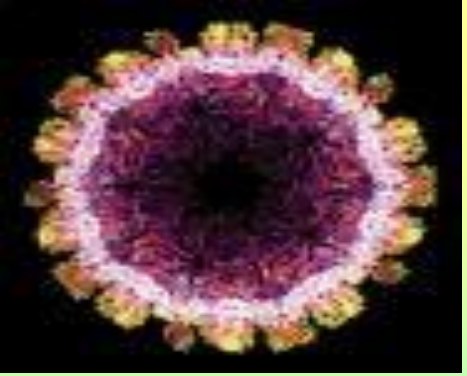
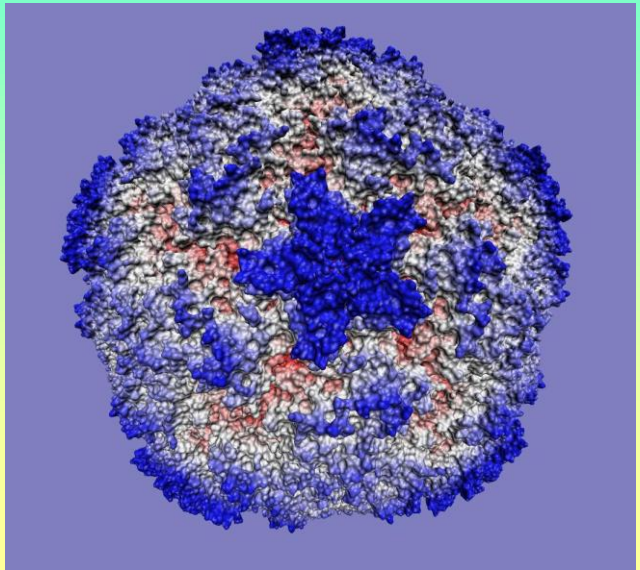


