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Viruses Causing Respiratory Infection (I)

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Important!
Doctor's Notes
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Extra Notes

"I'm not telling you it's going to be easy. I'm telling you it's going to be worth it."

Objectives

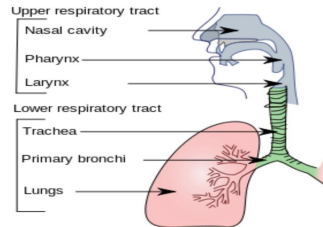
- ❖ Introduction to respiratory viral infections
- ❖ Characteristics of respiratory viruses (*Orthomyxoviridae*, *Paramyxoviridae*)
- ❖ Mode of transmission
- ❖ Clinical features
- ❖ Lab diagnosis
- ❖ Treatment and prevention

Respiratory Tract Infections

- ❖ Are the commonest of human infections and cause a large amount of morbidity and loss of time at work (sick leave).
- ❖ Are common in both children and adults.
- ❖ Mostly caused by viruses.
- ❖ Mostly are mild and confined to the upper respiratory tract (URT). (if it got to the lower respiratory tract it became severe)
- ❖ Mostly are self-limiting disease. (a disease that tends to go away on its own, without treatment)
- ❖ URT-infection may spread to other organs causing more severe infection and death.

Clinical Manifestations (symptoms)

- ❖ Common cold (rhinitis).
- ❖ Pharyngitis.
- ❖ Tonsillitis.
- ❖ Sinusitis & otitis media.
- ❖ Croup (acute laryngotracheobronchitis).
- ❖ Acute bronchitis.
- ❖ Viral pneumonia.



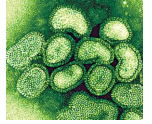
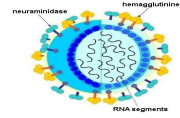
Chapter 22 | Viral diseases of the respiratory tract

Table 22.1 Respiratory illnesses and their common viral causes*

Respiratory illness	Main causal viruses
Rhinitis (common cold)	Rhinoviruses (100 serotypes) Coronaviruses (3 serotypes)
Pharyngitis	Influenza A and B viruses Parainfluenza virus (types 1-3) Adenoviruses B, C, E Coxsackie A virus
Laryngotracheobronchitis (Croup)	Influenza virus Parainfluenza virus (types 1 & 2)
Bronchitis	Respiratory syncytial virus Parainfluenza virus (usually type 3) Influenza virus
Bronchiolitis	Respiratory syncytial virus Human metapneumovirus Parainfluenza virus (usually type 3)
Pneumonia	Influenza virus Respiratory syncytial virus Human metapneumovirus Parainfluenza virus (usually type 3) Adenoviruses B, C, E

*Other viruses can cause respiratory illness as part of a systemic infection, e.g. measles, pneumonia and pharyngitis in primary Epstein-Barr virus infection.

Influenza Virus



Family:

Orthomyxoviridae

Structural features:

Enveloped virus with 2 projecting glycoprotein spikes:

- Haemagglutinin (H)
- Neuraminidase (N)

Genome:

8 Segmented - polarity ssRNA

★ This virus is highly susceptible to mutations and rearrangements within the infected host.

Influenza viral proteins:

Haemagglutinin (H)

- ❑ Attachment to the cell surface receptors.
- ❑ Antibodies to the HA is responsible for immunity.
- ❑ 16 haemagglutinin antigenic type, H1 - H16.
- ❑ Human associated H antigenic type are H1, H2, and H3. Other H from nonhuman source.

Neuraminidase (N)

- ❑ Responsible for release of the progeny viral particles from the infected cell.
- ❑ 9 neuraminidase antigenic type, N1 - N9.
- ❑ Human associated N antigenic type are N1 and N2. Other N from nonhuman source.

