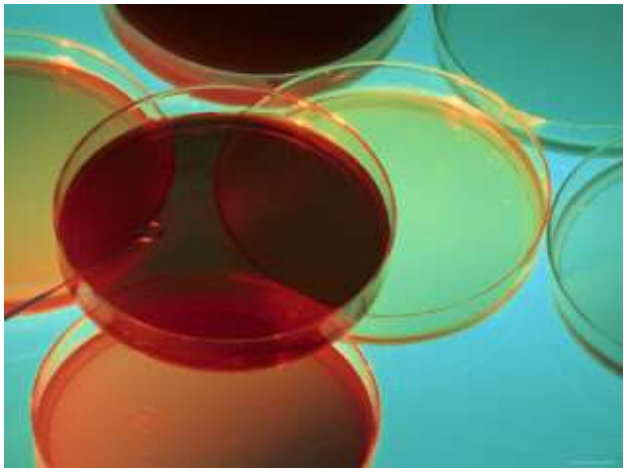

General Microbiology Lab

Types of Culture Media
2021-2022
Lab 4

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Purpose

To become familiar with the selective and differential media used to identify the infections associated bacteria

Principle

• Bacteria and other microbes have particular requirements for growth. Therefore, in order to successfully grow the bacteria in lab so that we can stain and identify them, we must provide an environment that is suitable for growth.

• Growth media are used to cultivate bacteria because it contains essential:
  - ✓ Necessary nutrients
  - ✓ Moisture
  - ✓ pH to support microbial growth

Streaking Microbial Cultures on Agar Plates

Agar plate streaking are an essential tool in microbiology. They allow bacteria and fungi to grow on a semi-solid surface to produce discrete colonies. These colonies can be used to help identify the organism

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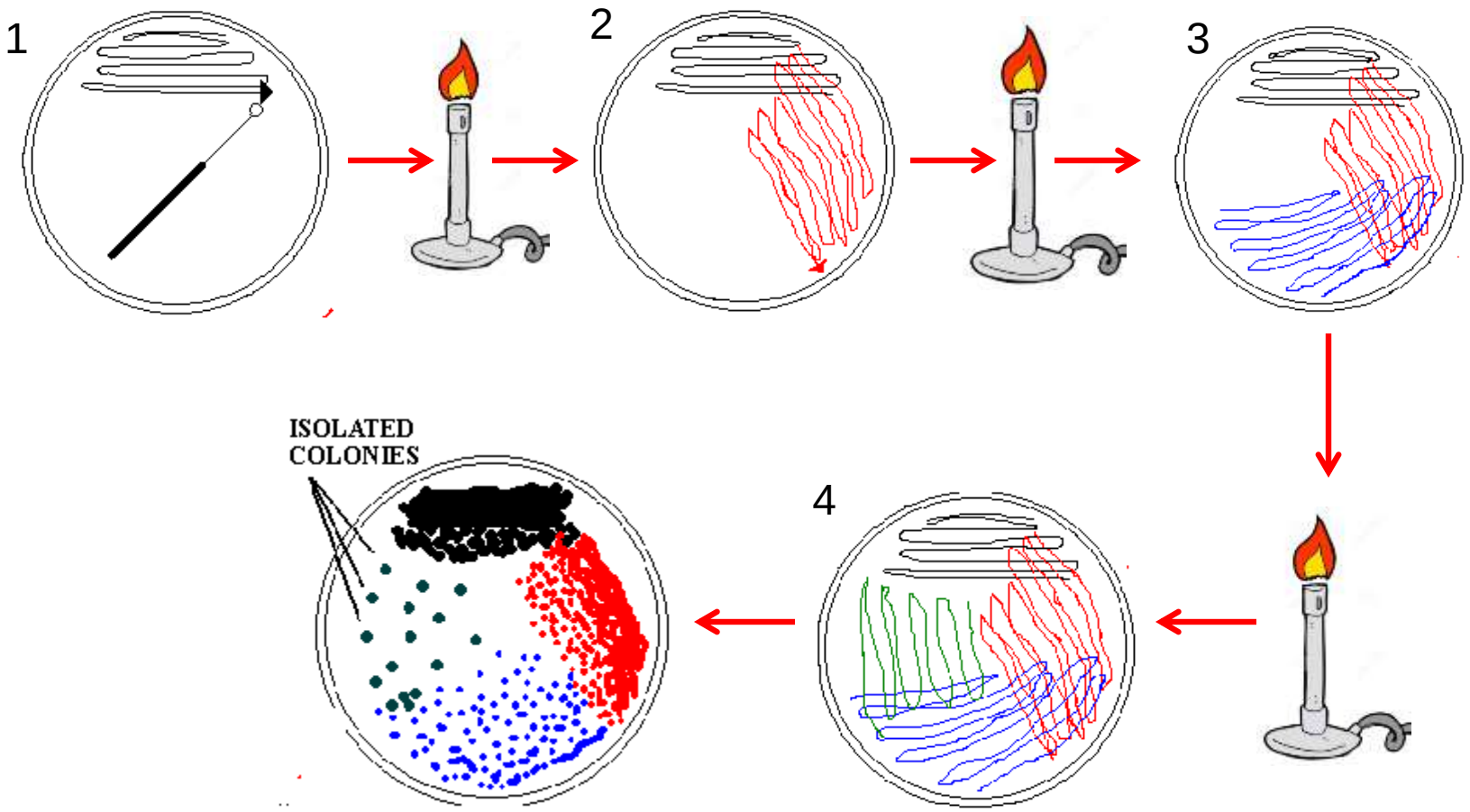

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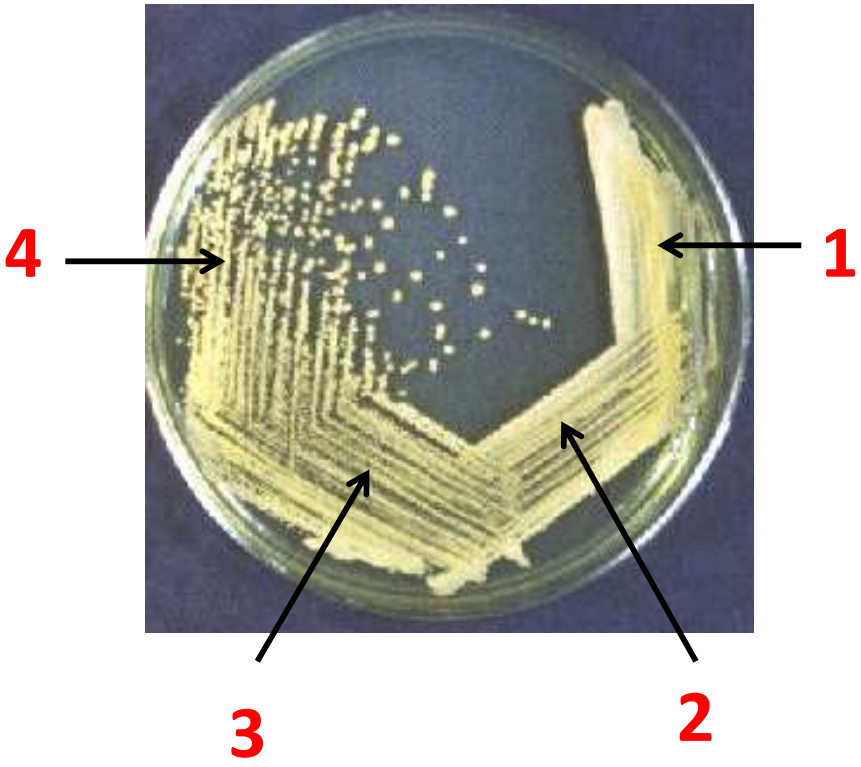

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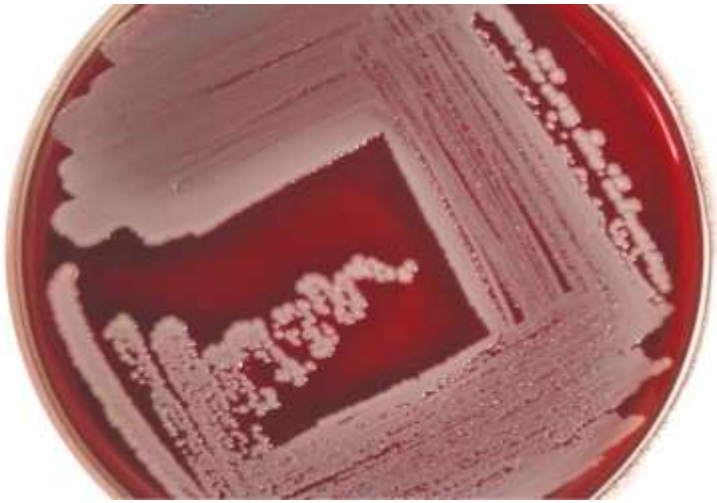

