

# Community Acquired Pneumonia

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# Objectives :

- Discuss the epidemiology and pathophysiology of pneumonia and CAP
- Explain the different classifications of pneumonia
- Recognize clinical presentations associated with CAP
- Discuss the diagnosis and treatment of CAP
- Identify common etiological agents causing CAP and discuss their laboratory work up
- Discuss virulence factors and prevention of *Streptococcus pneumoniae*



# What is Pneumonia?



- It's is an **infection** that leads to inflammation of the **parenchyma** of the lung (the alveoli) (consolidation and exudation).

It may present as

**acute, fulminant clinical disease.** (very severe)

**chronic disease** with a more prolonged course.

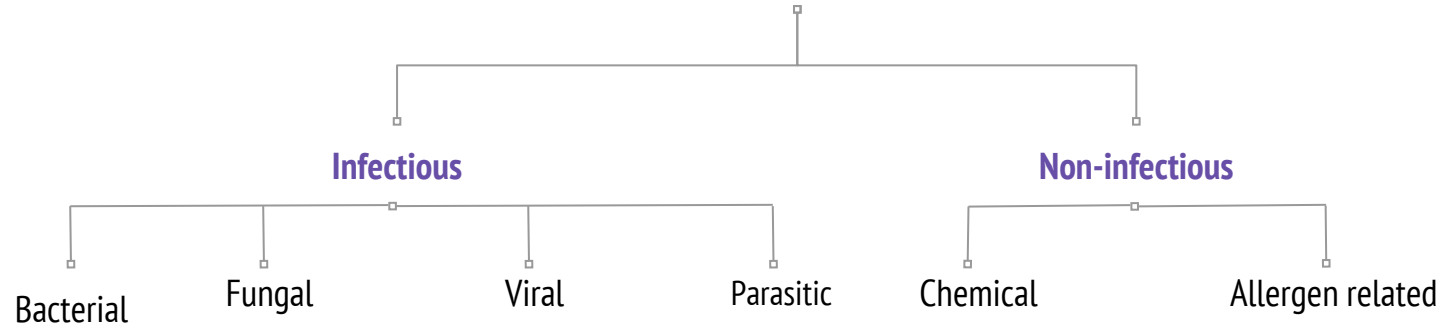
## Epidemiology :

- Overall the rate of CAP 5-6 cases per 1000 persons per year.
- Mortality 23% – High, especially in **old people**.
- Almost 1 million annual episodes of CAP in adults > 65 yrs in the US.

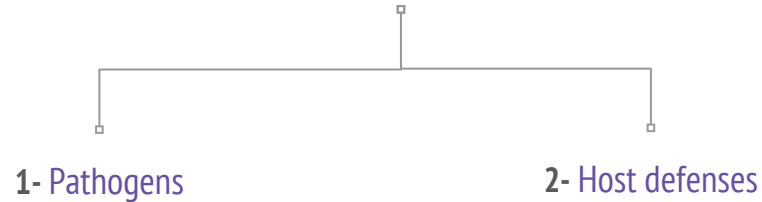
## Risk factors :

- Age < 2yrs and > 65yrs
- Alcoholism (mostly gram -ve)
- Smoking
- Asthma and COPD.
- Aspiration (inhaling the secretion of nasopharynx to the lung directly which is abnormal. the person might have aspiration when they lose their conscious like alcoholic and intubation)
- Dementia. (A chronic mental disorder marked by memory loss, personality changes, and impaired reasoning)
- Prior influenza.
- HIV.
- Immunosuppression.
- Institutionalization.
- Recent hotel : Legionella.
- Travel, pets, occupational exposures- birds owner (C.psittaci)