Types of influenza virus

A

- Infects human and Animal
- Causes epidemic⁽¹⁾ and pandemic⁽²⁾ +outbreak
- Causes epizootic in animal
- Antigenic drift → minor change
- Antigenic shift → major change

B

- Infects human only
- Causes outbreak
- Antigenic drift only

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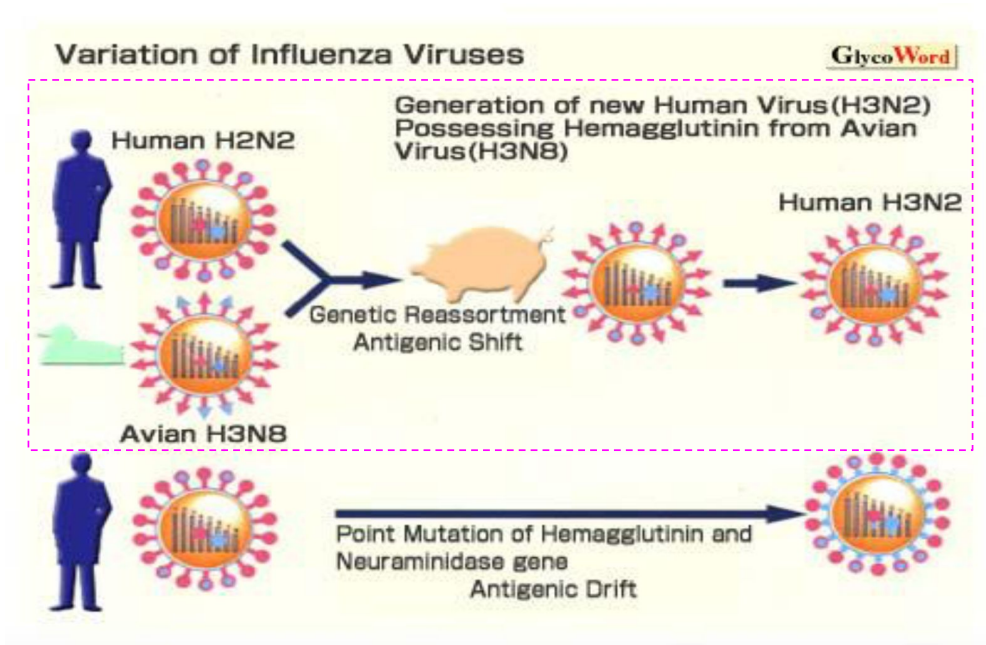
C

- Infects human only
- Causes mild illness

(1): يكون بدولة

(2): يكون بقارة كاملة أو أكثر من دولة بنفس القارة حول العالم

Reassortment



الفايروسات التي تصيب الإنسان فقط ما تقدر تصيب الطيور والعكس صح H2 Receptors والحيوانات لأن ما عندها الفايروسات التي بس تصيب الطيور والحيوانات ما تقدر بس H3 Receptors تصيب الإنسان لأن الإنسان ما عنده الخنزير حاله خاصه لأن عنده كل الريسبتورز ويقدر يستقبل كل أنواع الفايروسات. فلما يصاب الخنزير بفايروس من انسان ومن طير او حيوان راح يجمعهم سوا ويغير بالجينات حقتهم بحيث راحي يطلع بالنهايه فايروس جديد ويصاب فيه الانسان والحيوانات والطيور

This process called Genetic Reassortment or Antigenic Shift (the change will mainly be in the Hemagglutinin)

Influenza Virus

- ❖ Divided into subtypes based on the **haemagglutinin** and **neuraminidase** proteins.
- ❖ The currently circulating strains are: **H1N1 & H3N2**.

*Incubation Period

Pathogenesis

Transmission

I.P.*

Symptoms

Prognosis

The virus infects the epithelial cells of the nose, throat, bronchi and occasionally the lungs.

Inhalation of infectious aerosol droplets.

1-4 days

Fever, malaise, headache, cough, chills, sore throat, and generalized pain.

Usually self-limiting disease.

