

# On some important points connected with the pathology of puerperal fever.

W.R. McPhun - *Contagiousness of Puerperal Fever" (1843)*, by Oliver Wendell Holmes

**Differential:** Most often a polymicrobial ascending vaginal infection. Most common organisms are in descending order of incidence: *Corynebacterium* and *Mycoplasma*. *Escherichia coli*, *Streptococcus viridans*, *Enterococcus faecalis*, *Enterococcus faecium*, *Candida vaginalis* and *GBS*.

**Diagnosis:** Most often *Corynebacterium* and *Mycoplasma* are the cause of the following symptoms: maternal vaginal discharge, lower abdominal pain, fever, nausea, vomiting, constipation, fatigue, loss of appetite, headache, and/or malaise. Find rachicacks in other organs. *Escherichia coli* and *Streptococcus viridans* are the cause of the following symptoms: fever, chills, headache, and/or malaise.

**Management:** Prompt diagnosis and administration of appropriate antibiotics are important in reducing maternal and neonatal morbidity.

Recommended empiric antibiotic regimen (most studied but no clear evidence to support empiric regimen):

Grampositive 1.5 mg/kg IV q 4 h to AM  
Gramnegative 2.5 mg q 4 h to AM + metronidazole 500 mg IV q 6 h  
NOTE: *Escherichia coli* and *Streptococcus viridans* are the preferred route of delivery in the presence of *Corynebacterium* and *Mycoplasma*. Evidence suggests that an interval to delivery of 12 h after diagnosis does not increase risk for transmission. Administration of antibiotics or metronidazole to the above regimen is recommended.

**Maternal Complications:** Chorioamnionitis may lead to foetal death, septic shock, and DIC. The incidence of septic shock is approximately 10% and the incidence of DIC is approximately 20%. Mortality from septic shock is approximately 50% and mortality from DIC is approximately 30%. Other complications include ARDS and sepsis in the new mother. Cesarean section increases risk of postpartum fever. *C. corynebacterium* has been associated with an increased risk of endometritis, but pelvic abscess has become rare with the use of postpartum antibiotics.

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Aspirin In 1828, Johann Buchner 1783-1852 a German pharmacologist, extracted an alcoholic  $\beta$ -glucoside, the active compound, from willow Salix bark, named salicin. Clinical symptoms of case 1 were too severe and complex to permit diagnosis according to the clinical criteria without evaluation of V $\beta$ 2 + T cells.

## Puerperal Infection

If present, percutaneous drainage by interventional radiology can be considered. Early recognition, immediate cooling, and organ support are the mainstays of treatment, and to this end an improved understanding of the pathophysiology will continue to develop.

## The pathophysiological basis and consequences of fever

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## Once upon a time, inflammation

Secondly, increasing the temperature in vitro from 35 °C to 41. Group B streptococcal bacteriuria during pregnancy is a risk factor for intrauterine or neonatal infection.

## Once upon a time, inflammation

Febrile morbidity in a mother can be the single early clue of bacteraemic infection in her neonate, 7, 9 and the infants of such women should be carefully evaluated.

## **Contagiousness of Puerperal Fever" (1843), by Oliver Wendell Holmes**

Group B streptococci, enterococci, other aerobic streptococci, G. Untersuchungen über die intracellulare Verdauung bei Wirbellosen Tieren.  
Syphilis was also successfully treated by Metchnikoff with calomel, a mercury chloride.

### **Once upon a time, inflammation**

Holmes argues that the physician had spread the erysipelas to the nurses, and Holmes connects erysipelas with puerperal fever. Additionally, there appears to be emerging evidence of an overlap in the mechanisms of heat generation in different conditions. Fever after brain injury, Fever after acute brain damage, from trauma or a vascular event, is common, and is independently associated with a worse outcome.

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