



# *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*

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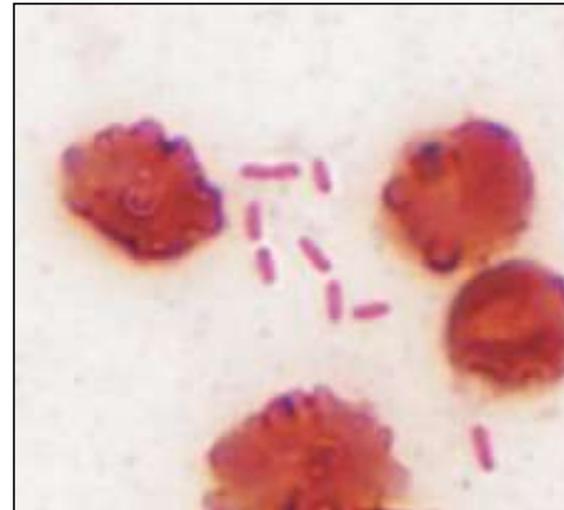
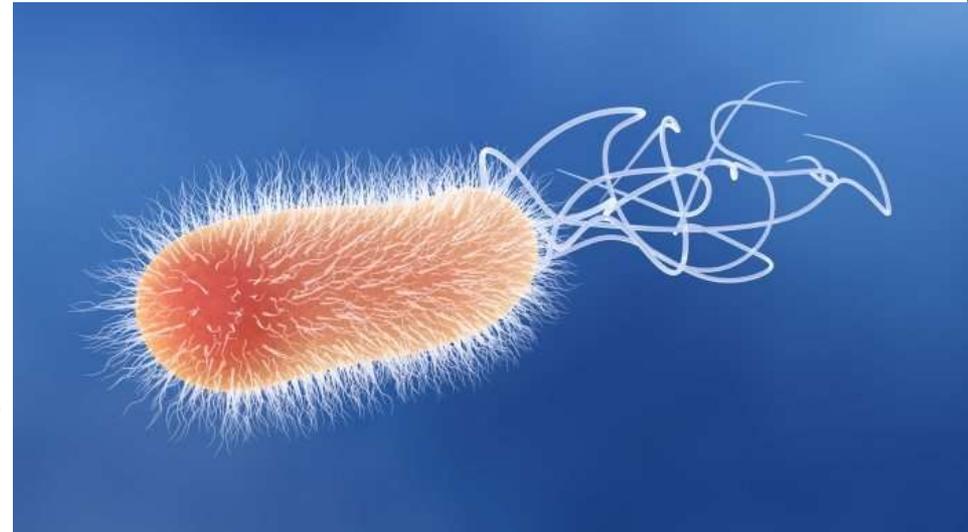


# *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*



## Morphology

- Gram-negative rods.
- Motile with polar flagella.
- Some strains may be capsulated.
- Non-sporing.