# Etiological agents

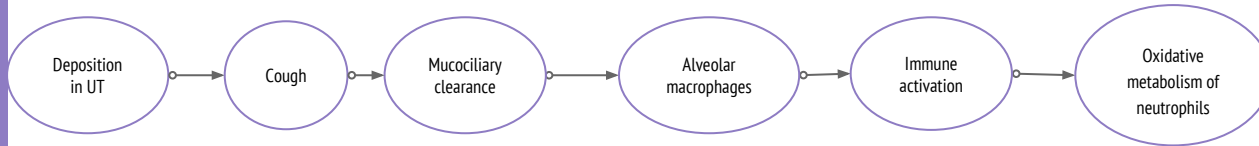


Two factors involved in the formation of pneumonia :



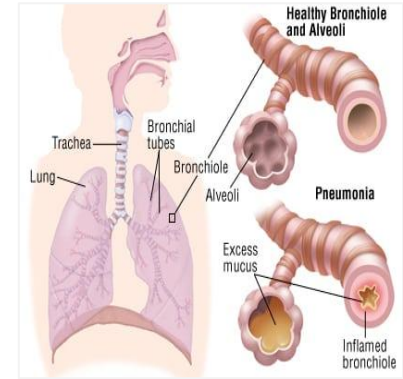
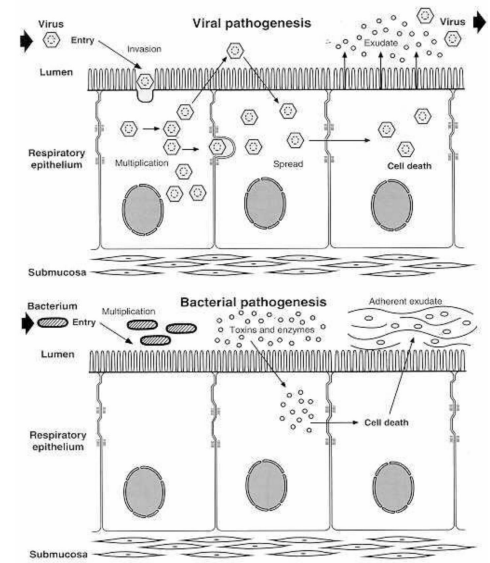
# Defense mechanism of respiratory tract :

- Filtration and deposition of environmental pathogens in the upper airways
- Cough reflex
- Mucociliary clearance
- Alveolar macrophages
- Humoral and cellular immunity (IgA is the main immunoglobulin found in mucous secretions, therefore some microorganisms secrete enzymes that destruct IgA causing infections)
- Oxidative metabolism of neutrophils

