

Microbiology sheet

INTRODUCTION TO

PROTOZOA

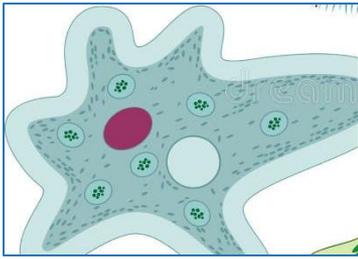
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Can't see by naked eye
should use microscope to
watch

Introduction to Protozoa

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- **Definition:** Protozoa are unicellular organisms capable of performing all life functions.

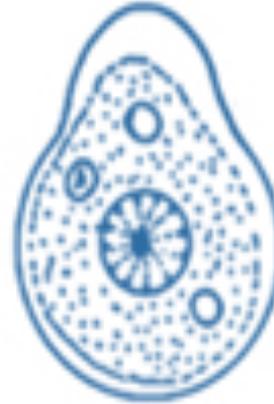
- **Morphology:**

❖ **① Plasma membrane.** ② nucleus

*3. Nucleoplasm : ectoplasm and endoplasm

❖ **Ectoplasm:** hyaline, non-granular outer layer and responsible for locomotion, feeding, excretion and protection

❖ **Endoplasm:** granular, responsible for ^{Mainly} metabolism. It contains food vacuoles, food reserves and contractile vacuoles + Contains nucleus



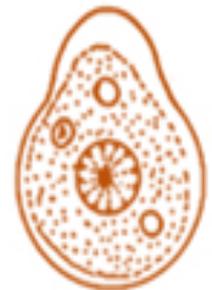
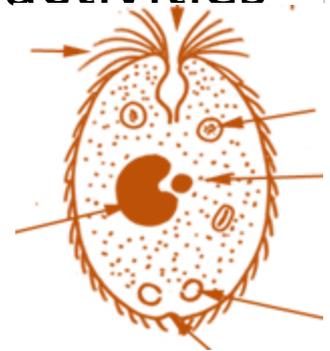
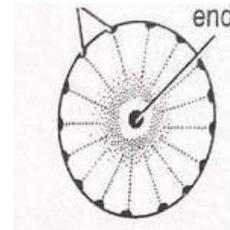
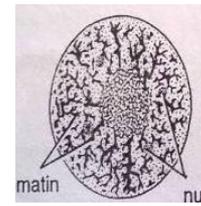
General characters:

❖ **Nucleus:** → different from one to another
(can differentiation between protocoer by shap of nucleus)

- One or more,, located in the endoplasm.
- Responsible for reproduction and regulates activities of the cell.

• Consists of:

- Nuclear membrane.
- Nucleoplasm.
- Chromatin network.
- Karyosome (endosome or nucleolus)



cytosome : means mouth → opening on the anterior end

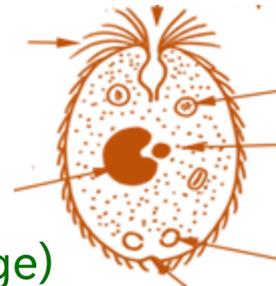
Biology: drain food particles



- **Locomotion:** by pseudopodia, flagella or cilia.
- **Nutrition:** by absorption of liquid food from the surface (saprozoic) or ingestion of solid particles (holozoic) through the cytostome or by pseudopodia.
 - ↗ locomotion
 - ↘ feeding
- **Excretion:** by diffusion, liquid contractile vacuoles or solid cytopyge.
 - ↗ anus-like
 - ↘ in posterior end
 - rupture to release waste products
- **Secretion:** enzymes, toxins, and materials for cyst walls.
- **Encystation:** formation of cysts, to resist unfavourable
- conditions and facilitate transfer

* the infective stage is cyst stage

* trophozooid destroyed in external environment (weak stage)



