

# Epidemiology - 2

## \* Contamination and infestation.

The presence, multiplication and development of infectious agent on body surface or inanimate bodies (clothes, bedding, toys, surgical tool, food, water, milk)

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- ① Lodgement, development and reproduction of arthropods (lice, itch mite) on the body surface or animal or in clothing
- ② describe the invasion of the gut by the parasitic worm (ex. ascariasis)

\* **Host** : A person or animal that afford living or lodgement of an infectious agent under natural conditions. (include birds, and arthropods)

### Types

→ **Obligate host** : mean the only host (ex. man in measles and typhoid fever).

→ **Definitive host (primary)** : in which the Parasite attain maturity or passes its sexual stage. (ex. human in human Tapeworm). (accomplish, achieve)

→ **intermediate host (secondary)** : in which parasite is in larval stage or passes one or more of its asexual stage. (usually there is more than one.)

→ **Transport host** : the one that is used until the appropriate one (definitive host) reached.

## \* According to communicability :

① **Communicable disease** :- infectious disease due to infectious agent or its toxic product.  
ex. influenza

- directly or indirectly transmitted

(man to man, animal to animal, environment (air, food, dust, soil, water) to man or animal.

② **Contagious disease** :- part of communicable disease

- transmitted directly from reservoir and host.

- ex. : scabies, trachoma, sexually transmitted disease (STD) leprosy

- 2] Non-communicable disease: - infectious Disease  
- can't be transmitted  
- ex: peritonitis, appendicitis

\* **Epidemic**: - is the unusual occurrence in a community or region of 1. disease (communicable or non-communicable).  
2. health related behaviour ex. smoking. ex. CHD, lung cancer  
3. health related events ex. traffic accident.  
- The key word is ((excess of expected occurrence)).

(There is no agreement of what constitutes excess)

↳ one case of cholera in USA is potential epidemic  
while in india hundreds of cases is epidemic.

\* **Outbreak**: - Small, localized epidemic affecting large number or group in the community.  
- ex. food poisoning in an institution.

\* **Sporadic**: - means scattered about.  
- The cases are irregularly and from time to time (separated in time and space)  
- infrequently (so few)  
- little or no connection between each other.  
- no recognizable common source of infection.  
- ex: polio, tetanus, herpes-zoster, meningococcal meningitis  
(in favourable condition for spread, sporadic may be the starting point for epidemic)

in ↙  
\* **Endemic**: - constant or permanent disease or infectious agent within a specific geographic area or community. (All the time)  
- ex: bilharziasis in Egypt.

\* **Pandemic**: - an epidemic affecting large population, wide geographic area (section of nation, entire nation, the world)  
+ affecting countries sequentially, at the same time  
- ex. COVID 19, H1N1

\* **Nosocomial infection**: (hospital acquired)

- infection originated in patient while in hospital or other health care facility.

- new disorder unrelated to the patient primary condition.
- it was not present, or incubating, or the residual of an infection acquired during the previous admission at the time of admission.
- include → infections acquired in the hospital and appeared after
  - ↳ infections among the staff of the facility.
- ex: infection of surgical wound, hepatitis C, B, urinary tract infection.

⇒ **Opportunistic Disease**: -infection by organism take opportunity of defect in host defense and cause disease.  
 ex (TB, AIDS, Toxoplasma, Herpes simplex, Cytomegalovirus)

⇒ **Iatrogenic Disease**: (physician induced)

- any adverse consequence result from Physician or other health professionals activity (preventive, diagnostic, therapeutic procedure) that cause handicap, disability, death

may have nephrotoxic reaction  
 \* intra-venous or intra-arterial injection may have mild or moderate or severe reaction, may be fatal

- **Eradication**: -Termination of all transmission of infection from the the whole world by <sup>SVI</sup> extermination of the infectious agent.

- The disease is no longer occur in Population.

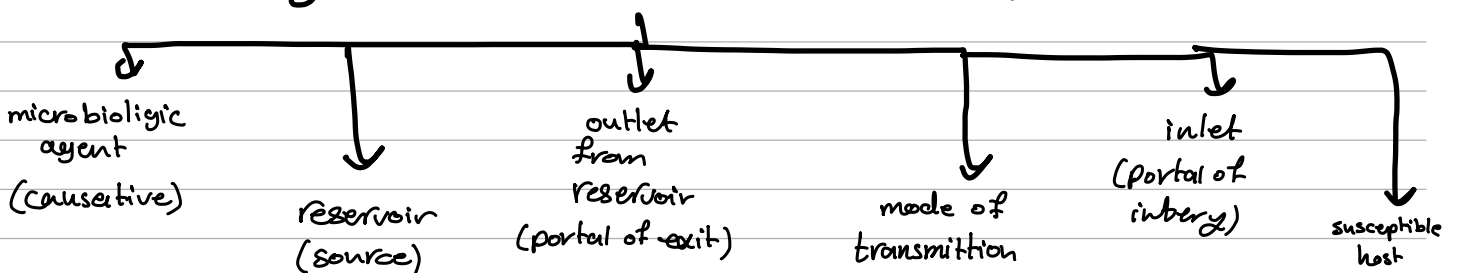
→ only disease has been eradicated is small pox

→ disease are amenable to eradicate are measles, diphtheria, polio.

