



Upper Respiratory Tract Infections

Viral etiology

OBJECTIVES

• <u>Understanding of</u>

- Presentation of Upper Respiratory Infections
- Causative organisms
- Pathogenesis
- Diagnosis(clinical, laboratory, other)
- Clinical Management(treatment, preventative measures)

Infection Syndromes

- Common Cold
- Pharyngitis/Tonsillitis
- Quinsy
- Epiglottis
- Otitis Media
- Sinusitis

Pharyngitis, Epiglottis



Anatomy

Sinusitis



Otitis Media



Common Cold

- Causative agents: Coronaviruses etc
- Epidemiology: usually common in the winter months
- Presentation: rhinitis, headache, conjunctival suffusion
- Management: Antimicrobial agents not to be given.Symptomatic relief may be accompanied by mucopurluent rhinitis(thick,opaque or discolored nasal discharge), this is not an indication for antimicrobial treatment unless it persists without signs of improvement 10-14 days suggesting possible sinusitis.

Common Cold Viruses

- Common colds account for one-third to one-half of all acute respiratory infections in humans.
- Rhinoviruses are responsible for 30-50% of common colds, coronaviruses 10-30%.
- The rest are due to adenoviruses, enteroviruses, RSV, influenza, and parainfluenza viruses, which may cause symptoms indistinguishable to those of rhinoviruses and coronaviruses.

RHINOVIRUSES

- Common cold accounts for 1/3 to 1/2 of all acute respiratory infections in humans.
- Rhinoviruses are responsible for 50% of common colds, coronaviruses for 10%, adenoviruses, enteroviruses, RSV, influenza, parainfluenza can also cause common cold symptoms indistinguishable form those caused by rhinoviruses and coronaviruses.
- Common cold is a self-limited illness.
- More than 100 serologic types of rhinoviruses (No vaccine)
- Receptor: Intracellular adhesiom molecule I (ICAM-1)
- Most viral replication occurs in the nose, and the **severity** of symptoms correlates with the **quantity** (**titer**) **of virus in nasal secretions.**

TRANSMISSION

- Directly from person to person via respiratory droplets
- Indirectly in which droplets are deposited on the hands or on a surface such as table and then transported by fingers to the nose or eyes.
- An individual may suffer 2 to 5 episodes of colds per year. The primary site of rhinovirus infection is in the nasal epithelium. Rhinoviruses rarely cause lower respiratory infection.

Clinical presentation

- IP: 2-3 days
- URIs caused by rhinoviruses usually begin with sneezing, followed soon by rhinorrhea.
- The rhinorrhea increases and is then accompanied by symptoms of nasal obstruction.
- Increased levels of bradykinin: increased secretions, vasodilation, cough and sore throat.
- headache, malaise and the "chills" (rigors).
- The illness peaks in three to four days and last up to 7 days.

COMPLICATIONS

- Acute bacterial sinusitis
 - The major causes are Pneumococcus, *Hemophilus influenza*, *Moraxella*, and *Staphylococci*.
- Acute bacterial otitis media
 - mainly a problem in children
- Asthma attacks in children
- Exacerbation of chronic bronchitis

LABORATORY DIAGNOSIS

• Usually, common cold does not require laboratory investigation

• Cell culture isolation from nasal secretion

Prevention and Treatment

- No antiviral drug has been proved useful.
- Cold treatment recommended include the following:
 - Antihistamines
 - Nonsteroidal antinflammatory drugs
 - Decongestants (vasoconstrictors)
 - Cough suppressants (narcotics)
- No vaccine. The multiplicity of serotypes and the fleeting immunity pose major problems for the development of vaccines.
- Ab directed at the virus receptor or a recombinant soluble receptor ICAM-1 might block attachment of rhinovirus.
- Hand Hygiene is the most potent method of prevention and control

CORONAVIRUSES

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• The group was so named because of the *crown-like projections on its surface*.

• At present, at least 10 species are recognized, of which human coronavirus is one. The other viruses are found in animals.

PROPERTIES

- *ssRNA* enveloped viruses of pleomorphic morphology
- 60 to 220nm in diameter.
- Positive stranded RNA; helical symmetry
- Three antigenic molecules are found in the virions i.e. nucleocapsid, surface projection and transmembrane proteins. The main antigenic determinants reside on the *surface projections*.
- Human coronavirus strains fall into serological groups, which are named OC43, and 229E.