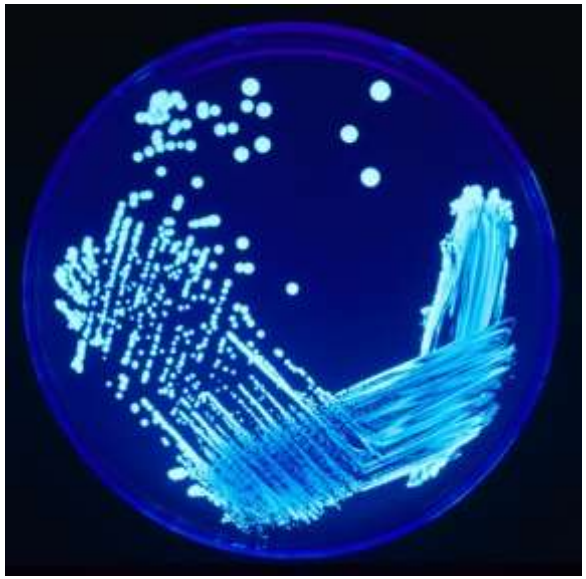

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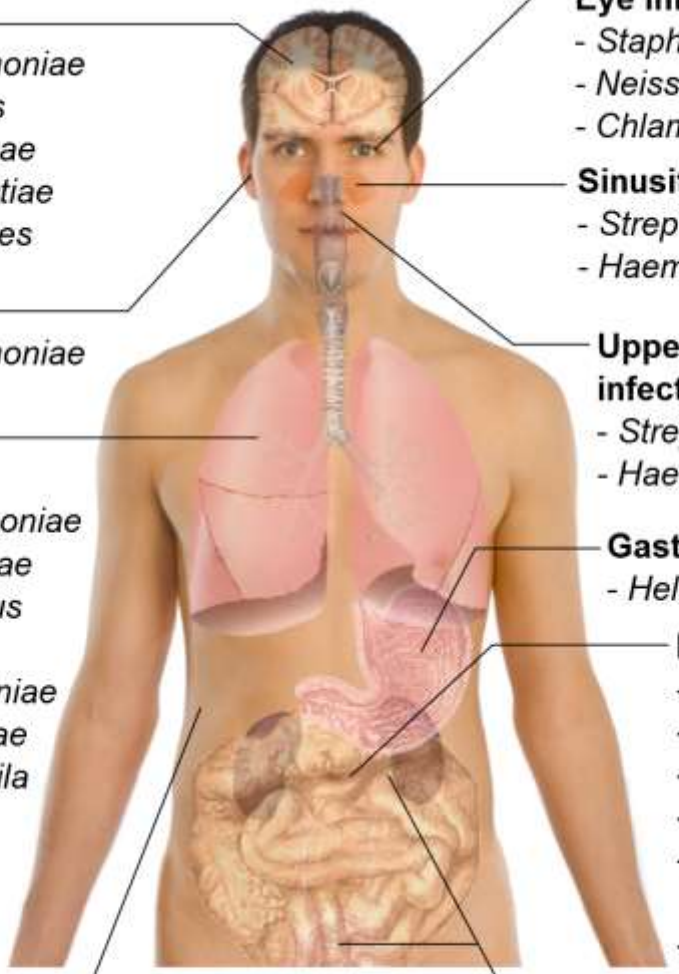

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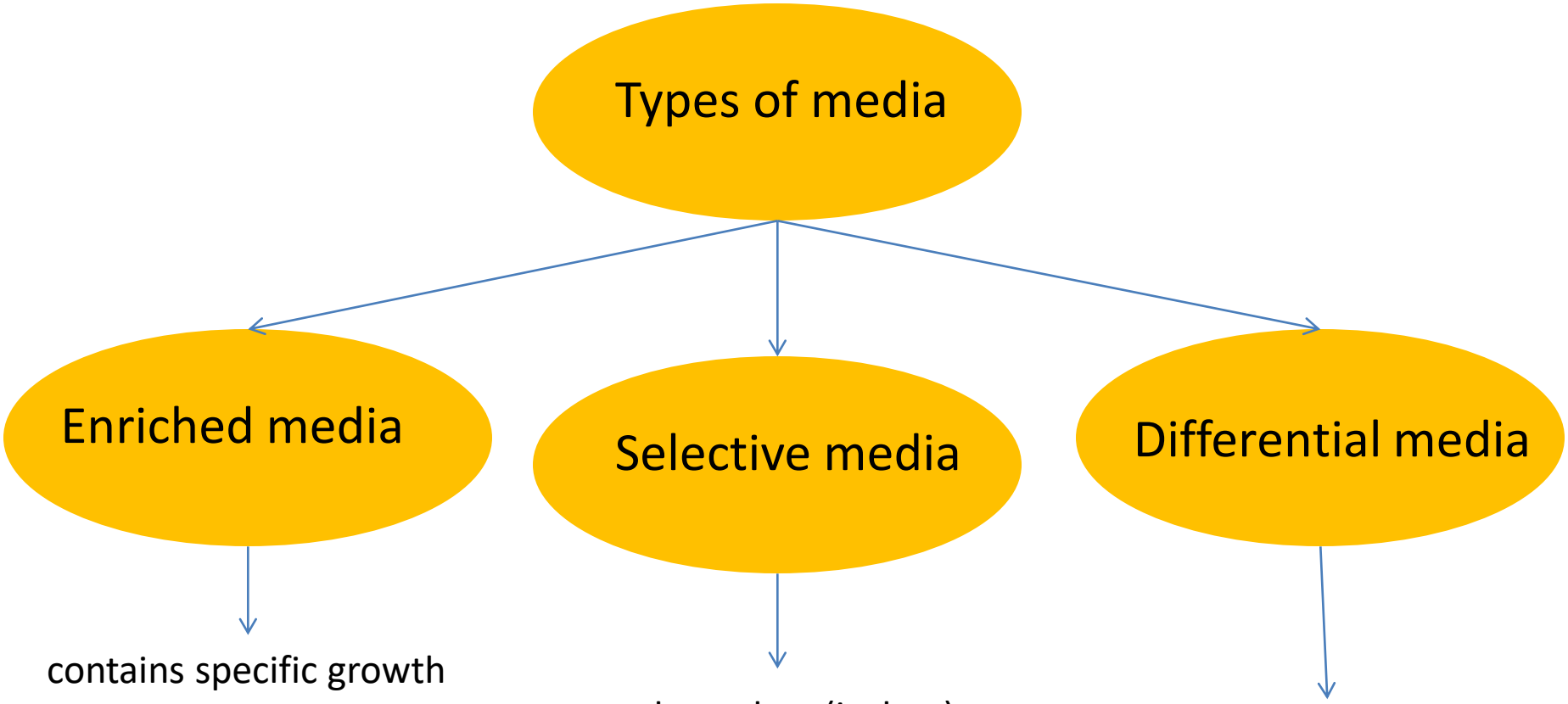

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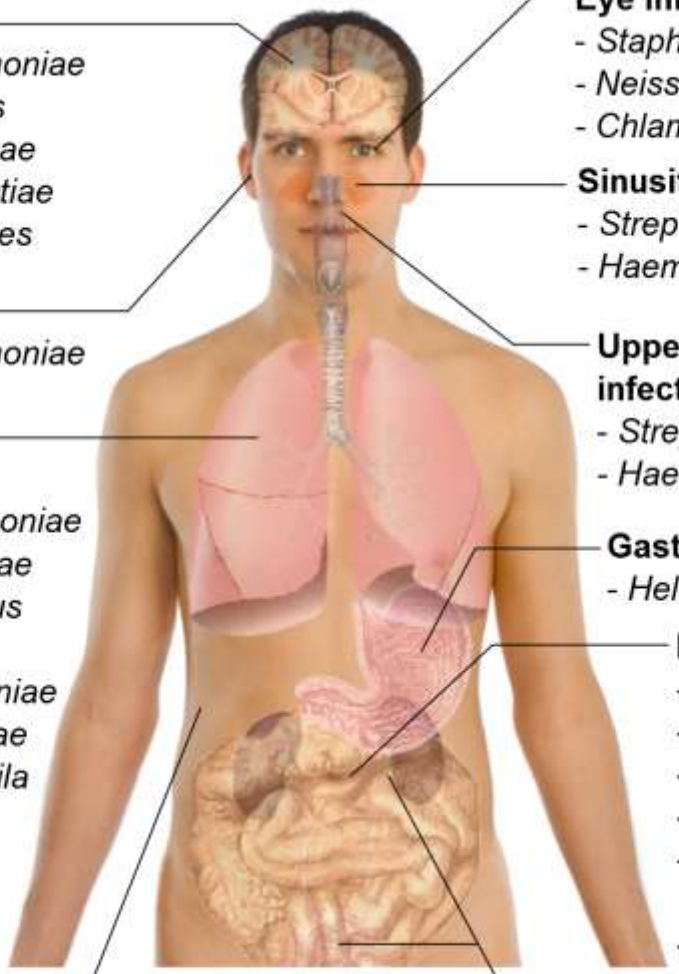

