



#### **Communicable disease**

**HECP Unit 9th** 

Communicable Disease

- Diseases that are spread from one person to the other.
- Diseases that are "catching"
- Diseases that are caused by germs or pathogens.



Examples of pathogens include: viruses, bacteria, p parasitic worms and fungi.



# Modes of Transmission

• Direct Contact: Exposure to infected body fluids such as blood or saliva.



 Vectors/Reservoirs: Germs are spread by an animal or insect, usually through a bite.





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 Food and Water: Food and water can become contaminated with germs and people can get sick when they eat or drink them.



 Airborne: Germs are spread through the air, for example when someone coughs or sneezes.



Indirect contact: Pathogens remain on surfaces
 that were in contact with an infected person.

- Examples : \* Chicken pox
- \* Diphtheria
- Filariasis
- \* AIDS
- \* Poliomyelitis
- 🔹 Malaria
- Measeles
- \* Tuberculosis
- Tetanus
- \* Rabies

stranger transmitted diseases



### Chicken pox

- Chicken pox is a common disease caused by the <u>varicella zoster virus (VZV)</u> which is a member of the herpes virus family.
- Usually occurs during childhood (normally 5-9), but you can get it at any time in your life.

<u>Symptoms:</u>

- small fever, body aches and loss of appetite.
- Within 1or 2 day, the rash appears, begins as red spots which then form blisters and spreads to the rest of the body.





- There are no actual cures for it ,but you can get a vaccine shot to help prevent it.
- Baths with uncooked oatmeal, baking soda, or cornstarch can help relieve itching.
- Tylenol is used for fever or pain relief. (Aspirin should be avoided.)
- Antiviral drugs such as Acyclovir may be prescribed.
- You can put Calamine lotion on the pocks to help stop the itching.



### Diphtheria

- It is caused by bacteria <u>Corvnebacterium</u>
  <u>diphtheriae</u>.
- <u>Symptoms:</u> Sore throat, Low fever, Swollen neck glands, Airway obstruction and breathing difficulty, Shock.

#### <u>Modes of Transmission:</u>

- Solely among humans, spread by droplets
- Secretions, direct contact, Poor nutrition
- Low vaccine coverage among infants & children.



- Sanitary: Reduce carrier rate by use of vaccing.
- Immunological: A vaccine (DPT) prepared from an alkaline formaldehyde inactivated toxin (i.e. toxoid) is required. Passive immunization with antitoxin can be used for patients.
- Chemotherapeutic: Penicillin, erythromycin or gentamicin are drugs of choice.



### Filariasis

Infection caused by 3 closely related Nematodes-

- "Wuchereria bancrofti"
- "Brugia malayi"
- "Brugia timori"
- <u>Symptoms:</u> Filarial fever, Lymphangitis, Lymphadenitis, Elephantiasis of genitals/legs/arm, Filarial arthritis, Chyluria.
- <u>Mode of transmission:</u> Transmitted by the bite of infected mosquito responsible for considerable

sufferings.







- Treating the infection by Cooling the leg, dryin exersice.
- Treatment and prevention of Lymphoedema.
- Drugs effective against filarial parasites-
- 1. Diethyl Carbamazine citrate (DEC)
- 2. Ivermectin
- 3. Albendazole
- 4. Coumarins compound



### AIDS

- Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome"
- HIV (Human immunodeficiency virus) is the virus that causes AIDS
- Disease limits the body's ability to fight infection due to markedly reduced helper T cells.
- Patients have a very weak immune system (defense mechanism)
- <u>Symptoms:</u> Fever, Headache, neuropathy, Sores, Rashes, Nausea, Vomitting.
- <u>Mode of Transmission:</u> Sharing Needles, Unsterilized blades, Unprotected Intercourse, Mother to Baby.



Some ways to protect urself-\*Monogamous Relationship. \*Protected Sex.

- Sterile needles.
- \*New shaving/cutting blades.
- Anti-retroviral drugs are used-
- AZT (Zidovudine).
- \*Viramune (Nevirapine).
- \*Norvir (Ritonavir).





## Poliomyelitis

Poliomyelitis is a highly infectious disease caused three serotypes of poliovirus.

<u>Symptoms:</u> febrile illness, aseptic meningitis, paralytic disease, and death.

#### Modes of Transmission:

- Oral-oral infection:
  - direct droplet infection
- Faeco-oral infection:
  - Food-borne (ingestion)
  - Hand to mouth infection.



General prevention:

- · Health promotion through environmental sanitation.
- Health education (modes of spread, protection value of vaccination).
- Active immunization:
  - Salk vaccine (intramuscular polio trivalent killed vaccine).
  - Sabin vaccine (oral polio trivalent live attenuated vaccine).



# Malaria

It is caused by four *Plasmodium* species-

- P. falciparum
- •P. vivax
- P. malariae
- P. ovale
- <u>Symptoms:</u> Chills, Fever, Internal fever, Body ache.
- <u>Mode of transmission:</u> It is transmitted by female anopheles mosquito, sporozoites injected with saliva & enter circulation then infected person.

