

# **INFECTIOUS DISEASES**

# Definitions

- **Fever**

Controlled increase in body temperature over normal values for an individual.

**Temp. regulation –**

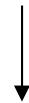
*Thermosensitive neurons* in preoptic /anterior hypothalamus  
(neural connections with cold & warm recep in skin/ muscles )

*Thermoregulatory responses*

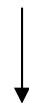
*Diurnal variation*

# **Pathogenesis of fever**

Exogenous pyrogens (microbes, toxins etc.)



Endogenous pyrogens(IL-1, IL-6, TNF- $\alpha$ , IFN-  $\beta$  & - $\gamma$ , PGs)



Thermostat set at higher temperature

***Fever is an adaptive response, should be treated in special circumstances only.***

# Etiology Of Fever

- Infections
- Vaccines
- Biologic products
- Tissue injury
- Malignancy
- Drugs
- Immunological - Rheumatological disorder
- Inflammatory disorders
- Granulomatous disorders
- Endocrine disorders
- Metabolic disorders
- Genetic disorders
- Unidentified etiology
- Factitious Fever

# **Effects of Fever (Increased heat production)**

- ↑ oxygen consumption (Pulmonary diseases)
- ↑ Carbon dioxide production
- ↑ Cardiac output (cardiac diseases)
- Metabolic instability (eg. In diabetics)
- Febrile seizures /in epileptics

**In above circumstances, treatment of fever is necessary.**

# Patterns of Fever

- Continuous
  - Intermittent fever
  - Remittent
  - Relapsing
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- **Hyperpyrexia** Temp> 41C

- **Fever without focus**
- **Fever of unknown origin-**

Fever documented by a health care provider & for which cause could not be identified after 3 weeks of OPD & 1 week of IPD evaluation

- **Bacteremia** Recovery of bacteria in blood culture
- **Sepsis** Systemic response to infection with bacteria/ viruses/ fungi/ protozoa/ ricketssiae
- **Severe sepsis** Sepsis with organ dysfunction/ hypoperfusion/ hypotension
- **Septic shock** Severe sepsis with persistent hypotension despite adequate fluid resuscitation
- **Systemic inflammatory response syndrome** Response to a wide variety of clinical insults, characterized by  
Hyper or hypothermia; Tachycardia; Tachypnea; ↑/↓WBC
- **Multiple organ dysfunction syndrome**

# **Investigations in infectious diseases**

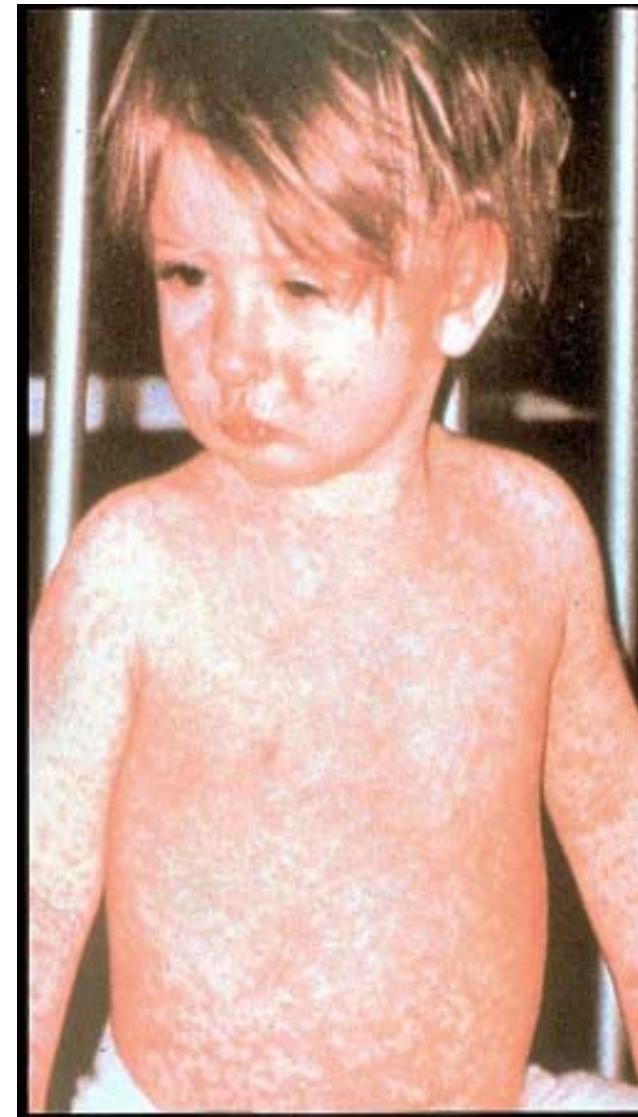
**Based on**

1. Direct exam of specimens- culture/ antigens
2. Isolation in culture
3. Serological testing for antibodies
4. Molecular genetic detection- PCR

# **Viral Infections**

# Measles

- Also known as **Rubeola**
- Caused by RNA virus  
( Paramyxoviridae)



# Measles

- **Transmission**

Highly contagious( 90% household contacts acquire ds)

Droplet infection( prodromal period ,for short pd after rash appearance)

Before 6 months rare (transplacentally acquired maternal antibodies)

***Infants of mothers with vaccine induced immunity lose passive antibodies earlier .***

Infants of susceptible mothers may contract the ds simultaneously with the mother.

# Pathogenesis

- Essential lesion : Perivascular serous exudates with proliferation of mononuclear & PMN cells
- Found in Skin, Mucous membranes of nasopharynx/ bronchi/ intestinal tract
- Hyperplasia of lymphoid tissue (eg. Appendix)
- Interstitial pneumonia :**Hecht Giant Cell Pneumonia**
- Encephalomyelitis :Perivascular demyelination
- SSPE :Degeneration of cortex & white matter (intracytoplasmic inclusion bodies)

# Clinical Picture

- **Incubation stage :** 10 -12 days
- **Prodromal stage :** 3 -5 days
- Low/ moderate grade fever, URI sx, conjunctivitis, red mottling over hard/ soft palate
  - Koplik spots** :grayish white spots opposite lower molars
    - :Can be found over lower lip/ palate/lacrimal caruncle
    - :Appear /disappear within 12 -18 hours.
- Occasionally, high grade fever/ convulsions/ pneumonia

# Measles Rash



Koplik spots



Conjunctival congestion

# **Exanthematous stage :**

- High grade fever upto this stage
- Starts from face & neck spreads to arms, trunk & lower limbs within 24 -48 hours.
- Rash can be – Macular /Maculopapular /Hemorrhagic (Petechiae / ecchymotic)/urticular
- ***Black measles***: Hemorrhagic measles, bleeding from nose, mouth, bowel etc.
- Complete absence of rash : IVIg; HIV infection; <9 months of age
- **Branny desquamation** & brownish discoloration during fading.

### ***RES involvement:***

Lymph node enlargement –Cervical/ mesenteric  
Splenomegaly

**Other sx** Bronchopneumonia/ otitis media/ diarrhea/  
vomiting etc.

### **Atypical measles:**

In patients who received killed measles virus vaccine  
before 1967.

Atypical rash: distribution /morphology .

Systemic features : severe headache / vomiting/ pain  
abdomen / pneumonia etc.

# Diagnosis

- Clinical picture
- Measles IgM antibodies
- In prodromal stage: multinucleated giant cells in nasal mucosa smears
- TLC – Low, Relative Lymphocytosis
- In measles encephalitis: ↑ proteins, ↑lymphocytes, glucose normal.

# Differential diagnosis

- Rubella/ adenoviral/ enteroviral: Milder degree of rash / fever
- Roseola infantum (Human herpes virus 6): rash appears after subsidence of fever
- Rickettsial infections : rash spares the face
- Meningococcemia: cough/ conjunctivitis -nt.
- Scarlet fever
- Kawasaki disease
- Serum sickness
- Drug rash

# Treatment

## **Supportive only**

- Fever control
- Adequate fluid intake
- Bacterial infections: antibiotics
- Watch for complications
- **Vitamin A**

Reduces mortality & morbidity.

6 months -2 years. Single dose of 100,000 units

> 2 years : Single dose of 200,000 units .

Children with ophthalmological evidence of vit A deficiency : 3 doses ,on day 1 ,2 & 28.

# **Complications**

- **Otitis media**
- **Respiratory :**  
Interstitial pneumonia( Viral).  
Bacterial superinfection  
Laryngitis, Tracheitis, Bronchitis
- **Cardiac:** Myocarditis
- **Purpura fulminans**
- **DIC**
- **Noma of cheeks**

# **Complication (contd.)**

- **Neurological :**  
Encephalitis : In pre eruptive stage/ 2 -5 days after rash.  
Direct viral invasion / Demyelination.  
LGBS  
Cerebral thrombophlebitis  
Retrobulbar neuritis  
Hemiplegia  
SSPE
- **Flaring of tuberculosis**
- **Malnutrition**

# **Prognosis**

- Poor in presence of concomitant malnutrition

# **Prevention**

## **1. Vaccination:**

9 months f/b MMR at 15 months, repeated at 4-6 years or 11-12 years.

**Live vaccine**

**Contraindications:**

pregnant women

primary immunodeficiency

untreated TB

On immunosuppressive therapy

HIV infected with severe immunosuppression

## **2. Isolation precautions**

From 7<sup>th</sup> d after exposure to 5<sup>th</sup> d posteruptive phase

### **Postexposure prophylaxis**

Passive immunization with immunoglobulin within 6 days of exposure

Pregnant women

Immunocompromised persons

Infants of nonimmune mothers < 6 month of age

### **Vaccination** Children between 6 -12 months of age

(Vaccine + IVIg); > 12 months Vaccine alone

For pregnant women & Immunocompromised persons

IVIg alone

# **Rubella**

- Also known as German measles/ Three day measles
- Caused by RNA virus
- Humans only natural hosts
- Transmission: droplet/ transplacental
- Age group: 5-14 years, teenagers/ young adults
- Incubation period: 14 -21 days
- 2/ 3 rd cases subclinical

# Clinical Manifestations

**Prodromal phase:** mild catarrhal symptoms

- **Lymphadenopathy:** 24 hours prior to rash to 1 wk after  
Markedly tender enlargement of L.N.  
Retroauricular/ posterior cervical/ postoccipital
- **Enanthem:** Forchheimer spots( rose coloured spots on soft palate)

**Exanthem:**

Maculopapular

Rapid evolution

Starts from face & spreads to entire body within 24 hours, clears by 3<sup>rd</sup> day.

# Rubella



- **Polyarthritis:**  
Seen in adolescent girls & women  
Can involve any joint  
Subsides within 2 weeks but can persist for several months also.  
No residual damage.
- **Congenital Rubella Syndrome**

## **Diagnosis**

Clinical Picture

Serology

Viral culture

## **Differential Diagnosis**

Measles (mild) (*Unlike measles, children with rubella often don't have a fever and the rash is fainter than the rash of measles.*)

Scarlet fever

Roseola infantum

Infectious mononucleosis

Drug rash

- **Treatment** : No specific Tt.
- **Complications:**
  - Encephalitis : mortality 20%
  - TTP
  - Congenital Rubella syndrome
  - Progressive Rubella Panencephalitis
- **Reinfection:**
  - With natural infection: 3-10%
  - After vaccination: 14- 18 %
  - Maternal reinfection : CRS

# Congenital Rubella Syndrome



# Congenital Rubella Syndrome

- Most common complication of rubella in pregnant women.
- **Risk of defects:**  
Greatest with primary maternal infection  
**Before 11<sup>th</sup> week of pregnancy > 90%**  
**b/w 11<sup>th</sup> -13<sup>th</sup> week 10-20%**  
**After 16<sup>th</sup> week very low risk**
- Affects all organ systems.