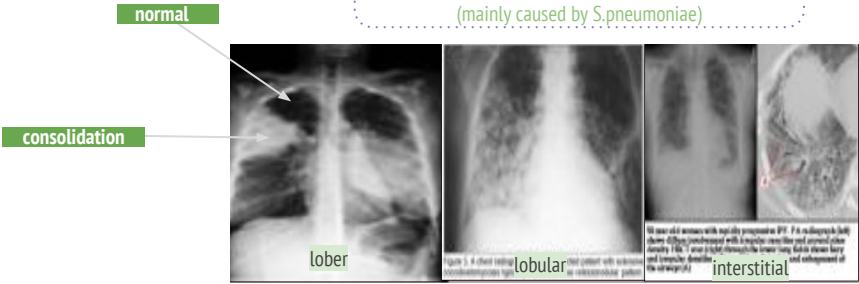
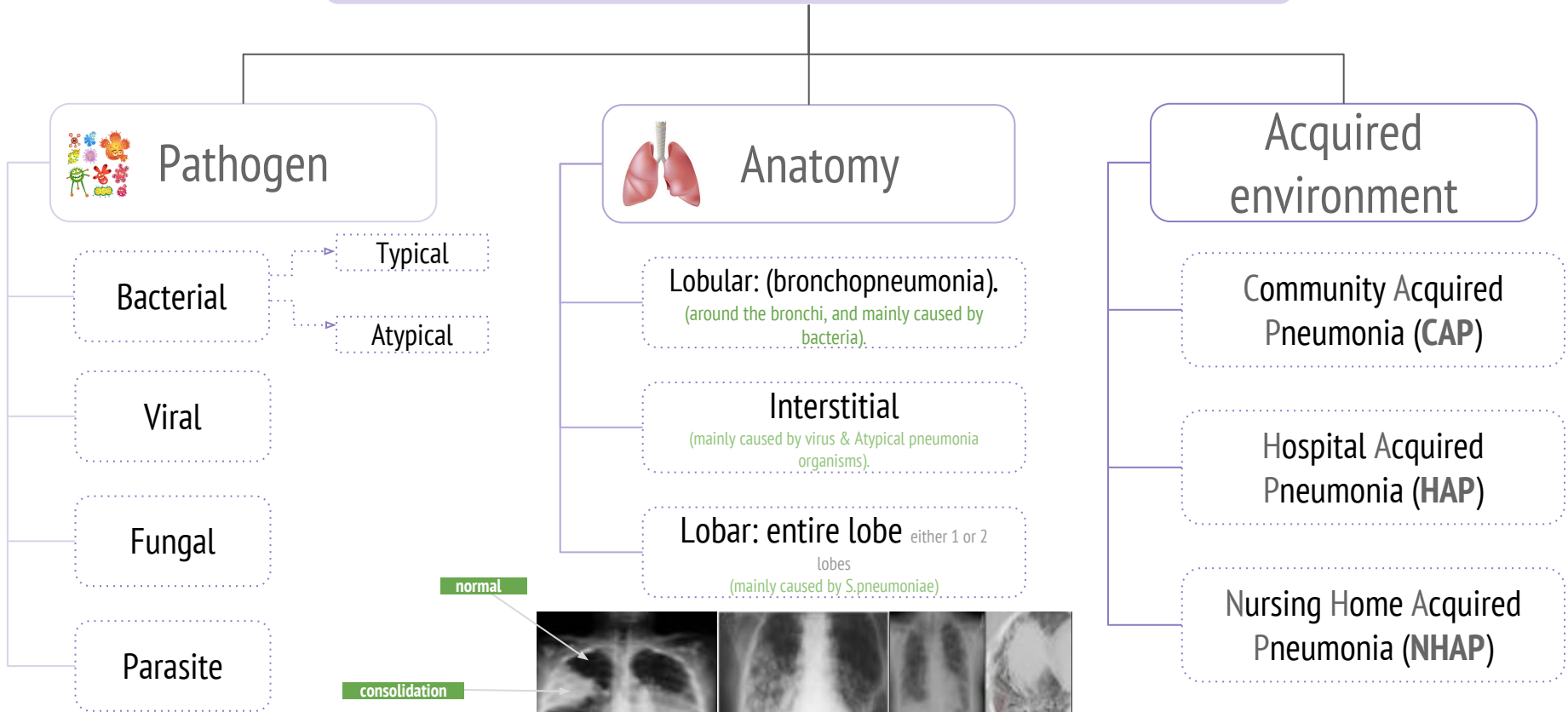


## Pathophysiology :

- 1- Inhalation or aspiration of pulmonary pathogenic organisms into a lung segment or lobe.
- 2- Results from secondary bacteraemia from a distant source, such as **Escherichia coli** urinary tract infection and/or bacteraemia (less commonly).
- 3- Aspiration of oropharyngeal contents (multiple pathogens).



# Classification of pneumonia



# Community Acquired Pneumonia

## fever + productive cough + infiltrate



**CAP:** pneumonia acquired outside of hospitals or extended-care facilities

<b>Strep pneumonia</b> (most common cause of CAP).	<b>48%</b>	Moraxella catarrhalis (Gram -ve diplococci).	2%
Viral (most common cause of URTI).	23%	Staph aureus (Gram +ve cocci in clusters).	1.5%
Atypical orgs (MP <sup>mycoplasma pneumoniae</sup> , LG <sup>Legionella pneumophila</sup> , CP <sup>Chlamydia pneumoniae</sup> )	22%	Gram -ve orgs (mainly in hospital acquired pneumonia).	1.4%
Haemophilus influenza (Gram -ve coccobacilli).	7%	Anaerobes	—

The percentages are for explanation.

