
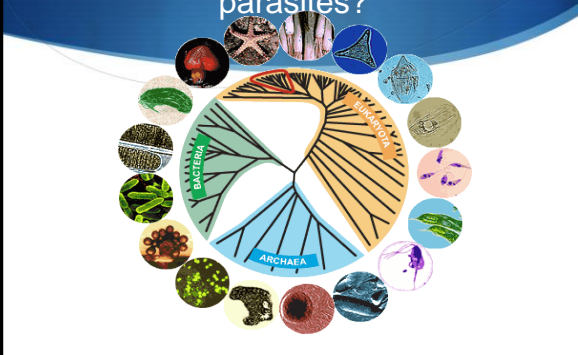


Parasitic infections I.

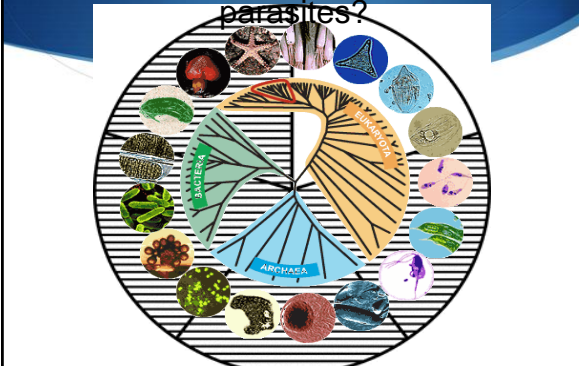
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NRL for diagnosis of tropical parasitological infections



What proportion of species are parasites?



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Neglected tropical diseases 2017

World Health Organization

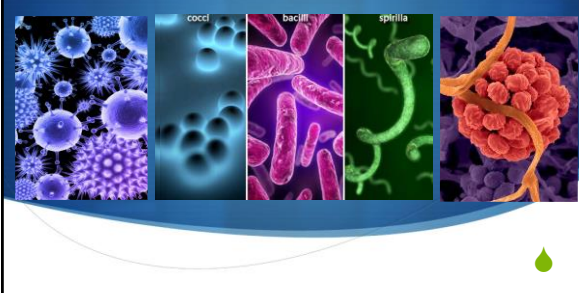
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Buruli ulcer	Mycetoma, chromoblastomycosis and other deep mycoses
Chagas disease	Onchocerciasis (river blindness)
Dengue and Chikungunya	Rabies
Dracunculiasis (guinea-worm disease)	Scabies and other ectoparasites
Echinococcosis	Schistosomiasis
Foodborne trematodiasis	Soil-transmitted helminthiasis
Human African trypanosomiasis (sleeping sickness)	Snakebite envenoming
Leishmaniasis	Taeniasis/Cysticercosis
Leprosy (Hansen's disease)	Trachoma
Lymphatic filariasis	Yaws (Endemic treponematoses)

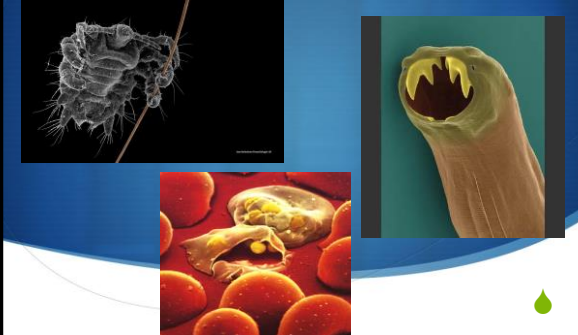
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Parasites as seen by medicine



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Tropical tissue parasites protozoans

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Intestinal parasites

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Tissue helminths

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World malaria report 2018

2016 for the first time in 20 years number of cases increased!!!

Venezuela 1mil 2018 **Burundi 7,2 mil 2019**

Estimated malaria cases (infectious) by WHO region, 2017. The area of the circles is shown as a percentage of the estimated number of cases in each region. Source: WHO estimates.

