Microbiology/Infectious Diseases Course Welcome!

Main causes of death among children
Ages 0 to 5 years
Estimates for 1990, worldwide

Leading causes of death
5.3 million lives lost, worldwide, 1990

Leading infectious killers
Millions of deaths, worldwide, all ages, 1990

Main causes of death in low-income countries
In South-East Asia and Africa
Estimates for 1990

Top 10 ID Headlines in The New York Times
U.S. Will Miss Half Its Supply Of Flu Vaccine
By ANDREW POLLACK
Published: October 6, 2004

W.H.O. Official Says Deadly Pandemic Is Likely if the Asian Bird Flu Spreads Among People
By KEITH BRADSHER and LAWRENCE K. ALTMAN; Keith Bradsher reported from Hong Kong for this article and Lawrence K. Altman from New York.
Published: November 30, 2004

U.S. Reports Possible Case Of Mad Cow
By DONALD G. McNEIL Jr.
Published: November 19, 2004

Furor in Africa Over Drug For Women With H.I.V.
By DONALD G. McNEIL Jr.
Published: December 21, 2004

Girl Is First to Survive Rabies Without a Shot
By ELISABETH ROSENTHAL
Published: November 25, 2004

Health Officials Say They'll End Polio in Africa, Despite Its Spread
By LAWRENCE K. ALTMAN
Published: January 16, 2005
HEALTH ALERT IN NEW YORK: Rare and Aggressive H.I.V. Reported in New York

By MARC SANTORA and LAWRENCE K. ALTMAN; Donald G. McNeil Jr. contributed reporting for this article.

METROPOLITAN DESK | April 23, 2005, Saturday

2 Deaths Examined for Links To Legionnaire’s Disease

By ANAHAD O’CONNOR (NYT)

NATIONAL DESK
Study Finds Spread Of Resistant Staph

Published: April 7, 2005, Thursday

Subjects to be Covered - Lectures 1/2

- General introduction to the Microbiology/Infectious Diseases course
- Bacterial classification systems
  - Phenotypic and genotypic systems
- Description of medically important bacterial pathogens
- Bacterial structure
  - Bacterial components and secreted products
- Distinction between Gram positive and Gram negative bacteria

FOREIGN DESK | April 9, 2005, Saturday

Fear and Violence Accompany A Deadly Virus Across Angola

Purpose of Classification

“The primary purpose of nomenclature of microorganisms is to permit us to know as exactly as possible what another clinician, microbiologist, epidemiologist or author is referring to when describing an organism responsible for infection of an individual or outbreak.”

S. Finegold, 1993
Classification of Bacteria

- Classification systems: types and purpose
- Phenotypic classification: Gram stain, morphology, growth requirements and biochemical profiles
- Environmental reservoirs / Modes of transmission
- Genotypic classification: rRNA analysis, strain classification

Gram Stain and Bacterial Morphology

- Stain discovered by H. C. Gram in 1884 remains the most universally used technique to visualize bacteria
- Differences in the peptidoglycan of Gram positive and negative bacteria responsible for differences in their respective staining properties
- Iodine causes crystal formation in Gm+ entrapping stain. In Gm- alcohol dissolves membrane releasing stain
O₂ Growth Requirements of Bacteria

- Facultatively anaerobic: Escherichia
- Aerobic: Pseudomonas
- Anaerobic: Clostridia
- Microaerophilic: Campylobacter

Dark Field Demonstration of Treponemes

Acid Fast Stain of Mycobacteria
The Infected Intravenous Catheter Site

A 73 year old female successfully undergoes coronary artery bypass graft surgery. Two days after the procedure she develops fever, chills and pain at her intravenous line site. Examination reveals marked redness and swelling at the site. Pus is expressable from the catheter line site.

Environmental Bacterial Reservoirs

- Endogenous sites: normal flora
  - Skin - coagulase negative staphylococci
  - Colon - Escherichia coli, Bacteroides spp.
  - Oropharynx - viridans streptococci
- Exogenous sources of bacterial spread
  - Water - legionella, cholera
  - Air, fomites - M. tuberculosis, B. anthracis
  - Food - Salmonella spp., E. coli
  - Ticks - Borrelia, rickettsia

Normal Flora

- Normally Sterile Body Sites
  - Bloodstream
  - Bladder
  - Central nervous system
  - Lower respiratory tract
  - Sinuses
**Identification of Aerobic Gram Positive Cocci**

- **CATALASE TEST**
  - Micrococaceae
  - Streptococaceae

- **COAGULASE TEST**
  - DISKS, NaCl, BILE ESCELIN
  - S. pneumoniae
  - S. pyogenes
  - E. faecalis
  - Nonenterococcal Group D
  - Viridans streptococci

**Classification Methods**

- **Genotypic systems:**
  - DNA hybridization - used to designate species
  - Guanine + Cytosine ratio
  - Ribosomal RNA (rRNA) sequence analysis

**A Peace Corps Worker with Diarrhea**

A 29 year old Peace Corps volunteer returns from his stint working in a remote village in Senegal. The sanitation conditions in the village were poor. On the flight home he develops watery diarrhea that changes over the next two to three days and becomes bloody. He is sent to your office for evaluation where you find that he is febrile to 103°, dehydrated and has diffuse abdominal tenderness.