# Community Acquired Pneumonia

## 1- Typical

★	Strept. pneumoniae – (lobar pneumonia)
★	Haemophilus influenzae
★	Moraxella catarrhalis
★	S.aureus
★	Gram-negative organisms

The patient will be very sick, toxic, productive cough, sometime chills, leukocytosis. By culture you can see the organism.

## 2- Atypical

★	Mycoplasma pneumoniae <small>(most common cause of atypical )</small>
★	Chlamydia pneumoniae
★	Legionella pneumophila

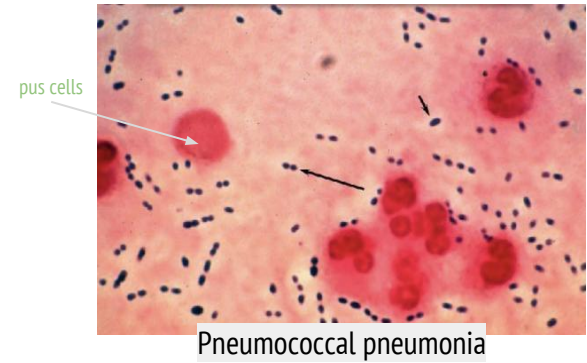
**Not detectable on gram stain; won't grow on standard media** (we see in the sample **pus cells** which indicated infection but **no organism**), (Non-Gram-Stainable bacteria).

Less acute, known as "walking pneumonia" which means that the patient is able to walk with less severe symptoms unlike typical pneumonia



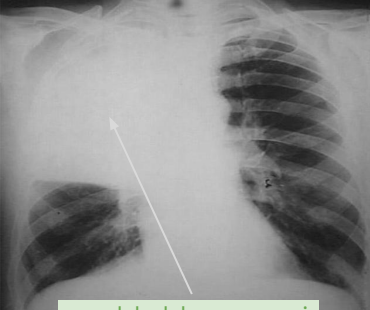

# 1- Typical pneumonia

- The onset is **acute**. (2-3 days)
- Prior viral upper respiratory infection.
- **Respiratory symptoms.**



- Fever - Shaking chills - Shortness of breath - Chest pain- or pleurisy (happens during inspiration they cannot take a full breath because of the pain)
- **Cough with sputum production** (rusty-sputum)

## Diagnosis :

Clinical	X-ray examination	Laboratory
History & physical	 <p>upper lobe lobar pneumonia</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- CBC-leukocytosis</li> <li>- Sputum</li> <li>• Gram stain- 15% • Culture</li> <li>- Blood Culture-5-14%</li> <li>- Pleural Effusion Gram+culture</li> </ul>  <p>α-hemolytic</p>

# \* Streptococcus pneumoniae

The most common bacteria causes CAP

## Gram positive diplococci

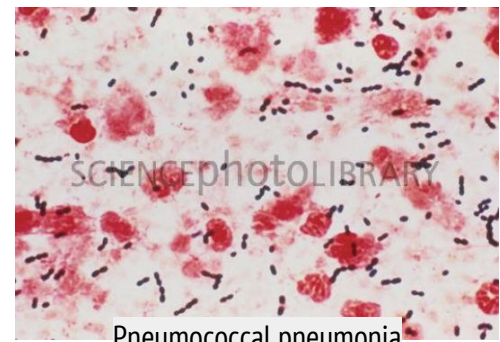
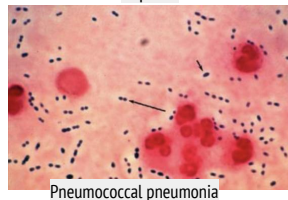
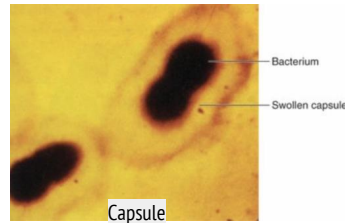
- Alpha hemolytic streptococci • Catalase negative
- Normal flora of upper respiratory tract in 20- 40% of people.

