

# *Viral infections of CNS*

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# *Virus neurological diseases:*

- *Acute viral infections of the CNS.*
- *Chronic virus neurological diseases.*
- *Neurological diseases precipitated by viral infections.*

# **OBJECTIVES;**

## ***•Acute viral infections of the CNS.***

➤ Aseptic meningitis , Paralysis &Encephalitis

➤;

✓ **Enteroviruses & polioviruses.**

✓ **Herpes simplex virus 1.**

✓ **Rabies virus.**

✓ **Arboviruses (West Nile virus).**

- structure
- Epidemiology
- Pathogenesis
- clinical presentations
- Lab diagnosis
- Treatment & prevention

# Meningitis

Caused by:

Infectious agents ;

bacteria

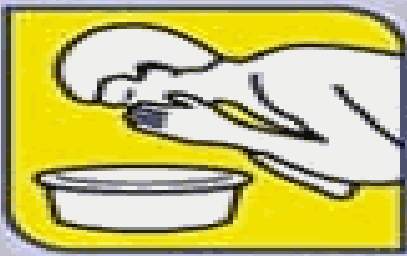
viruses

fungi

protozoa

Non-infectious agents.

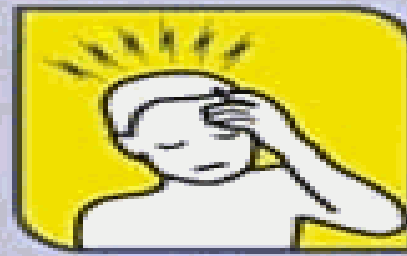




Vomiting



Fever



Headache



Stiff neck



Light aversion



Drowsiness



Joint pain



Fitting

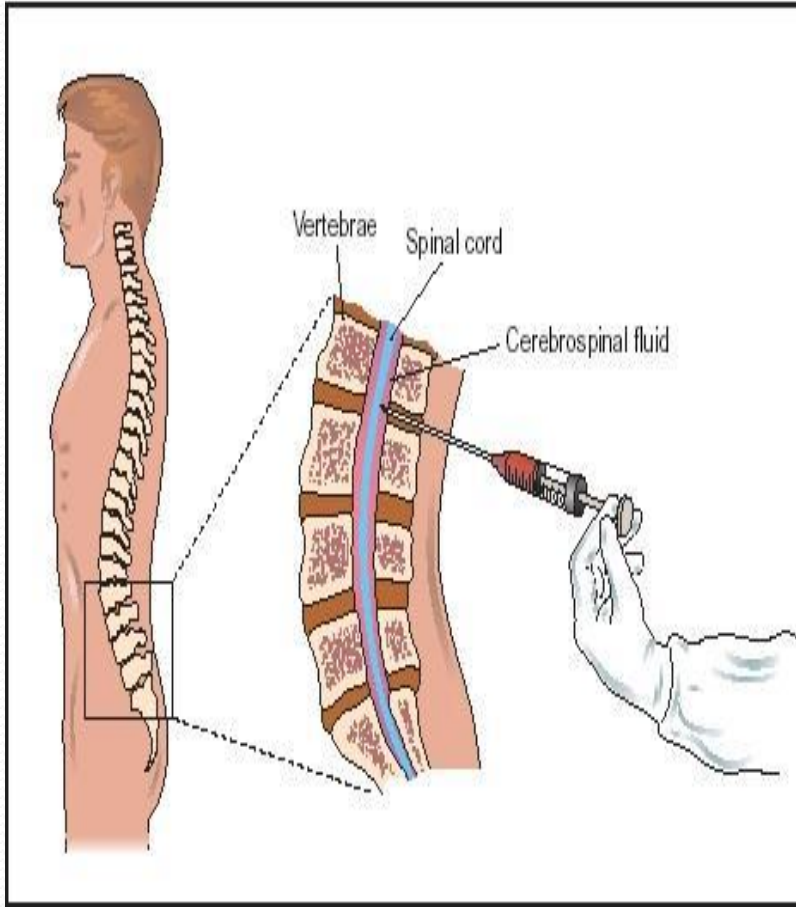
## Viral Meningitis

- Aseptic meningitis
- Caused by virus.
- Less severe
- Resolves without specific treatment within a week or two

## Bacterial Meningitis

- Caused by bacteria
- Quite severe and may result in
  - a) brain damage
  - b) hearing loss
  - c) learning disability
- It would also causes death!

# Cerebrospinal fluid (CSF) analysis ;



	Normal	Aseptic meningitis	Septic meningitis
Colour	Clear	Clear	Cloudy
Cells/mm <sup>3</sup>	< 5	increase 100-1000 Lymphocytes	High/v. high 200-20,000 Neutrophils
Glucose mg/dl	45-85	Normal*	Low<45
Protein mg/dl	15-45	Normal/high 50-100	High>100
Causes		Viruses* , others	Bacteria

# *Viral Meningitis (Aseptic meningitis)*

## ❖ Etiological Agents:

### ➤ *Enteroviruses* .\*\*

### ➤ Other :

➤ Mumps virus .

➤ Arboviruses.

➤ Herpes viruses.

➤ Human Immunodeficiency Virus.

