diagnostic Tests	Clinical findings. Culture of middle ear fluid if available.
Typical Adult Therapy	Antimicrobial agent directed at likely pathogens
Typical Pediatric Therapy	As for adult
Vaccine	Pneumococcal conjugate
Clinical Hints	Acute bacterial otitis media often represents the final stage in a complex of anatomic, allergic or viral disorders of the upper airways; recurrent or resistant infections may require surgical intervention.
Synonyms	Otitis media aguda. ICD9: 382.0 ICD10: H65,H66

Clinical

Signs and symptoms of otitis media consist of local pain and tenderness, with or without fever and signs of sepsis. [1] [2]

This disease is endemic or potentially endemic to all countries.

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Parainfluenza virus infection

Agent	VIRUS - RNA. Paramyxoviridae: Respirovirus - Human Parainfluenza virus 1 and 3. Rubulavirus - Human Parainfluenza virus 2 and 4.
Reservoir	Human
Vector	None
Vehicle	Droplet
Incubation Period	3d - 8d
Diagnostic Tests	Viral culture (respiratory secretions). Serology. Nucleic acid amplification.
Typical Adult Therapy	Supportive
Typical Pediatric Therapy	As for adult
Clinical Hints	Upper respiratory infection - often croup or laryngitis. The disease is most common during infancy; older children develop a 'cold-like' illness; the infection is complicated by pneumonia in 7% to 17% of cases.
Synonyms	Parainfluenza, Sendai. ICD9: 078.89,480.2 ICD10: J12.2

Clinical

Clinical forms of Parainfluenza virus infection include 'the common cold,' otitis media, croup (acute laryngotracheobronchitis) [1] , 'flu-like illness' [2] , bronchiolitis [3] and pneumonia.

This disease is endemic or potentially endemic to all countries.

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Parvovirus B19 infection

Agent	VIRUS - DNA. Parvoviridae, Parvovirinae: Erythrovirus B19
Reservoir	Human
Vector	None
Vehicle	Droplet
Incubation Period	4d - 14d (range 3d - 21d)
Diagnostic Tests	Serology. Nucleic acid amplification (testing should be reserved for the rare instance of complicated infection).
Typical Adult Therapy	Supportive
Typical Pediatric Therapy	As for adult
Clinical Hints	Erythema infectiosum (erythema of cheeks; lacelike or morbilliform rash on extremities); febrile polyarthralgia, or bone marrow aplasia/hypoplasia may be present.
Synonyms	Duke's disease, Erythema infantum febrile, Erythema infectiosum, Erythema simplex marginatum, Erythrovirus B19, Fifth disease, Fourth disease, Funfte Krankheit, Parascarlatina, Parvovirus 4, Parvovirus B19, Sticker's disease. ICD9: 057.0 ICD10: B08.3

Clinical

Acute infection:
Erythema infectiosum is a mild childhood illness characterized by a facial rash ("slapped cheek" appearance), and a reticulated or lacelike rash on the trunk and extremities. [1]
• Localized and generalized petechial rash may occur in some cases. [2-7]
• Reappearance of the rash may occur for several weeks following nonspecific stimuli such as change in temperature, sunlight, and emotional stress.
• The patient is otherwise well at rash onset but often gives a history of a systemic prodrome lasting 1 to 4 days.
• In some outbreaks, pruritis has been a common clinical feature. [8]
• Rubella-like, morbilliform [9], vesicular and purpuric [10] rashes have also been reported.
• Asymptomatic infection has been reported in approximately 20% of children and adults.
• Severe infection, including instances of heart failure, have been reported. [11]
• Co-infection with parvovirus and other hepatitis viruses may result in fulminant hepatic failure [12]

Joint manifestations:
In some outbreaks, arthralgias and arthritis have been commonly reported. [13]
• Infection may produce a symmetrical peripheral polyarthropathy.
• The hands are most frequently affected, followed by the knees and wrists.
• Symptoms are usually self-limited but may persist for several months.
• Joint symptoms, more common in adults, are encountered in approximately 20% of cases [14] and may occur as the sole manifestation of infection.

Instances of seizure, coma, encephalitic ataxia or chorea [15] [16], meningoencephalitis [17], autonomic or sensory neuropathy [18], cranial nerve palsy [19], myocarditis [20] [21], severe endothelialitis (Degos-like syndrome) [22] and hepatitis have been reported. [23] [24]
• Sequelae remain in 22% of patients with neurological involvement [25]
• A distinct form of Parvovirus infection known as "papular-purpuric gloves and socks syndrome" is characterized by fever and edematous rash, often associated with conjunctivitis and arthritis [26]
• Additional complications include glomerulonephritis [27], Melkersson-Rosenthal syndrome and hemophagocytic lymphohistiocytosis [28] [29]
• Hepatic dysfunction may be present in some cases. [30]

Parvovirus B19 infection and hematological disease:
Parvovirus B19 is the primary etiologic agent causing Transient Aplastic Crisis (TAC) in patients with chronic hemolytic anemias (e.g., sickle cell disease, hemoglobin SC disease, hereditary spherocytosis, alpha-thalassemia, and autoimmune

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hemolytic anemia) and occasionally follows anemia due to blood loss. [31]
• Patients with TAC typically present with pallor, weakness, and lethargy and may report a nonspecific prodromal illness during the preceding 1 to 7 days.
• Few patients with TAC report a rash.
• In the acute phase, patients usually have a moderate to severe anemia with absence of reticulocytes; and bone marrow examination shows a hypoplastic or an aplastic erythroid series with a normal myeloid series.
• Recovery is indicated by a return of reticulocytes in the peripheral smear approximately 7 to 10 days after their disappearance.
• TAC may require transfusion and hospitalization and can be fatal if not treated promptly.

A false positive serological reaction toward Epstein-Barr virus has been reported in Parvovirus B19 infection. [32]

A Parvovirus B19-related severe chronic anemia associated with red cell aplasia has been described in transplant recipients [33], patients on maintenance chemotherapy for acute lymphocytic leukemia, patients with congenital immunodeficiencies, and patients with human immunodeficiency virus (HIV)-related immunodeficiency. [34]

Infection of the intestinal mucosa may produce symptoms of inflammatory bowel disease. [35]

Intrapartum infections:
Intrauterine infections can lead to specific or permanent organ defects in the fetus (e.g. heart anomalies, eye diseases, micrognathy, chronic anemia, myocarditis, hepatitis, meconium peritonitis and central nervous system anomalies). [36-38]
• Thrombocytopenia is reported in 46% of cases [39]
• Rare cases of transient neonatal leukoerythroblastosis have been reported [40]
• In most reported B19 infections occurring during pregnancy, the fetus has not been adversely affected; however, in some cases B19 infection has been associated with fetal death. [41-43]
• The risk of fetal death attributable to maternal parvovirus infection is estimated at less than 10%.
• Fetal death most commonly occurs from the 10th through the 20th weeks of pregnancy.
• Although maternal infection appears to be common in late pregnancy, hydrops is relatively rare.

A related member of the family Parvovirinae, Human Bocavirus, is discussed under 'Respiratory viruses • miscellaneous'

This disease is endemic or potentially endemic to all countries.

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Pediculosis

Agent	PARASITE - Insecta. Anoplura: Pediculus humanus, Phthirus pubis.
Reservoir	Human
Vector	Louse
Vehicle	Contact
Incubation Period	7d
Diagnostic Tests	Identification of adults and "nits."
Typical Adult Therapy	Permethrin 1%; or malthion 0.5%; or lindane OR Ivermectin 200 mcg/kg PO
Typical Pediatric Therapy	Permethrin 1%; or malthion 0.5%; or lindane OR Ivermectin 200 mcg/kg PO (> 15 kg body weight)
Clinical Hints	Pruritus in the setting of poor personal hygiene; adults or nits may be visible; note that the body louse (*Pediculus humanus* var. corporis; not the head louse) transmits diseases such as epidemic typhus, trench fever and relapsing fever.
Synonyms	Crab louse, Lausebefall, Pediculose, Pediculus capitus, Pediculus corporis, Pedikulose, Phthirus pubis, Pidocci. ICD9: 132 ICD10: B85

Clinical

Most louse infestations are asymptomatic, with only 15% to 36% of patients complaining of pruritis.
• The principal clinical finding consists of presence of the lice themselves, and their eggs ('nits'). [1] [2]

This disease is endemic or potentially endemic to all countries.

Pediculosis in Ethiopia

Prevalence surveys:

14.1% of school children (nits in scalp, national survey, 2008 publication) [3]
10.7% of orphan school children (2010 publication) [4]

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Pentastomiasis - Linguatula

Agent	PARASITE - Pentastomid worm. Linguatula serrata
Reservoir	Herbivore
Vector	None
Vehicle	Meat (liver or lymph nodes of sheep/goat)
Incubation Period	Unknown
Diagnostic Tests	Identification of larvae in nasal discharge.
Typical Adult Therapy	No specific therapy available
Typical Pediatric Therapy	As for adult
Clinical Hints	Pharyngeal or otic itching, cough, rhinitis or nasopharyngitis which follows ingestion of undercooked liver.
Synonyms	Halzoun, Linguatula, Marrara syndrome. ICD9: 128.8 ICD10: B83.8

Clinical

Infestation ("halzoun" or "marrara syndrome") is associated with pain and itching in the throat or ear, lacrimation, cough, hemoptysis, rhinorrhea or hoarseness. [1] [2]
• Complications include respiratory obstruction, epistaxis, facial paralysis or involvement of the eye.

This disease is endemic or potentially endemic to 184 countries.

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Pericarditis - bacterial

Agent	BACTERIUM. Streptococcus pneumoniae, Staphylococcus aureus, et al
Reservoir	Human
Vector	None
Vehicle	Endogenous
Incubation Period	Variable
Diagnostic Tests	Ultrasonography and cardiac imaging techniques. Culture of pericardial fluid (include mycobacterial culture).
Typical Adult Therapy	Antimicrobial agent(s) appropriate to known or anticipated pathogen. Drainage as indicated
Typical Pediatric Therapy	As for adult
Clinical Hints	Fever, chest pain and dyspnea; patients are acutely ill and have overt signs such as venous distention, and an enlarged cardiac 'shadow'; concurrent pneumonia or upper respiratory infection may be present; case-fatality rate = 20%.
Synonyms	Bacterial pericarditis, Pericardite. ICD9: 074.23,074.2,115.03,420 ICD10: I30

Clinical

Viral pericarditis often follows a prodrome of upper respiratory infection.
• Typical findings include fever and chest pain. [1] [2]
• The pain may be pleuritic or positional (ie, exacerbated by bending forward) and associated with signs and symptoms of congestive heart failure.
• Concurrent myocarditis, pneumonia or pleuritis are often present.

This disease is endemic or potentially endemic to all countries.

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Perinephric abscess

Agent	BACTERIUM OR FUNGUS. Escherichia coli, other facultative gram negative bacilli, Candida albicans, et al
Reservoir	Human
Vector	None
Vehicle	None
Incubation Period	Variable
Diagnostic Tests	Urine and blood culture. Renal imaging (CT, etc).
Typical Adult Therapy	Antimicrobial agent(s) appropriate to known or anticipated pathogen. Surgery as indicated
Typical Pediatric Therapy	As for adult
Clinical Hints	Unexplained fever, leukocytosis and flank pain; patients are typically over age 50, often diabetic; consider in the patient with nonresponsive 'pyelonephritis' or a renal mass (by examination or x-ray).
Synonyms	

Clinical

Symptoms may be overt or subtle, and limited to unexplained fever; indeed, 33% of such lesions are first diagnosed at autopsy.
• Typical patients are female and over the age of 50. [1-3]
• Diabetes and evidence for preceding or current urinary tract infection or bacteremia (including endocarditis) may be present.

This disease is endemic or potentially endemic to all countries.

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Perirectal abscess

Agent	BACTERIUM. Various (often mixed anaerobic and aerobic flora)
Reservoir	Human
Vector	None
Vehicle	Endogenous
Incubation Period	Variable
Diagnostic Tests	Culture of drainage material.
Typical Adult Therapy	Surgical drainage and antibiotics effective against fecal flora
Typical Pediatric Therapy	As for adult
Clinical Hints	Anal or perianal pain with fever and a tender mass suggest this diagnosis; granulocytopenic patients commonly develop small, soft and less overt abscesses - often due to *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*.
Synonyms	

Clinical

Perirectal abscess is a self-defined illness usually associated with overt local pain, swelling, tenderness and fluctuance. [1]
• Abscesses in neutropenic patients are often more subtle, and may present as unexplained fever without marked local findings.

This disease is endemic or potentially endemic to all countries.

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Peritonitis - bacterial

Agent	BACTERIUM. Various (often mixed anaerobic and aerobic flora)
Reservoir	Human
Vector	None
Vehicle	Endogenous
Incubation Period	Variable
Diagnostic Tests	Culture of blood and peritoneal fluid. Peritoneal fluid cell count may also be useful.
Typical Adult Therapy	Antimicrobial agent(s) appropriate to known or anticipated pathogens. Surgery as indicated
Typical Pediatric Therapy	As for adult
Clinical Hints	Abdominal pain and tenderness, vomiting, absent bowel sounds, guarding and rebound; diarrhea may be present in children; search for cause: visceral infection or perforation, trauma, underlying cirrhosis (spontaneous peritonitis) etc.
Synonyms	Acute peritonitis, Bacterial peritonitis, Peritonite. ICD9: 567 ICD10: K65

Clinical

Bacterial peritonitis following trauma, infection or perforation of an abdominal viscus is usually overt clinically. [1]

Spontaneous bacterial peritonitis is somewhat more subtle, and should be suspected when unexplained deterioration occurs in a patient with ascites or chronic liver disease. [2] [3]
• As many as 30% of patients are asymptomatic, and the remainder present with fever, chills, abdominal pain, diarrhea, increasing ascites, encephalopathy or renal dysfunction.
• Abdominal tenderness, guarding and hypotension may be present.
• Bacteremia is a poor prognostic factor in these patients. [4]

This disease is endemic or potentially endemic to all countries.

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Pertussis

Agent	BACTERIUM. Bordetella pertussis An aerobic gram-negative coccobacillus
Reservoir	Human
Vector	None
Vehicle	Air Infected secretions
Incubation Period	7d - 10d (range 5d - 21d)
Diagnostic Tests	Culture & direct fluorescence (nasopharynx). Alert laboratory when suspected. Serology.
Typical Adult Therapy	Respiratory precautions. Erythromycin 500 mg QID X 10d. Alternatives: Azithromycin, Clarithromycin
Typical Pediatric Therapy	Respiratory precautions: Erythromycin 10 mg/kg QID X 10d. Alternatives: Azithromycin, Clarithromycin
Vaccines	DTaP DTP
Clinical Hints	Coryza, paroxysmal cough, occasional pneumonia or otitis; lymphocytosis; most often diagnosed in young children; epistaxis and subconjunctival hemorrhage often noted; seizures (below age 2); case-fatality rate = 0.5%.
Synonyms	Bordetella holmesii, Bordetella parapertussis, Bordetella pertussis, Coqueluche, Keuchhusten, Kikhosta, Kikhoste, Kinkhoest, Parapertussis, Pertosse, Syndrome coqueluchoide, Tos convulsa, Tos farina, Tosse convulsa, Tussis convulsa, Whooping cough. ICD9: 033 ICD10: A37

Clinical

WHO Case definition for surveillance: [1] [2]
Clinical case definition
A person with a cough lasting at least 2 weeks with at least one of the following:
• paroxysms (i.e. fits) of coughing
• inspiratory .whooping.
• post-tussive vomiting (i.e. vomiting immediately after coughing)
• without other apparent cause
Laboratory criteria for diagnosis
• Isolation of *Bordetella pertussis*, or
• Detection of genomic sequences by polymerase chain reaction (PCR)
Case classification
• Suspected: A case that meets the clinical case definition.
• Confirmed: A person with a cough that is laboratory-confirmed.

Acute illness:
Following an incubation period of 7 to 10 days (range 6 to 20) the patient develops coryza and cough (the catarrhal stage).
• After one to two weeks, the cough progresses into the paroxysmal stage. [3] [4]
• Post-tussive vomiting is common, and young children and older infants may exhibit an inspiratory "whoop."
• Among infants younger than six months, apnea is common and the whoop may be absent. [5]
• The paroxysmal stage lasts three to four weeks (range one to six).
• The convalescent stage lasts for two to four weeks.

Complications:
Infants are at increased risk of complications from pertussis, while pertussis among adolescents and adults tends to be milder and may be limited to a persistent cough. [6]
• Over 70% of infants younger than 6 months require hospitalization.
• Complications of pertussis can include secondary bacterial pneumonia (the most common cause of death in pertussis), seizures and encephalopathy.
• Other, less serious complications include otitis media and dehydration.
• Severe coughing can lead to pneumothorax, epistaxis, subdural hematoma, hernia, and rectal prolapse.
• Pertussis in adults is often characterized by unexplained prolonged cough. [7]
• Pertussis-RSV infection is common. [8]

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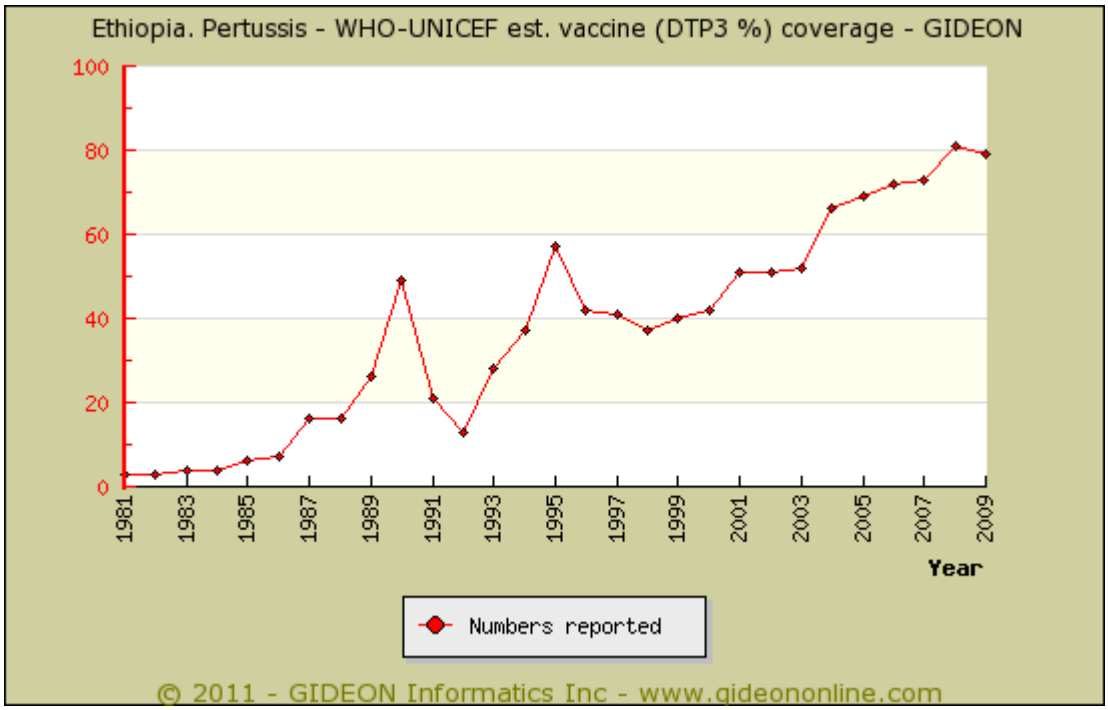
- Rare cases of hemolytic-uremic syndrome have been ascribed to pertussis [9] [10]
- Human Bocavirus infection may mimic the symptoms of pertussis [11]

Parapertussis is caused by *Bordetella parapertussis*, and shares many of the clinical features of pertussis.
- 70% of infections are asymptomatic.

This disease is endemic or potentially endemic to all countries.

Pertussis in Ethiopia

Vaccine Schedule:
BCG - birth
DTwPHibHep - 6, 10, 14 weeks
Measles (monovalent) - 9 months
OPV - birth; 6, 10, 14 weeks
TT - Women of child-bearing age 15-49 years
Vitamin A - 9 months



Graph: Ethiopia. Pertussis - WHO-UNICEF est. vaccine (DTP3 %) coverage

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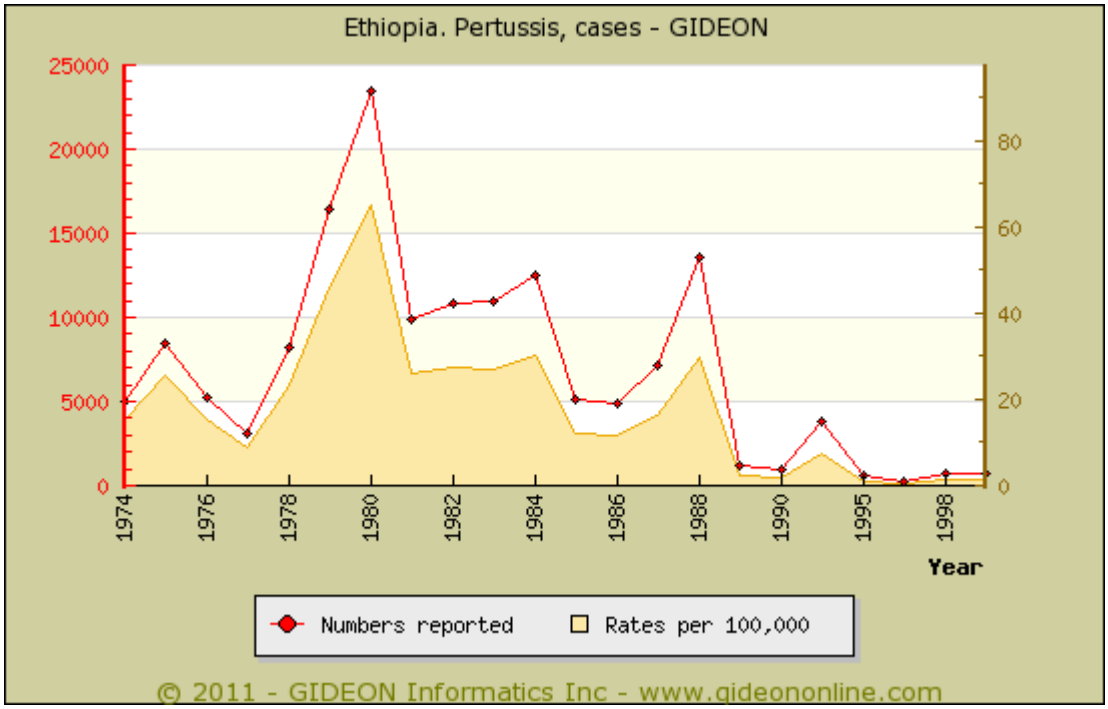

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Pharyngeal & cervical space infx.

Agent	BACTERIUM. Streptococcus pyogenes, mixed oral anaerobes, etc.
Reservoir	Human
Vector	None
Vehicle	Endogenous
Incubation Period	Variable
Diagnostic Tests	Careful examination of region and X-ray (or CT scan). Smear and culture of pus if available.
Typical Adult Therapy	Surgical drainage and parenteral antibiotics effective against oral flora
Typical Pediatric Therapy	As for adult
Clinical Hints	Fever, painful swelling and displacement of the tongue, fauces and other intraoral structures; dysphagia, dyspnea or jugular phlebitis may ensue in more virulent infections.
Synonyms	Cervical space infection, Lemmier's syndrome, Ludwig's angina, Post-anginal septicemia, Quinsy. ICD9: 682.0,682.1 ICD10: J36,J39.0,J39.1

Clinical

Signs and symptoms reflect the site of infection: [1]
• masticator, buccal, canine or parotid spaces
• submandibular, submaxillary and submandibular spaces (Ludwig's angina)
• lateral pharyngeal, retropharngeal or paratracheal spaces
• peritonsillar tissues (quinsy)
• jugular vein (post-anginal septicemia = Lemmiere's syndrome) [2] [3]

Lemmiere's syndrome is a potentially fatal infection caused by *Fusobacterium necrophorum*.
• The condition is most common among young healthy persons and typically begins with pharyngotonsillitis which spreads to the parapharyngeal spaces to produce septic phlebitis of the internal jugular vein. [4-6]
• Submandibular edema and tenderness along the sternocleidomastoid muscle are noted, usually unilaterally.
• After one to two weeks, the patient develops multiple metastatic abscesses of the lungs, muscles [7] , bones, joints • or rarely, brain.
• Hyperbilirubinemia and mild disseminated intravascular coagulation may be present.
• The case-fatality rate is 4% to 33%, even with appropriate antimicrobial therapy.

This disease is endemic or potentially endemic to all countries.

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Pharyngitis - bacterial

Agent	BACTERIUM. Most often Streptococcus pyogenes; Str. groups B, C, F and G are occasionally isolated
Reservoir	Human
Vector	None
Vehicle	Droplet Rarely food
Incubation Period	1d - 5d
Diagnostic Tests	Throat swab for culture or antigen detection (group A Streptococcus) ASLO titer may not indicate current infection
Typical Adult Therapy	Penicillin G or Penicillin V or other antistreptococcal antibiotic to maintain serum level for 10 days
Typical Pediatric Therapy	As for adult
Clinical Hints	Purulent pharyngitis and cervical lymphadenopathy usually indicate streptococcal etiology; however, viruses (mononucleosis, enteroviruses) and other bacteria (gonorrhea, diphtheria) should also be considered.
Synonyms	Acute pharyngitis, Bacterial pharyngitis, Mal di gola batterica, Oral thrush, Streptococcal pharyngitis, Tonsillitis - bacterial, Vincent's angina. ICD9: 034.0,462 ICD10: J02,J03

Clinical

This is a self-defined condition characterized by erythema and pain in the pharynx, often associated with fever, dysphagia and upper respiratory tract infection. [1]

This disease is endemic or potentially endemic to all countries.

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Pityriasis rosea

Agent	UNKNOWN. Human herpesvirus 7 has been implicated
Reservoir	Unknown
Vector	Unknown
Vehicle	Unknown
Incubation Period	Unknown
Diagnostic Tests	Clinical features.
Typical Adult Therapy	Supportive; ultraviolet B exposure is suggested
Typical Pediatric Therapy	As for adult
Clinical Hints	3 to 8 week illness; herald patch followed by crops of salmon-colored macules and papules; pruritus; systemic symptoms rare.
Synonyms	

Clinical

Pityriasis rosea is a mild exanthem characterized by oval or round macules or papules which evolve following the appearance of a "herald patch" (80% of cases).
• Fine desquamation and pruritus are common.
• Rarely, the condition may recur. [1]
• In Black patients, Pityriasis rosea may present with facial and scalp involvement, post-inflammatory disorders of pigmentation and papular lesions. [2]
• The disease should be distinguished from secondary syphilis • the latter characterized by prominent lymphadenopathy; lack of pruritis and herald patch; and accompanying fever and systemic signs. [3]

This disease is endemic or potentially endemic to all countries.

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Plesiomonas infection

Agent	BACTERIUM. Plesiomonas shigelloides A facultative gram-negative bacillus
Reservoir	Fish Animal Soil Reptile Bird
Vector	None
Vehicle	Water Food
Incubation Period	1d - 2d
Diagnostic Tests	Stool culture - alert laboratory when this organism is suspected.
Typical Adult Therapy	Stool precautions. Antimicrobial agent per in-vitro susceptibility (Ciprofloxacin considered 'drug of choice')
Typical Pediatric Therapy	Stool precautions. Antimicrobial agent per in-vitro susceptibility. Fluid replacement
Clinical Hints	Fever, abdominal pain, vomiting and severe diarrhea; symptoms often persist for 2 to 4 weeks; follows ingestion of shellfish or recent travel to developing countries in many cases.
Synonyms	Plesiomonas shigelloides. ICD9: 008.8 ICD10: A04.8

Clinical

The infection is characterized by a self-limited diarrhea, often with blood or mucus in stool. [1]
- Watery diarrhea is most common; however, a cholera-like illness with as many 30 bowel movements per day may occur.
- Associated abdominal pain may mimic that of appendicitis, including enlargement of peritoneal lymph nodes. [2]
- Fecal leucocytes are present.
- As many as 30% of cases continue for over four weeks, and symptoms may persist for as long as 3 months.
- Rare instances of fatal meningitis and septicemia [3-13] have been reported, as have proctitis [14], cellulitis and dermal abscesses [15], pneumonia [16], pleural effusion [17], osteomyelitis [18], cholecystitis [19], peritonitis [20] [21], salpingitis [22], epididymo-orchitis [23], pancreatitis [24], splenic abscess [25] and endophthalmitis. [26]
- 21 cases of *Plesiomonas* septicemia had been reported as of 1996. [27]

This disease is endemic or potentially endemic to all countries.

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Pleurodynia

Agent	VIRUS - RNA. Picornaviridae: Coxsackievirus
Reservoir	Human
Vector	None
Vehicle	Air Fecal-oral Fomite
Incubation Period	3d - 5d
Diagnostic Tests	Viral culture (throat, stool). Serology. Nucleic acid amplification.
Typical Adult Therapy	Supportive
Typical Pediatric Therapy	As for adult
Clinical Hints	Sore throat followed by pleuritic chest pain - a late summer illness in temperate regions; pain is often recurrent and appears in 'waves' - local pressure on affected area may elicit identical pain; usually resolves within one week.
Synonyms	Balme disease, Bamie disease, Bornholm disease, Devil's grip, Drangedal disease, Epidemic benign dry pleurisy, Epidemic myalgia, Sylvest's disease. ICD9: 074.1 ICD10: B33.0

Clinical

Pleurodynia is characterized by a prodrome of upper respiratory tract infection, followed by abrupt onset of pleuritic chest pain. [1]
• The pain may be severe and lead to a misdiagnosis of myocardial infarction.
• Some patients present with abdominal pain suggestive of peritonitis.
• Important diagnostic features include appearance of cases in clusters (often in late summer to autumn) and lack of leucocytosis or other findings suggestive of pneumonia or peritonitis.

This disease is endemic or potentially endemic to all countries.

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Pneumocystis pneumonia

Agent	FUNGUS. Ascomycota ?, Archiascomycetes, Pneumocystidales: Pneumocystis jiroveci (now separate from Pneumocystis carinii)
Reservoir	Human
Vector	None
Vehicle	? Air
Incubation Period	4d - 8w
Diagnostic Tests	Identification of organisms in induced sputum, bronchial washings, tissue. Serology. Nucleic acid amplification.
Typical Adult Therapy	Therapy: Sulfamethoxazole/trimethoprim 25 mg/5 mg/kg QID X 14d. OR Pentamidine 4 mg/kg/d X 14d. OR Dapsone + Trimethoprim. OR Atovaquone OR Primaquine + Clindamycin Prophylaxis - similar, but at altered dosage. Dapsone also used.
Typical Pediatric Therapy	Therapy: Sulfamethoxazole/trimethoprim 25 mg/5 mg/kg QID X 14d. OR Pentamidine 4 mg/kg/d X 14d. OR Dapsone + Trimethoprim. OR Atovaquone OR Primaquine + Clindamycin Prophylaxis - similar, but at altered dosage.
Clinical Hints	Dyspnea, hypoxia and interstitial pneumonia; usually encountered in the setting of severe immune suppression (AIDS, leukemia, etc); roentgenographic findings (typically bilateral alveolar pattern) may follow symptoms only after several days.
Synonyms	PCP, Pneumocystis carinii, Pneumocystis jiroveci. ICD9: 136.3 ICD10: B59

Clinical

P. jiroveci infection often presents as a self-limiting upper respiratory tract infection in infants, predominantly in the age group 1.5 to 4 months of age.

The major presenting symptoms are shortness of breath, fever, and a nonproductive cough. [1]
• Sputum production, hemoptysis and chest pain are rarely encountered. [2]
• Tachypnea and tachycardia are usually prominent
• Children may demonstrate cyanosis, flaring of the nasal alae, and intercostal retractions.

Lung auscultation is usually not helpful, with rales present in only 1/3 of adults with this disease.
• The x-ray usually shows bilateral diffuse infiltrates extending from the perihilar region. [3]
• Other findings can unilateral infiltrates, nodules, cavities, pneumatoceles, hilar lymphadenopathy and pleural effusion.
• Patients receiving aerosolized pentamidine as prophylaxis have an increased incidence of apical infiltrates and pneumothorax.
• Impaired oxygenation is common.

Extrapulmonary infection by *P. jiroveci* may occur in as many as 3% of infected patients and is reported as an unexpected finding at autopsy.
• The main sites of involvement are lymph nodes, spleen, liver, bone marrow, gastrointestinal tract, eyes [4] , thyroid, adrenal glands, and kidneys.
• The clinical correlate of these findings is rapidly progressive multisystem disease, an enlarging thyroid mass, pancytopenia, retinal infiltrates, pleural effusion, splenic lesions, and calcifications in the spleen, liver, adrenal, or kidney.

This disease is endemic or potentially endemic to all countries.

Pneumocystis pneumonia in Ethiopia

Prevalence surveys:

29.7% of HIV-positive patients with AFB smear-negative pneumonia (Addis Ababa, 2007 publication) [5]

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Pneumonia - bacterial

Agent	BACTERIUM. Streptococcus pneumoniae, Klebsiella pneumoniae ssp pneumoniae, other aerobic and facultative gram negative bacilli, etc.
Reservoir	Human
Vector	None
Vehicle	Droplet Endogenous infection
Incubation Period	1d - 3d
Diagnostic Tests	Culture of sputum, blood. Analyze ("grade") sputum cytology to assess significance of culture.
Typical Adult Therapy	Antimicrobial agent(s) appropriate to known or suspected pathogen
Typical Pediatric Therapy	As for adult
Vaccine	Pneumococcal
Clinical Hints	Rigors ("shaking chills"), pleuritic pain, hemoptysis, lobar infiltrate and leukocytosis; empyema and lung abscess suggest etiology other than pneumococcus; foul sputum with mixed flora may herald anaerobic (aspiration) pneumonia.
Synonyms	Bacterial pneumonia, Empiema, Empyeem, Empyem, Empyema, Empyeme, Lung abscess, Neumonia, Pleurisy, Pneumococcal infection - invasive, Pneumococcal pneumonia, Polmonite batterica, Streptococcus pneumoniae, Streptococcus pneumoniae - invasive. ICD9: 481,482,483,484 ICD10: J13,J14,J15,J17,J18,J85,J86

Clinical

The designation "Pneumonia • bacterial" in this module is generic, and includes a large variety of etiological agents and anatomical presentations (ie, empyema, lung abscess, lobar• vs. broncho-pneumonia, etc.)
• The clinical features of bacterial pneumonia are largely determined by the infecting species and clinical setting. [1-4]
• All forms are characterized by fever, chest pain, productive cough, and physical or roentgenographic evidence for pulmonary consolidation.

Etiological associations:
• AIDS: *Pneumocystis jiroveci*, Mycobacteria (non-tuberculous), Tuberculosis, Nocardiosis, Cryptococcosis, Cytomegalovirus
• Animal contact: Q-fever, Ornithosis
• Aspiration: Oral Anaerobes; if nosocomial, Enterobacteriaceae, *Acinetobacter*, *Pseudomonas*
• Cystic fibrosis (Fibrocystic disease) • *Burkholderia cepacia*
• Drowning ("near-drowning"): *Pseudoallescheria boydii*
• Endocarditis: *Staphylococcus aureus*
• Immunosuppression: *Aspergillosis*, Cryptococcosis, Nocardiosis, *Pneumocystis jiroveci*, Cytomegalovirus
• Infant: see Respiratory syncytial virus, Parainfluenza virus, Respiratory viruses • misc.
• Influenza: Influenza virus, *Streptococcus pneumoniae*, *Staphylococcus aureus*
• Myeloma: *Streptococcus pneumoniae*
• Nosocomial pneumonia: Enterobacteriaceae, *Acinetobacter*, *Pseudomonas*, *Staphylococcus aureus*
• Pulmonary alveolar proteinosis: *Nocardia*
• Traveler or tourist: Histoplasmosis, Legionellosis, Melioidosis

This disease is endemic or potentially endemic to all countries.

Pneumonia - bacterial in Ethiopia

Prevalence surveys:

33.6% of HIV-positive patients with AFB smear-negative pneumonia (Addis Ababa, 2007 publication) [5]

30.3% of HIV-positive patients with AFB smear-negative pneumonia and 3.1% of those with concurrent tuberculosis (2003 publication) [6]

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Poliomyelitis

Agent	VIRUS - RNA. Picornaviridae, Picornavirus: Polio virus
Reservoir	Human
Vector	None
Vehicle	Fecal-oral Dairy products Food Water Fly
Incubation Period	7d - 14d (range 3d - 35d)
Diagnostic Tests	Viral culture (pharynx, stool). Serology. Nucleic acid amplification.
Typical Adult Therapy	Stool precautions; supportive
Typical Pediatric Therapy	As for adult
Vaccines	Poliomyelitis - injectable Poliomyelitis - oral
Clinical Hints	Sore throat, headache, vomiting and myalgia followed by flaccid paralysis; meningeal involvement in 1% of cases - paralysis in only 0.1%. paralysis tends to be more extensive in adult patients.
Synonyms	Acute flaccid paralysis, Heine-Medin disease, Infantile paralysis, Kinderlahmung, Kinderverlamming, Paralisi infantile, Paralisis flaccida, Paralisis flacida aguda, PFA (Paralisis Flacidas Agudas), Polio, Poliomyelite, Poliomyelitt. ICD9: 045 ICD10: A80

Clinical

CDC (The United States Centers for Disease Control) case definition for surveillance:
For surveillance purposes, the CDC (The United States Centers for Disease Control) case definition of paralytic poliomyelitis requires, "Acute onset of a flaccid paralysis [1] of one or more limbs with decreased or absent tendon reflexes in the affected limbs, without other apparent cause, and without sensory or cognitive loss."
• A 'confirmed case' requires persistence of the neurological deficit 60 days after onset of initial symptoms, fatal illness or unknown follow-up status.