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Microbiological Analysis of Urine Specimens

Bacteria	**Gram positive**	*Stapylococcus aureus* *Streptococcus pyogenes* *Streptococcus facalis* *Streptococcus faecium*
	Gram negative	*Escherichia coli* *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* *Proteus vulgaris* *Klebsiella pneumoniae*
Viruses	**Venereal Disease**	*Treponema pallidum* *Neisseria gonorrhoeae* *Hemophillus ducreyi* *Herpes hominus (type 11)*
Fungi	*Candida albicans* *Blastomyces dermatitidis* *Coccidioides bancrofti*	
Protozoa	*Trichomonas vaginalis* *Entameoba histolytica*	

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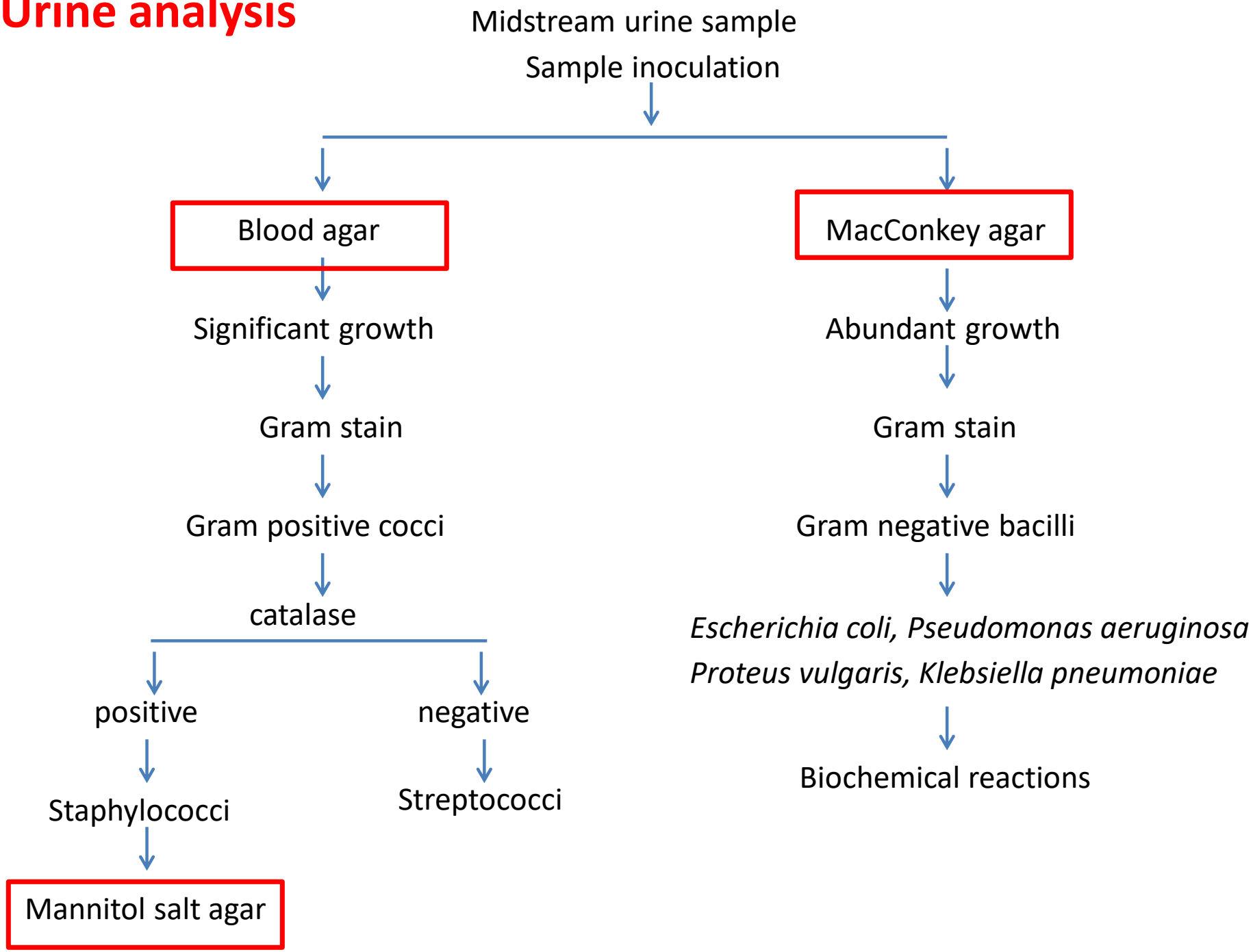
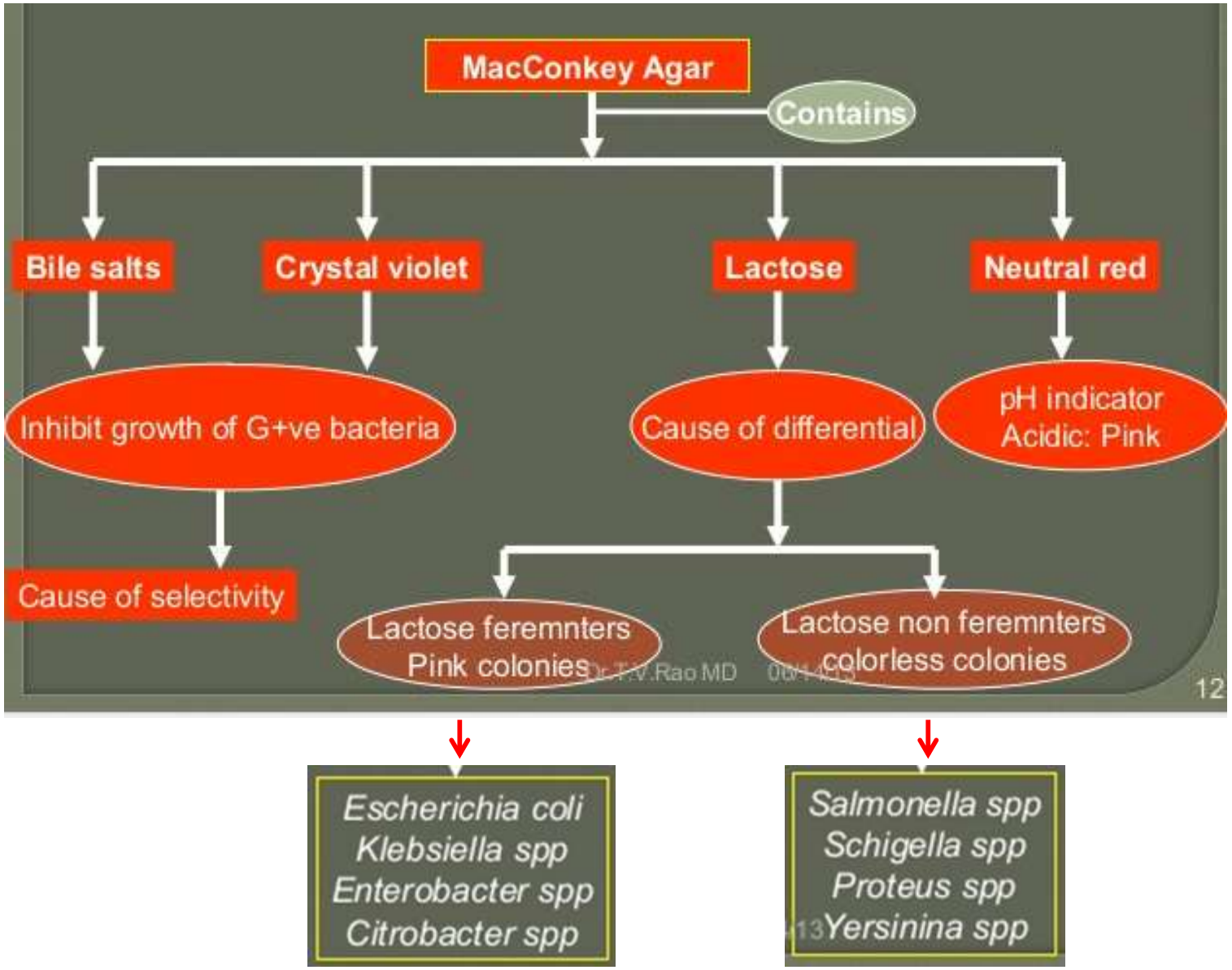


