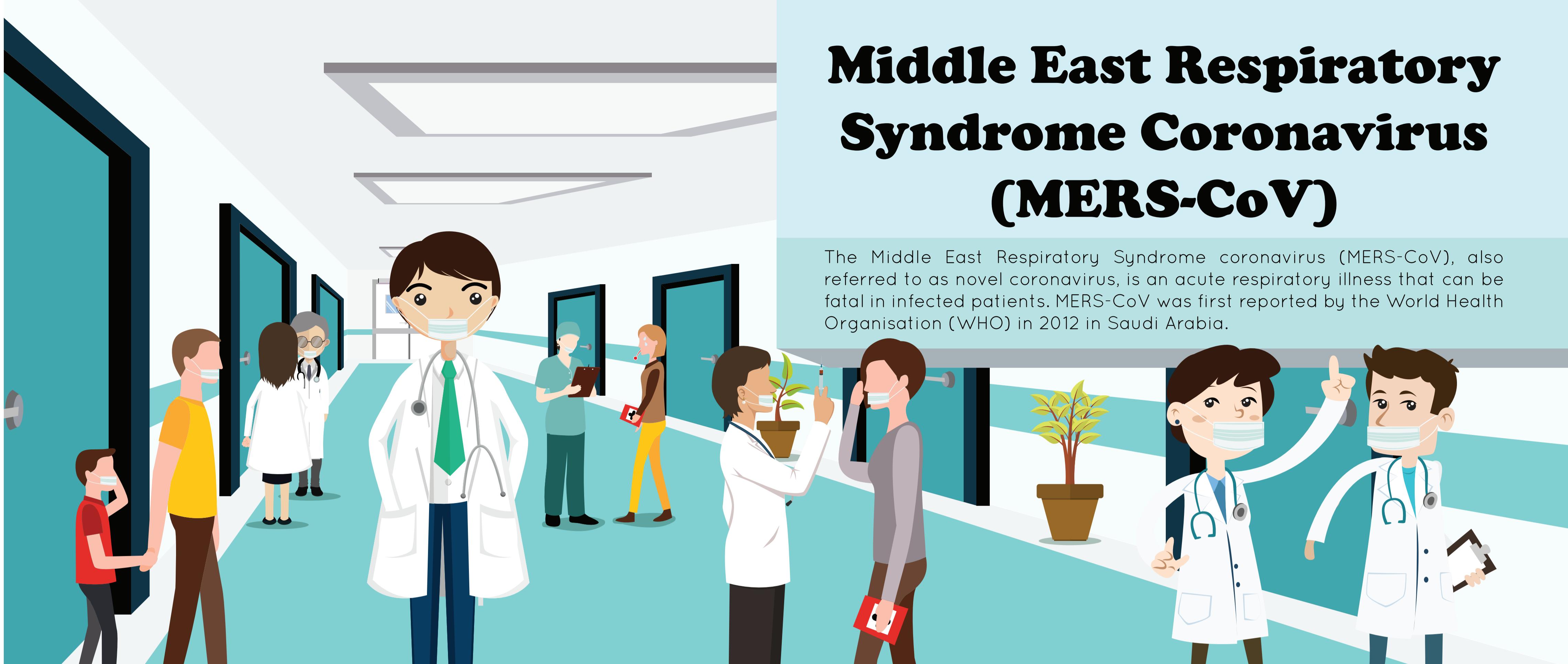


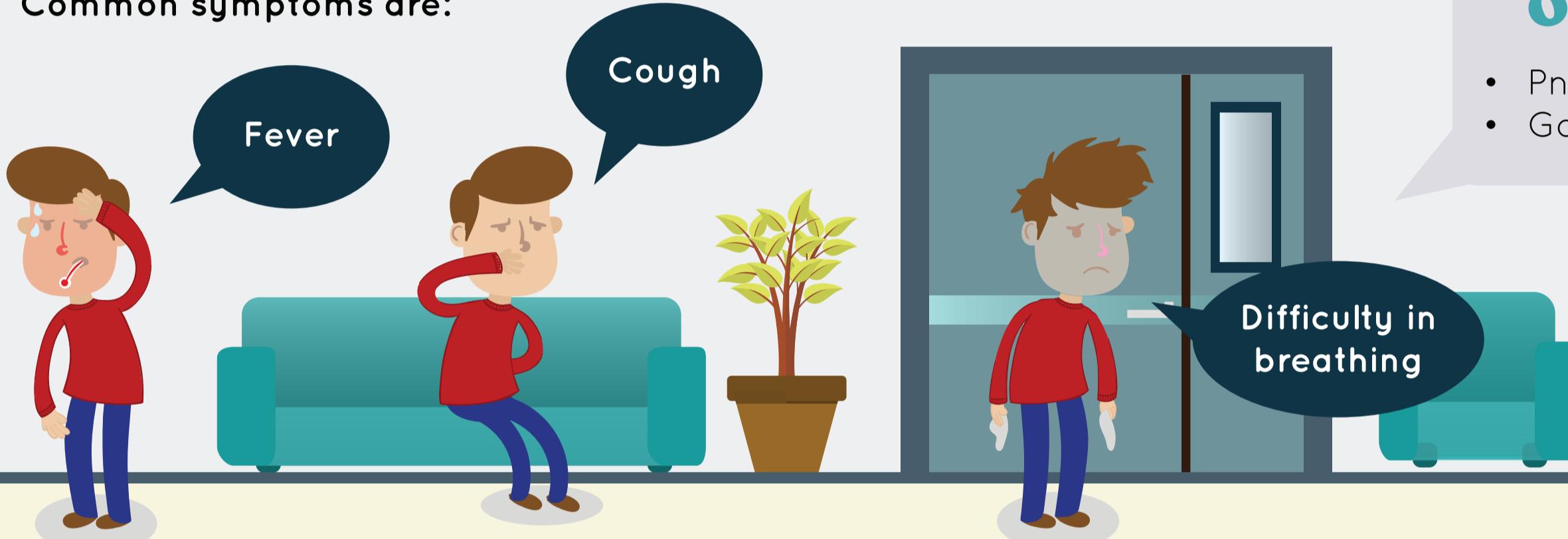
Middle East Respiratory Syndrome Coronavirus (MERS-CoV)

The Middle East Respiratory Syndrome coronavirus (MERS-CoV), also referred to as novel coronavirus, is an acute respiratory illness that can be fatal in infected patients. MERS-CoV was first reported by the World Health Organisation (WHO) in 2012 in Saudi Arabia.



Symptoms

Common symptoms are:



Other possible symptoms

- Pneumonia is commonly observed, but not always present
- Gastrointestinal symptoms, including diarrhoea