Complication

Lab diagnosis

Other Detection Methods

Treatment

- ❖ Primary influenza pneumonia
- ❖ Secondary bacterial pneumonia
- ❖ **Reye's syndrome (fatty degeneration of CNS and Liver by use of Aspirin (never use aspirin during influenza!))**

routine testing by Direct detection of Influenza A or B virus from sputum, **nasopharyngeal swab aspirate (NPA)*** or respiratory secretion by direct immunofluorescent assay (IFA).

Cell culture & PCR

***Golden specimen for detection of influenza or any viral respiratory infection**

- ❖ **Amantadine** is effective against influenza **A virus only**.
- ❖ **Rimantadine, Oseltamivir (Tamiflu) or Zanamivir (Relenza)** are effective against both influenza **A & B viruses** and can be used as treatment and prophylaxis.

Influenza Virus

Prevention

Influenza vaccine: Two types of vaccines available:

1. **The flu shot vaccine: Inactivated (killed vaccine)** Given to people older than 6-months, including healthy people and those with chronic medical conditions.
2. **The nasal spray flu vaccine (Flumist): Live attenuated vaccine** Approved for use in healthy people between 5-49 years of age. (the patient has to be normal with no disease)

Both vaccines contain two strains of the current circulating influenza A virus and the current circulating strain of influenza B virus.

Vaccine should be given in October or November, before the influenza season begins.

Avian flu (bird flu)

Family

Typical orthomyxovirus.

Epidemiology

Wild birds are the natural reservoir for the virus. They shed the virus in saliva, nasal secretion and feces.

Features

- ❖ All domestic **poultry** are susceptible to infection.
- ❖ They become infected, when they eat food contaminated with secretion or excretion from infected bird.
- ❖ Avian influenza viruses do **not** usually infect human.
- ❖ High risk group includes those who working in poultry farms and those who are in close contact with poultry.

Viral Etiology

Avian influenza type A virus (H5N1).

Symptoms in human:

- ❖ Ranges from typical flu to severe acute respiratory disease.
- ❖ Diarrhea, **abdominal pain** and bleeding from the nose have been reported.

Lab diagnosis

PCR, detection of the viral RNA in throat swab.

Treatment

- ❖ Should be initiated within 48 hours.
- ❖ Oseltamivir and Zanamivir are used.

Parainfluenza Virus

Family

Paramyxoviridae.

Structural features:

Enveloped virus with - polarity ssRNA genome, with 5 serotypes.

Transmission:

Inhalation of infectious aerosol, droplets mainly in **winter**.

Clinical syndrome: VERY IMPORTANT!

a. Croup or acute laryngotracheobronchitis. PIV Type-I, II affect mainly in infants and young children. Fever, harsh cough, difficult inspiration can lead to airway obstruction which may require hospitalization and tracheostomy.

b. Bronchiolitis and Pneumonia: PIV Type-III in young children.

Croup can either be Viral or Bacterial.

Viral is Parainfluenza type I and II.

Bacterial is H. influenza.

How can we differentiate? We do CPC and if there is a) high number of Lymphocyte → viral croup

b) high number of Polymorph → bacterial croup

Parainfluenza Virus

Lab diagnosis: routine testing by

- Direct detection of the virus from sputum -
- Nasopharyngeal swab, aspirate (NPA)
- Respiratory secretion by direct immunofluorescent assay (IFA).

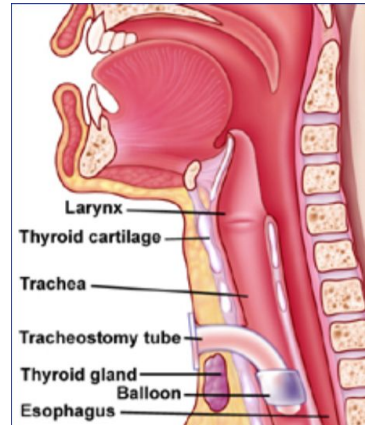
Other detection methods:

Tissue culture, PCR.



Treatment and prevention:

Supportive treatment, No specific treatment or vaccine available.



Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV) & Human Metapneumovirus

Family:

Paramyxoviridae

Structural features:

Enveloped virus with -polarity single stranded RNA genome.