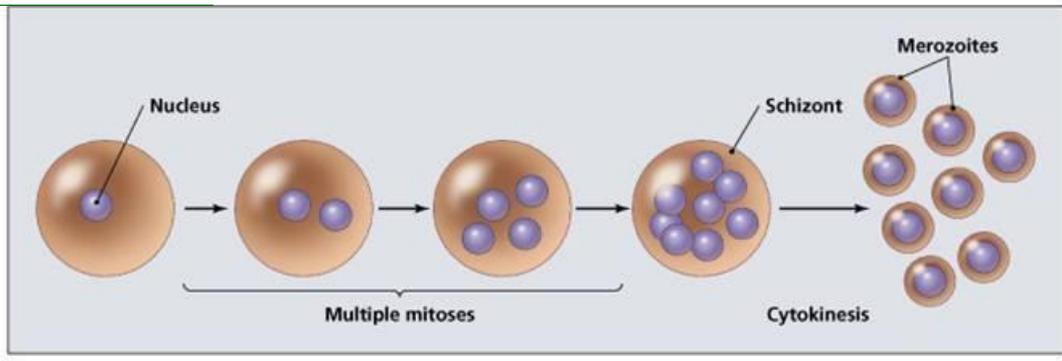
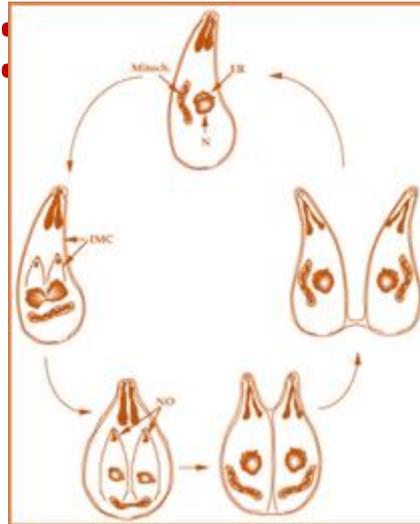
Reproduction:

❖ **Asexual:**

internal binary fission

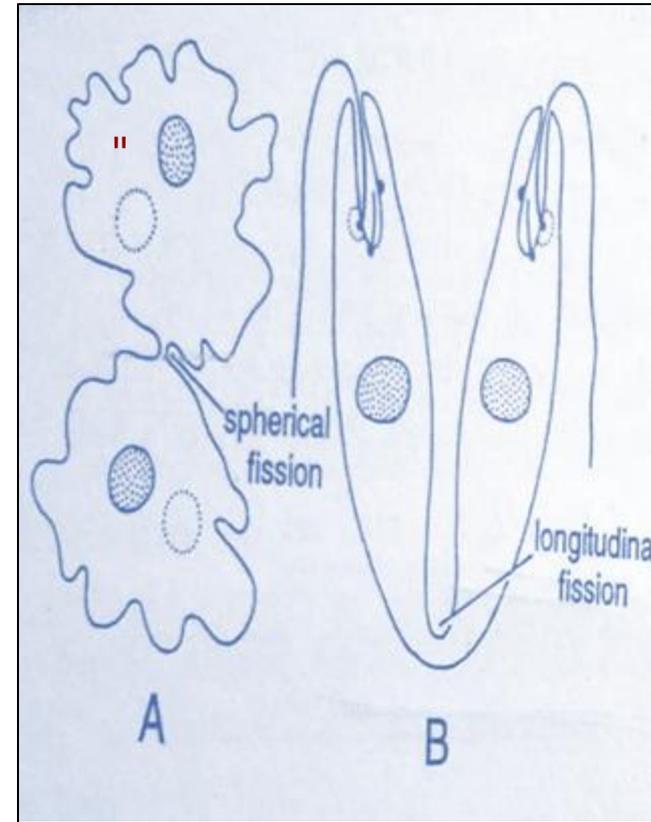
Endodyogony →

occur inside mother cell rupture to release them



Multiple fission (schizogony)

- nucleus divides to multiple nuclei
- cytoplasm divides to multiple cytoplasm
- give me multiple daughter cells



