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**Epidemiology**

Lecture 18

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**Learning Outcomes**

- Terminology
- Modes of Disease Transmission
- Extent of Host Involvement
- Signs and Symptoms of Disease
- Stages of Disease
- Occurrence of Disease
- Severity of Disease

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**Definition of Terms**

- Pathology Study of disease
- Etiology Study of the cause of a disease
- Pathogenesis Development of disease
- Infection Colonization of the body by pathogens
- Disease An abnormal state in which the body is not functionally normally

*Using your own words provide a definition of the term epidemiology.*

*Explain the difference between an infection and a disease.*

*Using your own words provide definitions of the following terms; etiology, pathology, and pathogen.*

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**You and Your Microbiota**

- Transient
- Normal
- Commensalism
- Mutualism
- Parasitism
- Pathogenic



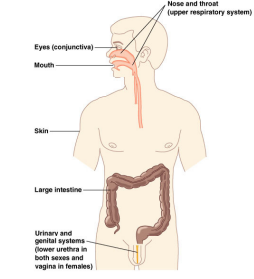
*Provide an example of how your own microbiota protects you against potential pathogens.*

*What are commensal bacteria?*

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- Skin
  - Probionibacterium
  - Malassezia
- Eyes
  - Staph epidermidis
- Nose
  - *Staphylococcus aureus*,
- Throat
  - Strep pneumoniae, Haemophilus, Nesseria
- Mouth
  - Strep mutans, Actinomycetes
- Large Intestine
  - E.coli, Bacteroides,
- Vagina
  - lactobacilli, Candida, Trichomonas

**Locations of Microbiota**




*Provide an example of how your own microbiota protects you against potential pathogens.*

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- Normal microbiota protect the host by:
  - occupying niches that pathogens might occupy
  - producing acids
  - producing bacteriocins
- Probiotics
  - live microbes applied to or ingested into the body, intended to exert a beneficial effect.

**What Have you Done for Me Lately?**



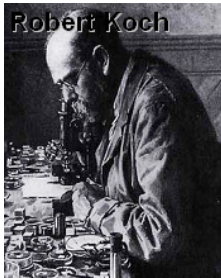
*Provide an example of how your own microbiota protects you against potential pathogens.*

*What are probiotics and what is the medical purpose of using probiotics?*

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**Robert Koch**

- 1876
- Discovered anthrax causing bacterium
- Koch's Postulates



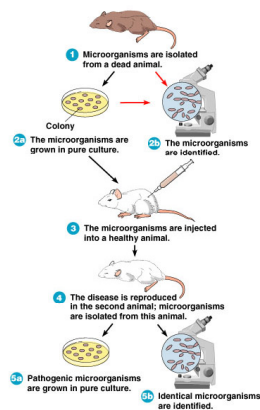
Robert Koch

*What was the major contribution that Robert Koch made to medicine?*

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**Koch's Postulates**

- The same pathogen must be present in every case of the disease
- The pathogen must be isolated from the diseased host and grown in pure culture
- The pathogen from the pure culture must cause the disease when it is inoculated into a healthy, susceptible animal
- The pathogen must be isolated from the inoculated animal and must be shown to be the original organism



1 Microorganisms are isolated from a dead animal.

2a The microorganisms are grown in pure culture. 2b The microorganisms are identified.

3 The microorganisms are injected into a healthy animal.

4 The disease is reproduced in the second animal; microorganisms are isolated from this animal.

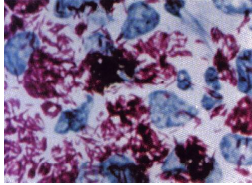
5a Pathogenic microorganisms are grown in pure culture. 5b Identical microorganisms are identified.

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**Exceptions to Koch's Postulates**

- Organism can't be cultured
  - e.g. *Mycobacterium leprae*
- Combination of pathogens
- Ethical considerations



*List three diseases that have been proven to be exceptions to Koch's postulates*

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**Signs, Symptoms and Syndromes**

- Sign
  - Objective
  - Measurable
  - Temperature
  - Swollen lymph nodes
- Symptom
  - Subjective Complaints
  - Aches
- Syndrome
  - Specific group of signs or symptoms
  - Always accompany a particular disease




*Explain the difference between signs of a disease and symptoms of a disease.*

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**Classification of Diseases**

- Communicable
  - Spreads through population
  - Genital herpes, Typhoid Fever,
- Contagious
  - Spreads easily
  - Measles,
- Noncommunicable
  - Does not spread
  - Tetanus