#### Life cycle of malaria parasite



\*sporozoites injected during mosquito feeding. \*invade liver cells. \*exoerythrocytic schizogony. \*merozoites invade RBCs. \*gametocytes infective for mosquito. \*fusion of gametes in gut. \*sporozoites invade salivary glands.

- Use a spray containing permethrin on clothing
- Apply insect repellents regularly in cream, sprace
  or gel form that contain diethyltoluamide (DEET).
- Use coils and mats impregnated with insecticide in closed rooms to repel the mosquitoes.
- Malaria prophylaxis are taken.
- Anti-malarial drugs are used such as chloroquine.



## Measeles

- It is caused by agent- RNA virus (Paramyxov virus family, genus Morbillivirus )
- <u>Symptoms</u>: Diarrhea, Pneumonia, Convulsions, SSPE (sub acute sclerosing panencephalitis).
- <u>Modes of transmission</u>: Transmitted by Droplet infection 4 days before and 4 days after rash.





### Measeles



- Live attenuated measles virus (Edmonston-zagreb stadin)
  Propagated on human diploid cell. (0.5 ml of vaccine)
- Measles vaccine has to be given at 9 months.
- If Measles vaccine is given a 3 months gap is advisable to give MMR vaccine.
- The vaccine should be reconstituted with the diluent supplied (Sterile water for injection) using a sterile Auto disabled syringe with needle.
- After reconstitution the vaccine should be used immediately.
- If the vaccine is not used immediately then it should be stored in the dark at 2° - 8°C for no longer than 8 hours.



# Tuberculosis

- "Tuberculosis is defined as an infectious disease caused by a bacterium Mycobacterium T.B.; that most commonly affects the lungs."
- <u>Symptoms</u>: Slight fever, night sweats, weight loss fatigue.
- <u>Modes of transmission</u>: tuberculosis is an airborne disease able to be passed from one person to another.



- Your doctor may prescribe a medicine called isoniazid to prevent the tuberculosis infection from developing into the active disease and making you feel sick.
- If you contract TB of the abdominal or of the extra- pulmonary you may have the choice of a mainstay therapy that takes a course of 9-12 months in order to complete.
- Surgery is generally reserved for patients with obstruction of vital organs.



### Tetanus

- A Neurological disease characterised by increased muscle tone & spasms Caused <u>CLOSTRIDIUM TETANI.</u>
- It is found worldwide in soil, in inanimate environment, in animal faeces & occasionally human faeces.





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- <u>Symptoms</u>: muscle rigidity, dysphagia, rigidity, spasm, trismus, hyperpyrexia.
- <u>Mode of transmission</u>: Infection is acquired by contamination of wounds with tetanus spores.



- Goal is to eliminate the source of toxin, neutralize the unbound toxin & prevent muscle spasm & providing support support
- Admit in a quiet room in ICU
- Continuous careful observation & cardiopulmonary monitoring.
- Minimize stimulation.
- Protect airway.
- 2 preparations : combined vaccine : DPT.

monovalent vaccine : plain / formol

toxoid tetanus vaccine.



# Rabies

- Rabies is a viral disease that causes acute encephalitis in warm blooded animals, it can be transmitted to humans from other species.
- The rabies virus infects the CNS, cause disease in brain & death.
- <u>Symptoms</u>:

Partial paralysis, anxiety, insomnia, confusion, agitation, abnormal behavior, terror, and holysimations, progressing to delirium.

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- Modes of transmission:
- Rabies may also spread through exposure to infected domestic animals, groundhogs,
- bears, raccoons and other wild carnivorans.
- Small rodents such as squirrels hamsters, guinea pigs, gerbils, chipmunks rats and mice.



- Prevention
  - Vaccinating dogs, cats, rabbits, and fer against rabies.
  - Keeping pets under supervision.
  - Not handling wild animals or strays.
  - Contacting an animal control officer upon observing a wild animal or a stray, especially if the animal is acting strangely.
  - If bitten by an animal, washing the wound with soap and water for 10 to 15 minutes and contacting a healthcare provider to determine if post-exposure prophylaxis is required.



### Sexually transmitted disease

- STDs are diseases and infections which are copule of being spread from person to person through
  - sexual intercourse
  - oral-genital contact or in non-sexual ways.
  - IV drug
- Some STD's are:
- ) Chlamydia.
- ) Gonorrhea.
  - Syphilis.

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Candidiasis - Yeast Fungus.
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- Symptoms:
- 1. Sores.
- 2. Blood in urine.
- 3. Burning sensation when urinating.
- 4. Rashes.
- 5. Itching.
- 6. Warts.
- 7. Unusual discharge.
- Modes of transmission:
  sexual intercourse
- | sexual intercourse
  - oral-genital contact or in non-sexual ways. IV\_drug



- Abstinence.
- Know your partner
- Limit your partners.
- Visit your doctor.
- Always look.
- Keep clean.