## Causes:

Resp infections	Non resp infections
pneumonia, sinusitis, otitis	bacteremia, meningitis

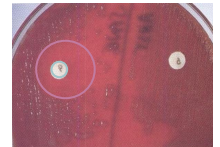
## Virulence factors:

- **Capsule**
  - More than 90 capsular types
- Pneumolysin it has the ability to stimulate cytokines and disrupt the cilia of human respiratory epithelial cells.
- Autolysin Similar to lysozyme.
- Neuraminidase (help them to spread)



## Characteristics

- Sensitive to **Optochin**  
We use this test to differentiate between the Alpha hemolytic organisms, *S.pneumoniae* (sensitive) and other Alpha organisms <*S.viridans*> (resistance)
- Lysed by bile (bile soluble)  
(usually mild soluble. after a while its will disappear)



- 1- zone of inhibition because it's sensitive to optochin
- 2- disk to identify 100% that this a P.coccus

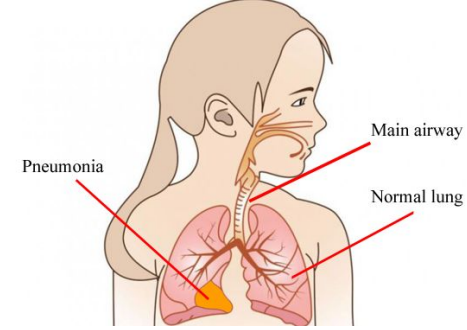
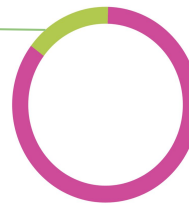


## Prevention: vaccination

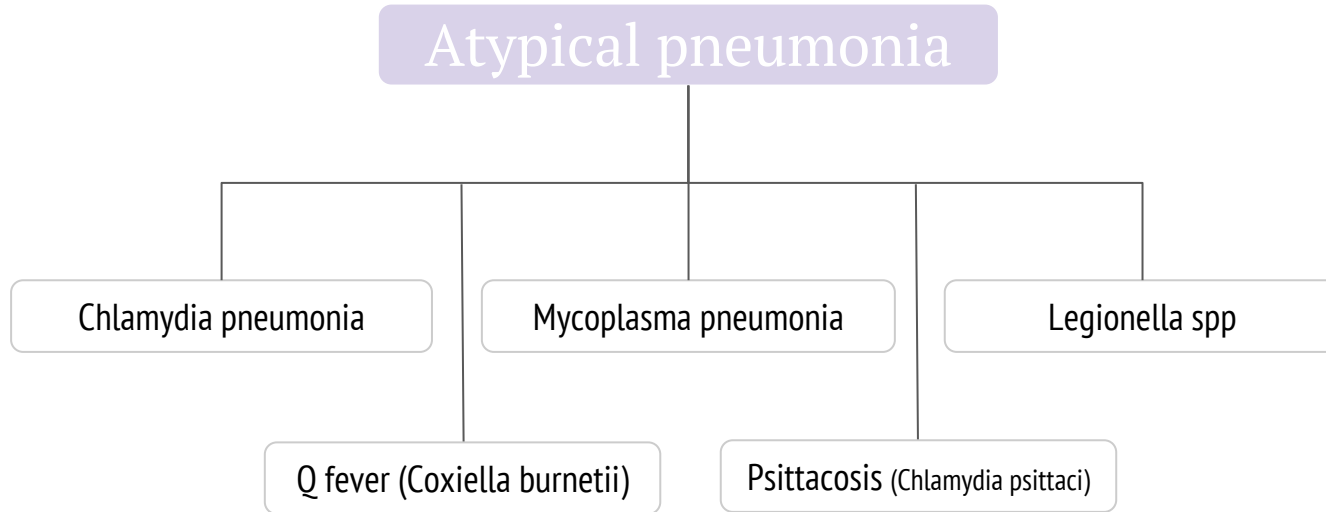
(the body produces anticapsual AB)