The WHO Case definition for surveillance includes any child under fifteen years of age with acute, flaccid paralysis or any person with paralytic illness at any age when poliomyelitis is suspected. [2]

Poliomyelitis is typically a late summer illness in temperate climates, and often begins as a mild upper respiratory tract infection.
• In some cases, the disease follows vaccination (live vaccine) or recent contact with a vaccinee.
• Patients have been known to excrete virus for as long as ten years following an episode of poliomyelitis [3]
• Antecedent injection in a given site may precipitate paralytic poliomyelitis in the same limb. [4-9]

90% to 95% of poliomyelitis infections are asymptomatic.
• Symptoms include fever, sore throat, headache, vomiting and still neck.
• Paralysis is typically asymmetrical, and most often involves the lower extremities.
• Bulbar paralysis or encephalitis may occur in patients in the absence of limb paralysis.
• 4% to 8% experience minor symptoms, and 1% to 2% develop paralysis.
• Paralysis is most common in the very young and very old, following minor blunt trauma to a limb, and among persons who had undergone tonsillectomy.
• The case/fatality rate for paralytic poliomyelitis in 2% to 10%.

This disease is endemic or potentially endemic to 87 countries.

Poliomyelitis in Ethiopia

Vaccine Schedule:
BCG - birth
DTwPHibHep - 6, 10, 14 weeks

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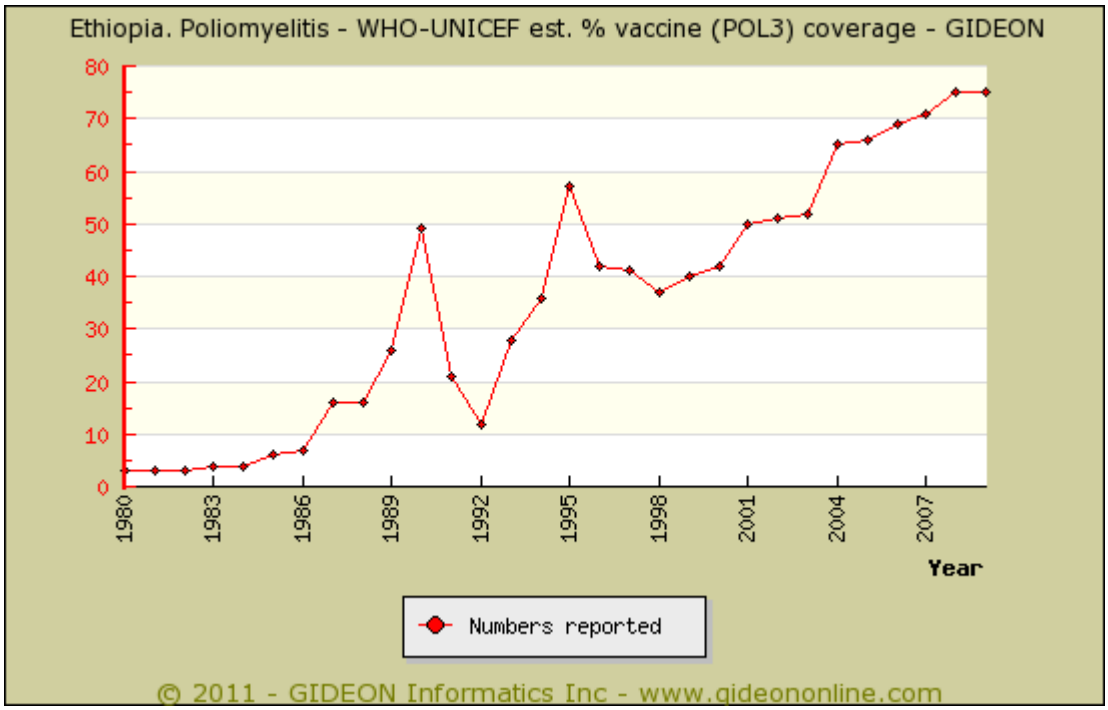
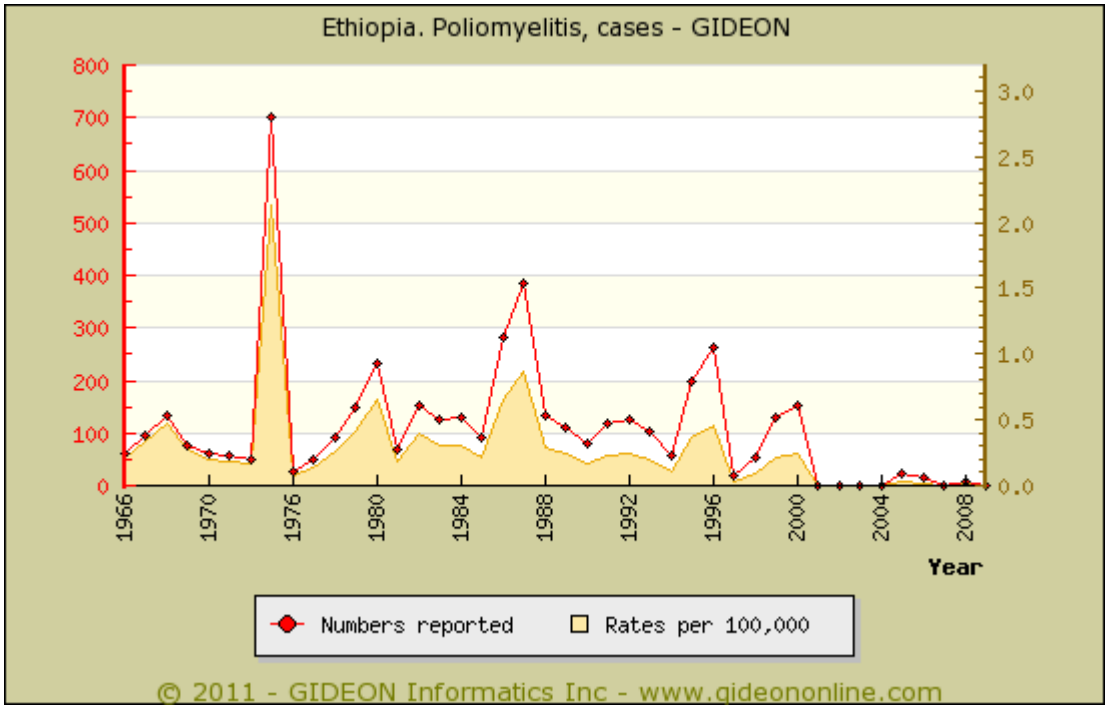
Measles (monovalent) - 9 months
OPV - birth; 6, 10, 14 weeks
TT - Women of child-bearing age 15-49 years
Vitamin A - 9 months



Graph: Ethiopia. Poliomyelitis - WHO-UNICEF est. % vaccine (POL3) coverage

Saudi Arabia requires a poliomyelitis vaccination certificate for pilgrims from this country. [10] Irrespective of vaccination history, all visitors under the age of 15 years will also receive a dose of OPV at border points.



Graph: Ethiopia. Poliomyelitis, cases

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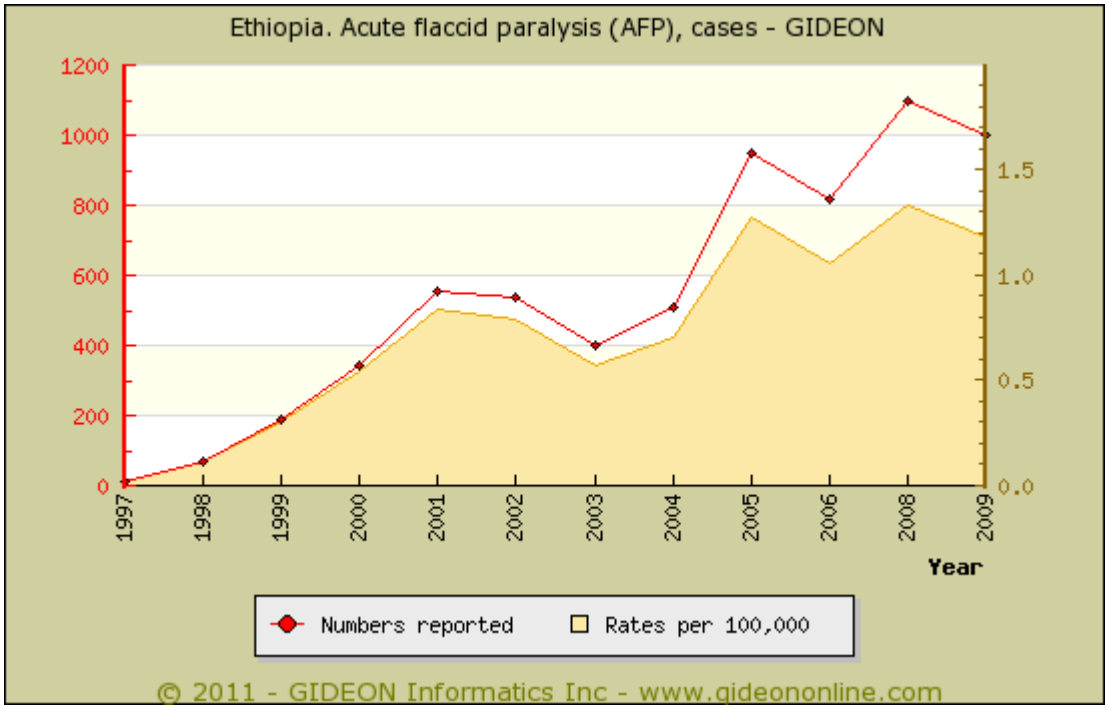
Notes:
1. In recent years, Ethiopia has had the second highest incidence of polio in Africa and accounted for 17% of African and 3% of global cases.
2. Additional references: 2002 to 2003 [11]
Individual years:
1998 - None caused by wild virus strain.
1999 - One caused by wild virus strain. [12] [13]
2000 - Three caused by wild virus strain. [14]
2001 - One caused by wild virus strain. [15]
2004 - Imported case caused by wild virus strain.
2005 - All wild strain, among children living in Tigray, Amhara and Oromiya regions. [16-18]
2006 - All wild strain
2008 - Three caused by wild virus strain. [19] Djibouti reported a case of poliomyelitis imported from Ethiopia. [20]



Graph: Ethiopia. Acute flaccid paralysis (AFP), cases

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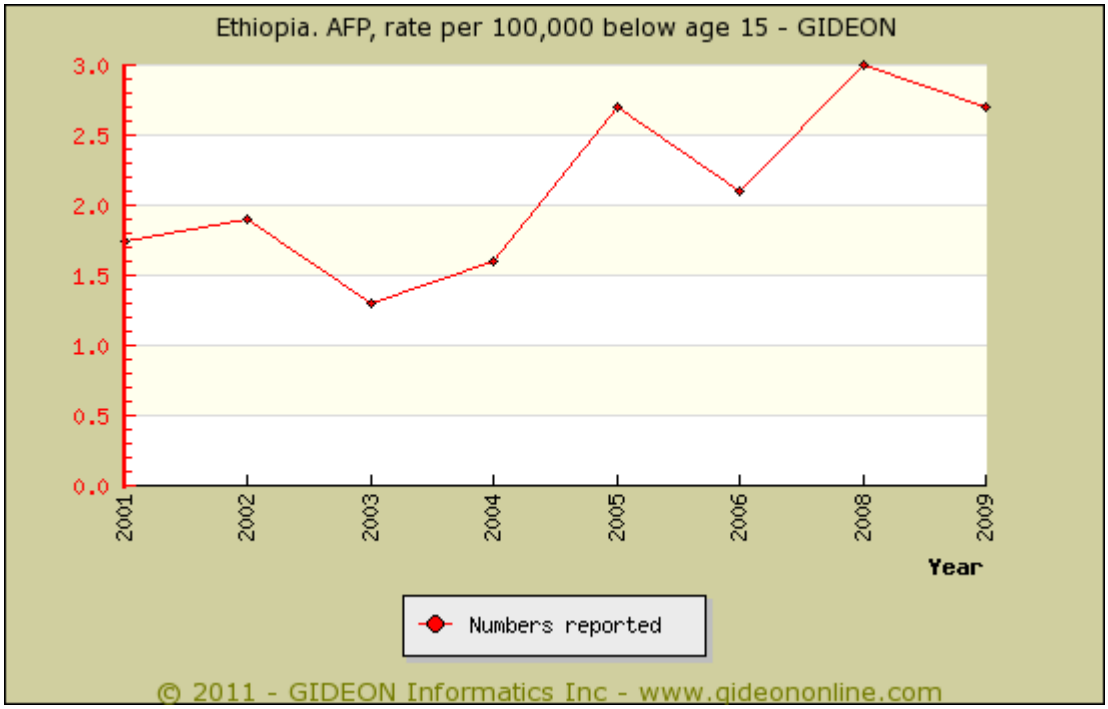

Graph: Ethiopia. AFP, rate per 100,000 below age 15

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Protothecosis and chlorellosis

Agent	ALGA. Prototheca wickerhamii; rarely Pr. zopfii, Pr. cutis Achloric algae Chlorella spp. contain chloroplasts
Reservoir	A rare animal pathogen (cat, dog, cattle). Chlorella spp. are reported to infect domestic and wild mammals.
Vector	None
Vehicle	Water Sewage Food Local trauma
Incubation Period	Unknown
Diagnostic Tests	Culture on fungal media. Biopsy. Nucleic acid amplification.
Typical Adult Therapy	Surgical excision. There are anecdotal reports of successful therapy with Amphotericin B, Ketoconazole and Itraconazole (latter 200 mg/day X 2 months) or voriconazole
Typical Pediatric Therapy	As for adult (Itraconazole 2 mg/kg/day X 2 months)
Clinical Hints	May follow immune suppression or skin trauma; dermal papules, plaques, eczematoid or ulcerated lesions; olecranon bursitis; systemic infection also reported.
Synonyms	Chlorellosis, Prototheca, Protothecosis. ICD9: 136.8 ICD10: B99

Clinical

Four forms of disease are reported:
• cutaneous infection
• olecranon bursitis
• disseminated
• onychomycosis [1] [2]

The incubation period of protothecosis is unknown; however, infections which have followed trauma have appeared after approximately two weeks. [3]
• Most cases presented as a single painless, slowly progressive, well-circumscribed plaque or papulonodular skin lesion that may become eczematoid or ulcerated. [4] [5]
• Soft tissue lesions favor the olecranon bursa; sites of minor trauma or corticosteroid injection; or surgical wounds which have been exposed to soil or water. [6] [7]
• Lesions enlarge gradually over weeks to months, with no tendency for healing.
• Other presentations have included tenosynovitis [8] ; algemia complicating immune-suppression [9] ; nasopharyngeal ulcerated lesion followed prolonged intubation, and infection of ambulatory peritoneal catheters.
• Skin lesions in HIV-infected patients are similar to those of healthy patients
• Peritonitis due to *P. wickerhamii* has been reported in peritoneal dialysis patients. [10]

A single case of *Chlorella* wound infection has been reported. [11]

This disease is endemic or potentially endemic to all countries.

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Pseudocowpox

Agent	VIRUS - DNA. Poxviridae, Parapoxvirus: Pseudocowpox virus
Reservoir	Cattle
Vector	None
Vehicle	Contact
Incubation Period	5d - 14d
Diagnostic Tests	Viral culture (skin lesion or exudate). Serology. Nucleic acid amplification. Biosafety level 3.
Typical Adult Therapy	Supportive
Typical Pediatric Therapy	As for adult
Clinical Hints	Umbilicated nodule on the hand following contact with cattle; mild regional lymphadenopathy.
Synonyms	Bovine papular stomatitis, Farmyard pox, Milker's nodule, Sealpox. ICD9: 051.1 ICD10: B08.0

Clinical

Pseudocowpox is mild and self-limited and characterized by a red-to-blue dermal nodule associated with minimal lymphadenopathy. [1]

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Pyodermas (impetigo, abscess, etc)

Agent	BACTERIUM. Various (Staphylococcus aureus & Streptococcus pyogenes predominate)
Reservoir	Human
Vector	None
Vehicle	Endogenous & contact with infected secretions
Incubation Period	Variable
Diagnostic Tests	Clinical diagnosis usually sufficient. Aspiration of lesion for smear and culture may be helpful in some cases.
Typical Adult Therapy	Antibiotic directed at likely pathogens (Group A Streptococcus and Staphylococcus aureus)
Typical Pediatric Therapy	As for adult
Clinical Hints	Impetigo characterized by vesicles which progress to pustules ('honey-colored pus'); highly contagious; may be complicated by acute glomerulonephritis.
Synonyms	Acne vulgaris, Carbonchio, Carbuncle, Folicolite, Follicolite, Folliculite, Folliculitis, Follikulitis, Foroncolosi, Foronculose, Foruncolosi, Furunculosis, Furunkulose, Furunulose, Hydradenitis, Impetigine, Impetigo, Paronychia, Pyoderma. ICD9: 680,684,686 ICD10: L01,L02,L08.0,L73.2

Clinical

Impetigo is characterized by multiple superficial lesions caused by group A-hemolytic streptococci and/or *Staphylococcus aureus*. [1]
• The lesions consist of pustules that rupture and form a characteristic honey-colored crust.
• Lesions caused by staphylococci are associated with tense, clear bullae (bullous impetigo.).
• Ecthyma is a variant of impetigo that usually presents as punched-out ulcers on the lower extremities.
• Streptococcal impetigo is most common among children 2 to 5 years of age, and epidemics may occur in settings of poor hygiene, lower socioeconomic status or tropical climates.
• The most important complication of impetigo is poststreptococcal glomerulonephritis.

Folliculitis is most often caused by *Staphylococcus aureus*. [2]
• Blockage of sebaceous glands may result in sebaceous cysts, which may present as extensive abscesses or become secondarily infected.
• Infection of specialized sweat glands (hidradenitis suppurativa) occur in the axillae.
• Chronic folliculitis is a hallmark of acne vulgaris, in which normal flora (e.g., *Propionibacterium acnes*) may play a role.
• Diffuse folliculitis may herald infection by *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* or *Aeromonas hydrophila* [3] , in waters that are insufficiently chlorinated and maintained at temperatures above 37 C. Although such Infection is usually self-limited, bacteremia and septic shock have been reported.

Erysipelas is caused by *Streptococcus pyogenes* and is characterized by abrupt onset of "fiery-red" superficial swelling of the face or extremities.
• The lesion is typically recognized by the presence of well-defined indurated margins, particularly along the nasolabial fold; rapid progression; and intense pain.
• Flaccid bullae may develop on the second or third day of illness; but extension to deeper soft tissues is rare.
• Desquamation occurs between the fifth and tenth days of illness.

Cellulitis is characterized by local pain, erythema, swelling, and heat.
• Cellulitis may be caused by any of a wide variety of bacteria or yeasts; however, *S. aureus* or S. pyogenes are most often implicated.
• A history of preceding trauma, insect bite, needle insertion or surgery is often present.
• Cultures of biopsy specimens or aspirates are positive in only 20% of cases.
• Infection by *S. aureus* often spreads out from a localized infection (abscess, folliculitis) or foreign body.
• Streptococcal cellulitis tends to be more diffuse and rapid in onset, and associated with lymphangitis and fever.
• Streptococci also cause recurrent cellulitis in the setting of lymphedema resulting from elephantiasis or lymph node damage.
• Recurrent staphylococcal cutaneous infections are encountered in patients with "Job's syndrome" (eosinophilia and elevated serum levels of IgE); and nasal carriers of staphylococci.

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Cellulitis associated with animal bites is commonly caused by *Pasteurella multocida*, *Staphylococcus intermedius* and *Capnocytophaga canimorsus* (formerly DF-2) and is discussed separately in this module under 'Pasteurellosis, etc.'
• Human bites contain a variety of anaerobic organisms (*Fusobacterium*, *Bacteroides*), aerobic and anaerobic streptococci, and *Eikenella corrodens*.
• *Aeromonas hydrophila* causes an aggressive form of cellulitis following minor trauma in marine environments.
• *P. aeruginosa* is the most common cause of ecthyma gangrenosum and infection following penetrating injuries to the foot.
• Gram-negative bacillary cellulitis, (including *P. aeruginosa* infection) is common among hospitalized, immunocompromised patients.

This disease is endemic or potentially endemic to all countries.

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Pyomyositis

Agent	BACTERIUM. Usually Staphylococcus aureus
Reservoir	Human
Vector	None
Vehicle	Hematogenous
Incubation Period	Variable
Diagnostic Tests	Ultrasonography or CT scan.
Typical Adult Therapy	Antibiotic directed at confirmed or suspected pathogen (usually Staphylococcus aureus); drainage
Typical Pediatric Therapy	As for adult
Clinical Hints	Pain, swelling and "woody" induration of a large muscle (usually lower limb or trunk) associated with fever and leukocytosis; often follows trauma to the involved region; lymphadenopathy uncommon; leucocytosis in most cases.
Synonyms	Tropical pyomyositis. ICD9: 040.81 ICD10: M60.0

Clinical

The initiating lesion may be overt blunt or penetrating trauma; however, some cases may represent complications of viral or parasitic myositis. [1]
• An increasing percentage of reported patients have been HIV-positive. [2]
• 20 to 50% of patients with pyomyositis recall recent blunt trauma or vigorous exercise involving the area of infection; and most infections involve a single muscle or muscle group.
• Rare cases of pyomyositis have been associated with spinal epidural abscess [3] or Lemmiere's syndrome [4]
• The major muscles of the lower extremities and trunk muscles are most often infected [5] ; however, virtually any muscle can be involved. [6-8]

Onset is often subacute with fever, swelling with or without erythema, mild pain and minimal tenderness. [9]
• The involved area is indurated or has a wooden consistency.
• 10 to 21 or more days later, the patient complains of fever, with muscle tenderness and swelling.
• Overlying skin is intact and warm, usually without erythema.
• There is no regional lymphadenitis.
• At this point, pus can be aspirated from the involved muscle.
• Eventually, manifestations of sepsis appear, with local erythema, tenderness and fluctuance. [10]
• Additional symptoms may reflect compression of contiguous structures. [11] [12]
• Acute, rapidly progressive and fatal infections are also encountered. [13]

Leukocytosis is present.
• Eosinophilia suggests a diagnosis of 'tropical myositis' but is thought to represent the presence of concurrent parasitic infection.

The clinical features of pyomyositis may mimic those of leptospirosis. [14] \

This disease is endemic or potentially endemic to all countries.

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Q-fever

Agent	BACTERIUM. Coxiella burnetii Intracellular organism related to Rickettsiae
Reservoir	Cattle Sheep Goat Bird Fish Rodent Rabbit Tick Bandicoot Marsupial Dog Cat
Vector	None
Vehicle	Air Dust Infected secretions Dairy products
Incubation Period	18d - 21d (range 4d - 40d)
Diagnostic Tests	Serology. Culture possible in specialized laboratories. Nucleic acid amplification.
Typical Adult Therapy	Doxycycline 100 mg BID X 2w OR Fluoroquinolone Add Hydroxychloroquine 600 mg per day if endocarditis
Typical Pediatric Therapy	Age < 8 years: Erythromycin 10 mg/kg QID X 2 weeks Age >= 8 years: Doxycycline 100 mg BID X 2 weeks
Vaccine	Q fever
Clinical Hints	Headache, myalgia, cough and hepatic dysfunction; hepatosplenomegaly, 'F.U.O.' and endocarditis encountered; proximity to farming or animals during 2 to 4 weeks preceding illness; most infections resolve in 1 to 2 weeks; case-fatality rate = 1.5%.
Synonyms	Balkan grippe, Coxiella burnetii, Febbre australiana, Febre Q, Nine Mile fever, Q-Fieber, Q-koorts, Query fever, Red River fever. ICD9: 083.0 ICD10: A78

Clinical

The typical clinical presentation of Q-fever (pneumonia vs. hepatitis) seems to vary from region to region. [1] [2]

Q-fever is often asymptomatic or mistaken for an acute viral illness.
• Q-fever may be mistaken for Legionnaires' disease [3]
• After an incubation period of 2 to 3 weeks, the patients develops fever, headache, and myalgias. [4]
• Cough is present in 25% to 70%, and hepatosplenomegaly in 30% to 50%.
• An evanescent rash may appear in 5% of cases.
• The blood CRP is elevated; however leukocytosis is present in only 20% of cases. [5] Acute thrombocytosis may also be encountered. [6]
The frequency of pneumonitis is highly variable (10% to 60%) [7] [8] ; and clinical and radiological features are non-specific. [9-11]
• Additional complications have included acute acalculous cholecystitis and acute hemophagocytic syndrome. [12]
• Neurological complications may include encephalitis, brachial plexopathy [13] , status epilepticus and pseudotumor cerebri [14]
• Several cases of Q-fever uveitis have been reported. [15]

Occasionally, the illness may be prolonged, with severe pneumonitis [16] [17] and hepatic involvement. [18] [19]
• Chronic fatigue is also common following Q-fever. [20]
• Although the acute disease is usually self-limited, Q-fever endocarditis may occasionally develop 3 to 20 years following the acute infection and is often fatal. [21] [22]
• Pericarditis [23-26] , myocarditis [27] [28] , optic neuritis [29] , uveitis [30-32] and cholecystitis are encountered. [33-35]
• Over 80% of patients with Q-fever endocarditis have a history of underlying valvular disease.
• Pediatric Q fever may mimic Kawasaki disease [36]

This disease is endemic or potentially endemic to all countries.

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Rabies

Agent	VIRUS - RNA. Rhabdoviridae, Mononegavirales, Lyssavirus: Rabies virus. Other human Lyssaviruses = Mokola, Duvenhage, European Bat (EBL)
Reservoir	Dog Fox Skunk Jackal Wolf Cat Raccoon Mongoose Bat Rarely rodent or Rabbit
Vector	None
Vehicle	Saliva Bite Transplants Air (bat aerosol)
Incubation Period	1m - 3m (range 4d to 19 years !)
Diagnostic Tests	Viral culture & direct immunofluorescence of saliva, CSF, corneal smears. Serology. Nucleic acid amplification.
Typical Adult Therapy	Strict isolation; supportive. See Vaccines module for pre- and post-exposure schedules
Typical Pediatric Therapy	As for adult
Vaccines	Rabies Rabies immune globulin
Clinical Hints	Follows animal bite (rarely lick) - often after months: agitation, confusion, seizures, painful spasms of respiratory muscles, progressive paralysis, coma and death; case-fatality rate > 99%.
Synonyms	Aravan, Australian bat lyssavirus, Ballina, Duvenhage, EBL, European bat Lyssavirus, Hondsdolheid, Hydrophobia, Irkut, Khujand, Lyssa, Mokola, Pteropus lyssavirus, Rabia, Rage, Raiva, Saint Hubert's disease, Tollwut, West Caucasian bat, Wutkrankheit. ICD9: 071 ICD10: A82

Clinical

WHO Case definition for surveillance:
• An acute neurological syndrome (encephalitis) dominated by forms of hyperactivity (furious rabies) or paralytic syndromes (dumb rabies) that progresses towards coma and death, usually by respiratory failure, within 7 to 10 days after the first symptom if no intensive care is instituted.
• Bites or scratches from a suspected animal can usually be traced back in the patient medical history.
• The incubation period may vary from days to years [1] but usually falls between 30 and 90 days.
Laboratory criteria for diagnosis
One or more of the following
• Detection of rabies viral antigens by direct fluorescent antibody (FA) in clinical specimens, preferably brain tissue (collected post mortem)
• Detection by FA on skin or corneal smear (collected ante mortem)
• FA positive after inoculation of brain tissue, saliva or CSF in cell culture, in mice or in suckling mice
• Detectable rabies-neutralizing antibody titer in the CSF of an unvaccinated person
• Identification of viral antigens by PCR on fixed tissue collected post mortem or in a clinical specimen (brain tissue or skin, cornea or saliva)
• Isolation of rabies virus from clinical specimens and confirmation of rabies viral antigens by direct fluorescent antibody testing
Case classification
Rabies:
• Suspected: A case that is compatible with the clinical description.
• Probable: A suspected case plus history of contact with suspected rabid animal.
• Confirmed: A suspected case that is laboratory-confirmed.
Rabies exposure:
• Possibly exposed: A person who had close contact (usually a bite or scratch) with a rabies-susceptible animal in (or originating from) a rabies-infected area.
• Exposed: A person who had a close contact (usually a bite or scratch) with a laboratory-confirmed rabid animal.

The initial symptoms of rabies are often limited to low grade fever and pain or paresthesia at the site of inoculation.
• Progressive encephalitis then ensues. [2]
• "Furious rabies" is characterized by hyperactivity, fluctuating level of consciousness, aerophobia and hydrophobia.
• Bizarre behavior and lack of focal neurological signs are typical.
• Hydrophobia may manifest as 'jerky' inspiratory spasms progressing to opisthotonus, generalized seizures or cardiorespiratory arrest.

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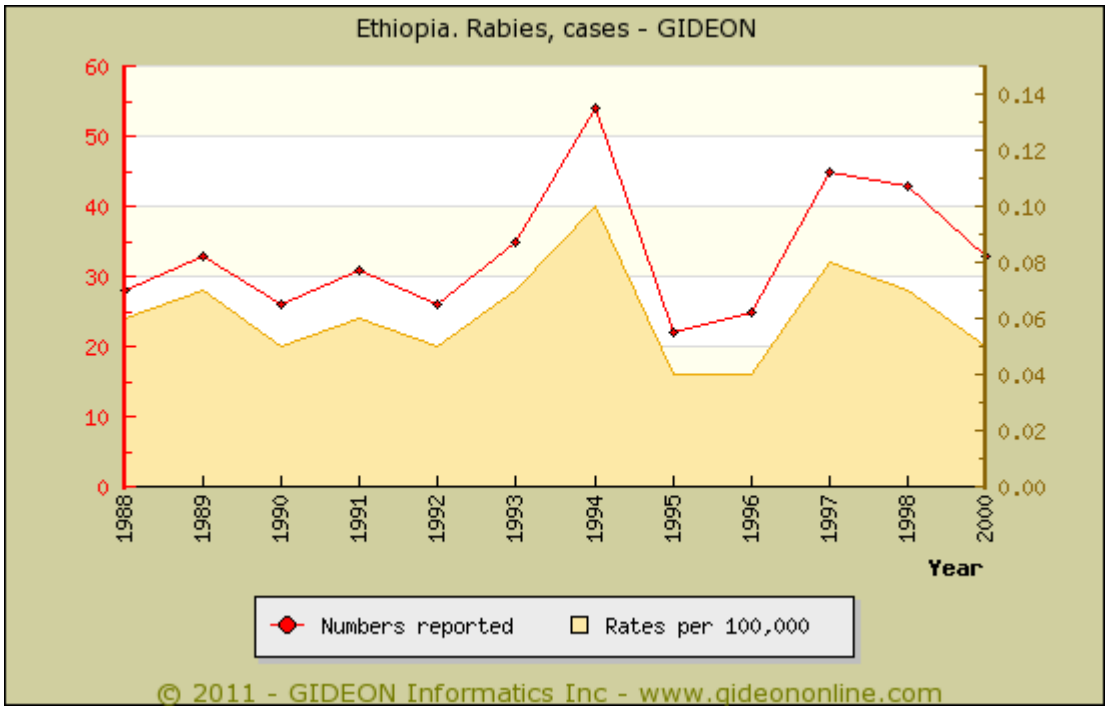
• Similar reactions may be elicited by fanning the patient ("aerophobia).
• Paralytic ("dumb") rabies is characterized by progressive flaccid paralysis, with fasciculation and pain in the affected muscles.
• Minor sensory disturbances may be present. Such patients may survive for as long as one month, ultimately dying of bulbar and respiratory paralysis.
• Rare instances of survival have been documented. [3-10]
• In Africa, rabies is often mis-diagnosed as cerebral malaria.

This disease is endemic or potentially endemic to 150 countries.

Rabies in Ethiopia

Over 98% of human rabies in Ethiopia is related to dog bites. [11]



Graph: Ethiopia. Rabies, cases

Notes:
1. 320 cases of human rabies were reported during 1979 to 1987. [12]
Individual years:
1993 - All from dogs.
1994 - 53 from dogs. The true number is estimated at 1,200 cases.
1995 - All from dogs.
1996 - All from dogs.
1998 - 40 from dogs, 1 mongoose, 1 horse, 1 jackal

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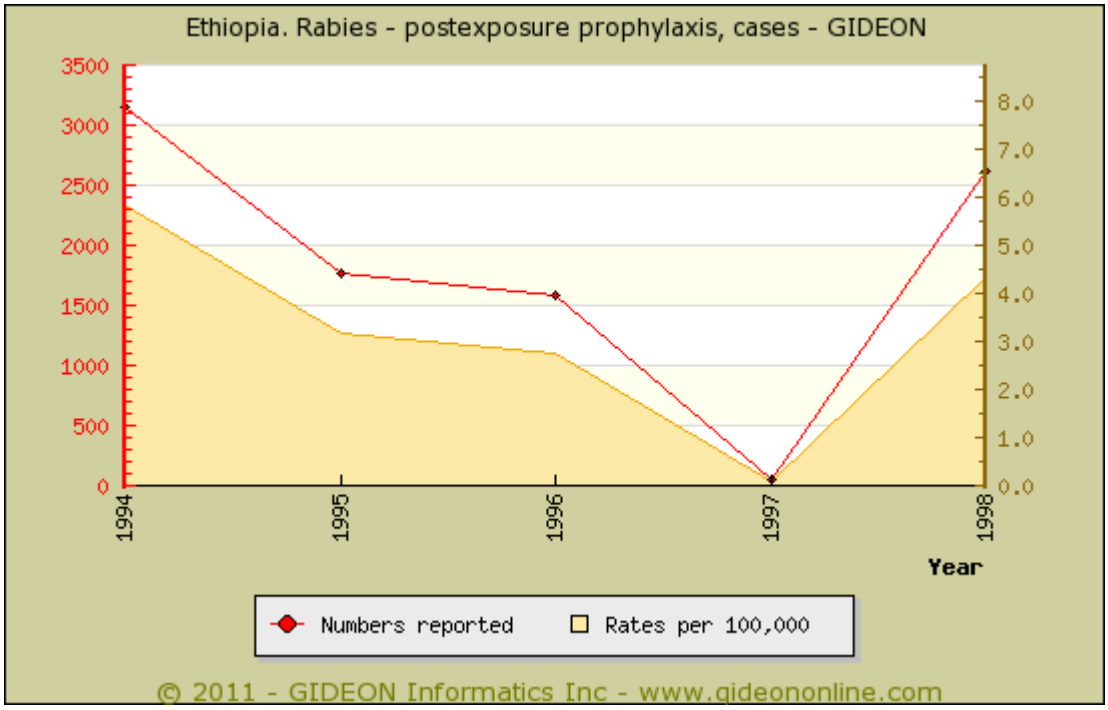

Graph: Ethiopia. Rabies - postexposure prophylaxis, cases

Notes:
1. 15,940 persons were given postexposure treatment during 1979 to 1987.

Graph: Ethiopia. Rabies, animal

Notes:
1. During 1979 to 1987, rabies was confirmed in 832 dogs and 53 animals of other species.
2. Outbreaks were reported among Ethiopian wolves (*Canis simensis*) in the Bale Mountains during 1991 to 1992. [13]
3. Mokola virus has been isolated from domestic cats.
Individual years:
1972 - Included six farm animals.

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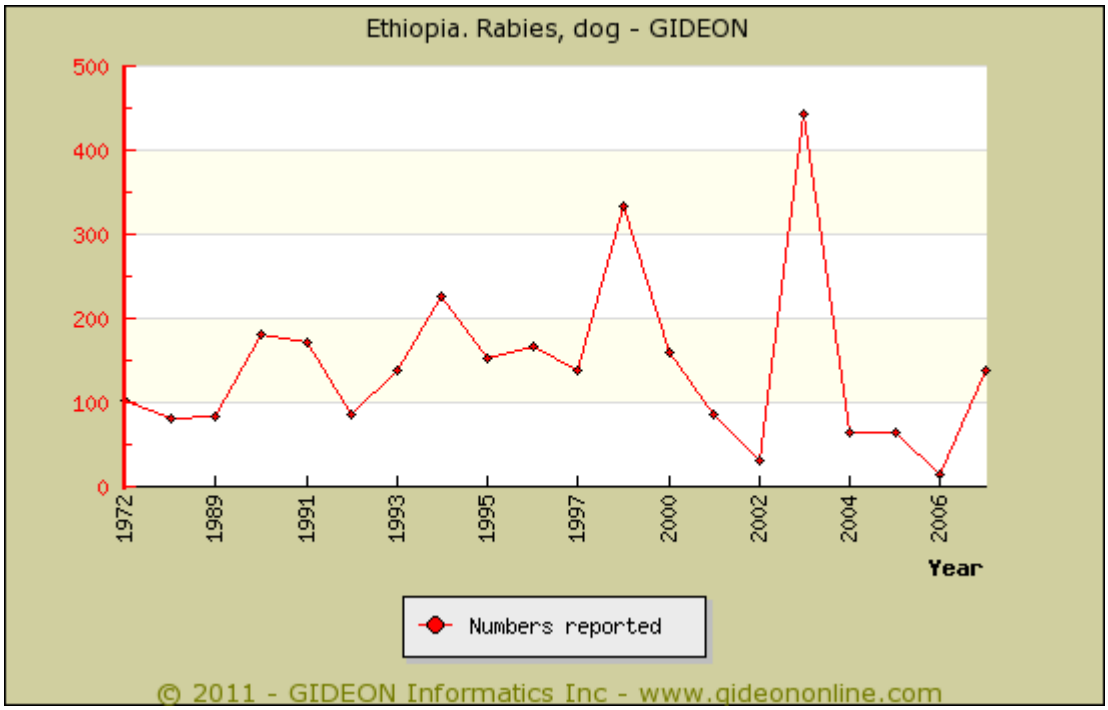
1998 - Included ten cats and seven ruminants.
2003 - An outbreak (30 cases) was reported among Ethiopian wolves in 2003. [14]
2004 - Including 1,116 ovines and 442 bovines.