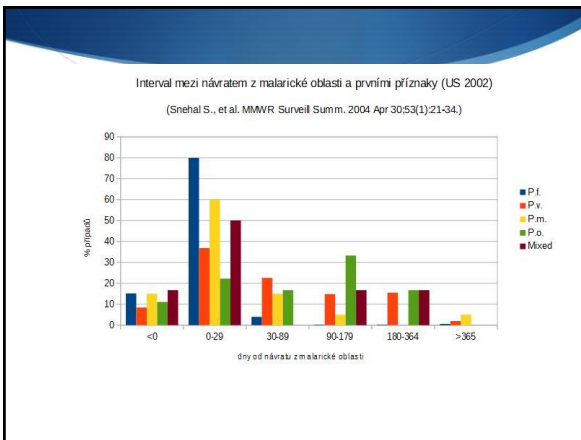
219mil cases
200,5mil in Africa
7,51mil *P. vivax*
435 000 deaths (403 000 Afrika)

One or more cases in 2017
Zero cases in 2017
Zero cases (>3 years) in 2017
Certified malaria free since 2000
No malaria
Not applicable

<https://www.who.int/malaria/publications/world-malaria-report-2018/en/>

Plasmodium falciparum - life cycle

http://magazine.jhsph.edu/2011/malaria/online_extras/galleries/malaria_life_cycle/



Malaria Clinical presentation

- symptoms of **uncomplicated** malaria can be rather **non-specific**
- untreated** malaria can progress to severe forms that may be rapidly (**<24 hours**) **fatal**
- most frequent symptoms include **fever** and **chills**, which can be accompanied by **headache**, **myalgias**, **arthralgias**, **weakness**, **vomiting**, and **diarrhoea**
- Other clinical features include **splenomegaly**, anemia, **thrombocytopenia**, hypoglycemia, pulmonary or renal dysfunction, and neurologic changes

Malaria

- RDT antigen – *P. falciparum*/*P.spp*
- Microscopy – species determination, parasitemia
- PCR – detection of sub microscopical parasitemia, mixed infections, damaged plasmodia

Malaria RDT

- HRP – 2
- Plasmodium falciparum*
- Sequence polymorphism
- Aldolase
- Plasmodium spp.*
- High false negativity *P. ovale* a *P.malariae*

Parasite density vs Time (Day 0 to Week 6). RDT (red box) and Microscopy (blue box) detect parasites during the acute phase. PCR (green box) detects parasites during the sub-microscopic phase. A note indicates 'HRP2 persistence after parasite clearance'.

Malaria-RDT – HRP2

Pfhrp2 mutace 2000
Pfhrp2 mutace 2016

Thin and thick smear

Malaria microscopy

Thick smear

Plasmodium falciparum (G)

10x senzitivity

Thin smear

Plasmodium falciparum (G)

Morfology

Thin smear

Plasmodium falciparum

Plasmodium falciparum Blood Stage Parasites, Thin Blood Smears

Plasmodium vivax

Plasmodium vivax Blood Stage Parasites, Thin Blood Smears

Thin smear

Plasmodium falciparum

Plasmodium falciparum Blood Stage Parasites, Thin Blood Smears

Plasmodium vivax

Plasmodium vivax Blood Stage Parasites, Thin Blood Smears

Thin smear

Plasmodium ovale

Plasmodium ovale Blood Stage Parasites, Thin Blood Smears

Plasmodium malariae/knowlesi

Plasmodium malariae Blood Stage Parasites, Thin Blood Smears

Malaria microscopy

- ◆ Essential for parasitaemia
- ◆ Detection minimum parasitaemia 0.001%
- ◆ Species identification

Malaria PCR

- ◆ *Plasmodium falciparum*
- ◆ *Plasmodium vivax*
- ◆ *Plasmodium ovale*
- ◆ *Plasmodium malariae*
- ◆ (*Plasmodium knowlesi*)

Detection of mixed infections

Malaria treatment

ACT – first line treatment

Intermittent preventive treatment in pregnancy (IPTp)

•2010-2015 6% - 31% increase IPTp (2 doses sulfadoxine-pyrimethamine) female 15-49 last pregnancy

Malaria and other parasites in blood microscopy

Thick smear

10x sensitivity

Thin smear

Morphology

What else can be found in blood?