MacConkey agar is a selective and differential media for Enterobacteriaceae



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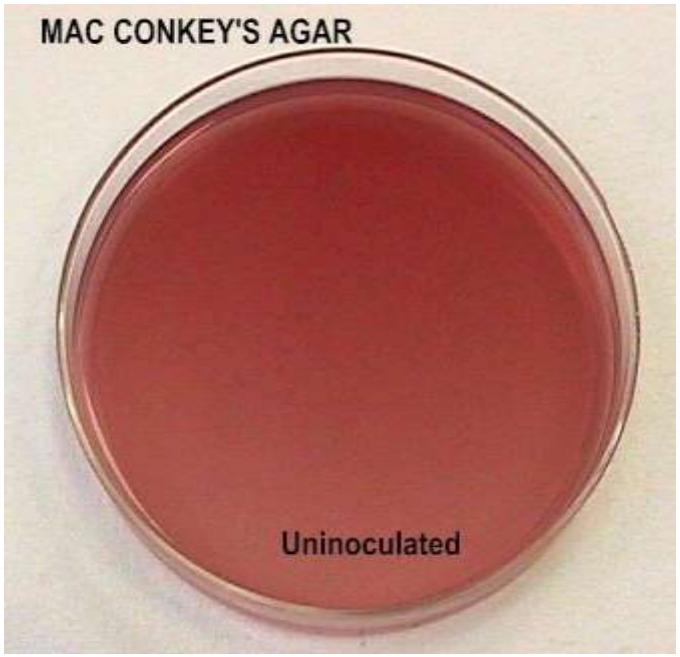
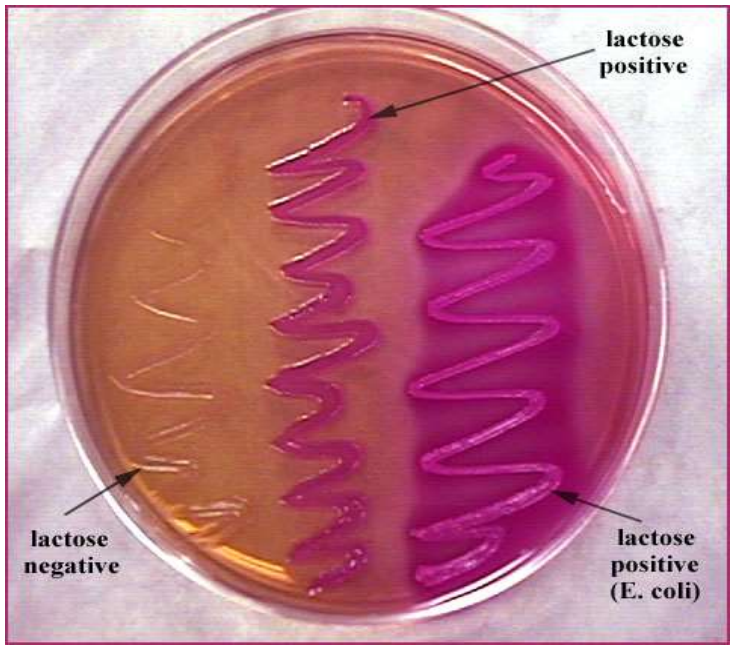




Blood agar (BA)

Enriched medium: containing peptones, yeast extracts, liver or heart extracts (depending on the medium), and blood.

Some bacteria produce an enzyme called hemolysin that is able to lyse RBCs (hemolysis)

Differential medium: containing blood

If hemolysin is produced by the bacteria it will be secreted into the medium and the RBCs will be lysed

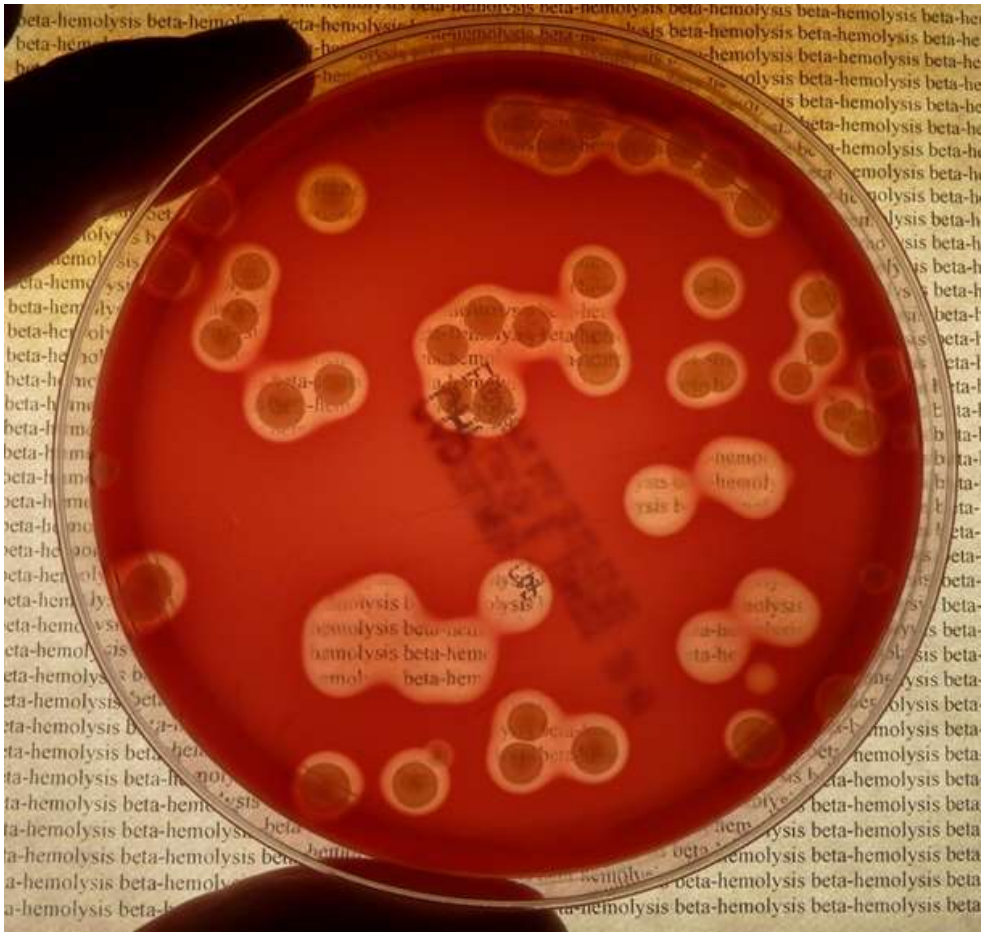
Growth on BA differentiates between the three groups of Bacteria:

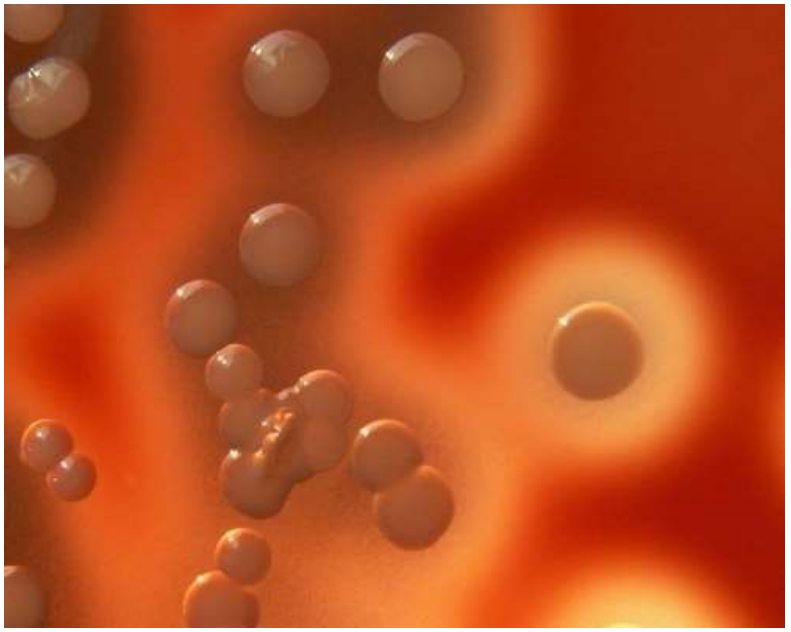
1- Alpha hemolytic bacteria

2- Gamma hemolytic bacteria

3- Beta hemolytic bacteria

Beta hemolysis = Complete hemolysis





Alpha hemolysis

Hemoglobin containing Fe^{2+} (ferrous)

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hydrogen peroxide produced by the bacterium

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Oxidation of Fe^{2+} into Fe^{3+} (ferric) state