Simple binary fission

most common

- nucleus divides to 2.
- cytoplasm divide to 2
- give me 2 daughter cells

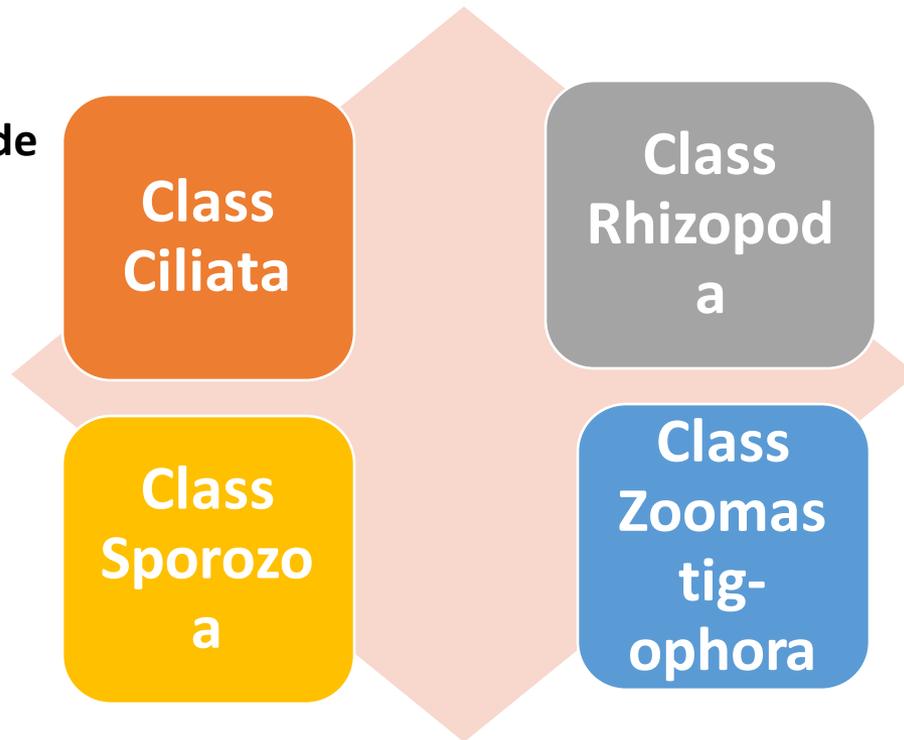
Reproduction:

❖ Sexual:  rejuvenation  e. g: rejuvenalisation

- - Conjugation: temporary union of two organisms for exchange of nuclear material as in *Balantidium coli*. no change in number
- - **Syngamy**: permanent union of gametes for formation of a zygot.
common

Protozoa classification

According to the mode of locomotion



most common

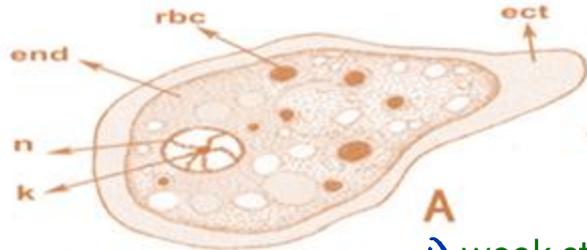
 *Entamoeba histolytica* 

secret histolytic
enzyme which lysis the
tissues



Entamoeba histolytica

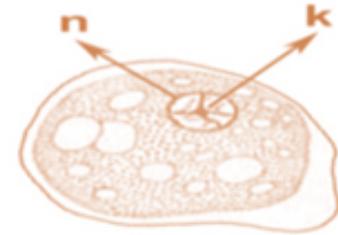
inside the body it is the infective stage



- 1) weak stage
- 2) destroyed rapidly
in external environment

Trophozoite

Zomm, pseudopodia, ectoplasm, endoplasm



single pseudopodia
slower than trophozoite

smaller than
trophozoite

Pre-cyst



Uninucleated cyst



(2 nuclei)
**Binucleated
cyst**

4 nuclei



no food all
food is consumed
(infective stage) Out side the body
**Quadrinucleated
mature cyst**

nucleus → central Karyosome → chromatin network form and chromatin dots
in inner surface of strides nuclear membrane (car wheel-like)

⊗ uninucleated cyst!:- single nucleus

⊗ does not eat but reserves food as source of energy to present at external environment

↓
in cytoplasm there is food vacuoles contain ABCs
Takes its nutrients from it ↙ ↘
⊗ secretes histolytic enzymes (inside the body)