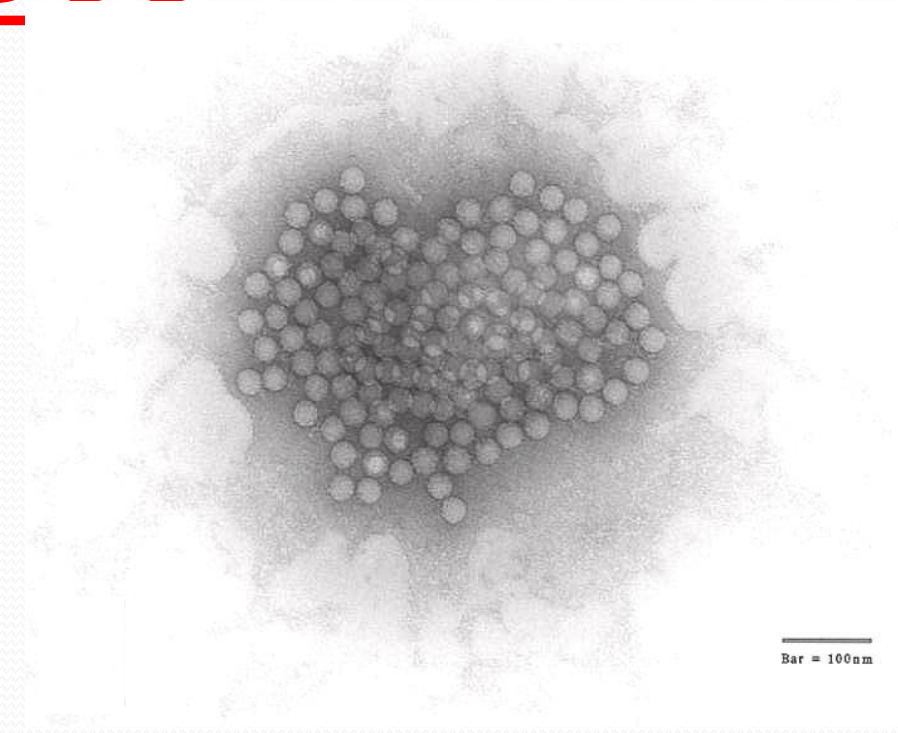
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# *Enteroviruses*

## *- Picornaviridae*

Include ;

- Poliovirus(1, 2&3 types)
- Coxsackieviruses (A&B)
- Echoviruses
- Enteroviruses (68-71)