- ◆ *Histoplasma*
- ◆ *Borelia*
- ◆ *Candida*

Leishmaniasis

Leishmania spp.

- ◆ 12-15 mil cases / year
- ◆ 40 000 deaths
- ◆ Over 20 species of *Leishmania*
- ◆ 30 species of sandfly can transmit

Leishmaniasis



visceral

Status of endemicity of visceral leishmaniasis worldwide, 2015





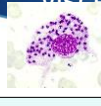


cutaneous

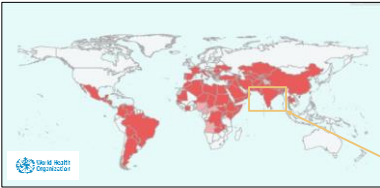
Status of endemicity of cutaneous leishmaniasis worldwide, 2015





Status of endemicity of visceral leishmaniasis:

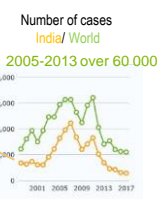








http://apps.who.int/neglected_diseases/ntddata/leishmaniasis/leishmaniasis.html


Number of cases
India/ World

2005-2013 over 60,000




Status of endemicity of visceral leishmaniasis:



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Number of cases 2017
World 22 145

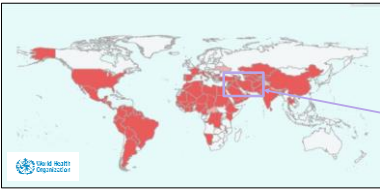


South-East Asia 6 176
Africa 6 050
Eastern Mediterranean 5 127
Americans 4 422

1990-2016 Brazil increase by 52,9%

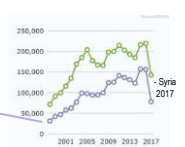
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Number of cases 2016
Eastern Mediterranean/ World 219 200



1. Syria 47 377
2. Afghanistan 35 184 **58%**
3. Pakistan 27 151
4. Iraq 18 258 **71%**




Leishmaniasis Clinical presentation

- ◆ **Cutaneous leishmaniasis** is characterized by one or more cutaneous lesions on areas where sandflies have fed.
- ◆ **sores** can be painless or painful
- ◆ Some people have swollen glands near the sores
- ◆ **Visceral leishmaniasis** usually have fever, weight loss, and an enlarged spleen and liver
- ◆ Some patients have swollen glands.
- ◆ **low blood counts**, including a low red blood cell count (anemia), low white blood cell count, and low platelet count.
- ◆ Some patients develop post kala-azar dermal leishmaniasis.




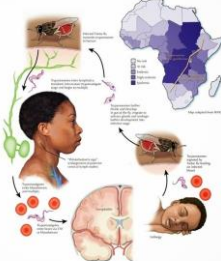
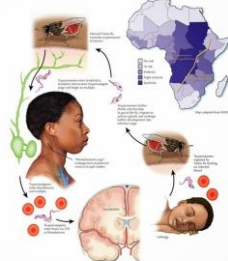
Leishmaniosis - *Leishmania* spp.