VIRUSES-Part 2

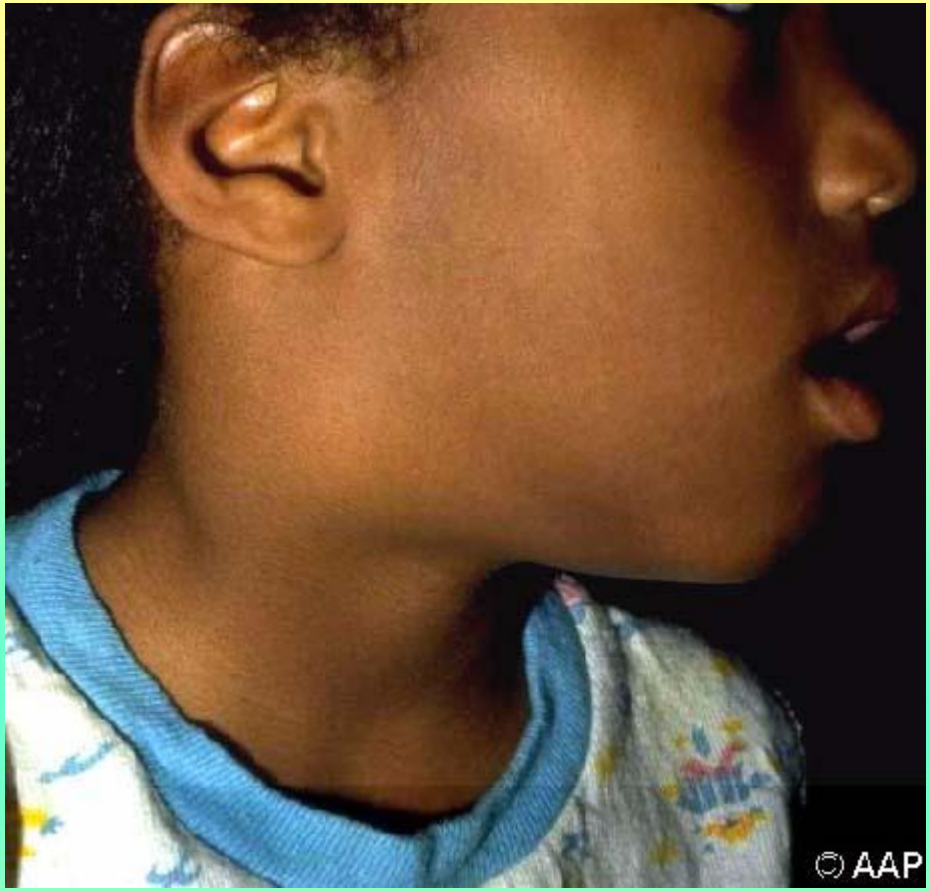


Viruses Causing Glandular Enlargement

- MUMPS
  - Childhood disease; bilateral inflammation of parotid glands; many inapparent infections
  - Complications: meningitis, orchitis (can lead to sterility), ovaritis
  - Epidemiology: spread by salivary and respiratory secretions; incubation 18-21 days
  - Prevention: MMR vaccine (live, attenuated)

Infectious Mononucleosis (Epstein-Barr Virus)

- Belongs to Herpes virus family
- Mild disease; children and young adults; can be prolonged and debilitating
- Transmission by saliva (kissing disease)
- Symptoms: lymphadenopathy, fever, sore throat, atypical lymphocytes, enlargement of liver and spleen
- Latent virus
  - Chronic disease (rare) or asymptomatic shedding (common) for lifetime of host
- Diagnosis: blood picture (↑ in atypical lymphocytes)
  Monospot Test (detects RBC agglutination)
  Presence of EBV antigens
- NO VACCINE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"Mono"
Kissing
Disease

Cytomegalovirus (CMV)

- Herpes family, infection usually asymptomatic and latent BUT dangerous for
  - Pregnant women: neonatal infection with jaundice, enlarged liver and spleen, mental retardation and motor disorders
  - Transplant patients: disseminated infection can cause transplant rejection
  - AIDS and other immunocompromised patients: frequent infection, GI tract ulceration and retinitis

CMV

- Diagnosis:
  - Isolation of virus from urine, blood, organ biopsies (slow process, but accurate)
  - CMV antigen detection, DNA hybridization and PCR in leucocytes much faster
  - Serology screening for donors and recipients before transplant
- Treatment: antivirals
- Prevention (immunocompromised):
  - Match CMV immune status between donor and recipient in transplants
  - Preventative administration of antivirals
  - Universal precautions to prevent transmission
  - NO VACCINE

Hepatitis Viruses

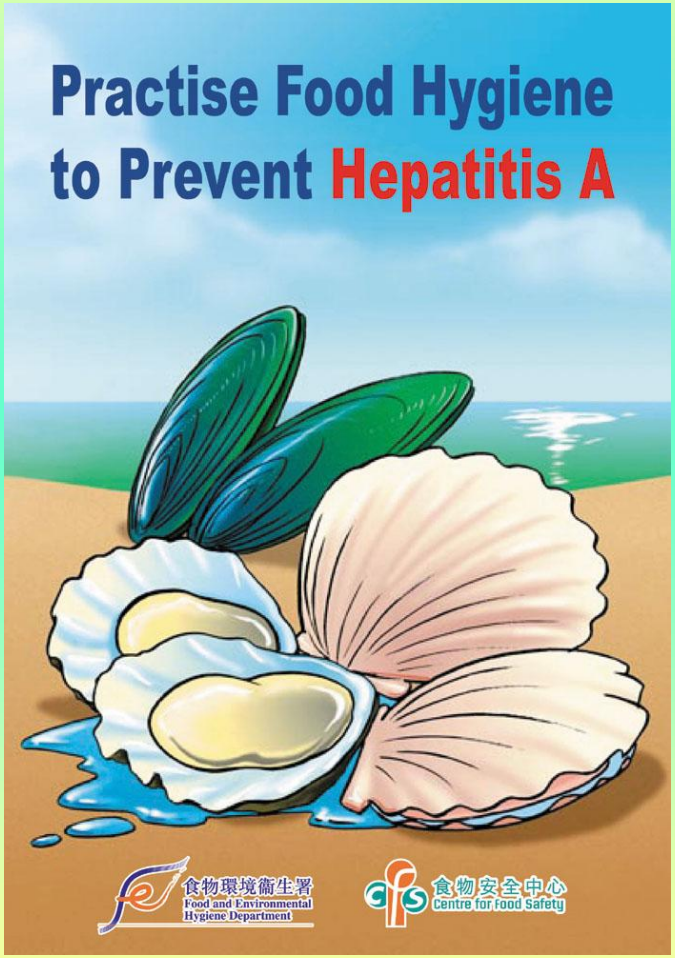
- Hepatitis = Inflammation of the liver
  - Malaise, fatigue, nausea, loss of appetite and jaundice
- Hep A, B most common and well characterized
  - Hep C, E, G less common
- *Other viruses and bacteria can cause hepatitis as a complication of infection*
- Diagnosis: serological