*Provide examples of communicable and non communicable bacterial diseases.*

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**Occurrence of Disease**

- Incidence
  - Number of people in a population develop the disease during a particular time period
  - = New cases
- Prevalence
  - Number of people in a population develop the disease at a specified time
  - = old and new cases
- Incidence of AIDS in US in 2004
  - 40,000
  - 40,000 cases in 2006
- Prevalence US 2004
  - 1 million
- approx 1 in 302 or 0.33%



*Explain the difference between the incidence of a disease and the prevalence of a disease.*

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**Occurrence of Disease**

- Sporadic
  - Occasionally present
  - Typhoid
- Endemic
  - Constantly present in population
  - Common cold
- Epidemic
  - Many people acquire disease at same time
  - Cholera
- Pandemic
  - Disease present worldwide
  - Influenza
  - AIDS

HIV prevalence in adults, end 2001

Source: UNAIDS/WHO

*Use examples of named disease to explain the difference between an endemic disease, and an epidemic disease.*

*Using your own words provide definitions of the following terms; endemic, epidemic, pandemic, and sporadic.*

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**Severity and Duration**

- Acute
  - Develops Rapidly
  - generally last a short time
  - Influenza
  - SARS
- Chronic
  - Develops slowly
  - May recur
  - TB
- Subacute
  - Between Acute and Chronic
- Latent
  - Disease remains inactive
  - Shingles

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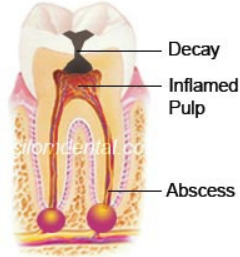
*Use examples to explain the difference between an acute infection and a chronic infection.*

*Use examples to explain the difference between an inapparent infection, acute infection and a chronic infection.*

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**Extent of Host Involvement**

- Local
  - Pathogens limited to small area
- Systemic
  - Infection throughout the body
- Focal Infection
  - Site of original infection that spread to other areas
  - Endocarditis due to tooth decay
- Bacteremia
  - Presence of bacteria in blood
- Septicemia
  - Growth of bacteria in blood
- Toxemia
  - Toxins in blood
- Viremia
  - Viruses in blood



The diagram illustrates a cross-section of a tooth. At the top, a dark area is labeled 'Decay'. Below it, the central part of the tooth is labeled 'Inflamed Pulp'. At the bottom of the root, a red, swollen area is labeled 'Abscess'.

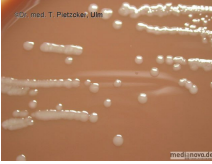
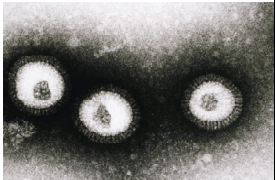
*Explain the differences in terms of host involvement between a local infection, a focal infection and a systemic infection.*

*Provide definitions of the following terms; septicemia, toxemia, bacteremia.*

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**Primary and Secondary Infections**

- Primary
  - Often acute disease
  - Weakens immune system
  - Influenza A
- Secondary infection
  - May be an opportunistic pathogen
  - Commensal bacterium
  - *Haemophilus influenzae*



The top image shows several spherical virus particles with a distinct outer shell and internal structure, characteristic of Influenza A. The bottom image shows a cluster of rod-shaped bacteria, identified as Haemophilus influenzae.

*Use an example to demonstrate your understanding of the term opportunistic pathogen.*

*Explain the difference between a primary infection and a secondary infection.*



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<b>Primary and Secondary Infections</b>	
• Toxemia	Toxins in the blood
• Viremia	Viruses in the blood
• Primary infection	Acute infection that causes the initial illness
• Secondary infection	Opportunistic infection after a primary (predisposing) infection
• Subclinical disease	No noticeable signs or symptoms (inapparent infection)

*The bacterium Haemophilus influenzae was mistakenly identified as the causative agent of influenza (hence the name). It was, however, responsible for the often fatal pneumonias that developed in flu victims. Using this information how would you categorize Influenza virus A, and Haemophilus influenzae. [page 429]*

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<b>Predisposing Factors</b>
• Make the body more susceptible to disease
- Short urethra in females
- Inherited traits such as the cystic fibrosis
- Climate and weather
- Fatigue
- Age
- Lifestyle
- Chemotherapy
- Immunosuppressive drugs - corticosteroids

*What are predisposing factors? Provide a factor which would predispose an individual to a particular infection.*