- ◆ **Microscopy** – scrapings of the ulcer, bone marrow, histological slides
- ◆ **Serology** – semiquantitative haemagglutination IgG *Leishmania donovani*
- ◆ **Cultivation + Sequencing** – species determination

Sleeping sickness- *Trypanosoma gambiense*, *T. rhodesiense*

- ◆ **Microscopy** – ulcer, aspirate from lymph nodes, blood, CSF,
- ◆ **PCR** – kinetoplastid DNA
- ◆ **Serology** –
- ◆ **HAT Ag** for *T. gambiense*

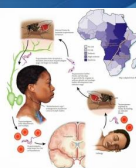
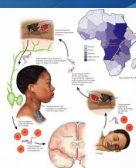
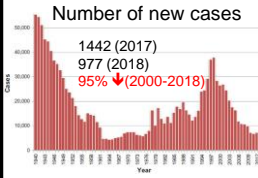




Sleeping sickness *T. gambiense*, *T. rhodesiense*

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WHO adds first all-oral sleeping sickness drug to Essential Medicines List
Published 10 July 2019


Fexinidazole, the first all-oral treatment for sleeping sickness, approved in Democratic Republic of Congo
Published 30 January 2019

Number of new cases

2017	1442
2018	977
2000-2018	95% ↓

Melasporel 1/20 killed
↓
Eflornithine difficult admin.
↓
2009 Nifurtimox-eflornithine
↓
2018 **Fexinidazole**



Nitroimidazole derivatives - Fexinidazole

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Fexinidazole Winthrop, a Sanofi-Aventis product developed with the DNDi, received a positive endorsement from the [European Medicines Agency](#) on November 15th, 2018, for use in non-European markets


- ◆ **(metabolite=sulfoxide a sulfon) antiparasitikum s aktivitou proti**
- ◆ *Trypanosoma cruzi*
- ◆ *Trichomonas vaginalis*
- ◆ *Entamoeba histolytica*
- ◆ *Trypanosoma brucei*
- ◆ *Leishmania donovani*

• enzyme-mediated reduction by nitroreductases to generate cytotoxic species that cause DNA, lipid and protein damage



Chagas disease


- ◆ Estimate 6-7 mil people, mainly in latin america are infected



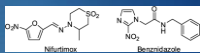



Estimated number of *T. cruzi*

- < 900
- 900-99 999
- 90 000-999 999
- ≥ 900 000

N. Of cases 2013 WHO



Chagas disease

Trypanosomiasis, American (Chagas disease)
(WHO/CDC/2016)

Transferrine Bug Stages

1. Insect takes blood meal from host.
2. Parasite penetrates host's skin and enters bloodstream.
3. Parasite enters bloodstream and travels to various organs.
4. Parasite enters bloodstream and travels to various organs.
5. Parasite enters bloodstream and travels to various organs.

Human Stages

1. Parasite enters bloodstream and travels to various organs.
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3. Parasite enters bloodstream and travels to various organs.
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5. Parasite enters bloodstream and travels to various organs.

NATURAL COURSE OF AMERICAN TRYPANOSOMIASIS

Acute phase (0-10 weeks): FEVER, MALAISE, ANOREXIA, EDENIA, RASH, MYOCARDITIS, MENINGOENCEPHALITIS


Indeterminate phase (8 weeks - 5-40 years): **Potent Parasitemia** (IgG - *Trypanosoma cruzi*)

Chronic phase (5-40 years): **Suboptimal parasitemia** (Indirect IgG test - *cruxi*)

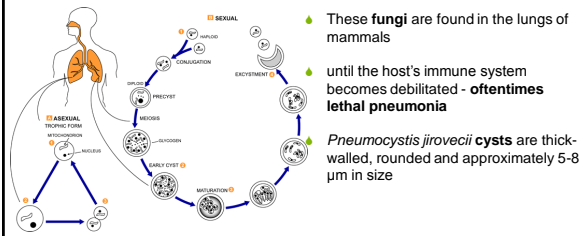
ACUTE CHAGAS DISEASE (MILD ILLNESS) | CHRONIC CHAGAS DISEASE (ASYMPTOMATIC) | (MORBIDITY+ MORTALITY)