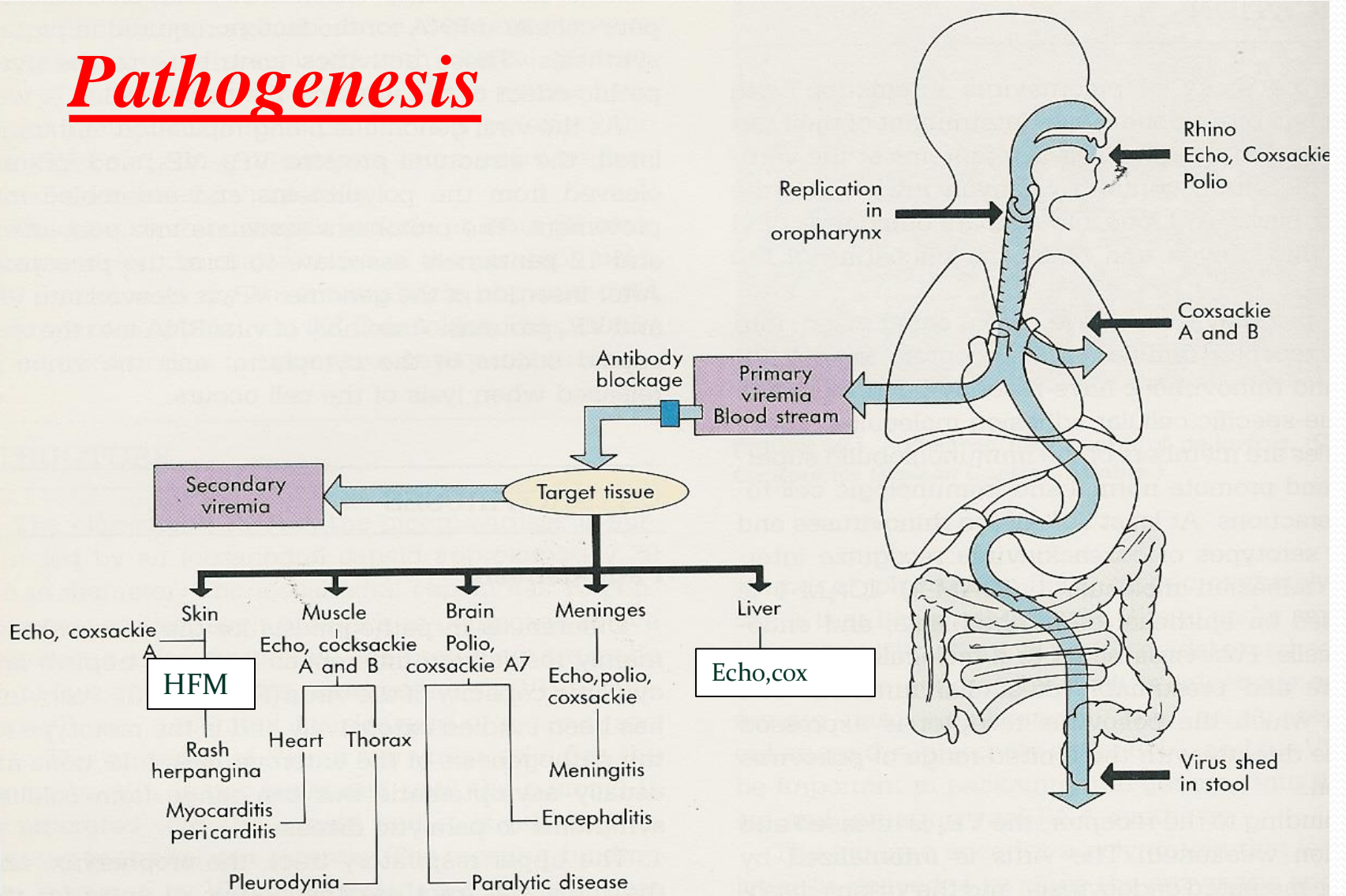
Nonenveloped , icosahedral , ss (+) RNA



# *Epidemiology*

- Reservoir : Human
- Spread :
  - Fecal - oral route (mainly)
  - Inhalation of Infectious aerosols  
(Crowded, Poor hygiene & Sanitation)
- Age : children > adults
- Seasonal distribution:  
summer & fall

# Pathogenesis



# *Enteroviral infections*

- Asymptomatic Infections\*
- Diseases;

<i><b>Neurologic Diseases</b></i>	<b>Poliovirus Types 1-3</b>	<b>GP A COX. Types 1-24</b>	<b>GP B COX. Types 1-6</b>	<b>Echovirus Types 1-34</b>	<b>Enterovirus Types 68-71</b>
<i>Aseptic meningitis</i>	1-3	Many	1-6	Many	71
<i>Paralysis</i>	1-3	7,9	2-5	2,4,6,9,11,30	70,71
<i>Encephalitis</i>		2,5-7,9	1-5	2,6,9,19	70,71

## ***NON-Neurologic Diseases ;***

Respiratory tract infections.

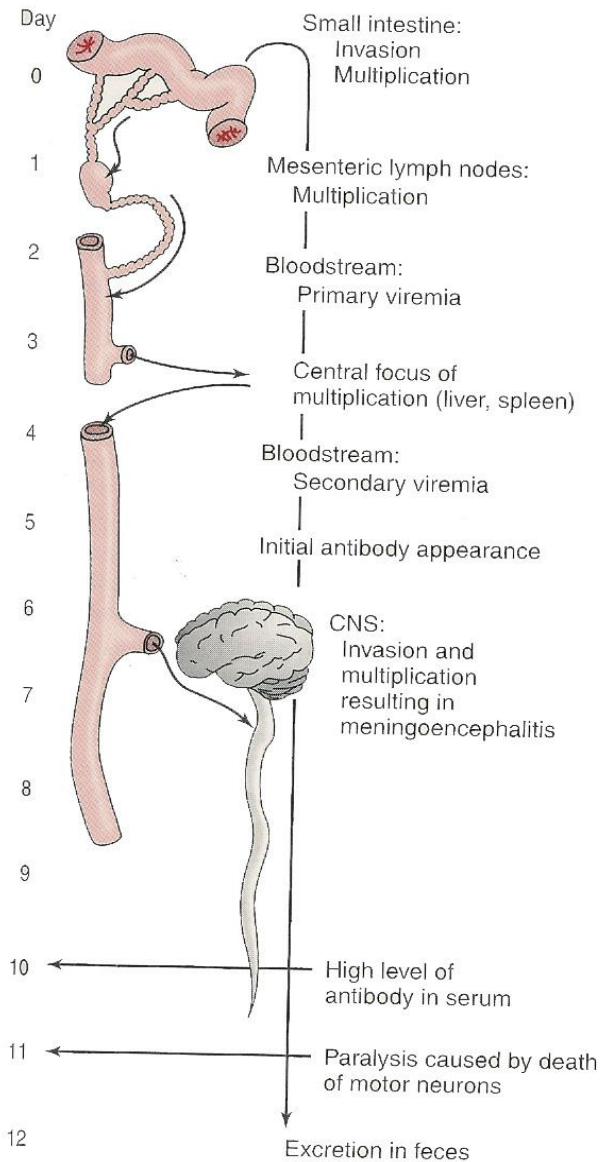
Skin and mucosa infections;

