

Acute flaccid paralysis

fusiform swelling!



* Transverse Myelitis.

- inflammation across spinal cord **segmentally**
- preceding by viral infection
- * prognosis: 60% spontaneous recovery.

→ Clinical presentation: depend upon: ① level of spinal cord (Sensory, Motor) ② Extent of involvement (Autonomic)

- Most commonly at **thoracic spine**

- Abrupt onset of **progressive weakness** and **sensory** disturbance in LL.

- Permanent urinary incontinence.

* clinical Diagnosis

- CSF → Lymphatic pleocytosis

- flaccidity changing to spasticity

- MRI → fusiform swelling

- UMN in LL (spasticity, ↑ DTR, ↑ muscle tone)

→ Management → High-dose Methylprednisolone more effective! → effective in ↓ duration of disease → improve outcome

* poliomyelitis

* Incubation period: 8-12 days

→ Viral infection that affect **anterior horn cell**.

→ IS Eradicable? Yes by?

① vaccine (OPV) → cheap, easy to give, available, safe, effective.

② Have only 3 subtypes (No cross immunity between them)

③ Human is the only reservoir

④ No chronic carrier

- protect pt himself
- induce immunity against 3 strains.

* Immunity?

→ The most devastating outcome → **paralysis**

IgG protect against CNS (IPV)

→ Transmission → Mainly (Feco-oral)

IgA protect against GI (OPV)

Rarely (Droplet) → vaccine derived (OPV)

- induce immunity against 2 strains
- protect community

→ Tendency to affect **Motor neurons**.

→ Clinical manifestation: 74% Asymptomatic → 24% Abortive polio → <1% Paralytic

Non-specific flu-like symptoms

Recovery is complete with no sequelae

→ 1-5% Non paralytic (Aseptic meningitis)

→ Biphasic illness (sever flu → free sis → sign of meningitis)

↓ Reflex (Abdominal cremasteric → first affected) → rigidity ----)

(Neck and spinal rigidity ----)

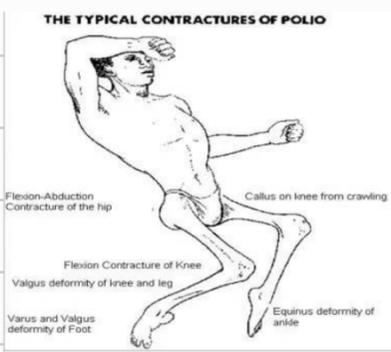
* **Paralytic polio** → within 1-2 days / **Asymmetrical flaccid paralysis**
 → **Proximal muscle, Descending paralysis** / **intact sensation**
 → **Transient sphincter defect.**

Recognised 3 clinical syndromes:

① **Spinal PP**

→ occur 2nd phase of biphasic illness
 → lack of improvement after 1st week predict **permanent paralysis**
 ← if occur?

- ① Limb atrophy
- ② Failure of growth
- ③ Deformity



② **Bulbar poliomyelitis** → Dysfunction of **Cranial nerves** ± **Medullary Center**
 → affect 8, 9, 10, 11, 12
 * involve vital: **Can lead** →
 - to Resp. Failure and apnea
 - Cardiovascular alteration.

③ **Bulbospinal poliomyelitis**
 → virus affect C3-C5
 → paralysis of resp. m (Diaphragm)

* **Diagnosis**

→ **Clinical Diagnosis** (immunization / travel / contact)
 → **WHO Diagnosis**
 → Any child < 15 yrs has **AFP** is polio UPO
 → Do ≥ 2 Stool test (separated by 24hrs)
 Not less than 8mg (thumb size)
 → isolation and identification of polio v.
 → **CNS analysis**: - pleocytosis (20-300) → PMN
 - protein ↑ (50-100) - glucose Normal
 → **Serology** → ↑ AB titer 4 folds

* **Management** → **Mainly supportive.**

* **Prevention** → **Vaccine is the only effective method!**

→ **Complications of OPV?** → 1 / 2.6 million.

① **Vaccine ass polio paralysis (VAPP)** → OPV mutates within intestine of vaccinated pt lead to form of polio v. → can cause paralysis / affect close contact

② **Vaccine derived poliovirus (VDPV)** →
 When un-vaccinated pt contaminated with polio vaccine from stool can lead to outbreak.

* **GBS** → production of Auto AB → destruct various part of Myelin sheath.

Autoimmune demyelinating disorder that lead to progressive paralysis

→ The most common cause of AFP (M>F) ∴

* Etiology: 2/3 of pt → Complaint from URTI or GITI 1-4 wks prior onset of disease.

→ *Campylobacter jejuni* → MC / also viruses / and recent immunization (influenza vacc)

→ usually ass → H. lymphoma / SLE / HIV

* **Auto Anti-Bodies**:

① Anti-GM1 / Anti-GQ1B → NMJ

② Anti-GD1a → Nodes of Ranvier

if present
reconsider the Dx

* **Clinical manifestations**: * Fever / Constitutional s → absent

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| ① Motor | } Pain/weakness / paraesthesia in distal extremities - 7 th N:
Mostly affected |
| ② Sensory | |
| ③ Autonomic | |
- hypo/A-reflexia / cranial nerves involvement → Mostly affected
- CVS/urinary / intestinal - dysfunction

→ **paralysis**: Symmetrical / Ascending / Distal / Recovery in 1-2 wks progressive.

* **variants**:

① Miller-Fisher syndrome (5%)

Acute ophthalmoplegia (papilloedema / pupillary paralysis)

Areflexia

Ataxia

→ +ve **Anti-GQ1B AB**

② AIDP ③ AMAN

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LP → CSF → ↑ x2 protein (100-)

→ < 10 WBC

→ glucose → Normal

→ Nerve conductive study →
confirm diagnosis (↓ N. velocity)

* **Investigations**

→ Anti-gangliosides AB

* **Treatment**

→ IVIg (2g/kg)

→ Plasma pheresis

Steroid X

* **prognosis** → 85% → full recovery

→ < 5% → Mortality rate

* **Better prognosis in children**

30% of pt need ventilatory assistance

* **poor prognosis**: CNS involvement

- Maximum disability at presentation - intubation