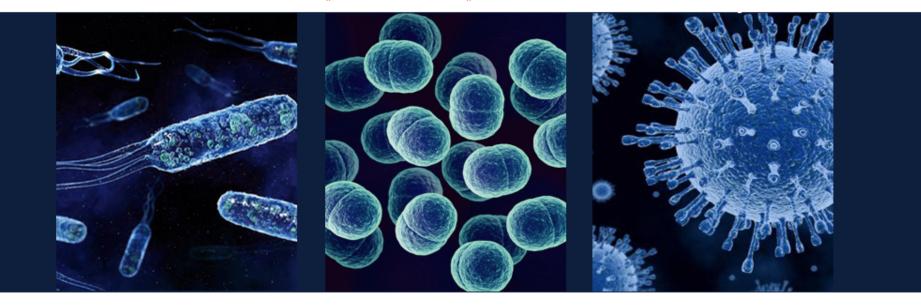






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### Lecture 11

# Diversity of Fungi and Fungal Infections

Important

Term

Extra explanationAdditional notes

# **Objectives**

- To provide students with an overview of the <u>common</u> medically important yeasts and mold fungi.
- To provide students with an overview of the major fungal diseases that threatens human health.
- To give a fundamental knowledge about the antifungal agents, their mechanisms of action, and spectrum.



#### Mycotic Diseases:

Hypersensitivity (Allergy)

Mycotoxicoses

Infections

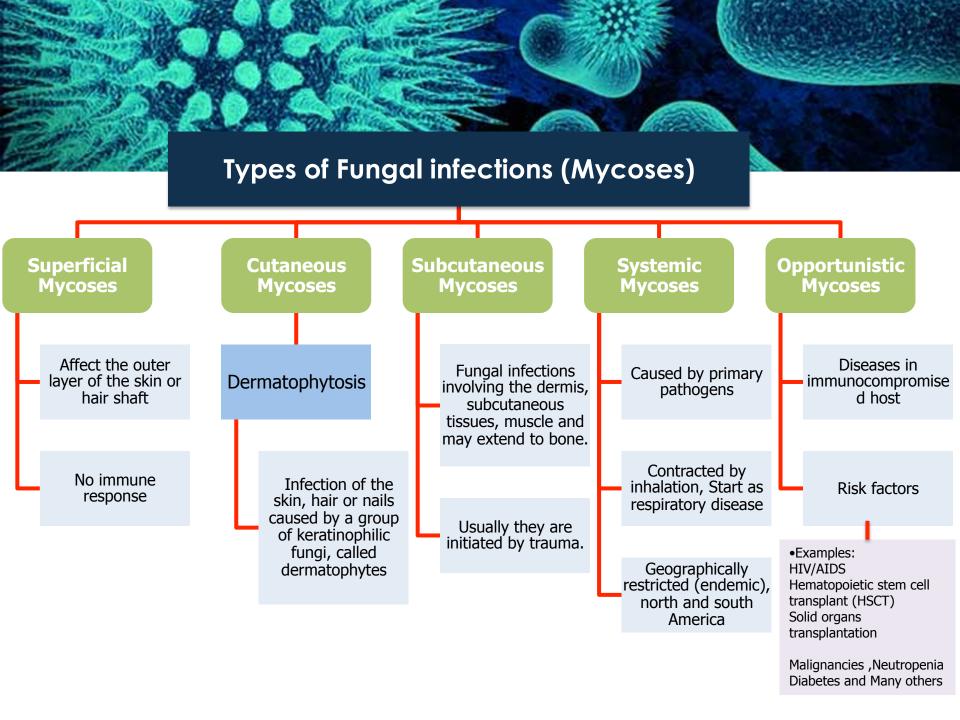
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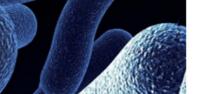
Contact

Endogenous, Colonization (overgrowth of normal flora)

How the infection is acquired?

Trauma





#### The Fungi

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	A- Opportunistic Fungi		B- Primary Pathogens		
	Normal Flora	- Candida spp. - Other yeast		Dermatophytes	Endemic geographically restricted
	*Ubiquitous in our environment	<ul><li>Aspergillus sp</li><li>Zygomycetes</li></ul>	-		<ul><li>Histoplasma spp.</li><li>Blastomyces spp.</li><li>Coccidioides spp.</li></ul>
	NO.	*Other Fungi			- Paracoccidioides spp.

#### Diagnosis of Fungal Infection

Clinical features (clinical presentation)	Imaging	Lab Investigations
History, risk factors, etc.	Good value in diagnosis and therapy monitoring	-Histopathology -Microbiology

**Target for Antifungal Agents Antifungal Agents Target** Group Mechanism of Spectrum of activity action \*Amphotericin B, lipid Binds to ergosterol Amphotericin B has Broad within the fungal formulations antifungal spectrum which cell membrane \*Nystatin resulting in human disease formation of pores

Ketoconazole

Itraconazole

Fluconazole

Voriconazole

Posaconazole

Miconazole

clotrimazole

Caspofungin

Micafungin

Flucytosine

Anidulafungin

## Cell membrane Polyenes which permit leakage of intracellular contents, and lead to cell death

Inhibit the

**DNA** synthesis

includes most fungi that cause

Fluconazole has a limited or no Not effective against activity against mould fungi zygomycosis (except **Voriconazol** is the drug of choice posaconazole)

Comments

Serious toxic side effects

Monotherapy now limited

(Resistance)

(nephrotoxicity)

synthesis of ergosterol the **Azoles** major sterol of fungal cell membrane. \*Inhibits B-1,3 -D glucan synthase, (the enzyme complex that forms Echinocglucan polymers in the fungal cell wall)

for Aspergillosis Posaconazole has broader azoles Good activity against Limited or no activity against other fungi

Active against:

Candida species

Restricted spectrum of activity

Cryptococcus neoformans

**Adverse Effects** spectrum of activity than other **Drug Interactions** Less toxicity and side effects Candida spp, Aspergillus spp compared to amphotericin B and azoles

Cell wall andins \*Glucan polymers are responsible or providing rigidity to the cell wall. DNA/RNA synthesis \*Fungal RNA Pyrimidine miscoding \*Interfering with analogues

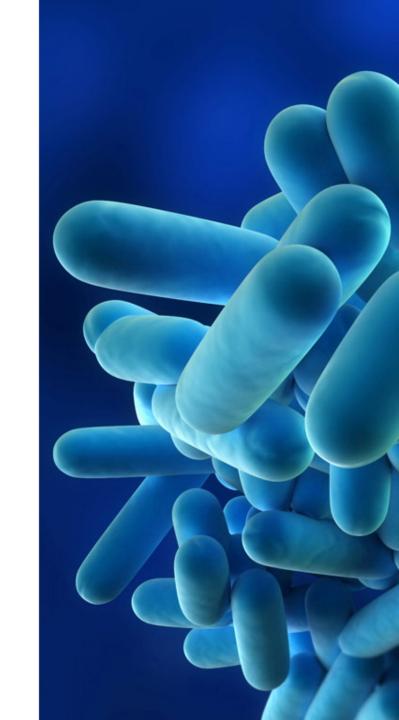




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