Chagas disease *Trypanosoma cruzi*

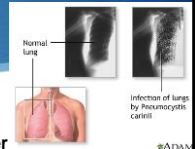
- ◆ **Microscopy** – acute – blood, CSF
chronic – histological slides from biopsy
- ◆ **Serology** – quantitative IgG *Trypanosoma cruzi*
- ◆ **PCR** – kinetoplastid DNA
- ◆ **Diagnostics** – kcongenital Chagas disease



Pneumocystis jirovecii



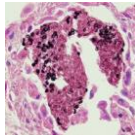
Pneumocystosis – Clinical presentation



- **dyspnea, nonproductive cough, and fever**
- Chest radiography demonstrates bilateral infiltrates
- Extrapulmonary lesions occur in a minority (<3%) of patients, involving most frequently the lymph nodes, spleen, liver, and bone marrow
- Typically, in untreated PCP increasing pulmonary involvement leads to death.

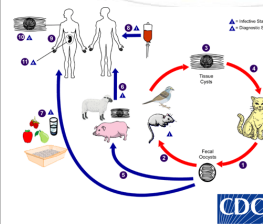
Pneumocystosis – diagnostics and treatment

- Up to 80% of population have Ab
- Diagnosis from **BAL, sputum** or oral wash,
- **microscopy** or **PCR**
- **Treatment:** Trimetoprim-sulfamethoxazol (TMP-SMX, Co-trimoxazol), Pentamidin
- HIV+ 21 days, non-HIV 14-21 days



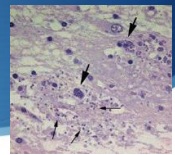
Toxoplasma gondii

tissue cysts: skeletal muscle, myocardium, brain, and eyes



- 1) oocysts
 - 2) tachyzoits
 - 3) bradyzoits (tissue cyst)
- Eating **undercooked meat** with bradyzoites
 - **Food or water contaminated** with cat feces with oocysts
 - **Blood transfusion or organ transplantation**
 - **Transplacentally** from mother to fetus

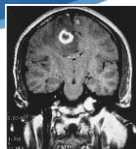
• serology, stained biopsy, amniotic fluid PCR



(Tropical infectious disease 2011)

Toxoplasmosis clinical presentation

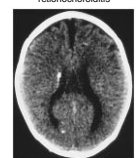
- in **immunocompetent** persons is generally an **asymptomatic**
- 10% to 20% with acute infection cervical **lymphadenopathy** and/or a **flu-like illness**
- **Immunodeficient** patients - **CNS disease** but may have retinochoroiditis, pneumonitis, or other systemic disease
- **AIDS, toxoplasmic encephalitis** is the most common cause of intracerebral mass lesions (reactivation of chronic infection)



(Tropical infectious disease 2011)

Congenital toxoplasmosis

- from an acute **primary infection** acquired by the mother **during pregnancy**
- **incidence and severity** vary with the **trimester** during which infection was acquired
- **treatment of the mother** reduce sequelae in the infant (**pyrimethamin + sulfadiazin + acidum folinicum**)
- Ocular *Toxoplasma* infection – retinochoroiditis, hydrocephalus, psychomotor retardation



(Tropical infectious disease 2011)

Intestinal parasites

Microsporidia *Cyclospora cayentanensis* *Entamoeba* *Trichuris spp.*

Taenia saginata *Enterobius vermicularis* *Cryptosporidium* *G. intestinalis*

<https://www.cdc.gov/dpdx/>

Main population in Košice

Parasite	Prevalence (%)
<i>Enterobius vermicularis</i>	15,2%
<i>Giardia duodenalis</i>	0,9%
<i>Ascaris lumbricoides</i>	1,9%
<i>Taenia spp.</i>	0,9%
<i>Hymenolepis nana</i>	0,9%

■ *Giardia duodenalis*
 ■ *Ascaris lumbricoides*
 ■ *Enterobius vermicularis*
 ■ *Taenia spp.*
■ *Hymenolepis nana*