Hepatitis A

- Mainly children and young adults
- Sporadic cases and small epidemics

  Food borne

- Epidemiology:
  - Transmission by fecal-oral route
  - Incubation 15-50 days
  - Stools infectious 2-3 weeks before onset
  - Mild or inapparent infection in children
  - No chronic hepatitis
  - Life-long immunity



Problem in developed countries because we don't see it here so we dont develope immunity and then get it when we travel

Hepatitis A

- Diagnosis:
  - Suspected clinical cases: detection of IgM
  - Immunity: detection of IgG (before travel)

- Prevention:
  - Vaccine for high risk populations
  - Commercial γ-globulin for prevention after exposure

Hepatitis B

- Sporadic cases; all ages
- Epidemiology:
  - Contaminated blood/blood products; saliva, urine, semen
  - Avg. incubation 90 days
  - Infective serum 30-60 days before onset of symptoms
  - Carriers
- Clinical
  - More severe than HepA
  - Chronic hepatitis and chronic carrier-state

Hepatitis B

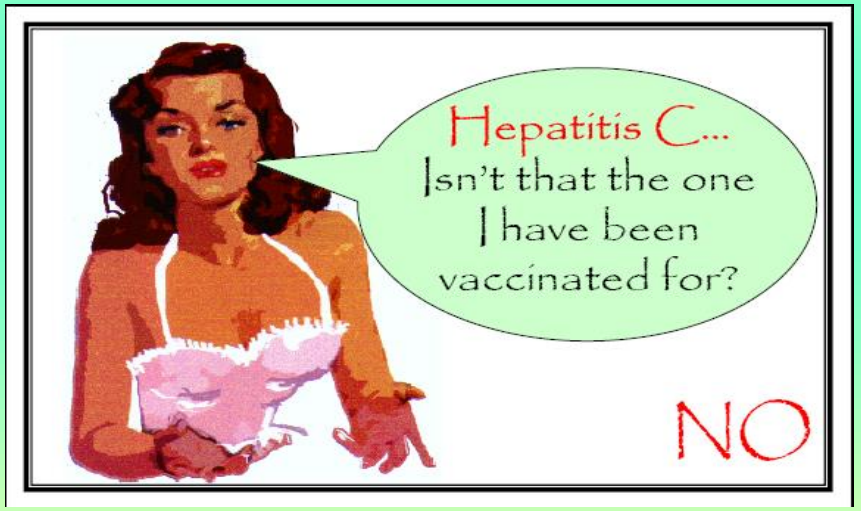
- Diagnosis:
  - Blood test for HepB surface antigen (HBsAg)
  - Antibodies are produced several months after onset of symptoms
    - Used as markers of infection and immunity