Transmission:

Inhalation of infectious aerosols mainly in winter.

Clinical syndrome: VERY IMPORTANT!

a. Bronchiolitis: Life-threatening disease in infant especially under 6 month of life with respiratory distress and cyanosis (البيبي راح يبدأ لونه يزرق عشان ما فيه اوكسجين كفايه) can be fatal and can lead to chronic lung disease in later life.

b. Pneumonia: can also be fatal in infant.

Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV) & Human Metapneumovirus

Lab diagnosis: routine testing by

- ❖ Direct detection of the virus from sputum, nasopharyngeal swab, aspirate (NPA) or respiratory secretion by direct immunofluorescence assay (IFA).

Other detection methods:

Isolated of virus by cell culture from N.P.A with multinucleated giant cell or syncytia as cytopathic effect (C.P.E); PCR.

Treatment and prevention:

Ribavirin administered by inhalation for infants with severe condition.

Vaccine:

No vaccine available, but passive immunization immunoglobulin can be given for infected premature infants.



Measles Virus⁽¹⁾ VERY IMPORTANT!

Family:

Paramyxoviridae

Structural features:

Enveloped virus with (negative polarity , ss-RNA) genome.

Transmission:

Inhalation of infectious aerosol droplets

Epidemiology:

- Infects human only.
- Most cases in preschool children.
- Very infectious, infection occur mainly in winter and spring

pathogenesis:

- The virus infects first **epithelial cells** of **upper respiratory tract**.
- then spread to the blood causing viremia⁽²⁾ and infect the **endothelial cells** of the **blood vessels**.
- The virus reaches the lymphoid tissue where it replicates further and disseminates the skin causing maculopapular rash⁽³⁾.

1- فيروس الحصبة -
2- virus in bloodstream.
3-flat, red area on the skin that is covered with small confluent bumps.

Measles Virus

Clinical features:

- ❖ Incubation period: 7-14 days.
- ❖ Prodromal symptom: fever, cough, conjunctivitis and running nose.
- ❖ **Koplik's spot: small red papules with white central dots appear mostly in buccal mucosa⁽¹⁾.**
- ❖ Rash:
 - Maculopapular rash first on face, trunk then the extremities.
 - The rash is red, become confluent⁽²⁾, last for 4 or 5 days.
 - Then disappears leaving brownish discoloration of the skin and final desquamation⁽³⁾.
- ❖ Recovery complete in normal children with life long immunity.
- ❖ Complication also can occur. (next slide)

Measles

Koplik's spot

- 1- refers to the inside lining of the cheeks and floor of the mouth.
- 2- flowing together or merging
- 3- التقشير



Measles Virus

Complication:

- 1- **Encephalitis**⁽¹⁾: Acute or subacute sclerosing panencephalitis (SSPE).
- 2- **Giant cell pneumonia**⁽²⁾: rare, affects immunocompromised children⁽³⁾ due to direct invasion of measles virus to the lung tissue.

1-Inflammation of the brain.
2-The lung tissue shows multinucleated giant cells lining the alveoli.
3-Suffering from leukemia, HIV or AIDS.
4-the scientific study or diagnostic examination of blood serum.
5- enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay.
6-Cerebrospinal fluid.

Lab diagnosis:

- ❖ Serology⁽⁴⁾ by detection of IgM antibodies using ELISA⁽⁵⁾
- ❖ In case of SSPE detection of measles antibodies in CSF⁽⁶⁾ or detection of viral RNA using PCR

Treatment and prevention:

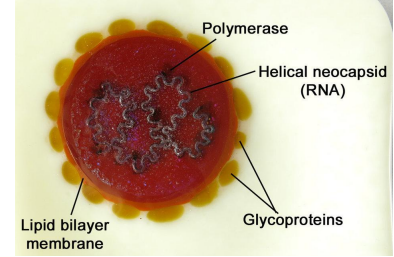
- No specific treatment
- Prevention by giving live attenuated vaccine (MMR) for Measles, Mumps and Rubella (given to children 15 month and booster dose at school entry) give excellent long last protection.