# Atypical pneumonia

Approximately  
15% of all CAP



- ◆ Not detectable on gram stain
- ◆ Won't grow on standard media
- ◆ Most don't have a bacterial cell wall (→ Don't respond to  $\beta$ -lactams)



# Atypical pneumonia

## Symptoms:

- Insidious onset • Usually mild in all typical organisms, **except Legionella it is the most severe.** • Headache.
- Malaise • Fever • **Dry cough** • Arthralgia / myalgia

## Signs:

- Minimal • Low grade fever • Few crackles
- Rhonchi (a continuous sound consisting of a dry whistle like noise with a lower pitch than that of a wheeze, produced in the throat or bronchial tube due to a partial obstruction.)

## Treatment:

- Macrolide
- Quinolones
- Tetracycline (B lactams have no activity)
- Treat for 10-14 days

## Diagnosis:

- **X-ray**
- CBC (Mild elevation WBC)
- U&Es Urea & Electrolytes (Low serum Na) (Legionella)
- LFTs Liver Function Tests (↑ ALT ALanine aminoTransferase and ↑ Alk Anaplastic Lymphoma Kinase Phos)
- **Sputum Culture on special media** (BCYE Buffered Charcoal Yeast Extract) **for Legionella**
- Urine antigen for Legionella
- Serology for detecting antibodies
- **DNA detection**

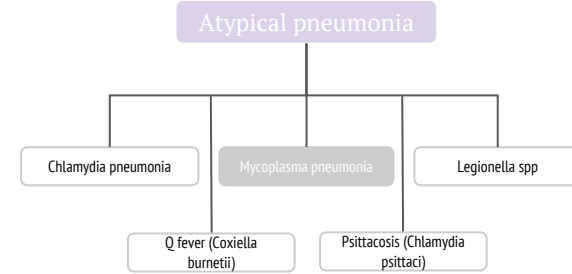


# Mycoplasma pneumoniae

- ◀ Eaton's agent (1944) "a bacterium of the genus (*M. pneumoniae*) that is the causative agent of primary atypical pneumonia"
- ◀ No cell wall (thus no response to  $\beta$ -lactams)
- ◀ Common
- ◀ Rare in children and in > 65
- ◀ People younger than 40.
- ◀ Crowded places like schools, homeless shelters, prisons.
- ◀ Can cause URT symptoms
- ◀ Usually mild and responds well to antibiotics.
- ◀ Can be very serious

May be associated with extrapulmonary findings:

skin rash	
hemolysis	
myocarditis	
pancreatitis	
encephalitis	

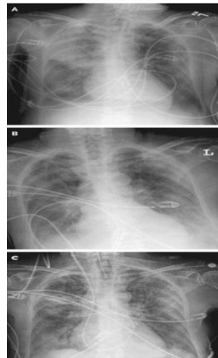


## Diagnosis:

Serology

NAAT "Nucleic Acid Amplification Test"

Culture can be done but requires special media and slow grower (weeks)



Mycoplasma pneumoniae Cx-ray

# Chlamydia pneumoniae

- ◀ Obligate intracellular organism
- ◀ 50% of adults sero-positive
- ◀ Mild disease
- ◀ Subclinical infections common
- ◀ 5-10% of community acquired pneumonia
- ◀ ( have a cell wall but no "peptidoglycan", thus no response to b-lactant)