# **CRS contd.**

## **Clinical Features**

- IUGR
- Global development delay
- Microcephaly
- Eye defects :Cataracts (u/l or b/l), Microphthalmia
- Cardiac defects: PDA, Pulmonary artery stenosis; Myocarditis
- Sensorineural hearing loss
- Meningoencephalitis
- Blueberry muffin skin lesions
- Pneumonia
- Hepatitis
- Bone lucencies
- TTP, Anemia

# Congenital Rubella Syndrome



Newborn with CRS



Congenital cataract

## **Diagnosis**

**In infant:** Rubella specific IgM Ab

Culture from nasopharynx/ urine/ tissues

**Prenatal:** Rubella specific IgM from cord blood

**Treatment:** No specific therapy

## **Prognosis of CRS**

Poor prognosis : with complete spectrum of disease

With encephalitis : only 30% escape sequelae

# Prevention

- **Vaccine:**

Live vaccine

Derived from RA 27/ 3 strain

**Dosing schedule** 1<sup>st</sup> dose 12 -15 months of age

2<sup>nd</sup> dose 4- 6 year / 11-12 years

**Contraindications :**

Pregnancy (should avoid becoming pregnant for 3 months)

Immunodeficiency

Recent IVIg administration

**Symptoms following Vaccine:** Fever/ Rash/ LN enlargement / Arthralgias or Arthritis/ Peripheral parasthesias

# **Varicella- Zoster Virus**

- **VZV** : Neurotropic human herpes virus
- 3 types of infection

**Primary Infection:** Chickenpox

**Latent:** sensory ganglion neurons

**Recurrent:** Herpes Zoster

# Chickenpox



# **Varicella**

- **Transmission :** 65- 86% in household subjects.
- Susceptible persons acquire ds after contact with herpes zoster case.
- **Period of infectivity:** 24 -48 hours before appearance of rash till crusting of vesicles.
- **Airborne/ direct spread through respiratory secretions / Vesicular fluid / Transplacental**
- **Incubation period:** 10-21 days.
- Infection limitation by host immune responses
- **More severe in adolescents & adults.**
- Primary infection leads to latent infection in sensory ganglia cells.

# Clinical Features

- Subclinical varicella rare.
- Patients are most contagious 1 -2 days before appearance of rash to shortly after onset of rash.
- **Prodromal symptoms:** Fever, malaise, anorexia, pain abdomen

## Rash:

- Centripetal in origin.
- Starts as pruritic maculopapular rash, then evolves into vesicular stage, after 24- 48 hours clouding, umblication & crusting.
- **Several stages can be seen simultaneously.**
- Exanthem more extensive in skin disorders.
- Ulcerative lesions in oropharynx, vagina, eyelids & conjunctiva
- **Breakthrough varicella:** after vaccination. Milder illness, atypical rash.

# Chickenpox Rash



# Diagnostic Tests

- Tissue culture
- PCR
- Direct fluorescent antibody
- Enzyme immunoassay (for assaying immune status in healthy persons after natural infection)
- Latex agglutination

TLC : Leukopenia

CSF : Mild lymphocytic pleocytosis, ↑/ n protein, glucose- n

LFT : mildly deranged

# **Complications**

- **In healthy individuals :** rare, mild hepatitis, mild thrombocytopenia
- In Immunocompromised: complications are common

**Bacterial infections** :Esp by grp A streptococcus

**Skin:** impetigo, cellulitis, subcutaneous abcess, necrotizing fascitis

**Bacterial sepsis**

**Pneumonia**

**Arthritis**

**Osteomyelitis**

**TSS**

# **Complications (contd.)**

## **Neurological:**

Cerebellar ataxia

Encephalitis

LGBS

## **Reye Syndrome**

**Hemorrhage:** Hemorrhagic vesicles, GI bleed, Hematuria

**Renal:** HUS, Nephritis, Nephrotic syndrome

**Cardiac:** myocarditis, pericarditis

## **Pancreatitis**

## **Orchitis**

# **Progressive varicella**

- Severe complication , high chances of mortality
- Characterized by:

**Continued lesions ( for weeks to months)-** may be hemorrhagic

## **Visceral involvement**

### **Coagulopathy - severe hemorrhage**

- **At risk :** Immunocompromised patients
  1. Congenital cellular immunodeficiency
  2. Malignancy: risk is more if CT given in incubation period
  3. Organ transplant recipients
  4. High dose corticosteroids, even inhaled steroids
  5. Newborn

## **Maternal varicella:**

1. **< 20 weeks** – Fetal death/ Embryopathy
2. **>20 weeks-** Inapparent varicella , H. zoster early in life
3. **During last week of pregnancy-** Neonatal Varicella

# **Neonatal chickenpox**

- Can develop in a neonate:
  1. If mother develops varicella 5 days before to 2 days after delivery.
  2. Neonate of a nonimmune mother comes in contact with a c/o varicella
- **Severity of disease is modified by transplacental transfer of VZV specific maternal IgG.**
- **Complications:** Pneumonia , Hepatitis, Encephalitis
- Mortality is very high
- **Prevention:**  
VZVIG / IVIG within 96 hours of delivery.
- **Treatment :** I.V. Acyclovir

# **Congenital varicella syndrome:**

Upto 2% fetuses of infected mothers

Most of the stigmata are related to virus induced nervous system injury

Stigmata involve : Skin, Extremities , eyes, brain

**Skin:** Cicatrical skin lesions

**Eyes:** Microphthalmia, cataracts, chorioretinitis, optic atrophy

**Brain:** Microcephaly, hydrocephalus, calcifications, aplasia of brain

**Spinal Cord:** Limb hypoplasia, motor & sensory deficits, anisocoria, Horner syndrome, sphincter disturbances

## **Congenital varicella syndrome (contd.)**

### **Diagnosis:**

Clinical

PCR for viral DNA

### **Treatment:**

Mother- VZIG & Acyclovir –Safety & efficacy in prevention  
not known.

Neonate – Antiviral treatment not indicated

# Treatment of Chickenpox

- **In immunocompetent hosts** : Viral replication stops by 24 hours after onset of rash  
Children < 12 years : No treatment  
Adults: Oral Acyclovir 20mg/kg/dose, 4 doses/ day, max. 800mg/dose for 5 days
- **Immunocompetent hosts (at increased risk)**  
(oral acyclovir)  
Chronic skin disorders  
Chronic pulmonary conditions  
On long term salicylate therapy  
On steroids (short, intermittent, aerosolized)

# Treatment

- **Pregnant women:** Oral acyclovir; if seriously ill IV acyclovir
- **In immunocompromised patients:**  
**IV Acyclovir** ( poor bioavailability of oral acyclovir) should be initiated early in the course.  
For resistant infections: **Foscarnet Sodium**  
**For disseminated varicella:** IV acyclovir 500 mg/m<sup>2</sup> 8 hourly for 7 days/ no new lesions for 48 hours

# **Prevention**

- Primary prophylaxis:**

**Vaccination:** Live attenuated vaccine, s.c.route

1- 12 years- 1 dose

A >12 year- 2 doses at least 4 weeks apart

## **Contraindications:**

1. Serious intercurrent illness
2. Immunocompromised persons
3. Pregnancy/ Lactation
4. On Salicylates

# **Postexposure prophylaxis:**

**Vaccination:** For all susceptible persons >12 months of age within 72-120 hours( if no contraindication to vaccination)

## **Passive immunization:**

1. Immunocompromised children
2. Susceptible pregnant women
3. Newborns whose mother had chickenpox within 5 days before delivery or within 48 hours after delivery
4. Hospitalized PT (>28 wks), susceptible mother
5. Hosp. PT(<28 wks), regardless of maternal immunity status

**Control Measures** School absenteeism: till crusting of lesions

# Herpes Zoster

- Reactivation of varicella virus in nerve roots
- **C/P:**
  - Vesicular lesions clustered within one/ two dermatomes
  - Localized pain , hyperesthesia, pruritis, low grade fever
  - Resolution within 1-2 wks
  - Post herpetic neuralgia (uncommon).
  - Recurrent attacks can occur (4%).
- **Complications:**
  - Transverse myelitis
  - In Immunocompromised:
    - Disseminated disease
    - Retinitis
    - CNS disease

# **Herpes zoster contd.**

- Treatment:**

In adults: Acyclovir/ Famciclovir/ valacyclovir

In healthy children: no treatment

In Immunocompromised children: I.V. acyclovir

# Herpes Zoster



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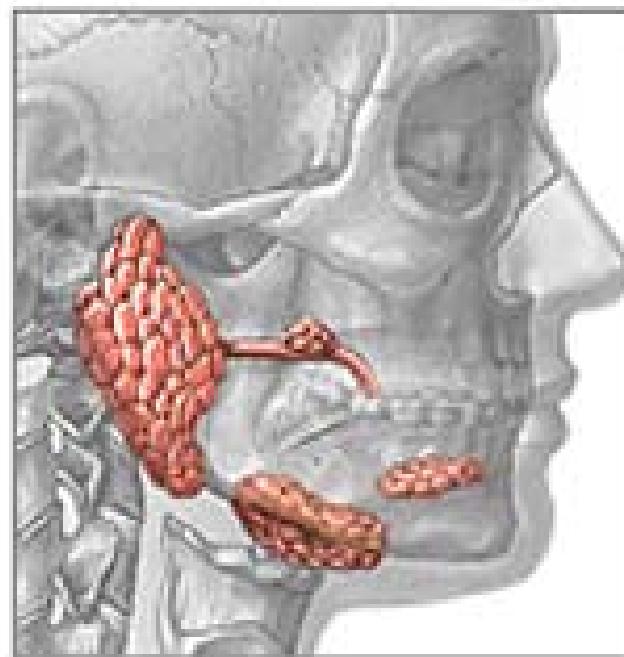
# Mumps



# Mumps

- **Etiology:** Paramyxovirus
- Transmission: Airborne droplets/ direct contact/ fomites contaminated by saliva/ ? Urine
- More common in late winter & spring
- Incubation period: 14- 24 days
- In 30 -40% cases subclinical infection
- Prodromal symptoms: fever, ms pain, headache
- **Salivary gland swelling:**

# Parotid gland involvement



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# Salivary gland involvement

- Involves **parotid** ( most common), submandibular ( in 10- 15%), sublingual glands
- In 1/3<sup>rd</sup> cases no swelling, primarily respiratory involvement
- May manifest as earache before appearance of swelling
- **Parotid swelling:** filling of space between mandible & mastoid, erythema & swelling of overlying skin & soft tissue. Swelling may extend over manubrium sterni & upper chest wall.
- Stenson duct opening is red & swollen.
- Pain on tasting sour liquids.
- Swelling subsides in 3- 7 days.