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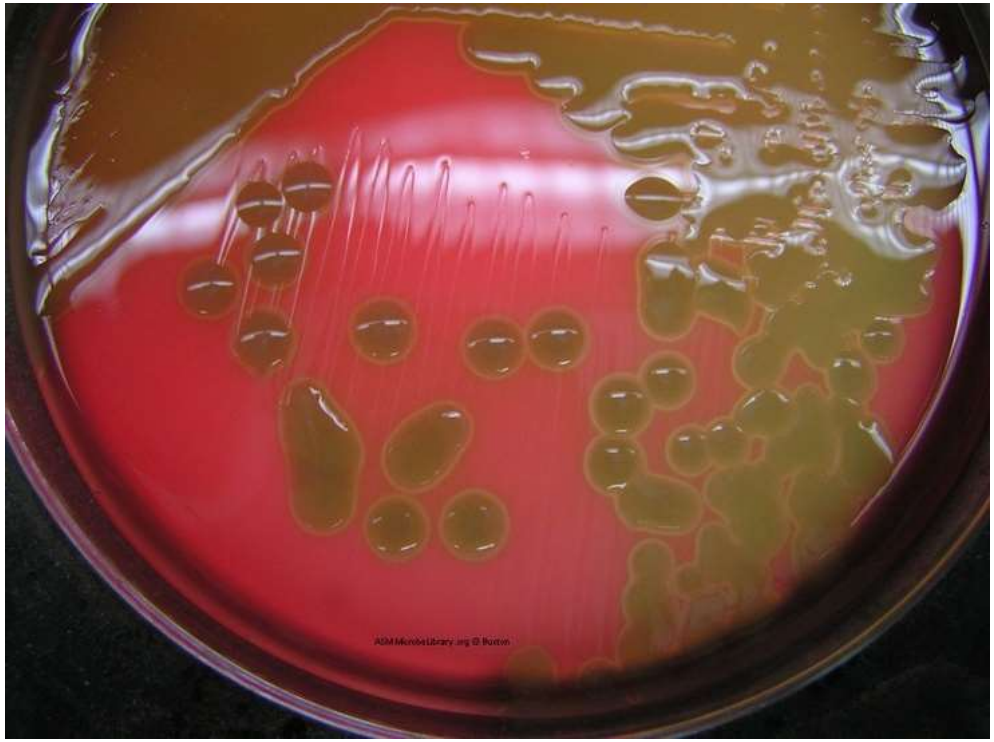
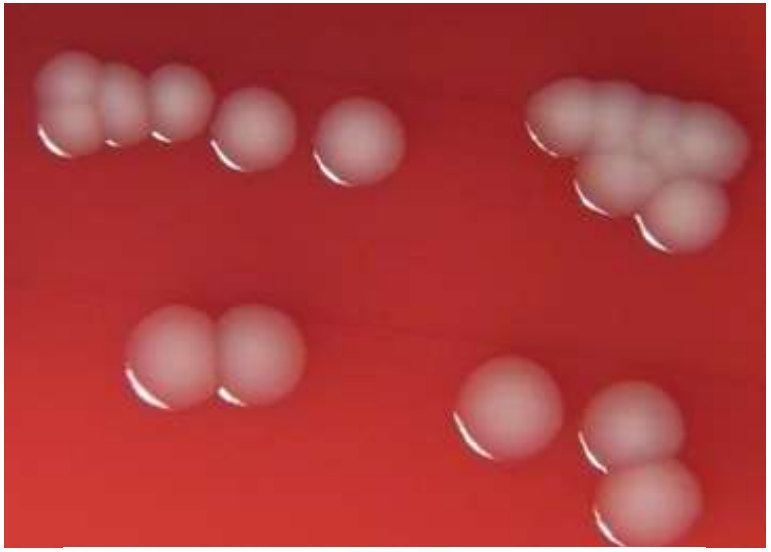
Hemoglobin converted into methemoglobin (greenish color)