Hepatitis B

- Prevention
  - Universal precautions for blood and body fluids
  - Proper handling of needles
  - Screening
  - Vaccination
  - HepB immunglobulins after exposure
  - HepB carriers

Hepatitis C

- Epidemiology:
  - Blood and sexual transmission
  - Initially mild disease but can cause chronic hepatitis
- Diagnosis:
  - Serological
- Prevention:
  - Same as HepB
  - NO VACCINE
  - Treat with recombinant interferon and ribavirin



Hepatitis Delta Agent

- Epidemiology:
  - Blood and sexual transmission
  - "Viroid"-relies on HepB presence for replication in cells
  - Increases severity of HepB infection
- Diagnosis:
  - Serological
- Prevention:
  - Vaccination against **HepB**

Hepatitis E

- Transmission via fecal-oral route
- Incubation 15-50 days
- Symptoms similar to HepA **BUT** 20% mortality in pregnant women
- Endemic in India, Pakistan, Nepal, Burma, North Africa and Mexico

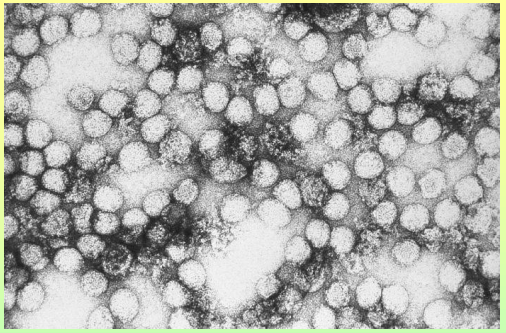
Hard to study

WILL NOT BE ASKED ABOUT HEP G!!!!

Hepatitis G

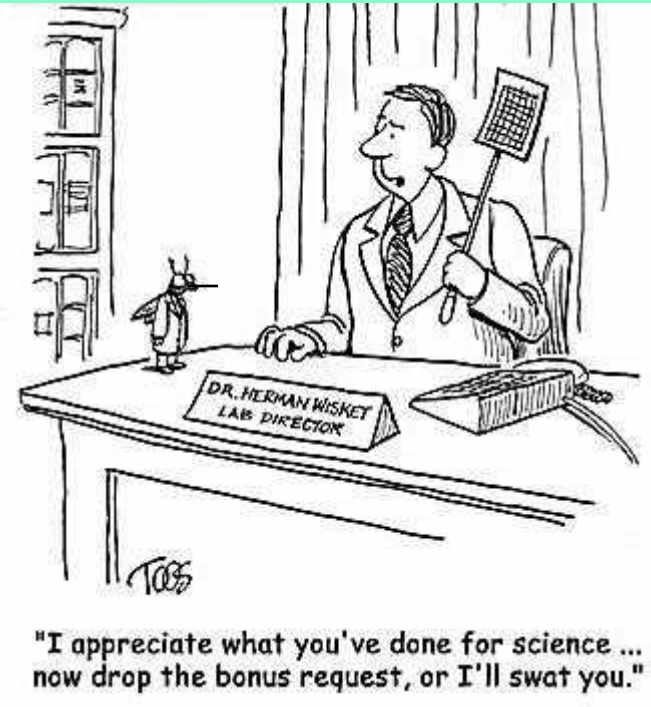
- Epidemiology:
  - Blood and sexual transmission
  - Incubation 14-180 days
  - Initially mild and no jaundice, can cause chronic hepatitis
- Diagnosis:
  - Detection of viral DNA by PCR or other molecular methods
- Prevention:
  - **NO VACCINE**

Yellow Fever Virus



- Haemorrhagic fever with hepatitis
- Endemic in Africa, South America and Caribbean
- Mortality rates as high as 50%
- Transmitted by mosquito
- Travellers to endemic countries receive live attenuated vaccine

Do not get confused with something else to do with mosquitos (not malaria)