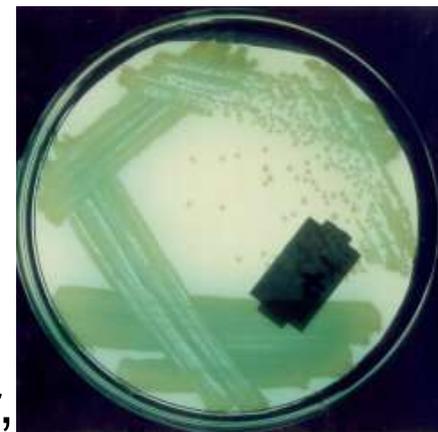


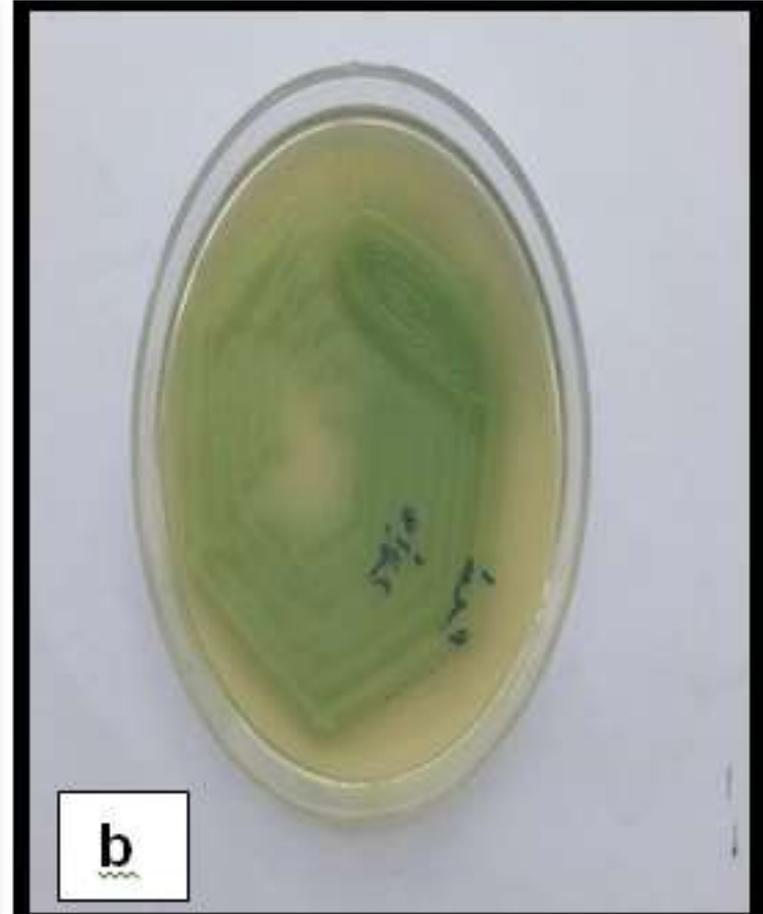
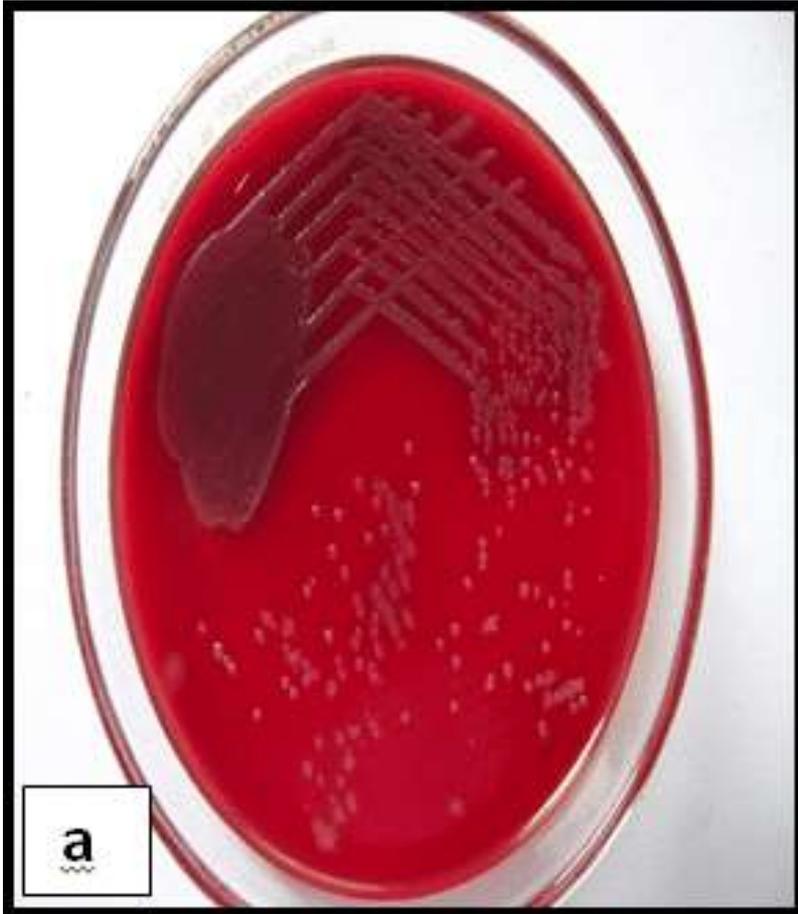
## Culture characters

- Strict aerobic
- Grow on many types of media
- Gives greenish colour to nutrient agar with sweet grape-like fruity odor, and some strains may cause  $\beta$ -hemolysis.
- Grow at 37° to 42°
- It produces exopigments that consist of:

**Pyocyanin**- nonfluorescent bluish pigment

**Pyoverdin**- fluorescent greenish pigment





$\beta$ -hemolysis on blood agar

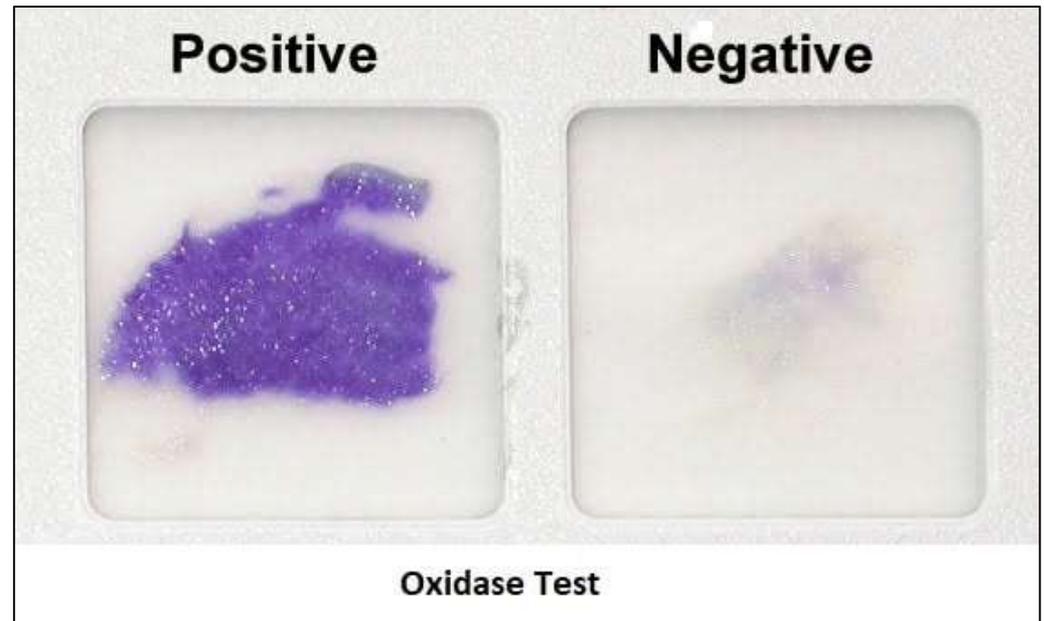
Greenish colour on nutrient agar



## Biochemical reaction

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- Do not ferment carbohydrates.
- Oxidase positive