## Diagnosis:

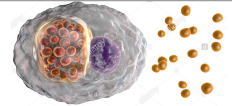
Serology

NAAT Nucleic Acid Amplification Test

# \* Psittacosis

key information about psittacosis:

Chlamydia psittaci



Bird owners, pet shop employees, vets



Parrots, pigeons and poultry



Birds often asymptomatic

## Atypical pneumonia

Chlamydia pneumoniae

Mycoplasma pneumoniae

Legionella spp

Q fever (Coxiella burnetii)

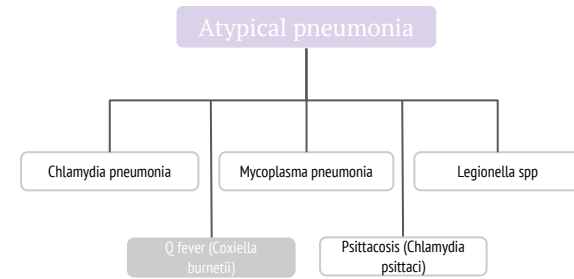
Psittacosis (Chlamydia psittaci)

# Q fever (*Coxiella burnetii*)

- ◀ Pneumonia is acute form of infection
- ◀ Exposure to farm animals mainly sheep
- ◀ Spread by inhalation of infected animal birth products

Diagnosis:


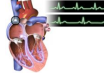
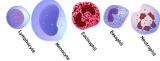



Serology

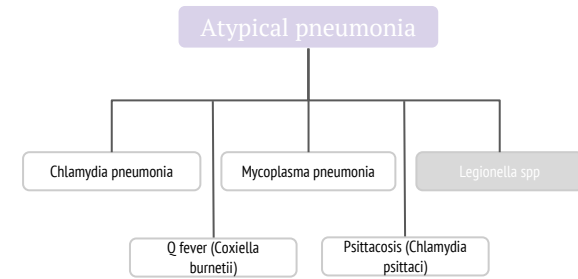


# \* Legionella pneumophila

- ◀ The Most severe one.
- ◀ Cause Legionnaires disease
- ◀ Serious outbreaks linked to exposure to cooling towers
- ◀ Can be very severe and lead to ICU <sup>"Intensive Care Unit"</sup> admission.
- ◀ It's a **waterborne bacteria** and usually target the immunosuppressed patient
- ◀ People usually get infected from the **air conditioning** system of **hotels**

-> Can cause:

Hyponatraemia common • (< 130 mMol)	low sodium level in the blood 
Bradycardia	
WBC < 15,000	
Abnormal LFTs <sup>"Liver Function Tests"</sup>	
Raised CPK <sup>"Creatine PhosphoKinase"</sup>	
Acute Renal failure <sup>"ARF:"</sup>	



## Diagnosis:

Specimen: sputum

Culture on specialized media (BCYE)

DFA <sup>Direct Fluorescent Antibody</sup> (low sensitivity)

NAAT <sup>Nucleic Acid Amplification Test</sup>

Urine antigen testing



Legionnaires in ICU

**Pontiac fever:** (milder disease)

- Non pneumonic
- Influenza like illness
- Self limiting
- Related to exposure to environmental aerosols containing Legionella (potentially reaction to bacterial endotoxins)



# Antibiotic Treatment of CAP

Factors to consider in selection of antibiotic:

Co morbidities

ex. old patient with underlying diseases

Previous antibiotic exposure in last 3 months

Severity

(Outpatient management vs requiring inpatient admission vs requiring ICU)

Summary of Treatment.		Macrolides	Doxycycline	Levofloxacin	B-lactam And Macrolide	B-lactam And Levo
Outpatient, healthy patient with no exposure to antibiotics in the last 3 months	-S. pneumoniae -Atypical pathogens -Viral					
Outpatient, patient with comorbidity or exposure to antibiotics in the last 3 months	As above + Anaerobes S. aureus					
Inpatient: Not ICU	Same as above + coliforms					
Inpatient: ICU	Same as above + Pseudomonas (HAP)					