Graph: Ethiopia. Rabies, dog

Notable outbreaks:
2008 to 2009 - An outbreak (5 cases) of rabies was reported among Ethiopian wolves (*Canis simenensis*) in the Bale Mountains. [15]

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Rat bite fever - spirillary

Agent	BACTERIUM. Spirillum minus An aerobic gram-negative spirochete
Reservoir	Rat Mouse Cat
Vector	None
Vehicle	Bite
Incubation Period	7d - 21d (range 5d - 40d)
Diagnostic Tests	Dark-field exam of wound. Animal inoculation.
Typical Adult Therapy	Amoxicillin/clavulanate 875/125 mg PO BID X 7d. OR Procaine Penicillin G 600,000u IM q12h X 7d. OR Doxycycline 200 mg BID X 7d
Typical Pediatric Therapy	Amoxicillin/clavulanate 10 mg/kg PO BID X 7d OR Procaine Penicillin G 25,000u/kg IM q12h X 7d
Clinical Hints	Lymphadenopathy, myalgia, maculopapular rash and recurrent fever beginning 1 to 3 weeks after rat bite; infection resolves after 3 to 6 days; case-fatality rate = 6%.
Synonyms	Sodoku, Spirillosis, Spirillum minor, Spirillum minus. ICD9: 026.0 ICD10: A25.0

Clinical

Most patients present with a recent rat bite wound, which may later form an ulcer with local swelling, pain and skin changes.
- Regional lymphatics and lymph nodes are enlarged and tender.
- Fever rises to as high as 40 C, with accompanying rigors.
- After 3 days, fever ends in 'crisis,' followed by a quiescent interval of 5 to 10 days.
- One or more relapses follow, and are associated with a purple papular exanthem on the chest and arms.
- Additional findings include generalized hyperreflexia, arthralgia, myalgia and hyperesthesia.
- The fatality rate without treatment is 10%.

Features which may distinguish spirillary [S] from streptobacillary [B] rat bite fever include the following: [1] [2]

incubation	-	S up to 30 days
	-	B up to 10 days
bite wound	-	S may produce a chancre
	-	B heals promptly
relapses	-	S regular
	-	B intermittent
rash	-	S generalized macular
	-	B macular, pustular or petechial
arthritis	-	S rare
	-	B common [3]

This disease is endemic or potentially endemic to all countries.

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Rat bite fever - streptobacillary

Agent	BACTERIUM. Streptobacillus moniliformis A facultative gram-negative bacillus
Reservoir	Rat Squirrel Weasel Turkey
Vector	None
Vehicle	Infected secretions Bite Dairy products
Incubation Period	3d - 10d (range 1d - 22d)
Diagnostic Tests	Culture of blood or joint fluid. Nucleic acid amplification.
Typical Adult Therapy	Amoxicillin/clavulanate 875/125 mg PO BID X 7d. OR Doxycycline 100 mg PO BID X 7d
Typical Pediatric Therapy	Amoxicillin/clavulanate 10 mg/kg TID X 7d. OR (if age>8 years) Doxycycline 2 mg/kg PO BID X 7 days (maximum 200 mg/day)
Clinical Hints	Headache, myalgia, maculopapular rash and arthralgia or arthritis; history of a rat bite during the preceding 1 to 3 weeks in most cases; case-fatality rate = 10%.
Synonyms	Haverhill fever, Streptobacillosis, Streptobacillus moniliformis. ICD9: 026.1 ICD10: A25.1

Clinical

Most patients present with a recent rat bite wound, which may later form an ulcer with local swelling, pain and skin changes. [1]

• Symptoms include fever, prostration, marked myalgia and muscle tenderness, headache and a generalized morbilliform rash • most marked on the hands and feet. [2]
• Generalized lymphadenopathy is present, and migratory arthropathy is often present.
• Fever resides in 5 to 10 days, but may relapse repeatedly over a period of weeks to months.

One or more relapses follow, and are associated with a purple papular exanthem on the chest and arms.
• Additional findings include generalized hyperreflexia, migratory polyarthralgia (over 50% of cases), myalgia and hyperesthesia.
• Arthritis affects more than one joint in 83.3% of patients, involving the knee in most. [3]
• Rare instances of endocarditis [4] [5] , psoas abscess and spondylodiscitis have been reported. [6]

he fatality rate without treatment is 10%, and results from endocarditis or multiple visceral abscesses.

Features which may distinguish spirillary [S] from streptobacillary [B] rat bite fever include the following: [7] [8]

incubation	-	S up to 30 days
	-	B up to 10 days
bite wound	-	S may produce a chancre
	-	B heals promptly
relapses	-	S regular
	-	B intermittent
rash	-	S generalized macular
	-	B macular, pustular or petechial
arthritis	-	S rare
	-	B common [9]

This disease is endemic or potentially endemic to all countries.

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Relapsing fever

Agent	BACTERIUM. Borrelia spp. A microaerophilic spirochete
Reservoir	Human Tick Rodent
Vector	Tick (Ornithodoros), louse (Pediculus)
Vehicle	Blood products
Incubation Period	7d - 8d (range 2d - 18d)
Diagnostic Tests	Examination of blood smears (thick and thin smears). Some species (B. hermsii) may grow in BSK II medium.
Typical Adult Therapy	Doxycycline 100 mg PO BID X 7d. OR Erythromycin 500 mg QID X 7d
Typical Pediatric Therapy	Chloramphenicol 12.5 mg/kg PO QID X 7d. OR Erythromycin 10 mg/kg QID X 7d
Clinical Hints	Headache, myalgia, hepatosplenomegaly, rash and relapsing illness; louse-borne (vs. tick borne) characterized by higher case fatality rate, fewer relapses and higher incidence of hepatosplenomegaly, jaundice and neurological complications.
Synonyms	Bilious typhoid, Borrelia turicatae, Borreliosis, Famine fever, Febbre recidiva, Febbre ricorrente, Febris recurrens, Fiebre recurrente, Lauseruckfallfieber, Mianeh fever, Ruckfall fieber, Tilbakefallsfever, Vagabond fever, Yellow famine fever, Yellow plague. ICD9: 087.9,087.0,087.1 ICD10: A68

Clinical

The clinical manifestations of louse-borne and tick-borne [1] relapsing fevers are similar. [2] [3]
• Louse-borne disease is characterized by a longer incubation period, longer febrile periods and afebrile intervals, and fewer relapses.
• Both types have an acute onset of high fever with rigors, headache, myalgia, arthralgia, photophobia and cough.
• In Africa, tickborne relapsing fever is often mis-diagnosed as malaria. [4]

Physical findings often include conjunctivitis, petechiae, and abdominal tenderness with hepatomegaly and splenomegaly.
• Nuchal rigidity, pulmonary rales, lymphadenopathy, jaundice and ARDS [5] are occasionally encountered.
• Hemorrhagic phenomena are common but rarely severe.
• Iritis and iridocyclitis may lead to permanent impairment of vision. Uveitis is also described. [6]
• A petechial, macular, or papular rash over the trunk may be noted toward the end of the illness.
• As many as 30% of patients develop neurological findings such as coma, cranial nerve palsies, hemiplegia, meningitis, and seizures.
• Rare instances of acute respiratory distress syndrome have been reported. [7]
• Deaths are ascribed to myocarditis with associated arrhythmias, cerebral hemorrhage or hepatic failure.
• "Tropical thrombophlebitis" has been associated with outbreaks of relapsing fever in South Africa. [8]

This disease is endemic or potentially endemic to 118 countries.

Relapsing fever in Ethiopia

Time and Place:
- Louse-borne infection is prevalent in the highlands.
- Highest rates are reported during May to July.

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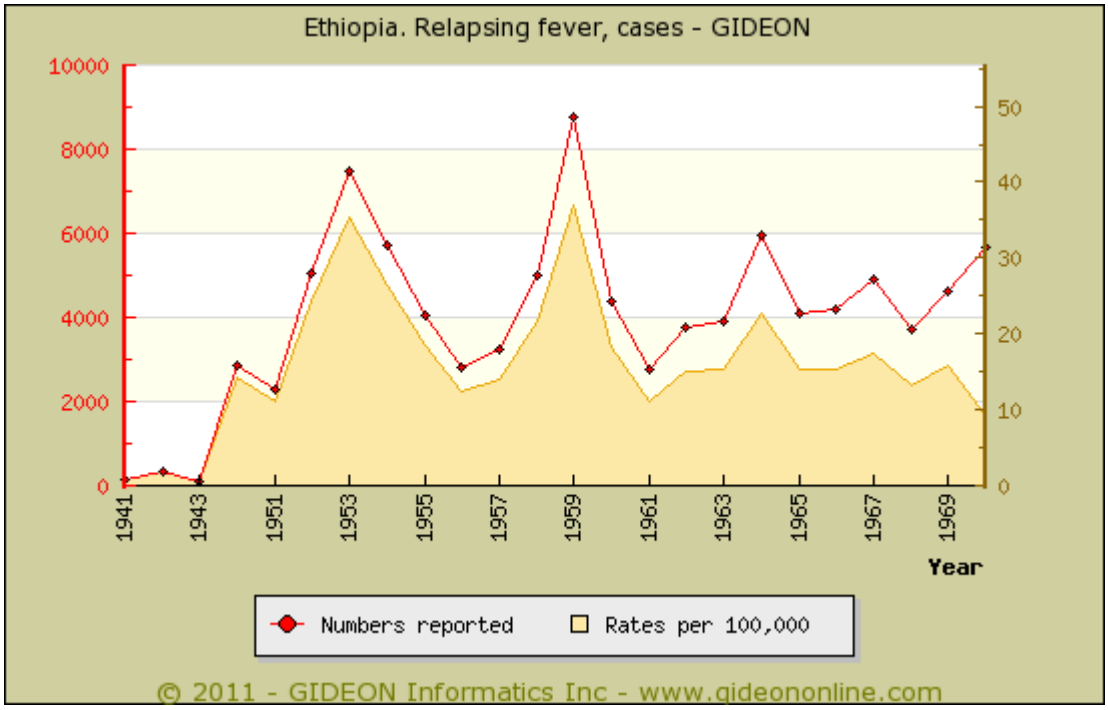


Graph: Ethiopia. Relapsing fever, cases

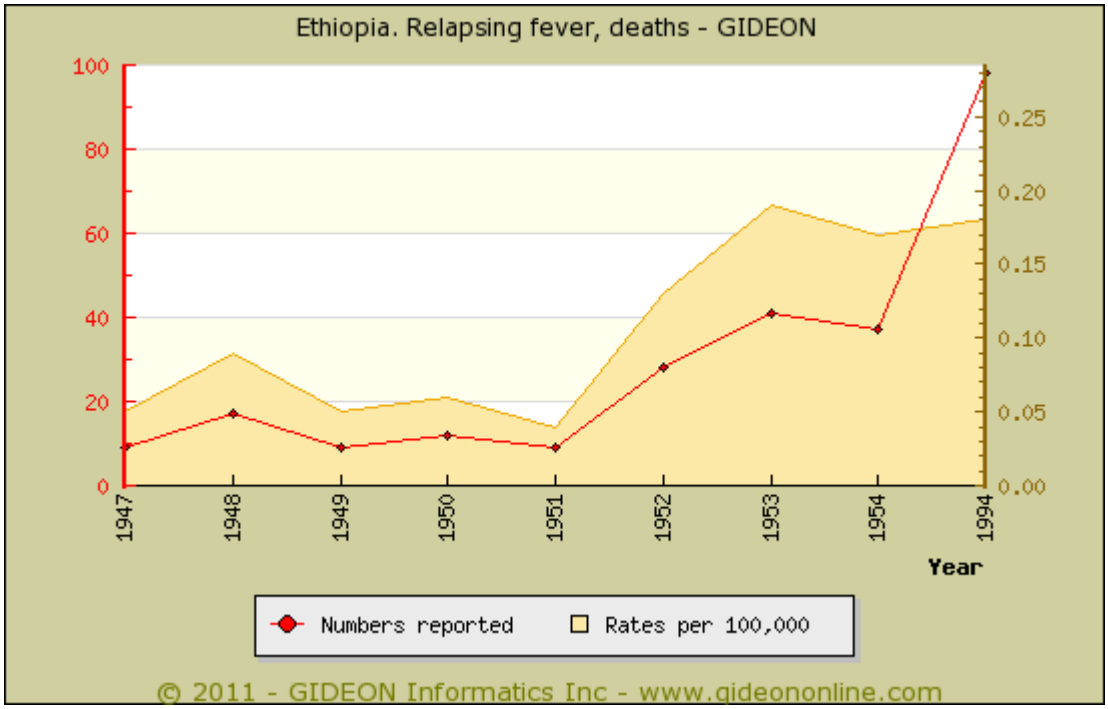
Notes:

1. Historical data from reference [9]
2. During 1951 to 1969, Ethiopia was the only country reporting more than 100 cases of louse-borne relapsing fever per year.

Individual years:

1969 - This number represented 89.9% of the global total (5,117). Highest rates were registered in Shoa, Kaffa, Wollega Arusi and Begemdir.

1998 - 1,966 patients were hospitalized for relapsing fever.



Graph: Ethiopia. Relapsing fever, deaths

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Outbreaks were reported in northern Ethiopia during the 1990's. [10]

251 outpatient cases of louse-borne relapsing fever were treated at a single hospital in Shashemane during 1997 to 2007. [11]
- 249 cases of louse-borne relapsing fever were treated at a single hospital in Shashemane during 1997 to 2007 - including 154 children. [12]

Relapsing fever accounts for 1.99% of hospitalizations in Gondar (1995 to 2000).
- 70.6% of these patients are males, and the case/fatality rate is 4.6%. [13]

The first case of louse-borne infection in the United States during the twentieth century was reported in 1976 - imported from Ethiopia.

Notable outbreaks:

1974 - An outbreak of relapsing fever was reported. [14]

1991 to 1992 - An outbreak of louse-borne relapsing fever was reported, including clusters in two Ethiopian transit camps established for Eritrean prisoners of war. [15-21]

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Respiratory syncytial virus infection

Agent	VIRUS - RNA. Paramyxoviridae, Pneumovirinae: Human respiratory syncytial virus
Reservoir	Human
Vector	None
Vehicle	Droplet Infected secretions (hands)
Incubation Period	2d - 8d
Diagnostic Tests	Viral culture or DFA (nasal and other respiratory secretions). Serology. Nucleic acid amplification.
Typical Adult Therapy	Ribavirin aerosol 20 mg/ml for 12h/d X 3 to 5d [severe infections]. Effectiveness not proven
Typical Pediatric Therapy	As for adult
Vaccine	RSV immune globulin
Clinical Hints	Rhinorrhea, cough, wheezing, bronchiolitis and respiratory distress; encountered primarily in infancy.
Synonyms	Chimpanzee coryza agent, Respiratory syncytial virus, RSV. ICD9: 079.6,480.1 ICD10: B97.4,J12.1

Clinical

RSV infections are manifested as:
• lower respiratory tract disease (pneumonia, bronchiolitis, tracheobronchitis)
• or upper respiratory tract illness, often accompanied by fever and otitis media. [1]

Asymptomatic infection is rare.
• Pneumonia or bronchiolitis occurs in 30% to 71% of patients (89% among closed populations of infants).
• Croup accounts for only 5% to 10% of cases.
• Wheezing [2] , rhonchi, rales, and pulmonary infiltrates are encountered with bronchiolitis as well as pneumonia. [3]
• Bronchiolitis is characterized by wheezing and hyperaeration of the lung.

Lower respiratory tract infection is heralded by nasal congestion and often pharyngitis.
• Fever occurs in young children, with temperatures ranging from 38 to 40C.
• Fever is present for 2 to 4 days; however, the extent and duration of the fever does not correlate with the severity of the disease.
• Fever is frequently absent at the time of admission to the hospital.
• Cough is often a predominant sign.
• The cough may be paroxysmal and associated with vomiting, but without the "whoop" typical of pertussis.
• Laryngitis and hoarseness are not common.

Dyspnea, increased respiratory rate, and retractions of the intercostal muscles are common.
• In bronchiolitis, expiration is prolonged, and the respiratory rate may be remarkably elevated. [4]
• Intercostal retractions are also prominent in bronchiolitis.
• On auscultation, the infant may have crackles and wheezing, which may be present intermittently and may fluctuate in intensity.
• Cyanosis is rare, despite hypoxemia. In most infants, the duration of illness is 7 to 21 days, and hospitalization, if required, averages 3 to 7 days.
• Thrombocytosis is common among children hospitalized with RSV bronchiolitis. [5]
• The severity and / or duration of RSV bronchiolitis is exacerbated by concomitant human metapneumovirus infection. [6-9]
• RSV infection accounts for approximately 5% of bronchiolitis obliterans in children (Beijing, 2001 to 2007) [10]
• Infection in premature infants may result in long term effects on airway function. [11]

Otitis media is a common complication of RSV infection in young children. [12-14]
• Encephalopathy and seizures have also been reported. [15] [16]
• Repeated or secondary infections occurring after the first 3 years of life are most commonly manifested as an upper respiratory tract illness or tracheobronchitis.
• Young adults may present with flu-like illness, pneumonia, chronic cough suggestive of tracheobronchitis or bronchitis, and

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occasionally with otitis. [17]
• Infection among the elderly is often nosocomially acquired, and may result in pneumonia in 5% to 50% of the cases, with a fatal outcome in up to 20%.
• Additional extrapulmonary manifestations of RSV infection include myocarditis [18] , supraventricular tachycardia, ventricular tachycardias, seizures, focal neurological abnormalities, hyponatremia and hepatitis [19]

Signs and symptoms of Human Metapneumovirus (hMPV) infection are similar to those of Respiratory syncytial virus infection [20] [21] , and coinfection by these two agents may be particularly severe. [22-25]
• Clinical signs of Human Bocavirus infection are also similar to those of Respiratory syncytial virus infection; however, hypoxia, and neutrophilia may be more common in Human Bocavirus infection. [26]
• Superinfection of RSV by *Staphylococcus aureus* [27] , *Bordetella pertussis* [28] and other bacteria is not unusual. [29]

This disease is endemic or potentially endemic to all countries.

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Respiratory viruses - miscellaneous

Agent	VIRUS - RNA and DNA Pneumovirinae: Human Metapneumovirus Coronaviridae: New Haven Coronavirus, HKU1 Parvovirinae: Human Bocavirus
Reservoir	Human
Vector	None
Vehicle	Droplet Infected secretions (on hands)
Incubation Period	Unknown
Diagnostic Tests	Viral culture. Serology. Nucleic acid amplification.
Typical Adult Therapy	NA
Typical Pediatric Therapy	NA
Clinical Hints	Rhinorrhea, cough, wheezing, bronchiolitis and respiratory distress; encountered primarily in infancy.
Synonyms	Acanthamoeba polyphaga mimivirus, Bat reovirus, Bocavirus, Bradford coccus, Cardiovirus, Coronavirus HKU1, Coronavirus NL63, Encephalomyocarditis Virus, HCoV-HKU1, HCoV-NL63, HKU1, HRV-A, HRV-B, HRV-C, Human Bocavirus, Human Coronavirus NL63, Human CoV 229E, Human CoV OC43, Human metapneumovirus, Karolinska Institutet virus, KI virus, Melaka, Metapneumovirus, Mimivirus, New Haven coronavirus, Pulau, Small Anellovirus, Tioman virus, Torque tenovirus, Torquetenovirus, Washington University virus, WU polyomavirus, WU virus. ICD9: 079.89 ICD10: B34.2,J12.8

Clinical

For a comprehensive review of newer respiratory viral infections, see [1]

Human Metapneumovirus:
Signs and symptoms of Human Metapneumovirus (hMPV) infection are similar to those of Respiratory syncytial virus infection [2] [3] , and coinfection by these two agents may be relatively severe and / or prolonged. [4-8]
• Findings include either lower respiratory tract disease (pneumonia, bronchiolitis, tracheobronchitis) or upper respiratory tract illness, often accompanied by fever and otitis media. [9] [10]
• Asymptomatic infection is reported. [11] [12]
• Wheezing, rhonchi, rales, and pulmonary infiltrates are encountered with bronchiolitis, hyperaeration and pneumonia. [13]
• Apnea has been reported in newborn infants. [14]
• hMPV has been recovered from the middle ear in patients with otitis media. [15] and is associated with 6% of otitis media cases in children. [16]
• Central nervous system disease has been reported, ranging from febrile seizures to fatal encephalitis. [17] [18]
• Reinfection is common. [19-21]
• Although infection in adults is usually mild or asymptomatic [22] , severe disease is reported in elderly adults with underlying disease. [23]

New Haven coronavirus:
New Haven coronavirus infection is characterized by fever, cough and rhinorrhea. [24] [25]
• Tachypnea, hypoxia and pulmonary infiltrates may be present.
• The agent has also been identified as a common cause for croup. [26]

Coronavirus infections:
HKU1 (HCoV-HKU1), a human coronavirus, was isolated in Hong Kong in 2005, from two adult patients with pneumonia. [27]
• An additional 6 cases in Hong Kong were characterized by gastroenteritis, fever, otitis and febrile seizures.
• Human Coronavirus OC43 infection is associated with fever, rhinitis, pharyngitis, laryngitis, otitis, bronchitis, bronchiolitis or pneumonia. [28]

Human Bocavirus:
Human Bocavirus is a common cause of lower respiratory tract infection in children. [29] [30]
• Bocavirus infections, including cases of severe pneumonia, have also been reported in adults. [31]

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• Patients are often co-infected by Respiratory syncytial virus, Adenovirus, Influenza virus, Human metapneumovirus or other pathogens. [32]
• Clinical presentation may include fever, cough, rhinorrhea, conjunctivitis, wheezing, respiratory distress, pneumonia or pleural effusion.
• Human Bocavirus infection may mimic the symptoms of pertussis [33]
• Clinical signs are also similar to those of Respiratory syncytial virus infection; however, hypoxia, and neutrophilia may be more common in Human Bocavirus infection. [34]
• Disseminated Bocavirus infection, including diarrhea and viremia, has been reported in a stem cell transplant patient. [35]

Other viruses:
Although Rhinovirus infection is usually associated with the common cold, infection may be associated with severe lower respiratory tract infections [36], and outbreaks of major and even fatal disease have been reported in chronic care facilities. [37-40]

Melaka virus, a bat-associated Reovirus, has been identified as a cause of fever and acute respiratory tract infection in Malaysia. [41]

Saffold Cardiovirus, a member of the Picornaviridae, has been associated with cases of upper respiratory tract infection in children. [42] [43]
• Human infection by an additional Cardiovirus, Encephalomyocarditis Virus, have been characterized by fever, headache, nausea and dyspnea. (2009 publication) [44] One such patient also experienced weight loss, arthralgia, photophobia, myalgia, chills, vomiting, and abdominal pain.

This disease is endemic or potentially endemic to all countries.

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Reye's syndrome

Agent	UNKNOWN
Reservoir	Unknown
Vector	None
Vehicle	Unknown
Incubation Period	Unknown
Diagnostic Tests	Clinical diagnosis.
Typical Adult Therapy	Electrolyte & glucose management, ? enemas, ? dialysis
Typical Pediatric Therapy	As for adult
Clinical Hints	Vomiting, lethargy, coma, seizures, hepatomegaly, hypoglycemia and elevated blood ammonia concentration; usually anicteric; follows viral infection; aspirin ingestion is often implicated.
Synonyms	Reye syndrome. ICD9: 331.81 ICD10: G93.7

Clinical

Signs and symptoms of Reye's syndrome include protracted vomiting and encephalopathy, in the absence of fever or jaundice. [1] [2]
• Hepatomegaly is present in 50% of cases.
• Twelve hours to 3 weeks following an antecedent viral illness, the patient develops vomiting and lethargy, followed by restlessness, irritability, combativeness, disorientation, delirium, tachycardia, hyperventilation, dilated pupils with sluggish response, hyperreflexia, positive Babinski sign, and appropriate response to noxious stimuli.

Diarrhea and hyperventilation are often the first signs in children below age 2 years.
• Later, obtundation, coma and decorticate rigidity are associated with inappropriate response to noxious stimuli.
• Coma deepens, and the patient is found to have fixed and dilated pupils, loss of oculovestibular reflexes and dysconjugate gaze with caloric stimulation.
• Seizures ensue, with flaccid paralysis, absent deep tendon reflexes, lack of pupillary response and respiratory arrest.

Similar disease (Reye-like syndrome) is caused by inborn errors of metabolism, hypoglycemia, hypoketonemia, elevated ammonia, and organic aciduria. [3]
• A case of encephalopathy and hepatic failure • similar to Reye's syndrome • was related to *Bacillus cereus* food poisoning. [4]

This disease is endemic or potentially endemic to all countries.

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Rheumatic fever

Agent	BACTERIUM. Streptococcus pyogenes A facultative gram-positive coccus
Reservoir	Human
Vector	None
Vehicle	Droplet
Incubation Period	1w - 5w
Diagnostic Tests	Clinical diagnosis.
Typical Adult Therapy	Supportive; salicylates
Typical Pediatric Therapy	As for adult
Clinical Hints	Migratory arthritis, fever, carditis, chorea, subcutaneous nodules, erythema marginatum and leukocytosis; follows overt pharyngitis after 1 to 5 weeks in most cases; acute attack persists for approximately 3 months.
Synonyms	Febbre reumatica. ICD9: 390,391 ICD10: I00,I01,I02

Clinical

Case definition for surveillance:
The CDC (The United States Centers for Disease Control) case definition for surveillance requires evidence for preceding group A streptococcal infection (culture, serology) in addition to two major clinical criteria; or one major and two minor criteria, as follows:

Major clinical criteria:
- carditis
- polyarthritis
- chorea [1] [2]
- subcutaneous nodules
- erythema marginatum. [3]

Minor criteria:
- previous rheumatic fever or rheumatic heart disease
- arthralgia
- fever
- elevation of erythrocyte sedimentation rate [ESR]
- positive C-reactive protein
- leucocytosis
- prolongation of the P-R interval on electrocardiogram.

This disease is endemic or potentially endemic to all countries.

Rheumatic fever in Ethiopia

Rheumatic heart disease is present in 0.64% of school children in Addis Ababa (1995). [4]

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Rhinoscleroma and ozena

Agent	BACTERIUM. Klebsiella pneumoniae ssp ozaenae and Klebsiella pneumoniae ssp rhinoscleromatis Facultative gram-negative bacilli
Reservoir	Human
Vector	None
Vehicle	Infected secretions
Incubation Period	Unknown
Diagnostic Tests	Culture. Biopsy. Advise laboratory when this diagnosis is suspected.
Typical Adult Therapy	Rhinoscleroma: Streptomycin, often with systemic or topical Rifampin - for 3 to 6 weeks; fluoroquinolones also appear to be effective. Ozena: Ciprofloxacin or Sulfamethoxazole/trimethoprim for 3 months
Typical Pediatric Therapy	As for adult
Clinical Hints	Rhinorrhea associated with a painless intranasal mass; may extend to sinuses or ears.
Synonyms	Klebsiella pneumoniae ssp ozaenae, Ozena, Rhinoscleroma. ICD9: 040.1 ICD10: J31.0

Clinical

The nose is involved in over 90% of cases of rhinoscleroma.
• Findings include fetid discharge, a crusting granulomatous mass and cicatrization. [1] [2]
• The pharynx is involved in 15% to 40%, the larynx in 2% to 2%, the tracheobronchial tree in 15% [3] and the paranasal sinuses in 2% to 25%. [4]
• Rare instances of laryngeal stenosis resulting from rhinoscleroma are reported. [5]
• Standard therapy consists of streptomycin in combination with topical or systemic rifampicin, for at least 3 to 6 weeks.
• Recent studies suggest that fluoroquinolones are also effective.

Ozena (primary atrophic rhinitis) is characterized by progressive atrophy of the nasal mucosa and underlying bone.
• Findings include foul-smelling, thick, dry crusts and greatly enlarged nasal cavities. [6]
• Laryngeal involvement has been reported. [7]
• Ozena may be associated with tracheobronchopathia osteochondroplastica [8]
• Rare instances of disseminated systemic infection are reported. [9]

This disease is endemic or potentially endemic to all countries.

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Rhodococcus equi infection

Agent	BACTERIUM. Rhodococcus equi An aerobic gram-positive coccobacillus
Reservoir	Farm animal Farm soil
Vector	None
Vehicle	? Inhalation Contact Ingestion
Incubation Period	Unknown
Diagnostic Tests	Culture of blood, body fluids and secretions. Advise laboratory when these organisms are suspected.
Typical Adult Therapy	Vancomycin 500 mg q8h. Alternatives: Erythromycin, Gentamicin, Rifampin
Typical Pediatric Therapy	Vancomycin 10 mg/kg q6h. Alternatives: Erythromycin, Gentamicin, Rifampin
Clinical Hints	Most often encountered as pleuropulmonary infection in an immune-suppressed patient; history of contact with farm or farm animals in 40% of cases.
Synonyms	Rhodococcus. ICD9: 027.9 ICD10: A92.8

Clinical

The clinical features of *Rhodococcus equi* disease are largely determined by the site of infection and clinical substrate in which it occurs. [1] [2]

- 49% of patients are HIV-positive.
- Pulmonary infection predominates among HIV-positive patients [3]
- Extrapulmonary disease (abscesses. septicemia, eye or wound infection, etc) is most common in immunocompetent individuals.

This disease is endemic or potentially endemic to all countries.

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Rickettsia felis infection

Agent	BACTERIUM. Rickettsia felis
Reservoir	Opossum (Didelphis marsupialis) ? Flying squirrel Raccoon Flea ? Dog
Vector	Flea (cat flea = Ctenocephalides felis). Organism has also been found in Pulex irritans
Vehicle	None
Incubation Period	Unknown
Diagnostic Tests	Serology (IFA). Nucleic acid amplification. Note that Weil-Felix reaction may be positive (OX-19).
Typical Adult Therapy	Doxycycline 100 mg PO BID X 3 to 5d. OR Chloramphenicol 500 mg PO QID X 3 to 5d
Typical Pediatric Therapy	Doxycycline 2 mg/kg PO BID X 3 to 5d (maximum 200 mg/day). OR Chloramphenicol 10 mg/kg PO QID X 3 to 5d
Clinical Hints	Fever, headache and myalgia; macular rash present in 20% of patients; history of recent contact with opossum; disease mimics endemic typhus.
Synonyms	California pseudotyphus, Cat flea typhus, ELB agent. ICD9: 081.1 ICD10: A79.8

Clinical

The features of *Rickettsia felis* infection are similar to those of endemic typhus.
• Headache and myalgia predominate.
• The rash is often macular and most prominent on the trunk and abdomen.
• Often the rash is nonspecific, and may be lacking in 50% of patients.
• Major complications are rare.
• The severity of infection has been associated with old age, delayed diagnosis, hepatic and renal dysfunction, central nervous system abnormalities, and pulmonary compromise.
• As many as 4% of hospitalized patients die.

This disease is endemic or potentially endemic to 32 countries.

Rickettsia felis infection in Ethiopia

Fleas infected with *Rickettsia felis* have been identified in this country.

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Rift Valley fever

Agent	VIRUS - RNA. Bunyaviridae, Phlebovirus: Rift Valley fever virus
Reservoir	Sheep Ruminant
Vector	Mosquito (Culex, Aedes, Anopheles, Eretmapodites, Mansonia, Culicoides, Coquillettidia spp.)
Vehicle	None
Incubation Period	3d - 5d (range 2d - 7d)
Diagnostic Tests	Viral culture (blood, CSF). Serology. Nucleic acid amplification. Biosafety level 3.
Typical Adult Therapy	Supportive. Animal studies suggest a possible role for Ribavirin.
Typical Pediatric Therapy	As for adult
Vaccine	Rift Valley fever
Clinical Hints	Headache, myalgia, photophobia, arthralgia and a maculopapular rash; occasional jaundice and retinitis; history of contact with sheep or cattle during the preceding week may be elicited; case fatality rate = 0.1%.
Synonyms	Arumowot, Enzootic hepatitis, Gabek Forest, Gordil, Riftvalleykoorts, Zinga. ICD9: 066.3 ICD10: A92.4

Clinical

Disease is heralded by a 'flu-like' illness with sudden onset of fever, headache, myalgia and back pain. [1] [2]
• Following an incubation period of 2 to 6 days, the patient may develop a mild, flu-like illness which may mimic dengue fever or viral meningitis.
• A characteristic syndrome consists of fever, large-joint arthralgia, and gastrointestinal complaints followed by jaundice, right upper-quadrant pain, and delirium, often coinciding with hemorrhagic manifestations. [3]
• Nuchal rigidity, arthralgia, myalgia and photophobia may be present.
• Retinitis occurs in 15% of patients, and is characterized by macular, paramacular, and/or extramacular lesions, often occurring bilaterally. Hemorrhage and edema are often present, and vasculitis, vascular occlusion and optic atrophy are also observed. [4-6]

Complications include hemorrhagic fever [7] on the second to fourth day of illness; or retinal hemorrhage or meningoencephalitis appearing after the first week. [8-10]
• Hemorrhagic phenomena and fatal encephalitis have been observed in approximately 1% to 2% of patients during epidemics and account for much of the mortality.
• Renal dysfunction is encountered in 60% of cases. [11]
• The case-fatality rate in epidemics is usually below 1%.

This disease is endemic or potentially endemic to 34 countries.

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Roseola or human herpesvirus 6

Agent	VIRUS - DNA. Herpesviridae, Betaherpesvirinae, Roseolovirus: Herpesvirus 6 (Herpesvirus 7 is also implicated)
Reservoir	Human
Vector	None
Vehicle	Droplet Contact
Incubation Period	10d - 15d
Diagnostic Tests	Viral isolation and serologic tests rarely indicated. Nucleic acid amplification has been used
Typical Adult Therapy	Supportive Gancyclovir has been used in unusual and severe cases.
Typical Pediatric Therapy	As for adult
Clinical Hints	High fever followed by sudden defervescence and fleeting rash; most patients are below the age of 2 years; only 10% to 20% of herpesvirus 6 infections are associated with a rash.
Synonyms	Dreitagefieber, Exanthem criticum, Exanthem subitum, Herpesvirus 6, HHV-6, Pseudorubella, Roseola, Roseola infantilis, Roseola subitum, Sixth disease, Zahorsky's disease. ICD9: 057.8 ICD10: B08.2

Clinical

Roseola typically is characterized by high fever (often to 40 C) lasting from three to seven days, followed by rapid defervescence and a characteristic pink rash. [1] [2]

- The rash is maculopapular or erythematous, beginning on the trunk and spreading to the neck and extremities. [3]
- Skin lesions are discrete, not pruritic, blanch on pressure and fade within 3 to 48 hours.

Diarrhea, cough and irritability are common, and seizures may rarely occur in individual cases. [4]

- HHV-6 infection accounts for 10% to 20% of febrile seizures in children below the age of two years. [5]
- Other findings may include bulging anterior fontanel, Nagayama spots (erythematous papules on the soft palate and uvula), periorbital edema, inflamed tympanic membranes, cervical, post auricular, and post occipital lymphadenopathy, splenomegaly, meningitis with radiculitis [6] , encephalopathy or encephalitis [7-15] , arthropathy (4.3% of cases) [16] , uveitis [17] , corneal inflammation [18] and conjunctival injection.
- Rare instances of purpura fulminans have been reported. [19]

Reactivation and severe disease have been encountered in bone-marrow, solid organ transplant and other immune-deficient patients. [20-23]

- HHV-6-associated pleurisy has been reported following stem-cell transplantation (2007 publication) [24]
- Fatal hepatitis and myocarditis has been reported in immunocompetent adults. [25]

This disease is endemic or potentially endemic to all countries.

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Rotavirus infection

Agent	VIRUS - RNA. Reoviridae: Rotavirus
Reservoir	Human
Vector	None
Vehicle	Fecal-oral Water
Incubation Period	12h - 3d
Diagnostic Tests	Stool assay for viral antigen. Serology. Nucleic acid amplification.
Typical Adult Therapy	Stool precautions; supportive
Typical Pediatric Therapy	As for adult
Vaccine	Typhoid - oral
Clinical Hints	Vomiting, diarrhea and mild fever: the illness lasts approximately 1 week, and is most severe in infancy; fatal cases are associated with dehydration and electrolyte imbalance.
Synonyms	Rotavirus. ICD9: 008.61 ICD10: A08.0

Clinical

Infants and young children present with fever, vomiting, diarrhea, and occasionally dehydration. [1]
• Most hospitalized patients had experienced fever and vomiting for 2 to 3 days, and diarrhea for 4 to 5 days.
• The diarrhea is watery without blood or mucus.
• Leukocytes are detected in the stool in a small percentage of patients.
• Approximately 36% of episodes are characterized by 'dehydrating diarrhea.'
• Viremia is present in over 50% of patients with Rotavirus diarrhea. [2] [3]
• Asymptomatic infection is common. [4]

Infection in immunodeficient children may persist for weeks to months.

Rotavirus infection is not unusual in adults. [5]

Complications:
• Rotavirus infection increases the risk of bacteremia in children with nontyphoid *Salmonella* gastroenteritis [6]
• Rare instances of toxic megacolon have been reported. [7]
• Although intestinal intussusception may occur in some cases [8], a causal role for Rotavirus infection (ie, as opposed to Rotavirus vaccine [9]) is not established. [10]
• Central nervous system dysfunction may complicate Rotavirus infection, in the form of seizures [11-13], cerebellitis [14] [15], encephalopathy [16] [17] and death. [18]
• Some reports have linked Rotavirus infections with instances of aseptic meningitis [19], necrotizing enterocolitis, myositis, liver abscess, pancreatitis [20] [21], pneumonia, Kawasaki's disease, acute hemorrhagic edema [22], sudden infant death syndrome and Crohn's disease.