# Diagnosis

- Clinical
- Lab Ix.:
  - Serology
  - Viral culture

S. Amylase – elevated

CSF- Pleocytosis

# Differential Diagnosis

- Viral infections:
  - HIV
  - Influenza
  - Parainfluenza 1 & 3
  - CMV
  - Cytomegalovirus
- Staph aureus
- Salivary calculus
- Preauricular lymphadenitis

# **Treatment**

**No specific antiviral treatment**

**Supportive:**

Antipyretics

Orchitis: local support, bed rest

Arthritis: NSAIDS/ Steroids

# Complications

- Orchitis (uncommon before puberty)
- **CNS involvement:**
  - Encephalitis
  - Cerebellar ataxia
  - LGBS
  - Polyradiculitis
  - Transverse myelitis
- Thyroiditis
- Pancreatitis
- **Cardiac:** Myocarditis, Endocardial fibroelastosis
- Arthritis
- Mastitis
- Hearing impairment
- Optic neuritis
- Lacrimal gland swelling

# **Prevention**

- **Primary prophylaxis:**

## **Vaccination:**

Live attenuated vaccine

1<sup>st</sup> dose- 12- 15 months of age

2<sup>nd</sup> dose- 4- 6 years/ 11- 12 years of age

## **Contraindications:**

Immunodeficiency( Primary / Acquired)

Recent IVIG treatment

Moderate/ severe acute illness

- **Secondary prophylaxis**

Vaccination

Isolation : 9 days

# **Japenese Encephalitis**

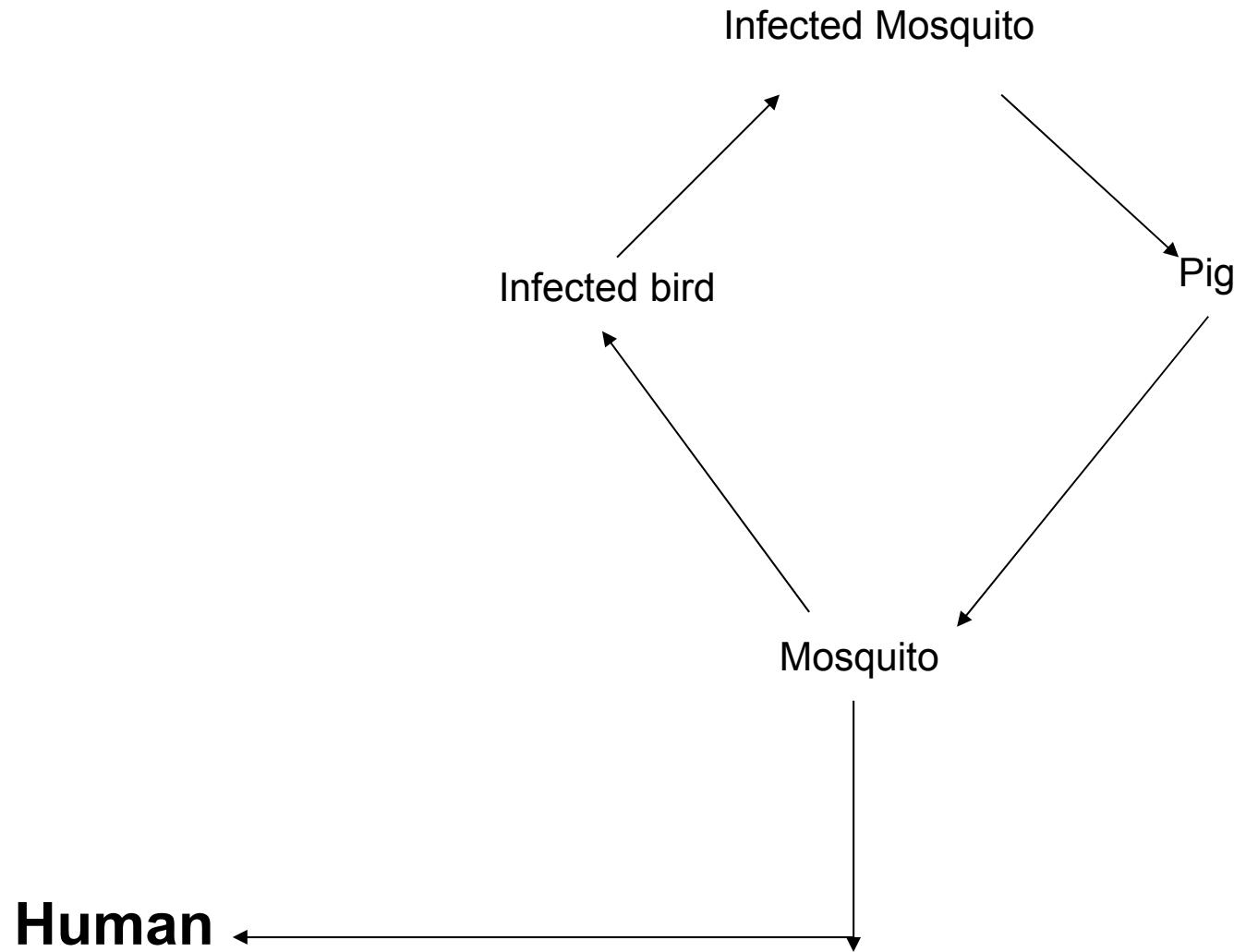
## Distribution of JE in Asia



# **Japenese Encephalitis**

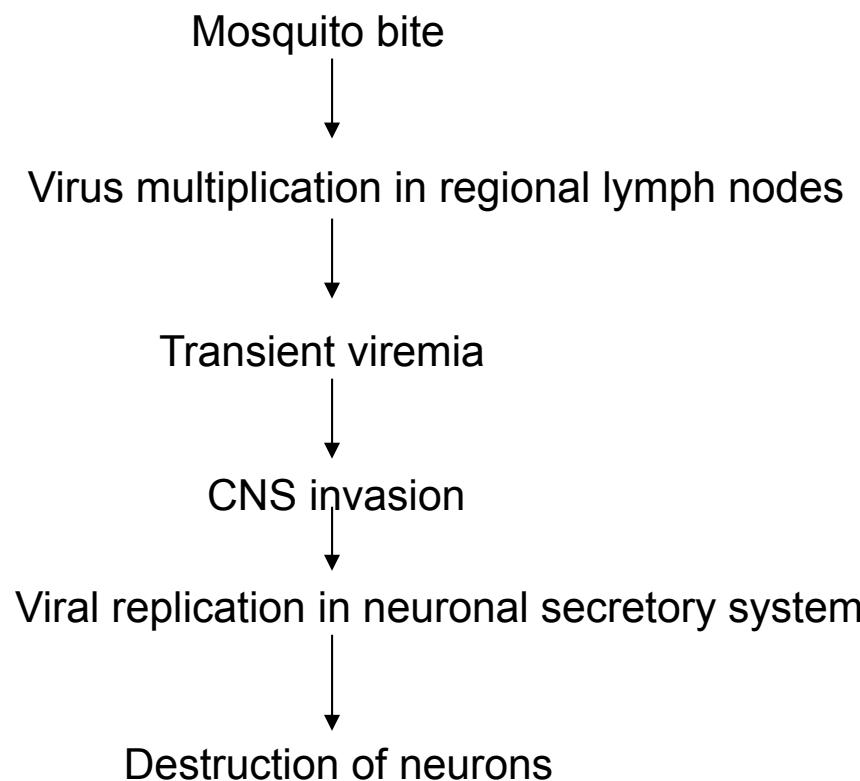
- Leading cause of childhood encephalitis
- Major outbreaks in India since 1995
- Highly endemic areas: AP, TN, Karnataka, UP
- In Northern India: epidemics from May to October
- In Southern India: from July to December

# **Life cycle of JE virus**



- Causative organism: Flavivirus, RNA virus
- Vector: Mosquito – **Culex tritaeniorhynchus, Culex vishnui**
- **Transmission:** Zoonotic cycle among mosquitoes & vertebrate- amplifying hosts, chiefly pigs & wading birds
- Man to man transmission is not known.

# **Pathophysiology**



# Clinical picture

- Age group (In endemic areas): <15 years
- Asymptomatic: symptomatic infection 1:250
- Incubation period- 1- 14 days
- Onset: abrupt/ acute/ subacute/ gradual
- **Stages:**

## Prodromal stage:

Fever (high grade)

Headache

Nausea/ vomiting

Malaise

- **Encephalitis stage:**

Starts from 3<sup>rd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> day

### **Symptoms**

Altered sensorium

Seizures

Abnormal posturing

### **Signs:**

Abn doll's eye reflex, hemiparesis, decorticate/  
decerebrate posturing

Gastric bleeding

Death occurs most commonly in this stage

- **Late stage:**

Stage of recovery/ neurological sequelae

Slow regaining of neurological functions in survived

Sequelae: Paresis/ Speech defects/ intellectual/ cognitive dysfunctions

Secondary infections: Pneumonia/ UTI/ Bed sores

### **Atypical presentations of JE:**

AFP like illness

Short period of altered sensorium/ altered behaviour

# Lab Diagnosis

- TLC -↑
- CSF: Lymphocytic pleocytosis/ proteins- mildly raised/ normal glucose
- CT head: Involvement of thalamus/ basal ganglia/ midbrain/ pons/ medulla
- MRI: more informative
- EEG: nonspecific changes

- **Definitive tests:**

- S. antibody titre > 4 fold rise

- Virus detection: PCR/ immunechemistry

- JE virus specific IgM in CSF**

# Differential Diagnosis

- Viral infections
- Pyo meningitis
- Enteric fever
- ICSOL
- SLE
- CVA



# Management

- No specific treatment

- **Supportive:**

ABC

BBB care

Temperature control

Fluids/ electrolytes/ blood sugar management

Seizure control

Management of raised ICP

Respiratory support

Prevention & management of nosocomial infections

Physiotherapy( in late stage)

# **Prognosis**

- Mortality: 8.5%- 72%

# **Prevention**

- Control of mosquito vectors
- Prevention of mosquito from biting humans
- Control/ protection of reservoirs
- **Vaccination**

# Vaccination:

- Most cost effective method of prevention
- Three types: Inactivated mouse brain
  - Inactivated primary hamster kidney cells – P3
  - Live attenuated primary hamster kidney cells – SA 14 -14 -2
- In India , live attenuated vaccine is being used  
2 doses schedule -6- 8 weeks apart  
s.c. administration  
Adverse effects: fever/ headache/ dizziness

# **Dengue & Dengue hemorrhagic fever**

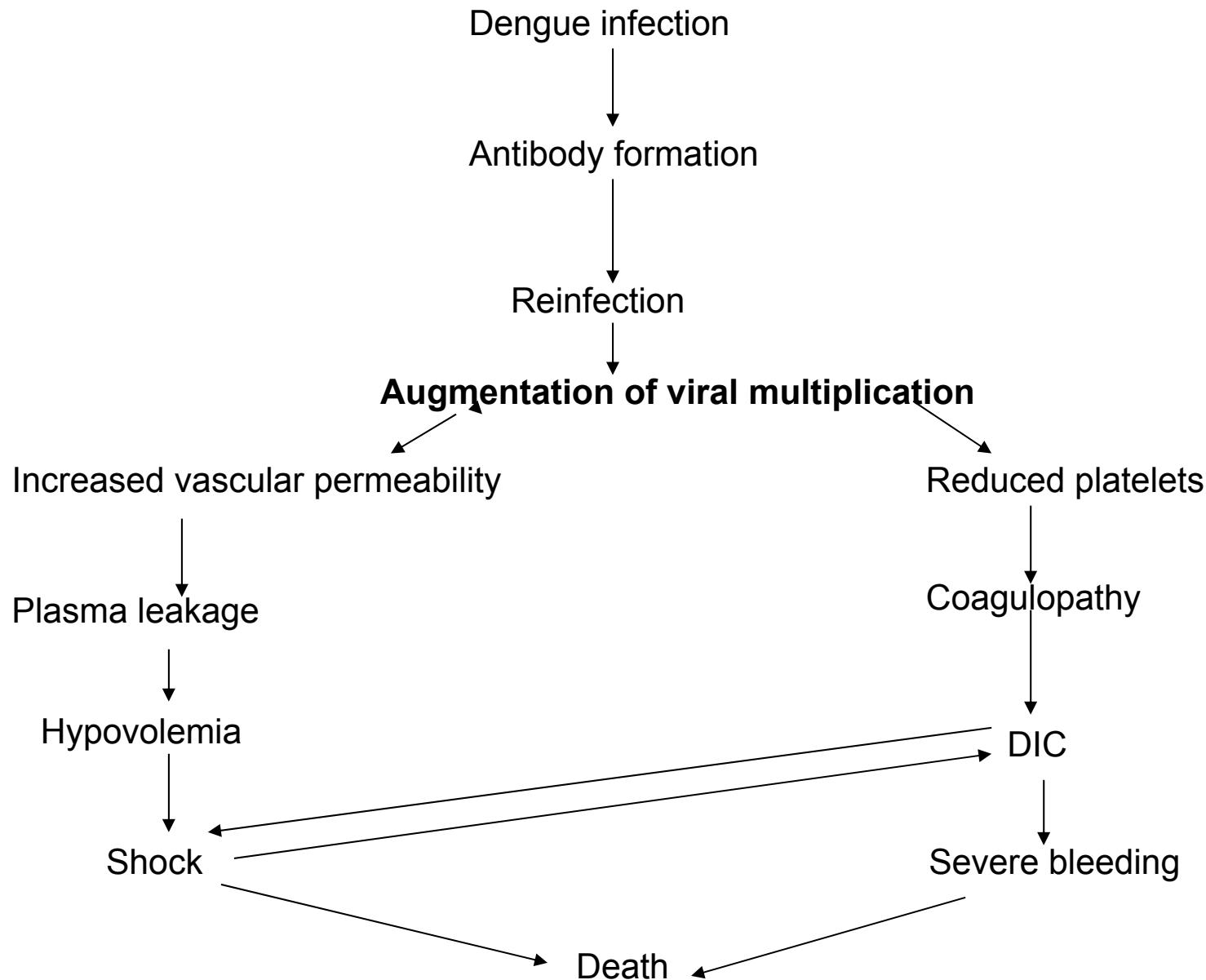


# Introduction

- It is a mosquito born viral illness caused by ***RNA flavivirus*** : 4 distinct antigenic types.
- female mosquitoes of the genus ***Aedes aegypti*** are the vectors ,reside *in* pools of rainwater/man-made pools of water, bites during daytime.
- **Humans are the primary reservoir for the virus**, although some scientists have hypothesized that monkeys can also serve as reservoirs.
- Potentially lethal complication called dengue hemorrhagic fever.