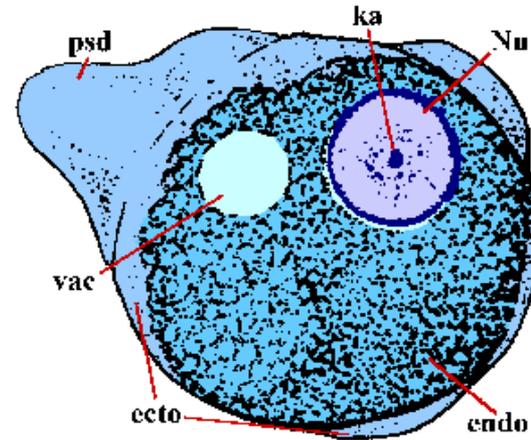
↓
2 ways to reserve food

↙
glycogen vacuoles

↘
chromatoid bodies (sugar-shape)

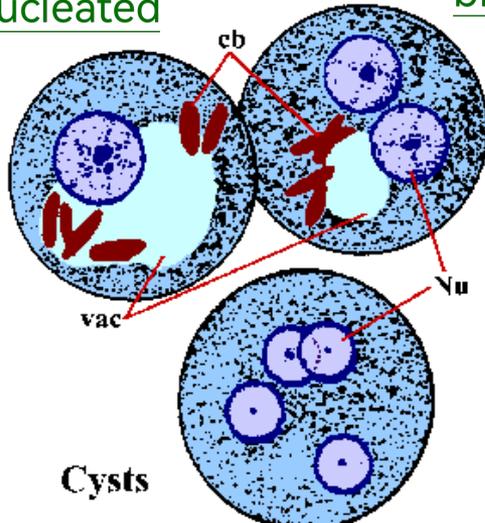
⊗ cyst stage is not motile

Trophozoite



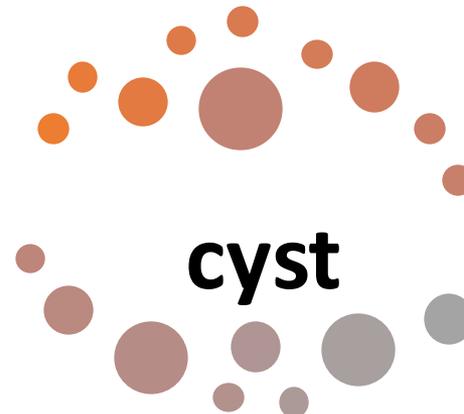
uninucleated

binucleated



Cysts

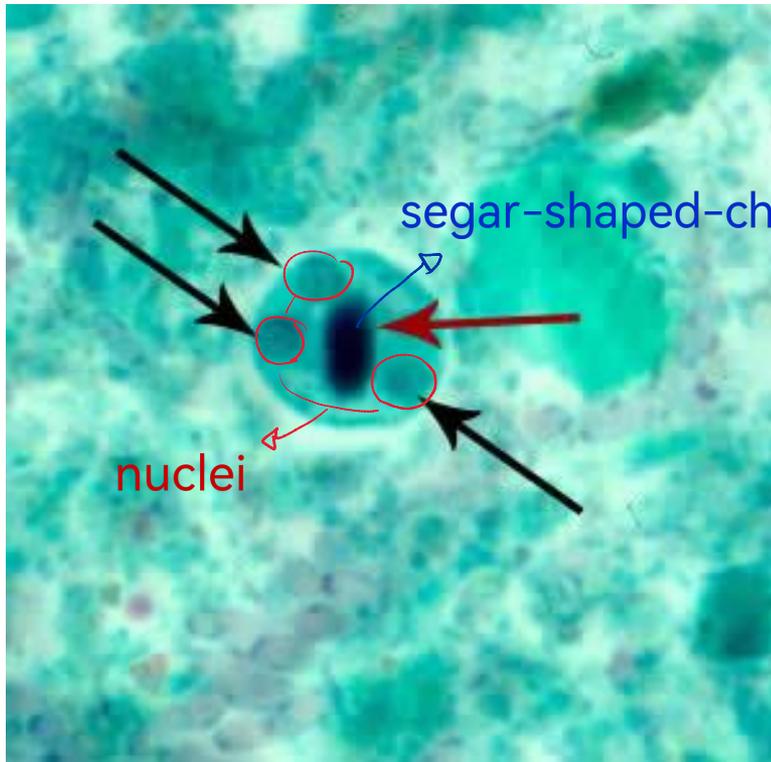
quadrinucleated



cyst

Cyst stage

(mature cyst)