This disease is endemic or potentially endemic to all countries.

Rotavirus infection in Ethiopia

In 2004, Rotavirus caused an estimated 527,000 deaths worldwide - 23% of these in India; and over 27% Nigeria, Congo, Ethiopia, China, and Pakistan. [23]

Prevalence surveys:
22% of children hospitalized for gastroenteritis (1983 to 1984)

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Rubella

Agent	VIRUS - RNA. Togaviridae: Rubella virus
Reservoir	Human
Vector	None
Vehicle	Contact Air Transplacental
Incubation Period	16d - 18d (range 14d - 23d)
Diagnostic Tests	Viral culture (throat, urine). Serology. Nucleic acid amplification.
Typical Adult Therapy	Respiratory precautions. Supportive
Typical Pediatric Therapy	As for adult
Vaccines	Rubella Rubella - Mumps Measles-Mumps-Rubella Measles-Rubella
Clinical Hints	Maculopapular rash following a one-day prodrome of coryza and headache; post auricular lymphadenopathy; arthralgia and arthritis encountered in adults; severe thrombocytopenia or encephalitis may follow acute infection.
Synonyms	Epidemic roseola, German measles, Roda hund, Rode hond, Rode hunder, Rodehond, Rosolia, Roteln, Rubeola [Spanish], Three-day measles. ICD9: 056 ICD10: B06

Clinical

CDC (The United States Centers for Disease Control) case definition for surveillance:
For surveillance purposes, the CDC (The United States Centers for Disease Control) case definition of rubella requires, "An illness that has all of the following characteristics:
• acute onset of generalized maculopapular rash
• temperature >37.2 C if measured
• arthralgia/arthritis, lymphadenopathy, or conjunctivitis" [1] Arthropathy may occur in as many as 41% of cases [2]

A "confirmed" case requires either laboratory confirmation or epidemiological link to a laboratory-confirmed case.
• Atypical features may be seen in adults with rubella; ie, hepatitis, conjunctival hemorrhage [3] , uveitis [4] , and a high incidence of polyarthritis.
• Rare instances of acute hepatic failure are reported. [5]

Congenital rubella should be suspected if any of the following is present in a newborn infant [6] [7] :
• cataracts (45% of cases), congenital glaucoma, pigmentary retinopathy
• congenital heart disease (70%, most commonly patent ductus arteriosus or pulmonary artery stenosis) Both anomalies may appear concurrently in up to 50% of cases [8]
• hearing loss (35% to 60%)
• purpura
• splenomegaly
• jaundice
• microcephaly, mental retardation [9] , meningoencephalitis
• radiolucent bone disease
• doudenal stenosis [10]

The chance of fetal defects from a viremic mother is 40% to 90% during the first trimester. [11]
• Infection also increases the risk for spontaneous abortion and miscarriage by 50%. [12]
• The rate of congenital rubella syndrome during epidemics is 0.5 to 2.2 per 1,000 live births.
• 60% of children with CRS have hearing impairment, 45% congenital heart disease, 27% microcephaly, 25% cataracts, 23% low birth weight (< 2,500 grams), 17% purpura, 19% hepatosplenomegaly, 13% mental retardation and 10% meningoencephalitis.

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Rubella virus has been implicated in the etiology of Fuchs heterochromic iridocyclitis. [13]

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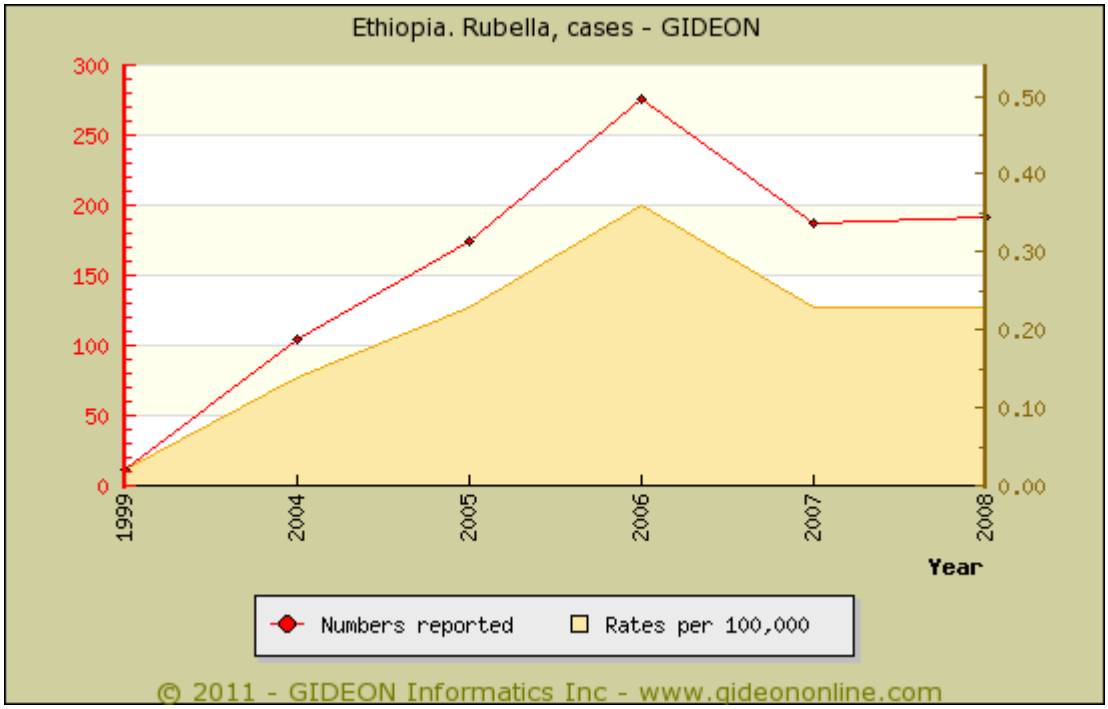
Rubella in Ethiopia



Graph: Ethiopia. Rubella, cases

Seroprevalence surveys:

91% of persons in Addis Ababa, 50% by age 4 years (1994) [14]

Nine cases of congenital rubella syndrome were estimated for Addis Ababa in 1994.

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Salmonellosis

Agent	BACTERIUM. Salmonella A facultative gram-negative bacillus
Reservoir	Mammal Bird Reptile
Vector	None
Vehicle	Food Milk Eggs Poultry Shellfish Meat Vegetables Fruit Fecal-oral Fly
Incubation Period	12h - 36h (range 6h - 5d)
Diagnostic Tests	Culture (stool, blood, infected tissue). Serology.
Typical Adult Therapy	Stool precautions. Therapy not indicated for uncomplicated diarrhea; if necessary, treat per antibiogram
Typical Pediatric Therapy	As for adult
Clinical Hints	Fever, chills & watery diarrhea 12 to 24 hours after ingestion of eggs, meat, poultry; fecal leucocytes present; fever resolves in 2 days; but diarrhea persists for up to 7 days (occasionally weeks).
Synonyms	Salmonellosen, Salmonellosi. ICD9: 003 ICD10: A02

Clinical

WHO Case definition for surveillance:
• An illness with the following symptoms: diarrhea, abdominal cramps, fever, vomiting and malaise.
Laboratory criteria for confirmation
• Isolation of *Salmonella* spp. from the stool or blood of a patient.
Case classification
• Suspected: An individual showing one or more of the clinical features.
• Confirmed: A suspected case with laboratory confirmation.

Acute infection:

Salmonella gastroenteritis is usually indistinguishable from that caused by other bacterial and viral pathogens. [1]
• Nausea, vomiting, and diarrhea begin 6 to 48 hours following ingestion of contaminated food or water.
• Abdominal cramps and fever as high as 39 C are common.
• The diarrhea is usually characterized as loose, non-bloody stools of moderate volume.
• Voluminous diarrhea, bloody stools, and tenesmus may also occur.

The infection is usually self-limited.
• Fever resolves within 3 days, and diarrhea resolves within 3 to 7 days.
• Stool cultures may remain positive for 4 to 5 weeks after infection, and carriage may persist for as long as one year in fewer than 1% of cases. [2]
• Antibiotic treatment is reserved for unusual and complicated infections: septicemia, neonates, immunosuppressed patients, etc.

Complications:

The spectrum of extraintestinal salmonellosis is similar to that of other gram-negative bacterial infections: osteomyelitis [3-7], meningitis [8-10], endocarditis [11-13], etc.
• Endovascular infections are particularly common, and may result in aneurysms of the aorta and other large vessels. [14] [15]
• *Salmonella* osteomyelitis is common in children with underlying hemoglobinopathies. Pyomyositis has also been reported in such cases. [16]
• Septicemia is often described in patients with schistosomiasis [17-21], lymphoma, lupus erythematosus [22], bartonellosis, malaria and hepatic cirrhosis.
• Rotavirus infection increases the risk of bacteremia in children with nontyphoid *Salmonella* gastroenteritis [23]
• Elderly patients are at risk for complicated or fatal infection. [24]
• Reactive arthritis has been reported in as many as 16.8% of cases [25-27]
• The risk for reactive arthritis following *Salmonella* infection [28] was 1.4/100,00 cases (United States, 2002 to 2004) [29]
• There is evidence that salmonellosis may increase the risk for later development of inflammatory bowel disease. [30]

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Salmonellosis in Ethiopia

Prevalence surveys:

10.7% of outpatients with diarrhea (Addis Ababa, 2003 publication) [31]
3.8% of children hospitalized with diarrhea (Addis Ababa, 1992 to 1993) [32]
19.7% of infants were found to have asymptomatic colonization by salmonellae (1994 publication) [33]
6.4% of adults with diarrhea (Addis Ababa, 1997 publication) [34]
4.5% of adults with diarrhea (Addis Ababa, 1985 publication) [35]
2.01% of diarrhea among persons in a rehabilitation camp in Korem (1985) [36]
8.1% of HIV-positive patients with diarrhea (Jimma, 2001) [37]
7.1% of cattle at slaughter (Debre Zeit, 2003 publication) [38]
43% of pigs at slaughter (Addis Ababa, 2004 to 2005) [39]
11.5% of sheep and 3% of goats at slaughter (central Ethiopia, 2006 publication) [40]
16.4% of samples taken from camels (*Camelus dromedarius*) at slaughter (Eastern Ethiopia2004 publication) [41]
17.9% of raw chicken samples at market (Addis Ababa, 2003 publication) [42]

In 2009, nine cases of *Salmonella* Concord infection were reported among Ethiopian adoptees in Denmark. [43]

Notable outbreaks:

1991 to 1992 - An outbreak (79 cases) of *Salmonella* Newport infection among college students in Gondar was ascribed to contaminated eggs. [44]

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Sarcocystosis

Agent	PARASITE - Protozoa. Sporozoa, Coccidea, Eimeriida: Sarcocystis bovihominis or S. suihominis
Reservoir	Cattle Pig
Vector	None
Vehicle	Meat Water
Incubation Period	9d - 39d
Diagnostic Tests	Identification of cysts in stool.
Typical Adult Therapy	Supportive
Typical Pediatric Therapy	As for adult
Clinical Hints	Diarrhea and abdominal pain of varying severity; muscle pain and eosinophilia occasionally encountered.
Synonyms	Isospora hominis, Sarcocystiasis, Sarcocystis, Sarcosporidiosis. ICD9: 136.5 ICD10: A07.8

Clinical

Human infection follows ingestion of undercooked beef or pork.

- Clinical features are limited to abdominal pain, vomiting, moderate diarrhea or asymptomatic infection of muscle. [1] [2]
- Rare instances of myositis [3] with eosinophilia have also been reported.

This disease is endemic or potentially endemic to all countries.

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Scabies

Agent	PARASITE - Arthropod. Arachnid, Acarina (Mite), Sarcoptiae: Sarcoptes [Acarus] scabiei
Reservoir	Human
Vector	mite
Vehicle	Contact, including Sexual contact
Incubation Period	3d - 42d
Diagnostic Tests	Identification of mites in skin scrapings.
Typical Adult Therapy	Permethrin 5%. OR Lindane. OR Crotamiton 10% OR Ivermectin 150 to 200 ug/kg PO as single dose
Typical Pediatric Therapy	Permethrin 5%. OR Lindane. OR Crotamiton 10% OR Ivermectin 200 mcg/kg PO (> 15 kg body weight)
Clinical Hints	Intensely pruritic papules, vesicles and burrows - interdigital webs, wrists, elbows, axillae, perineal region, buttocks, penis; pruritus most intense at night; severe psoriaform infestation (Norwegian scabies) noted in debilitated patients.
Synonyms	Cheyletiella, Cheyletiella infestation, Escabiose, Escabiosis, Histiostomatid mites, Kratze, Mange, Ornithonyssus, Pyemotes, Sarcoptes scabiei, Sarna, Scabbia, Skabies, Tropical rat mite. ICD9: 133 ICD10: B86

Clinical

The lesions of scabies are usually symmetrical.
• Typical sites include the interdigital webs, buttocks, penis, scrotum, breasts and nipples, axillae and flexor surfaces of the wrists. [1]
• Pruritis is often worse at night.
• Skin lesions consist of burrows, papules or vesicles. [2]
• Exaggerated eczematous patches ('crusted', or Norwegian scabies) [3] [4] may be encountered • notably in institutions for Down's syndrome and leprosy. [5]
• Lesions in children are atypical and tend to involve the buttocks and perineum. [6]
• Complications include secondary infection and acute glomerulonephritis.

Otoacariasis due to Histiostomatid mites has been reported in Saudi Arabia. [7]

This disease is endemic or potentially endemic to all countries.

Scabies in Ethiopia

Prevalence surveys:

6.2% of school children (scabies on arms, national survey, 2008 publication) [8]
5.6% of orphan school children (2010 publication) [9]

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Scarlet fever

Agent	BACTERIUM. Streptococcus pyogenes A facultative gram-positive coccus
Reservoir	Human
Vector	None
Vehicle	Infected secretions Occasionally food
Incubation Period	1d - 4d
Diagnostic Tests	Typical clinical features associated with group A streptococcal pharyngitis.
Typical Adult Therapy	Benzathine Penicillin G 1.2 million units IM as single dose
Typical Pediatric Therapy	Benzathine Penicillin G : Weight <14kg: 300,000 units IM Weight 14 to 28kg: 600,000 units IM Weight >28kg: 1.2 million units IM
Clinical Hints	Overt pharyngitis followed within 24 to 48 hrs by florid erythematous rash.
Synonyms	Escarlatina, Lanhousha, Scarlattina, Scharlach. ICD9: 034.1 ICD10: A38

Clinical

Signs of streptococcal pharyngitis (fever, pharyngeal exudate and pain) are followed by the appearance of a rash within 12 to 24 hours.
• The exanthem appears initially on the trunk and spreads rapidly over the body to finally involve the extremities. [1]
• The exanthem has the texture of sandpaper, and blanches with pressure.
• Pruritis may be present.
• Facial flushing and circumoral pallor are characteristic.

The patient appears ill, with fever, tachycardia, pharyngitis, tender adenopathy and palatal petechiae.
• Within a few days, the rash becomes more intense along skin folds, producing lines of confluent petechiae (Pastia sign).
• The rash begins to fade within 3 to 4 days, with desquamation evident over the face, palms and fingers.
• Skin peeling may persist for as long as a month.

During the first 2 days of illness, the tongue has a white coat through which the red and edematous papillae project ('white strawberry tongue').
• The tongue later desquamates and becomes markedly reddened ('red strawberry tongue').

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Schistosomiasis - haematobium

Agent	PARASITE - Platyhelminthes, Trematoda. Strigeida, Schistosomatidae: Schistosoma haematobium
Reservoir	Snail (Bulinus, Planorbarius, Ferrissia) Rarely baboon or monkey
Vector	None
Vehicle	Water (skin contact)
Incubation Period	2w - 6w
Diagnostic Tests	Identification of ova in urine or stool. Serology. Antigen detection.
Typical Adult Therapy	Praziquantel 20 mg/kg PO BID X 1 day
Typical Pediatric Therapy	As for adult
Clinical Hints	Early urticaria, fever and eosinophilia; later, dysuria, hematuria and obstructive nephropathy; often complicated by bladder cancer in advanced cases; parasite may survive for decades in human host.
Synonyms	Bilharziasis, urinary, Egyptian hematuria, Katayama fever [1], Schistosoma haematobium, Schistosomal hematuria, Schistosomiasis, Vesicle bilharziasis. ICD9: 120.0 ICD10: B65.0

Clinical

WHO Case definition for surveillance:
Endemic areas (moderate or high prevalence)
• Suspected: Not applicable.
• Probable: Not applicable.
• Confirmed: A person with visible hematuria or with positive reagent strip for hematuria or with eggs of *S. haematobium* in urine (microscope).
Non-endemic areas and areas of low prevalence
• Suspected: A person with visible hematuria or with positive reagent strip for hematuria.
• Probable: Not applicable.
• Confirmed: A person with eggs of *S. haematobium* in urine (microscope).

The clinical features caused by *Schistosoma* species infecting man are similar [1] , and will be discussed together.

Acute infection:
Within 24 hours of penetration by cercariae, the patient develops a pruritic papular skin rash known as swimmer's itch. [The more overt form of Cercarial dermatitis associated with avian schistosomes is discussed elsewhere in this module.]
• One to two months after exposure, an overt systemic illness known as Katayama fever (named for Katayama district, Hiroshima, Japan) begins, heralded by acute onset of fever, chills, diaphoresis, headache, and cough. [2]
• The liver, spleen, and lymph nodes are enlarged, and eosinophilia is present.
• Rare instances of myocarditis have been reported during acute schistosomiasis. [3] [4]
• Although deaths have been described at this point (notably in *S. japonicum* infection) these findings subside within a few weeks in most cases.

Chronic schistosomiasis:
The likelihood of progression to chronic schistosomiasis is related to the extent of infestation.
• Chronic schistosomiasis caused by *S. mansoni*, *S. japonicum*, or *S. mekongi* is characterized by fatigue, abdominal pain and intermittent diarrhea or dysentery.
• Blood loss from intestinal ulcerations may lead to moderate anemia.
• In *S. mansoni*, *S. japonicum*, and *S. mekongi* infections, ova remain in the venous portal circulation and are carried to the liver where they produce granulomata and fibrosis [5] , and block portal blood flow.
• Colonic polyposis is has been associated with infection by *S. mansoni*, *S. japonicum*, and *S. intercalatum*. [6] Retroperitoneal fibrosis has been reported with *S. japonicum* infection. [7]
• Portal hypertension and portosystemic collateral circulation result.
• Although liver function tests remain normal for a long time, hepatosplenomegaly and variceal hemorrhage develop.
• The spleen is firm and may reach massive size.
• Fatal hematemesis is unusual.
• Laboratory tests reveal moderate eosinophilia and anemia related to blood loss and hypersplenism.
• Eventually, hepatic function deteriorates, with late ascites and jaundice.

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In *S. haematobium* infection, ova are located in the bladder and ureters, leading to granuloma formation, inflammation, hematuria, ureteral obstruction, secondary infection and often carcinoma of the bladder. [8-10] Ova are also commonly present in the seminal vesicles and prostate. [11]
• Areas of chronic inflammation, fibrous tissue and calcifications ("sandy patches") in the genital mucosa and bladder contain ova, and are considered pathognomonic for *S. haematobium* infection. [12]
• Genital lesions may present a risk factor for acquisition of HIV infection. [13]
• Terminal hematuria and dysuria are common symptoms.
• Although best known for damage to the urinary bladder and ureters, the female genitalia are involved in 50% to 70% of women with *S. haematobium* infection • resulting in vaginal deformities and fistulae [14] , hypogonadism, ectopic pregnancy, miscarriage and malignancy. [15-17] *Schistosoma mansoni* is implicated in the etiology of appendicitis in endemic areas [18] ; and may also involve the fallopian tubes [19] or cause ovarian pseudotumor [20] and acute abdomen associated with granulomatous peritonitis. [21]
• Reinfection or inadequately treated infection may lead to extra-anogenital bilharziasis cutanea tarda. Lesion may typically complicate pre-existing skin conditions. [22]
• Proctitis is occasionally encountered. [23]

S. intercalatum infection is characterized by abdominal pain and bloody diarrhea.

S. mekongi is an important cause of hepatomegaly in endemic areas.

Complications:
The following are some of the many complications described in chronic schistosomiasis.
• Pulmonary schistosomiasis is manifested by symptoms and signs of right ventricular congestion related to blockage of pulmonary capillaries by ova in the course of hepatosplenic schistosomiasis. [24] [25]
• Central nervous system schistosomiasis is manifested as delirium, coma, seizures, dysphasia, visual impairment, ataxia, a cerebal mass, generalized encephalopathy or focal epilepsy (notably in *S. japonicum* infection). [26]
• Granulomata of *S. haematobium* and *S. mansoni* may involve the spinal cord (most commonly the cauda equina or conus medularis) , producing transverse myelitis. [27-31] *Schistosoma mansoni* infection may occasionally involve the bladder, mimicking *S. haematobium* infection or malignancy. [32] *S. mansoni* infection has been implicated in cases of colo-rectal cancer. [33]
• *Salmonella* bacteremia is often reported among persons with hepato-splenic schistosomiasis. [34-38]

This disease is endemic or potentially endemic to 58 countries.

Schistosomiasis - haematobium in Ethiopia

Schistosoma haematobium infection is reported in lowland areas [39] , the Awash valley [40-43] , Welega (western region) [44] [45] , Wabi Shabelle (southeastern region) [46] and along the Sudanese border. [47]
- Cases have also been reported in the Matema area of Gondar (1989 publication). [48]

Prevalence surveys:
6% to 52% of Afar and 0% to 27% of agricultural groups living on the flood plains of the Awash River (1977 publication) [49]

3.6% of persons in the lower Awash Valley (filtration method, 1991) [50]
3.1% of school children in the middle Awash Valley (1994 publication) [51]
30.2% of persons in Kurmuk town, Western Ethio-Sudanese border in 1981; 5.7% in 1993 [52]
30% of Ethiopian prisoners of war returning from Somalia (1977 to 1988) [53]

The snail reservoir is *Bulinus abyssinicus* [54]

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Schistosomiasis - mansoni

Agent	PARASITE - Platyhelminthes, Trematoda. Strigeida, Schistosomatidae: Schistosoma mansoni
Reservoir	Snail (Biomphalaria) Dog Cat Pig Cattle Rodent Horse Non-human primate
Vector	None
Vehicle	Water (skin contact)
Incubation Period	2w - 6w
Diagnostic Tests	Identification of ova in stool or biopsy specimens. Serology. Antigen detection.
Typical Adult Therapy	Praziquantel 20 mg/kg PO BID X one day OR Oxamniquine 15 mg PO X one dose
Typical Pediatric Therapy	Praziquantel 20 mg/kg PO BID X one day OR Oxamniquine 10 mg PO BID X one day
Clinical Hints	Early urticaria, fever and eosinophilia; later, hepatosplenomegaly and portal hypertension; parasite may survive for decades in human host.
Synonyms	Bilharziasis, intestinal, Katayama fever [3], Schistosoma mansoni. ICD9: 120.1 ICD10: B65.1

Clinical

WHO Case definition for surveillance (all forms of intestinal schistosomiasis):
Endemic areas (moderate or high prevalence)
• Suspected: A person with chronic or recurrent intestinal symptoms (blood in stool, bloody diarrhea, diarrhea, abdominal pains) or, at a later stage, hepatosplenomegaly.
• Probable: A person who meets the criteria for presumptive treatment, according to the locally applicable diagnostic algorithms.
• Confirmed: A person with eggs of *S. mansoni*, or *S. japonicum/mekongi* in stools (microscope).
Non-endemic areas and areas of low prevalence
• Suspected: A person with chronic or recurrent intestinal symptoms (blood in stool, bloody diarrhea, diarrhea, abdominal pains) or, at a later stage, hepatosplenomegaly.
• Probable: Not applicable.
• Confirmed: A person with eggs of *S. mansoni* or *S. japonicum* in stools (microscope). A person with positive reaction to immunoblot test.

The clinical features caused by *Schistosoma* species infecting man are similar [1] , will be discussed together.

Acute infection:
Within 24 hours of penetration by cercariae, the patient develops a pruritic papular skin rash known as swimmer's itch. [The more overt form of Cercarial dermatitis associated with avian schistosomes is discussed elsewhere in this module.]
• One to two months after exposure, an overt systemic illness known as Katayama fever (named for Katayama district, Hiroshima, Japan) begins, heralded by acute onset of fever, chills, diaphoresis, headache, and cough. [2]
• The liver, spleen, and lymph nodes are enlarged, and eosinophilia is present.
• Although deaths have been described at this point (notably in *S. japonicum* infection) these findings subside within a few weeks in most cases.

Chronic schistosomiasis:
The likelihood of progression to chronic schistosomiasis is related to the extent of infestation.
• Chronic schistosomiasis caused by *S. mansoni*, *S. japonicum*, or *S. mekongi* is characterized by fatigue, abdominal pain and intermittent diarrhea or dysentery.
• Colonic polyposis is has been associated with infection by *S. mansoni*, *S. japonicum*, and *S. intercalatum*. [3] Retroperitoneal fibrosis has been reported with *S. japonicum* infection. [4]
• Blood loss from intestinal ulcerations may lead to moderate anemia.
• In *S. mansoni*, *S. japonicum*, and *S. mekongi* infections, ova remain in the venous portal circulation and are carried to the liver where they produce granulomata and fibrosis [5] , and block portal blood flow.
• Portal hypertension and portosystemic collateral circulation result.
• Although liver function tests remain normal for a long time, hepatosplenomegaly and variceal hemorrhage develop.
• The spleen is firm and may reach massive size.
• Fatal hematemesis is unusual.
• Laboratory tests reveal moderate eosinophilia and anemia related to blood loss and hypersplenism.

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• Eventually, hepatic function deteriorates, with late ascites and jaundice.

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Schistosomiasis - mansoni in Ethiopia

The disease is common at elevations of 1,500 to 2,000 meters.

Prevalence surveys:
29% along the shores of Lake Tana (36.3% among children ages 10 to 14) (1996 publication) [33]
1.5% of persons in Akaki town (1989 publication) [34]
19.4% of persons in Harege region (1989 publication) [35]
10% or more in some areas of the southern Rift Valley region (1994 publication) [36]
65.9% of persons living at 4 endemic sites in Ethiopia (2007 publication) [37]
1.9% of banana plantation workers in the middle Awash Valley (1987) [38]
10.61% of patients visiting a health center in the Jimma region (2010 publication) [39]
43.2% of persons in Dudycha village, Lake Ziway region (2005) [40]
16.4% of school children in Amhara National Regional State (1995) [41]
34.6% of school children in Wondo Genet (southern region) (1999) [42]
16.4% of school children in South Gondar (2000 publication) [43]
4.3% of school children in Babile Town, Eastern Ethiopia (2001)
90.6% of school children in Workemado (north of Addis Ababa) and 95.1% in Sille (southwest of Addis Ababa) (2003 to 2004) [44]
95% of school children in Sille and 90.6% in Worke-Mado (2009 publication) [45]
2.4% of children ages 6 to 14 in Gondar (2006 to 2007) [46]
2.5% of HIV-positive patients in the southwestern region (2002) [47]
0.8% of food handlers in Gondar town (2008 publication) [48]

11 American tourists were infected while rafting on the Omo River in 1981; 7 in 1982; 17 in 1993.

Natural infection of baboons (*Papio anubis*) in the Rift valley region has been demonstrated. [49]

Notable outbreaks:
1975 - An outbreak (8 cases) was reported among Dutch tourists to Omo National Park. [50]
1981 - An outbreak (11 cases) was reported among American tourists rafting on the Omo River. [51]

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1982 - An outbreak (7 cases) was reported among American tourists rafting on the Omo River. [52]
1983 - An outbreak (6 cases) was reported among American tourists rafting on the Omo River.
1984 - An outbreak (15 cases) was reported among American students in Kenya - complicated by transverse myelitis in 2 cases. [53]
1988 - An outbreak (16 cases) was reported among American tourists in the Okavango Delta (Botswana). [54] [55]
1989 - An outbreak (7 cases) was reported among American tourists in western Ivory Coast.
1993 - An outbreak (17 cases) was reported among American tourists rafting on the Omo River.
1997 - Outbreaks (10 cases and 8 cases) were reported among Israeli tourists rafting on the Omo River. [56]

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Septic arthritis

Agent	BACTERIUM or FUNGUS. Gram positive cocci most common; gram negative bacilli, gonococci, mycobacteria, fungi, et al
Reservoir	Human
Vector	None
Vehicle	Endogenous
Incubation Period	Variable
Diagnostic Tests	Smear and culture of joint fluid. Cytological and chemical analysis of joint fluid also useful.
Typical Adult Therapy	Antimicrobial agent(s) directed at known or likely pathogen
Typical Pediatric Therapy	As for adult
Clinical Hints	Fever (60% to 80%) associated with swelling, erythema and tenderness (usually single joint, most commonly a knee; elbow or ankle in child); mean fluid leucocyte count in acute bacterial forms = 50,000 / cu mm.
Synonyms	

Clinical

Most cases present with fever, malaise and local findings of warmth, swelling and decreased range of motion. [1] [2]
- Lack of erythema and local warmth are not uncommon.
- The most commonly involved joints are the knee and hip, followed by the shoulder and ankle. [3]
- Non-gonococcal arthritis is mono-articular in 80% to 90% of cases.
- Infection of the costochondral, sternoclavicular and sacroiliac joints is common in intravenous drug users.

Synovial fluid demonstrates low viscosity and turbidity.
- Leucocyte counts usually exceed 50,000 per cu mm.
- Note that leucocytosis, low glucose and high lactate levels are also encountered in some non-infectious forms of arthritis.
- Gram stains are positive in 50% of cases, and cultures in 90%.

Etiological associations:
- Adult below age 30: *Neisseria gonorrhoeae* (often monoarticular involving knee)
- Associated rash: Lyme disease, gonococcemia (often monoarticular, involving knee)
- Child below age 5 years: *Haemophilus influenzae*, *Staphylococcus aureus*, *Streptococcus* spp.
- Chronic arthritis: Tuberculosis, Mycobacteria • nontuberculous, Sporotrichosis and other fungi
- Hematogenous infection: *Staphylococcus aureus*, *Streptococcus pyogenes*
- Injecting drug user: *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* (often sternoclavicular or sacroiliac)
- Traumatic injury to joint: *Staphylococcus aureus*, Enterobacteriaceae, *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*

This disease is endemic or potentially endemic to all countries.

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Septicemia - bacterial

Agent	BACTERIUM. Escherichia coli, Staphylococcus aureus, facultative gram negative bacilli, et al
Reservoir	Human
Vector	None
Vehicle	Endogenous
Incubation Period	Variable
Diagnostic Tests	Culture of blood and sepsis source.
Typical Adult Therapy	Antimicrobial agent(s) directed at known or likely pathogen
Typical Pediatric Therapy	As for adult
Clinical Hints	Fever, rigors, leukocytosis, tachypnea, mental changes; hypotension, acidosis and bleeding diathesis herald septic shock; further signs (eg, urinary infection, phlebitis, etc) may point to the source of infection .
Synonyms	Sepsis, Septicaemia, Septicemia, Septicemie, Septikemie, Setticemia. ICD9: 036.2,036.3,038 ICD10: A40,A41

Clinical

Bacterial septicemia is defined as the presence of signs and symptoms related to bacteremia. [1]
• The clinical spectrum and severity of disease are largely determined by the infecting species, underlying diseases and source of infection.
• Most patients present with fever, tachycardia and leucocytosis, in addition to signs and symptoms referable to a primary infectious focus (eg, urinary tract, abdominal infection, endocarditis, etc).

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Shigellosis

Agent	BACTERIUM. Shigella sonnei, Shigella flexneri, Shigella boydii or Shigella dysenteriae A facultative gram-negative bacillus
Reservoir	Human Non-human primate
Vector	None
Vehicle	Fecal-oral Water Dairy products Fomite Fly Vegetables
Incubation Period	48h - 72h (range 7h - 1w)
Diagnostic Tests	Stool culture.
Typical Adult Therapy	Stool precautions. Choice of antimicrobial agent based on regional susceptibility patterns. Continue treatment for five days
Typical Pediatric Therapy	As for adult
Clinical Hints	Watery or bloody diarrhea, tenesmus, abdominal pain and headache; colonic hyperemia and abundant fecal leucocytes are present; usually resolves in 3 days (may persist for up to 14); case fatality rate = 1%.
Synonyms	Bacillaire dysenterie, Bacillary dysentery, Dissenteria batterica, Dysenteria bacillaris, Leptospirenerkrankung, Ruhr, Shigella, Shigellose, Shigelose, Ubertragbare Ruhr. ICD9: 004 ICD10: A03

Clinical

Acute infection:
Approximately 50% of infections are limited to transient fever or self-limited diarrhea.
• 50% of patients progress to bloody diarrhea and dysentery. [1]
• Fever may rise rapidly to 40 C, and febrile seizures are common in children.
• Seizures rarely recur or result in neurological sequelae.
• Dysentery is characterized by passage of 10 to 30 small-volume stools consisting of blood, mucus, and pus.
• Abdominal cramps and tenesmus are noted, and straining may lead to rectal prolapse, notably in young children. [2]
• On endoscopy, the colonic mucosa is hemorrhagic, with mucous discharge and focal ulcerations. Most lesions are in the distal colon.

Complications:
Patients with mild disease generally recover without specific therapy in two to seven days.
• Severe shigellosis can progress to toxic dilatation or perforation of the colon, which may be fatal.
• Mild dehydration is common, and protein-losing enteropathy can occur with severe disease.
• Complications are most commonly described in developing countries and are related both to the relative prevalence of *S. dysenteriae* type 1 and *S. flexneri*, and the poor nutritional state of the local populations.
• *Shigella* bacteremia is not uncommon, and is associated with increased mortality, particularly among infants below one year of age and persons with protein-energy malnutrition.
• Hemolytic-uremic syndrome (HUS) may complicate shigellosis due to *S. dysenteriae* type 1, and usually develops toward the end of the first week of shigellosis. [3] [4]
• Profound hyponatremia and hypoglycemia may occur.
• Other complications include encephalopathy [5], seizures, altered consciousness, and bizarre posturing, pneumonia [6], meningitis, vaginitis, keratoconjunctivitis [7], pneumonia and "rose spots."
• Reiter's syndrome is seen in patients having histocompatibility antigen HLA-B27. [8] [9]
• Reactive arthritis follows 7% to 10% of *Shigella* infections. [10-12]

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Shigellosis in Ethiopia

Prevalence surveys:
8.5% of patients visiting a university hospital with diarrhea (same frequency in HIV-positive and -negative patients)

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(Gondar, 2007 publication) [13]

5.8% of outpatients with diarrhea (Addis Ababa, 2003 publication) [14]

7.5% of acute diarrhea in Gondar - *Shigella flexneri* 72.2% of cases, *S. dysenteriae* 10.0%, *S. boydii* 8.9% and *S. sonnei* 8.9% (2006 to 2008) [15]

9% of adults with diarrhea (Addis Ababa, 1985 publication) [16]

3.5% of diarrhea among persons in a rehabilitation camp in Korem (1985) [17]

6.9% of Ethiopian immigrants hospitalized in Israel (1986 publication) [18]

11.7% of children hospitalized with diarrhea (Addis Ababa, 1992 to 1993) [19]

13.1% of HIV-positive patients with diarrhea (Jimma, 2001) [20]

Shigella was found on the hands of 3.1% of food handlers in Gondar town (2008 publication) [21]

Shigella flexneri accounts for 54.0% of *Shigella* isolates (2008 publication). [22]

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Sinusitis

Agent	BACTERIUM. Various (Haemophilus influenzae & Streptococcus pneumoniae in most acute cases)
Reservoir	Human
Vector	None
Vehicle	None
Incubation Period	Variable
Diagnostic Tests	Imaging techniques. Culture of sinus drainage.
Typical Adult Therapy	Antimicrobial agent(s) directed at likely pathogens. Drainage as indicated
Typical Pediatric Therapy	As for adult
Clinical Hints	Sinusitis often follows upper respiration infections; headache, fever and local tenderness are common, however the precise presentation varies with patient age and anatomic localization.
Synonyms	Acute sinusitis, Mastoidite, Mastoiditis, Rhinosinusitis, Sinusite. ICD9: 473.9,383.0,461 ICD10: H70,J01

Clinical

Acute community-acquired bacterial sinusitis is usually superimposed on preexisting viral sinusitis.
• In most cases, it is not possible to distinguish between viral and bacterial infections.
• Sneezing, nasal discharge and obstruction, facial pressure and headache are common in both conditions. [1]
• Fever of 38C or more, facial pain, and erythema occur may occasionally herald bacterial infections.
• The nasal discharge may be colored in both viral and bacterial sinusitis.
• Cough and hyposmia may also be present.

Sinusitis following dental infection is associated with molar pain and a foul breath odor.
• Sphenoid sinusitis is associated with severe frontal, temporal, or retroorbital headache that radiates to the occipital region; and hypesthesia or hyperesthesia of the ophthalmic or maxillary dermatomes of the fifth cranial nerve.
• Lethargy and findings suggestive of cavernous sinus or cortical vein thrombosis, orbital cellulitis or orbital abscess may also be present.
• In severe cases of frontal sinusitis, pus may collect under the periosteum of the frontal bone resulting in a 'Pott puffy tumor.'

Rare instances of toxic shock syndrome have followed sinusitis. [2]

This disease is endemic or potentially endemic to all countries.