- Global incidence of dengue has grown dramatically in recent decades.
- About **two fifths** of the world's population are now at risk.
- Dengue is found in tropical and sub-tropical climates worldwide, mostly in urban and semi-urban areas.
- Epidemics are common.
- India, Srilanka & Myamar are hyper endemic.

- As *A. aegypti* has a limited range, spread of epidemic occurs mainly through viremic human beings.
- Once the virus enters a human, it circulates in the bloodstream for two to seven days, during which time the virus can be spread to other blood-feeding *Aedes* mosquitoes.
- **Infected humans are the main carriers and multipliers of the virus**, serving as a source of the virus for uninfected mosquitoes.
- > 90% children with severe disease are < 15 years of age.
- About 25,000 deaths reported each year.

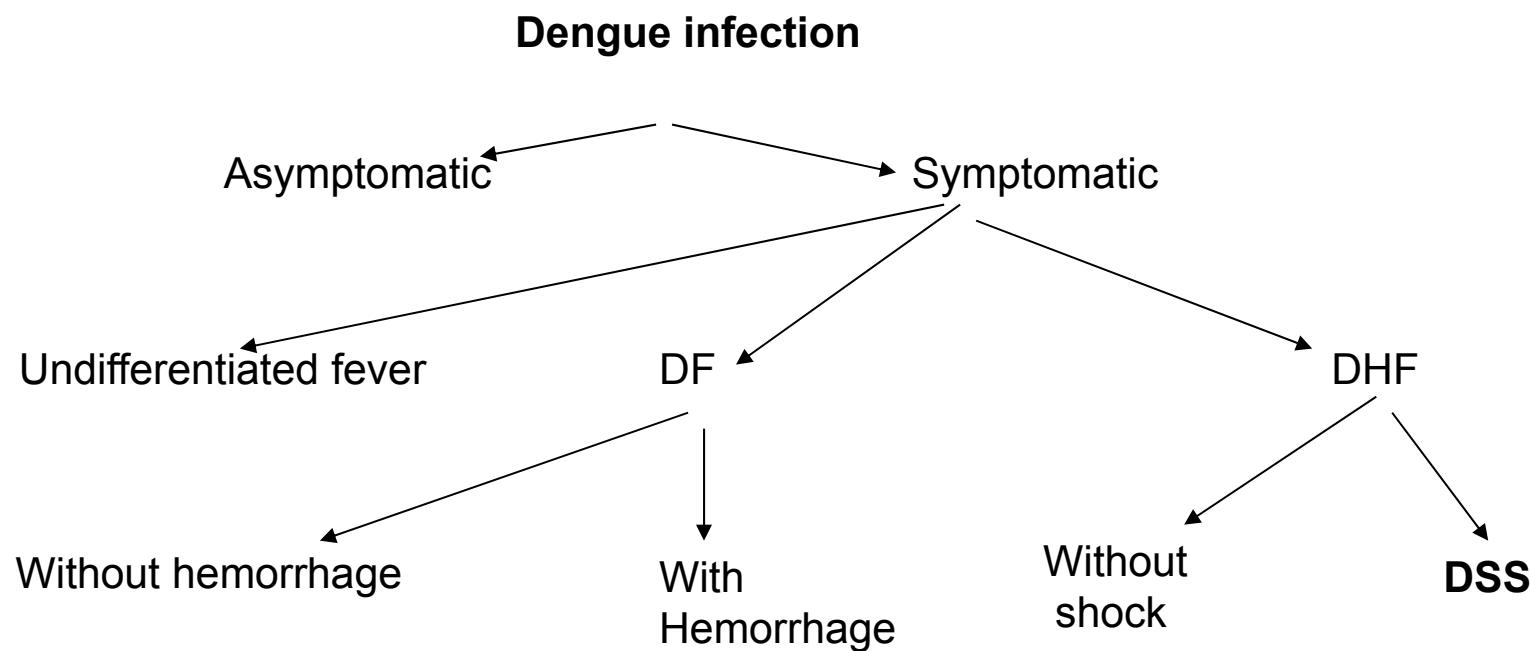


## PATHOPHYSIOLOGY

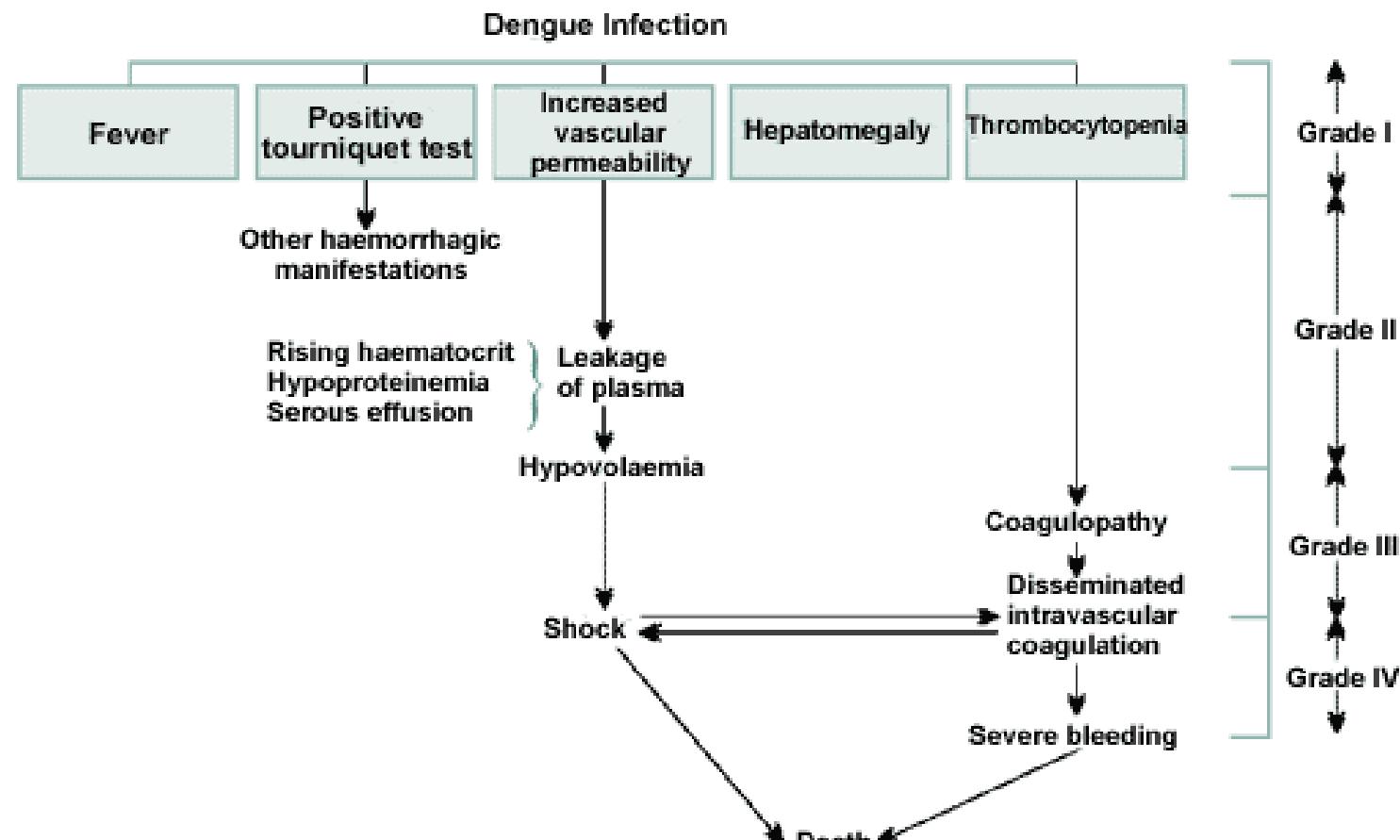
# Pathogenesis

- Antibody dependent enhancement of virus multiplication in macrophages by heterotypic antibodies which were formed during previous dengue infection
- Circulating dengue antigen-antibody complexes, activation of complement, and release of vasoactive amines cause increased vascular permeability, bleeding, and possible DIC.
- In the process of immune elimination of infected cells, proteases and lymphokines may be released and activate complement coagulation cascades and vascular permeability factors.

# Clinical Spectrum



Box 10  
The Spectrum of Dengue Haemorrhagic Fever



Source : Dengue haemorrhagic fever - Diagnosis, treatment, prevention and control, 2nd edition. World Health Organization, Geneva<sup>(14)</sup>

# Dengue Fever

- In primary/ secondary infection
- **Biphasic illness**
- High grade fever- lasts for 2- 7 days
- Severe headache (esp. retro- orbital)
- Arthralgia/ myalgia
- Anorexia/ abdominal discomfort
- Maculopapular rash/ Flushing
- In younger children: Coryza/ rash/ diarrhea/ seizure
- Hemorrhagic manifestations rare.
- DHF/DSS: DF =1:150/ 200

- Signs to help assess severity/ need for admission:
  1. Vitals
  2. **Tourniquet Test:** Keep inflated BP cuff midway b/w SP & DP for 5 minutes.  
    >20 petechiae in 2.5 cm<sup>2</sup> area below elbow.
  3. Rash
  4. Bleeding
  5. ↓ Air entry
  6. Hsplenomealy
  7. Ascitis/ ileus
  8. Altered sensorium

# DHF

- Usually occurs in 2<sup>nd</sup> infection, but can occur in infants d/t maternally acquired antibodies.
- Intermittent high fever
- Severe headache
- Flushing
- Arthralgia/ myalgia
- Anorexia/ abdominal discomfort
- **Bleeding manifestations**
- **Features of plasma leakage:**  
Circulatory disturbances/ Periserositis

## **Complications:**

Encephalopathy/ Encephalitis  
Hepatic failure  
Myocarditis  
DIC

## **WHO case definition of DHF**

- Acute sudden onset high grade fever for 2- 7 days
- Hemorrhagic manifestations
- Platelet count< 1 lac/ cmm.
- Hemoconcentration( rise in PCV>20%)/ other evidence of plasma leakage

# **Grading of DHF**

- Grade I: No shock- only positive tourniquet test
- Grade II: No shock- spontaneous bleeding
- Grade III: Shock
- Grade IV: Profound shock with unmeasurable BP/  
Pulse

**(Gr. III & IV : DSS)**

# Investigations

- **Serology:**
  - IgM: for short period in 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> infection
  - IgG: fourfold rise in paired sera ( >5 d after infection)
  - PCR: for detection of viral DNA
- Hemogram
- LFT
- SERFT
- Coagulogram
- ABG
- CXR
- ECG

# **Differential Diagnosis**

## **Febrile illness:**

Malaria/ Leptospirosis/ other viral illness

## **DHF:**

Dengue like illnesses: Chickengunya/ Onyong- nyong

Meningococcemia

Rickettsial diseases

Yellow fever

Other viral hemorrhagic fevers

# **Management**

## **Dengue Fever:**

Antipyretics ( aspirin/ ibuprofen contraindicated)

Oral fluids

H2 blockers( if bleeding)

Domperidone

Antibiotics not indicated

## **DHF/ DSS:**

Vitals monitoring

## **Shock**

IVF

If PCV increase > 20% / Pulse pressure <10mm Hg: Normal saline 10ml/kg/hour

Colloids/plasma/ blood( if e/o hemorrhage)

Ionotropic support

Overhydration should be avoided

During recovery: Fluid returns to IV space, overhydration can occur

IVF : given with caution

Diuretics/ digoxin

# **Management contd.**

## **Bleeding**

PRP

FFP (in c/o DIC)

Whole blood : in c/o shock

Anti Rho immunoglobulin

IVIG ?