# \* Summary

Diagnosis >	<b>Typical CAP</b>	<b>Atypical (interstitial) CAP</b>
<b>Keys</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Fever</li> <li>● <b>Productive</b> cough</li> <li>● Lobar consolidation</li> <li>● Shortness of breath</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Fever</li> <li>● <b>Dry</b> cough</li> <li>● X-ray showing interstitial</li> <li>● Bird owners → (<i>Chlamydia psittaci</i>)</li> <li>● Farmers (<i>Coxiella burnetii</i>)</li> <li>● Severe infection leads to ICU administration → (<i>Legionella</i>)</li> </ul>
<b>Causes</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Gram +ve diplococci (in pairs or chains), Alpha hemolytic, sensitive to optochin → <b>Streptococcus pneumoniae</b>.</li> <li>● Gram -ve diplococci, catalase +ve → <b>Moraxella catarrhals</b></li> <li>● Gram -ve coccobacilli catalase +ve → <b>Haemophilus influenzae</b></li> <li>● Gram +ve cocci, in clusters → <b>Staph aureus</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Mycoplasma pneumonia</li> <li>● Chlamydia pneumonia</li> <li>● Legionella</li> <li>● Chlamydia psittaci (Psittacosis)</li> <li>● Coxiella burnetii (Q fever)</li> <li>● Viral</li> </ul>

- Summary of Treatment in the previous slide.
- You should differentiate between Typical and Atypical CAP diagnosis.
- For more summaries click on Summary.

# Quiz :



1) A 64-year-old man who had smoked a pack of cigarettes for 40 years and carried a diagnosis of chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) noted the sudden onset of fever and dry cough. With worsening dyspnea over the next 2 days, he reported to the ER where his x-ray showed interstitial pneumonia in the right middle lobe and left lower lobe. A sputum specimen cultured on charcoal-yeast-extract agar showed growth of which pathogen?

A. *Chlamyphila pneumonia*

B. *Mycoplasma pneumonia*

C. *Legionella pneumophila*

D. *Moraxella catarrhalis*

2) what's the most likely organism if the patient severe condition leading to ICU admission?

A. *Legionella pneumophila*

B. *Moraxella catarrhalis*

C. *Mycoplasma pneumonia*

D. *Chlamyphila pneumonia*

3) What kind of media is most commonly used to grow *Legionella pneumophila*?

A. Chocolate (CHOC).

B. Blood agar plate (BAP).

C. MacConkey agar (MAC).

D. Buffered charcoal yeast extract agar (BCYE)

1-C 2-A 3-D

1) Aman from a semi-rural area, 36 years of age, presented to his general practitioner (GP) with a three-day history of a febrile illness and worsening headaches. His symptoms included fever, lethargy, headache and dry cough. The patient worked as a tradesperson and kept pet birds as a hobby. He had not travelled recently and no other household members were unwell. On examination, the patient had a temperature of 37.5°C, heart rate of 145 beats per minute, respiratory rate of 24 breaths per minute, oxygen saturation of 96% on room air and scattered crepitations on auscultation. He had been previously well, was a current smoker, and did not have any other medical comorbidities.

A/ what is the most likely diagnosis? *Psittacosis* B/ what the antibiotics you will suggest in his case? *Macrolides and doxycycline*

2) A 31 year old female presented to the accident and emergency of KKUH with sudden onset of fever, right sided chest pain and a productive cough of purulent sputum. On examination her temperature was 39 °C. There were rhonchi and dullness on the right side of the chest. X-ray showed massive consolidation on the right side of the chest.

A/ what is the most likely organism? *S.pneumoniae*. B/ what other organisms can cause this infection? *Haemophilus influenzae, Moraxella catarrhalis,*



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