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Smallpox

Agent	VIRUS - DNA. Poxviridae, Orthopoxvirus: Variola virus
Reservoir	Human
Vector	None
Vehicle	Contact Infected secretions Fomite
Incubation Period	7d - 17d
Diagnostic Tests	Culture and electron microscopy of skin lesions. Serology. Nucleic acid amplification. Biosafety level 3.
Typical Adult Therapy	Isolation; supportive. Cidofovir is effective in vitro
Typical Pediatric Therapy	As for adult
Vaccine	Smallpox
Clinical Hints	Fever, myalgia, headache, pustular or hemorrhagic rash; disease resolves in 2 to 3 weeks; case-fatality rate = 25% for severe form (variola major) and 1% for minor form; last naturally-acquired case reported in Somalia in 1977.
Synonyms	Alastrim, Eczema vaccinatum, Kopper, Smallpox, Vailo, Variola, Variola minor, Varioloid. ICD9: 050 ICD10: B03

Clinical

Acute infection: [1] [2]
12 to 14 days after exposure (range 7 to 17 days), the patient experiences a 2 to 3 day prodrome of high fever, malaise, prostration and severe headache and backache.
• This "preeruptive stage" is followed by the appearance of a maculopapular rash (i.e., eruptive stage) that progresses to papules within one to two days.
• Vesicles appear on the fourth or fifth day; pustules by the seventh day; and scab lesions on the fourteenth day.
• The rash first appears on the oral mucosa, face, and forearms; and then spreads to the trunk and legs. [3]
• The palms and soles may also be involved.
• Skin lesions are deeply embedded in the dermis and feel like firm round objects in the skin.
• As the lesions heal, the scabs separate and pitted scarring gradually develops.
• Patients are most infectious during the first week of the rash when the oral mucosa lesions ulcerate and release large amounts of virus into the saliva.
• A patient is no longer infectious after all scabs have separated (3 to 4 weeks after the onset of the rash).
• Rare instances of bone involvement (osteomyelitis variolosa) are described. [4] [5]
• During the smallpox era, overall mortality rates were approximately 30%.

Other less common but more severe forms of smallpox include
• a) flat-type smallpox (mortality rate over 96%) characterized by severe toxemia and flat, velvety, confluent lesions that did not progress to the pustular stage or scaring
• b) hemorrhagic smallpox, characterized by severe prodromal symptoms, toxemia, and a hemorrhagic rash.

Hemorrhagic smallpox is uniformly fatal and occur among all ages and in both sexes, but pregnant women appear to be unusually susceptible.
• Illness usually begins with a somewhat shorter incubation period and is characterized by high fever and pain in the head, back, and abdomen.
• Soon thereafter, a dusky erythema develops, followed by petechiae and frank hemorrhages into the skin and mucous membranes.
• Death usually occurs by the fifth or sixth day after onset of rash.

Variola minor is generally less severe, with fewer constitutional symptoms and a more sparse rash.
• A milder form of disease is also seen among those who have residual immunity from previous vaccination.
• In partially immune persons, the rash tends to be atypical and more scant and the evolution of the lesions more rapid.

Disseminated herpes simplex in patients with eczema (Eczema herpeticum) may resemble smallpox. [6]

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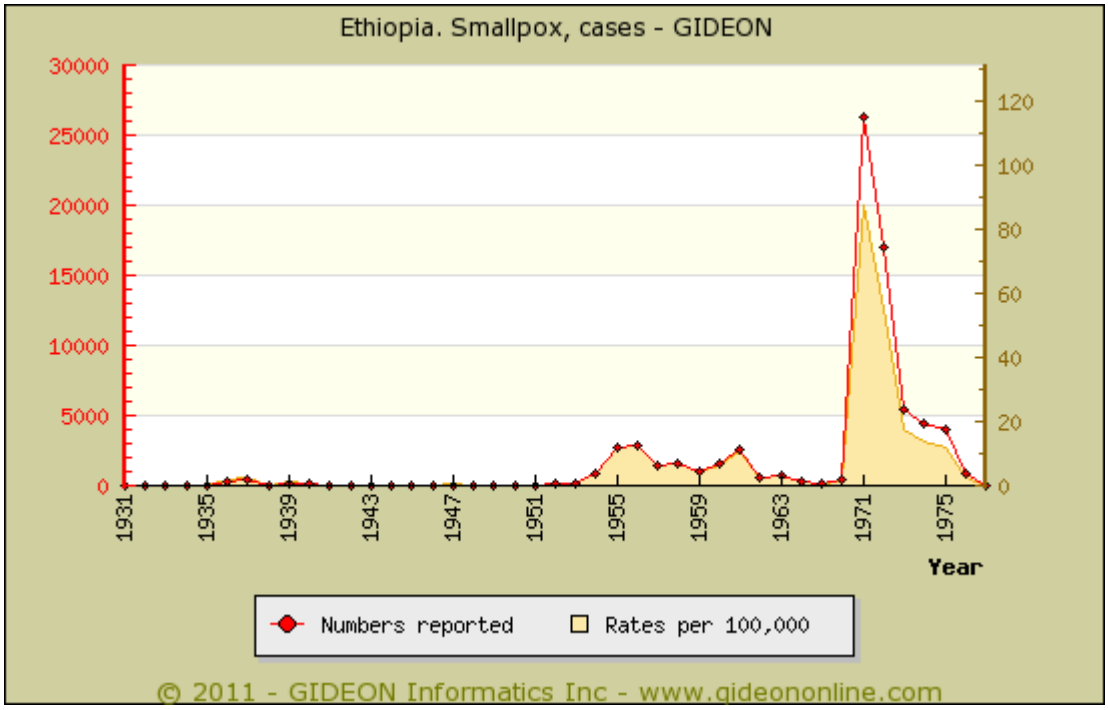
This disease is not currently endemic to any country. Although Smallpox is not endemic to Ethiopia, imported, expatriate or other presentations of the disease have been associated with this country.

Smallpox in Ethiopia



Graph: Ethiopia. Smallpox, cases

54,991 cases of variola minor (838 fatal) were reported during 1971 to 1976.

Indigenous transmission ended in 1976. [7] [8]

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Sparganosis

Agent	PARASITE - Platyhelminthes, Cestoda. Pseudophyllidea, Diphyllobothriidae: Spirometra spp.
Reservoir	Copepod - to bird, amphibian or reptile
Vector	None
Vehicle	Water Undercooked reptile or amphibian meat
Incubation Period	20d - 3y
Diagnostic Tests	Identification of parasite in tissue.
Typical Adult Therapy	Excision
Typical Pediatric Therapy	As for adult
Clinical Hints	Painful or pruritic nodules and eosinophilia; worm present in skin, eye, brain or other foci and may survive for over five years.
Synonyms	

Clinical

The worm usually lodges in subcutaneous tissue or muscle in the chest, abdominal wall, extremities, or scrotum.
• Infection typically presents as a nodular mass, swelling and painful edema.
• Orbital sparganosis is also common.
• 35 cases of sparganosis of the breast were identified in the literature as of 2010. [1]
• Less common sites have included the urinary tract, pleura, pericardium, brain [2] [3] , spinal canal, scrotum [4] [5] and abdominal viscera.
• Spinal disease may present as a lumbar radiculopathy [6]
• Cerebral sparganosis may mimic tuberculosis [7]
• Genital sparganosis presents as a palpable subcutaneous nodule in the groin, labia, or scrotum and may mimic a tumor in the epididymis and testis or hydrocoele. [8] [9]
• The patient may notice "lumps" which appear and then spontaneously disappears, over a period of weeks to months.
• The overlying skin is redness and pruritic, and local bleeding or necrosis may occur.

This disease is endemic or potentially endemic to 48 countries.

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Sporotrichosis

Agent	FUNGUS. Ascomycota, Euascomycetes, Ophiostomatales: Sporothrix schenckii, S. brasiliensis and S. globosa A dimorphic dematiaceous fungus
Reservoir	Soil Vegetation Wood
Vector	None
Vehicle	Trauma Contact Air (rare)
Incubation Period	1w - 3m
Diagnostic Tests	Fungal culture. Serologic tests available in some centers.
Typical Adult Therapy	Itraconazole 100 to 200 mg PO daily X 3 to 6 months. OR Fluconazole 400 mg PO daily X 6 months. OR Potassium iodide 1 to 5 ml PO TID X 3 to 6 months
Typical Pediatric Therapy	Itraconazole 2 mg/kg PO daily X 3 to 6 months. OR Fluconazole 3 mg/kg PO daily X 6 months.
Clinical Hints	Draining nodules which follow lymphatics; acquired from contact with flowers, thorns, trees or other plant material; eye, brain, testis, bone and other tissues may be involved.
Synonyms	Schenck's disease, Sporothrix brasiliensis, Sporothrix globosa, Sporothrix schenckii, Sporotrichose. ICD9: 117.1 ICD10: B42

Clinical

Clinical forms of sporotrichosis:

Cutaneous sporotrichosis begins as a painless erythematous papule which enlarges and suppurates, without systemic symptoms. [1]
- Multiple lesions may spread along lymphatic channels. [2]
- Occasionally only a single lesion appears, and may persist for decades.
- Bilateral infection may occur. [3]
- Hematogenous infection of multiple skin sites has also been described.
- In some cases, ulcers appear on multiple body sites. [4]

Nodular lymphadenitis is also seen in *Nocardia brasiliensis* infection, tularemia, *Mycobacterium marinum* infection, and infections caused by *Leishmania panamensis/guyanensis* [5] [6]
- Lesions of sporotrichosis may rarely mimic those of pyoderma gangrenosum. [7]

Pulmonary sporotrichosis characteristically presents as a single upper lobe cavity associated with cough and low-grade fever.
- Multifocal lung lesions have also been reported. [8]

Osteoarticular sporotrichosis is characterized by infection of a large peripheral joint [9] • hip and shoulder involvement is not encountered.
- Most patients are afebrile when first seen.
- Occasionally, the infection presents as tenosynovitis, usually of the wrist or ankle.

Other forms include conjunctival infection [10] [11] , hematogenous endophthalmitis, brain abscess, soft tissue mass [12] , meningitis [13] , orchitis, etc. [14]

This disease is endemic or potentially endemic to all countries.

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Spotted fevers - Old World

Agent	BACTERIUM. Rickettsia conorii subsp. Conorii R. aeschlimannii, R. helvetica, R. massiliae, R. monacensis, R. slovaka
Reservoir	Dog Rodent Tick
Vector	Tick (Rhipicephalus sanguineus)
Vehicle	None
Incubation Period	6d - 7d (range 3d - 18d)
Diagnostic Tests	Serology. Demonstration of rickettsiae by immunofluorescence or culture. Nucleic acid amplification.
Typical Adult Therapy	Doxycycline 100 mg PO BID X 3 to 5d. OR Chloramphenicol 500 mg PO QID X 3 to 5d
Typical Pediatric Therapy	Doxycycline 2 mg/kg PO BID X 3 to 5d (maximum 200 mg/day). OR Chloramphenicol 10 mg/kg PO QID X 3 to 5d
Clinical Hints	Headache, myalgia, maculopapular rash; an eschar may be identifiable; patient may recall tick bite or dog contact during the preceding 1 to 3 weeks; untreated disease resolves within two weeks; case-fatality rates of 2% to 3% are reported.
Synonyms	Boutonneuse fever, Candidatus Rickettsia kellyi, DEBONEL, Febre escaro-nodular, Febre escaronodular, Indian tick typhus, Kenya tick typhus, Marseilles fever, Mediterranean spotted fever, R. aeschlimannii, Rickettsia aeschlimannii, Rickettsia conorii subsp conorii, Rickettsia conorii subsp indica, Rickettsia helvetica, Rickettsia massiliae, Rickettsia monacensis, Rickettsia raoultii, Rickettsia slovaca, Thai spotted fever, TIBOLA, Tick-borne lymphadenopathy. ICD9: 082.1 ICD10: A77.1

Clinical

The clinical features of Mediterranean spotted fever (MSM) are similar to those of Rocky Mountain spotted fever (q.v.); however, an eschar ("tache noire") and diffuse distribution of the rash characterize MSM. [1] [2]
• Hepatomegaly, elevation of serum transaminase levels and splenomegaly are common. [3]
• Complications may include meningitis with CSF pleocytosis (either lymphocytic or polymorphonuclear), encephalitis [4] [5], renal failure, myocarditis, bleeding diatheses, splenic rupture [6], hemophagocytic syndrome [7] and retinitis. [8]
• There is evidence that Israeli spotted fever is more virulent than Mediterranean spotted fever. [9]

Spotted fever in India differs from the Mediterranean form in that the rash is often purpuric, and an inoculation eschar at the bite site is rarely found. [10]
• The clinical course is mild to moderately severe.

A syndrome of Dermacentor-borne necrosis with erythema and painful lymphadenopathy (DEBONEL) described in Spain has been ascribed to possible infection by *Rickettsia slovaca*. [11] [12]
• This syndrome appears to be identical to Tick-borne lymphadenopathy (TIBOLA), reported in Hungary. [13]
• Clinical features may include fever, dermal eschar, lymphadenopathy, facial edema, rash, headache, asthenia and alopecia.

Rickettsia helvetica has been implicated in cases of mild flu-like illness (myalgia, arthralgia, headache, conjunctivitis) without rash, in Denmark, Italy, France and Thailand; and in myocarditis reported from Sweden. [14]

Rickettsia monacensis infection has been associated with headache, joint pain, a nonpruritic, disseminated maculopapular rash of the trunk and lower extremities, including palms and soles.
• An inoculation site eschar is not reported.

This disease is endemic or potentially endemic to 103 countries.

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Staphylococcal food poisoning

Agent	BACTERIUM. Staphylococcus aureus exotoxins
Reservoir	Human (nares, hands) Occasionally cattle (udder)
Vector	None
Vehicle	Food (creams, gravies, sauces)
Incubation Period	2h - 4h (range 30 min - 9h)
Diagnostic Tests	Identification of bacterium in food.
Typical Adult Therapy	Supportive
Typical Pediatric Therapy	As for adult
Clinical Hints	'Explosive' diarrhea and vomiting; usually no fever; no fecal leucocytes; onset 1 to 6 hours after food; resolves within 1 to 2 days; fatality is rare.
Synonyms	Staphylococcus aureus food poisoning. ICD9: 005.0 ICD10: A05.0

Clinical

Usually symptoms start within several hours of ingestion of potentially contaminated foods
• Illness is heralded by nausea, vomiting and intestinal cramping, followed by urgency and profuse watery non-bloody diarrhea.
• Symptoms resolve within 12 to 24 hours.
• Multiple family members or patrons of the same eating establishment may be affected.
• The presence of both explosive diarrhea and vomiting, lack of fever and short incubation period are helpful in distinguishing this entity from other forms of food poisoning.

This disease is endemic or potentially endemic to all countries.

Staphylococcal food poisoning in Ethiopia

Staphylococcus aureus was found on the hands of 16.5% of food handlers in Gondar town (2008 publication) [1]

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Staphylococcal scalded skin syndrome

Agent	BACTERIUM. Staphylococcus aureus phage group 2 A facultative gram-positive coccus
Reservoir	Human
Vector	None
Vehicle	Direct contact; infected secretions
Incubation Period	1d - 4d
Diagnostic Tests	Typical clinical features; Recovery of S. aureus from localized wound or blood ; skin biopsy may be helpful
Typical Adult Therapy	Fluid replacement (as for burn) ; Intravenous Nafcillin or Oxacillin, in addition to application of anti-staphylococcal drug to local source infection; Vancomycin if MRSA
Typical Pediatric Therapy	Fluid replacement (as for thermal burn) ; Intravenous Nafcillin or Oxacillin, in addition to application of anti-staphylococcal drug to local source infection; Vancomycin if MRSA
Clinical Hints	Acute, generalized exfoliative dermatitis which occurs primarily in infants and young children; a pre-existing localized skin infection is present in most - but not all - cases.
Synonyms	Lyell disease, Ritter disease, Ritter von Ritterschein disease, Scalded skin syndrome, SSSS. ICD9: 695.81 ICD10: L00

Clinical

Staphylococcal scalded skin syndrome (SSSS) is characterized by diffuse erythematous cellulitis followed by extensive skin exfoliation. [1] [2]

- Generalized erythema and then bulla formation with separation of the skin at the granular cell layer. [3] [4]
- A warm, 'sandpaper' erythema with accentuation in the flexor creases may mimic scarlet fever; while the presence of flaccid bullae and Nikolsky sign may suggest pemphigus. [5]
- Skin biopsy can be used to differential SSSS from Toxic epidermal necrolysis. [6]
- Facial edema and perioral crusting are often present.

Dehydration may indicate fluid loss (as in thermal burns)

- Complete recovery occurs in most cases, within one to two weeks. [7]
- The case-fatality rate in uncomplicated SSSS is less than 2%.
- Rare instances of recurrence have been reported [8]
- Staphylococcal septicemia complicates SSSS in a minority of cases.

This disease is endemic or potentially endemic to all countries.

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Streptococcus suis infection

Agent	BACTERIUM. Streptococcus suis I and Streptococcus suis II A facultative gram-positive coccus
Reservoir	Pig
Vector	None
Vehicle	Air Secretions Meat Local wounds
Incubation Period	Unknown. Probably hours to few days
Diagnostic Tests	Culture of blood, tissue, body fluids
Typical Adult Therapy	Systemic antibiotic. Usually susceptible in vitro to Penicillin, Amoxicillin, Chloramphenicol and Gentamicin
Typical Pediatric Therapy	Systemic antibiotic
Clinical Hints	Severe multisystem disease, hemorrhagic diatheses, deafness or meningitis appearing hours to a few days after contact with pigs or pig products.
Synonyms	Streptococcus suis. ICD9: 027.8 ICD10: A48.8

Clinical

Demography:
Virtually all patients have been farmers and butchers, of whom 80 percent were men.
• Most had been involved in butchering sick pigs or selling the pork.
• Over 40 percent of the patients were in the age group 50 to 60 years, and none were children. [1]

Signs and symptoms:
• Clinical features of *Streptococcus suis* II infection include high fever, malaise, nausea and vomiting • followed by meningitis, subcutaneous hemorrhage, multi-organ failure (hepatic, renal, pulmonary, cardiac) and coma in severe cases. [2] [3]
• Toxic shock syndrome is common. [4]
• Sensorineural hearing loss is often present. [5] [6]
• Peritonitis [7], endocarditis [8] [9], mycotic aortic aneurysm [10], rhabdomyolysis [11], spondylodiscitis [12], salcroiliitis [13], monoarthritis [14] [15], endophthalmitis [16] and cranial nerve palsy [17] have been reported.
• Persons with occupational exposure may exhibit asymptomatic seropositivity toward *S. suis*. [18]
• Relapses of meningitis may occur. [19]

This disease is endemic or potentially endemic to 227 countries.

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Strongyloidiasis

Agent	PARASITE - Nematoda. Phasmidea: Strongyloides stercoralis (Strongyloides fulleborni is occasionally implicated in systemic disease)
Reservoir	Human ? Dog Monkey (for Strongyloides fulleborni)
Vector	None
Vehicle	Skin contact Soil Feces Autoinfection Sexual contact (rare)
Incubation Period	14d - 30d
Diagnostic Tests	Identification of larvae (or ova, for Strongyloides fulleborni) in stool or duodenal aspirate
Typical Adult Therapy	Ivermectin 200 micrograms/kg/d PO daily X 2d OR Thiabendazole 25 mg/kg BID (max 3g) X 2d OR Albendazole 400 mg/d X 3d (7 days for hyperinfection syndrome)
Typical Pediatric Therapy	Ivermectin 200 micrograms/kg/d PO daily X 2d OR Thiabendazole 25 mg/kg BID (max 3g) X 2d. OR Albendazole 200 mg/d X 3d (7 days for hyperinfection syndrome)
Clinical Hints	Diarrhea, gluteal or perineal pruritus and rash; eosinophilia often present; widespread dissemination encountered among immune-suppressed patients because of uncontrolled autoinfection (case-fatality rate for this complication = 80%).
Synonyms	Anguilluliasis, Anguillulosis, Cochin China gastroenteritis, Diploscapter, Halicephalobus, Halicephalobus, Larva currens, Leptodera intestinals, Leptodera stercoralis, Micronema, Pseudo-rhabdis stercoralis, Rhabditis stercoralis, Rhabdonema intestinale, Rhabdonema stercoralis, Strongyloides fulleborni, Strongyloides stercoralis, Strongyloidose, Threadworm, Turbatrix. ICD9: 127.2 ICD10: B78

Clinical

Gastrointestinal strongyloidiasis:
The symptoms of strongyloidiasis reflect invasion of the skin, larval migration of larvae intestinal penetration.
• Approximately one third of patients are asymptomatic.
• Dermal and pulmonary symptoms resemble those of hookworm [1] , pruritic papular or linear urticarial rash (larva currens [2] [3]) and a Loeffler-like syndrome.
• Intestinal penetration is characterized by abdominal pain, mucous diarrhea and eosinophilia. [4]
• Vomiting, weight loss, protein-losing enteropathy and inappropriate ADH excretion [5] are occasionally encountered.
• Intestinal obstruction has been reported. [6] [7]
• Findings in colonic infection may mimic those of ulcerative colitis. [8]

Generalized strongyloidiasis:
5 to 22% of patients develop a generalized or localized urticarial rash beginning in the anal region and extending to the buttocks, abdomen, and thighs.
• Extraintestinal infection may involve a wide variety of organs. [9-12]
• Autoinfection is characterized by massive larval invasion of the lungs and other organs.
• Massive systemic strongyloidiasis occurs in patients with lymphoma, leukemia and AIDS; and during high-dose therapy with corticosteroids. [13]
• Findings include generalized abdominal pain, concurrent gram-negative bacillary septicemia (55% of cases) [14] , bilateral diffuse pulmonary infiltrates and ileus.
• Hyperinfection may mimic acute exacerbation of COPD [15]
• Eosinophilia may be present or absent at this stage; and rare instances of eosinophilic meningitis have been reported. [16]
• An outbreak of hyperinfection strongyloidiasis has been reported among immune-suppressed renal transplant recipients. [17]
• *Strongyloides stercoralis* is the only helminth responsible for disseminated infection in immunocompromised patients. [18]

Strongyloides fulleborni infection is usually asymptomatic.

Strongyloides fulleborni kellyi infection [19] is most common among infants, and consist of abdominal distention, mild diarrhea and protein-losing enteropathy.
• Respiratory distress may occur, and is associated with a characteristic high-pitched cry.

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This disease is endemic or potentially endemic to all countries.

Strongyloidiasis in Ethiopia

Prevalence surveys:

5.1% of HIV-positive patients in the southwestern region (2002) [20]
12.0% of HIV-positive patients in southern Ethiopia (2007) [21]
11.5% of stool samples from HIV/AIDS patients in southwest Ethiopia (2004) [22]
13.0% of sugar estate workers in the central region (2000 publication) [23]
3.9% of banana plantation workers in the middle Awash Valley (1987) [24]
2.9% of persons in the southern Rift Valley region (1994 publication) [25]
3.1% of food handlers in Gondar town (2008 publication) [26]

Four cases (3 fatal) of *Strongyloides* hyperinfection among Ethiopian immigrants were treated at a hospital in Israel. (2009 publication). [27]

Non-biting cyclorrhaphan flies (*Musca domestica*, *Chrysomya rufifacies*, *Musca sorbens*, *Lucina cuprina*, *Calliphora vicina*, *Chrysomya bezziana* and *Wohlfahrtia magnifica*) have been found to carry this parasite. [28]
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Subdural empyema

Agent	BACTERIUM. Haemophilus influenzae, oral anaerobes, streptococci, et al
Reservoir	Human
Vector	None
Vehicle	Endogenous
Incubation Period	Variable
Diagnostic Tests	Imaging techniques (CT scan, etc).
Typical Adult Therapy	Antimicrobial agent(s) directed at known or likely pathogen
Typical Pediatric Therapy	As for adult
Clinical Hints	Fever, severe headache, vomiting, and signs of meningeal irritation and increased cerebrospinal fluid pressure; may follow head trauma, meningitis, otitis or sinusitis; case-fatality rate 15% (alert) to 60% (comatose).
Synonyms	

Clinical

Most patients present with headache, meningismus, decreased mental status and hemiparesis. [1]
• In 60 to 90% of cases, sinusitis or otitis is present.
• Extension of the infection into the subdural space is heralded by fever, focal and later generalized headache, vomiting, and meningismus. [2]
• 50% of patients exhibit altered mental function.
• Focal neurological signs appear within 24 to 48 hours, and rapidly progress to hemispheric dysfunction with hemiparesis and hemisensory deficit.
• Seizures, usually focal, occur in 50% of cases, and papilledema in less than 50%.
• Signs of increased intracranial pressure appear, leading to cerebral herniation and death.
• Chronic and even sterile subdural collections are also encountered, often following antibiotic therapy.

This disease is endemic or potentially endemic to all countries.

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Suppurative parotitis

Agent	BACTERIUM. Most commonly Staphylococcus aureus
Reservoir	Human
Vector	None
Vehicle	Endogenous
Incubation Period	Unknown
Diagnostic Tests	Clinical features (local swelling and purulent discharge from salivary ducts). Stain and culture of discharge.
Typical Adult Therapy	Surgical drainage and aggressive parenteral antistaphylococcal therapy
Typical Pediatric Therapy	As for adult
Clinical Hints	Consider when confronted by unexplained fever in the setting of malnutrition, dehydration and obtundation; local swelling and discharge of pus from salivary duct are diagnostic.
Synonyms	Parotitis, bacterial. ICD9: 527.2 ICD10: K11.3

Clinical

Suppurative parotitis is characterized by the sudden onset of firm, erythematous swelling of the pre• and post auricular areas, extending to the angle of the mandible. [1]
• Marked pain and tenderness is accompanied by high fever, chills and marked toxicity.
• Pus may be seen exiting from the parotid duct.
• Progression of the disease can result in massive swelling of the neck, respiratory obstruction, septicemia, fistula formation [2] and osteomyelitis of the adjacent facial bones.
• The condition should be suspected in any patient with unexplained or prolonged fever.

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Syphilis

Agent	BACTERIUM. Treponema pallidum subsp. pallidum A microaerophilic gram-negative spirochete
Reservoir	Human
Vector	None
Vehicle	Sexual contact Infected secretions
Incubation Period	2w - 4w (range 10d - >8w)
Diagnostic Tests	Dark field microscopy (chancre). VDRL confirmed by antitreponemal test (FTA, MHTP). Nucleic acid amplification.
Typical Adult Therapy	Primary, secondary or early (< 1 year) latent: Benzathine Penicillin G 2.4 million units IM Other stages: Repeat dosage at one and two weeks Alternatives: Tetracycline, Ceftriaxone
Typical Pediatric Therapy	Primary, secondary or early (< 1 year) latent: Benzathine Penicillin G : Weight <14 kg: 600,000u IM Weight 14 to 28 kg: 1,200,000u IM Other stages: Repeat dosage at one and two weeks
Clinical Hints	Firm, painless chancre (primary syphilis); later fever, papulosquamous rash and multisystem infection (secondary syphilis); late lesions of brain, aorta, bone or other organs (tertiary syphilis).
Synonyms	Canton rash, Chinese ulcer, Christian disease, French disease, German sickness, Harde sjanker, Lues, Neopolitan itch, Polish sickness, Sifilide, Sifilis, Spanish pockes, Syfilis, Treponema pallidum. ICD9: 090,091,092,093,094,095,096,097 ICD10: A50,A51,A52,A53

Clinical

WHO Case definition for surveillance:
The signs and symptoms of syphilis are multiple.
• The primary stage usually, but not necessarily, involves ulceration of the external genital organs and local lymphadenopathy; secondary and tertiary syphilis show mainly dermatological and systemic manifestations. For surveillance purposes, only confirmed cases will be considered.
Confirmed case
• A person with a confirmed positive serology for syphilis (Rapid Plasma Reagin (RPR) or VDRL confirmed by TPHA (*Treponema pallidum* hemagglutination antibodies) or FTA (fluorescent treponemal antibody absorption).
Case classification
• Congenital syphilis: An infant with a positive serology, whether or not the mother had a positive serology during pregnancy.
• Acquired syphilis: All others.
Additional notes:
• The prevalence rate among pregnant women in developing countries varies between 3% and 19%. Maternal syphilis is associated with congenital syphilis (one third of births from such pregnancies), and with spontaneous abortion and stillbirth.
• Because the primary lesion is often painless and secondary syphilis is usually not diagnosed, women are mainly identified through serological screening.

Syphilis is a chronic disease with a waxing and waning course; and is reported from all countries.
• Transmission is mainly by sexual contact.
• Primary, secondary, and early latent syphilis are potentially infectious.

Stages of syphilis:

• Primary syphilis is characterized by a painless chancre at the site of inoculation. [1] Penile swelling without an overt chancre has also been reported. [2]
• The secondary stage is characterized by a generalized (rarely localized [3] non-pruritic polymorphic [4-6] or papulonecrotic [7] rash , lymphadenopathy, and systemic manifestations. Moist flat genital or mucosal lesions (condyloma lata) may be evident. [8]
• An asymptomatic latent period follows, which for epidemiological purposes is divided into early (<1 year) and late (>1 year) stages.
• The tertiary stage is the most destructive and is marked by cardiovascular [9] and neurological sequelae [10-13] , and gummatous involvement of any organ system. [14]
• As of 2009, the world's literature contained 165 reports of cerebral syphilitic gummata • 64% in men and 66% located on the cerebral convexities. [15]
• Syphilitic uveitis may present in the absence or other clinical manifestations of syphilis. [16] Eye disease may also present

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as posterior placoid chorioretinitis [17] 143 cases of syphilitic uveitis were reported in the English Language literature during 1984 to 2008. [18]

Congenital infection is reminiscent of secondary syphilis, and may be associated with deformation of teeth, bones and other structures.

Acquired syphilis in patients with HIV infection is characterized by severe and accelerated infection, often with overt meningitis, hepatitis, lues maligna (a florid papulopustular rash) [19] and other forms of systemic involvement. [20-28]
• The presence of concurrent syphilis does not affect the progression of AIDS. [29]

This disease is endemic or potentially endemic to all countries.

Syphilis in Ethiopia

Seroprevalence surveys:

3% of female blood donors and 4.5% of male blood donors
10.6% (male) to 11.3% (female) blood donors in Gondar (1989 to 1993) [30]
12.8% of male blood donors and 20.9% of soldiers in Gondar (1995)
1.3% of blood donors in Gondar (2003 to 2007) [31]
8.8% of pregnant women in 1993
2.9%of pregnant women in 1997 (Addis Ababa) [32]
1.3% of pregnant women in 2001 (inner city, ages 15 to 21) [33]
1% of pregnant women attending a hospital antenatal clinic; 9.6% were seropositive to HIV-1, and 0.2% were seropositive to both syphilis and HIV-1. (Gondar, 2005) [34]
2.3% of pregnant women in Gondar (2008 publication) [35]
35% to 39% of women attending family planning clinics in Addis Ababa (1997 publication) [36]
17.6% of women attending antenatal clinics (1983 publication) [37]
37% of CSW in Addis Ababa (1991 to 1994)
62% of CSW (1994 publication) [38]

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Taeniasis

Agent	PARASITE - Platyhelminthes, Cestoda. Cyclophyllidea, Taeniidae: Taenia solium & T. saginata (other species occasionally encountered)
Reservoir	Cattle Pig
Vector	None
Vehicle	Meat
Incubation Period	6w - 14w
Diagnostic Tests	Identification of ova or proglottids in feces.
Typical Adult Therapy	Praziquantel 10 mg/kg PO as single dose OR Niclosamide 2 g PO once
Typical Pediatric Therapy	Praziquantel 10 mg/kg PO as single dose OR Niclosamide 50 mg/kg PO once
Clinical Hints	Vomiting and weight loss; often symptomatic or first appreciated due to passage of proglottids or 'tape' segments; parasite may survive for over 25 years in the human intestine.
Synonyms	Bandwurmer [Taenia], Drepanidotaenia, Gordiid worm, Hair snake, Mesocestoides, Raillietina, Taenia longihamatus, Taenia saginata, Taenia solium, Taenia taeniaformis, Taeniarhynchiasis, Tapeworm (pork or beef), Tenia. ICD9: 123.0,123.2 ICD10: B68

Clinical

Most infestations are subclinical.

Symptomatic taeniasis may be associated with nausea, vomiting, epigastric fullness, weight loss or diarrhea. [1]
• *Taenia saginata* often becomes apparent when motile proglottids are passed through the anus; however, this is uncommon with *T. solium* infestations.
• Eosinophilia is not a prominent finding.
• Rare complications include appendicitis, cholangitis, pancreatitis or intestinal obstruction. [2]
• The major complication of *T. solium* infection, Cysticercosis, is discussed separately in this module.

This disease is endemic or potentially endemic to all countries.

Taeniasis in Ethiopia

Prevalence surveys:

4.5% of sugar estate workers in the central region (*Taenia saginata*, 2000 publication) [3]
3.5% of banana plantation workers in the middle Awash Valley (1987) [4]
8.1% of persons in the southern Rift Valley region (1994 publication) [5]
3.2% of persons in Akaki town (*Taenia saginata*, 1989 publication) [6]
5.8% of persons in Harege region (1989 publication) [7]
1.3% of HIV-positive patients in the southwestern region (2002) [8]
26.26% of cattle slaughtered in Awassa (bovine cysticercosis, 2005 to 2006) [9]
18.72% of male and 15.82% of female cattle slaughtered in Amhara State (bovine cysticercosis, 2005 to 2007) [10]
7.5% of cattle slaughtered in Addis Ababa (bovine cysticercosis, 2004 to 2005) [11]
11.3% of cattle slaughtered in Wolaita Soddo (bovine cysticercosis, 2007 to 2008) [12]

Non-biting cyclorrhaphan flies (*Musca domestica*, *Chrysomya rufifacies*, *Musca sorbens*, *Lucina cuprina*, *Calliphora vicina*, *Chrysomya bezziana* and *Wohlfahrtia magnifica*) have been found to carry this parasite. [13]
- *Taenia* ova have been identified on cyclorhaphan flies (Diptera) in slum areas of Addis Ababa [14]

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Tetanus

Agent	BACTERIUM. Clostridium tetani An anaerobic gram-positive bacillus
Reservoir	Animal feces Soil
Vector	None
Vehicle	Injury
Incubation Period	6d - 8d (range 1d - 90d)
Diagnostic Tests	Isolation of C. tetani from wound is rarely helpful. Serology (specimen taken before administration of antitoxin).
Typical Adult Therapy	Human antitoxin (see Vaccine module). Metronidazole (2 g daily) or Penicillin G (24 million u daily) or Doxycycline (200 mg daily). Diazepam (30 to 240 mg daily). Tracheostomy, hyperalimentation
Typical Pediatric Therapy	Human antitoxin (see Vaccine module). Metronidazole (30 mg/kg daily); or Penicillin G (300,000 units/kilo daily). Diazepam. Tracheostomy, hyperalimentation
Vaccines	DT DTaP DTP Td Tetanus immune globulin Tetanus
Clinical Hints	Trismus, facial spasm, opisthotonus, tachycardia and recurrent tonic spasms of skeletal muscle; sensorium is clear; disease may persist for 4 to 6 weeks; case fatality rate = 10% to 40%.
Synonyms	Lockjaw, Starrkrampf, Stelkramp, Tetano, Tetanos. ICD9: 037,771.3 ICD10: A33,A34,A35

Clinical

Tetanus may present in any of four clinical forms: generalized, localized, cephalic, and neonatal. [1]
• In general, shorter incubation periods are associated with a worse prognosis.
• Certain portals of entry (compound fractures) and underlying conditions (heroin addiction) are also associated with poorer prognoses.
• A series of 11 cases of tetanus related to tungiasis (25% of all tetanus cases) was reported by a single hospital in Brazzaville over an 11-month period (1989 publication). [2]
• An outbreak of 12 cases of tetanus in Argentina was reported among elderly women treated with sheep cell therapy (1996). [3]
• Tetanus has been reported following a snake bite (2007 publication) [4]
• An attack of tetanus does not result in immunity. Therefore, recurrent tetanus is possible, unless the patient is given a series of toxoid following recovery.

Generalized tetanus, the most common form, begins with trismus ("lockjaw") and risus sardonicus (increased tone in the orbicularis oris).
• Abdominal wall rigidity may be present.
• The generalized spasm consists of opisthotonic posturing with flexion of the arms and extension of the legs. [5]
• The patient does not lose consciousness, and experiences severe pain during these spasms.
• Spasms often are triggered by sensory stimuli.
• Respiration may be compromised by upper airway obstruction, or by participation of the diaphragm in the general muscular contraction.
• Autonomic dysfunction, usually occurring after several days of symptoms, is currently the leading cause of death in tetanus.
• Complications of tetanus include rhabdomyolysis and renal failure [6]
• The illness can progress for two weeks, while the severity of illness may be decreased by partial immunity.
• Recovery takes an additional month, but is complete unless complications supervene.
• Lower motor neuron dysfunction may appear after the spasms remit, and persist for several additional weeks.
• Case-fatality rates of 10% to 50% are reported, but may be as high as 70% in Africa. [7]
• The differential diagnosis of tetanus includes strychnine poisoning and neuromyotonia (Isaac's syndrome). [8]

Localized tetanus presents as rigidity of the muscles associated with the site of inoculation.

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- Initial symptomatology may be limited to back pain [9]
- The illness may be mild and persistent, and tends to resolve spontaneously.
- Weakness and diminished muscle tone are often present in the most involved muscle.
- Localized tetanus is often a prodrome of generalized tetanus.

Cephalic tetanus is a form of localized disease affecting the cranial nerve musculature
- Facial nerve weakness, is often apparent, and extraocular muscle involvement is occasionally noted.