Cardiac infections

Acute hemorrhagic conjunctivitis

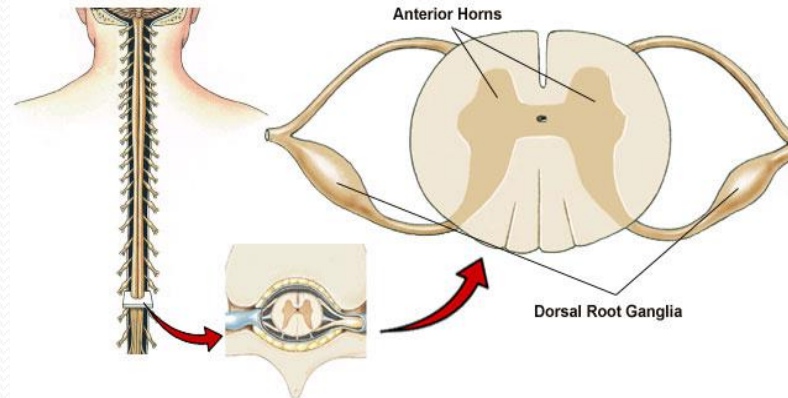
Others

# Pathogenesis of polio:



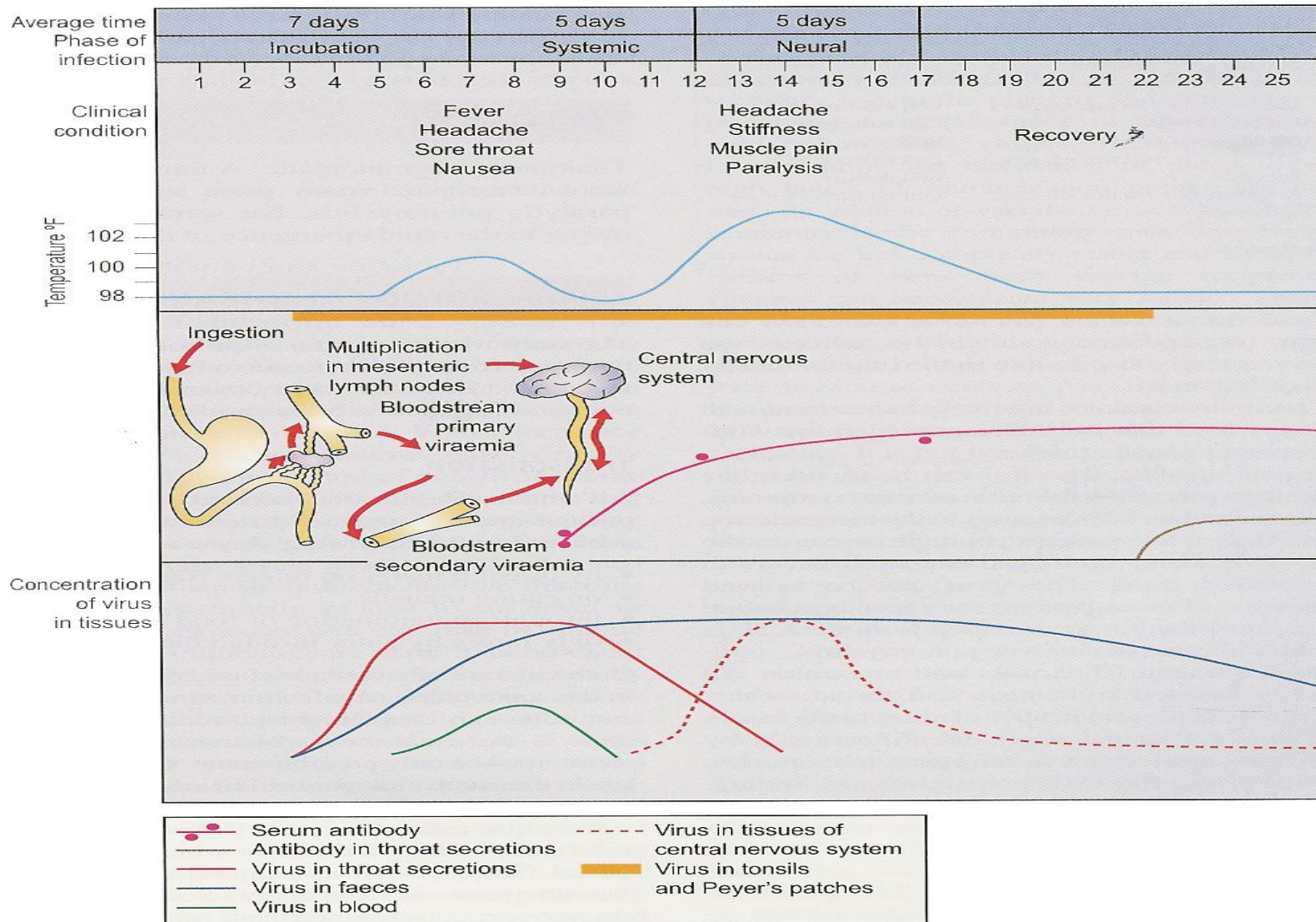
- Pathway to CNS by:
  - Blood
  - Peripheral nerves
- Causing destruction of motor neurons of AHCs
- Rarely affects brain stem (bulber poliomyelitis)

Figure F-6: Dorsal Root Ganglion & Anterior Horn



The dorsal root ganglion transmits sensory information while the anterior horn directs motor neurons.

# Pathogenesis of Polio :



**Immunity:** IgA & IgG = Lifelong type-specific immunity

# Poliovirus Infections

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graph TD; A[Poliovirus Infections] -- "90-95%" --> B[No illness]; B --- C[Asymptomatic]; A -- "4-8%" --> D[Minor Illness]; D --- E[Abortive poliomyelitis (No CNS involvement)]; A -- "1-2%" --> F[Major Illness]; F --- G["1- Nonparalytic poliomyelitis (Aseptic meningitis)"]; F --- H["2- Paralytic poliomyelitis: (Flaccid paralysis)"];
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Minor Illness

Abortive poliomyelitis (No CNS involvement)

1-2%

Major Illness

1- Nonparalytic poliomyelitis (Aseptic meningitis)

2- Paralytic poliomyelitis: (Flaccid paralysis)



# Lab Diagnosis of Enteroviruses

## ➤ Virus isolation\*:

- Samples: Stool (best) .Rectal, throat swabs & CSF
- Inoculate in cell cultures  
All EVs grown except some strains of Cox A viruses
- Observe for CPE
- Identify the type

**CSF in aseptic meningitis;** lymphocytosis

Glucose level N to slightly ↓ , Protein level N or slightly ↑

Isolation rate is variable

*EV RNA detected in CSF by RT-PCR\**

## ➤ Serology (limited value)



# Management

## ➤ Rx:

- No antiviral Rx

## ➤ Prevention:

- Sanitation & Hygienic measures
- Poliovirus vaccines

a- Inactivated polio vaccine  
(IPV)


(Salk, Killed) (S/C or IM)

b- Live-attenuated polio vaccine  
(OPV)