EPIDEMIOLOGY

- Human coronavirus infections occur during the *winter and early spring*.
- High infection rates during the year are caused by *either 229E or OC43* group viruses. This pattern is observed throughout the world.
- Human coronaviruses are responsible for 10 30% of all *common colds*.

Genetic variation & evolution of new strains

A high frequency of:

- deletion mutations
- high frequency of recombination during replication which is unusual for an RNA virus with unsegmented genome

Clinical picture & epidemiology

- Upper respiratory infections, similar to "colds" caused by rhinoviruses, but with a longer incubation period (average three days).
 - 15-30% of respiratory illness in adults during winter months but lower respiratory infections were rare.
 - Antibodies appear early in childhood and are found in 90% in adults
 - CORONAVIRUSES may be associated with gastroenteritis which occurs year-round.

DIAGNOSIS AND TREATMENT

• Laboratory diagnosis is not attempted.

• Coronaviruses have fastidious growth requirement in cell culture.

• No antiviral drugs against coronaviruses are available.

OTHER CAUSES OF COMMON COLD SYNDROME

• Coxsackievirus

- Herpangina (severe sore throat with vesiculoulcerative lesions)
- Pleurisy
- common cold syndrome

Adenovirus

- Pharyngitis
- common cold syndrome
- Bronchitis
- pneumonia (types 3, 4, 7 and 21)
- Influenza C

Pharyngitis

- Definition: Inflamminatory Syndrome of the pharynx caused by several microorganisms
- Causes: most viral but may also occur as part of common cold or influenza syndrome
- The most bacterial cause is Group A Streptococcus (Streptococcus pyogenes)-5-20%



ETIOLOGY

Microbial Causes of Acute Pharyngitis			
Pathogen	Syndrome/Disease	Estimated Importance	
Viral Rhinovirus (100 types and 1 subtype) Coronavirus (3 or more types) Adenovirus (types 3, 4, 7, 14, 21) Herpes simplex virus (types 1 and 2) Parainfluenza virus (types 1-4) Influenza virus (types A and B) Cocksackievirus A (types 2, 4-6, 8, 10) Epstein-Barr virus Cytomegalovirus HIV-1	Common cold Common cold Phayrngoconjunctival fever, ARD Gingivitis, stomatitis, Pharyngitis Common cold, croup Influenza Herpangina Infectious mononucleosis Infectious mononucleosis Primary HIV infection	20 ≥5 5 4 2 2 1 1 1 1 1	
BacterialStreptococcus pyogenes (group A β-hemolytic streptococci)Group C β-hemolytic streptococciMixed anaerobic infection Neisseria gonorrhoeae Corynebacterium diphtheriae Corynebacterium ulcerans Arcanobacterium haemolyticum (Corynebacterium haemolyticum) Yersinia enterocolitica Treponema pallidum Chlamydial Chlamydia pneumoniae Mycoplasmal Mycoplasma pneumoniae	 Pharyngitis/tonsillitis, scarlet fever Gingivitis, Pharyngitis (Vincent's angina) Peritonsillitis/peritonsillar abscess (quinsy) Pharyngitis Diphtheria Pharyngitis, diphtheria Pharyngitis, scarlatiniform rash Pharyngitis, enterocolitis Secondary syphilis Pneumonia/bronchitis/Pharyngitis Pneumonia/bronchitis/Pharyngitis 	15-30 5-10 <1 <1 ≥1 <1 <1 <1 <1 Unknown <1 Unknown	
<i>Mycoplasma hominis</i> (type 1) Unknown	Pharyngitis in volunteers		

Approximately 15% of all cases of Pharyngitis are due to *S. pyogenes*. Strep. of Group C and B have also been implicated in some cases.

Pharyngitis Clinical Presentation



• Clinical presentation with soreness of the throat, may be dysphagia and pain on swallowing, fever and additional upper respiratory symptoms may also be present, Tender cervical lymphadenopathy

Pharyngitis-Clinical Presentation

- Exudative or Diffuse erythema-Group A, C, G Streptococcus, EBV, Neisseriae gonococcus C.diphtheriae, A.haemolyticum, Mycoplasma pneumoniae
- Vesicular, ulcerative- *Coxsackie A9, B 1-5, ,ECHO, Enterovirus 71, Herpes simplex 1 and 2*
- Membranous- *Corynebacterium diphtheriae or Vincent Angina (anaerobes/spirochetes)*