Invasive procedures X

## **Management of complications**

## **Causes of death in DHF**

- Prolonged shock
- Massive bleeding
- Fluid overload
- Acute hepatic failure
- Poor medical care

# **Prognosis**

## **DSS:**

Early & intensive care can reduce mortality to 1% in good centres, otherwise 40-50% mortality .

# **Prevention**

- Prevention of mosquito breeding
- Personal protection
- Vaccine: not yet developed

# Rotavirus

- Leading cause of diarrhoea in infants
- RNA virus
- Infects & destroy villus tip cells in small intestine

### **Clinical Picture:**

- Incubation period- <48 hours
- Mild/ moderate fever
- Vomiting
- Diarrhoea: continues for 5 -7 days
- Dehydration
- Severe illness in malnourished/ immunocompromised children

## **Investigations:**

Enzyme immunoassays

Stool examination: normal

## **Differential Diagnosis:**

**Viral** : Norwalk/ Astrovirus/ Enteric adenovirus

**Bacterial** : blood in stools/ high grade fever

**Treatment:**

Avoidance / treatment of dehydration

No role of antiviral/ antibiotics

Probiotics ?

**Prevention:**

Vaccination- Live vaccine

# **Poliomyelitis**



# Poliomyelitis

- Poliovirus belongs to genus Enterovirus.
- 3 types: 1,2,3
- Inactivated by heat, chlorine, UV rays
- **Found only in human beings, no animal reservoir**
- **Transmission:** Feco- oral route( virus multiplies in intestine)
- Virus is intermittently excreted for ≈2 months, maximum excretion just before paralysis & during first 2 weeks after paralysis.
- Highly communicable disease,

## **Immunity:**

- All unimmunized persons are susceptible.
- Infants of immune mothers protected for few weeks
- Natural infection/ immunization: Humoral/ local intestinal cellular responses

# **Clinical picture**

- Incubation period : 7- 10 days

**Inapparent infection-** only 5- 10 % symptomatic

## **Abortive polio-**

- 4- 8%
- Minor illness- low grade fever/ vomiting/ abdominal pain/ malaise
- Rapid recovery, no paralysis
- Similar to other viral infections

## **Nonparalytic Poliomyelitis-**

- 1- 2%
- Headache/neck stiffness/ backache/ leg stiffness for several days
- May reach imminent paralysis , but reverts back
- Tripod sign/ signs of meningeal irritation
- DTR/ superficial reflexes- normal
- Changes in reflexes ↑/↓ may precede weakness by 12 - 24 hours

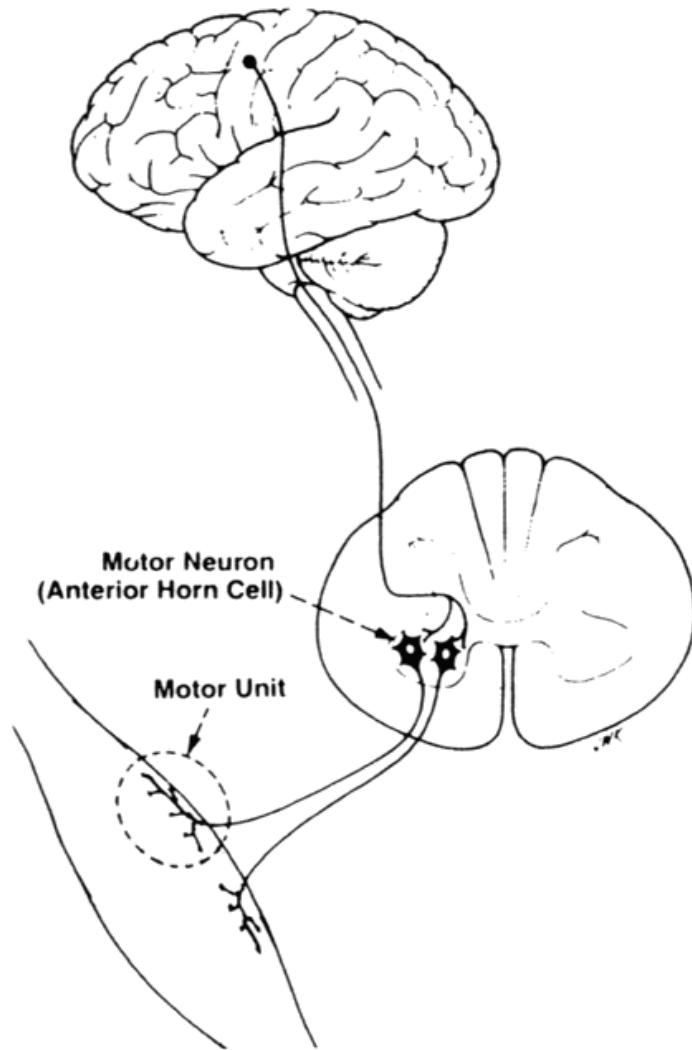
# Paralytic Polio

- 0.5 -1% infections
- Biphasic illness
- **Minor illness:** similar to abortive polio
- Asymptomatic period
- **Major illness:** Begins with Muscle pain/spasms / return of fever

Followed by rapid onset of AFP which is complete in 72 hours

- 3 types
- Involves **anterior horn cells**

# Anterior Horn Cells



## **Spinal paralytic polio:**

- Severe headache
- fever
- Severe muscle pain
- Paralysis: asymmetric flaccid paralysis
- Proximal ms involvement more common
- Weakness of some muscles of neck/ abdomen / trunk ±
- No Sensory involvement
- Complete weakness appear within 72 hours
- Bladder/ bowel involvement can occur
- **Provocation paralysis: after IM injection**

## **Recovery of paralysis:**

- Usually within first 6 months
- In permanent weakness: Atrophy of muscles/ deformity/ asymmetry of limbs seen

# Bulbar polio

- Without apparent involvement of spinal cord
- Dysfunction of **cranial nerves & medullary centers**

## Clinical finding

- Respiratory difficulty
- Paralysis of extraocular, facial,masticatory muscles.
- Nasal twang to the voice/cry
- Inability to swallow smoothly
- Accumulated pharyngeal secretions leading to irregular respiration
- Absence of effective coughing

- Nasal regurgitation of saliva / fluids
- Deviation of palate uvula, tongue
- Vocal cord paralysis one or both (hoarseness, aphonia, asphyxia)
- **Rope sign-** Acute angulation between the chin and larynx due to weakness of hyoid muscles
- Involvement of vital centers (irregularities in rate, depth, rhythm of respiration, BP changes, arrhythmias, body temperature changes).
- Uncommonly bulbar disease may culminate in an ascending paralysis (Landry type)

# Course

## Variable

1. Some die due to involvement of vital centers
2. Other recover partially but require on going respiratory support
3. Others recover completely.

**Cranial nerve involvement is seldom permanent**

# Polioencephlitis

- Rare form
- Higher centers of brain severely involved
- Manifest as seizure, coma, spastic paralysis with brisk reflexes, irritability, disorientation, drowsiness, coarse tremors, peripheral /cranial nerve paralysis may coexist.
- D/D: Any other Viral encephalitis
- **Diagnosis:**
  1. specific viral diagnosis
  2. If accompanied by flaccid paralysis

# **Respiratory insufficiency in Polio**

## **Spinal Polio:**

Paralysis of Diaphragmatic/ accessory muscles

## **Bulbar Polio:**

- 1.Paralysis of Pharyngeal/ Laryngeal muscles
- 2.Respiratory centre involvement

## **Bulbospinal Polio:**

Both mechanisms

# **F/O impending respiratory failure**

- Anxiety/ Restlessness
- Breathless sentences
- Increased respiratory rate
- Inability to cough/ sniff full depth
- Deltoid weakness
- Paradoxical abdominal movements
- Relative immobility of the intercostal spaces

# **Diagnosis**

## **Clinical:**

Should be considered in any unimmunized/ partially immunized child with nonspecific febrile illness/ aseptic meningitis/paralytic disease.

1. Wild virus associated paralytic polio
2. Vaccine associated paralytic polio : 7-14 days after receiving OPV

# Lab Diagnosis

## **Stool specimens:**

- For isolation & identification of polio virus
- **Adequate stool sample:** 2 stool specimens collected within 14 days of paralysis onset & at least 24 hours apart; each specimen must be of adequate volume( 8-10 gms) & arrive at a WHO- accredited laboratory in good condition( i.e. no dessication or leakage, with adequate documentation & evidence that the cold chain was maintained)
- If child is constipated: rectal tube specimen( less preferred ).

# **Transportation of specimen**

## **Reverse cold chain:**

The process of keeping the specimen in the desired temperature of 2- 8°C after collection from the child to the time of reaching the lab.

Specimen should reach lab within 72 hours of dispatch.

If not possible freeze at -20°C & ship in frozen state.

**Contact stool specimen:** If adequate stool samples can't be collected from the patient.

## Dx (contd.)

- **CSF analysis:** Pleocytosis b/w 20- 300 cells/ cmm ( PMN/ Mononuclear cells) , Protein N/ slightly ↑
- **Serological testing:** Fourfold or greater rise in antibody titres in paired sera

# **Acute Flaccid Paralysis( AFP)**

AFP is defined as sudden onset of weakness & floppiness in any part of body in a child <15 years of age or paralysis in a person of any age in whom polio is suspected.