Identification of *P. aeruginosa* is usually based on oxidase test and its colonial morphology:  **$\beta$ -hemolysis**, the presence of characteristic **pigments**, **sweet odor**, and **growth at 42 °C**.



# Virulence Factors *P. aeruginosa*

## Antigenic structure, enzymes, and toxins

- **Pili** for attachment to host cells
- **Capsule** seen in cultures from patients with cystic fibrosis.
- **LPS- endotoxin**, multiple immunotypes.
- **Pyocyanin:** catalyzes production of toxic forms of oxygen that cause tissue damage.
- **Pyoverdinin:** a siderophore.

## • **Proteases**

protease cause tissue damage and help bacteria spread.

- **Phospholipase C:** a hemolysin
- **Exotoxin A:** causes tissue necrosis, disrupts protein synthesis) and immunosuppressive.



## *P. aeruginosa*: Pathogenesis



This organism is widely distributed in nature and is commonly present in **moist environments** in hospitals. It is pathogenic only when introduced into areas devoid of normal defenses, e.g.,

1. Disruption of mucous membrane and skin.
2. Usage of intravenous or urinary catheters.
3. Neutropenia (as in cancer therapy).

It commonly complicates **burned and cystic fibrosis patients**.

*P. aeruginosa* is invasive and toxigenic. It attaches to and colonizes the mucous membrane or skin, invade locally, and produces systemic diseases and septicemia.

*P. aeruginosa* is **resistant to many antibiotics**. It becomes dominant when more susceptible bacteria of the normal flora are suppressed.



# *P. aeruginosa*



## Clinical Diseases

### Infection of wounds and burns

(blue-green pus). Patients with severe burns may develop into bacteremia.

### Skin and nail infections

**Meningitis** (when introduced by lumbar puncture).

### Pulmonary infection

Tracheobronchitis

**Necrotizing pneumonia** in CF patients: diffuse, bilateral bronchopneumonia with microabscess and necrosis.

### Eye infections

### Ear infections

Otitis externa: mild in swimmers; malignant (invasive) in diabetic patients.