(Sabin, oral)



# Important Features of Polio Vaccines

Attribute	Killed (IPV)	Live (OPV)
3 types (trivalent)	Yes	Yes
Prevents disease	Yes	Yes
Induces humoral IgG	Yes	Yes
Route of administration	Injection	Oral
Induces intestinal IgA	No	Yes
Interrupts transmission	No	Yes
Affords 2 <sup>o</sup> protection by spread to others	No	Yes
Reverts to virulence	No	Yes (rarely)
Causes disease in the immun  ed	No	Yes
Co-infection with other EVs may impair immunization	No	Yes
Requires refrigeration	No	Yes
Duration of immunity	Shorter	Longer

# *Poliovirus Vaccine*

- Adverse reactions ;
  - local reactions (IPV)
  - Vaccine -Associated Paralytic Poliomyelitis (OPV)  
adult , immuno↓ed
- 4 doses of PV; 2, 4 , 6-18 ms  
& 4 - 6 yrs
- Combination vaccine ; IPV, DTaP ,Hib & HB vaccines

## *Polio Vaccination of Adults*

- Indications:
  - Travelers to polio-endemic countries
  - HCW
- IPV



**1988**

- 350,000 cases
- 125 endemic countries
- World Health Assembly voted to eradicate polio



**2016**

- 34 cases reported\*
- 3 endemic countries

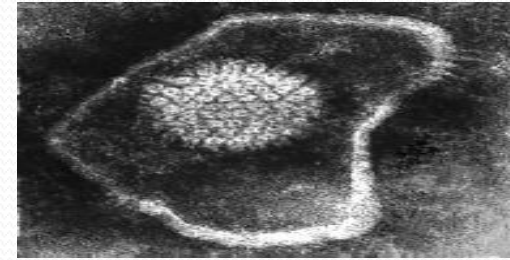
# *Viral Encephalitis*

- Enteroviruses
- Herpes viruses.
- Rabies virus
- Arboviruses.
  
- Others

# Herpes Simplex Encephalitis

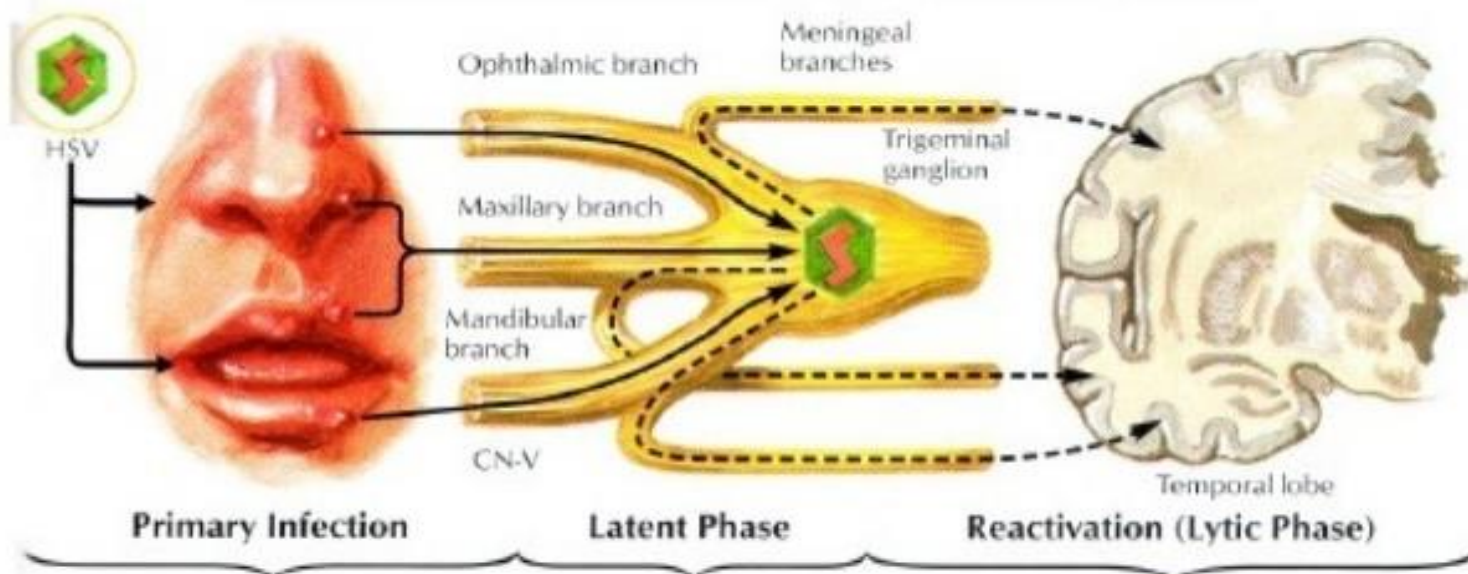
❖ Caused by;

- Herpes simplex virus -1(HSV-1)  
*dsDNA, Enveloped, Icosahedral Virus*



## HSV Encephalitis

### Possible Route of Transmission in Herpes Simplex Encephalitis



Virus enters via cutaneous or mucosal surfaces to infect sensory or autonomic nerve endings with transport to cell bodies in ganglia.

Virus replicates in ganglia before establishing latent phase.

Reactivation of HSV in trigeminal ganglion can result in spread to brain (temporal lobe) via meningeal branches of CN-V.