Common causes of AFP( other than polio): LGBS/ Tr myelitis/ traumatic neuritis/ nonpolio enterovirus

# **AFP surveillance**

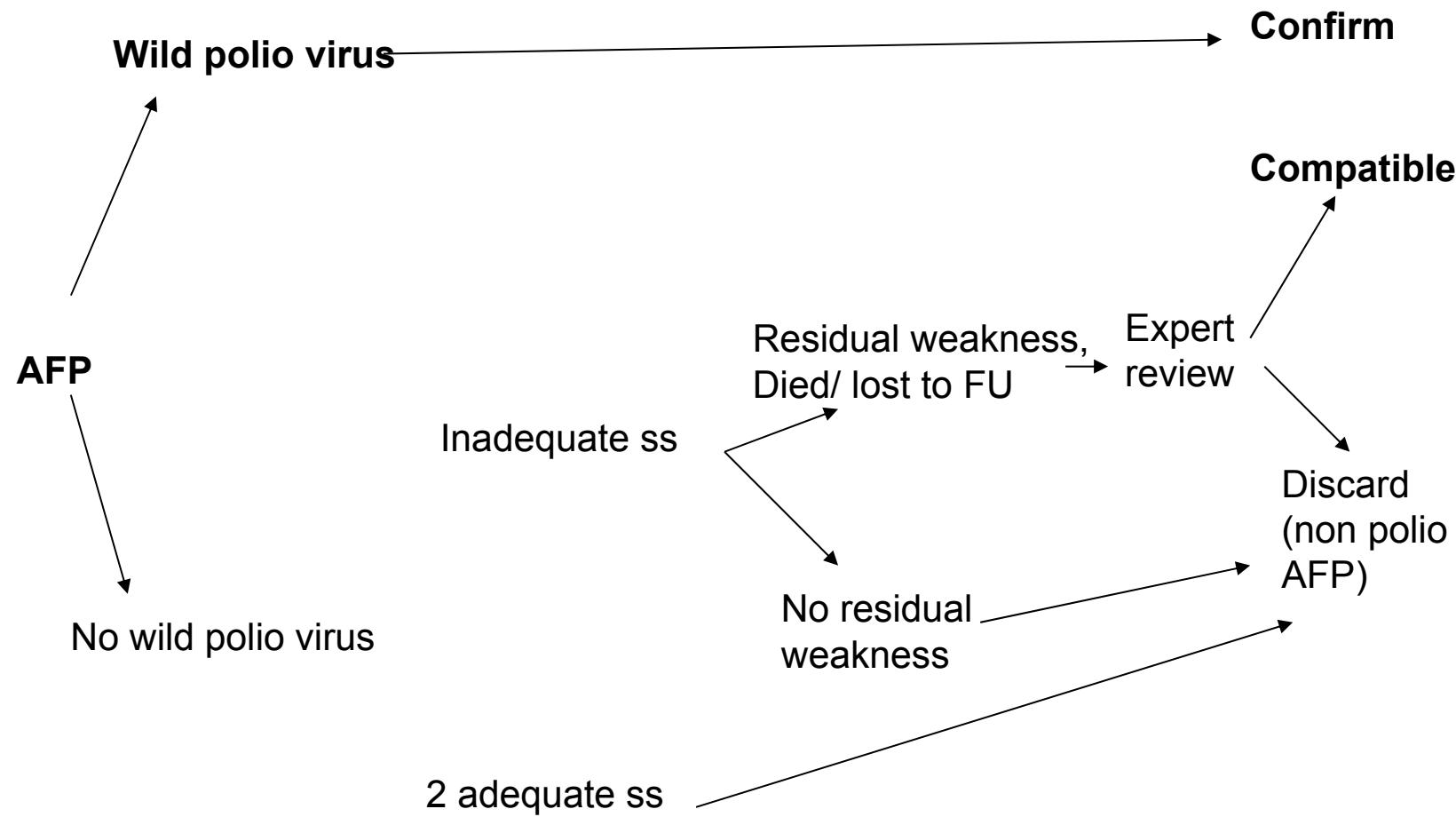
Helps to detect reliably areas where polio transmission is occurring, thus identifying areas of priority for immunisation.

**Background rate of AFP:** 1case/ 100000 children detected by active surveillance( collection & analysis of data for action)

**All cases of AFP should be reported irrespective of diagnosis within 6 months of onset.**

Stool samples should be collected upto 60 days after onset of paralysis.

## AFP case classification



# Treatment

**Abortive polio:** Temperature control/ analgesics/ bed rest

**Nonparalytic polio:** Analgesics/ hot packs/ firm bed

**Paralytic polio:**

Hospitalization

Complete physical rest for 2- 3 weeks

Suitable body alignment: neutral position with feet at right angle to legs, knees slightly flexed, hips & spine straight

Moist hot packs

Sedation

Bladder paresis: parasymp. Stimulant( bethanechol)

# **Treatment (contd.)**

**Bulbar polio:**

ABC

Strict vitals monitoring

Tracheostomy

Respiratory support

# **Complications**

Melena

Acute gastric dilatation

Hypertension

Acute pulmonary edema

Hypercalcemia( d/t immobilization)

Bed sores

# **Prognosis**

**Abortive / nonparalytic: good prognosis**

**Severe bulbar variety: 60% mortality**

**Less severe bulbar/ spinal: 5-10% mortality**

# **Paralysis**

Beyond 6 months paralysis is permanent

Common in male children/ pregnant women

## **Factors increasing risk:**

Tonsillectomy/ IMI – bulbar/ localised ds

Physical activity/ fatigue in early phase

Type 1virus- natural ds; Type 3- VAPP

# **Post polio syndrome**

**In persons with paralytic polio, 30- 40 yrs later on acute exacerbation of weakness/ appearance of new weakness/ muscle pain**

# Vaccination

## OPV

1. serum IgG titres +
2. Mucosal IgA immunity (limits viral replication in oropharynx/ gut)
3. Limits viral transmission by fecal route
4. Affected by maternal Ab
5. Risk of VAPP(1/6.2 million)
6. Can't be given to immunodeficient persons

## IPV

1. S IgG ++
2. --
3. --
4. Not affected
5. No risk of VAPP
6. Can be given

# **Polio Eradication**

1. Routine immunization
2. Polio surveillance
3. National immunization days
4. Mopping up immunization

# Influenza Viruses

- RNA viruses/ orthomyxoviridae
- 3 types: A,B,C
- No cross immunity

Type A	Type B	Type C
Causes significant disease (Epidemics/pandemics)	Significant disease: epidemics	Insignificant disease
<b>Infects humans &amp; other species</b>	Limited to humans	Limited to humans
Frequent antigenic variation	Infrequent antigenic variation	Antigenically stable

# Influenza A

- 2 surface antigens:  
**Hemagglutinin:** 1-16 (resp for attachment of virus to cells)  
Swine: H1,3,9; Avian: all 16  
**Neuraminidase:** 1-9 (resp for release of virus from infected cells)  
Swine: N1,2; Avian: all 9  
Different combinations can occur.
- Involves animal hosts which serve as reservoir for diverse strains with potential to infect human population.
- Reassortment b/w human & animal virus can lead to formation of new strains.

- **Antigenic Drift:**

Gradual antigenic change over a period. Point mutations, can cause epidemics

- **Antigenic shift:**

Sudden complete/ major change

Genetic recombination of human with animal/ avian virus

Can cause pandemics

H1N1, H2N2, H3N2

## **Pandemic Influenza:**

Worldwide surge in influenza cases d/t introduction of new type A surface protein( antigenic shift).

Can affect all age groups.

Usually occur at interval of 10-15 years.

Higher attack rate during pandemic( 50%).

# **Pandemic Phases**

## **Prepandemic phases:**

Phase 1: No avian virus poses a risk to humans

Phase 2: New avian virus a risk for humans

## **Pandemic alert period:**

Phase 3: No human to human transmission

Phase 4: Limited H-H

Phase 5: H-H in large clusters but localized

## **Pandemic period:**

Phase 6: Sustained transmission, global spread

- Annually new strains emerge d/t variation in antigenic composition of surface proteins, as no immunity for new strain, capacity to cause excessive morbidity & mortality is high.
  - When a virus with serologically distinct H/N enters the population, potential for causing pandemic is there.
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- Epidemics occur in winters.
  - Sporadic cases any time.
  - Overcrowding enhances transmission.

# Pathogenesis

Virus causes lytic infection of respiratory epithelium I/t:

1. Loss of ciliary function
2. Decreased mucus production
3. Desquamation of epithelial layer

All of the above will lead to 2<sup>\*</sup> bacterial infection

Antibodies against influenza do not persist for long,  
reinfection can occur.

# **Disease transmission**

- Airborne: Droplet infection
- Through direct contact
- Fomites

**Human influenza( H5N1):**

Poultry handling

Consuming raw /undercooked poultry products

# Clinical Manifestations

- Incubation period: 18- 72 hours
- A & B primarily cause respiratory illness.
- High grade fever( d/t cytokine production by the respiratory epithelium)( 2-4 days)
- Myalgias/ malaise/ headache
- URTI: Coryza, croup
- LRTI: Bronchiolitis, Pneumonia
- Myocarditis( A/B)
- Myositis( A)
- Reye's syndrome( with use of salicylate ingestion)

- Respiratory failure
- Encephalopathy
- Bleeding
- MODS

# **Diagnosis**

- Depends upon epidemiological & clinical considerations.

## **Lab confirmation:**

- Virus isolation from nasopharynx
- Serological assays
- CBC: leukopenia
- CXR: Pneumonia

# Treatment

## **Supportive:**

- Fluids
- Rest
- Fever control
- Management of complications

**Antivirals:** To be given only during 1<sup>st</sup> 48 hours of illness

1. **Neuraminidase inhibitors:** ( effective against A/B)

Zanamavir( inhalation)

Oseltamivir( oral)

2. Amantidine

Rimantidine

For type A only

Not to be given below 1 year of age

# Complications

- Otitis media
- Pneumonia( hemorrhagic pneumonia)  
Viral/ bacterial
- Myocarditis
- Myositis
- TSS
- In immunocompromised/underlying cardiopulmonary disease: severe

# Prognosis

- Usually good
- In pandemics: can cause several complications

# **Prevention**

- Vaccination:**

Children (>6 months of age)

High risk patients

2 doses 1 month apart

- Chemoprophylaxis:**

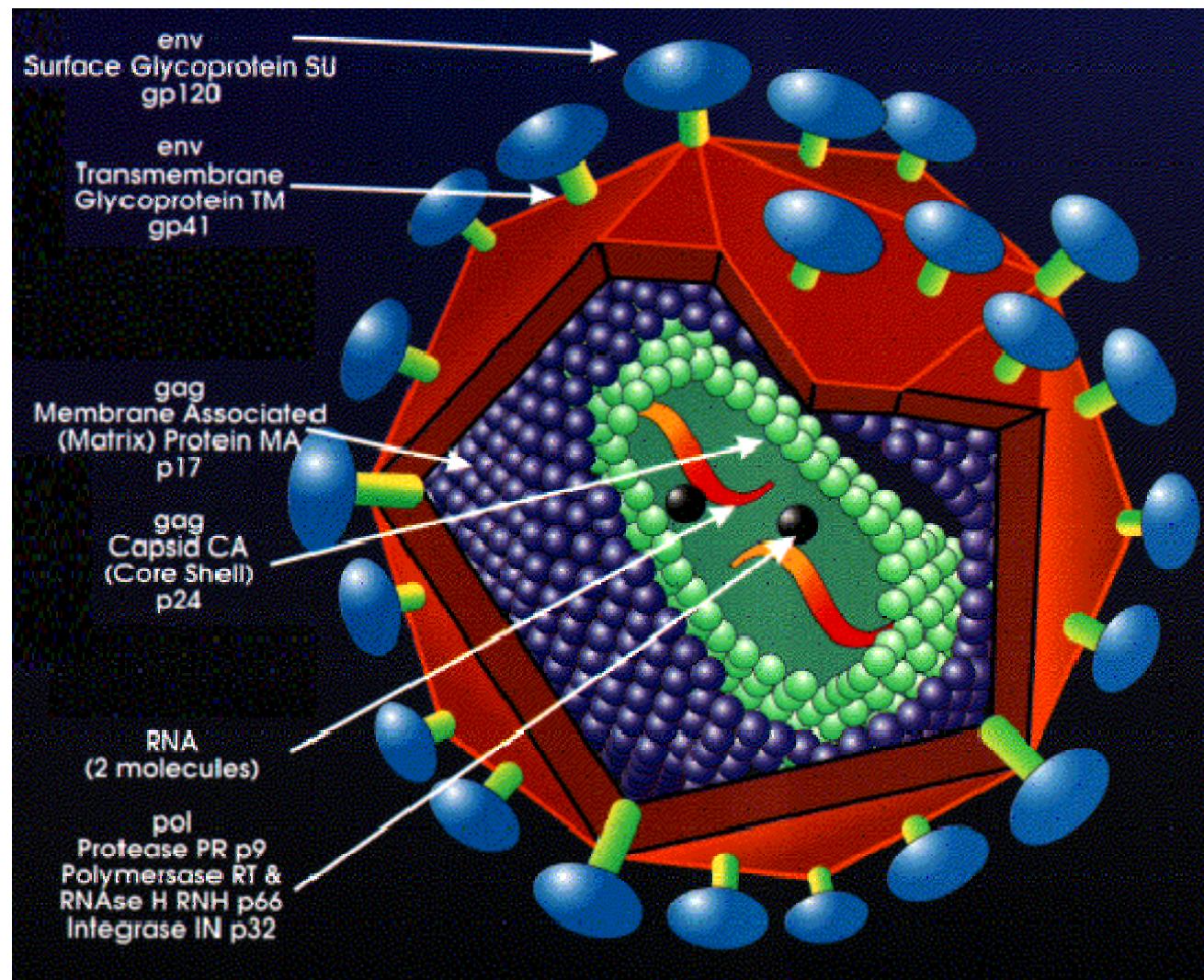
Oseltamivir

# Pandemic Interventions

- Personal Protective equipment
- Antiviral chemoprophylaxis
- Influenza vaccine
- Behavioral interventions