Chronic otitis media

**Osteochondritis** of the foot.

**Urinary tract infection**

**Gastrointestinal infection**

**Sepsis**



# *P. aeruginosa*

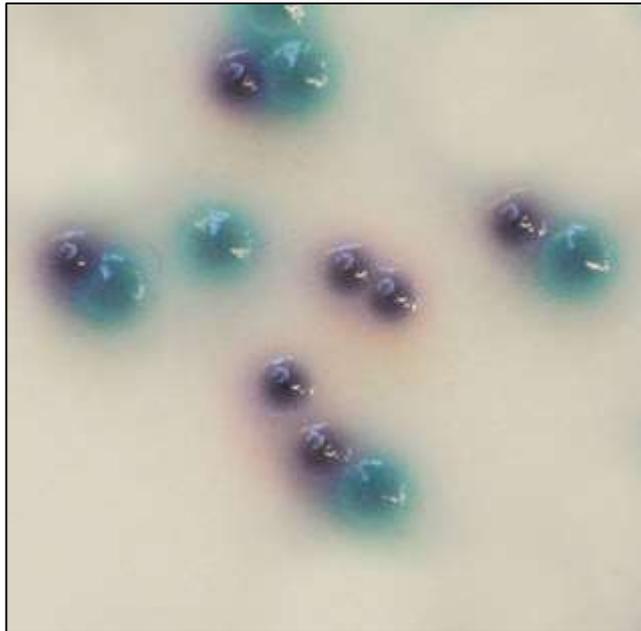
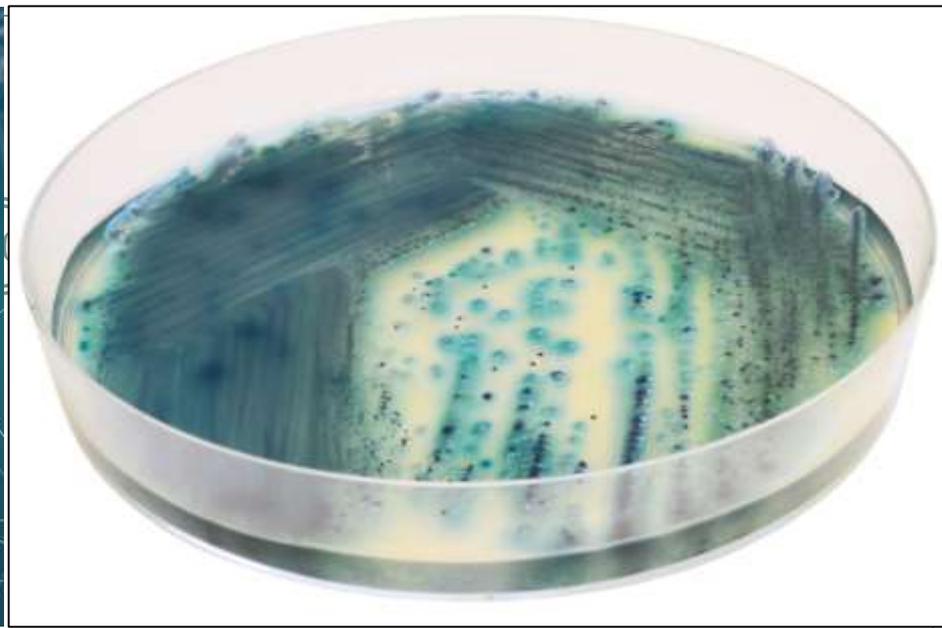
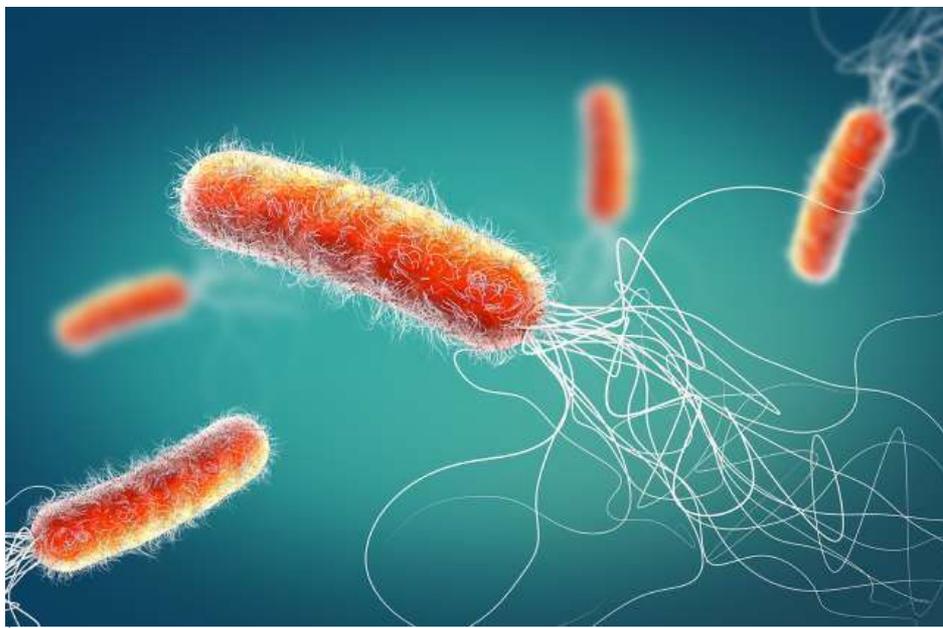


## Laboratory Diagnosis

- **Specimen:** skin lesions, pus, urine, blood, spinal fluid, sputum.
- **Culture:** ???
- **Biochemical reaction:** ???

## Treatment

**Combined antibiotic therapy** is generally required to avoid resistance that develops rapidly when single drugs are employed. Aminoglycoside, antipseudomonal B-lactam or a quinolone



Burn Unit



Weak Immunocompromised Individuals

Opportunistic Infection

Nosocomial Infection  
(Hospital Acquired)

**Pseudomonas Aeruginosa**

Gm -ve Rod

Cystic Fibrosis

Yahoo...now  
You will produce  
Green Sputum

Moist surfaces

Creative-Med-Doses  
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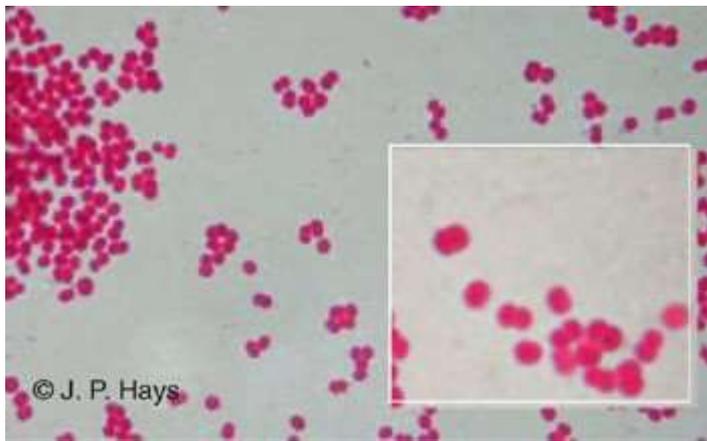
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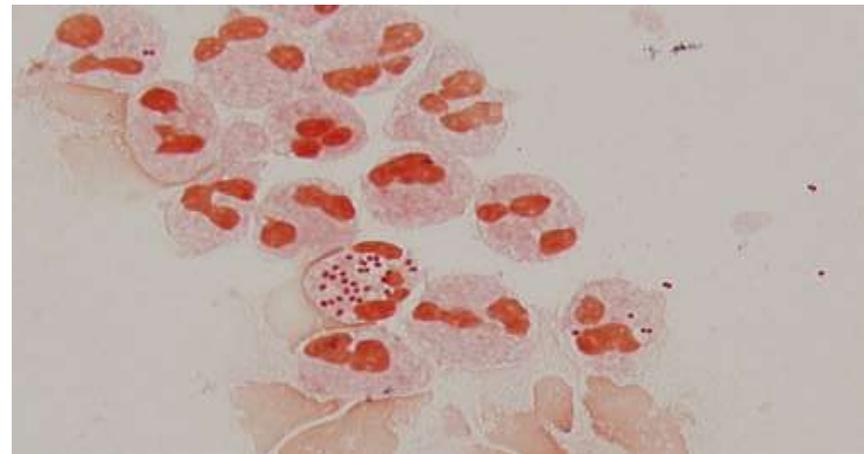
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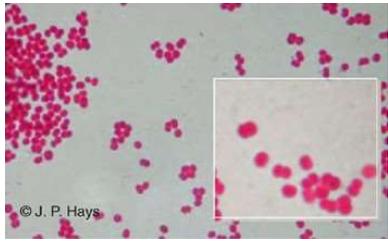
Humidifiers