RBCs

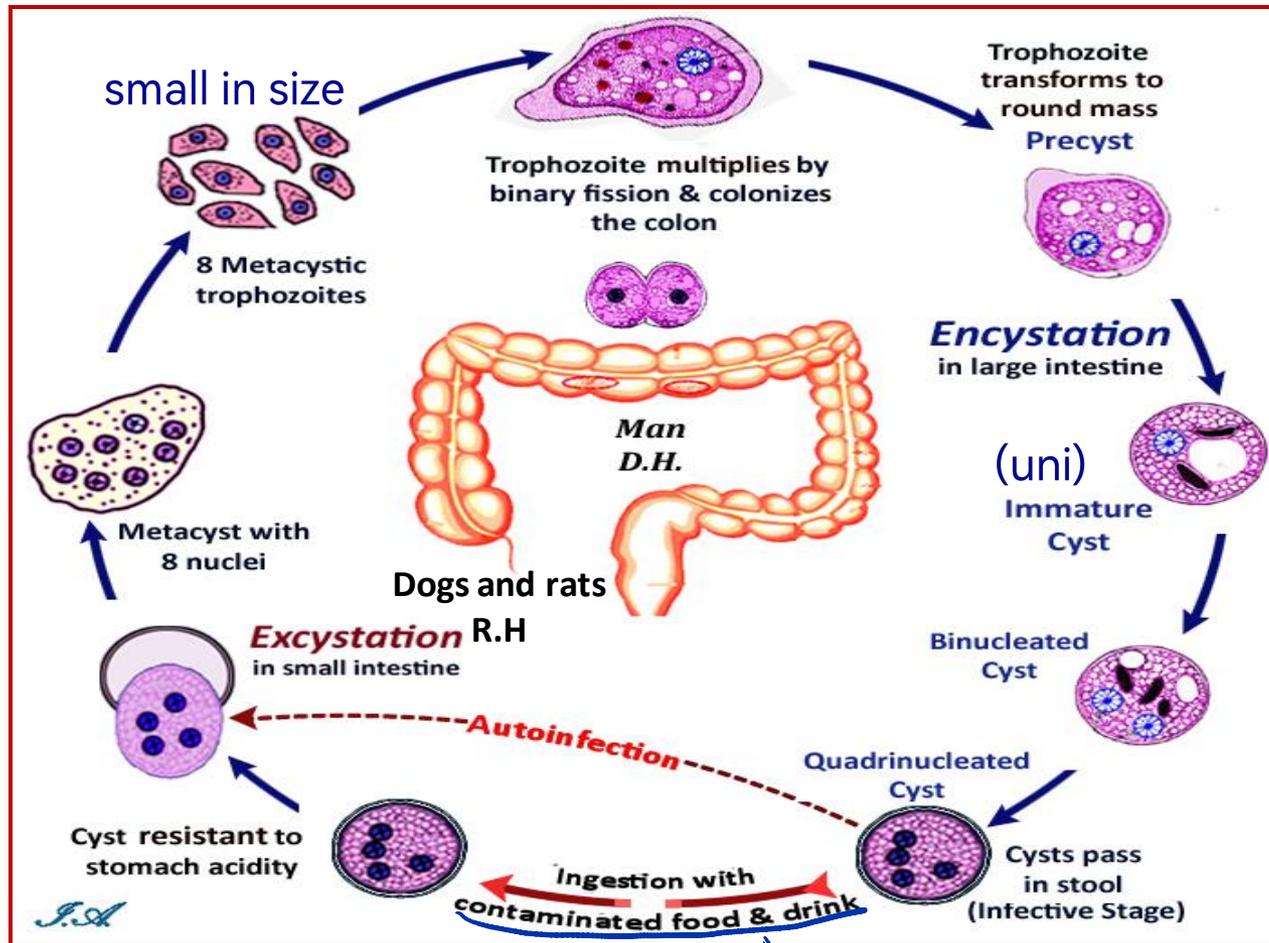


nucleus



* all stages can normally pass in stool except in trophozoite in severe diarrhea

but the only stage that can complete the cycle after pass in stool is quadrinucleated cyst