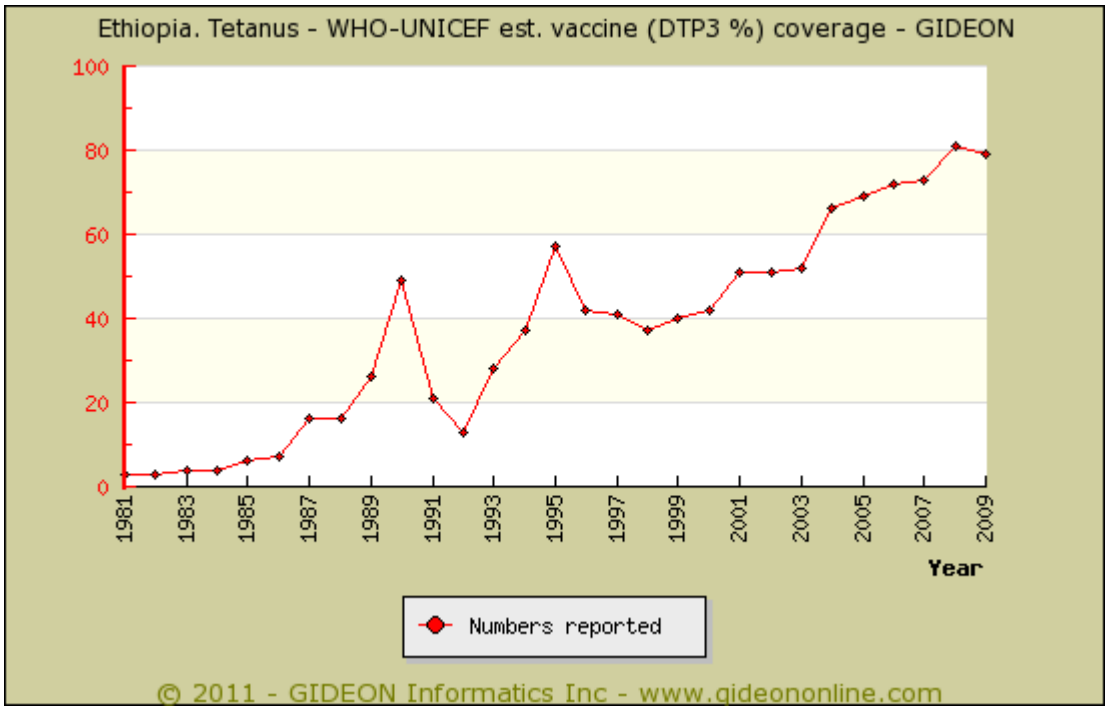
Neonatal tetanus follows infection of the umbilical stump, most commonly as a result of a failure of aseptic technique following delivery of non-immune mothers.
- The condition usually manifests with generalized weakness and failure to nurse; followed by rigidity and spasms.
- The mortality rate exceeds 90%, and psychomotor retardation is common among survivors.
- Poor prognostic factors include age younger than 10 days, symptoms present for fewer than 5 days before presentation to hospital, fever, and the presence of risus sardonicus or fever.
- Apnea is the leading cause of death in the first week of disease, and sepsis in the second week.
- Bacterial infection of the umbilical stump leads to sepsis in almost half of babies with neonatal tetanus.

The WHO Case definition for surveillance of neonatal tetanus is as follows:
- Suspected case: Any neonatal death between 3-28 days of age in which the cause of death is unknown; or any neonate reported as having suffered from neonatal tetanus between 3-28 days of age and not investigated.
- Confirmed case: Any neonate with a normal ability to suck and cry during the first two days of life, and who between 3 and 28 days of age cannot suck normally, and becomes stiff or has convulsions (i.e. jerking of the muscles) or both.
- Hospital-reported cases of neonatal tetanus are considered confirmed.
- The diagnosis is purely clinical and does not depend upon laboratory or bacteriological confirmation.

This disease is endemic or potentially endemic to all countries.

Tetanus in Ethiopia

Vaccine Schedule:
BCG - birth
DTwPHibHep - 6, 10, 14 weeks
Measles (monovalent) - 9 months
OPV - birth; 6, 10, 14 weeks
TT - Women of child-bearing age 15-49 years
Vitamin A - 9 months



Graph: Ethiopia. Tetanus - WHO-UNICEF est. vaccine (DTP3 %) coverage

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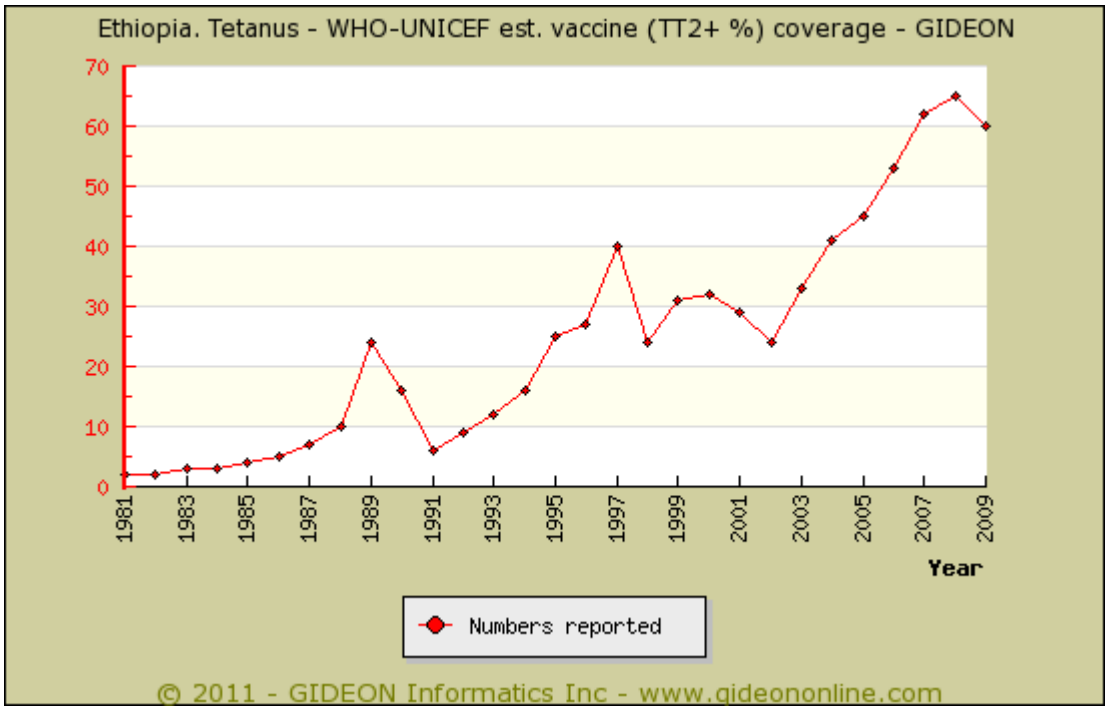

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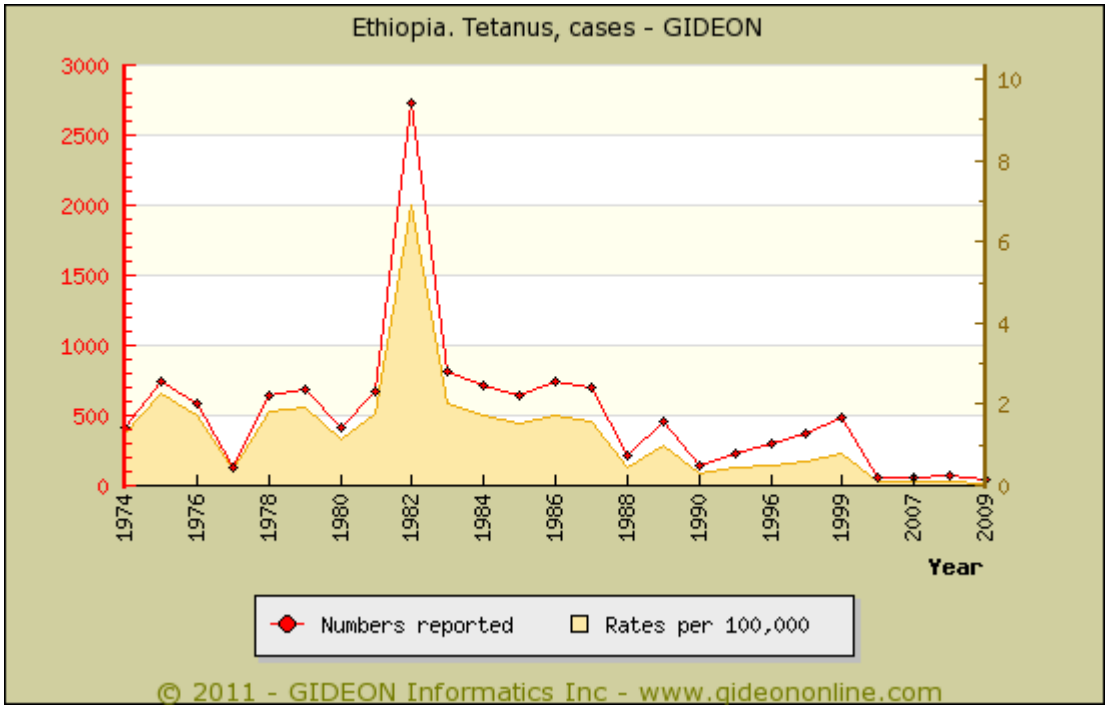

Graph: Ethiopia. Tetanus, cases

Notes:
Individual years:
1998 - 161 fatal cases were reported.

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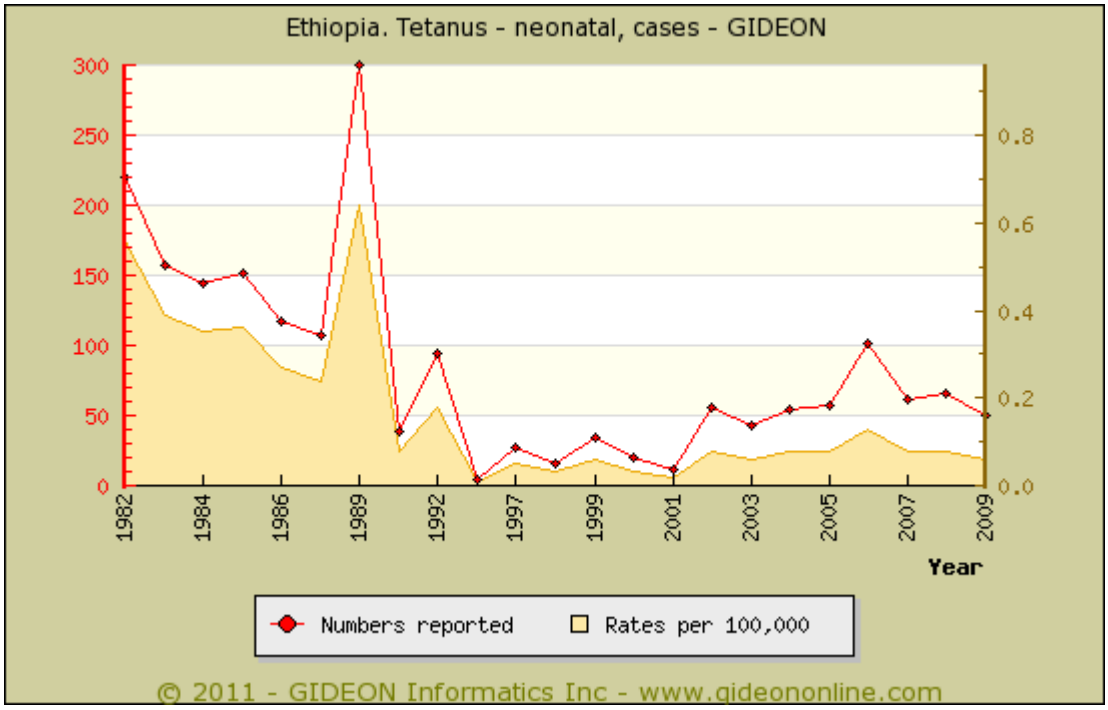
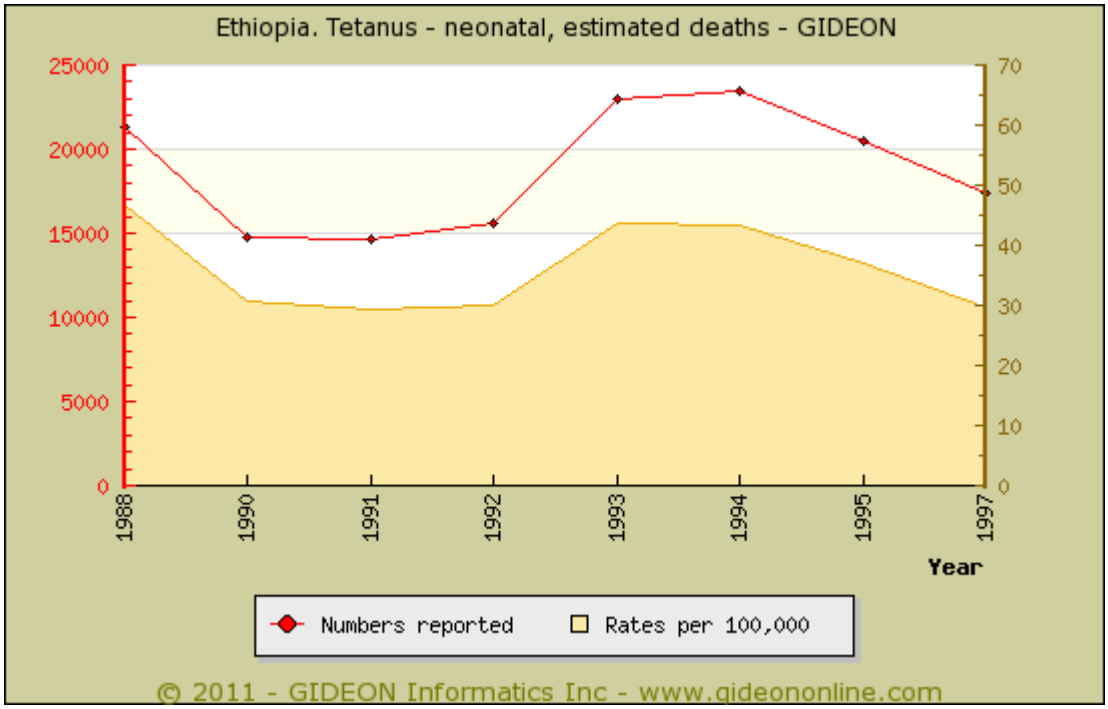


Graph: Ethiopia. Tetanus - neonatal, cases



Graph: Ethiopia. Tetanus - neonatal, estimated deaths

Notes:
Individual years:
1995 - 8.1 per 1,000 live births.
1997 - 5.9 per 1,000 live births.

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Thelaziasis

Agent	PARASITE - Nematoda. Phasmidea: Thelazia callipaeda [rarely T. californiensis]
Reservoir	Dog Rabbit Deer Cat
Vector	Fly (? Musca and Fannia species)
Vehicle	None
Incubation Period	not known
Diagnostic Tests	Identification of parasite.
Typical Adult Therapy	Extraction of parasite
Typical Pediatric Therapy	As for adult
Clinical Hints	Conjunctivitis and lacrimation associated with the sensation of an ocular foreign body.
Synonyms	Conjunctival spirurosis, Oriental eye worm, Rictularia, Thelazia californiensis, Thelazia callipaeda. ICD9: 372.15 ICD10: B83.8

Clinical

The signs and symptoms of Thelaziasis are related to the presence of a worm in the conjunctival sac, and consist of pain, lacrimation and a foreign body sensation. [1] [2]

This disease is endemic or potentially endemic to all countries.

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Thogoto

Agent	VIRUS - RNA. Orthomyxoviridae, Thogotovirus: Thogoto virus
Reservoir	Sheep Bird
Vector	Tick
Vehicle	None
Incubation Period	4d - 5d
Diagnostic Tests	Viral culture (blood, CSF, brain tissue). Serology. Nucleic acid amplification. Biosafety level 3.
Typical Adult Therapy	Supportive
Typical Pediatric Therapy	As for adult
Clinical Hints	Encephalitis or optic neuritis which follows a tick bite or contact with livestock; occasional reports of hepatitis and fatal infection.
Synonyms	Dhori. ICD9: 078.89 ICD10: A85.2

Clinical

Reported clinical features in humans have included encephalitis, hepatitis, optic neuritis and lymphadenopathy. [1]

This disease is endemic or potentially endemic to 12 countries.

Thogoto in Ethiopia

A single infected tick was identified during the 1970's. [2]

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Toxic shock syndrome

Agent	BACTERIUM. Staphylococcus aureus, Streptococcus pyogenes, et al - (toxins) Facultative gram-positive cocci
Reservoir	Human
Vector	None
Vehicle	Tampon (occasionally bandage, etc) which induces toxinosis
Incubation Period	Unknown
Diagnostic Tests	Isolation of toxigenic Staphylococcus aureus. Toxin assay available in specialized laboratories.
Typical Adult Therapy	The role of topical (eg, vaginal) and systemic antistaphylococcal antibiotics is unclear
Typical Pediatric Therapy	The role of topical (eg, vaginal) and systemic antistaphylococcal antibiotics is unclear
Clinical Hints	Fever (>38.9), hypotension (<90 mm Hg) and dermal erythema with desquamation; respiratory, cardiac or other disease present; most cases associated with 'super absorbent' tampon use or staphylococcal wound infection; case-fatality rate = 5% to 10%.
Synonyms	Streptococcal toxic shock syndrome, TSS. ICD9: 040.82 ICD10: A48.3

Clinical

CDC (The United States Centers for Disease Control) case definition for surveillance:.
For surveillance purposes, the CDC (The United States Centers for Disease Control) case definition of toxic shock syndrome [1] requires an illness with the following clinical manifestations:
1. fever at least 38.9 C
2. diffuse macular erythema [2]
3. desquamation 1 to 2 weeks after onset of illness (particularly of the palms and soles)
4. hypotension (less than 90 mm Hg for adults, or less than fifth percentile if below age 16 years • or orthostatic hypotension)
5. multisystem involvement, consisting of three or more of the following: acute vomiting or diarrhea; myalgia and elevation of creatine phosphokinase levels; vaginal, oropharyngeal or conjunctival hyperemia; elevation of blood urea nitrogen or creatine to at least twice normal, or sterile pyuria; elevation of serum bilirubin or aminotransferase levels to at least twice normal; platelet count < 100,000/ cu mm; disorientation or alteration in consciousness unrelated to fever and hypotension
6. laboratory examination
• negative cultures of blood, throat or cerebrospinal fluid (however, *S. aureus* may be present in blood)
• negative tests for measles, leptospirosis or rickettsiosis

A probable case requires at least five of the above clinical findings. A confirmed case requires all six clinical findings (unless the patient dies before desquamation can occur).

The case definition for Streptococcal toxic shock syndrome [3] [4] includes isolation of *Streptococcus pyogenes* in addition to:
1. hypotension as above
2. multiorgan involvement characterized by at least two of the following (defined above)
• renal impairment
• coagulopathy
• hepatic dysfunction
• acute respiratory distress syndrome
• a generalized erythematous macular rash which may desquamate [5]
• soft tissue necrosis (fasciitis, myositis, gangrene).

This disease is endemic or potentially endemic to all countries.

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Toxocariasis

Agent	PARASITE - Nematoda. Phasmidea: Toxocara cati and canis
Reservoir	Cat Dog Mouse
Vector	None
Vehicle	Soil ingestion
Incubation Period	1w - 2y
Diagnostic Tests	Identification of larvae in tissue. Serology.
Typical Adult Therapy	Albendazole 400 mg BID X 5d. OR Mebendazole 100 to 200 mg PO bid X 5 days Add corticosteroids if eye, brain, heart or lung involvement is present.
Typical Pediatric Therapy	As for adult
Clinical Hints	Cough, myalgia, seizures, urticaria, hepatomegaly, pulmonary infiltrates or retrobulbar lesion; marked eosinophilia often present; symptoms resolve after several weeks, but eosinophilia may persist for years.
Synonyms	Ascaris suum, Toxocara canis, Toxocara cati, Toxocarose, Visceral larva migrans. ICD9: 128.0 ICD10: B83.0

Clinical

Most infections present in children below the age of 5 years, and are asymptomatic or mild.

Overt disease is characterized by fever, cough, wheezing, eosinophilia, myalgia, tender hepatomegaly and abdominal pain. [1]

• A tender nodular rash may be present on the trunk and legs.
• Chronic urticaria, chronic pruritus, relapsing eosinophilic cellulitis [2] and eczema are also reported. [3]
• Myocarditis [4], pericarditis [5], pulmonary infiltrates, acute respiratory distress syndrome [6], seizures, nephritis, encephalopathy [7], spinal involvement (usually cervical or thoracic) including transverse myelitis [8], eosinophilic meningitis [9-11], eosinophilic pleural effusion [12] [13], eosinophilic ascites [14] [15] and renal dysfunction have been described in heavy infections.
• Ocular toxocariasis usually presents in children ages 5 to 10 years, and is characterized by formation of a retinal granuloma at or near the macula, resulting in strabismus, iridocyclitis, glaucoma, papillitis or visual loss. [16-19]
• Toxocariasis has been identified as a cause of chronic cough in childhood [20] and of diminished lung function (FEV-1) at any age. [21]

Ascaris suum, a parasite of pigs, has been reported to cause rare cases of myelitis [22], encephalopathy [23], eosinophilic pneumonia [24-26] and focal liver lesions in humans. [27-30]
• *A. suum* has been implicated in cases of eosinophilic colitis [31] and intestinal obstruction. [32]

This disease is endemic or potentially endemic to all countries.

Toxocariasis in Ethiopia

Prevalence surveys:

21% of dogs at coproscopy, and 45% at necropsy (*Toxocara canis*) (Debre Zeit, 2005 to 2006) [33]

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Toxoplasmosis

Agent	PARASITE - Protozoa. Sporozoa, Coccidea, Eimeriida: Toxoplasma gondii
Reservoir	Rodent Pig Cattle Sheep Chicken Bird Cat Marsupial (kangaroo)
Vector	None
Vehicle	Transplacental Meat ingestion Soil ingestion Water or milk (rare) Fly
Incubation Period	1w - 3w (range 5d - 21d)
Diagnostic Tests	Serology. Cultivation or identification of organisms per specialized laboratories. Nucleic acid amplification.
Typical Adult Therapy	Pyrimethamine 25 mg/d + Sulfonamides 100 mg/kg (max 6g)/d X 4w - give with folinic acid. Alternatives: Clindamycin, Azithromycin, Dapsone. Spiramycin (in pregnancy) 4g/d X 4w
Typical Pediatric Therapy	Pyrimethamine 2 mg/kg/d X 3d, then 1 mg/kg/d + Sulfonamides 100 mg/kg/d X 4w - give with folinic acid. Alternatives: Clindamycin, Azithromycin, Dapsone.
Clinical Hints	Fever, lymphadenopathy and hepatic dysfunction; chorioretinitis; cerebral cysts (patients with AIDS); congenital hydrocephalus, mental retardation or blindness.
Synonyms	Toxoplasma, Toxoplasmose, Toxoplasmosi. ICD9: 130 ICD10: B58

Clinical

Acquired toxoplasmosis:
The clinical features of acquired toxoplasmosis can range from subclinical infection to lymphadenopathy (the most common presentation) to fatal, fulminant disease.
• In healthy adults, infection is usually subclinical, or mimics infectious mononucleosis; however, pharyngitis, posterior and posterior cervical lymphadenopathy are unusual in toxoplasmosis.
• In immunocompromised hosts, toxoplasmosis may mimic other opportunistic infections, such as tuberculosis or infection with *P. jiroveci* (formerly *P. carinii*). [1]
• In patients with AIDS, CNS involvement is the most common manifestation, followed by pulmonary disease. [2]

Congenital toxoplasmosis:
The rate and severity of congenital toxoplasmosis are largely related to gestational age at the time of infection. [3] [4]
• The brain and eyes are often affected, presenting as chorioretinitis, hydrocephalus, intracranial calcifications, and seizures. [5]
• 97% of children infected during the first trimester of pregnancy and having normal antenatal ultrasounds are asymptomatic or only slightly affected. [6]

Ocular toxoplasmosis:
Ocular toxoplasmosis occurs from reactivation of cysts in the retina.
• Focal necrotizing retinitis is characteristic lesion, and approximately 35% of all cases of retinochoroiditis can be attributed to toxoplasmosis. [7]
• Risk factors for early (first two years of life) retinochoroiditis include a delay of >8 weeks between maternal seroconversion and the beginning of treatment, female gender, and the presence of cerebral calcifications. [8]
• The incidence and severity of ocular toxoplasmosis varies from country to country. [9]

CNS toxoplasmosis:
The manifestations of CNS toxoplasmosis in the immunocompromised patient range from an insidious process evolving over several weeks to acute onset of a confusional state.
• Signs may be focal or symmetrical.
• *T. gondii* has a predilection to localize in the basal ganglia and brain stem, producing extrapyramidal symptoms resembling those of Parkinson's disease.
• A normal CT scan does not rule out cerebral toxoplasmosis. MRI is the imaging modality of choice [10]
• Nonfocal evidence of neurological dysfunction may include generalized weakness, headache, confusion, lethargy, alteration of mental status, personality changes, and coma.
• Infection in transplant recipients is often diffuse and disseminated.
• In patients with underlying malignancy (e.g. Hodgkin's disease), the presentation is evenly distributed between focal and

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nonfocal forms of encephalitis.

Toxoplasmosis and AIDS:
Patients with AIDS tend to present subacutely with nonspecific symptoms such as neuropsychiatric complaints, headache, fever, weight loss, disorientation, confusion, and lethargy evolving over 2 to 8 weeks.
• Later findings include evidence of focal CNS mass lesions, ataxia, aphasia, hemiparesis, visual field loss, vomiting, confusion, dementia, stupor and seizures. [11]
• Toxoplasmosis presenting as a subcutaneous mass in an HIV-positive patient has been reported. [12]
• Primary cerebral lymphoma in AIDS patients may be mistaken for Toxoplasmosis. [13]

This disease is endemic or potentially endemic to all countries.

Toxoplasmosis in Ethiopia

Seroprevalence surveys:

74.4% of the general population (1993 publication) [14]
60% of individuals (15 to 65 years) in Addis Ababa (2009 publication) [15]
96.3% of HIV-positive and 87.6% of HIV-negative persons in Addis Ababa (2007) [16]

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Trachoma

Agent	BACTERIUM. Chlamydia trachomatis, type A
Reservoir	Human
Vector	Fly
Vehicle	Infected secretions Fly Fomite
Incubation Period	5d - 12d
Diagnostic Tests	Culture or direct immunofluorescence of secretions. Serology. Nucleic acid amplification.
Typical Adult Therapy	Azithromycin 20 mg/kg as single dose. OR Doxycycline 100 mg/day PO X 14 days. Also administer topical Tetracycline
Typical Pediatric Therapy	Erythromycin 10 mg/kg PO QID X 4w. Also administer topical Tetracycline
Clinical Hints	Keratoconjunctivitis with palpebral scarring and pannus formation; 0.5% of infections result in blindness.
Synonyms	Egyptian ophthalmia, Granular conjunctivitis, Kornerkrankheit, Trachom, Tracoma. ICD9: 076 ICD10: A71

Clinical

Early symptoms include erythema and swelling of both bulbar and palpebral conjunctivae, associated with a watery or purulent discharge. [1] [2]
• Additional findings may include preauricular lymphadenopathy and rhinitis.
• Examination reveals follicular hypertrophy and conjunctival scarring.
• Corneal scars (Herbert's pits), punctate keratitis and pannus formation may also be present. [3]
• As scarring progresses, the eyelashes deviate (entropion) and may produce additional trauma and ulceration of the conjunctivae. [4]
• Reinfection and bacterial superinfection are common. [5]

Trachoma may be differentiated from inclusion conjunctivitis by the presence of corneal scarring and a preference of the latter for the upper tarsal conjunctivae

This disease is endemic or potentially endemic to all countries.

Trachoma in Ethiopia

Trachoma is the leading cause (42%) of blindness in Ethiopia (1981). [6]
- 10,269,985 cases of active trachoma were estimated in 2003.
- By some estimates, 0.63% of all Ethiopians are blinded by trachoma.
- Amhara State accounts for 45% of trichiasis cases - affecting 5% of adults in the region (2009 publication) [7]

736 patients underwent trichiasis surgery in 2002.

Prevalence surveys:
22.9% of blind persons in Gurage zone - 1.8% of the population in this area are blind as the result of trachoma (2003 publication) [8]
13% of visually-impaired persons in an endemic region (2010 publication) [9]
99% in Wollo (Northern region) (1981)
26.8% in the south (1992) [10]
24.5% in Jimma (Western region - 1995). [11]
72% among rural children ages 3 to 9 (2002). [12]
13.1% of school children (national survey, 2008 publication) [13]
13% of school children (2008 publication) [14]
51.1% of children and 5.5% of persons above age 10 years in Dalocha district - active trachoma (2001 publication) [15]

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25.2% of children, six months following cessation of mass treatment (2009 publication) [16]
11.4% of orphan school children (2010 publication) [17]
20.6% of adults in Damot Gale (southern region) - active trachoma (2004 publication) [18]
13% in Tigray - trachomatis follicles (17.7% trachomatous scaring) (2006 publication) [19]
Trachoma follicles were found in 17.3%, 33.5%, and 42.3% of children 1 to 10 years of age in high, medium and low altitude zones, respectively. Intense inflammation was found in 4.2%, 23.5% and 36.5%. (Kembata zone, southern Ethiopia, 2001) [20]

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Trichinosis

Agent	PARASITE - Nematoda. Adenophorea: Trichinella spiralis (occasionally T. nativa, T. britovi, T. pseudospiralis, T. nelsoni, et al)
Reservoir	Wild carnivore Omnivore Marine mammal
Vector	None
Vehicle	Meat ingestion
Incubation Period	10d - 20d (range 1w - 10w)
Diagnostic Tests	Identification of larvae in tissue. Serology.
Typical Adult Therapy	Albendazole 400 mg PO BID X 14d. OR Mebendazole 200 to 400 mg PO tid X 3 days, then 400 to 500 mg PO. tid X 10 days. Give with prednisone 50 mg PO daily X 3 to 5 days (then 'taper' dosage)
Typical Pediatric Therapy	Albendazole 7 mg/kg BID X 14 d. OR Mebendazole 200 to 400 mg PO tid X 3 days, then 400 to 500 mg PO. tid X 10 days. Give with prednisone 50 mg PO daily X 3 to 5 days (then 'taper' dosage)
Clinical Hints	Early diarrhea and vomiting; subsequent myalgia, facial edema and eosinophilia; onset 1 to 4 weeks following ingestion of undercooked meat (usually pork); symptoms may persist for two months; case-fatality rate for symptomatic infection = 2%.
Synonyms	Trichinellose, Trichinellosis, Trichinose, Trikinose, Triquiniase, Triqunosis. ICD9: 124 ICD10: B75

Clinical

The great majority of infections are subclinical.
• The development of symptoms depends on the number of larvae ingested.

Signs and symptoms:

During the first week of illness, the patient may diarrhea, abdominal pain and vomiting. [1-3]
• Symptoms associated with larval invasion appear during the second week and include fever, periorbital edema, subconjunctival hemorrhages and chemosis. [4]
• Myositis is also common, and often appears in the extraocular muscles, progressing to involve the masseters, neck muscles, limb and lumbar muscles.
• Additional symptoms may include headache, cough, dyspnea, hoarseness and dysphagia.
• Occasionally, a macular or petechial rash, or retinal or subungual splinter hemorrhages are seen.
• Laboratory studies may reveal marked eosinophilia, hypoalbuminemia, decreased erythrocyte sedimentation rate, proteinuria or hematuria.
• Rare instances of renal dysfunction [5] , encephalitis [6] and eosinophilic meningitis have been reported. [7]

Clinical course:

• Systemic symptoms usually peak 2 to 3 weeks after infection and then slowly subside; however, weakness may persist for weeks.
• A number of clinical findings may persist for several months: hypocalcemia, hypomagnesemia, fatigue, myalgia (notably in the legs), cardiovascular disorders, neurological, psychiatric, and allergic illnesses. [8]
• Deaths are ascribed to myocarditis [9] , encephalitis or pneumonia.

This disease is endemic or potentially endemic to all countries.

Trichinosis in Ethiopia

Trichinosis is common in wild boar. [10] [11]

Notable outbreaks:

1992 (publication year) - An outbreak (20 cases) among soldiers in Gojjam administrative region was ascribed to wild boar meat. [12]

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Trichomoniasis

Agent	PARASITE - Protozoa. Archezoa, Parabasala, Trichomonadea. Flagellate: Trichomonas vaginalis
Reservoir	Human
Vector	None
Vehicle	Sexual contact
Incubation Period	4d - 28d
Diagnostic Tests	Microscopy of vaginal discharge. ELISA, culture, antigen detection tests available. Nucleic acid amplification.
Typical Adult Therapy	Metronidazole or Tinidazole 2g PO as single dose to both sexual partners
Typical Pediatric Therapy	Metronidazole 5 mg/kg PO TID X 7d. OR Tinidazole 50 mg/kg PO X 1 (maximum 2 grams)
Clinical Hints	Vaginal pruritus, erythema and thin or frothy discharge; mild urethritis may be present in male or female.
Synonyms	Pentatrichomonas, Tetratrichomonas, Trichomonaden, Trichomonas, Trichomonas vaginalis, Tricomoniasis, Tritrichomonas. ICD9: 131 ICD10: A59

Clinical

10% to 50% of infections are asymptomatic.
• Symptoms often begin or worsen during the menstrual period.
• Infection is usually characterized by vaginal discharge and vulvovaginal irritation. [1]
• Dysuria may be present, and dyspareunia is common.
• As many as two thirds of infected women complain of a disagreeable odor.
• Abdominal discomfort is present in 5% to 12%.

Examination reveals a copious loose discharge that pools in the posterior vaginal fornix. [2]
• The discharge is yellow or green in 5% to 40%, and bubbles are observed in the discharge in 10% to 33%. [3]
• The material has a pH above 4.5 in 66% to 91% of cases.
• Endocervical disease is not caused by T. vaginalis.
• Punctate hemorrhages (colpitis macularis or "strawberry cervix") are seen on colposcopically in 45% of infected women, but in only 2% by visual inspection alone.
• Parasites can be recovered from the urethra and paraurethral glands in more than 95% of the women, and may explain the association of the infection with urinary frequency and dysuria.

Reported complications of trichomonal vaginitis include vulvar ulceration [4] , and vaginitis emphysematosa • the presence gas-filled blebs in the vaginal wall. [5]
• Gestational trichomoniasis may be associated with premature labor and low birth weight, postabortal infection or premature rupture of the membranes.
• Spread of trichomonads beyond the lower urogenital tract is extremely rare.
• Sporadic cases of neonatal pneumonia due to *Trichomonas vaginalis* are reported. [6]

Trichomoniasis has been associated with endometritis, adnexitis, pyosalpinx, infertility, preterm birth, low birth weight, bacterial vaginosis, and increased risk of cervical cancer, HPV, and HIV infection. [7]
• In men, its complications include urethritis, prostatitis, epididymitis, and infertility through interference with sperm function.

Most men carrying trichomonads are asymptomatic; however, the organism is implicated in 5% to 15% of patients with nongonococcal urethritis.
• The discharge from trichomonal urethritis is usually milder than that seen with other infections.
• Epididymitis, superficial penile ulcerations (often beneath the prepuce) and prostatitis are also described.

This disease is endemic or potentially endemic to all countries.

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Trichostrongyliasis

Agent	PARASITE - Nematoda. Phasmidea: Trichostrongylus colubriformis, T. orientalis, T. probolurus
Reservoir	Herbivore
Vector	None
Vehicle	Water Food Vegetation
Incubation Period	21d
Diagnostic Tests	Identification of ova in stool or duodenal aspirate.
Typical Adult Therapy	Albendazole 400 mg PO X 1. OR Pyrantel pamoate 11 mg/kg (max 1g) PO once. OR Mebendazole 100 mg PO BID X 7d
Typical Pediatric Therapy	As for adult
Clinical Hints	Diarrhea, abdominal pain and weight loss; eosinophilia is often present; infestation may persist for years; fatality and sequelae are not reported.
Synonyms	Haemonchus, Marshallagia, Ostertagia, Trichostrongylus. ICD9: 127.6 ICD10: B81.2

Clinical

Most infections are asymptomatic, or characterized by mild nonspecific abdominal symptoms.
- Heavy infections may result in episodic diarrhea, abdominal pain and weight loss. [1]
- Rare instances of cholecystitis are reported.

This disease is endemic or potentially endemic to 37 countries.

Trichostrongyliasis in Ethiopia

Prevalence surveys:

0.3% of persons in the southern Rift Valley area (1994 publication) [2]

75% of camels (*Camelus dromedarius*) in the eastern region (*Trichostrongylus colubriformis*) (2002 publication) [3]

Trichostrongylus colubriformis is present in sheep and goats at abattoirs in eastern Ethiopia. (Haramaya, Harar, Dire Dawa and Jijiga, 2007 publication) [4]

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Trichuriasis

Agent	PARASITE - Nematoda. Adenophorea: Trichuris trichiura
Reservoir	Human
Vector	None
Vehicle	Soil ingestion Sexual contact (rare) Fly
Incubation Period	2m - 2y
Diagnostic Tests	Stool microscopy or visualization of adult worms (adults are approximately 3 cm long).
Typical Adult Therapy	Mebendazole 100 mg PO BID X 3d. OR Albendazole 400 mg PO daily X 3 to 7 days OR Ivermectin 200 mg/kg PO daily X 3 days
Typical Pediatric Therapy	Mebendazole 100 mg PO BID X 3d (>age 2). OR Albendazole 400 mg PO X 3 to 7 days OR Ivermectin 200 mg/kg PO daily X 3 days
Clinical Hints	Abdominal pain, bloody diarrhea, rectal prolapse or intestinal obstruction are occasionally encountered; the parasite may survive for as long as five years in the human host.
Synonyms	Trichocephaliasis, Trichuris trichiura, Tricuriasis, Whipworm. ICD9: 127.3 ICD10: B79

Clinical

The vast majority of infections are asymptomatic. [1]
- Symptoms are aggravated by concurrent shigellosis, balantidiasis or amebiasis.
- Heavy infestations are characterized by dysentery or rectal prolapse. [2] [3]
- Infants may develop hypoproteinemia, anemia, mental retardation and digital clubbing. [4]

This disease is endemic or potentially endemic to all countries.

