Typhoid Fever

**Typhoid fever is caused by Salmonella typhi bacteria. Typhoid fever is rare in industrialized countries. However, it remains a serious health threat in the developing world, especially for children.**



**Typhoid fever spreads through contaminated food and water or through close contact with someone who’s infected. Signs and symptoms usually include a high fever, headache, abdominal pain, and either constipation or diarrhea.**

**Most people with typhoid fever feel better within a few days of starting antibiotic treatment, although a small number of them may die of complications.**

**Symptoms**

* **Fever that starts low and increases daily**
* **Headache**
* **Weakness and fatigue**
* **Muscle aches**
* **Sweating**
* **Dry cough**
* **Loss of appetite and weight loss**
* **Abdominal pain**
* **Diarrhea or constipation**
* **Rash**
* **Extremely swollen abdomen**

**Antibiotic therapy is the only effective treatment for typhoid fever.**