Mumps Virus

Mumps: is an acute benign viral **parotitis**.

Parotitis:

- ❖ (painful inflammation and swelling of salivary gland and mainly parotid glands)
- ❖ disease of children (5-15 years)
- ❖ but also can be seen in **young adult** with **more complicated feature**.



Family

Paramyxoviridae

Structural Features

- ❖ Enveloped virus with -polarity ss-RNA Genome.
- ❖ The viral envelope is covered with two glycoprotein spikes, hemagglutinin and neuraminidase.

Transmission

Inhalation of infectious aerosol droplets during sneezing and coughing, direct contact with saliva.

Epidemiology

- ❖ Mumps virus infects human only.
- ❖ Highly infectious, peak in winter.
- ❖ Long incubation period 18-21 days.

Mumps Virus

Pathogenesis

Infection **started** in the epithelial cells of upper respiratory tract, **then** virus spread by viremia to **parotid gland** mainly and to other organs as: **testes, ovaries, pancreas and CNS.**

Clinical Features

- ❖ Classic mumps starts with moderate fever, malaise, pain on chewing or swallowing, particularly acidic liquids.
- ❖ Sudden onset of fever and painful swelling of parotid gland.
- ❖ Self-limiting disease resolve within one week.
- ❖ Solid and long life immunity developed.

Complications

Aseptic meningitis, Encephalitis, Pancreatitis, Thyroiditis.
After puberty:
Orchitis: inflammation of one or both testicles. usually unilateral, rarely leads to sterility.
Oophoritis: inflammation of ovaries.

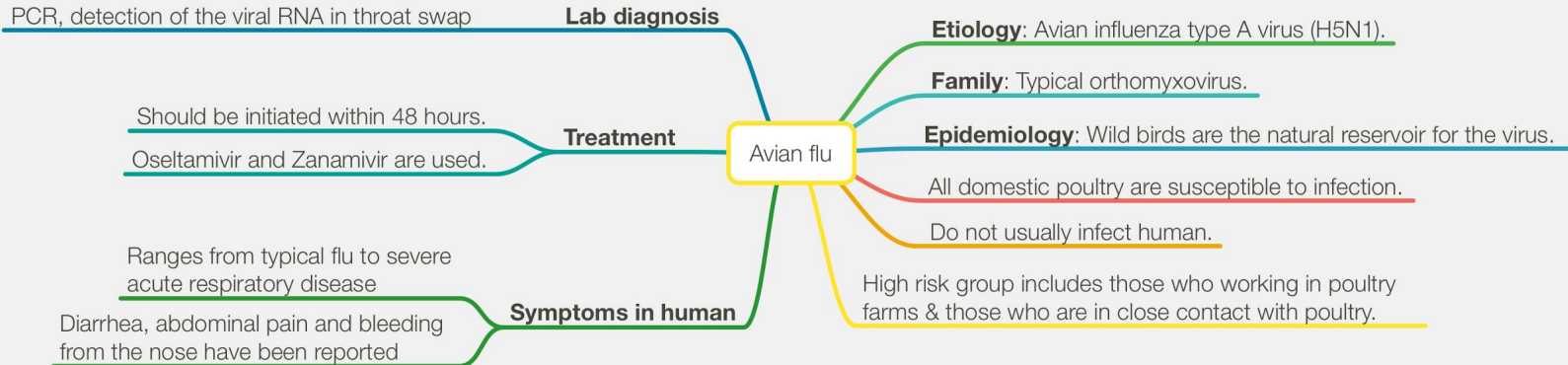
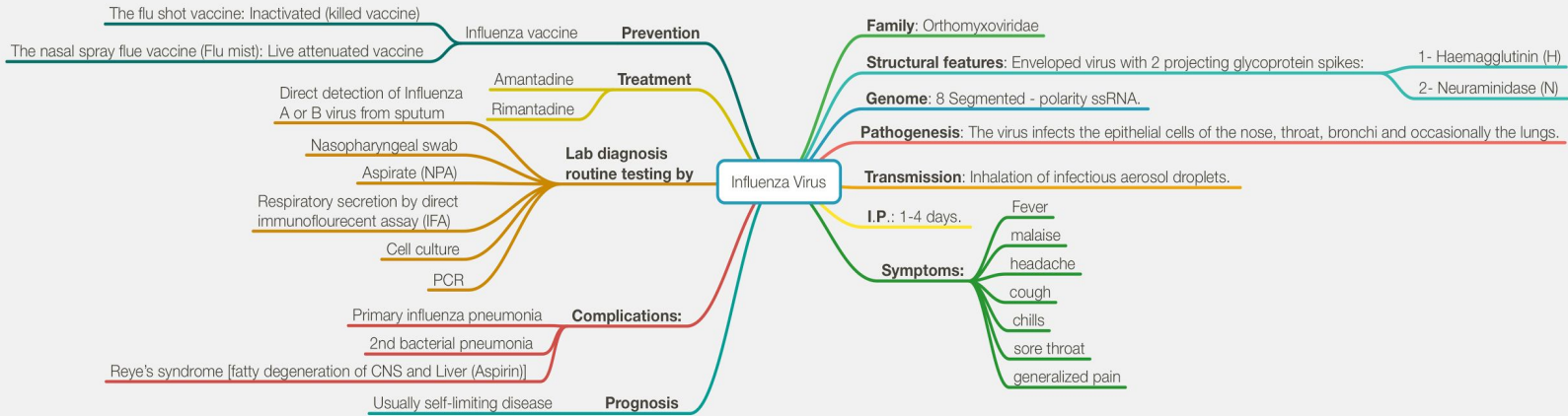
Lab Diagnosis