Pharyngitis Diagnosis

- Clinical Presentation
- Determine if Group A Streptococcus is present by throat swab onto blood agar
- Antigen Kit may also be used
- Important to determine if present as treatment reduces risk of acute rheumatic fever and will reduce duration of symptoms



MANAGEMENT OF PHARYNGITIS



Quinsy Clinical Presentation

- Tonsillar Abscess with pain,fever, difficulty swallowing
- Drainage of Abscess and antimicrobial therapy



Epiglottis

- Definition:Inflammination of the epiglottis due to infection
- Epidemiology:usually occurs in the winter months
- Causative Organisms: *H.Influenzae*(now rare), *S.pyogenes, Pneumococcus, Staphylococcus aureus*

OTITIS MEDIA

Otitis Media

- Definition: for diagnosis requires 3 things
- Confirmation of acute onset
- Signs of Middle Ear Effusion (Pneumatic otoscopy)-Bulging of TM, Limited mobility, Air-fluid level, otorrhoea
- Evaluation of Signs and Symptoms of Middle Ear Inflammination: Erythema of TM or Distinct otalgia (interfers with sleep)
- Epidemiology : AOM must common cause of antibiotic prescribing in paediatric population, cost \$1.96 billion in U.S, more common in some conditions such as cleft palate, Down's syndrome, genetic influences, occurs in the winter months but may be recurrent

Otitis Media

- Causative Organisms:
- *Streptococcus pneumoniae-25-50%*
- Haemphilus Influenzae-15-30%
- Moraxella catarrhalis-3-30%
- *Rhinovirus/RSV/Coronaviruses/Adenoviruses/ Enteroviruses* –40-75%

Otitis Media Clinical Presentation

- Symptoms: Infant excessive crying, pulling ear
- Toddler: irritability , earache
- Both may have otorrhoea
- Signs: Fever , bulging eardrum, fullness and erythema of tympanic membrane
- May also be additional upper respiratory symptoms



Normal ear drum

- Secretory otitis media
 - Acute otitis media

Chronic otitis media

Overview of Acute Otitis Media Treatment Options

Child Age	Certain Diagnosis	Uncertain Diagnosis
Under 6 months	Antibiotics	Antibiotics
6 months to 2 years	Antibiotics	Antibiotics if severe illness Observe* if non-severe illness
2 years or older	Antibiotics if severe illness Observe* if non-severe illness	Observe*

* Observation is appropriate only when follow-up can be assured and antibiotics started if symptoms persist or worsen. Non-severe illness implies mild otalgia and fever <39 TC orally (about 102 TF) or 39.5 TC rectally in the past 24 hours. Severe illness is moderate to severe otalgia or higher fever.

Certain diagnosis is a clinical picture suggesting acute otitis media with a high probability of middle-ear effusion. *Uncertain diagnosis* is a clinical picture suggesting acute otitis media with anything less than a high probability of middle ear effusion.

Otitis Media Clinical Management



- Analgesia
- Observation if appropriate
- If a decision is made to treat with an antibacterial agent amoxicillin should be prescribed for most children at a dose of 80-90 mg/kg/day.

Recommendation

- If there is no clinical improvement in 48-72 hours
- Reassess and confirm or exclude diagnosis of AOM
- If Observation arm: treat
- If Treatment arm: Change therapy
- Duration of therapy: 10 days if 2 or less or severe 10 days, if > 2 years 5-7 days

Sinusitis

- Definition:Acute Bacterial Sinusitis, subacute Bacterial Sinusitis, Recurrent acute, Chronic sinusitis, Superimposed
- Epidemiology:children has 6-8 viral UTI per year and 5-13% may be complicated by sinusitis

Definitions Sinusitis

- Acute Bacterial : Bacterial Infection of the paranasal sinuses lasting less than 30days in which symptoms resolve completely
- Subacaute Bacterial Sinusitis: Lasting between 30 and 90 days in which synptoms resolve completely
- Recurrent acute bacterial sinusitis: Each episode lasting less than 30 days and separated by intervals of at least 10days during which the patient is asymptomatic
- Chronic Sinusitis: Episode lasting longer than 90 days .Patients have persistent residual respiratory stmptomssuch as cough, rhinnorrhoea or nasal obstruction
- Chronic Sinusitis: New symptoms resolve but underlying residue symptoms do not.

Sinusitis

- Pathogens:
- Streptococcus pneumoniae-30%
- Haemphilus Influenzae-20%
- Moraxella catarrhalis-20%