Incomplete (partial) lysis of RBCs

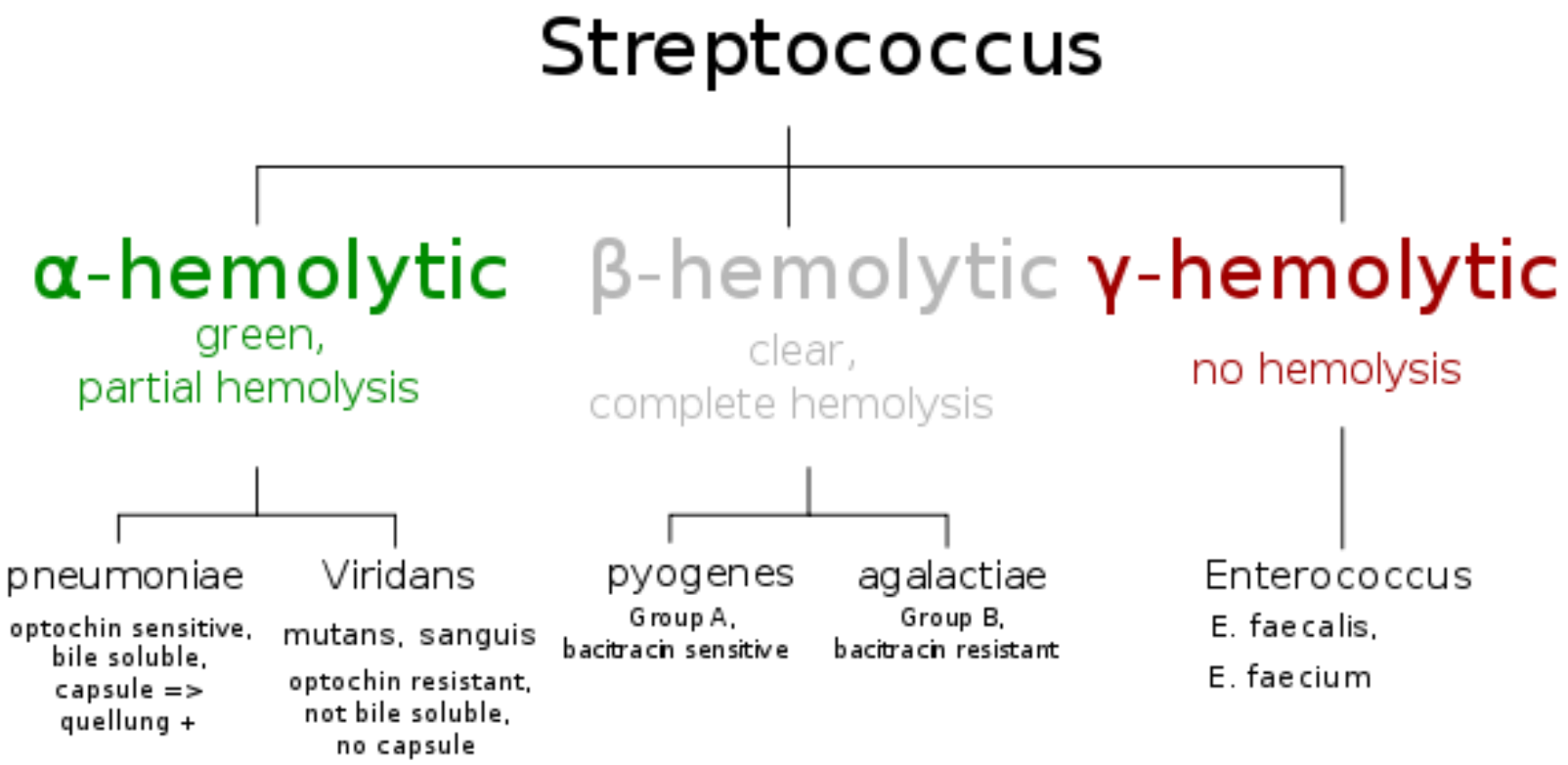
Gamma hemolysis

No hemolysis, and no change in the medium



The three types of hemolysis

The hemolytic pattern of different Streptococci



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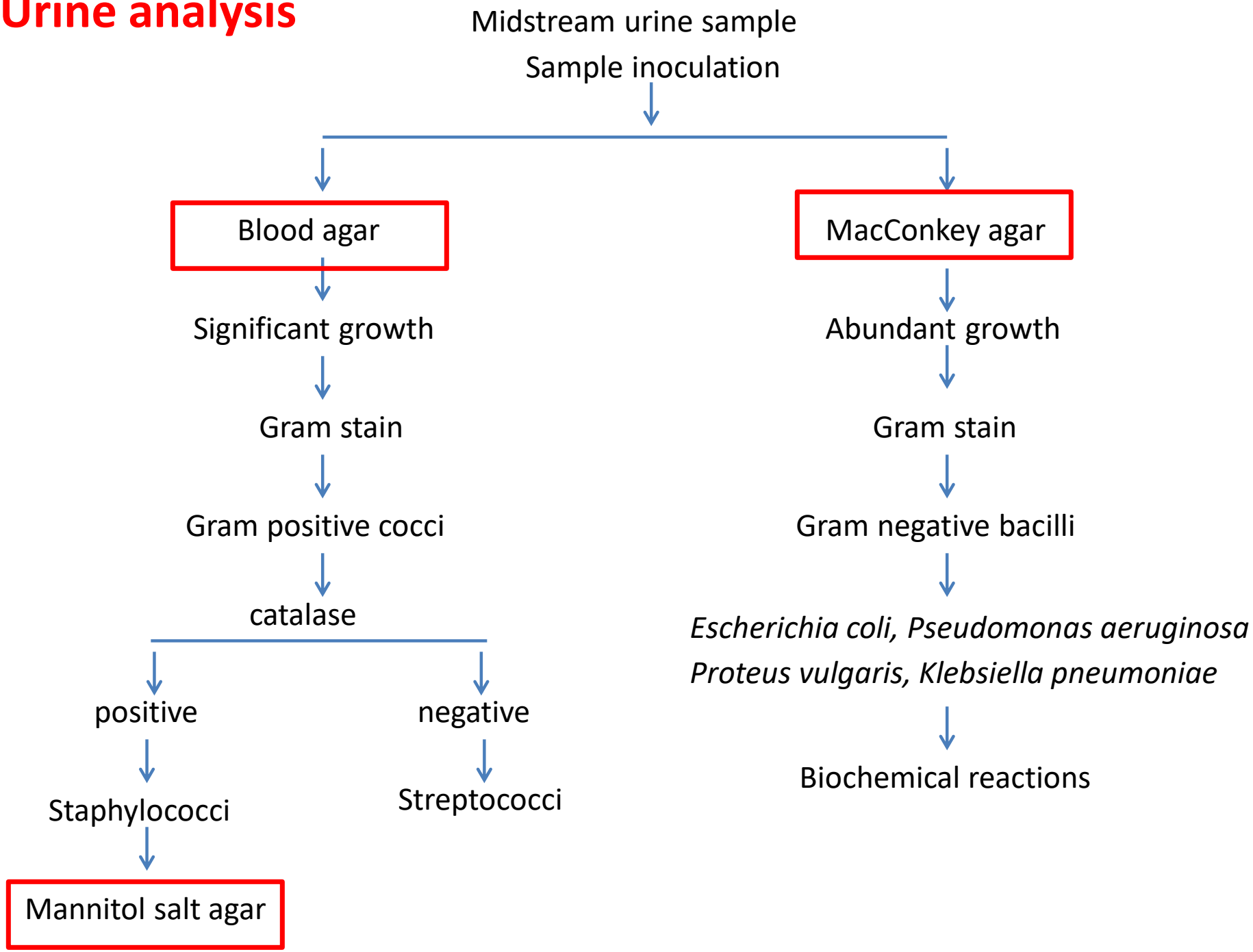


Mannitol salt agar

Selective and Differential for Staphylococci

- **Selective agent: 7.5% NaCl**

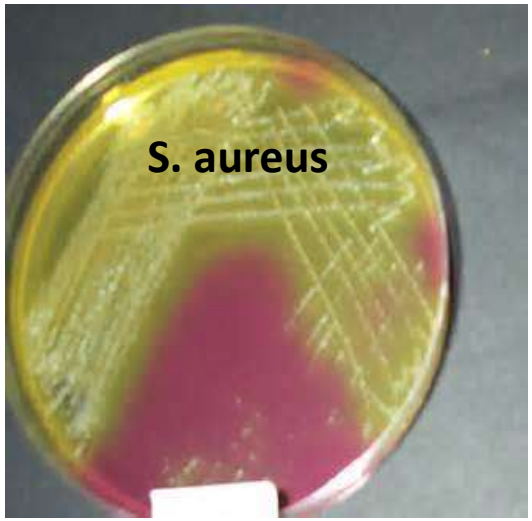
- **Differential agent:** mannitol to differentiate between mannitol Fermenters and nonfermenters

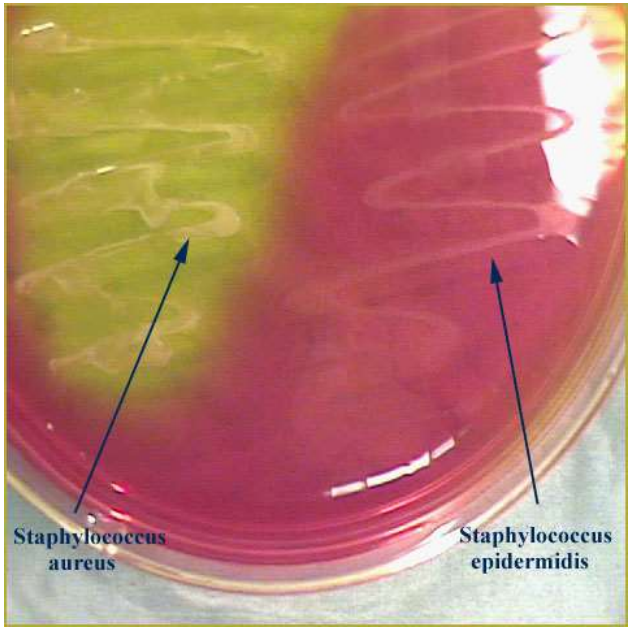
- pH indicator: Phenol red

Mannitol salt agar

MSA

Non-cultured





Blood agar

Beta hemolytic Staphylococci

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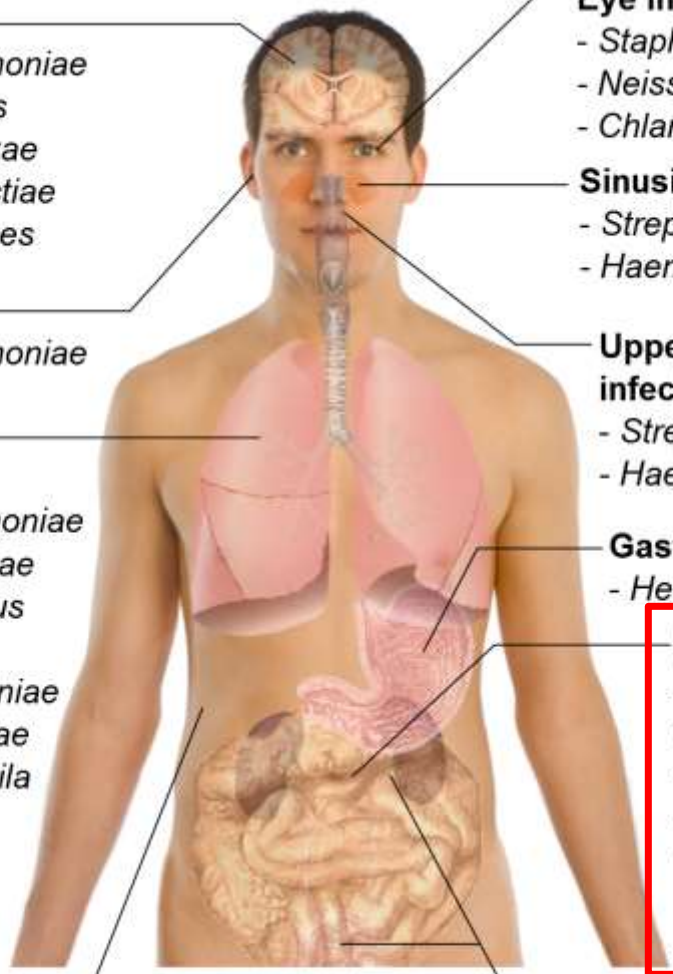

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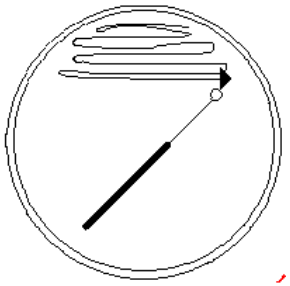
Processing of stool samples

Patient with diarrhea

Stool sample received in the lab



Culture for bacteria

Microscopy for parasites

Salmonella -Shigella agar (SS agar)

Purpose

For isolation and differentiation of *Salmonella & Shigella*

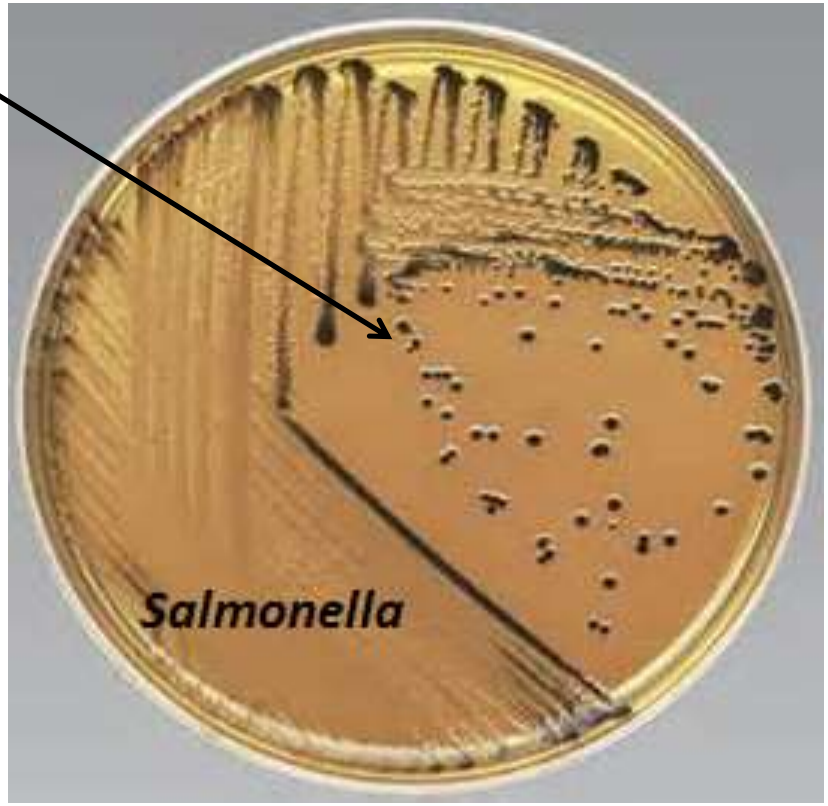
Components

- ✓ Bile salt: inhibit the growth of gram positive bacteria **(selective agent)**
- ✓ Lactose: carbon source
- ✓ Neutral red: pH indicator, red in acidic conditions

Salmonella Shigella agar (SS agar)

Why black colonies?