# **Human Immunodeficiency Virus Infection**

- Retrovirus: Lentivirus
- RNA virus
- **HIV- 1, HIV- 2(> common in West Africa)**
- Humans only known reservoirs( related viruses found in chimpanzees & monkeys)



# **HIV: Structure**

## **HIV particles :**

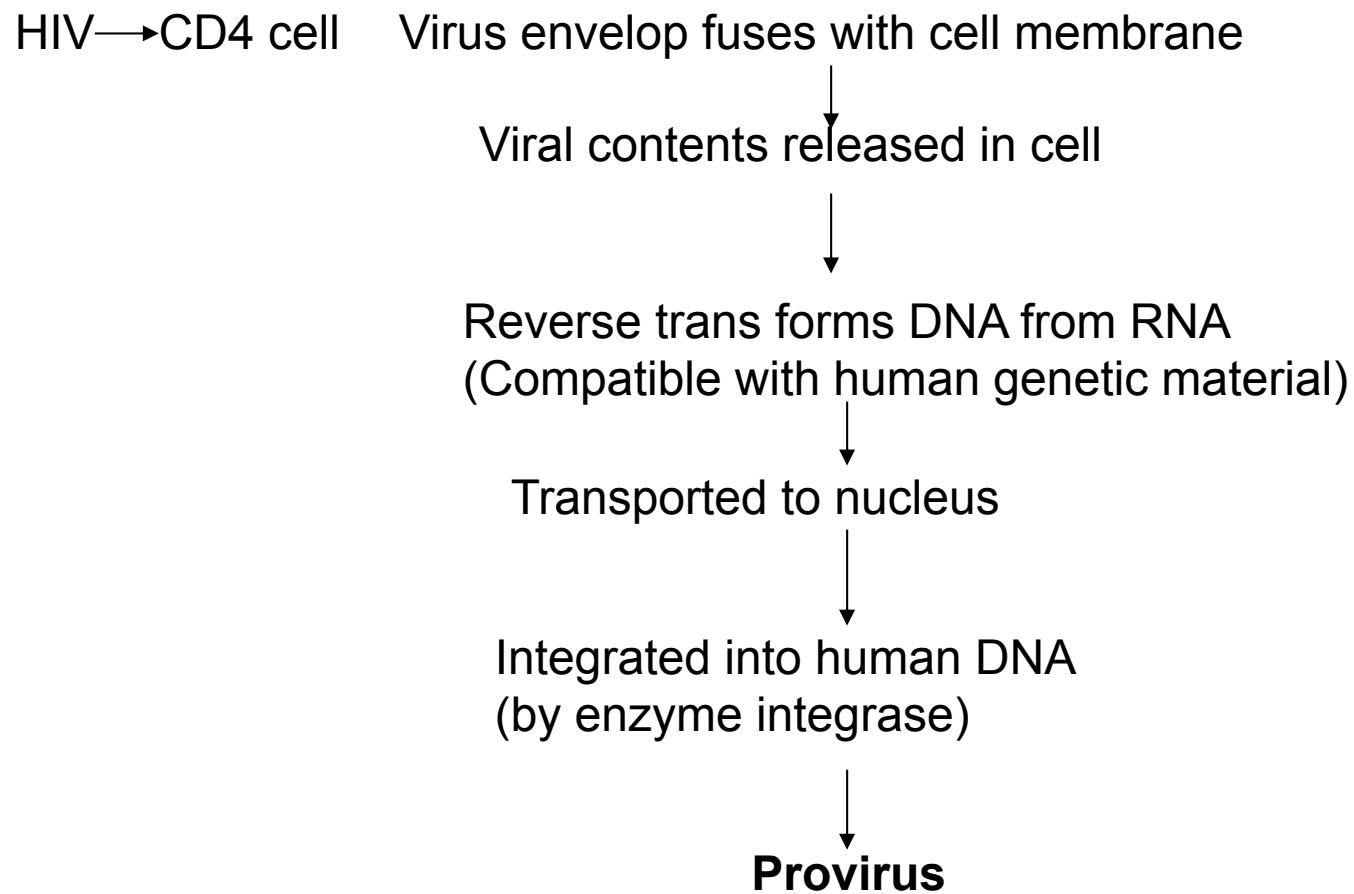
- viral envelope /membrane :coat of fatty material
- Spikes:Projecting from envelope( 72 in no.) formed from proteins gp120, gp41
- Matrix: Just below the viral envelope -protein p17.

## **Viral core:** (or capsid)

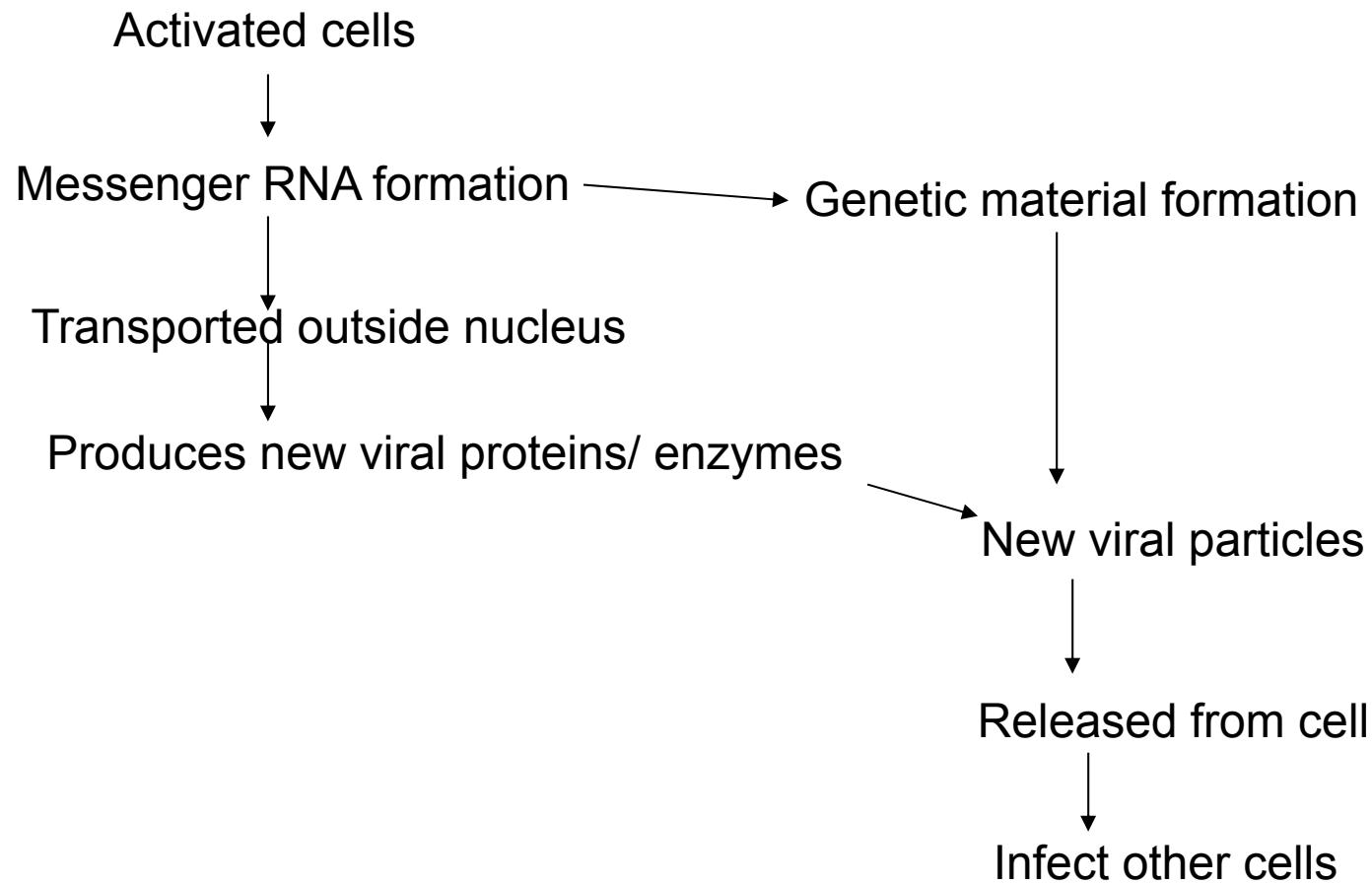
- Bullet-shaped
- Made from **protein p24**
- 3 Enzymes: inside the core, required for HIV replication called **reverse transcriptase, integrase and protease**
- **Genetic material:** consists of two identical strands of RNA.

## **Genes:**

- 9 genes
- **gag, pol and env**: contain information needed to make structural proteins for new virus particles
- Other six genes, known as **tat, rev, nef, vif, vpr and vpu**, code for proteins that control the ability of HIV to infect a cell, produce new copies of virus, or cause disease.
- At either end of each strand of RNA is a sequence called the **long terminal repeat**, which helps to control HIV replication.



## **Viral Entry/ Reverse transcription/ Provirus formation**



## Assembly/ Budding/ Maturation

# Epidemiology

- Worldwide almost 40 million individuals infected with HIV, 90% in developing countries.
- Children: 4.4 million, deaths- 3.2 million.
- 1800 children/day( the vast majority newborns) get infected with HIV.
- **HIV-1 is the most common cause of HIV infection in the America, Europe, Asia, and Africa.**
- HIV type 2 (HIV-2) has caused epidemics in West Africa.

# Sub-Saharan Africa

- Approximately **7%** population infected with HIV
- Represent **64%** of the world's HIV-infected population.
- **76%** of all women infected with HIV live in this region.

## **Eastern Europe /Central Asia :**

- 1.6 million in 2005( an increase of almost 20-fold in less than 10 years)
- Majority of these people living with HIV are young ( 75% of infections reported between 2000 and 2004 were in people younger than 30 years). In Western Europe, the corresponding percentage was 33%.

# Asia

- Although national HIV infection levels are low in Asia compared with other continents (notably Africa), the populations of many Asian nations are so large that even low prevalence reflect large numbers of people are living with HIV.
- Seroprevalence rate in pregnant women -2%
- Vertical transmission rate- 24% (without breastfeeding).
- Indian mothers infected with HIV routinely breastfeed and have transmission rates as high as 48%.