- ❖ **Habitat** lang intestine
 - ❖ **Hosts: D.H and R.H** Man Dog and rats
 - ❖ **D.S** uni,bi, quadricyst → Trophozoite in sever diarrhea
 - ❖ **I.S** mature quadrinucleated cyst
 - ❖ **Mode of infection** fero-oral
- feco-oral(hand to mouth)
 External autoinfection
 Contaminated hand (person to person)

depend on the immunity
↓ immunity → ↑ infection

Pathogenesis



With heavy infection and lowering of host immunity

pathogenic stage

Trophozoite

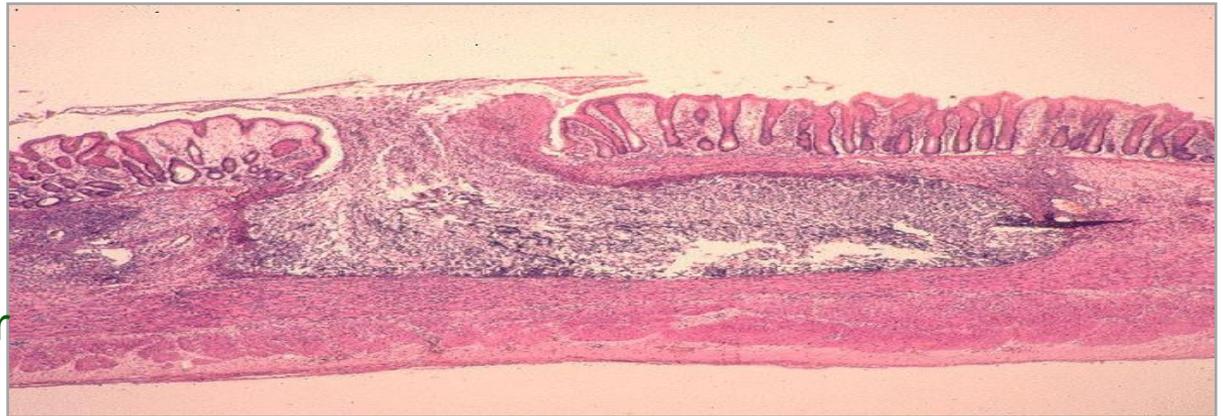
causes dysentery:

- mucus
- blood
- tenesmus

the feeling that you need to pass stools, even though your bowels are already empty. It may involve straining, pain and cramping

The trophozoites of *E. histolytica* invade the mucosa and submucosa of the large intestine by secreting lytic enzymes → amoebic ulcers

The ulcer is flask-shaped with deeply undermined edges containing cytolysed cells, mucus and trophozoites.



The most common sites of amoebic ulcers are caecum, colonic flexures and sigmoidorectal regions due to decreased peristalsis & slow colonic flow at these sites that help invasion.

cyst stage never present in tissue

Clinical pictures



I) Intestinal amoebiasis

should given the drug

1-Asymptomatic infection

Most common and trophozoites remain in the intestinal lumen feeding on nutrients as a commensal without tissue invasion
(Asymptomatic patient known as a healthy carrier and cyst passers)

2-Symptomatic infection

a) Acute amoebic dysentery

Presented with fever, abdominal pain, tenderness, tenesmus (difficult defecation) and frequent motions of loose stool containing **mucus, blood and trophozoites.**

b) Chronic infection

-Occurs if acute dysentery is not properly treated.
-With low grade fever, recurrent episodes of diarrhea alternates with constipation.
- Only cysts are found in stool.

in colon

3-Complications

- Haemorrhage** due to erosion of large blood vessels.
- Intestinal perforation** → peritonitis.
- **Appendicitis.**
- Amoeboma (Amoebic granuloma)** around the ulcer → stricture of affected area.