Due to the production of FeS (ferrous sulfide forming black precipitate presented by black-centered colonies)



SS agar

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- Sodium thiosulfate ($Na_2S_2O_3$): sulfur source
- Fe^{3+} (ferric) H2S indicator

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$Na_2S_2O_3$ + thiosulfate reductase → sulfite + H2S

H2S + Fe+3 → FeS (black precipitate presented by black-centered colonies)

Salmonella Shigella agar (SS agar)

Results

- ✓ Lactose fermenters: pink to red colonies (few can grow)
- ✓ Non lactose fermenters: translucent, colorless colonies with or without black centers

***Shigella*:** colorless colonies without black centers

***Salmonella*:** colorless colonies with black centers

Lactose fermenter flora: pink to red colonies

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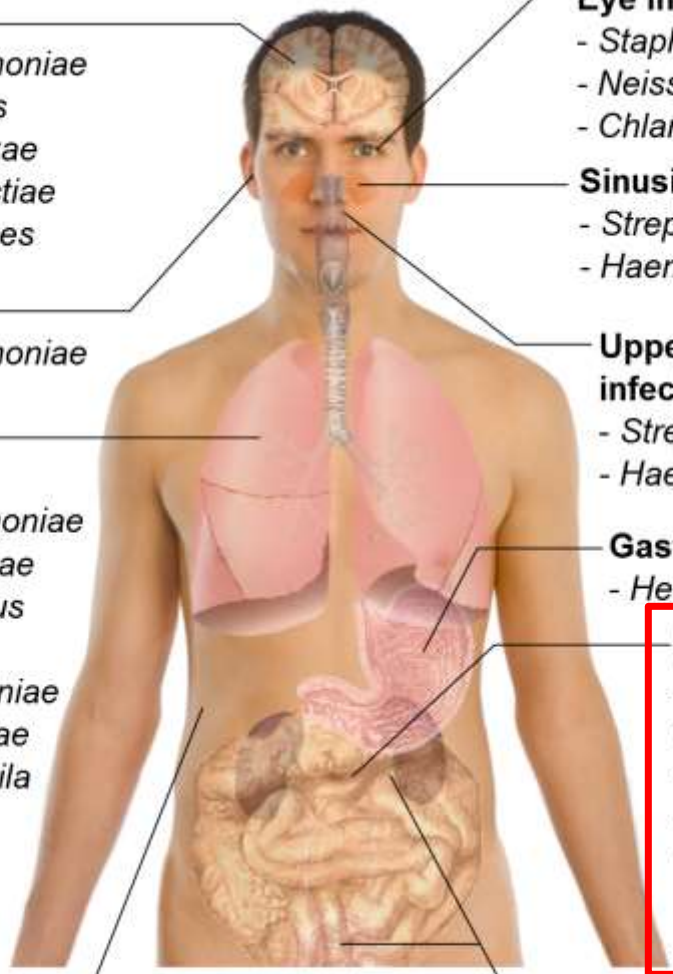

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Cholera identification

Identification

- ✓ Thiosulfate citrate bile salt sucrose agar or TCBS agar
- ✓ The medium is alkaline (pH 8.6) which enhances the growth of Vibrio species

Important components

- ✓ Sucrose: sugar source
- ✓ Bromothymol blue: pH indicator

  - pH<6.0 - yellow

  - pH>7.6 –blue

Cholera identification

Results

- ✓ *Vibrio cholera*: Ferment sucrose smooth yellow colonies
- ✓ *Vibrio parahemolyticus*: non-sucrose fermenter, green colonies

TCBS media

V. cholera

V. parahemolyticus

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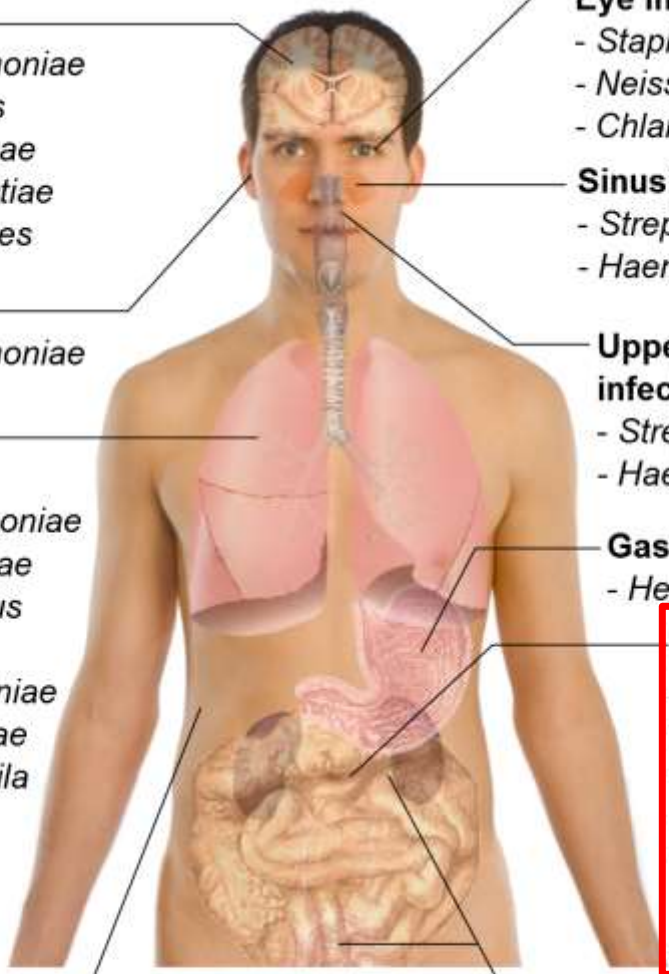

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Löwenstein–Jensen (LJ) medium

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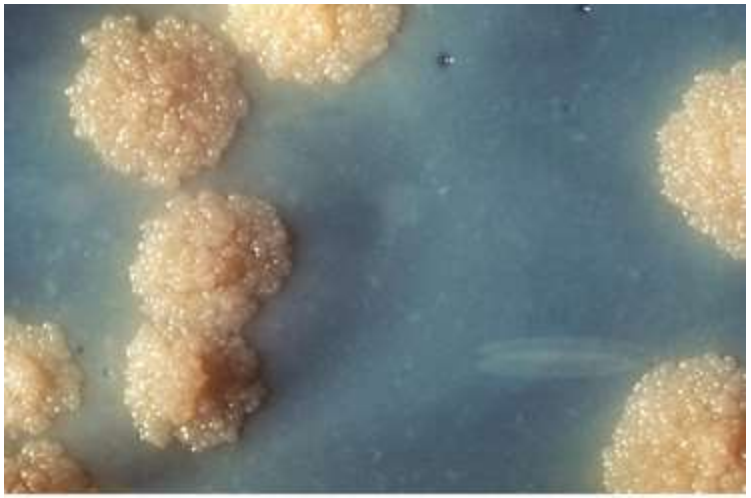

M.tuberculosis produces rough and tough colonies

Penicillin and Nalidixic acid along with malachite green prevents growth of the majority of contaminants surviving decontamination of the specimen while encouraging earliest possible growth of Mycobacteria

