
Fungi and their pathogenesis

— -Important

-In boy's slides

-Extra

-Notes

-In girl's slides

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Objectives:



- ★ To describe the general characteristics of fungi and recognize a fungus from all other living organisms.
- ★ To establish familiarity with the terminology needed by medical students.
- ★ To know certain fundamental facts about classification reproduction and identification of fungi.

What is Mycology?

Mycology:

Study of fungi Kingdom myceteae (= Kingdom fungi).

Medical mycology:

Study of medically important fungi and the mycotic diseases.

Mycoses:

A disease caused by a fungus.

There are five kingdoms.

KINGDOM	CHARACTERISTIC	EXAMPLE
Monera	Prokaryocyte	Bacteria Actinomycetes
Protista	Eukaryocyte	Protozoa
Fungi	Eukaryocyte*	Fungi
Plantae	Eukaryocyte	Plants, Moss
Animalia	Eukaryocyte*	Arthropods Mammals Man

What is a Fungus ?

Mannan , glucan and ergosterol are targets of antifungals

Characteristics (distinguishing features)

1) All Eukaryotic organisms (a true nucleus)

2) Do not have chlorophyll (Achlorophyllous)

3) Heterotrophic (Saprobic, symbiotic, parasitic)

4) Cell membrane : (sterol, **ergosterol**)

5) The cell is surrounded by rigid cell wall made of chitin & **complex carbohydrates** (Mannan, glucan) -> We use them as marker for infection of fungi.

Saprobic:

feed on dead tissues or organic waste (decomposers)

Symbiotic

mutually beneficial relationship between a fungus and another organism

Parasitic

feeding on living tissue of a host. (disease)

MORPHOLOGY

Yeasts : are unicellular organisms.

Filamentous fungi (Hyphae, mycelium)

Hyphae are multicellular filamentous structures, constituted by tubular cells with cell walls.

Dimorphic مهم درجة الحرارة هنا عكس الي قبل

- **Yeast** : Parasitic form, Tissue form, Cultured at **37° C**
 - **Filamentous** : Saprophytic form, Cultured at **25 C** (at room temp).
- Dimorphic: Have two forms depending on change in the environmental factors, Mold form \longleftrightarrow Yeast form

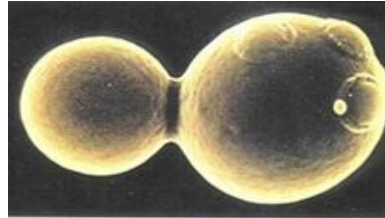
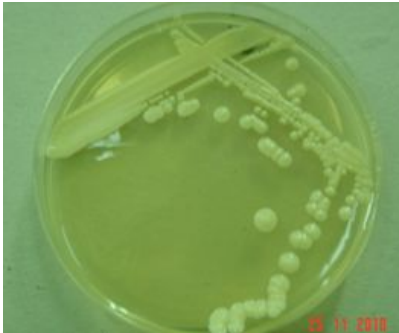
Yeast: (Morphology)

Candida albicans is #1
infectious (pathogen) Fungi.

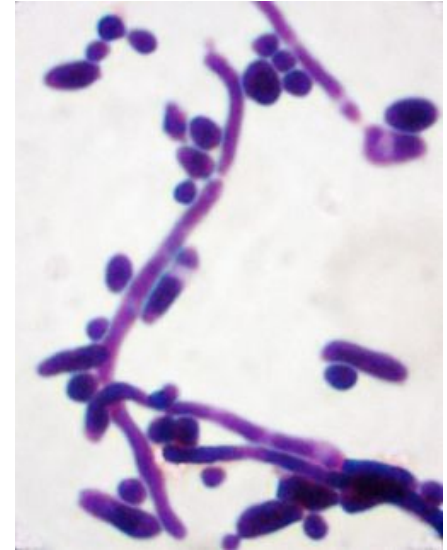
Have same appearance
How do we differentiate between them?

Examples : *Candida albicans*, *Saccharomyces cerevisiae*

Colony morphology (Culture)



Budding yeast cell
They produce buds.



In Clinical samples
Budding yeast cells
+/- Pseudohyphae

Filamentous fungi (Mould=Mold): (Morphology)

Aspergillus is #2 pathogen
Fungi.

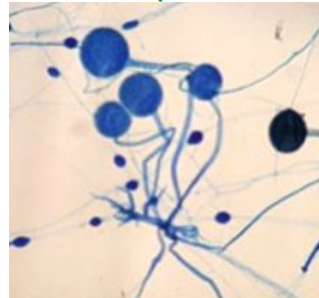
*remember, Candida albicans is a
yeast, and Aspergillus is a mold.