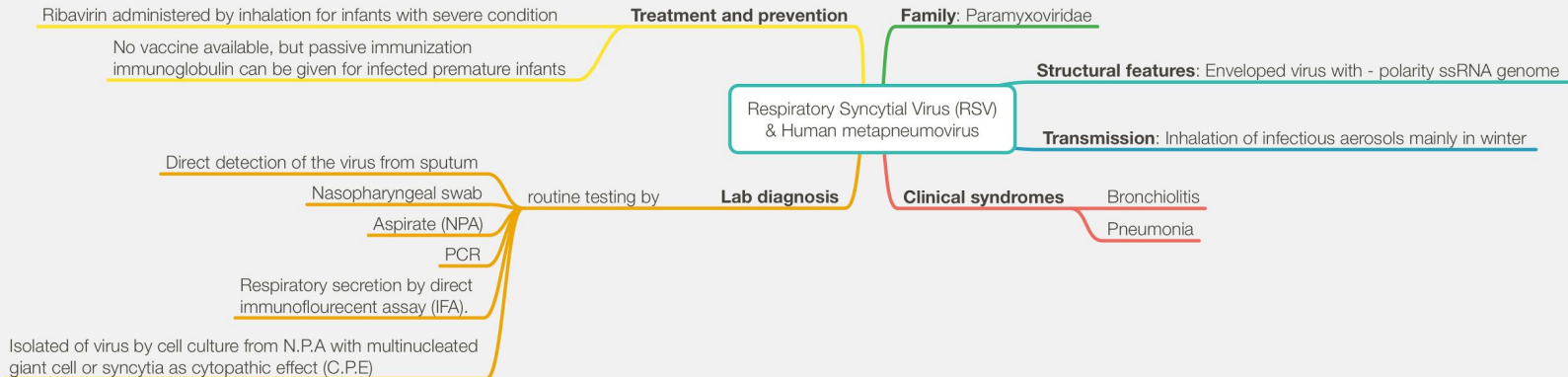
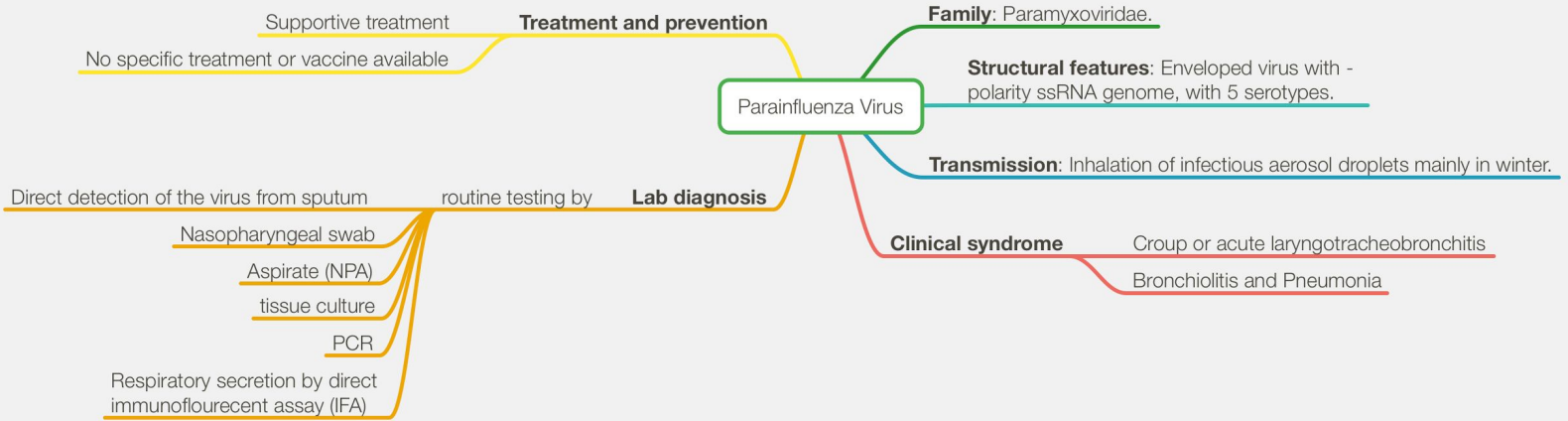
Serology by detection of IgMAB using ELISA, cell culture and isolation of the virus from saliva or detection of viral NA using PCR.