• **Period of Communicability**:

- the time which the infectious agent can be transmitted directly or indirectly from the the reservoir to a susceptible host.

### The cycle of infection (communicable)

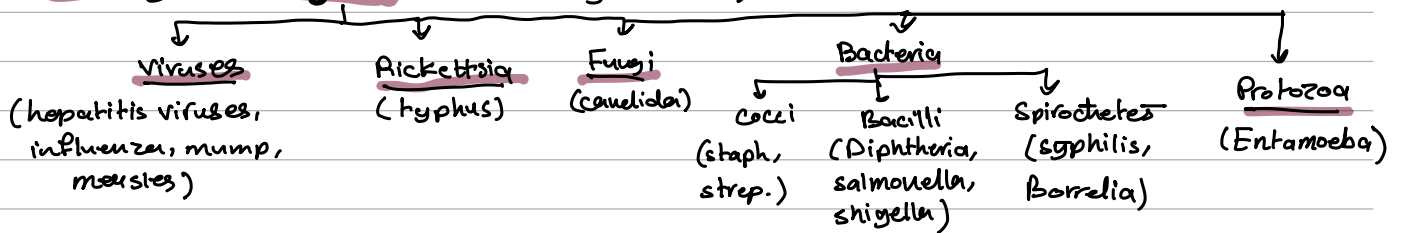


- \* **Disease Agent** : - first link in the chain of disease transmission.  
 (in general)
- substance living or non living (or) force tangible or intangible
  - The excessive presence or lack (mineral, vitamins) of may initiate or perpetuate a disease process.

\* A disease may have → single agent

- ↳ number of independent alternative agents.
- ↳ complex factors whose combined presence essential for development of the disease.

## ⇒ **Biological Agent** : (living agents)



## \* Agent host-related Biological Properties:

- 1 Pathogenicity
- 2 infectivity
- 3 virulence

## \* Mechanism of Disease Production (Pathogenesis):

[1] **invasiveness** : ability of the organism to invade the tissue and multiply (each organism has the ability of invasiveness and toxicity).

ex. (Treponema Palidum, Typhoid organism) → ↑ invasiveness ↓ toxicity.

### [2] **Toxicity** :

- **Endotoxins**
- released by living organisms
- destroyed by heat (above 60°C)
- highly immunogenic
- converted to toxoid (antigenic non toxic) by formaline, heat, acid.
- Diffusible (don't produce fever)

ex.: • Neurotoxins of botanus and botulism  
 • erythrogenic toxins of scarlet fever

### • **Exotoxins**

- released after integration of microbe.
- highly heat stable (above 60°C)
- weakly immunogenic
- not converted to toxoid
- Produce Pathophysiological effects (Fever, leucopenia, hypotention, hypoglycemic, shock)

[3] **Hypersensitivity** : - allergic state of the host following the exposure to microbes, subsequent result in disease. ex. TB

## Outcome of infection depend on:

**1 Pathogenicity**: - ability to produce clinical reaction after infection

**2 Virulence**: - ability to produce severe pathological reaction (refer to severity)

Pathogenesis and virulence:  
measured by

- Ratio of clinical to subclinical cases

- Case fatality rate =  $\frac{\text{No. of death of disease} \times 100}{\text{No. of cases of same disease}}$

**3 Antigenic Power of microbe**: ability of develop immunity (antibodies and anti-toxin)

measured by: - second attack frequency

high antigenic power

→ secondary attack rarely record in

(measles, mumps, chickenpox)

→ re-infection occur in: ① common cold ② syphilis ③ gonorrhoea

④ upper respiratory diseases.

- Age specific attack rate

- in measles there is drop of the attack rate after young age.

\* high antigenic power →  
↑ Ab → no second attack

infection in young age →  
↑ Ab production →  
low attack rate

**4 Period and ease of Communicability**:

measured by

Secondary attack rate

=  $\frac{\text{No. of secondary cases occurring within the incubation period following exposure to primary case}}{\text{No. of exposed susceptible}}$

Primary case : ٥, ٥٥٥ - ٥٥٥

Secondary case : ٥٥٥ - ٥٥٥

**5 Dose of infection**: (inoculum)

↑ the dose → more liability of apparent illness → ↑ severe

**6 Tissue selectivity**: (tropism)

- The inherent capacity of the microbe to invade specific tissue.
- The factor that gives each disease its specific signs and symptoms.

**7 Host specificity**: - some pathogen infect only man (ex. relapsing fever)

- some only animal

- some both animal and man (Zoonotic disease).

## 8) Susceptibility of Pathogen to chemotherapy

(degree of sensitivity of pathogen to Antibiotics differ from one to another (even from strain to another))

9) Spore formation! → is the ability of some bacteria to change to a resistance form under unsuitable conditions.

→ remain viable for long period

→ when get in contact with susceptible host change to vegetative form and cause disease (ex. Tetanus, anthrax)  
(active form)

## 10) Viability of organism (resistance)

→ ability to live outside the body

→ longer the duration → ↑ chance to come into contact to new host and cause disease.