- Perinatal transmission rates relatively low in Europe and high in Africa, independent of treatment.
- Untreated women infect 13% and 40% of children in Europe and Africa, respectively.
- **Rate of postnatal transmission in Africa and other developing countries is elevated because of the need to breastfeed.**

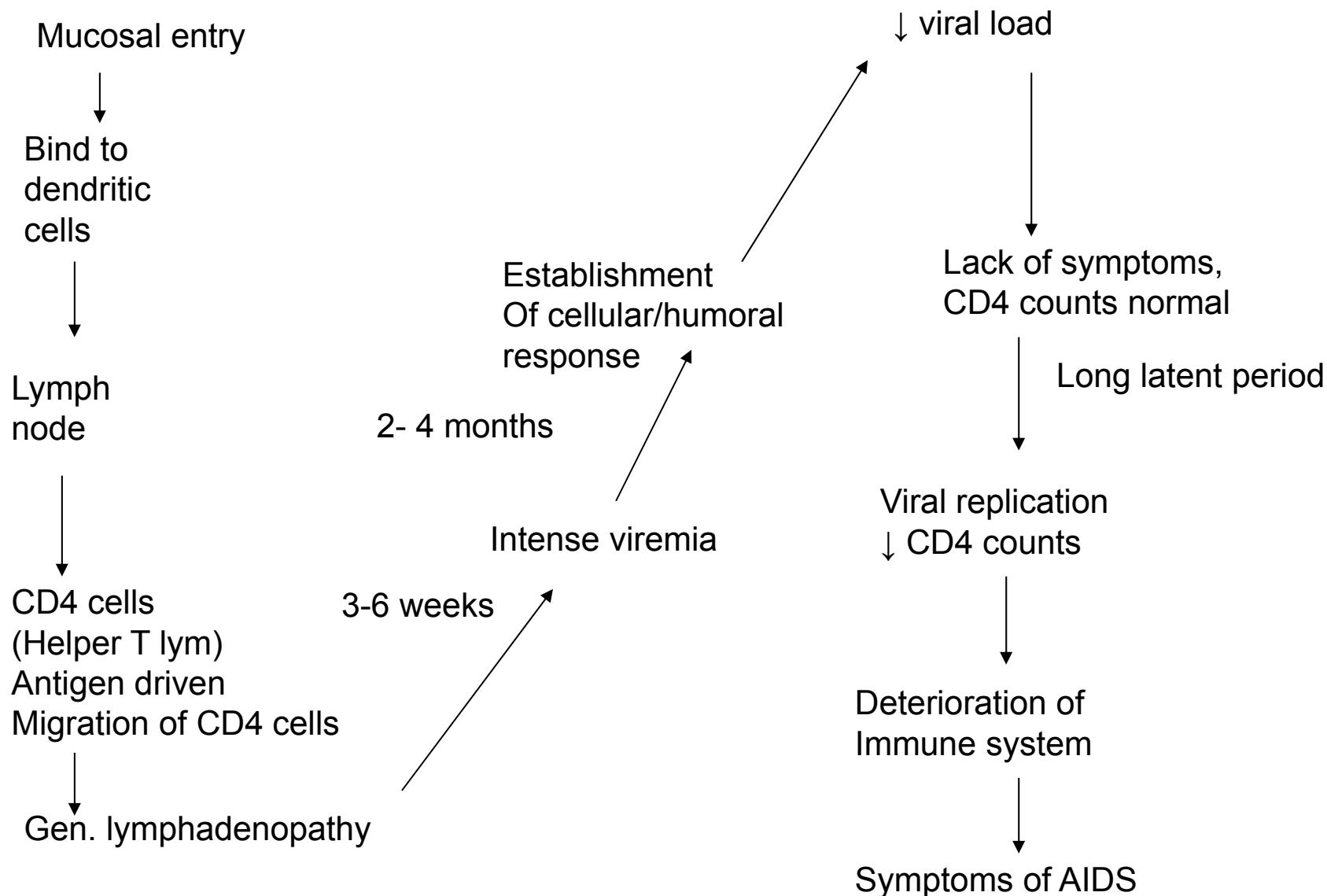
# **Modes of transmission**

- 1. Sexual contact:** (Vaginal/ anal/ orogenital)
- 2. Percutaneous( needles/ sharps/ mucous membrane exposure to body fluids)**
- 3. Contaminated blood/ blood products**
- 4. Mother to child transmission:**
  - a. In utero( 30- 40%)
  - b. Intrapartum( 60-70%)
  - c. Postpartum( breastfeeding) in dev countries: 40%  
> Common in mothers who acquire infection postnatally,  
b/c of high viral load

## **Factors influencing rate of vertical transmission**

- **Preterm delivery< 34 weeks**
- Low maternal antenatal CD4 counts
- Use of recreational drugs during pregnancy
- **PROM> 4 hours**

# Pathogenesis



# In Pediatric Patients

## 1. Rapid disease course:

- 15- 25% cases ( in dev countries > 85%)
- onset of AIDS in 1<sup>st</sup> few month of life
- Untreated median survival: 6-9 months
- Occurs in cases where fetal infection coincides with the period of rapid expansion of CD4 cells thus effectively infecting body's immunocompetent cells,  
**therefore infection is established before normal ontogenic development of immune system causing severe impairment of immunity .**
- Positive HIV-1 culture in 1<sup>st</sup> 48 hours of life.

## **2. Slow progressors (60- 80%)**

- Infected intrapartum
- Negative viral culture/ PCR in 1st week of life
- Median survival time : 6 years
- Viral load rapidly increases after 2 -3 months then slowly decline over a period of 24 months ( in contrast to sharp decline in adults possibly d/t immaturity of immune system)

## **3. Long term survivors: (<5%)**

- Minimal / no progression of ds / normal CD4 counts / low viral loads for >8 years

# **Distinct features of HIV Infection in Children**

- After initial infection: **persistence of high viral loads** for longer durations, slow decline ( b/c of immaturity of immune system)
- **Less dramatic ↓ in CD4 counts** (despite severe immunosuppression) b/c of relative lymphocytosis.)
- **Hypergammaglobulinemia:** b/c of B-cell activation ( acts as surrogate marker of HIV infection in symptomatic children when PCR etc. are not easily available)
- **CNS involvement** > common in children ( developing brain > prone to invasion by HIV)

# Clinical Picture

At birth : most of NB normal

Initial symptoms:

- FTT
- Chronic/ recurrent diarrhoea
- Interstitial Pneumonia
- Oral thrush
- Lymphadenopathy/ HSM

## > Common than adults

- Recurrent bacterial infections
- Chronic parotid swelling
- LIP
- Progressive neurological deterioration

# CDC Pediatric HIV Classification System

- **Clinical status:**  
Category A, B, C
- **Immunological impairment:**  
Absolute CD4 counts/ CD4%  
Age adjustment of counts necessary

	<b>&lt;12 months</b>		<b>1- 5years</b>		<b>&gt; 6 years</b>	
<b>Immune categories</b>	Cells / $\mu$ L	%	Cells / $\mu$ L	%	Cells / $\mu$ L	%
No evidence of suppression	<b>&gt;1500</b>	>25	<b>&gt;1000</b>	>25	<b>&gt;500</b>	>25
Moderate suppression	<b>750-1499</b>	15- 24	<b>500-999</b>	15- 24	<b>200-499</b>	15- 24
Sever suppression	<b>&lt;750</b>	< 15	<b>&lt;500</b>	< 15	<b>&lt;200</b>	< 15

# **Clinical Categories**

## **Category A:** (2 mild symptoms)

Lymphadenopathy

Parotitis

Hepatomegaly/ Splenomegaly

Dermatitis

R/C / persistent URI /Sinusitis or Otitis media

## **Category B:** ( moderate symptoms)

Anemia/ Neutropenia/ thrombocytopenia lasting > 30 days

Bacterial meningitis/ pneumonia/ sepsis ( single episode)

CMV infection with onset before 1 month of age

Toxoplasmosis with onset before 1 month of age

HSV bronchitis/ pneumonitis/esophagitis with onset before 1 month of age

LIP

H zoster at least 2 distinct episodes or involving > one dermatome

Leimyosarcoma

Nocardiosis

Oropharyngeal thrush > 2 months

R/C / chronic diarrhoea

Persistent fever > 2 months

Hepatitis

R/C H. simplex stomatitis/ oesophagitis/ pneumonitis

Disseminated varicella

Cardiomyopathy

Nephropathy

## **Category C:** ( severe symptoms)

2 serious bacterial infections in a 2 year period (sepsis/  
meningitis/ pneumonia)

Oesophageal/Lower resp tract candidiasis

Disseminated Coccidiomycosis, cryptococcosis

Cryptosporidiosis(> 1 month)

HSV infection

Disseminated histoplasmosis

Encephalopathy

Malignancies

Disseminated mycobacterial infection

- Pneumocystis jiroveci Pneumonia
- Cerebral toxoplasmosis( onset after 1 month of age)
- Progressive multifocal encephalopathy
- Recurrent salmonella( nontyphoidal) septicemia
- Wasting syndrome in the absence of concurrent illness other than HIV plus chronic diarrhoea > 30 days or documented fever > 30 days

# **Lab diagnosis**

## **ELISA:**

Highly sensitive & specific

Not useful in <18 months of age

## **Western Blot test:**

Highly specific for > 18 months old

## **PCR DNA:**

Useful in children <18 months of age

In neonates infected in utero, it can be positive within first 48 hours also

## **PCR RNA:**

Not recommended for routine testing for <18 months of age  
(negative result does not rule out infection)

## **Viral culture:**

Not useful, takes 4 weeks

## **HIV p24Ag:**

Less sensitive

- CD4 counts: decreased
- CD8 counts: might be ↑ initially, later on ↓
- Hypergammaglobulinemia( IgG & IgA)/  
Panhypogammaglobulinemia( <10% cases)

- **Informed consent for HIV testing**
- **Pre test/ Post test councelling**
- **Confidentiality**

# Treatment

## **6-12 months of age:**

ART as soon as infection is confirmed, regardless of clinical/ immunological/ virological parameters

## **>1 year:**

All except slow progressors

## **Adolescents:**

Adult guidelines

## **In resource poor setting:**

<18 months: CD4 % < 20%

Older children: CD4 % < 15%

- **Combination therapy**
- At least 3 AR drugs- 2 RT inhibitor + 1 Protease inhibitor/ Nonnucleoside RT inhibitor

**Desired Goal: undetectable concentration of virus in body**

- **Immunoglobulin therapy:**
  - For Hypogammaglobulinemia
  - R/C , serious bacterial infectionin 1 year period
- **Early diagnosis & aggressive management of opportunistic infections**
- **PCP Prophylaxis for HIV exposed children:**
  - Septran- beginning at 4- 6 weeks of age & continued for first year of life unless HIV infection is excluded, thereafter determined on basis of CD4 counts

# **HAART**

## **NRTI:**

Thymidine analogues- stavudine, Zidovudine

Nonthymidine analogues-Didanosine,  
lamivudine,dideoxycytidine

## **NNRTI:**

Nevirapine,efaverenz

## **Protease inhibitors:**

Ritonavir,Nelfinavir,saquinavir

# **Control measures**

## **Decrease in MTCT:**

- **ART before labor , before rupture of membranes:**  
Zidovudine beginning at 14- 34 weeks of gestation, continuing thruout pregnancy,IV during Intrapartum period, **oral administration to infants till 6 weeks of life.**
- **In resource poor countries:**  
Zidovudine to mother in 3<sup>rd</sup> trimester as soon as possible  
+1 dose of Nevirapine to mother & baby
- **Complete avoidance of breastfeeding**

# Postexposure prophylaxis (occupational)

Risk after -percutaneous exposure: 0.3%

-Mucous membrane exposure: 0.09%

Postexposure:

- Baseline HIV testing
  - Repeat testing at **4,6,12 weeks & 6 months after exposure**( most will seroconvert after 3 months)
  - HIV class 1: 2 drugs
  - HIV class 2/ HIV class 1+ large volume: 2 drugs
  - HIV class 2+ large volume: > 3 drugs
- 4 week PEP should be completed**, monitoring for adverse reactions should be done.

# Immunization Recommendations

- If not severely immunocompromised, live vaccines can be given according to age
- Inactivated vaccines can be given at any time