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Getho near Košice

Parasite	Prevalence (%)
<i>Ascaris lumbricoides</i>	51,70%
<i>Enterobius vermicularis</i>	16,10%
<i>Giardia duodenalis</i>	14,40%
<i>Cryptosporidium spp.</i>	7,30%
<i>Taenia sp.</i>	15,04%
<i>Trichuris trichiura</i>	0,31%
<i>Hymenolepis nana</i>	0,31%
<i>Ľ. Ancylostomatidae</i>	0,62%

■ *Giardia duodenalis*
■ *Cryptosporidium spp.*
■ *Ascaris lumbricoides*
■ *Trichuris trichiura*
■ *Enterobius vermicularis*
■ *Hymenolepis nana*
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Parasitological examination of stool

Diagram illustrating the process of parasitological examination of stool, showing a stool sample container and a stool specimen being analyzed.

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Gomori-trichrom

Parasitological examination of stool

- ◆ Stain (Trichrom, Miláček, Heidenheim, Calcofluor white)

<i>Entamoeba histolytica</i> (TR)	<i>Cryptosporidium parvum</i> (ML)
<i>Chilomastix mesnili</i> (TR)	<i>Encyrtosporozoon sp.</i> (CAL)

PCR multiplex – stool parasites

- ◆ - *Giardia lamblia*
- ◆ - *Entamoeba histolytica*
- ◆ - *Cryptosporidium* spp.
- ◆ - *Blastocystis hominis*
- ◆ - *Dientamoeba fragilis*
- ◆ - *Cyclospora cayetanensis*

Diagnostical-RDT

Amoebiasis - *Entamoeba histolytica*

- ◆ Microscopy

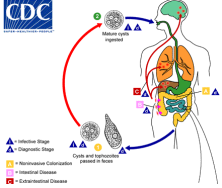
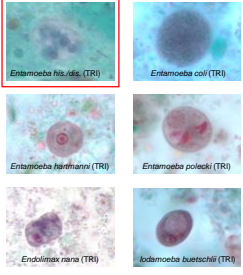
Differentiation *Entamoeba histolytica* from non pathogenic

<i>Entamoeba histolytica</i> (TR)	<i>Entamoeba coli</i> (TR)
<i>Entamoeba histolytica</i> (TR)	<i>Entamoeba polecki</i> (TR)
<i>Entamoeba nana</i> (TR)	<i>Entamoeba buetschlii</i> (TR)

Amoebiasis - *Entamoeba histolytica*

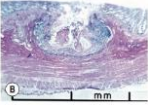

◆ **Microscopy**

Differentiation *Entamoeba histolytica* from nonpathogenic amoebae

Amoebiasis – Clinical presentation

- ◆ from **asymptomatic infection** (“luminal amoebiasis”)
- ◆ to **invasive intestinal amoebiasis** (dysentery, colitis, appendicitis, toxic megacolon, amebomas)
- ◆ to **invasive extraintestinal amoebiasis** (liver abscess, peritonitis, pleuropulmonary abscess, cutaneous and genital amoebic lesions)

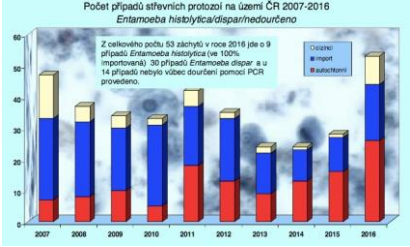



Mucosal ulcer colon Liver abscess (Tropical infectious disease 2011)

Amoebiasis - *Entamoeba histolytica*


100 000 deaths worldwide annually

Počet případů střevních parazitů na území ČR 2007-2016
Entamoeba histolytica/dispar/medouřeno



9 E.h.

Amoebiasis - *Entamoeba histolytica*



- ◆ **Microscopy** – stool, cyst aspirate, histological slides from biopsy
- ◆ **Serology** – Quantitative detection of IgG *Entamoeba histolytica*
- ◆ **PCR** – stool, cyst aspirate, histological slides from biopsy