II) Extra-intestinal amoebiasis



Due to invasion of the blood vessels by the trophozoites in the intestinal ulcer → reach the blood → to spread to different organs as:

pus is chocolate in color

→ Liver →
1st and most common site

- Amoebic liver abscess or diffuse amoebic hepatitis.
- Affect commonly **right lobe** either due to spread via portal vein or extension from perforating ulcer in right colonic flexure.
- CP**: include fever, hepatomegaly and pain in right hypochondrium.

→ Lung →

- Lung abscess → pneumonitis with chest pain, cough, fever.
- Amoebic lung abscess usually occur in the **lower part of the right lung** due to direct spread from the liver lesions, through the diaphragm or very rarely trophozoites may reach the lung via blood.



→ **Brain** → Brain abscess ⇨ encephalitis (fatal).

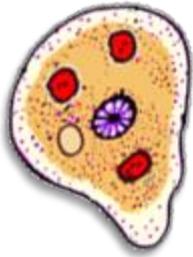
granuloma in skin around anus

Cutaneous ↗ **amoebiasis**
(Amoebiasis cutis):

- when the invasive amoebae escape from the large gut and stick to adjacent skin, usually the perianal and perigenital area.

→ **Skin** →

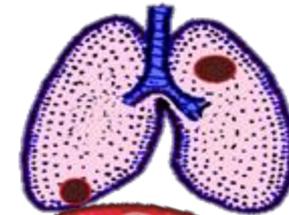
Pathogenesis of amoebiasis



Cerebral amoebiasis



Pleuropulmonary amoebiasis



Hepatic amoebiasis

Amoebic hepatitis

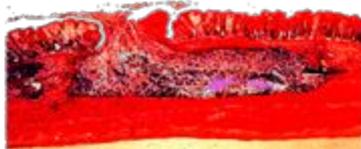
Amoebic liver abscess



Intestinal amoebiasis

Acute amoebic dysentery

Chronic intestinal amoebiasis



Flask-shaped ulcers



Coetaneous amoebiasis





Laboratory diagnosis

I) Intestinal amoebiasis

a) Direct

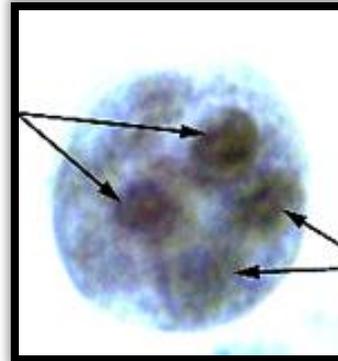
• **Macroscopic:** Offensive loose stool mixed with mucus and blood.

• **Microscopic:**

1-Stool examination: Reveals either trophozoites (in loose stool) or cysts (in formed stool) by direct smear, iodine stained & culture.

2-Sigmoidoscopy: To see the ulcer or the trophozoites in aspirate or biopsy of the ulcer.

3-X-ray after barium enema: to see the ulcer, deformities or stricture.



b) Indirect

- **Copro-antigen detection in stool**

- **Serological tests:** CFT, IHAT, IFAT, ELISA and GDPT (gel-diffusion precipitin test).

N.B. These serological tests are positive only in invasive intestinal amoebiasis but negative in asymptomatic carriers.



II) Extra- intestinal amoebiasis

According to the organ affected

a) Direct

1- X- ray:

In liver ⇒ space occupying lesion.

In lung ⇒ pleuritis with elevation of the diaphragm (brain)

2- Ultrasonography, CT scan & MIR:

For liver abscess.

3- Aspiration of abscess content:

For liver abscess to detect (no cyst) trophozoites.

b) Indirect

(Mainly)

1- Serological tests: As intestinal amoebiasis. They are positive and can persist for years.

2- Molecular by PCR. (very rare)

3- Blood examination: Leucocytosis.

4- Liver function tests: Increased in amoebic liver abscess.