# *Moraxella catarrhalis*



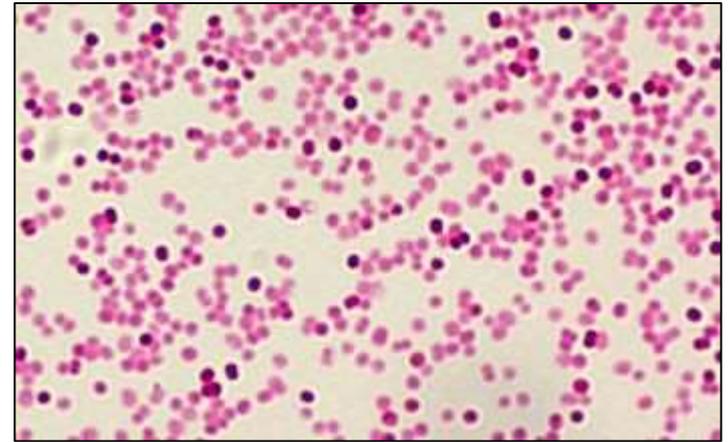


# *Moraxella catarrhalis*



## Morphology and culture characters

- Gram-negative cocci or diplococci
- Non motile
- Aerobic
- Grayish-white colonies which scoot across the agar without disruption when pushed by loop (**Hockey puck sign**)

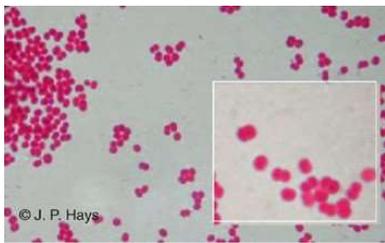




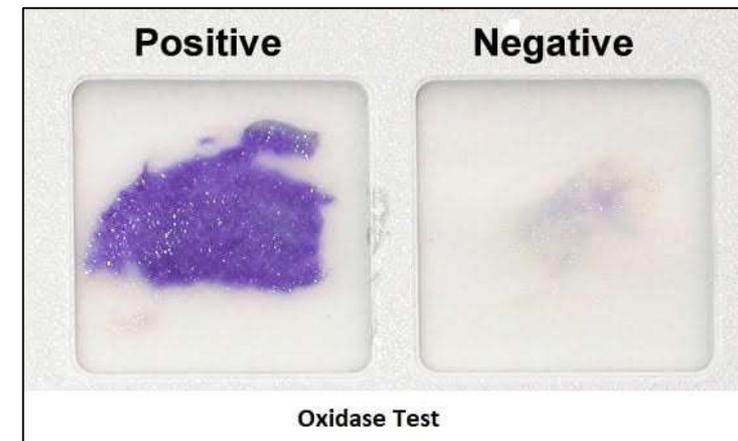
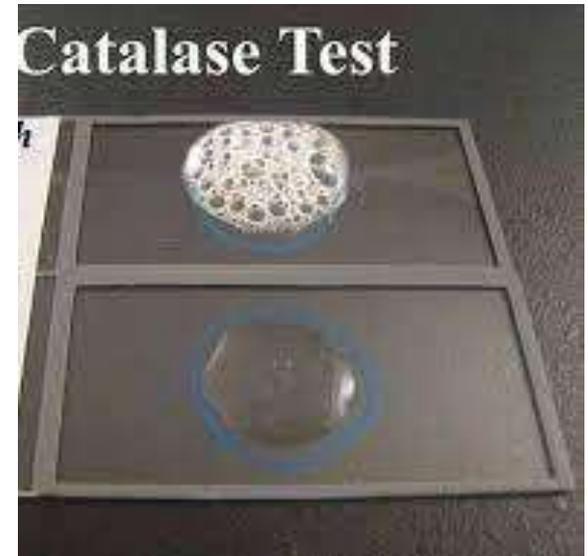
(Hockey puck sign)