Amoebiasis - *Entamoeba histolytica*

- ◆ **Microscopy**
- ◆ **PCR**
- ◆ **Serology**

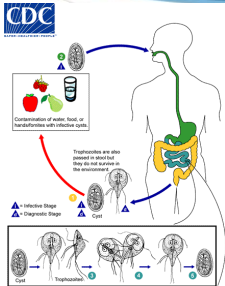
Differentiation *Entamoeba histolytica* from nonpathogenic amoebae

Differentiation *Entamoeba histolytica* from *E. dispar* and *E. moshkowskii* (stool, aspirate, biopsy)

95% extraintestinal am.
70% activ intestinal inf.
10% asymptomatic inf.



Giardia intestinalis (syn. *G. lamblia*, *G. duodenalis*)



- ◆ The cysts are hardy and can **survive several months** in cold water
- ◆ **lumen of the proximal small bowel** where they can be free or attached to the mucosa by a ventral sucking disk
- ◆ cysts are infectious when passed in the stool or shortly afterward

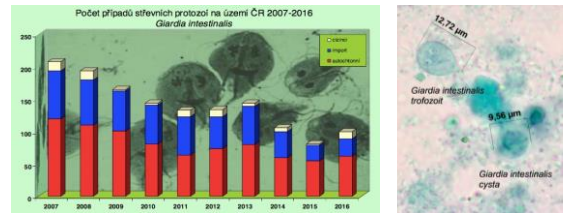
Giardia intestinalis Clinical Presentation



- from **asymptomatic** carriage to severe **diarrhoea** and **malabsorption**
- Acute giardiasis develops after an **incubation period of 1 to 14 days**
- usually lasts 1 to 3 weeks
- Symptoms include **diarrhoea, abdominal pain, bloating, nausea, and vomiting.**
- In chronic giardiasis the symptoms are recurrent

Giardiasis

- Most prevalent GI pathogenic protozoa estimate 200 mil./year

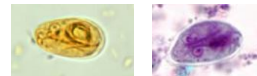


Giardia intestinalis/duodenalis/lamblia

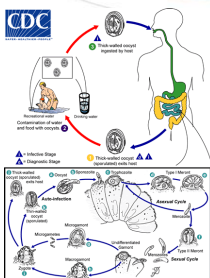
- Giardia lamblia* A** (humans, primates, dogs, cats, cows, sheep, deer, rodents)
- Giardia lamblia* B** (humans, primates, dogs, cats, horses, **beavers**)
- Giardia lamblia* C,D (digs)
- Giardia lamblia* E (cows, sheep, goats, pigs)
- Giardia lamblia* F (cats)
- Giardia lamblia* G (pigs)
- G. agilis*, *G. ardae*, *G. psittaci*, *G. microti*, *G. muris*

Diagnostics

- Microscopy**
- Special stain Trichrom (50-70% 1stool., 90% 3stool.)
- PCR detekcion (for therapy monitoring)
- Cysts 6-10µm x 8-12µm
- Trofozoites 5-15µm x 9-21µm (duoden st.)



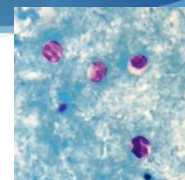
Cryptosporidium sp.



- Sporulated **oocysts**, containing 4 sporozoites, are excreted by the infected host through feces (**contaminated water**)
- sporozoites are released and **parasitize epithelial cells**
- Two different types of **oocysts** are produced, the **thick-walled**, which is commonly **excreted** from the host
- and the **thin-walled oocyst** which is primarily involved in **autoinfection**

Cryptosporidiosis - Clinical presentation

- from asymptomatic infections to severe, life-threatening illness
- incubation period** is an average of **7 days**
- Watery diarrhoea** is the most frequent symptom
- dehydration, weight loss, abdominal pain, fever, nausea and vomiting
- Immunocompetent 1 to 2 weeks**



- chronic and more **severe** in **immunocompromised patients**
- CD4 counts < 200/µl

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