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Lecture 4 Introduction to Parasitology



Term
Extra explanation

Additional notes

Objectives

By the end of this lecture the student **should be able to**: 1. Define **common terms** describing <u>host-parasite relationship</u>.

2. Outline the broad classification of parasites.

3. Name examples of protozoan parasites.

4. Describe the life-cycle of **Giadia lamblia** as an example of **intestinal protozoa**.

5. Describe the main stages of the life-cycle of **Plasmodium** as an

example of **blood and tissue protozoa**.



Definitions

Infection

The entry , development and multiplication of an **infectious agent** in the body of humans or animals

The result may be:

Manifest (symptomatic) <u>infection</u> Inapparent (asymptomatic) infection

Host

A human or animal which harbors an infectious agent under natural conditions .

Definitive host (primary host): A host in which the parasite passes its sexual stage.

Pathogenesis

Pathogenicity

Intermediate host (secondary host): A host in which the parasite passes its larval or asexual stages.

Carrier

A person or animal that harbors a specific infectious agent in the absence of symptoms and signs of a disease and serves as a <u>potential source of</u>

infection

Production and development of disease.

Capability of an infectious agent to cause disease in a **susceptible** host.

Commensalism

Kind of relationship in which one organism , the commensall , is **benefited** whereas the other organism , the host , is **NOT** harmed or even helped by the association.

Parasitism

A relationship in which an organism **benefits** from the association with another organism **(the host)** whereas the host is **harmed** in some way.

Ectoparasite: parasite that lives on the outer surface of its host.

Endoparasite: Parasite that lives inside its host. zoonosis: Disease of animals that is transmissible to humans .

Scientific names of parasites follow Zoological Classification



Classification of Parasites

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Trematodes

Cestodes





falciparum

ovale

vivax

malariae

2. When cysts are ingested, the low pH of the stomach acid produces excystation, in which the activated flagella breaks through the cyst wall. This occurs in the small intestine, specifically the duodenum. Excystation releases **trophozoites**, with each cyst producing two trophozoites.

3. Within the small intestine, the trophozoites reproduce asexually (longitudinal binary fission) and either float free or are attached to the mucosa of the lumen.

4. Some trophozoites then encyst in the small intestine, Both cysts and trophozoites are then passed in the feces, but only the **cyst** is infectious, Person-to-person transmission is possible, Animals can also be infected with Giardia.



Parasitic Protozoa

More information & explanation





Parasitic Protozoa







 Malaria
https://www.youtube.com/watch?
v=qMNmOsl5_e4
Giardia lamblia
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZzqiG9VDOq_



Books that could help you

- Microbiology made ridiculously simple
- Atlas of medical helminthology and protozoology



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