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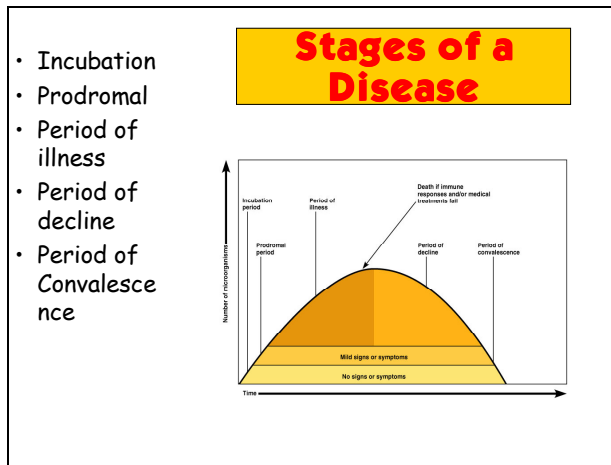


Diagram and describe the five stages of a disease.

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- Human
  - Respiratory diseases
  - STI's
  - May have inapparent infection
- Animal
  - Zoonoses
  - Rabies
  - Tick borne diseases
  - Lyme
  - Plague
- Nonliving
  - Soil
  - Botulism
  - Tetanus

### Reservoirs of Infection


A photograph of a small, fluffy animal, possibly a marmot or groundhog, sitting on the ground and looking upwards. The animal is brown and white, with a thick coat of fur. The background is a soft, out-of-focus landscape with some greenery and a bright light source, possibly the sun, creating a warm, golden glow.

What is a reservoir of infection? Provide named examples of diseases that have animal and non living reservoirs that allow them to be transmitted to humans periodically.

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**Transmission of Disease**

- Direct Contact
  - Person-to-person
    - Touching
    - Kissing
    - Sex
  - Animal-to-person
- Indirect Contact
  - Fomites
  - Inanimate objects
- Droplet Transmission
  - Droplets travel < 1m
  - Coughing, sneezing, talking




*Explain the difference between droplet transmission and airborne transmission.*

*Describe the role of a fomite in the transmission of a Gastrointestinal virus (Stomach flu), at a day care center. What can be done to limit the spread of infectious diseases by fomites?*

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**Transmission of Disease**

- Vehicle
  - Inanimate reservoir
  - Food or water
  - Airborne transmission
- Vector
  - Fleas, ticks, and mosquitoes
    - Mechanical
      - Passive - fly's foot pad
    - Biological
      - Pathogen reproduce in arthropods
      - Injected from salivary glands

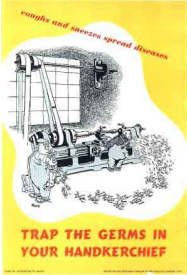


*Explain the difference between vehicle transmission of a disease and vector transmission of a disease*

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## Coughs and Sneezes Spread Diseases

- Public Health Campaign aimed at TB 1950's
- Respiratory tract
  - Coughing, sneezing


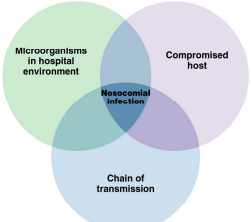


*Coughs and Sneezes Spread Diseases; explain how, and from the microbes point of view why?*

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## Nosocomial Infections

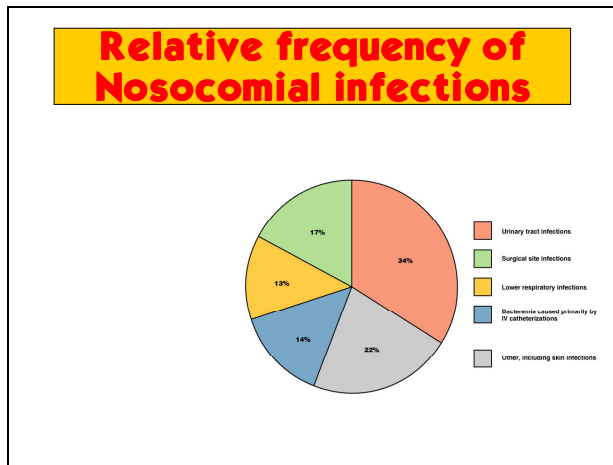
- Hospital Acquired
- 5-15% of all hospital patients acquire nosocomial infections



*What is a nosocomial Infection?*

*What factors contribute to the transmission of nosocomial infections?*

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*What factors contribute to the transmission of nosocomial infections.*

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### The Usual Suspects

	Percentage of nosocomial infections	Percentage resistant to antibiotics
Gram + cocci	34%	28%-87%
Gram - rods	32%	3-34%
<i>Clostridium difficile</i>	17%	
Fungi	10%	

*What factors contribute to the transmission of nosocomial infections.*