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## ❖ C/F;

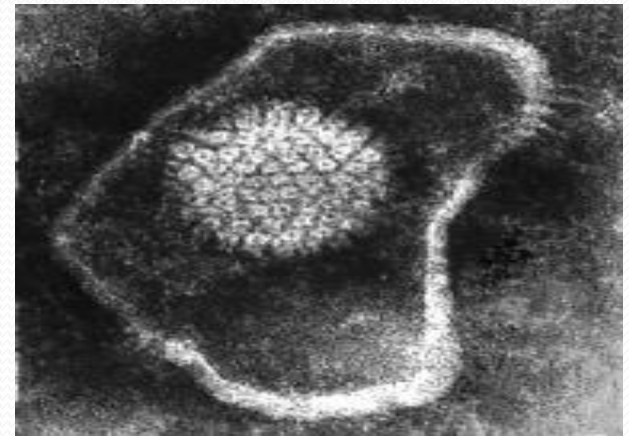
- F,H,V ,Seizures & altered mental status.
- High mortality rate

## ❖ Dx;

- MRI
- CSF---Lymph, glucose-N & Protein- ↑  
---detection of HSV-1 DNA by PCR.

## ❖ Rx;

Acyclovir.

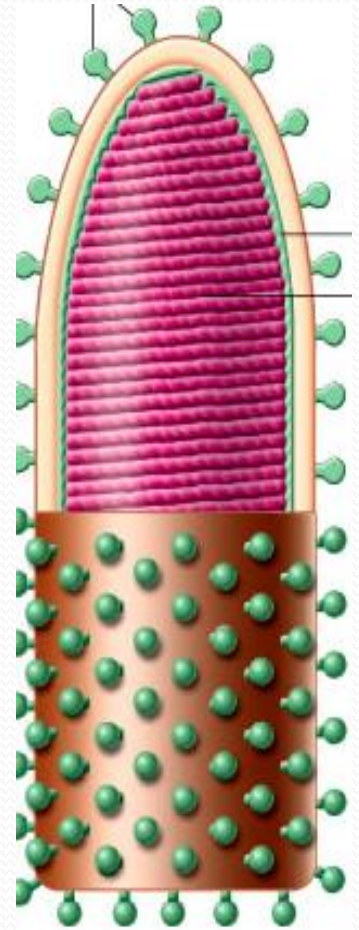


# *Rabies encephalitis*



*Rabies virus ;  
Rhabdoviridae.*

*s.s (-)RNA genome,  
Helical nucleocapsid,  
Enveloped virus.*



*Bullet shaped virus*



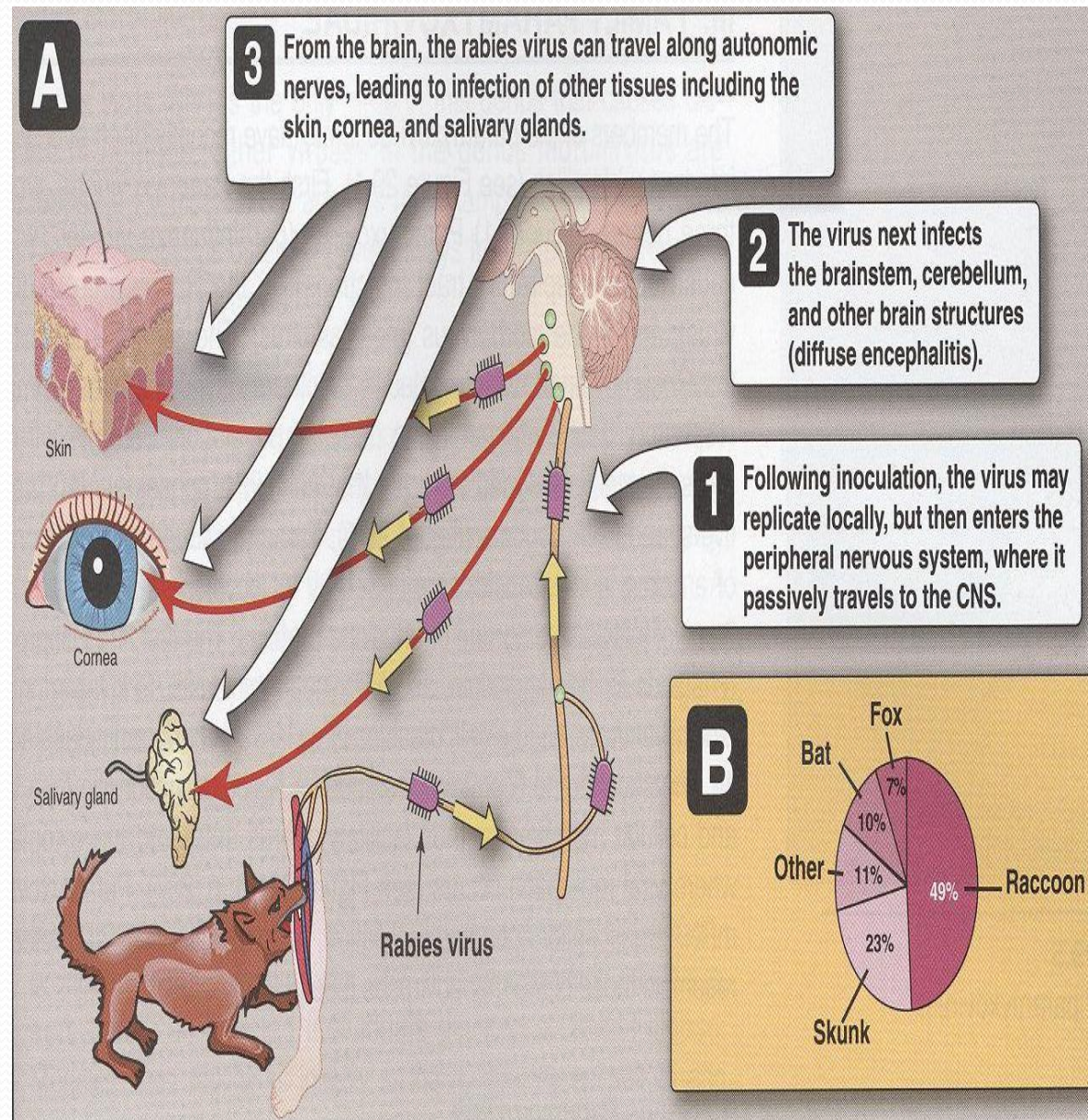
# Pathogenesis;