**Ribosomal RNA**

- Present in all living cells
- Function of ribosomes is highly conserved
- Mutations are accumulated at a slow, consistent rate
- There are both highly conserved and highly variable regions that are useful for the design of specific primer for phylogenetic analysis

**Identification of Gram Negative Rods**

- **Lactose Fermentation on MacConkey agar**
  - Pink Colonies
  - Clear Colonies

- **Enterobacteriaceae**
  - e.g., E. coli, klebsiella

- **Oxidase Test**
  - No blue color
  - Blue color

  - e.g., pseudomonas

  - shigella
  - salmonella

**Universal Phylogenetic Tree**

Based on model of C.R. Woese
Identification of Uncultured Bacteria

- < 1% of all microorganisms have been cultured.
- PCR techniques combined with the use of 16S rRNA molecular phylogeny has resulted in the characterization of an increasing number of noncultivable pathogens.
- This technique has applications in rapid diagnosis, selection of therapy, as well as phylogenetic classification.
- Pathogens for selected diseases identified with this technique e.g., Whipples and Cat scratch disease.

Use of Ribosomal RNA to Identify Unculturable Bacteria

- Harvest DNA from infected tissue.
- Amplify 16S rRNA from DNA by PCR using broad range primers.
- Determine sequence - from the variable region of amplified sequence determine new primers that are pathogen specific.
- Demonstrate that this sequence is clearly associated with the infection.
- Determine the evolutionary relationship of the sequence with other known 16S ribosomal sequences.
  - Develop diagnostic and therapeutic strategies as a result.

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Prokaryotes vs. Eukaryotes

The Prototypic “Bug”

Bacterial Peptidoglycan
Peptidoglycan Biosynthesis

- Synthesis of water soluble, nucleotide-linked precursor in the cytoplasm
- Transfer of precursors from nucleotide to the bactoprenol membrane lipid (pivot), followed by the addition of substituents
- Addition of the prefabricated block to a linear glycan chain on the far side of the membrane
- Cross-linking to an adjacent chain via transpeptidation (enzymes are called penicillin-binding proteins)

Transpeptidation Reaction

Final step in cell wall assembly is cross-linking of glycan chains
- Catalyzed by transpeptidase enzyme (PBPs)
- D-Ala-D-Ala required (terminal D-Ala released)
- Target for penicillin antibiotics

Cytoplasmic Membrane

- Phospholipid bilayer - some differences between Gm+/–
- Fulfills many of the functions of eukaryote organelles
- Production of ATP
- Energy for flagella
- Transport proteins
- Numerous biosynthetic processes

Flagella

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Secreted Products of Bacteria

- Exotoxins (distinct from endotoxin) are secreted bacterial proteins that are divided into 3 types:
  - A-B toxins (cholera, tetanus toxins)
  - Membrane disrupting toxins (hemolysins, α toxin)
  - Superantigens (toxic shock syndrome)
- Hydrolytic enzymes are bacterial products such as hyaluronidases and proteases that can degrade extracellular matrix and provide nutrients for the pathogen
When we sense lipopolysaccharide, we are likely to turn on every defense at our disposal; we will bomb, defoliate, blockade, seal off, and destroy all the tissues in the area.... All this seems unnecessary, panic-driven. There is nothing intrinsically poisonous about endotoxin, but it must look awful, or feel awful, when sensed by cells.

*Lewis Thomas*
*Germs, 1974*
Endotoxin - Lipid A

- Essential for Gram negative bacterial survival and replication
  - Creates a permeability barrier for bacteria
- The entire complex lipid A structure is necessary for full activity
- Binds LPS binding protein in circulation, attaches to CD14 (receptor) on macrophage
- Triggers cytokine pathway by activation and direct binding of Toll receptor 4

So What Do I Really Need to Know?

- Application of phenotypic and genotypic classification systems
  - Gram stain - how it works
- Environmental reservoirs of bacteria
- Basic components of bacteria and their role in pathogenesis
  - Peptidoglycan synthesis
- Distinction between Gram positive and negative bacteria
  - The structure/role of endotoxin

Structure of Endotoxin

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<td>Glucosamine</td>
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FIGURE 3-16 The three major, covalently linked regions that form the typical LPS.

The Systemic Effects of Endotoxin