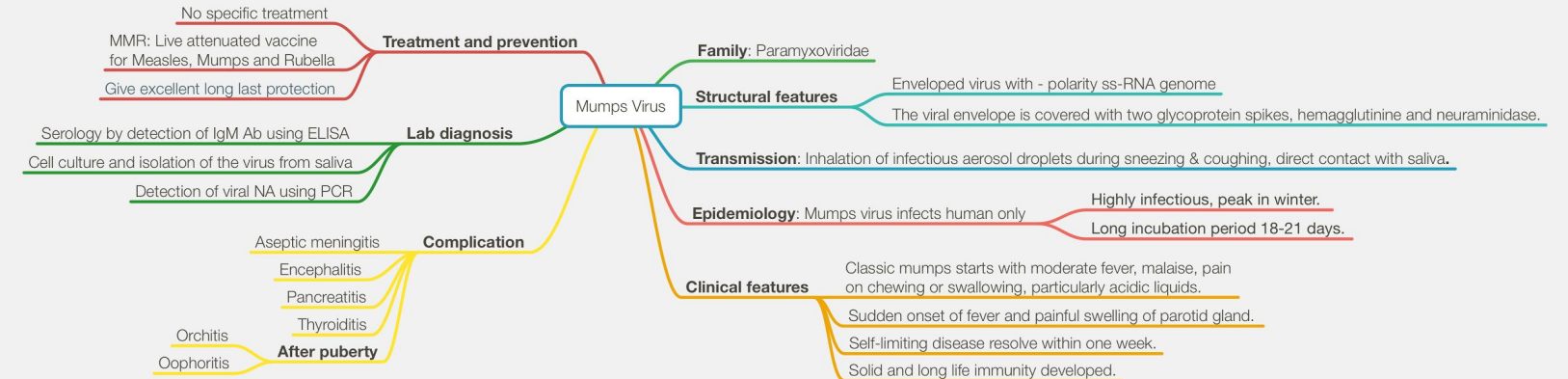
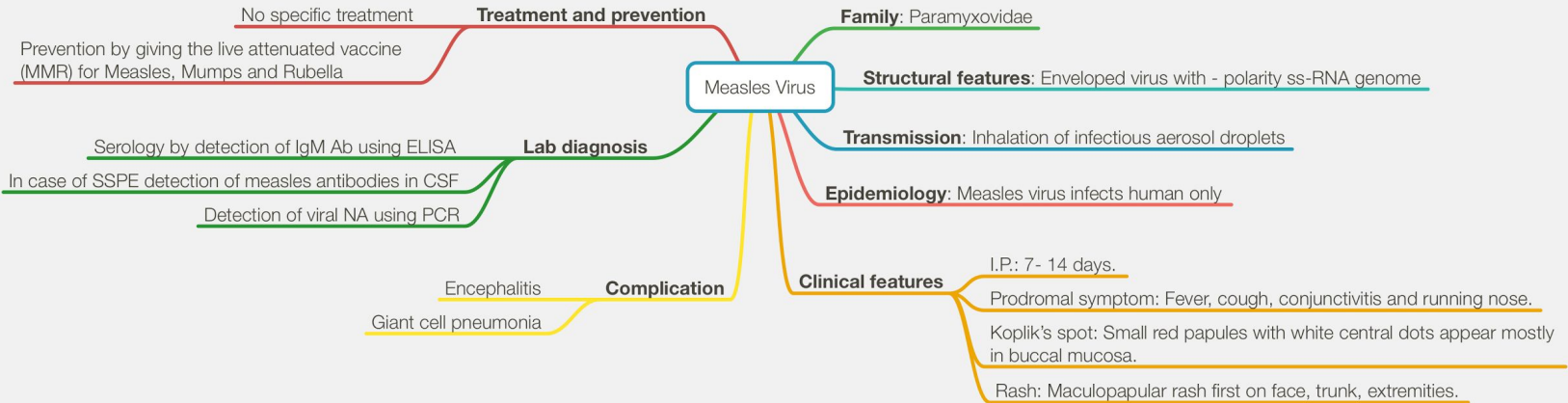