Viruses affecting the CNS

- **Clinical Manifestations**
  - Aseptic meningitis
  - Encephalitis
  - Meningo-encephalitis
  - Poliomyelitis
  - Slow progressive, persistant infections

CNS Viruses

- **General Diagnosis**

Always first exclude possibility of bacterial or fungal infection

  - **Lumbar puncture X4**

  - **Other specimens**
    - **Blood, urine, aspirates,**
    - **throat swabs**
    - **stools, sera**

CNS Viruses with a Human Resevoir

- Usually an extension of a primary infection in another part of the body
  - Mumps-aseptic meningitis in children
  - Enteroviruses-aseptic meningitis in infants and children
  - HSV1-RARE cause of herpetic encephalitis in young adults
  - HSV 1 or 2-RARE cause of meningo-encephalitis in neonate or young adult
  - Vaccination for mumps, measles and polio (entero)

CNS Viruses with an Animal Reservoir

- RARE: Humans are accidental or dead-end hosts
  - Arbovirus:
    - over 200 different types
    - Tropical rainforest areas
    - Encephalitis
    - Eg. West Nile
  - Rabies virus
    - Fatal, acute encephalitis
    - Infects mammals, transmitted via saliva
    - Long incubation (30-60 days)
    - Combined active and passive immunization
    - Prevention by vaccination of wildlife and pets

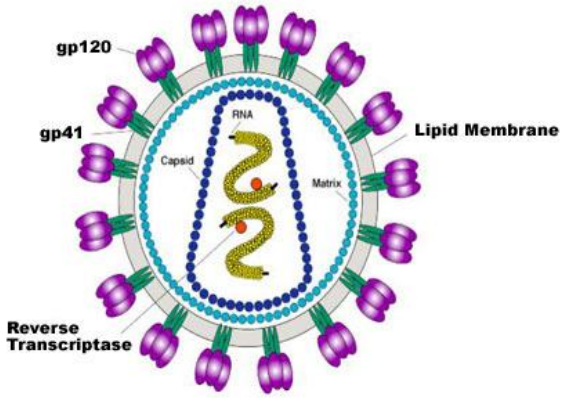
HIV and AIDS

- Severe immunosuppressive condition; often fatal; predisposition to opportunistic infections and cancers
- HIV causes depletion in helper T-cells making the host very susceptible to other infections
- Frequent antigenic changes

HIV

- Inactivation
  - Virus often protected by living inside cells, protect it from disinfecting action
- Transmission
  - Sexual, blood/blood products, congenital, organ transplants, sperm donation
  - Lengthy asymptomatic period increases spread of disease
- Pathogenesis
  - Virus is cytocidal to helper T4 cells
  - AIDS develops from decreasing immune status