Treatment

for cyst

affect trophozoite

1) Asymptomatic intestinal carrier

2) Intestinal amoebiasis

3) Extra-intestinal amoebiasis

Luminal amoebicides

Tissue & luminal amoebicides

Tissue & luminal amoebicides

Paromomycin or
Diloxanide furoate

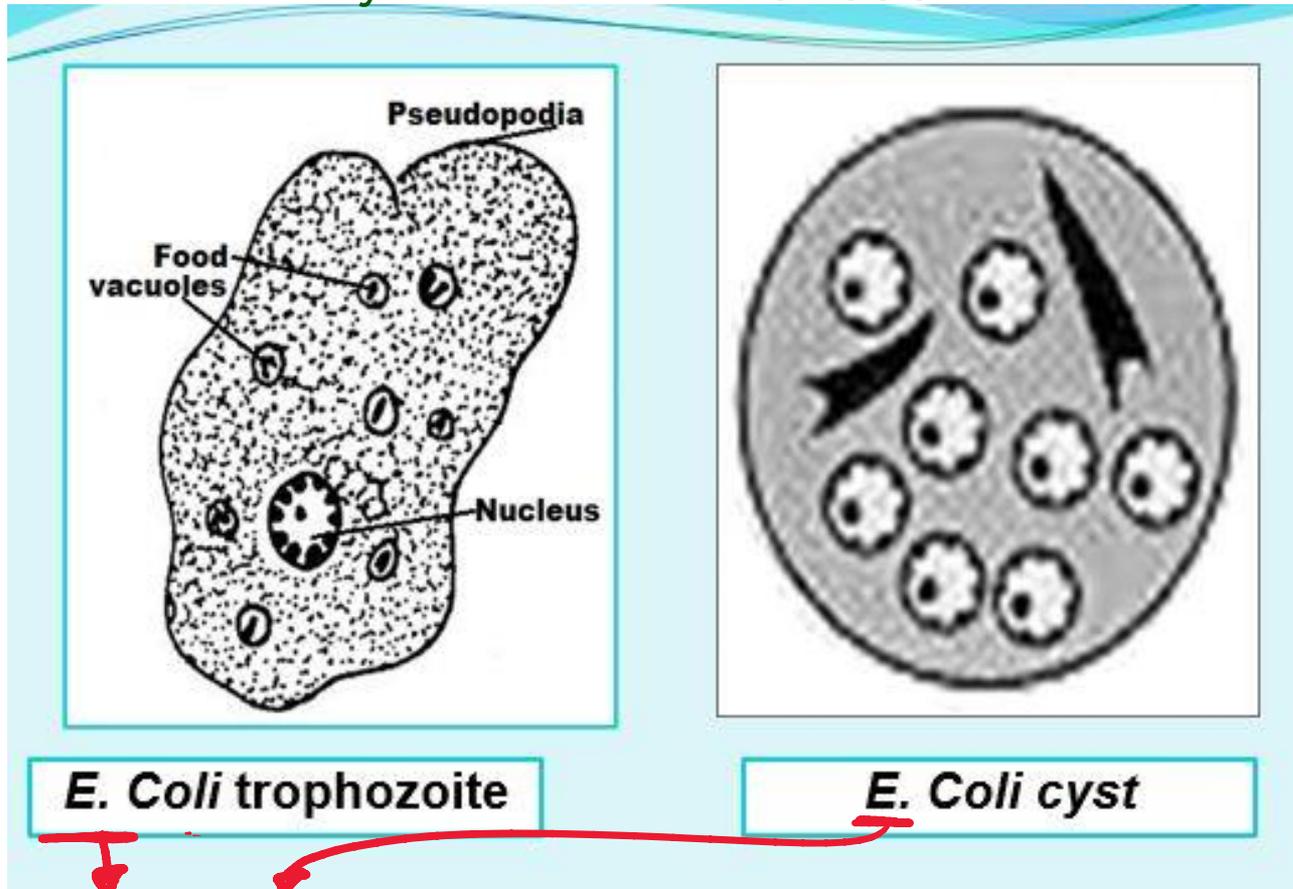
Metronidazol
(Flagyl) **is the drug of choice** +
Paromomycin or
Diloxanide furoate

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1. bigger in size
2. plumbed pseudopodia
3. eccentric karyosome

chromatoid bodies:
splinter shape

8 nuclei



commensal : not harmful → no need to treatment

Thank

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عقدةً من لساني يفقهو قولي، واجعل
محفوظي يجري على لساني جرياً، وأبعد عني
النسيان، واهدني ووفقني لما فيه نفعي ونفع
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