## Epidemiology; Reservoir;

- Major;  
Raccoons , Foxes,  
Wolves & bats.
- Imp ; cats & dogs

## Transmission;

- ❖ Common route
- Bite of a rabid animal
- ❖ Uncommon route
- Inhalation  
while in a bat infested cave.
- Corneal transplant



# Rabies; A fatal acute encephalitis

- zoonotic disease .

1-The incubation period: 1-3 m > longer

2-The prodromal phase:

F, H , M , A, N &V.

Abnormal sensation around the wound.

3-Neurological phase ;

1- encephalitis

Nervous , Lacrimation , salivation,

Hydrophobia ,

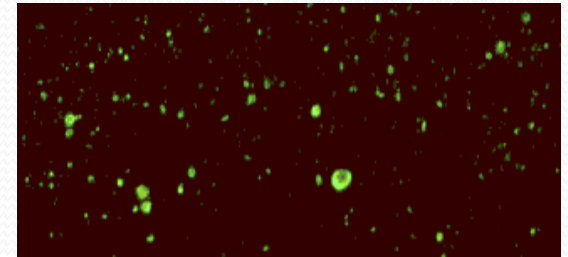
Convulsion ,coma & death .

2-Paralytic illness ; Ascending , Death , Bat.

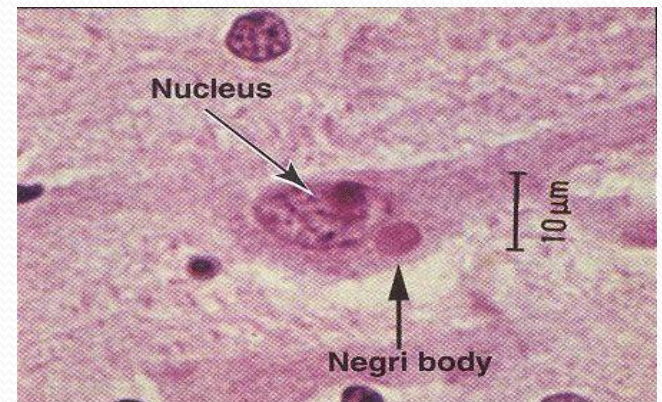
4- Recovery; Extremely rare

# Laboratory Diagnosis

- ❖ PCR; R. RNA in saliva
- ❖ Rapid virus antigen detection ( IF )
  - Neck skin biopsy
  - Corneal impressions
  - Brain tissue
- ❖ Histopathology
  - neuronal brain cells
  - intracytoplasmic inclusions (Negri bodies)
- ❖ Virus cultivation
- ❖ serology



Rabid brain stained with Fluorescent anti-rabies antibody



Negri bodies are diagnostic of rabies.

# Prevention

❖ *Control measures* against canine rabies include;

- Stray animals control.
- Vaccination of domestic animals.

● *Pre-exposure prophylaxis (Vaccine)*

Persons at increased risk of rabies  
e.g. vets, animal handlers etc.

● *Post-exposure prophylaxis*

- *Wound treatment*
- *Passive immunization;*  
human anti-rabies immunoglobulin  
around the wound & I M.
- *Active immunization;*  
Human Diploid Cell Vaccine (HDCV)\*\*  
5 - 6 doses



## Rabies is a major public health problem



Fatal once symptoms appear



One death every 15 min worldwide



99% human cases result from dog bites



4 out of 10 deaths are in children



## Rabies is 100% vaccine preventable



No bites = No rabies



# Zero by 30

28 September - World Rabies Day

# Arthropod –borne Viruses

Arboviruses > 500 Vs

## ❖ Epidemiology:

Reservoir: Wild birds & Mammals

Vector: Mosquito, ticks & Sandfly



Transmission: bite of infected vector

## ❖ Infections

- Asymptomatic Infections\*
- Diseases
  - 1) Fever, Rash & arthralgia
  - 2) Hemorrhagic fever ± hepatitis
  - 3) CNS disease  
(meningitis & encephalitis)

# ArboVs associated with CNS disease:

Virus	Vector	Reservoir	Distribution
Eastern equine encephalitis EEEV	Mosquito	Birds	America
Western equine encephalitis WEEV	Mosquito	Birds	America
Venezuelan equine encephalitis VEEV	Mosquito	Rodent	America
Japanese encephalitis V	Mosquito	Birds Pigs	Orient
Murray Valley encephalitis V	Mosquito	Birds	Australia
West Nile V	Mosquito	Birds	Europe, Africa Middle East Asia, America

## Worldwide Distribution of Major Arboviral Encephalitides



EEE: Eastern equine encephalitis  
LAC: LaCrosse encephalitis  
SLE: St. Louis encephalitis

