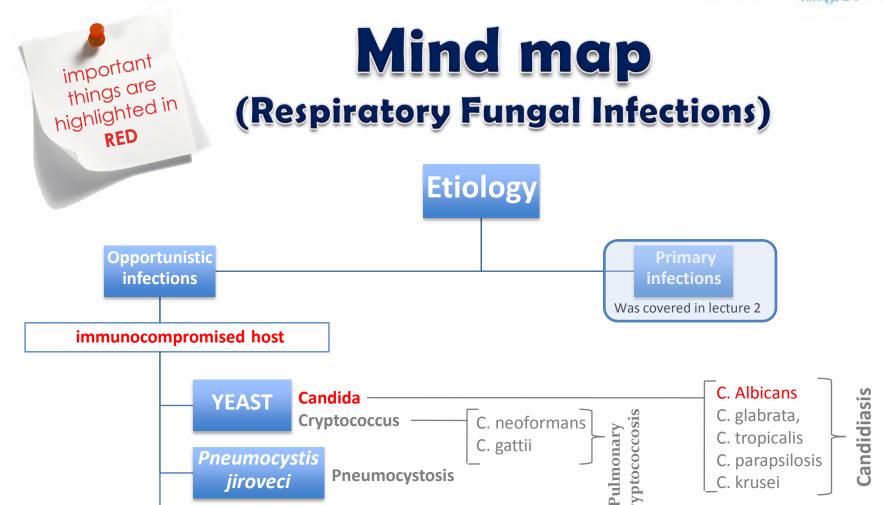


# Lecture (6) Respiratory Fungal Infections-II

# **Objectives**

No objectives





**Mould fungi** 

Was covered in lecture 2

### 1- Candidiasis

Candidiasis refers to infection caused by any of the species of the genus Candida (more than 160 species)

morphology	Other species include	Part of the endogenous flora of:	High-risk patients	How to catch it
	C. Albicans	Chin	AIDS	ICU* >7 days
1- Yeasts	C. glabrata,	Skin Gut	Premature infants	CVCs*
2- Pseudohyphae	C. tropicalis		Surgery	Antibiotics
	C. parapsilosis	Mucosal surfaces	Malignancy	TPN:" total parental
	C. krusei			nutrition "



Candida is the Most common fungal pathogen

<u>Candida albicans</u> is the most common species causing candidiasis



- ➤ Endogenous source for majority of Candida infection" our flora"
- Exogenous transmission is rare
- ➤ Antibiotics: kill bacteria normal flora that will lead to overgrowth of yeast

Additional info:
Bacteria and fungi
have the ability to
proliferate and
colonize around
catheters.

<sup>\*:</sup> intensive care unit

<sup>\*\*:</sup> central venous catheter

# Disease spectrum

- Infections of the skin and nail
- Gastrointestinal infections (oral cavity, esophagus)
- Infection of genitalia (female)

Candidemia: the presence of Candida species in the blood. عندهم نقص مناعه

Chronic mucocutaneous candisiasis (CMC) (congenital, immunological defect) موجوده عند

Pulmonary Candidiasis	Diagnosis
➤ Primary pneumonia: is less common and could be a result of Aspiration	1)Isolation of <i>Candida</i> from sputum, BAL is not always significant
➤ Secondary pneumonia: commonly seen with hematogenous candisiasis ➤ Immunocompromised patients	2)Clinical features 3)Radiology

#### Other yeast causing Pulmonary infections:

- Trichosporon
- Geotrichum

How Candidemia develops ?	Disseminated candidiasis (invovlment of any organ)
<ul> <li>➢Increased colonization (endogenous or exogenous factors)</li> <li>➢ Damage in host barriers by catheters, trauma, surgery</li> <li>➢ Immunosuppression</li> <li>➢ Central venous catheters (CVC)</li> </ul>	1)Septic shock 2)Meningitis 3)Ocular involvement (retinitis)

Candidiasis - diagnosis				
Laboratory	Direct microscopy	Culture	Serology	PCR
The Specimen depends on the site of infection e.g. Swabs, Urine, Blood, Respiratory specimens, CSF, Blood for serology	Stains: Gram stain, KOH, Giemsa, GMS, or PAS stained smears.  Budding yeast cells and pseudohyphae will be seen in stained smear or KOH.	on SDA & Blood agar at 37oC, creamy moist colonies in 24 - 48 hours  Blood culture  (it useful to diagnosis Candidemia)	Patient serum Test for Antigen e.g. Mannan antigen using ELISA Test for Antibodies	_