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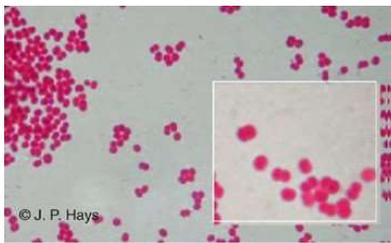


- **Biochemical reaction**
- Oxidase positive
- Catalase positive
- Non sugar fermenter
- Produce beta- lactamase
- DNase positive





# *Moraxella catarrhalis*

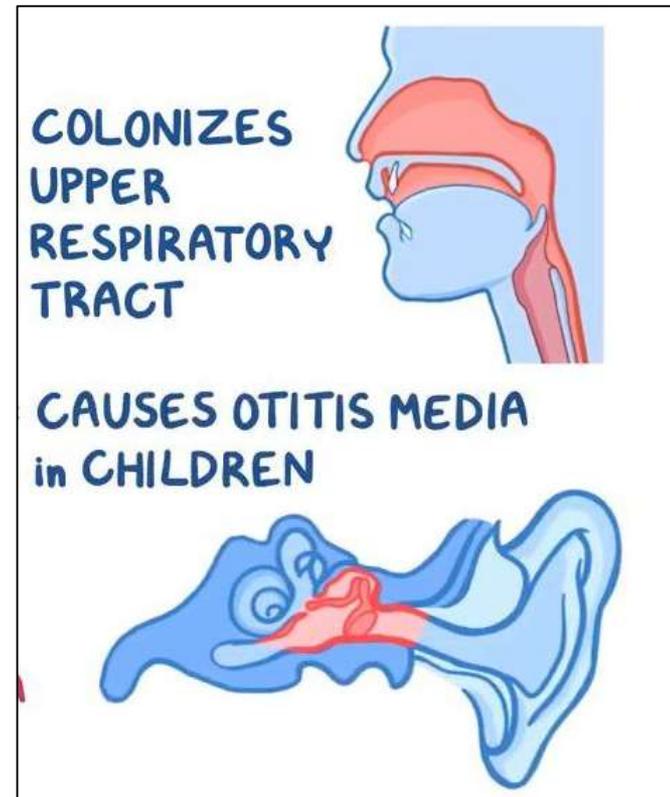


## • Clinical infections

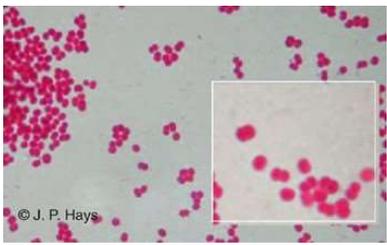
- Pneumonia
- Sinusitis
- Otitis media (3<sup>rd</sup> most common cause)
- Eye, CNS, Joints infection

## • Predisposing factors

- Advanced age
- Immunodeficiency
- Neutropenia
- Other debilitating diseases



Normal commensal of the respiratory tract (humans only)  
Has become an important opportunistic pathogen



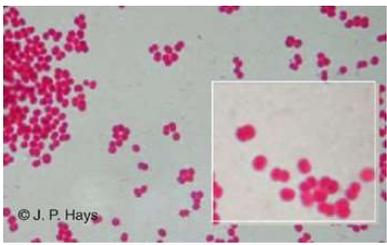
# *Moraxella catarrhalis*



## Laboratory diagnosis;

- **Sample:** pus, sputum, CSF
- **Smear:** Gram negative diplococci
- **Culture:** Smooth grayish-white colour
- **Biochemical reaction:**
  - Oxidase positive
  - Catalase positive
  - Non sugar fermenter
  - Produce beta- lactamase
  - DNase positive

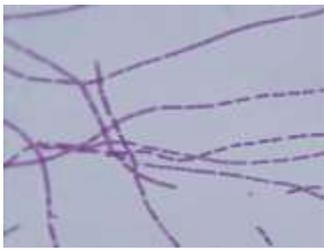




# *Moraxella catarrhalis*

- **Treatment:** fluoroquinolones, most second and third generation cephalosporins, erythromycin, and amoxicillin-clavulanate





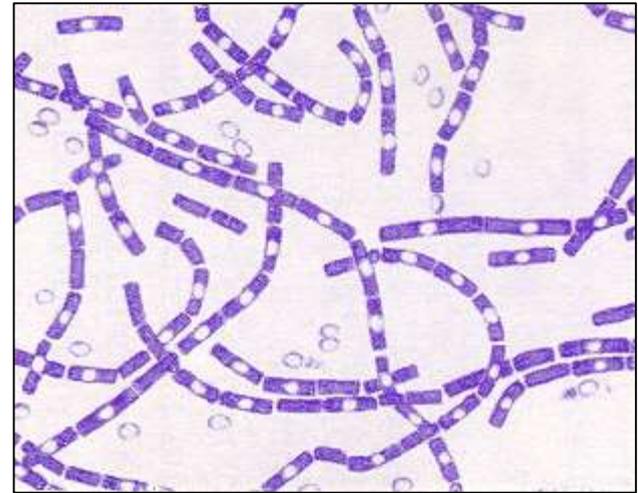
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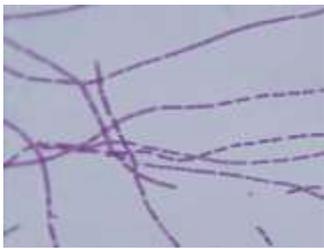