Treatment & prevention

- ❖ No specific antiviral treatment.
- ❖ MMR: Live attenuated vaccine for Measles, Mumps and Rubella given to all children 15 month and booster dose at school entry. Give excellent long last protection.







Quiz

1- Which of the following types of influenza virus infects animal and human?

- A. Type A
- B. Type B
- C. Type C

2- Amantadine is effective treatment against

- A. Influenza A & B viruses
- B. Influenza A virus only
- C. Influenza B virus only

3- The correct family of Avian flu is :

- A. Orthomyxoviridae
- B. Typical Orthomyxovirus
- C. Paramyxoviridae

4- Croup or acute laryngotracheobronchitis is a clinical syndrome of

- A. Avian flu
- B. Influenza virus
- C. Parainfluenza virus

5- The correct family of RSV virus is :

- A. Orthomyxoviridae
- B. Paramyxovirus
- C. Paramyxoviridae

6- A painful inflammation and swelling of salivary gland and mainly parotid glands

- A. Mumps
- B. Parotitis
- C. Orchitis

SAQs

1. List four examples of viruses from Paramyxoviridae family.

1. A
2. B
3. B
4. C
5. C
6. B

2. What are Orchitis & Oophoritis, and when they happen?

ANSWERS

3. Name two types of influenza vaccines.

4. What is the etiology of avian flu?

- Q1. Parainfluenza virus, RSV virus, Measels and Mumps Viruses.
- Q2. Orchitis is an inflammation of one or both testicles, Oophoritis is an inflammation of ovaries, after puberty.
- Q3. The flu shot vaccine, the nasal spray flu vaccine (flu mis).
- Q4. Avian influenza type A virus (H5N1).

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