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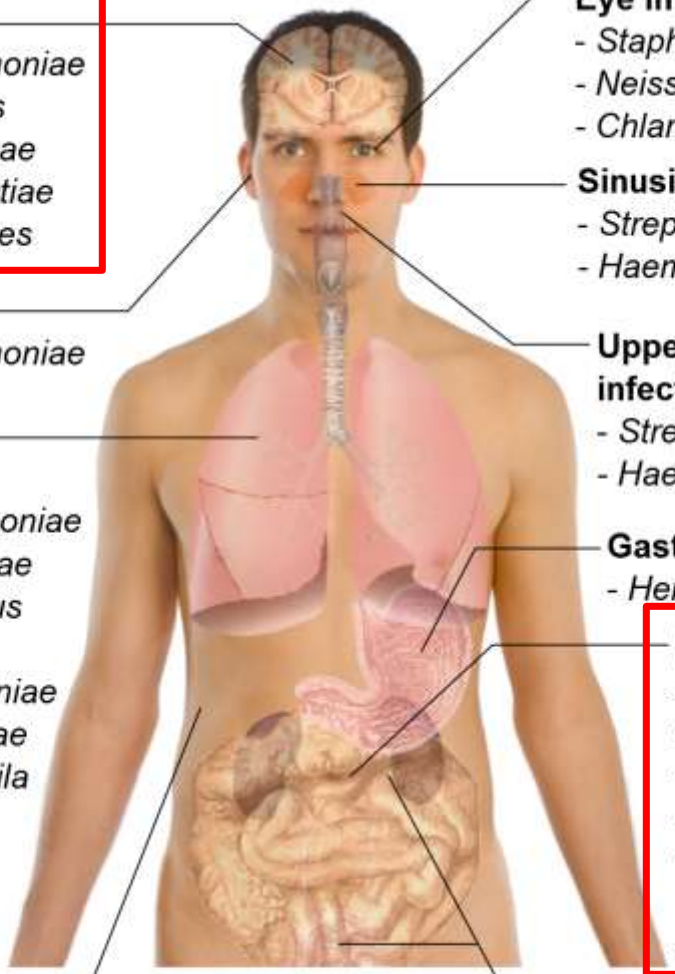

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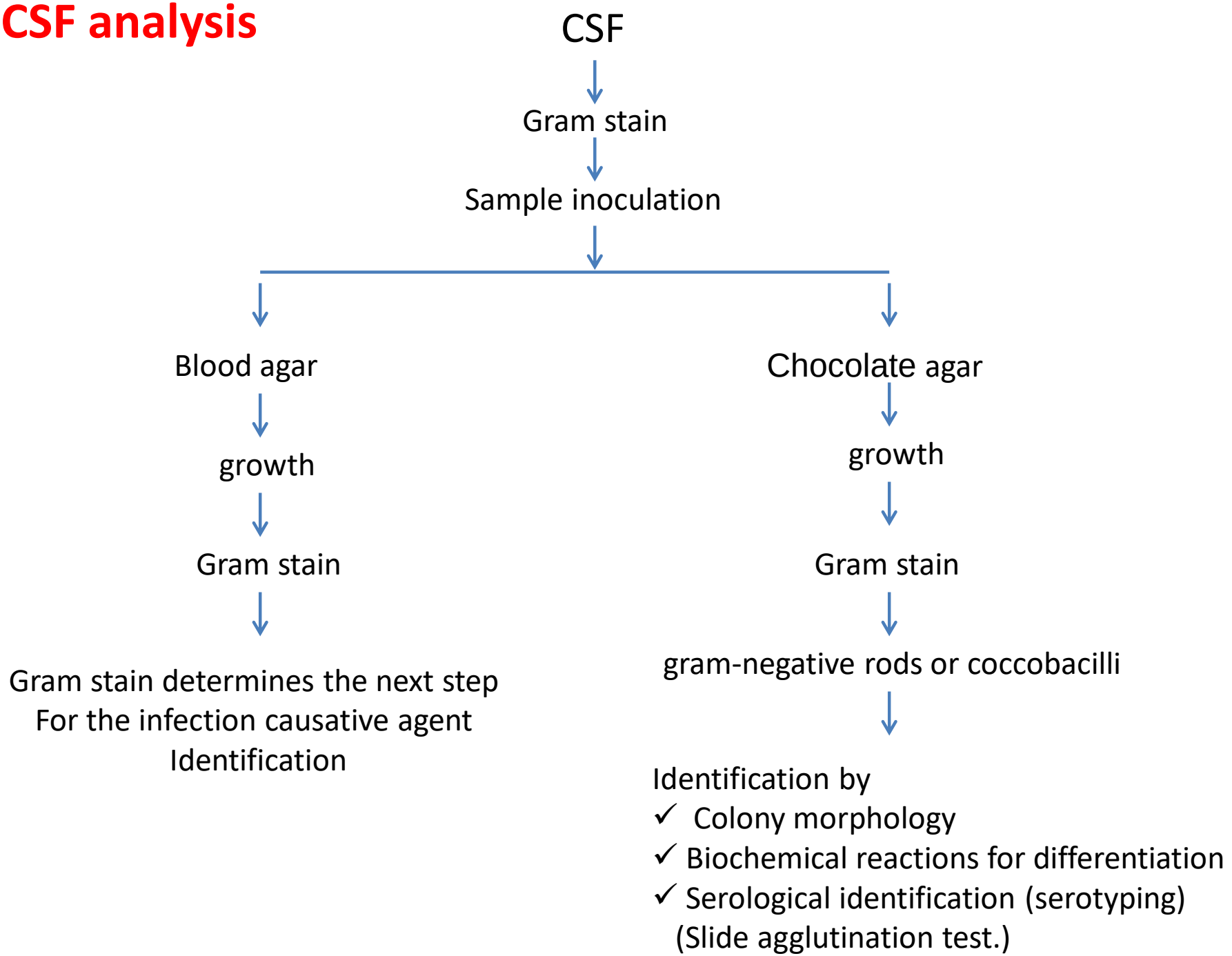


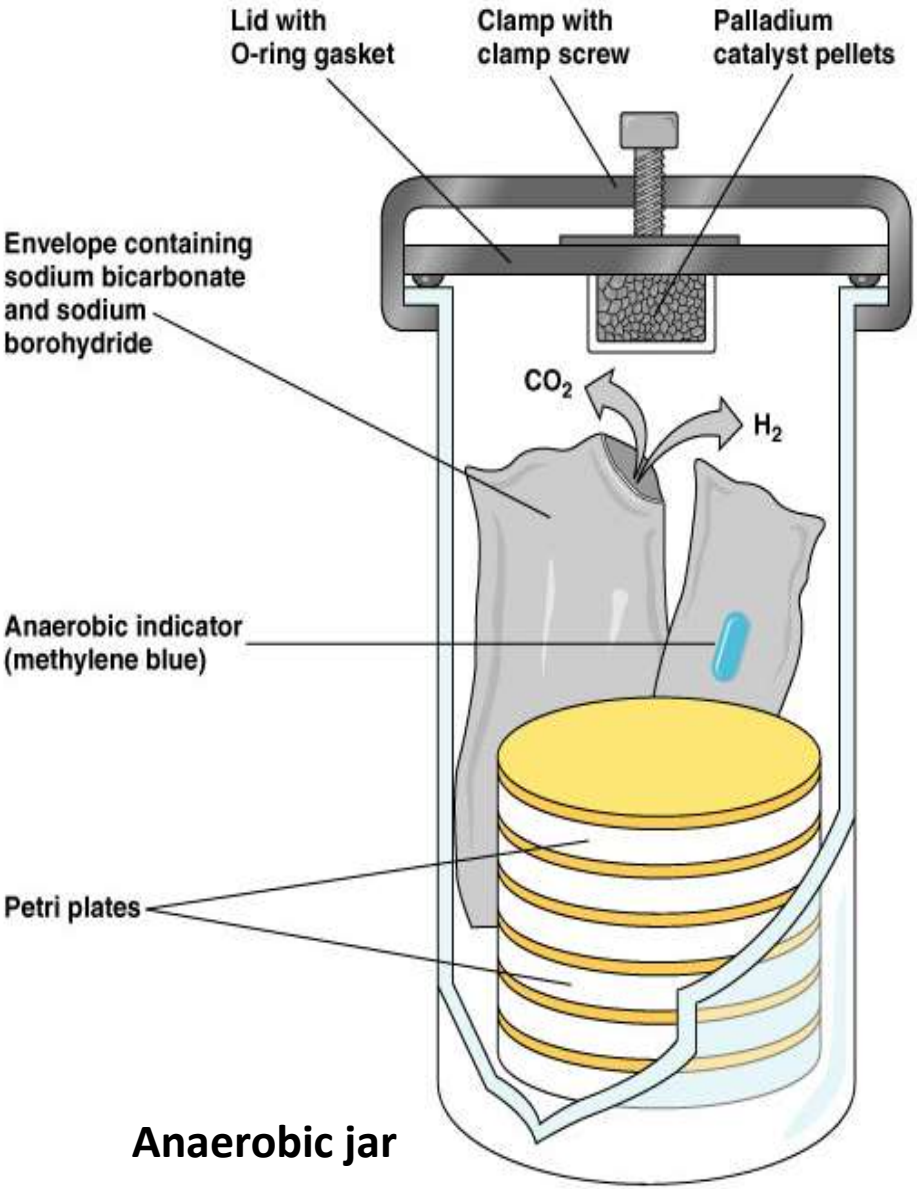
Chocolate agar

- Used to isolate ***Haemophilus influenzae***
- Is a hemolysed blood either by heating blood to 80^{o}C or using enzyme treatment
- Treatment result in browning of the medium, therefore, it is called chocolate agar.

Chocolate agar

Haemophilus influenzae growth on Chocolate agar

Anaerobic gars



Anaerobic jar

Anaerobic candle jar