***B. anthracis***: anthrax of the animals and humans.

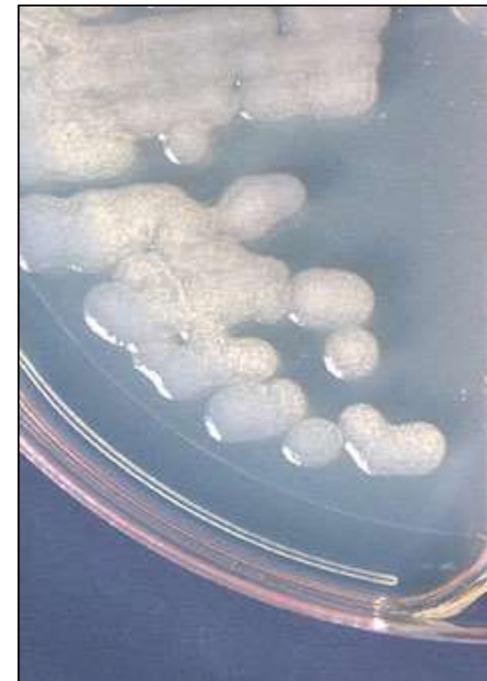
## Morphology and Physiology

- Large gram-positive rods, have square ends, arranged in long chains.
- **Spore** is located in the center of the cell.
- Most are saprophytic (soil, water, air, and on vegetation.)
- Encapsulated and non-motile
- Capsule consists of polypeptide (poly-D-glutamic acid)



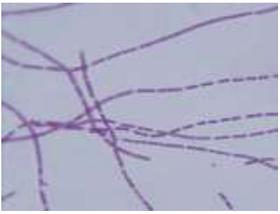


## *B. anthracis*



### Morphology and physiology

- The spores can withstand dry heat and certain disinfectants for moderate periods, and persist for years in dry earth.
- Aerobic or facultative anaerobe
- Culture: **nonhemolytic** gray-white colonies with dry surface on blood agar plates and grow on nutrient agar.



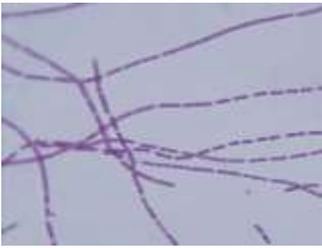
# *B. anthracis*



## Pathogenesis and Immunity

### Virulence factors

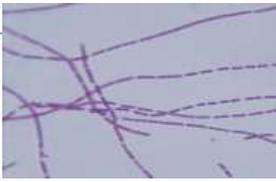
- **Capsule** (encoded from a plasmid)
- **Exotoxins (A-B toxins encoded from another plasmid)**
  - **Edema toxin** is composed of protective antigen (B-subunit) and edema factor (EF; an adenylate cyclase). This toxin complex increases vascular permeability which leads to shock.
  - **Lethal toxin** is composed of protective antigen and lethal factor (LF; a metalloprotease). This toxin causes cell death and stimulates macrophages to release proinflammatory cytokines.



## *B. anthracis*

### Pathogenesis and Immunity

- Primarily a **disease of herbivores** (sheep, cattle, horses); humans are rarely affected. (**Zoonotic**).
- In animals, portal of entry is mouth and GI tract. **In humans, scratches in the skin (95% of infection), ingestion or inhalation lead to infection.**
- The spores germinate in the tissue at the site of entry, and growth of the vegetative forms results in gelatinous edema and congestion. *Bacillus* spread via lymphatics to the blood and other tissues.



# *B. anthracis*



## Clinical Diseases

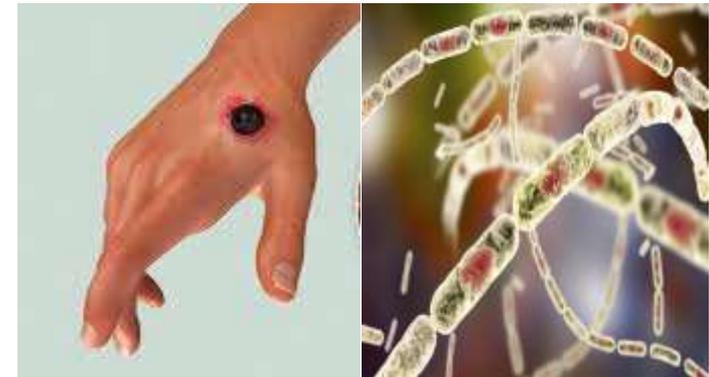
**Inhalation anthrax (wool-sorters' disease):** long incubation time (2 months or more).

Progressive hemorrhagic lymphadenitis /Mediastinitis (enlargement of mediastinal lymph nodes), bloody pleural effusion, sepsis, and meningitis (50% patients).