HIV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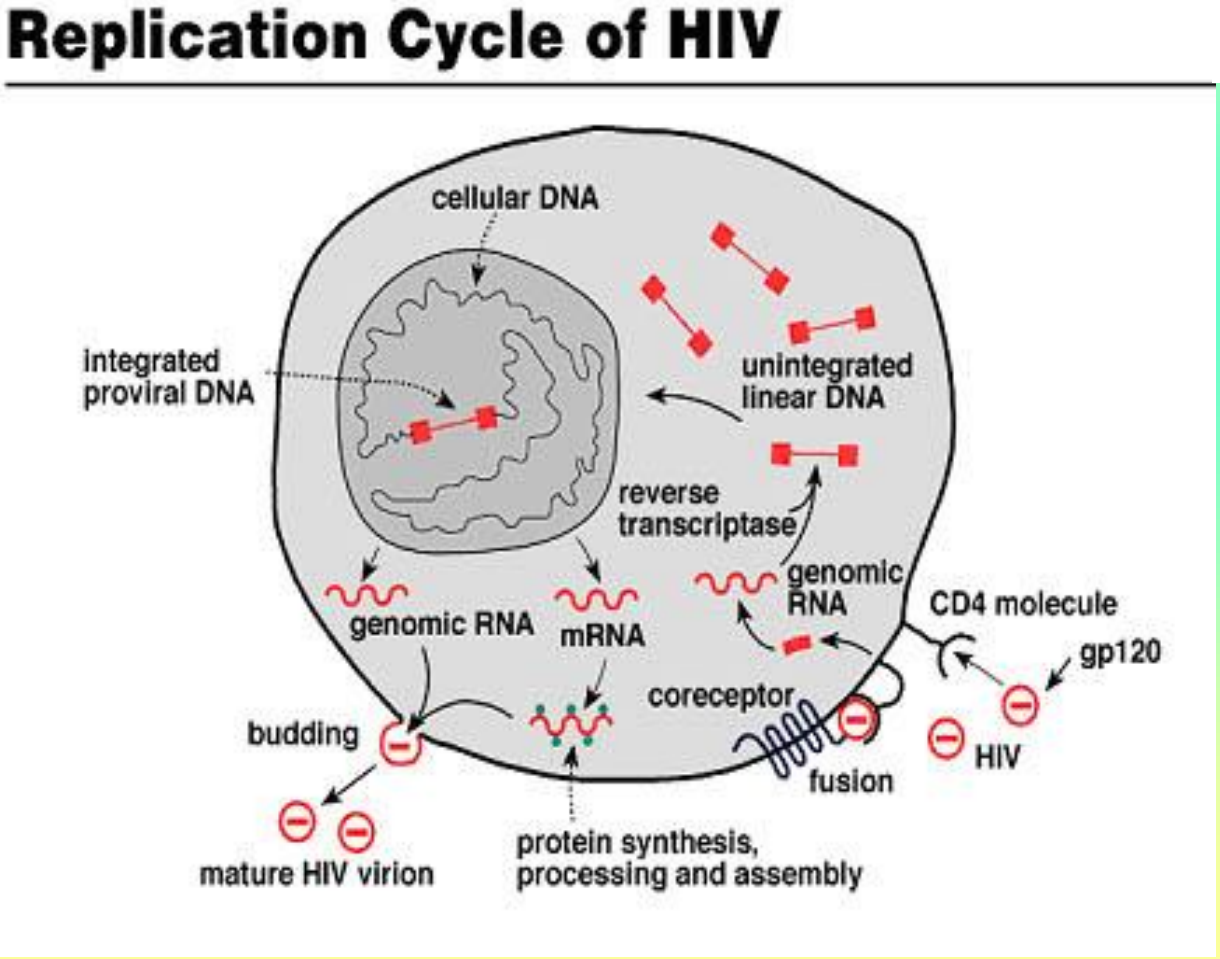
Capsid
Matrix
Lipid Membrane
Reverse
Transcriptase


Replication Cycle of HIV
cellular DNA
integrated
proviral DNA
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CD4 molecule
gp120
coreceptor
budding
HIV
fusion
mature HIV virion
protein synthesis,
processing and assembly

HIV

- Clinical
  - Incubation 6 months-several yrs
  - AIDS-related Complex disease, progress to AIDS
  - Terminal stage patients develop dementias, other neurological problems, many opportunistic infections
- Lab Diagnosis
  - Serology based; seropositivity can take months to occur
  - Isolation of virus from blood, plasma, semen, cervical, vaginal secretions

HIV

- Prevention
  - Universal precautions for healthcare personnel
  - Screen blood, organ and semen donors
  - Heat inactivation of plasma for haemophilia patients
  - Sexual education
  - Education of drug users
  - Testing pregnant women at risk
  - NO VACCINE yet, but is a key focus of current research

HIV

- Treatment
  - MANY forms of treatment
  - Most effective is cocktail of treatments
    - HAART
      - Protease inhibitor (stops viral maturation)
      - Reverse transcriptase (stops viral replication)
  - Bad side-effects
  - Expensive
  - Treatment and Prevention in developing countries very difficult