#### Candidiasis - diagnosis We do the following tests to identify *C. albicans* 1. Germ tube test 2. Chlamydospore production 3. Resistance to Cycloheximide in corn meal Agar (CMA) aerm-tube Formation of germ tube when cultured in serum at 37°C spore will grow on Mycobiotic Medium Test If these 3 are positive $\longrightarrow$ yeast is If negative, then it could be any other yeast, Use Carbohydrate assimilations and fermentation. results C.albicans commercial kits available for this like: API 20C, API 32C Culture on Chromogenic Media (CHROMagar™ Candida)....... **Treatment of Candidiasis Systemic** Candidemia **≻**Fluconazole Treat for 14 days after last positive culture and resolution **≻**Voriconazole of signs and symptoms **≻**Caspofungin Remove all intravascular catheters, if possible **≻**Amphotericin



Antifungal susceptibility testing in not done routinely in the microbiology lab.



**C. glabrata** can be less susceptible or resistant to fluconazole

C. krusei is resistant to fluconazole



Candida is the fourth in causing nosocomial bloodstream infections (BSI) with high number of mortality.

2- Pulmonary Cryptococcosis				
Causative agent	Source of infection	Pathogenesis	Diagnosis	Treatment
Cryptococcus neoformans	Pigeon or birds droppings & contaminated soil	Human infection by inhalation  infections could be asymptomatic  May develop pneumonia,	Smear show budding yeast cells  (CSF samples are stained by India Ink)  preparation Yeast cell with a thick capsule	Amphotericin B  Combination of Amphotericin B & flucytosine
		disseminate to CNS causing meningitis in immunocompromised	Culture on SDA	
Cryptococcus gattii			Serology	

- ◆ **Cryptococcosis:** A typical yeast with a thick capsule
- Cryptococcosis doesn't appear as psuodohyphae (only budding yeast cells)

3- Pneumocystosis (PCP)			
Opportunistic fungal pneumonia	Etiology:	Diagnosis:	Treatment
<ul> <li>It is interstitial pneumonia of the alveolar area.</li> <li>Affect compromised host</li> <li>Common in AIDS patient</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>"Pneumocystis jiroveci"</li> <li>Previously thought to be a protozoan parasite but it has been proven to be a fungus</li> <li>Does not grow in laboratory media like SDA</li> <li>Naturally found in rodents (rats) and other animals</li> </ul>	Patient specimen: Bronchoscopic specimens (B.A.L.), Sputum, Lung biopsy tissue.  Stains: Histology sections or smears stained by Silver stain (GMS).  Morphology: Cyst or trophozoyetsied	Trimethoprim- sulfamethoxazole

## **SUMMARY**

Disease	Candidiasis	Pulmonary Cryptococcosis	Pneumocystosis (Pcp)
Etiology	candida albicans	cryptococcus neoformans c.gattii a typical yeast with a thick capsule	pneumocystis jiroveci
Risk Factor	aids – surgery - malignancy – burns - premature infants		<u>Aids Patients</u>
Source Of Infection	icu $\geq$ 7 days , cvcs , antibiotics , tpn , colonization	-pigeon or birds droppings & contaminated soil -human infection by inhalation -infections could be asymptomatic	naturally found in rodents (rats), other animals (goats, horses), humans contract it during childhood.
Direct Microsc	budding yeast cells and pseudohyphae will be seen in stained smear or koh.	india ink preparatio yeast cell with a thick capsule     gmc , koh budding yeast without pseudohyaphae	histology sections or smears stained by silver stain (gms). better sensitivity)(immunuofluorescence if positive will see <a href="cysts">cysts</a> of hatshape, cup shape, crescent
Diagnosis	culture; on SDA & blood agar at 37°c, , creamy moist colonies in 24 - 48 hours. serulogy: patient serum test for antigen , e.g. mannan antigen using elisa test for antibodies pcr	culture: on SDA identify using api 20c , urease +ve phenol oxidase +ve  serology: capsular antigen by latex agglutination excellent sensitivity	does not grow in laboratory media e.g. SDA
Treatment	fluconazole (candia albican) voriconazole caspofungin amphotericin *c. glabrata can be less susceptible or resistant to fluconazole *c. krusei is resistant to fluconazole	amphotericin b combination of amphotericin b & flucytosine	trimethoprim – sulfamethoxazole
Notes:	candida is the fourth in causing nosocomial bloodstream infections (bsi)		-previously thought to be a protozoan parasiteit has been proven to be a fungus -it is interstitial pneumonia of the alveolar area

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