Fatal if untreated 100%

**Cutaneous anthrax (malignant pustule)** papule-pustule-ulcer with black eschar surrounded by marked oedema

**Gastrointestinal anthrax** (very rare)  
vomiting-pain and bloody diarrhea. <sup>23</sup>





## Human Cutaneous Anthrax Sampling (Suspected)



# *B. anthracis*

## Laboratory Diagnosis

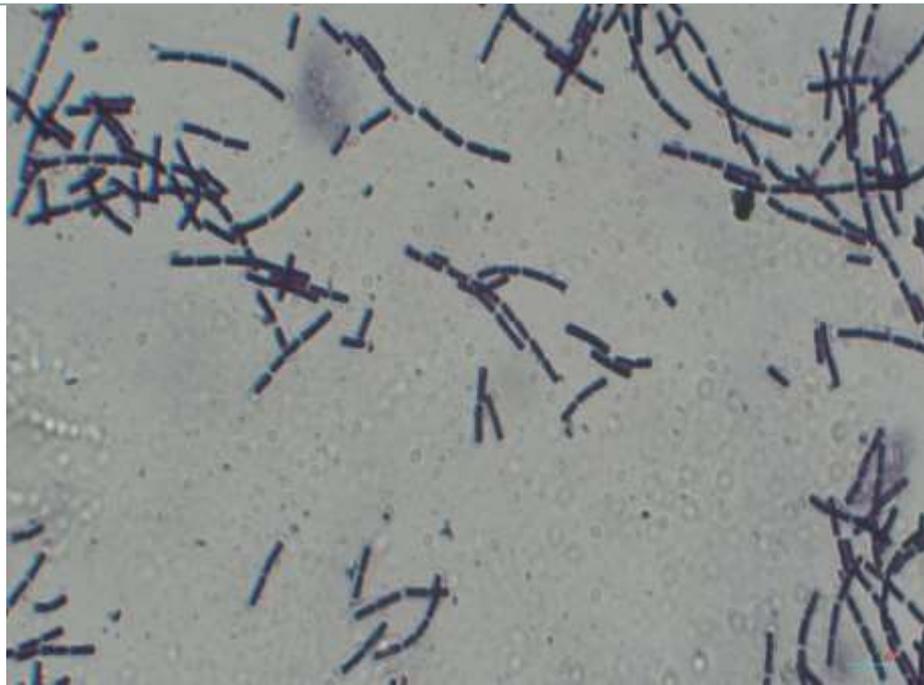
- **Specimens:** fluid or pus from local lesion, blood, or sputum.
- **Smears:** long chains (a characteristic of *B. anthracis*) of large **gram-positive rods** without spores can be seen.
- Immuno-fluorescence stain can be used.
- **Culture:** **nonhemolytic** gray colonies with dry surface on blood agar plates.
- **Identification:** made in a reference lab by direct fluorescent Ab test against capsular polypeptide or PCR test.
- **Serological tests:** detection of antibodies to lethal toxin and edema toxin.

# *B. anthracis*

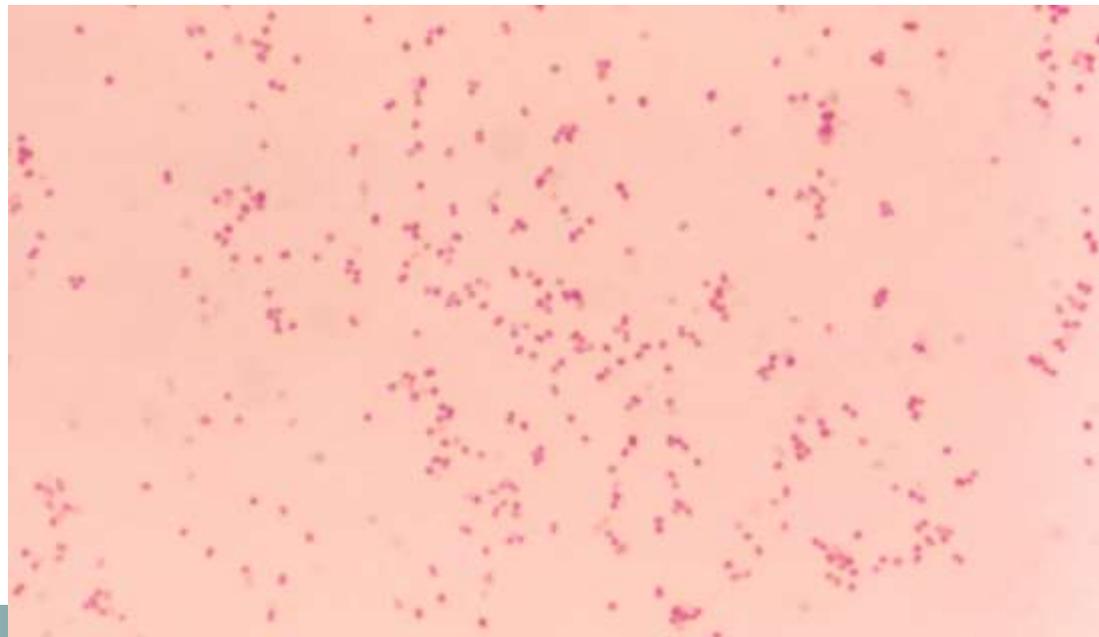
## Treatment

Multi drug therapy, Ciprofloxacin, rifampin and vancomycin





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