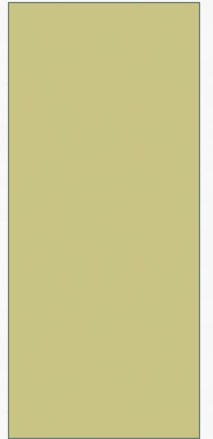


FEVER AND RASH

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OBJECTIVES:

- Common causes of fever and rash
- Short notes about each type; cause, clinical feature, incubation period, treatment and complication.

common

Measles

Scarlet fever

Rubella(German measles)

Varicella zoster

Erythema infectiosum

Roseola infantum

Kawasaki disease

MEASLES

.Paramyxovirus

.Incubation period: 7 –14 days

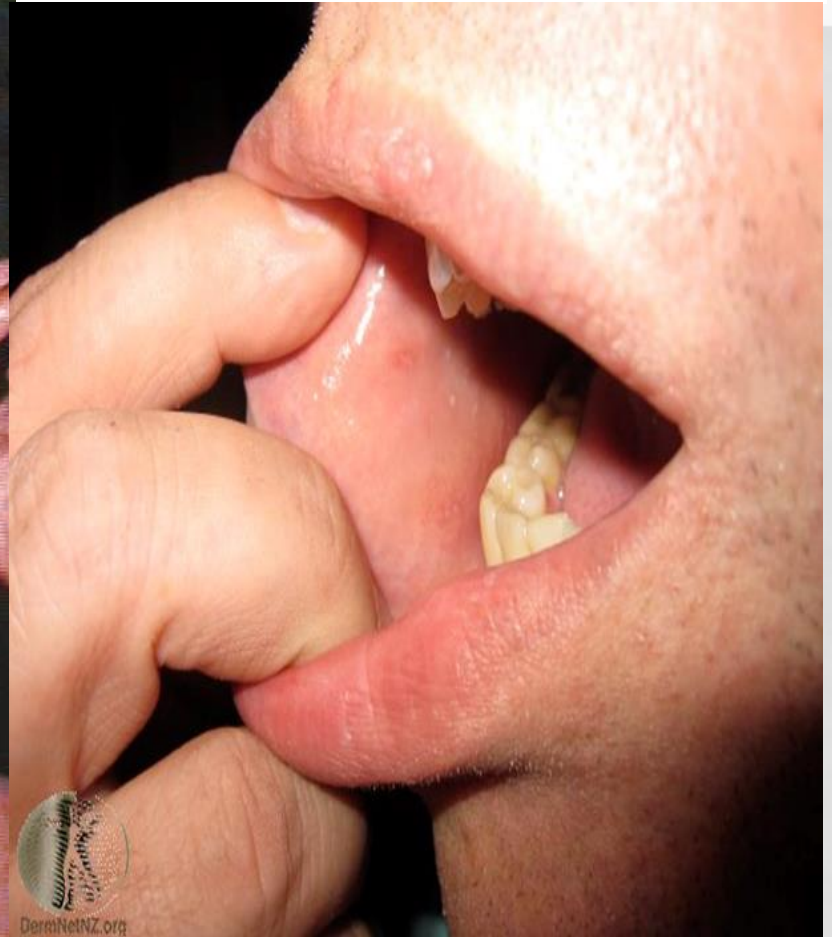
Very infectious (90% attack rates in household contacts)

Droplet spread – oral secretions

Typical course 7-10 days (without complications)

Risk factors: non-vaccination

- Prodrome: day 7–14 after exposure
 - Fever
 - Cough
 - Coryza
 - Conjunctivitis
 - Koplik's spots (1–2 days before rash)
 - Rash (D3-7) started behind ears
 - Miserable





COMPLICATION

- Pneumonia- giant cell pneumonia (direct viral infection) or superimposed bacterial infection (*Streptococcus pneumoniae*, *Haemophilus influenzae* & *Staphylococcus aureus*)
- Croup, tracheitis or bronchiolitis
- Acute otitis media
- Sinusitis and mastoiditis
- Retropharyngeal abscess
- Activation of pulmonary tuberculoses

COMPLICATION

- Diarrhea & vomiting
- Appendicitis- obstruction of the appendiceal lumen by lymphoid hyperplasia
- Febrile seizures
- Encephalitis- 1-3/1,000 cases of measles; postinfectious, immunologically mediated process, not due to a direct viral effect

COMPLICATION

- Measles encephalitis in immunocompromised patients- from direct damage to the brain by the virus
- Thrombocytopenia
- Myocarditis
- Bacteremia, cellulitis & toxic shock syndrome
- Measles during pregnancy-high maternal morbidity, fetal wastage & stillbirths & congenital malformations in 3% of live born infants

MEASLES SSPE

- ❑ Fatal degenerative disease of central nervous system
- ❑ Chronic complication of measles
- ❑ Result from a persistent infection with an altered measles virus that is harbored intracellularly in the CNS for several years
- ❑ Usually after 7-10 year the virus apparently regains virulence & attacks the cells in the CNS
- ❑ Change in personality, gradual onset of mental deterioration & myoclonus
- ❑ Measles vaccination protects against SSPE

TREATMENT

□ SUPPORTIVE

- Maintenance of hydration, oxygenation & comfort
- Antipyretics-comfort and fever control
- Vitamin A supplementation-reduced morbidity and mortality from measles
- Single dose of 200,000 IU orally for children ≥ 1 yr of age (100,000 IU for children 6 mo-1 yr of age and 50,000 IU for infants <6 mo of age)