Trichuriasis in Ethiopia

Prevalence surveys:

6.0% of school children (national survey, 2008 publication) [5]
13% of school children (1998 publication) [6]
9.5% of school children in Amhara National Regional State (1995) [7]
6.2% of orphan school children (2010 publication) [8]
3.4% of children ages 6 to 14 in Gondar (2006 to 2007) [9]
35.9% to 88% of persons in Wando Genet (1999 to 2002) [10]
10.3% of persons in the southern Rift Valley region (1994 publication) [11]
27.5% of persons in Akaki town (1989 publication) [12]
7.9% of persons in Harege region (1989 publication) [13]
6.4% of HIV-positive patients in the southwestern region (2002) [14]
2.1% of malaria patients presenting to a hospital in Southern Ethiopia (2007) [15]
19.5% of sugar estate workers in the central region (2000 publication) [16]
6.4% of banana plantation workers in the middle Awash Valley (1987) [17]
1.6% of food handlers in Gondar town (2008 publication) [18]

Non-biting cyclorrhaphan flies (*Musca domestica*, *Chrysomya rufifacies*, *Musca sorbens*, *Lucina cuprina*, *Calliphora vicina*, *Chrysomya bezziana* and *Wohlfahrtia magnifica*) have been found to carry this parasite. [19]
- *Trichuris* ova have been identified on cyclorhaphan flies (Diptera) in slum areas of Addis Ababa [20]

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Tropical phagedenic ulcer

Agent	BACTERIUM Mixed infection by ? Fusobacterium species and Borrelia
Reservoir	Human
Vector	None
Vehicle	Direct inoculation ? via minor trauma
Incubation Period	Unknown
Diagnostic Tests	Wound smear suggestive of fusobacterial infection.
Typical Adult Therapy	Systemic Penicillin G . Excision/debridement as necessary
Typical Pediatric Therapy	As for adult
Clinical Hints	A deep, painful, foul-smelling ulcer (usually of the leg) with undermined edges; may be complicated by secondary infection.
Synonyms	Acute phagadenic ulcer. ICD9: 682.7 ICD10: A69.8,L97

Clinical

95% of ulcers involve the ankle or lower third of the leg.

- Minor trauma is followed by a tender indurated area which evolves into a round or oval skin ulcer. [1] [2]
- Ulcers favor the lower extremities, and tend to be single, painful and foul-smelling.
- Ulcers spread rapidly, and result in exposure of underlying muscles and tendons.
- Fever and restlessness are common.
- After 4 or more weeks, ulcers may become painless and chronic, and persist for decades.
- Scar carcinomas develop in 2% of cases, and constitute a common form of malignancy in parts of Africa.

This disease is endemic or potentially endemic to 69 countries.

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Tropical pulmonary eosinophilia

Agent	UNKNOWN Possibly related to filarial infection
Reservoir	Unknown
Vector	Unknown
Vehicle	Unknown
Incubation Period	Unknown
Diagnostic Tests	Antifilarial antibodies may be present. Response to therapeutic trial.
Typical Adult Therapy	Diethylcarbamazine 2 mg/kg PO TID X 10d
Typical Pediatric Therapy	As for adult
Clinical Hints	Chronic cough, wheezing, dyspnea, reticular-nodular pulmonary infiltrates and eosinophilia (over 3,000/cu. mm.) acquired in countries known to be endemic for filariasis.
Synonyms	

Clinical

Tropical pulmonary eosinophilia is characterized by recurrent episodes of paroxysmal, dry cough, wheezing, and dyspnea. [1-3]
• Malaise, anorexia, and weight loss are common.
• Symptoms are worse and night.
• Physical examination reveals scattered wheezes and crackles.
• Some patients have fever, hepatomegaly and lymphadenopathy.
• Symptoms fluctuate in severity over many months.

Eosinophilia is present in the majority of patients, often at very high levels (as high as 60,000/cu mm) • however, the level of eosinophilia is not related to the severity of symptoms.
• Chest radiographs reveal scattered reticulonodular opacities. [4]
• Serum antibodies to filaria are present.
• A presumptive clinical diagnosis can usually be made through successful response to antifilarial therapy.
• A second course may be necessary in some cases.

This disease is endemic or potentially endemic to 109 countries.

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Trypanosomiasis - African

Agent	PARASITE - Protozoa. Neozoa, Euglenozoa, Kinetoplastidea. Flagellate: Trypanosoma [Trypanozoon] brucei gambiense and T. b. rhodesiense
Reservoir	Human Deer Wild carnivore Cattle
Vector	Fly (Glossina = tsetse fly)
Vehicle	None
Incubation Period	3d - 21d (acute illness)
Diagnostic Tests	Identification of protozoa in CSF, blood, lymph node aspirate. Serology. Nucleic acid amplification.
Typical Adult Therapy	Early: Pentamidine 4 mg/kg IM qod X 10 doses. OR Suramin 1g IV days 1, 3, 7, 14, 21 (after test dose 100 mg) OR Eflornithine (gambiense only) 100 mg q6h IV X 14 d; then 75 mg/kg PO X 21-30 d. Late + CNS disease: Melarsoprol
Typical Pediatric Therapy	Early: Pentamidine 4 mg/kg IM qod X 10 doses. OR Suramin 20 mg/kg IV days 1, 3, 7, 14, 21 (after test dose 20 mg) Late + CNS: Melarsoprol
Clinical Hints	Chancre, myalgia, arthralgia, lymphadenopathy and recurrent fever; later mental changes, sensory disorders and heart failure; disease due to *Trypanosoma brucei rhodesiense* is more rapid and virulent than that due to *T.b. gambiense*.
Synonyms	African sleeping sickness, African trypanosomiasis, Gambian fever, Schlafkrankheit, Trypanosoma brucei, Trypanosoma congolense, Trypanosoma evansi, Trypanosoma lewisi, Trypansomiasis, afrikanische, U.T.I., UTI. ICD9: 086.3,086.4,086.5 ICD10: B56

Clinical

WHO Case definition for surveillance:
• In the early stages, a painful chancre, which originates as a papule and evolves into a nodule may be found at the primary site of tsetse fly bite.
• There may be fever, intense headache, insomnia, painless lymphadenopathy, anemia, local edema and rash. In the later stage, there is cachexia, somnolence and signs of central nervous system involvement.
• The disease may run a protracted course of several years in the case of *Trypanosoma brucei gambiense*. In case of *T. b. rhodesiense*, the disease has a rapid and acute evolution.
• Both diseases are always fatal without treatment.
• The painful chancre is very rare in T. b. gambiense infection.
Laboratory criteria for diagnosis
• Presumptive: serological: card agglutination trypanosomiasis test (CATT) for T. b. gambiense only or immunofluorescent assay (IFA) for T. b. rhodesiense mainly and possibly for T. b. gambiense.
• Confirmative: parasitological: detection (microscopy) of trypanosomes in blood, lymph nodes aspirates or CSF.
Case classification
• Suspected: A case that is compatible with the clinical description and/or a history of exposure.
• Probable: A case with a positive serology with or without clinical symptoms in persons without previous history of trypanosomiasis diagnosis or treatment.
• Confirmed: A case with positive parasitology, with or without clinical symptoms.
Notes:
• In the early stage or even early in the late stage of the disease there are often no clinical signs or symptoms which can be associated with the disease.
• Suspicion is then based on local risk of contracting the disease and local disease historical background.
• Confirmed positive healthy carriers are a major public health risk. As a reservoir of parasites, they disseminate the disease, and must be treated as soon as possible.

Acute trypanosomiasis:
The initial sign of African trypanosomiasis in a chancre which develops at the site of inoculation, 1 to 2 weeks following the bite of a tsetse fly.
• The chancre may reach a diameter of several centimeters, and be associated with regional adenopathy, but resolves over several weeks.
• In most cases, the chancre is noted by neither the patient nor the clinician.
• Fever appears weeks to months following inoculation, and is characteristically intermittent.
• Lymphadenopathy is a fairly constant feature of west African trypanosomiasis.

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• The nodes are discrete, movable, rubbery, and nontender.
• Supraclavicular and cervical nodes are often visibly discernible, and enlargement of the nodes of the posterior cervical triangle ("Winterbottom's sign") is common in the west African form.
• Additional findings at this point may include hepatosplenomegaly; edema of the face, hands and feet; pruritis; an irregular circinate, 5 to 10 cm rash on the trunk, shoulders, buttocks and thighs [1] ; headache, asthenia, weight loss, arthralgias, and tachycardia.

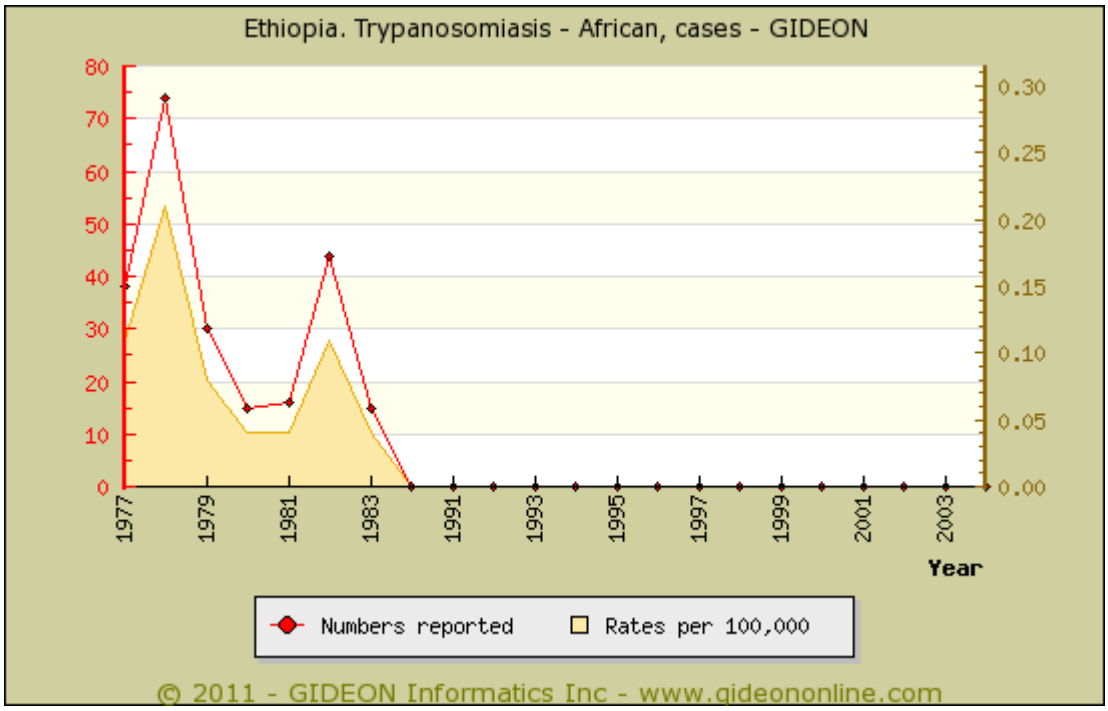
***Trypanosoma brucei gambiense* infection:**
In the West African form, the meningoencephalitic stage may develop months or even years after the initial infection. [2]
• Findings include irritability, personality changes, indifference, apathy, daytime somnolence (often with insomnia at night), slurred speech, choreiform movements of the trunk, neck, and extremities, tremors of the tongue and fingers, ataxia, and muscular fasciculations. [3]
• CSF cell counts above 5 per cu mm are considered indicative of brain involvement. [4]
• The final phase of the CNS disease is progression to coma and death. [5]

***Trypanosoma brucei rhodesiense* infection:**
The East African form tends to follow a more acute course, with an incubation of a few weeks to several weeks.
• Intermittent fever, headache, myalgia, and rash develop early; while lymphadenitis is not a prominent feature.
• Persistent tachycardia is common, and some patients die of arrhythmias, congestive heart failure or pericarditis before the onset of neurological disease.
• If untreated, the East African form is fatal within weeks to months.

This disease is endemic or potentially endemic to 36 countries.

Trypanosomiasis - African in Ethiopia

Time and Place:
- Trypanosomiasis was previously endemic to the western part of the country, below 2,000 m elevation - in the Gambella and Gila regions.
- 100,000 humans and 7 million cattle were considered at risk.



Graph: Ethiopia. Trypanosomiasis - African, cases

Prevalence surveys:
9.09% of cattle in Guraferda and Sheko districts of Bench Maji Zone, South Western Ethiopia (*Trypanosoma brucei*, 2008 to 2009) [6]
1.8% of donkeys in Benishangul Gumuz Regional State, Northwest Ethiopia (*Trypanosoma brucei*, 2009) [7]

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Infecting species:
- The endemic species is *Trypanosoma brucei rhodesiense* (Some have reported sporadic infection by *Trypanosoma brucei gambiense*).

Vectors:
- The local vectors are *Glossina tachinoides* and *G. fuscipes* (ssp *quanzensis*, *martinii* and fuscipes) - which favor wooded savanna and forest; and *G. pallidipes* - which is found in areas of riverine vegetation.
- Populations of *G. morsitans ugandensis* have declined in recent years.
- *Glossina morsitans submorsitans* is identified as an epizootic vector in the Ghibe River Valley, southwestern region. [8]

Notable outbreaks:
1970 (publication year) - An outbreak was reported. [9]

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Tuberculosis

Agent	BACTERIUM. Actinomycetes, Mycobacterium tuberculosis An aerobic acid-fast bacillus
Reservoir	Human Cattle
Vector	None
Vehicle	Air Dairy products
Incubation Period	4w - 12w (primary infection)
Diagnostic Tests	Microscopy. Culture. Nucleic acid amplification. Inform laboratory when this diagnosis is suspected.
Typical Adult Therapy	Respiratory isolation. Typical pulmonary infection is treated with 6 months of Isoniazid, Rifampin & Pyrazinamide
Typical Pediatric Therapy	As for adult
Vaccine	BCG
Clinical Hints	Cough, "night sweats" and weight loss; often presents as prolonged fever (FUO) or infection of bone, meninges, kidneys or other organs; most infections represent reactivation of old foci in lungs, brain, bone, kidneys etc.
Synonyms	Consumption, Mycobacterium africanum, Mycobacterium bovis, Mycobacterium tuberculosis, Phthisis, TB, TB meningitis, Tuberculose, Tuberculose miliar, Tuberculosi, Tuberculous meningitis, Tuberkulose, White plague. ICD9: 010,012,013,014,015,016,017,018 ICD10: A15,A16,A17,A18,A19

Clinical

WHO Case definition for surveillance:
Pulmonary tuberculosis, sputum smear positive (PTB+)
• Tuberculosis in a patient with at least two initial sputum smear examinations (direct smear microscopy) positive for Acid-Fast Bacilli (AFB), or
• Tuberculosis in a patient with one sputum examination positive for acid fast bacilli and radiographic abnormalities consistent with active pulmonary tuberculosis as determined by the treating medical officer, or
• Tuberculosis in a patient with one sputum specimen positive for acid-fast bacilli and at least one sputum that is culture positive for acid-fast bacilli.
Pulmonary tuberculosis, sputum smear negative (PTB-)
Tuberculosis in a patient with symptoms suggestive of tuberculosis and having one of the following:
• Three sputum specimens negative for acid-fast bacilli
• Radiographic abnormalities consistent with pulmonary tuberculosis and a lack of clinical response to one week of a broad-spectrum antibiotic
• Decision by a physician to treat with a full curative course of antituberculous chemotherapy
Pulmonary tuberculosis, sputum smear negative, culture positive
• Tuberculosis in a patient with symptoms suggestive of tuberculosis and having sputum smear negative for acid-fast bacilli and at least one sputum that is culture positive for *M. tuberculosis* complex
Extra-pulmonary tuberculosis
• Tuberculosis of organs other than lungs: pleura, lymph nodes, abdomen, genito-urinary tract, skin, joints and bones, tuberculous meningitis, etc.
• Diagnosis should be based on one culture positive specimen from an extra-pulmonary site, or histological or strong clinical evidence consistent with active extra-pulmonary tuberculosis, followed by a decision by a medical officer to treat with a full course of anti-tuberculous therapy
• Any patient diagnosed with both pulmonary and extra-pulmonary tuberculosis should be classified as a case of pulmonary tuberculosis

The clinical features of tuberculosis are protean, and largely determined by the site of infection and clinical substrate.
• Most infections represent reactivation of a dormant focus in a lung, with resultant chronic fever, weight loss, nocturnal diaphoresis, productive cough and typical roentgenographic findings. [1]
• Reactivation of an extrapulmonary focus (kidney, bone, central nervous system [2] [3], skin [4], gastrointestinal [5-8] and hepatobiliary system [9], eyes [10] [11], skeletal muscle [12-14], reproductive tract [15], breast [16] [17], etc) will result in signs referable to the infected organ.
• The extent and severity of disease are influenced by patient age, nutrition, immune function [18] [19], and many other

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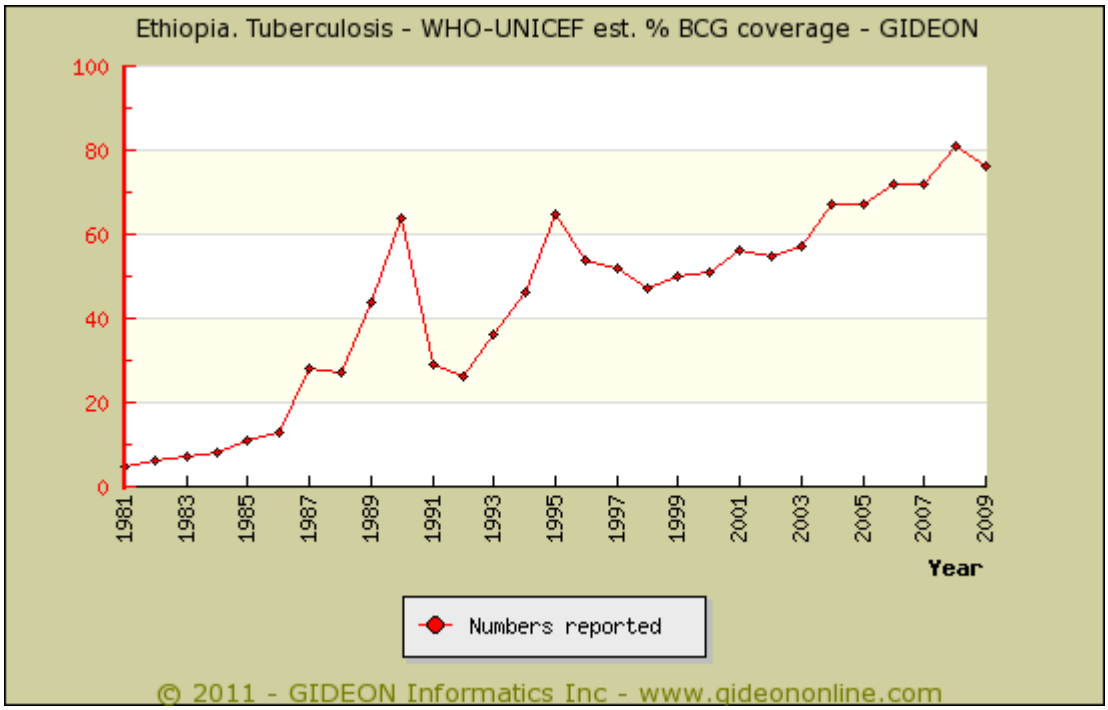
factors which are beyond the scope of this module.
• Nocardiosis may mimic tuberculosis, particularly in the setting of HIV infection. [20]
• The appearance of a miliary infiltrate in *Chlamydophila pneumoniae* infection may suggest a diagnosis of tuberculosis. [21]
• Spinal histoplasmosis may mimic tuberculosis spondylodiscitis [22] ; and gastrointestinal histoplasmosis may mimic abdominal tuberculosis. [23]
• The clinical features of melioidosis are similar to those of tuberculosis: prolonged fever, weight loss, latency with reactivation, upper-lobe infiltrates, etc. [24-26]
• Tularemia [27] and leprosy may manifest as lymphadenopathy mimicking tuberculosis [28]

This disease is endemic or potentially endemic to all countries.

Tuberculosis in Ethiopia

Vaccine Schedule:
BCG - birth
DTwPHibHep - 6, 10, 14 weeks
Measles (monovalent) - 9 months
OPV - birth; 6, 10, 14 weeks
TT - Women of child-bearing age 15-49 years
Vitamin A - 9 months



Graph: Ethiopia. Tuberculosis - WHO-UNICEF est. % BCG coverage

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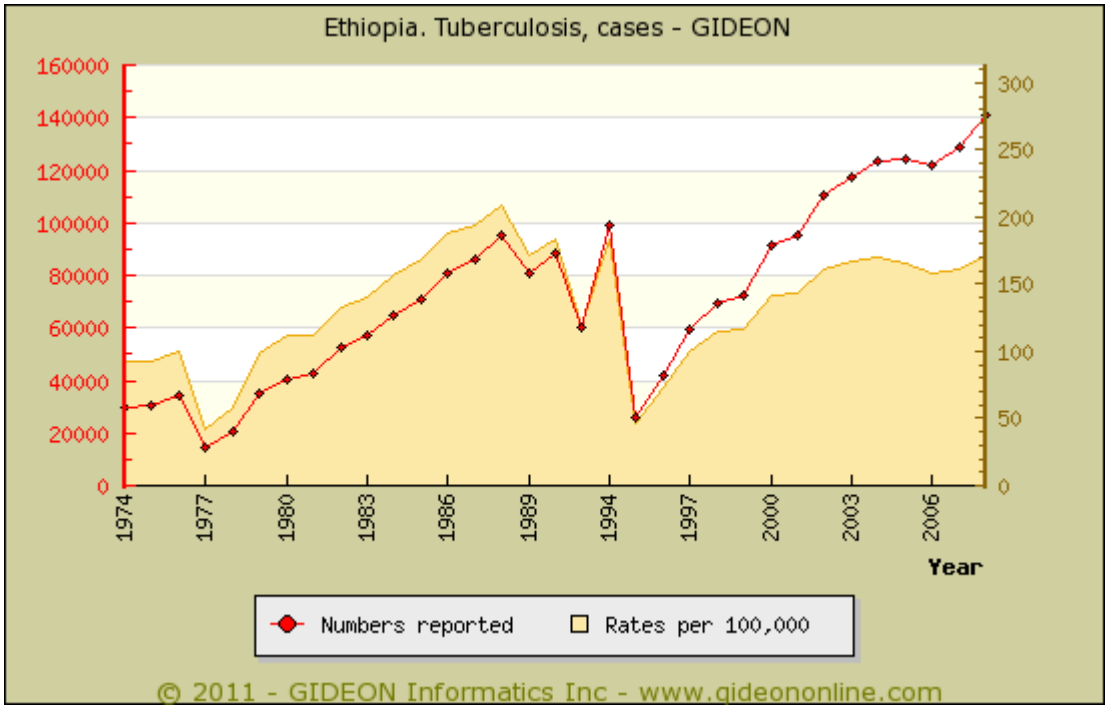
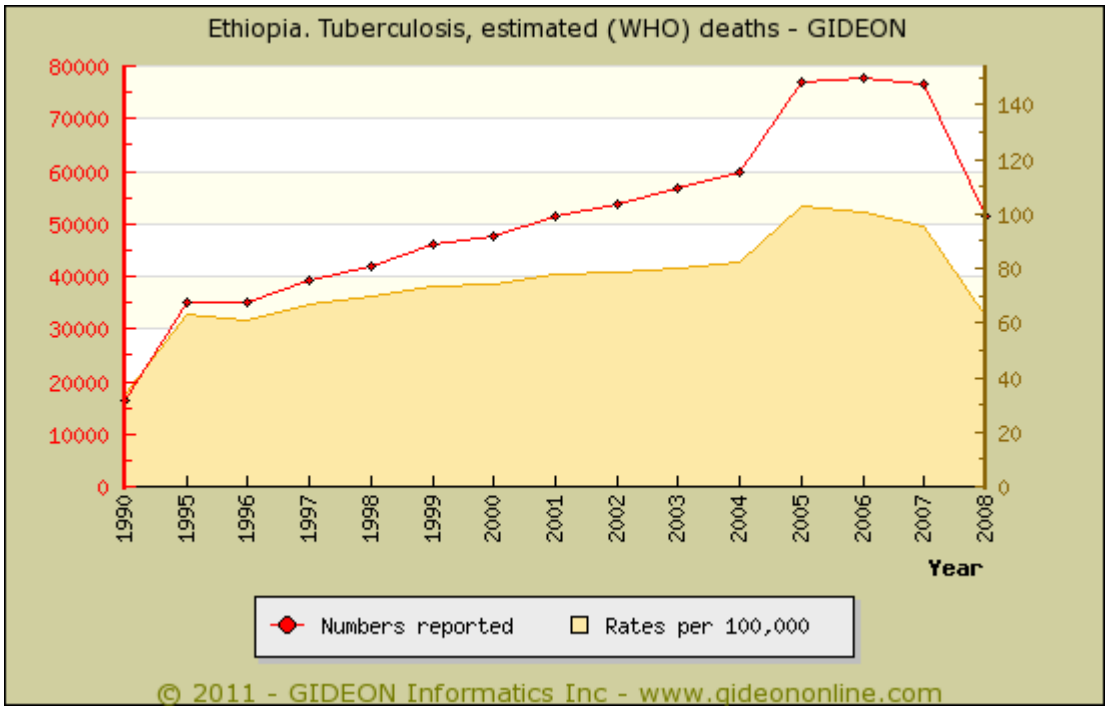


Graph: Ethiopia. Tuberculosis, cases

Notes:
Individual years:
1997 - True number estimated at 156,000 = 260 per 100,000

The prevalence of active tuberculosis in Addis Ababa is estimated at 189 per 100,000.
- The prevalence in rural southern Ethiopia is 78 per 100,000. [29]

Tuberculosis was diagnosed in 5.3% of Ethiopian immigrants hospitalized in Israel (1986 publication) [30]



Graph: Ethiopia. Tuberculosis, estimated (WHO) deaths

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Notes:
1. Tuberculosis accounts for 15.1% of all hospital deaths.

Tuberculosis and HIV infection:
- 30 percent of tuberculosis patients were HIV-positive in 1997; 42% in 1999.
- During 1995 to 1997, 11.2% of children with tuberculosis in Addis Ababa were HIV-positive.
- 40% of tuberculosis patients in Addis Ababa are HIV-positive; 15% to 30% in the southern region (2004 publication). [31]
- In southern Ethiopia, 15% of urban and 30% of rural tuberculosis patients are HIV-positive (2002).
- 23.7% of HIV-positive patients with AFB smear-negative pneumonia were found to have tuberculosis (Addis Ababa, 2007 publication) [32]
- 3.6% of HIV-positive patients clinically suspected of having tuberculosis were found to have Nocardiosis (2005) [33]

Drug susceptibility:
- During 1984 to 2001, 2% to 21% of isolates were resistant to isoniazid. 1.2% of primary isolates and 12% from treated patients were MDR. [34]
- 5.3% of isolates are MDR (2004 publication). [35]

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Tungiasis

Agent	PARASITE - Insecta Siphonaptera (Flea), Tungidae: Tunga penetrans and T. trimamillata ("sand fleas")
Reservoir	Pig Dog ? Various other mammals
Vector	None
Vehicle	Contact
Incubation Period	8d - 12d
Diagnostic Tests	Identification of parasite.
Typical Adult Therapy	Extraction of parasite
Typical Pediatric Therapy	As for adult
Clinical Hints	Painful papule or nodule, usually on the feet - may be multiple; begins 1 to 2 weeks after walking on dry soil; secondary infections and tetanus are described.
Synonyms	Bicho de pe, Chica, Chigger, Chigoe flea, Jigger, Nigua, Puce-chique, Tu, Tunga penetrans, Tunga trimamillata, Tungosis. ICD9: 134.1 ICD10: B88.1

Clinical

Virtually all infestations are limited to the foot, notably the interdigital and periungual regions. [1] [2]
• Ectopic infections are occasionally noted on the hands, elbows, thighs or gluteal region • and even the eyelids. [3]
• Irritation begins 8 to 12 days following infection, and is manifested as a small 'pit' which evolves into a circular ulcer associated with pain, edema, erythema and pruritis.
• On dermoscopy, circumferential rings may be evident surrounding a central black lesion • the 'radial crown' sign. [4]
• Secondary bacterial infection, thrombophlebitis or even tetanus may follow.
• Most infestations are characterized by 2 to 3 fleas, although hundreds may be present. [5]
• Severe disease may be characterized by deep ulcerations, necrosis leading to denudation of underlying bone, and auto-amputation of digits.
• Ectopic infection (hands, elbows, knees, neck [6] , anus and genitals) is encountered, often in small children.
• Studies in an endemic region of Brazil revealed 17 lesions (maximum 98) per patient, and almost all had nail deformation and edema.
• Nail loss (46%), pain and fissures (70%), digit deformation (25%), abscesses (42%), and walking difficulty (59%) were common. (Brazil, 2007 publication) [7]

A series of 11 cases of tetanus related to tungiasis (25% of all tetanus cases) was reported by a single hospital in Brazzaville over an 11-month period (1989 publication). [8]
• Tungiasis is implicated in the etiology of 10% of tetanus cases in Sao Paulo, Brazil (2001 publication). [9]

This disease is endemic or potentially endemic to 88 countries.

Tungiasis in Ethiopia

Prevalence surveys:

1.2% of school children (national survey, 2008 publication) [10]

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Typhoid and enteric fever

Agent	BACTERIUM. Salmonella serotype Typhi (other Salmonella species cause 'paratyphoid' fever) A facultative gram-negative bacillus
Reservoir	Human
Vector	None
Vehicle	Fecal-oral Food, Fly Water
Incubation Period	15d - 21d (range 5d - 34d)
Diagnostic Tests	Culture (blood, urine, sputum culture). Stool usually negative unless late untreated infection). Serology.
Typical Adult Therapy	Ceftriaxone 2 g IV q12h to q 24h X 5 to 7d. OR Ciprofloxacin 750 mg PO (400 mg IV) Q12h X 2w. OR Azithromycin 1 gram PO on day 1; then 500 mg days 2 to 7. Add corticosteroids if evidence of shock or decreased mental status.
Typical Pediatric Therapy	Ceftriaxone 50 to 80 mg/kg IV daily X 5 to 7d. OR Azithromycin 15 mg/kg PO on day 1; then 7.5 mg/kg on days 2 to 7.
Vaccines	Typhoid - injectable Typhoid - oral
Clinical Hints	Transient diarrhea followed by fever, splenomegaly, obtundation, rose spots (during second week of illness); leukopenia and relative bradycardia often observed; case fatality rate = 0.8% (treated) to 15% (untreated).
Synonyms	Abdominal typhus, Abdominaltyphus, Buiktyphus, Enteric fever, Febbre tifoide, Febbre tifoidea, Fiebre tifoidea, Paratifoidea, Paratyfus, Paratyphoid, Salmonella serotype Typhi, Tyfoid, Typhoid, Typhoide. ICD9: 002 ICD10: A01

Clinical

Enteric fever is a defined syndrome of systemic illness associated with *Salmonella* infection.
• Enteric fever caused by *S. typhi* is referred to as "typhoid fever," and that caused by *S. paratyphi*, is referred to as "paratyphoid fever."
• Symptoms are often nonspecific and insidious in onset. [1] [2]
• The differential diagnosis of fever, abdominal pain with hepatosplenomegaly also includes malaria, amebic liver abscess, brucellosis [3] , visceral leishmaniasis, and dengue fever.
• The clinical features of scrub typhus [4] and melioidosis may also mimic those of enteric fever. [5]

Acute illness:

Following an incubation period of 5 to 21 days, an initial enterocolitis may develops without associated fever.
• Constipation is present in 10 to 40% of patients; abdominal pain 20 to 40%; hepatosplenomegaly in 50%.
• Such symptoms as chills, diaphoresis, headache, anorexia, cough, sore throat, vertigo and myalgia often precede the onset of fever.
• Psychosis or confusion ("muttering delirium") occur in 5 to 10%; and seizures and coma in less than 1%.
• Patients appear acutely ill.
• Cervical lymphadenopathy develops in some patients, and pulmonary disease is rare at this stage.
• 3% have signs and symptoms of cholecystitis, and jaundice is reported in as many as 12% of cases. [6]
• Instances of "typhoid hepatitis" appear to represent super-infection by hepatitis virus, rather than a complication of typhoid fever. [7]

Course of illness and complications:

Symptoms resolve by the fourth week of infection without antimicrobial therapy.
• Weight loss, and debilitation may persist for months, and 10% of patients will experience a relapse.
• Relapse is more common among antibiotic-treated than non-treated patients.
• Intestinal perforation is characterized by recurrent fever, abdominal pain, intestinal hemorrhage and tachycardia occurring in the 3rd to 4th week of illness. 65.7% of perforations are solitary and involved the anti-mesenteric border of the terminal ileum [8]
• 70% of pregnancies will end in miscarriage when complicated by untreated typhoid.
• Rare instances of acalculous cholecystitis [9-12] , pancreatitis, rhabdomyositis, renal failure [13] , genital ulceration [14] ,

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spondylitis/spondylodiscitis [15] , and ectopic abscesses [16] have been reported in typhoid patients.
• The case-fatality rate is 10% to 15%
• Long-term carriage is associated with an increased incidence of cancers of the gallbladder [17] [18] , pancreas, colo-rectum and lung. [19] [20]

Laboratory findings include leukopenia (albeit an initial leucocytosis is common), thrombocytopenia, coagulopathy and hepatic dysfunction.
• The most sensitive laboratory test for enteric fever is blood culture.
• Serum transaminase elevations appear to reflect myopathy rather than hepatic disease in most cases. [21]

This disease is endemic or potentially endemic to all countries.

Typhoid and enteric fever in Ethiopia

82,435 outpatient cases and 2,690 hospitalizations for typhoid fever (81 fatal) were reported in 1998.

Typhoid was diagnosed in 121 (1.1%) of Ethiopian immigrants to Israel during 1984 to 1985. [22]
- Typhoid was diagnosed in 9.9% of Ethiopian immigrants hospitalized in Israel (1986 publication) [23]

Prevalence surveys:

1% of adults with diarrhea (Addis Ababa, 1997 publication) [24]

5.8% of febrile outpatients ages 3 to 17 (western Gojjam State, northwestern region, 2009 publication) [25]

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Typhus - endemic

Agent	BACTERIUM. Rickettsia typhi
Reservoir	Rat
Vector	Flea (Xenopsylla or Nosopsyllus spp.)
Vehicle	None
Incubation Period	10d - 12d (range 4d - 18d)
Diagnostic Tests	Serology. Identification of rickettsiae in smear or culture of skin lesions. Nucleic acid amplification.
Typical Adult Therapy	Doxycycline 100 mg BID X 3 to 5d
Typical Pediatric Therapy	Doxycycline 2 mg/kg BID X 3 to 5d (maximum 200 mg/day); or Chloramphenicol 12.5 mg/kg QID X 3 to 5d
Clinical Hints	Fever, headache and myalgia; truncal maculopapular rash (present in 60%) appears on days 3 to 5 and persists for 4 to 8 days; fever resolves after 12 to 16 days; case fatality rate (untreated) = 2%.
Synonyms	Endemic typhus, Murine typhus, Rickettsia typhi, Ship typhus, Tifo murino, Tifus pulgas, Vlektyphus. ICD9: 081.0 ICD10: A75.2

Clinical

The features of endemic typhus are similar to those of epidemic typhus, but less severe. [1]
• Headache and myalgia predominate.
• The rash is nonspecific and may be lacking in 50% of patients. [2]
• Major complications are rare.
• The severity of infection has been associated with old age, delayed diagnosis, hepatic and renal dysfunction, central nervous system abnormalities, and pulmonary compromise.
• Ocular complications include uveitis, retinal hemorrhage, choroidal dots, papilledema and optic neuritis [3]
• Rare instances of splenic infarction have been reported. [4]
• As many as 4% of hospitalized patients die.

This disease is endemic or potentially endemic to all countries.

Typhus - endemic in Ethiopia

12,933 outpatient cases of endemic typhus were reported in 1998.

Seroprevalence surveys:

12% of adults in Addis Ababa, and as many as 16.8% of the general population (1990 publication) [5]

5.1% of febrile outpatients ages 3 to 17 - characterized as "typhus" (western Gojjam State, northwestern region, 2009 publication) [6]

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Typhus - epidemic

Agent	BACTERIUM. Rickettsia prowazekii
Reservoir	Human ? Flying squirrel
Vector	Louse (Pediculus) ? Squirrel flea
Vehicle	None
Incubation Period	10d - 14d (range 5d - 23d)
Diagnostic Tests	Serology. Identification of rickettsiae in smear or culture of skin lesions. Nucleic acid amplification.
Typical Adult Therapy	Doxycycline 100 mg PO BID X 3 to 5d. OR Chloramphenicol 500 mg QID X 3 to 5d
Typical Pediatric Therapy	Doxycycline 2 mg/kg PO BID X 3 to 5d (maximum 200 mg/day). OR Chloramphenicol 10 mg/kg PO QID X 3 to 5d
Clinical Hints	Fever, headache and myalgia; truncal maculopapular rash appears on days 4 to 7; encephalopathy or myocarditis may ensue; fever resolves after 2 weeks, but convalescence is prolonged; case-fatality rate (untreated) = 10% to 20%.
Synonyms	Camp fever, Epidemic typhus, Jail fever, Red louse disease, Rickettsia prowazekii, Ship fever, Shop typhus, Sutama, Sylvatic epidemic typhus, Tifus piojos, Tobardillo. ICD9: 080 ICD10: A75.0

Clinical

Typhus is characterized by the sudden onset of headache, chills, prostration, vomiting, high fever, coughing, severe myalgia and shin pain. [1]
• Conjunctival suffusion, splenomegaly and cerebral obtundation are common.
• A macular eruption appears on the second to sixth day, initially on the upper trunk, with spread to the entire body except the face, palms and soles. [2]
• The rash may later become petechial or necrotic.
• No rash is noted in as many as 30% of cases.