Reported Cases

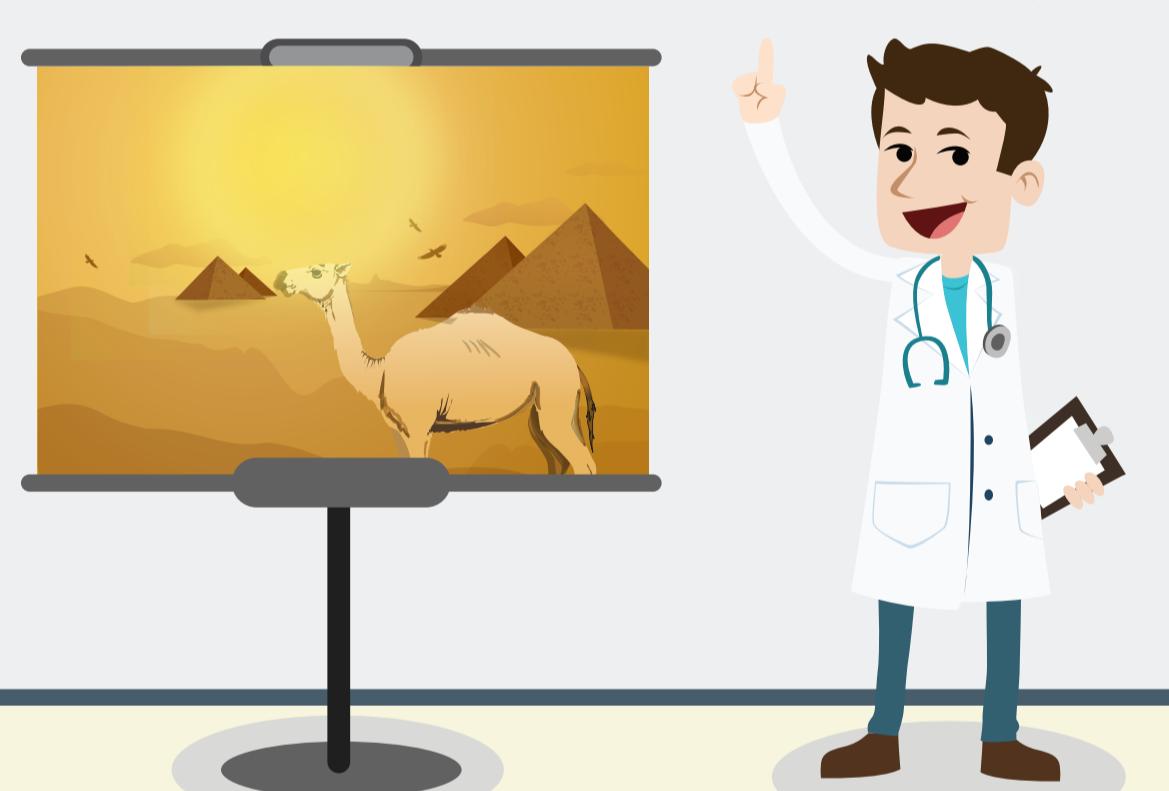
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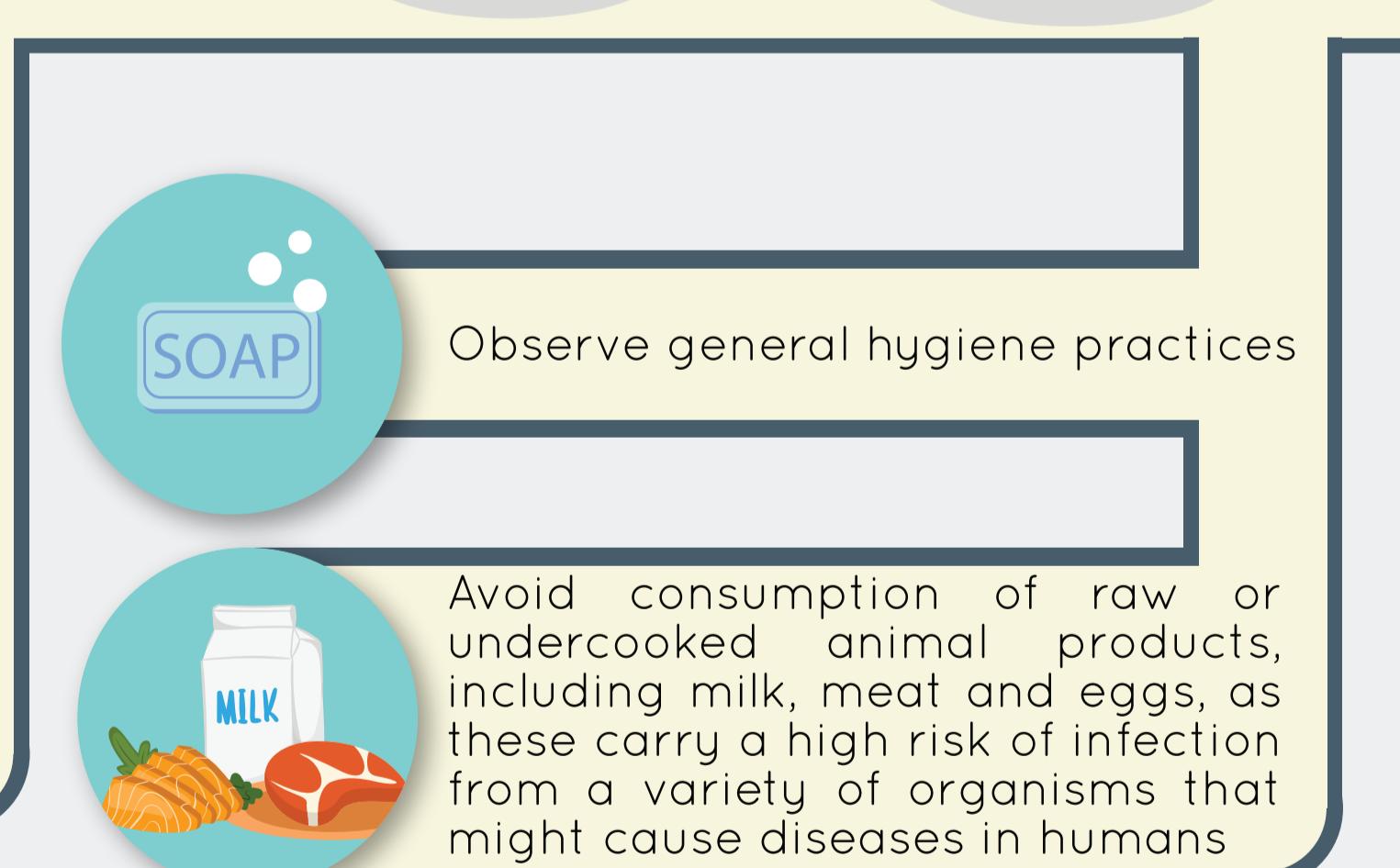
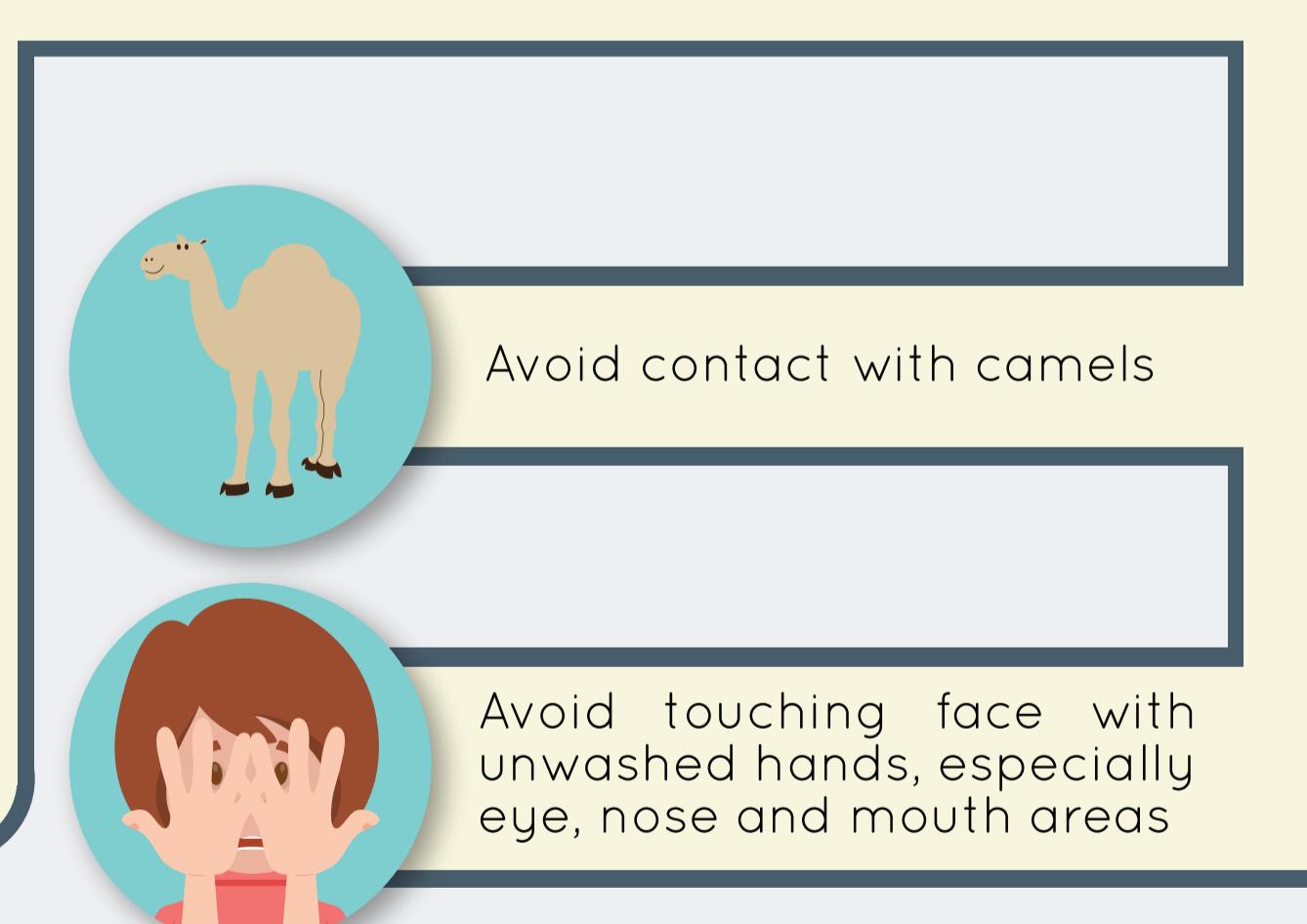
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Transmission

- Sources of MERS has yet to be determined although camels have been identified as possible carriers
- Infection is believed to be via direct or indirect contact with infected dromedary camels in the Middle East.
- Human to human infection occurs through close contact with infected patients



Preventive measures



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For the latest global situation update on MERS-CoV, you may refer to the World Health Organization website at http://www.who.int/csr/don/archive/disease/coronavirus_infections/en/