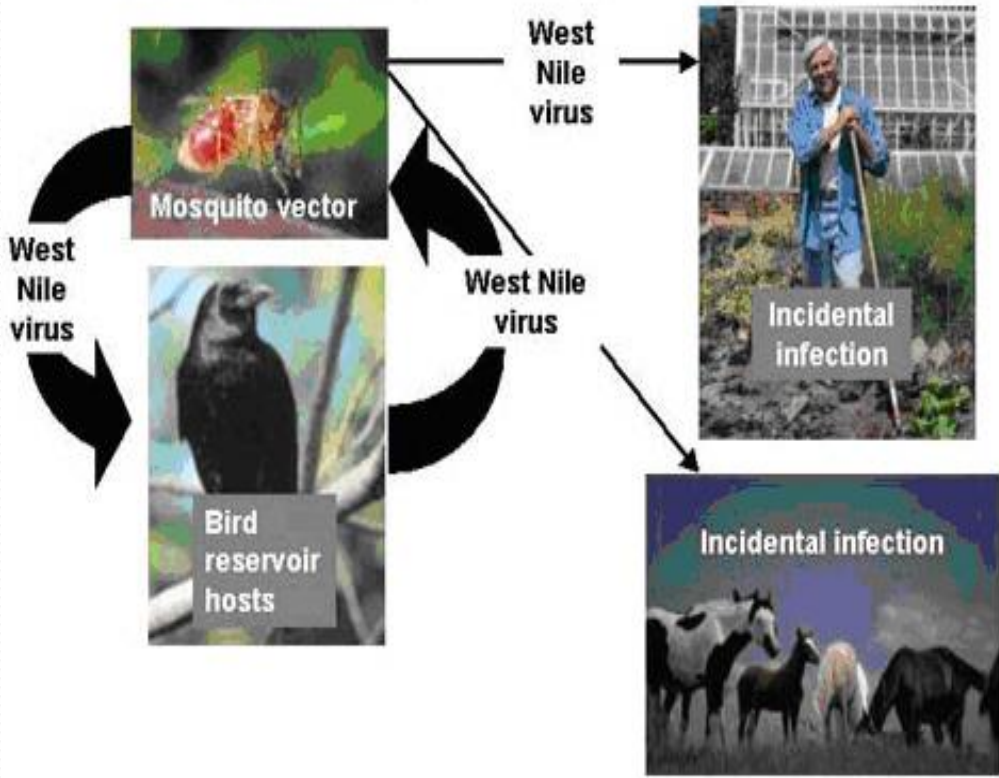
WEE: Western equine encephalitis  
WN: West Nile encephalitis  
VEE: Venezuelan equine encephalitis



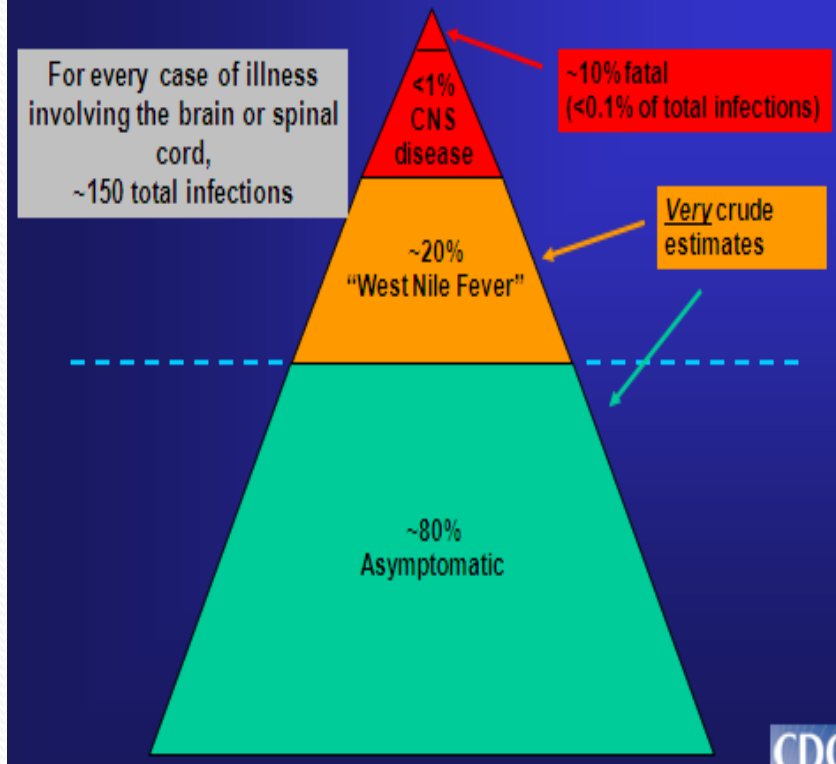
# West Nile virus

- Flaviviridae
- Febrile illness → *meningitis*, *encephalitis*

West Nile Virus Transmission Cycle



WNV Human Infection "Iceberg"



# Laboratory Diagnosis

A. Isolation (Gold standard ) (Reference Lab)

Samples: blood, CSF, Viscera .

Cell culture → CPE

→ Identify

B - IgM -AB\* - ELISA, IF: (most used)

C - Arbovirus RNA by RT-PCR

# Prevention

## 1. *Vector Control:*

- Elimination of vector breeding sites
- using insecticides
- Avoidance contact with vectors

( repellants , net )

## 2. *Vaccines:*

Tick-borne encephalitis vaccine

Japanese encephalitis vaccine



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