Meningoencephalitis occurs in as many as 50% of severe cases.
• Other complications include secondary bacterial infection, peripheral gangrene and myocarditis.
• The case-fatality rate among untreated patients is 10% to 15%.

Important clinical features which distinguish epidemic typhus from malaria and typhoid are lack of splenomegaly, rigors and diarrhea.

Recrudescent typhus (Brill-Zinsser disease) may present years after the initial episode, and is characterized by classic features of epidemic typhus with a milder clinical course.

This disease is endemic or potentially endemic to 63 countries.

Typhus - epidemic in Ethiopia

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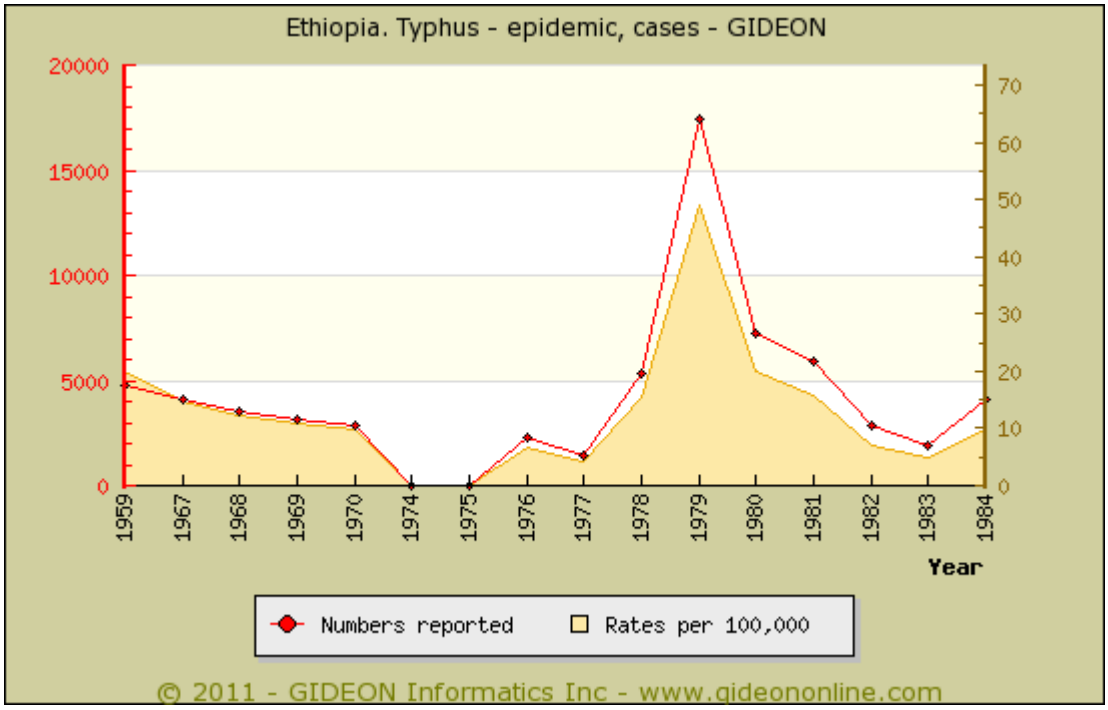
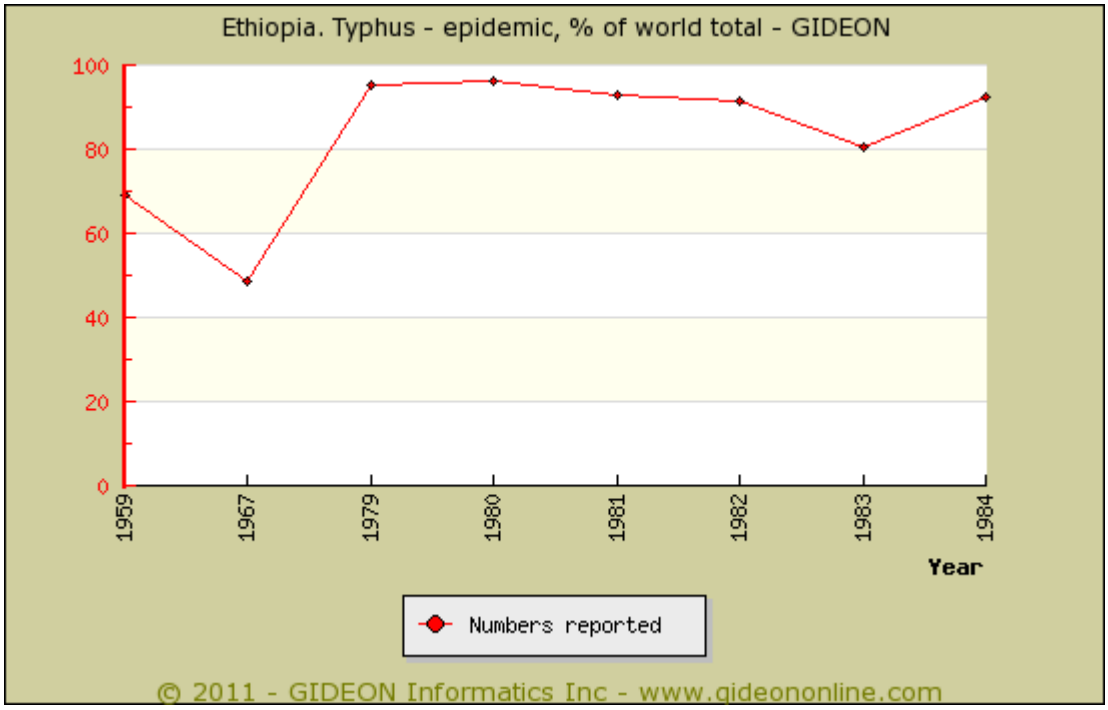


Graph: Ethiopia. Typhus - epidemic, cases

Notes:
1. 43 cases were confirmed during August 1990 to February 1991.
2. Also see reference [3]
   Individual years:
   1984 - Included 142 fatal cases.
   1998 - 117 patients were hospitalized for epidemic typhus - 3 fatal.



Graph: Ethiopia. Typhus - epidemic, % of world total

Prevalence surveys:

5.1% of febrile outpatients ages 3 to 17 - characterized as "typhus" (western Gojjam State, northwestern region, 2009

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publication) [4]

Seroprevalence surveys:

7.6% of adults in Addis Ababa (1987) [5]

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Urinary tract infection

Agent	BACTERIUM OR FUNGUS. Escherichia coli, other facultative gram negative bacilli, enterococci, et al
Reservoir	Human
Vector	None
Vehicle	Endogenous
Incubation Period	Variable
Diagnostic Tests	Urine culture and leucocyte count.
Typical Adult Therapy	Antimicrobial agent(s) directed at known or likely pathogen
Typical Pediatric Therapy	As for adult
Clinical Hints	Fever, dysuria, frequency, flank pain and vomiting; infection in children or men and infection which relapses in women may warrant radiological studies to rule out underlying obstruction or calculus.
Synonyms	Cistite, Cistitis, Cystite, Cystitis, Pielite, Pielitis, Pielonefrite, Pielonefritis, Prostatite, Pyelitis, Pyelonephrite, Pyelonephritis, Trigonitis, Tubulointerstitial nephritis, Urethritis, Uretrite, Zystitis. ICD9: 791.9,136.9,599.0,590,601.0 ICD10: N10,N30,N41

Clinical

Young children often exhibit nonspecific signs such as fever, poor feeding and vomiting.
• Abdominal pain may be present.
• After early childhood, dysuria, urgency, and frequency are generally present in UTI.
• Adult women with cystitis have frequent and urgency, often with lower abdominal or lower back pain.
• The urine may be foul smelling or turbid and is often bloody.
• Onset of symptoms is usually abrupt.
• Some infections progress to upper tract involvement, with fever, rigors, nausea, vomiting, abdominal and flank pain.
• Classical signs of 'upper' vs. 'lower' UTI are often misleading and do not necessarily point to the location of infection.

In the elderly, UTIs are often asymptomatic or manifest by nonspecific signs.
• Frequency, urgency, nocturia, and incontinence in this age group may also mimic other disorders in this age group.
• Infection associated with neurogenic bladders and indwelling catheters may not necessarily present with localizing symptoms.

Acute uncomplicated cystitis is most common in young women but may also be seen in men, children or the elderly. [1]
• Typical symptoms include dysuria, frequency, urgency, and suprapubic or pelvic pain. [2]
• Suprapubic tenderness is present in 10 to 20 percent, and gross hematuria in 20 to 30 percent.
• Approximately ten percent of patients with symptoms of acute cystitis will be found to have occult infection of the upper urinary tract.
• Bacterial vaginosis may predispose to urinary tract infection [3]

Acute pyelonephritis presents with flank, low back, or abdominal pain, in addition to fever, rigors, sweats, headache, nausea, vomiting, malaise, and prostration. [4]
• Antecedent or concomitant symptoms of cystitis may or may not be present.
• Fever and flank pain are relatively specific indicators of renal infection.
• A minority of patients with pyelonephritis develop septicemia, or necrotizing renal or perinephric abscesses.
• The latter are often associated with urinary tract obstruction or diabetes [see Perinephric abscess].

All urinary infections in males should be considered complicated until proven otherwise, and prompt a careful search for anatomical or functional abnormality of the urinary tract.

Comprehensive reviews of prostatitis. [5] [6]

This disease is endemic or potentially endemic to all countries.

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Varicella

Agent	VIRUS - DNA. Herpesviridae, Alphaherpesvirinae: Human Herpesvirus 3 (Varicella-zoster virus)
Reservoir	Human
Vector	None
Vehicle	Air Direct contact
Incubation Period	2w - 3w
Diagnostic Tests	Viral culture (vesicles). Serology. Nucleic acid amplification.
Typical Adult Therapy	Respiratory isolation. Severe/complicated cases: Acyclovir 10 to 12 mg/kg IV q8h X 7d Adolescent / young adult: 800 mg PO X 5 per day X 7 d. Alternatives: Valacyclovir 1 g PO TID; or Famciclovir 500 mg PO TID
Typical Pediatric Therapy	Respiratory isolation. Acyclovir [severe/complicated cases] 150 mg/sq m IV q8h X 7d
Vaccines	Varicella Varicella-Zoster immune globulin
Clinical Hints	Cough and fever followed by a pruritic papulovesicular rash after 1 to 2 days; pneumonia is often encountered; case fatality rate = 4.3 per 100,000 cases (7% in immune-suppressed patients).
Synonyms	Chickenpox, Lechina, Skoldkopper, Vannkopper, Varicela, Varizellen, Vattenkoppor, Waterpokken, Windpocken. ICD9: 052 ICD10: B01

Clinical

Acute infection:
The predominant features of varicella are fever, cough, malaise, lymphadenopathy and a generalized pruritic vesicular rash typically consisting of 250 to 500 lesions.
• The rash generally begins on the scalp and proceeds to the trunk and extremities, with most lesions on the trunk.
• Skin lesions are initially maculopapular, progressing to vesicles on an erythematous base. [1]
• Atypical varicella, including lesions on palms and soles, may mimic monkeypox in endemic areas. [2]

Complications:
Complications include hepatitis [3] [4], encephalitis (notably involving the cerebellum) [5] [6], arthritis, secondary bacterial infections, Reye's syndrome, facial nerve palsy [7-9], meningitis [10], pancreatitis [11], pneumonia [12-14], empyema [15], spontaneous pneumothorax [16], myocarditis, atrioventricular block [17], hemorrhagic pericarditis [18] [19], optic neuritis [20] [21], uveitis [22], acute retinal necrosis [23], necrotizing scleritis [24] [25], purpura fulminans [26], idiopathic thrombocytopenic purpura [27] and hemophagocytic lymphohistiocytosis. [28]
• Necrotizing fasciitis or Fournier's gangrene may occasionally complicate varicella [29]
• Post varicella cerebral infarction has been described in young, previously healthy children within a few months of VZV infection and is characterized by middle cerebral artery territory infarction and proximal MCA disease. [30] A similar condition has been reported in immunocompromised patients following herpes zoster involving the ophthalmic branch of the trigeminal nerve as well as in the context of primary varicella complicated by granulomatous angiitis [31] Extra-cranial vascular thrombosis of large or small vessels has also been reported [32]
• Immunocompromised individuals, neonates, infants, adolescents and adults are at risk of severe illness and complications. [33-35]
• VZ virus infection can be a presenting symptom of hyperparathyroidism and occurs twice as often in persons with hypercalcemia than age-matched controls. [36]
• Use of nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs during primary varicella, has been implicated as a risk factor for subsequent occurrence of streptococcal necrotizing fasciitis.

Perinatal infection:
Newborn infants whose mothers had onset of varicella within 5 days before delivery or within the 48 hours after delivery are at risk for neonatal varicella.
• Neonatal varicella carries a case-fatality rate as high as 30%.
• Maternal infection [37] during the first 20 weeks of pregnancy carries a risk (0.4% to 2.0%) of congenital varicella,

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characterized by low birth weight, hypoplasia of extremities, dermal scarring, focal muscular atrophy, encephalitis, cortical atrophy, chorioretinitis and microcephaly. [38] [39]

This disease is endemic or potentially endemic to all countries.

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Vibrio parahaemolyticus infection

Agent	BACTERIUM Vibrio parahaemolyticus A facultative gram-negative bacillus
Reservoir	Marine water Seafood Fish
Vector	None
Vehicle	Seafood
Incubation Period	10h - 20h (range 2h - 4d)
Diagnostic Tests	Stool culture - alert laboratory when this organism is suspected.
Typical Adult Therapy	Supportive
Typical Pediatric Therapy	As for adult
Clinical Hints	Vomiting and explosive diarrhea, 4 to 24 hours following ingestion of seafood (often steamed crabs); diarrhea may persist for 7 to 10 days; case fatality rate = 0.1%.
Synonyms	Vibrio parahaemolyticus. ICD9: 005.4 ICD10: A05.3

Clinical

Symptoms usually begin within 10 to 20 hours after ingestion of seafood, and persist for 2 to 10 days.
- Illness is characterized by vomiting (50%), abdominal pain and watery or explosive diarrhea.
- Fever is noted in 25% of patients.
- Dysentery has been described in some cases. [1]

Rare instances of bacteremia and extra-intestinal infection are reported. [2-4]

This disease is endemic or potentially endemic to all countries.

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Wesselsbron

Agent	VIRUS - RNA. Flaviridae, Flavivirus: Wesselsbron virus
Reservoir	Sheep Cattle
Vector	Mosquito (Aedes sp., Anopheles gambiae, An. pharoensis, Culex telesilla, Cu. univittatus, Mansonia uniformis)
Vehicle	None
Incubation Period	2d - 4d
Diagnostic Tests	Viral culture (blood, throat). Serology. Biosafety level 3.
Typical Adult Therapy	Supportive
Typical Pediatric Therapy	As for adult
Clinical Hints	Fever, myalgia, arthralgia, dermal hyperesthesia, maculopapular rash and leukopenia; illness lasts up to 10 days; no fatality reported.
Synonyms	

Clinical

Wesselsbron is characterized by abrupt onset of fever, myalgias, arthralgias, dermal hyperesthesia, leucopenia.
- A maculopapular rash which appears after 3 to 4 days. [1]
- Meningoencephalitis may follow.
- Although human infection may be severe, no fatalities have been reported.

This disease is endemic or potentially endemic to 31 countries.

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West Nile fever

Agent	VIRUS - RNA. Flaviridae, Flavivirus: West Nile virus
Reservoir	Bird Horse Bat ? Tick
Vector	Mosquito (Culex univittatus. Cu. pipiens, Cu. vishnui, Cu. neavei, Coquillettidia, Aedes and Anopheles spp.)
Vehicle	Blood transmission [rare]
Incubation Period	3d - 6d (range 1d - 7d)
Diagnostic Tests	Viral culture (blood, CSF). Serology. Nucleic acid amplification. Biosafety level 3.
Typical Adult Therapy	Supportive
Typical Pediatric Therapy	As for adult
Clinical Hints	Myalgia, arthralgia, lymphadenopathy, headache, conjunctivitis and a macular rash; sporadic instances of encephalitis, meningitis and myocarditis are reported; illness resolves within one week in most cases.
Synonyms	Bagaza, Fiebre del Oeste del Nilo, Lourdige, Near Eastern equine encephalitis, Ntaya, Usutu, WNF. ICD9: 066.4 ICD10: A92.3

Clinical

Acute infection:
West Nile fever in humans usually is a minor influenza-like illness, characterized by an abrupt onset of moderate to high fever lasting 3 to 5 days.
• The fever is occasionally biphasic, and may be accompanied by rigors.
• Additional findings include frontal headache, sore throat, backache, myalgia, arthralgia, fatigue, conjunctivitis and retrobulbar pain. [1]
• A maculopapular or roseolar rash [2] [3] appears in approximately 50% of cases, spreading from the trunk to the extremities and head.
• Lymphadenopathy, anorexia, nausea, abdominal pain, diarrhea, and respiratory symptoms are also encountered.

Neuroinvasive disease:
Occasionally (<15% of cases), acute aseptic meningitis or encephalitis occurs, associated with neck stiffness, vomiting, confusion, disturbed consciousness, somnolence, tremor of extremities, abnormal reflexes, convulsions, pareses, and coma. [4] [5]
• Such patients may then develop anterior myelitis and acute flaccid paralysis, reminiscent of poliomyelitis or Guillain-Barre syndrome. [6-8]
• Focal encephalitis with seizures may mimic herpes simplex encephalitis. [9] [10]
• Risk factors for neuroinvasive disease include age >45 years, male sex, hypertension and diabetes mellitus. [11]
• Multifocal chorioretinitis is common among patients with neuroinvasive disease. [12-17]

Hepatosplenomegaly, hepatitis, pancreatitis [18] , myocarditis [19] and hemorrhagic fever have been reported. [20]

Prolonged convalescence (up to one year) may follow recovery from encephalitis; and myalgia, confusion and lightheadedness may persist beyond this period. [21-24]
• Recovery is complete (less rapid in adults than in children, often accompanied by long-term myalgias and weakness), and permanent sequelae have not been reported.
• Prolonged depression persists in as many as 31% of patients following recovery. [25] [26]
• Most fatal cases occur in patients older than 50 years. [27]

Laboratory findings:
Laboratory findings consist of a slightly increased sedimentation rate and mild leukocytosis.
• Profound and prolonged lymphocytopenia is reported in some cases. [28]
• Cerebrospinal fluid in patients with central nervous system involvement is clear, with moderate pleocytosis and elevated protein.
• A distinctive CSF plasmacytosis may be present.

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• The virus can be recovered from the blood for up to 10 days in immunocompetent febrile patients, and as late as 22 to 28 days after infection in immunocompromised patients.
• Peak viremia occurs 4 to 8 days postinfection.

Ntaya virus, a related flavivirus, has been associated with febrile illness and neurological findings. [29]

This disease is endemic or potentially endemic to 84 countries.

West Nile fever in Ethiopia

Seropositive humans were identified in the Lake Rudolf region in 1972. [30]

The virus has been identified in mosquitoes (*Culex ethiopicus*, *Mansonia uniformis*).

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Whipple's disease

Agent	BACTERIUM. Actinomycetes, Tropheryma whipplei A gram positive bacillus
Reservoir	Unknown
Vector	None
Vehicle	None
Incubation Period	Unknown
Diagnostic Tests	Identification of inclusions in lamina propria (other tissues). Tissue culture. Nucleic acid amplification.
Typical Adult Therapy	Ceftriaxone 2.0 g IV daily X 14 days. OR Penicillin G 6 to 324 million units daily + + streptomycin 1 g daily X 14d. Then: Sulfamethoxazole/trimethoprim 800/160 mg PO BID X 1 year. OR Doxycycline 100 mg PO BID X 1 year
Typical Pediatric Therapy	This disease is not described in children
Clinical Hints	A chronic multisystem disorder characterized by weight loss, diarrhea, abdominal and joint pain; dermal hyperpigmentation, fever and lymphadenopathy often present; PAS-positive macrophages present in intestinal biopsy material.
Synonyms	Intestinal lipodystrophy, Lipophagic granulomatosis, Mesenteric chyladenectasis, Steatorrhea arthropericarditica, Tropheryma whipplei. ICD9: 040.2 ICD10: K90.8

Clinical

The typical patient has a history of recurrent arthralgia or arthritis involving multiple joints for several years. [1]
• Joint complaints precede systemic and gastrointestinal disease in approximately one-third of patients [2] , and may persist for years in the absence of diarrhea. [3]
• Infection of prosthetic joints has been reported. [4]
• Diarrhea, low-grade fever and weight loss are characteristic, and hyperpigmentation is present in 50% of patients.
• Generalized lymphadenopathy is common.

As many as one third of the patients develop cardiac involvement characterized by the presence of systolic murmurs, a pericardial friction rub, congestive heart failure, and nonspecific electrocardiographic changes. [5]
• The most common pathological changes are endocarditis [6] with negative blood cultures, presenting with thickened and deformed mitral or aortic valves. [7]
• 30 to 40% of patients develop pleuritic chest pain, chronic nonproductive cough, and dyspnea.
• The chest X-ray may show a pleural effusion or pulmonary infiltrates.

Recurrence of symptoms following therapy may represent an immune reconstitution syndrome. [8]

Tropheryma whipplei was isolated from 6.4% of blood specimens from febrile patients with cough (Senegal, 2008 to 2009) [9]

Other features of Whipple's disease include personality changes or dementia [10] [11] , hypersomnia [12] , amnesic syndrome [13] , peripheral or cranial nerve neuropathy [14] , cerebral pseudotumor [15] , chronic headache [16] , endocarditis [17-20] , pericarditis [21] , pneumonia [22] , subcutaneous nodules, anemia, myoclonus, ataxia [23] , chorioretinitis [24] , vitritis [25] , uveitis [26] [27] , salcroiliitis [28] and spondylitis [29] , hypoalbuminemia and hypokalemia. [30]

This disease is endemic or potentially endemic to all countries.

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Yaws

Agent	BACTERIUM. Treponema pallidum subsp. pertenue: microaerophilic gram-negative spirochete
Reservoir	Human ? Non-human primate
Vector	None
Vehicle	Contact ? Insect bite ? Fomite
Incubation Period	3w - 5w (range 10d - 12w)
Diagnostic Tests	VDRL and antitreponemal tests (FTA, MHTP) positive as in syphilis.
Typical Adult Therapy	Benzathine Penicillin G 1.2 million units IM as single dose
Typical Pediatric Therapy	Benzathine Penicillin G : Weight <14kg: 300,000u IM Weight 14 to 28kg: 600,000u IM Weight >28kg - 1.2 million u IM
Clinical Hints	Dermal papillomata, periostitis and soft tissue suppuration; regional lymphadenopathy common; relapses often seen during initial 5 years of illness; gummas and hyperkeratotic plaques in later stages.
Synonyms	Anakhre, Bouba, Breda's disease, Charlouis' Disease, Frambesia, Gangosa, Goundou, Granuloma tropicum, Gundo, Henpue, Henpuye, Ogo Mutilans, Parangi, Patek, Pian, Treponema pallidum subsp pertenue. ICD9: 102 ICD10: A66

Clinical

Yaws has three clinical stages. [1] [2]
• Stage 1 is characterized by the a variety of flat and/or raised skin lesions.
• Stage 2 (Gangosa Syndrome, Ogo, or Rhinopharyngitis Mutilans) may involve the bones, joints, and/or skin.
• Stage 3 (Goundou Syndrome, Henpue, Henpuye, Gundo, or Anakhre) may also involve the bones, joints, and/or skin.

After an incubation period of approximately 3 weeks, a primary painless 2 to 5 cm pruritic papule ("mother yaw") appears at the site of inoculation. [3]
• The lesions may ulcerate, but generally heal completely after 3 to 6 months.
• Secondary lesions appear in crops from weeks to months later, measure 1 to 5 cm and tend to ulcerate or take the shape of raspberries (frambesoids), round or discoidal papillomas. [4]
• Systemic symptoms are usually not present at this stage, which may persist for up to 6 months, and relapse over periods as long as 10 years. [5]
• The third stage is characterized by destructive necrotic and gummatous lesions of skin, bone, nasopharynx and contiguous structures.

This disease is endemic or potentially endemic to 63 countries.

Yaws in Ethiopia

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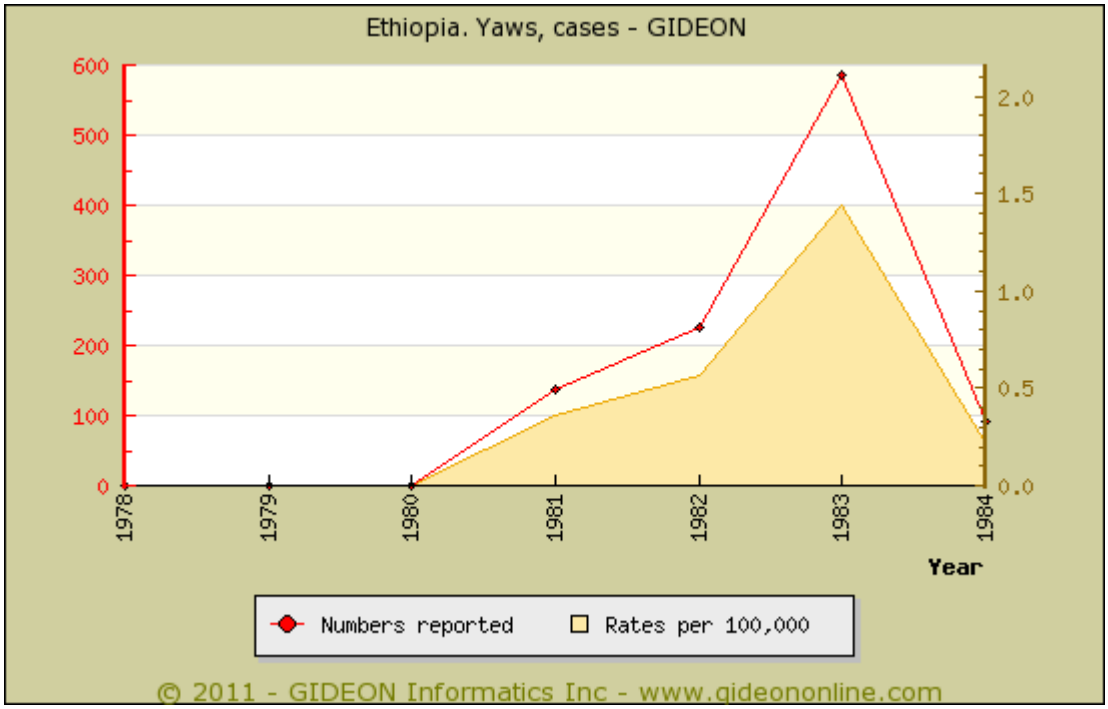

Graph: Ethiopia. Yaws, cases

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Yellow fever

Agent	VIRUS - RNA. Flaviridae, Flavivirus: Yellow fever virus
Reservoir	Human Mosquito Monkey ? Marsupial
Vector	Mosquito - Stegomyia (Aedes), Haemagogus, Sabethes
Vehicle	None
Incubation Period	3d - 6d (range 2.5d - 14d)
Diagnostic Tests	Viral culture (blood, liver). Serology. Nucleic acid amplification. Biosafety level 3.
Typical Adult Therapy	Supportive
Typical Pediatric Therapy	As for adult
Vaccine	Yellow fever
Clinical Hints	Headache, backache, vomiting, myalgias, jaundice, hemorrhagic diathesis, relative bradycardia and leukopenia; illness is often biphasic; 10% to 60% die within 7 days of onset.
Synonyms	Bulan fever, Febbre gialla, Febre amarela, Fever of Fernando Po, Fever of the blight of Benin, Fiebre amarilla, Fievre jaune, Gelbfieber, Gele koorts, Gul feber, Gula febern, Inflammatory fever, Kendal's disease, Magdalena fever, Maladie de Siam, Pest of Havana, Stranger's fever. ICD9: 060 ICD10: A95

Clinical

WHO Case definition for surveillance: [1]
Clinical description
• Characterized by acute onset of fever followed by jaundice within 2 weeks of onset of first symptoms.
• Hemorrhagic manifestations and signs of renal failure may occur.
Laboratory criteria for diagnosis
• Isolation of yellow fever virus, or
• Presence of yellow fever specific IgM or a four-fold or greater rise in serum IgG levels in paired sera (acute and convalescent) or
• Positive post-mortem liver histopathology or detection of yellow fever antigen in tissues by immunohistochemistry or
• Detection of yellow fever virus genomic sequences in blood or organs by PCR
Case classification
• Suspected: A case that is compatible with the clinical description.
• Probable: A suspected case with presence of yellow fever IgM antibody (in the absence of vaccination within 30 days); or positive postmortem liver histopathology; or an epidemiological link to a confirmed case or outbreak.
• Confirmed: A probable case; and a fourfold or greater increased in antibody titers; or presence of yellow fever neutralization antibody; or detection of yellow fever virus, viral genome or antigen in blood or tissues.

The clinical presentation of yellow fever can range from a self-limited flu-like illness to overwhelming hemorrhagic fever, with a case-fatality rate of 50%. [2]
• As many as 50% of infections may be clinically inapparent.

Infection is heralded by abrupt onset of fever, headache, and myalgias associated with conjunctival injection, facial flushing, relative bradycardia (Faget's sign) and leukopenia. [3]
• Although most cases do not progress beyond this stage, a remission of fever for a few hours to several days may be followed by high fever, headache, lumbosacral pain, nausea, vomiting, abdominal pain, and somnolence.
• At this stage, the patient exhibits icteric hepatitis and a hemorrhagic diathesis with prominent bleeding from the gastrointestinal tract, epistaxis, bleeding gums, and petechial and purpuric hemorrhages.
• Weakness, prostration, protracted vomiting and albuminuria are prominent.
• Deepening jaundice and elevations in serum transaminase levels continue for several days, accompanied by azotemia and progressive oliguria.
• Direct bilirubin levels rise to 5 to 10 mg/dl, while alkaline phosphatase levels are only slightly raised.
• Eventually, hypotension, shock, and metabolic acidosis develop, compounded by myocardial dysfunction and arrhythmias.
• Additional findings may include acute tubular necrosis, confusion, seizures, and coma.
• CSF examination reveals an elevated protein level without pleocytosis.
• Death usually occurs within 7 to 10 days after onset.

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This disease is endemic or potentially endemic to 47 countries.

Yellow fever in Ethiopia

Ethiopia (but not Eritrea) is designated an ENDEMIC AREA.

Chronology
1950 to 1960 - No cases were reported .
1960 to 1962 - An epidemic was reported .
1963 to 1965 - No cases were reported .
1966 - An epidemic was reported
1967 to 2008 - No cases were reported.

Proof of vaccination **IS** required by Eritrea for all travelers arriving from infected areas (and recommended for all travelers over age 9 months to rural areas); and by Ethiopia for travelers over 1 year of age arriving from infected areas.

CDC (The United States Centers for Disease Control) recommends vaccination of all travelers older than 9 months of age who go travel to Ethiopia.

Notable outbreaks:

1960 to 1962 - Outbreaks (300,000 cases and 20,000 deaths, estimated) were reported in southwestern Ethiopia. *Aedes simpsoni* complex was identified as a key vector at the time. [4-6] Retrospective studies suggest that cases of Ebola or Ebola-like viral infection may also have occurred. [7]

1966 - An outbreak (2,200 cases, 450 fatal) was reported in the area east of Lake Abaya. [8-10]

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Yersiniosis

Agent	BACTERIUM. Yersinia enterocolitica and Yersinia pseudotuberculosis A facultative gram-negative bacillus
Reservoir	Pig Rodent Rabbit Sheep Goat Cattle Horse Dog Cat Bat
Vector	None
Vehicle	Food Water Meat Dairy products Vegetables Fecal-oral Blood
Incubation Period	4d - 7d (range 1d - 11d)
Diagnostic Tests	Culture stool, blood. Alert laboratory when these organisms are suspected.
Typical Adult Therapy	Stool precautions; diarrhea is self-limited. If severe disease - Ciprofloxacin 500 mg BID X 5 to 7d. OR Sulfamethoxazole/trimethoprim
Typical Pediatric Therapy	Stool precautions; diarrhea is self-limited. If severe disease - Sulfamethoxazole/trimethoprim 20 mg-4 mg/kg BID X 5 to 7d
Clinical Hints	Fever, diarrhea, right lower quadrant pain; fecal leucocytes present; may be associated with rheumatologic manifestations such as erythema multiforme, Reiter's syndrome and chronic arthritis.
Synonyms	Yersinia enterocolitica, Yersinia pseudotuberculosis, Yersiniose. ICD9: 008.44 ICD10: A04.6,A28.2

Clinical

Yersinia enterocolitica infection typically presents as febrile diarrhea, and occasionally bloody diarrhea.

- Lower abdominal pain without diarrhea occurs in over 15% of cases, and may mimic acute appendicitis. [1-4]
- Pharyngitis is common [5] ; and metastatic infection of bone, spleen, meninges or other organs may occur. [6-8]
- Chronic arthritis, erythema nodosum, Reiter's syndrome [9] , glomerulonephritis and carditis are also encountered.
- Reactive arthritis has been reported in over 20% of cases [10] [11]

Yersinia enterocolitica is one of at least a dozen *Yersinia* species encountered in humans. See the Microbiology module for further details.

This disease is endemic or potentially endemic to all countries.

Yersiniosis in Ethiopia

Prevalence surveys:

1.5% of outpatients with diarrhea (Addis Ababa, 2003 publication) [12]
0% of children hospitalized with diarrhea (Addis Ababa, 1992 to 1993) [13]

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Zygomycosis

Agent	FUNGUS. Zygomycota, Zygomycetes, Mucorales: Mucor spp., Rhizopus spp., Lichtheimia (formerly Absidia) spp, Saksenaea spp, et al
Reservoir	Saprophytes
Vector	None
Vehicle	Air Bandages Contact
Incubation Period	Variable
Diagnostic Tests	Fungal smear and culture.
Typical Adult Therapy	Amphotericin B to maximum dose 0.8 mg/kg/d; and to total dose of 3g. Excision as indicated
Typical Pediatric Therapy	Amphotericin B max dose 0.8 mg/kg/d; and to total dose of 40 mg/kg. Excision as indicated
Clinical Hints	Periorbital pain, sinusitis, and palatal, nasal or cerebral infarcts; occurs in the setting of preexisting acidosis (diabetes, uremia); pulmonary infection may complicate leukemia.
Synonyms	Absidia, Actinomucor, Apophysomyces, Cokeromyces, Cunninghamella, Hormographiella, Lichtheimia, Lichtheimia, Mucor, Mucormycosis, Mycocladus, Phycomycosis, Rhizomucor, Rhizopus, Saksenaea, Syncephalastrum. ICD9: 117.7 ICD10: B46

Clinical

Infection is most commonly associated with hyperglycemia, metabolic (diabetic, uremic) acidosis, corticosteroid therapy and neutropenia [1] , transplantation, heroin injection or administration of desferoxamine. [2]
• Major risk factors identified in children are neutropenia, diabetes mellitus, and prematurity. [3]
• Virtually any organ can be involved [4-7] ; however, most infections involve the paranasal sinuses and contiguous structures (orbit, cavernous sinus, cranial nerves, cerebral arteries), lungs, skin [8] [9] and gastrointestinal tract. [10]

Disease manifestations reflect the mode of transmission, with rhinocerebral and pulmonary diseases being most common.
• Cutaneous [11] , gastrointestinal, and allergic diseases are also seen.
• The Mucorales are associated with blood vessel invasion, often leading to thrombosis, infarction and tissue destruction.
• Rare cases of sinusitis have been ascribed to *Actinomucor elegans*.
• Dissemination is common.
• Therapy must be started early and consists of antifungal drugs, surgical intervention, and reversal

Rhinocerebral zygomycosis initially manifests with headache (often unilateral), fever, facial pain, diplopia, lacrimation, and nasal stuffiness.
• As the infection spreads, necrotic lesions appear in the turbinates, nose, paranasal skin or hard palate. [12]
• Chemosis, proptosis, and external ophthalmoplegia may occur.
• Cranial nerve abnormalities are common (nerves II through VII, IX, and X), and blindness may ensue following invasion of the cavernous sinus, ophthalmic artery, and orbit.
• Hemiparesis, seizures, or monocular blindness suggest advanced disease.
• Invasion of the internal carotid artery in the cavernous sinus can occur, with metastatic lesions in the frontoparietal cortex and deepening coma.

Pulmonary zygomycosis presents with nonspecific symptoms such as fever, cough and dyspnea. [13]
• Hemoptysis may occur with vascular invasion.
• Radiological findings include segmental consolidation which progresses to contiguous areas of the lung and may cavitate.
• In 74% of pulmonary zygomycosis cases, the infection is limited to the lung. [14]

Gastrointestinal zygomycosis usually affects patients with severe malnutrition, and may involve the stomach, ileum, and colon. [15]
• Clinical findings mimic intra-abdominal abscess.
• The diagnosis is often made at autopsy.

Renal zygomycosis may mimic malignancy [16]

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59 case reports (38 fatal) of neonatal zygomycosis had been published to July 2007 • 77% premature infants, 54% gastrointestinal and 36% dermal. [17]

Zygomycosis has a poor prognosis, with a mortality rate of 44%. [18]

This disease is endemic or potentially endemic to all countries.

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