- ★ **A hypha (plural hyphae):** is a long, branching filamentous cell. hyphae are the main mode of vegetative growth.
- ★ **Mycelium:** The intertwined mass of hyphae that forms the fungal colony.
- ★ **Conidia/ Spore (singular = conidium):** asexual spores borne externally on hyphae or on a conidiophore.
- ★ **Examples:**

Aspergillus,

Penicillium,

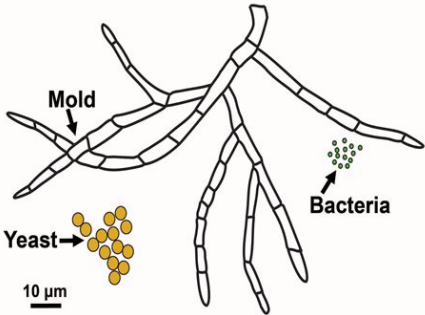
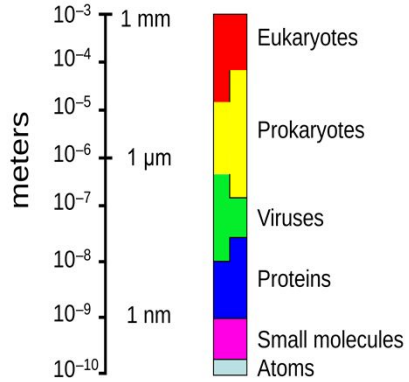
Rhizopus.



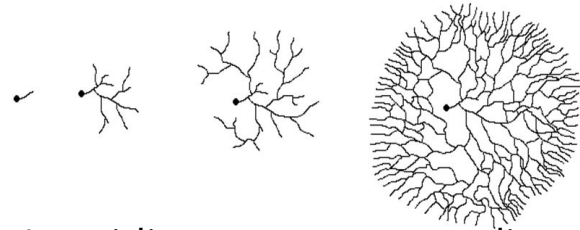
Conidia



Filamentous fungi: (Morphology)

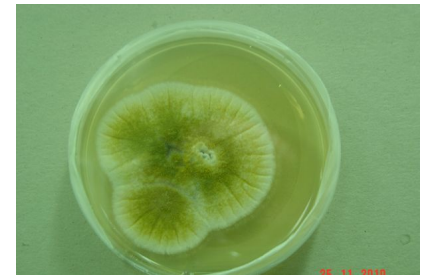


Hyphal growth from spore



Spore/ conidia

mycelium



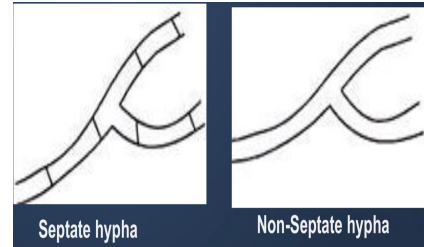
colonial morphology

Filamentous fungi (septa and mold)

Fungal hypha



Septa: Cross-walls (**septa**) that divide hyphae into segments. (**septate hypha**), If there are no cross-walls, the hyphae are considered to be (**non-septate**).



Moniliaceous mold

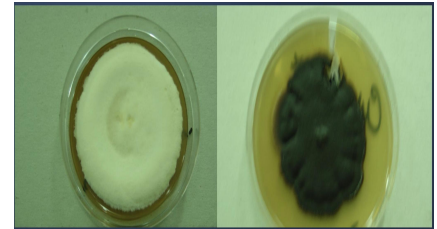


Hyaline or lightly pigmented conidia or hyphae, **colorless**.

Dematiaceous mold



Are **pigmented**, Because of the pigment, the colonies appear **dark, brown or black**.



Reproduction in fungi

Sexual



Fusion, mitosis,
meiosis.

Asexual

Only mitotic cell
division.



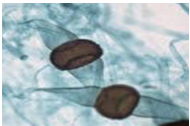
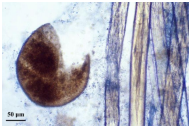
Somatic:

- Yeasts by budding
- Molds by hyphal fragmentation



Spore formation:

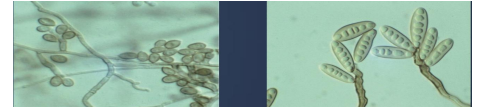
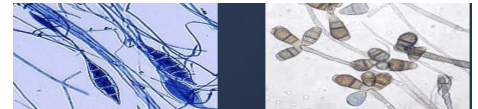
- sporangiospores in sporangia
- chlamydospores in or on hyphae
- conidia (conidium) on hypha or on conidiophores



Spores



- These are the small airborne particles by which fungi reproduce
- They are produced by **mitosis** and readily disseminate in the air.



Pathogenicity of fungi

The Fungus cleans the environment.

- Fungi are all around us,
 - Widely distributed in nature (air, water, soil, decaying organic debris).
- However, fungi can cause diseases to humans ex:

Cause superficial infections.

some can cause allergic reactions

Few cause invasive infections

To cause the disease:

1. Thermotolerance
2. Ability to survive in tissue environment
3. Ability to withstand host defenses

Questions:

MCQ

Q1) how do fungi produce?

A-sexually B-asexually C-both d-neither

Q2) all fungi are?

A-autotrophs B-saprophytes C-parasites D-heterotrophs

Q3) These are the small airborne particles by which fungi reproduce?

A-spores B-mold C-thermotolerance D-mycelium

Q4) A hypha: is a branching filamentous cell.

A-Long B-medium C-short

Q5) which of the following is an example of yeasts?

A-Aspergillus B-Candida albicans C-Penicillium D-Rhizopus

True or false

Q6) (Mycology) is a disease caused by a fungus.

Q7) (Candida) is asexual spores borne externally on hyphae or on a conidiophore.

Q8) If there are no cross-walls, the hyphae are considered to be (septate).

Q9) Conidia: sexual spores borne externally on hyphae or on a conidiophore.

1-C 2-D 3-A
4-A 5-B 6-F
7-T 8-F 9-F

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