PREVENTION

- **Isolation-** from 7 days after exposure to 4-6 days after the onset of rash
- **Vaccine or immunoglobulin-** vaccine is effective in prevention or modification of measles only if given within 72 hr of exposure. Immune globulin may be given up to 6 days after exposure to prevent or modify infection.
- **Immune globulin-**for susceptible household contacts younger than 6 months of age, pregnant women & immunocompromised persons
- **Immunization during an outbreak-**immunize infant as young as 6 months of age; additional dose at 12-15 months of age

RUBELLA

- Rubella (German measles or 3-day measles)
- Mild exanthematous disease of infants & children
- Major clinical significance- fetal damage as part of the congenital rubella syndrome
- **Etiology:** Rubella virus; RNA virus of genus *Rubivirus* under family *Togaviridae*
- Humans are the only known host

CLINICAL FEATURE

- Mild/subclinical
- Prodrome
 - Eye pain, conjunctivitis, headache, fever, malaise
- Rash
 - Maculopapular
 - Starts on face, spreads caudally to trunk, extremities
 - Similar to Measles, but spreads quicker
- Lymphadenopathy
 - Posterior cervical, posterior auricular, suboccipital
- Forchheimer spots (20%)
 - Petechiae on soft palate

COMPLICATION

Joints

- Arthralgia/arthritis
- Rare in children
- Lasts about 9 days

Neurological

- Encephalitis rare
- 2-4 days after rash
- Parasthesia

Other

- Thrombocytopaenia
- Purpura
- Myocarditis
- Testicular pain
- Haemolytic anaemia

ROSEOLA INFANTUM

- DNA virus
- Sixth disease
- Incubation: 9 days
- Transmission: oral secretions
- 80% children seropositive by age 1
- Peak infection 9 – 21 months

ROSEOLA INFANTUM

Human herpes virus6

- Fever and convulsion (6-15%)
- Diarrhoea (70%)
- Usually well
- Rash
 - evolves over 12 hours, fades 2-3 days
 - Appears as fever abates
 - Starts on neck/trunk, spreads to extremities
 - Erythematous, blanching, macular/mac-papular
- Bulging fontanelle (25%)

RI RASH



TREATMENT

- Supportive
- Anti-virals in immunocompromised

VARICELLA ZOSTER

- DNA virus
- Incubation: 10-21 days
- Transmission: Droplet
- Highly infectious (1-2 days before rash, until crusts)

Prodrome

- Fever
- Headache
- Malaise
- Pharyngitis

Rash

- Pruritic
- Macules → papules → vesicles
- Hairline

VZ RASH



COMPLICATION

- Mild thrombocytopenia, petechiae (common); purpura, hemorrhagic vesicles, hematuria & gastrointestinal bleeding (rare)
- Cerebellar ataxia, encephalitis, Guillian-Barre syndrome, transverse myelitis
- Pneumonia
- Nephritis, nephrotic syndrome, hemolytic-uremic syndrome
- Arthritis
- Myocarditis, pericarditis
- Pancreatitis

COMPLICATION

- Orchitis
- Secondary bacterial infections of the skin (**group A streptococci & *S. aureus***): impetigo, cellulitis, lymphadenitis & subcutaneous abscesses; varicella **gangrenosa**- more invasive skin infections

CONGENITAL VARICELLA SYNDROME

- In infants born to women who have varicella **before** 20 wk of gestation

Characterized by

- Cicatricial skin scarring in a zoster-like distribution, limb hypoplasia
- Neurologic abnormalities: microcephaly, cortical atrophy, seizures & mental retardation
- Eye abnormalities: chorioretinitis, microphthalmia & cataracts
- Renal abnormalities: hydroureter & hydronephrosis
- Autonomic nervous system abnormalities: neurogenic bladder, swallowing dysfunction & aspiration pneumonia

CONGENITAL VARICELLA SYNDROME

- If a baby is born <4 days after onset of maternal varicella or upto 2 days before the onset: high risk for severe varicella & a high mortality rate

TREATMENT

- Supportive treatment for fever & itching

Indications for acyclovir in children:

- Malignancies
- BMT
- Chemotherapy or high dose steroid treatment
- HIV infection
- Severe varicella
- Chronic skin disease
- Children >12 years

Treatment should be initiated within 24 hr of the onset of rash

SCARLET FEVER

Group A beta-haemolytic streptococcus

Primary

- Pharyngitis
- Skin
 - Cellulitis
 - Impetigo

Non-Suppurative complications

- **Scarlet fever**
- **Streptococcal toxic shock syndrome**
- Acute glomerulonephritis
- Acute rheumatic fever

Suppurative complications

- Tonsillar abscess
- OME
- Necrotizing fasciitis

SCARLET FEVER

- Aetiology; Streptococcus pyogenes (Group A)
- Pathogenesis: erythrogenic toxin
- Incubation: 1-3 d
- Prodrome: 1-2 d fever, sore throat, headache, flushed cheeks
- Rash: punctate erythematous central and blanches
- Signs: circumoral palor, strawberry tongue, desquamation post rash
- Infectivity: up to 3 weeks or 24h after pen
- Transmission: respiratory
- Complications: septicaemia, endocarditis, OM, Quinsy
rheumatic fever, acute nephritis



SF RASH

Initial rash is blotchy, starting below the ears, neck, chest, armpits and groin, then becoming generalized. Rash then develops the characteristic “sandpaper on sunburnt skin” feel.

After 7 days, the rash fades and desquamation, similar to peeling sunburn, occurs. Peeling is most prominent in the armpits, groin, tips of finger/toes. May continue for weeks.

TREATMENT

To prevent primary attacks of rheumatic fever, treatment should ensure penicillin levels for at least 10 days.

This can be achieved by 7 days of penicillin G (2-4 million IU/day) followed by 3 administration of benzathine penicillin (every 7 days).

If penicillin allergy is suspected, the drug of choice is erythromycin (30-40 mg/kg/day).

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