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Clinical and laboratory manifestations of Ebola virus disease

Stage of illness	Time post- symptom onset	Clinical	Laboratory
Early febrile	Days 1-3	Fever, malaise, fatigue, body aches	Leukopenia, lymphopenia, thrombocytopenia, elevated AST and ALT
Gastrointestinal	Days 3-10	Primary: Epigastric and abdominal pain, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea	Persistently elevated AST/ALT and thrombocytopenia
		Associated: Persistent fever, asthenia, headache, conjunctival	Elevated BUN and creatinine
		injection, chest pain, dysphagia, odynophagia, arthralgias, myalgias, hiccups, delirium, and rash	Hypokalemia, hypomagnesemia, hyponatremia, hypoalbuminemia
			Elevated PT/PTT/INR/fibrin-split products
			Leukocytosis (elevated neutrophils and band cells)
Shock	Days 7-12	Diminished consciousness or coma, thready pulse, oliguria, anuria, tachypnea	In addition to findings during gastrointestinal stage:
			Elevated lactate Decreased bicarbonate
Other complications	Day 10 and after	Gastrointestinal hemorrhage, respiratory failure associated with aggressive fluid resuscitation or lung injury, secondary infections, neurocognitive abnormalities, seizures,	Findings may overlap with prior stages of illness
			Decreased hemoglobin and hematocrit observed with gastrointestinal bleeding

		syndrome consistent with menigoencephalitis	Hypoxemia observed with respiratory failure
Recovery	Days 7-12	Resolution of gastrointestinal symptoms, increased oral intake, increased energy	Resolution of laboratory abnormalities
Convalescence	Up to 12 months	Arthralgias, myalgias, abdominal pain, fatigue, persistent neurocognitive abnormalities, uveitis, meningitis, hearing loss	

ALT: alanine aminotransferase; AST: aspartate aminotransferase; PT: prothrombin time; PTT: partial thromboplastin time; INR: international normalized ratio; BUN +blood urea nitrogen.

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