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#### Measles (Rubeola)



### DEFINITION

 Measles is an acute highly contagious viral disease caused by RNA virus (Paramyxovirus family, genus Morbillivirus).

- Morbillivirus
  - -structure
  - -non-segmented., linear., ssRNA-, helical capsid, enveloped.

#### Agent

- Source of infection-cases of measles, but not carriers.
- No animal reservoir
- Infective material- Nasal secretion ,Respiratory tract &Throat
- Communicability- Highly infectious during prodromal period and at the time of eruption.
- Secondary attack rate- > 80%

### **Host factors**

- Age- 6 months to 3 years even up to 10 years
- Incidence equal in both sexes
- Immunity life long immunity
- Malnourished children are susceptible

### **Environmental factor**

- Winter season, over crowding
- Transmission Droplet infection
- 4 days before and 4 days after rash
- Incubation period 7 days

#### Virulence factors

- 1. Portal of entry:
  - Respiratory mucus membrane.

 It first infects the respiratory mucosa, spreads through the lymphatics and bloodstream, and can then infect the conjunctiva, respiratory tract, urinary tract, GI tract, endothelial cells, and the central nervous system.

#### Virulence factors

- 2. Attachment:
  - Hemagglutinin
    - Hemagglutinin in an integral membrane protein found on the surface of the measles virus.
    - Hemagglutinin binds to CD46 (<u>cluster of differentiation</u>), a glycoprotein found on the surface of most cells.
      - (CD46 protects host cells from autoimmune destruction by binding to C3b and C4b and cleaving them).



### Virulence factors

- 3. Evade the immune system:
  - Immunosuppression:
    - The measles virus blocks T<sub>H</sub> proliferation response to IL-2.
      - The measle's Hemagglutinin protein and fusion proteins bind to lymphocytes and interrupt IL-2 cell signaling.

#### Virulence Factors

#### 4. Destruction of tissue:

a serious febrile illness. The maculopapular rash, which starts at the hairline and spreads over the whole body, is caused by immune T-cells targeted to the infected endothelial cells of the small blood vessels. T-cell deficient individuals do not have the rash, but do have uncontrolled disease which usually results in death.

- The damage, as well as the control of the disease, is most probably caused by the immune system.

### Transmission

- Measles transmission is primarily person to person via large respiratory droplets. Airborne transmission via aerosolized droplet has been documented in closed areas for up to 2 hours after a person with measles occupied the area.
- Measles is highly communicable, with >90% among susceptible persons. Measles may be transmitted from 4 days prior to 4 days after rash onset. Maximum communicability occurs from onset of symptoms through the first 3-4 days of rash.

### Measles Pathogenesis

- Respiratory transmission of virus
- Replication in nasopharynx and regional lymph nodes
- Primary viremia 2-3 days after exposure
- Secondary viremia 5-7 days after exposure with spread to tissues



#### **Clinical features**

- Prodromal stage
- Eruptive stage
- Post-measles stage

## **Clinical features**

- 3 Cs (Cough, Coryza & Conjunctivitis)
- Koplik spots
- Four days fever (40<sup>0</sup>c)
- Generalized, maculopapular,erythematous rash.

#### Measles Clinical Features

#### Rash

- 2-4 days after prodrome, 14 days after exposure
- Maculopapular, becomes confluent
- Begins on face and head
- Persists 5-6 days
- Fades in order of appearance

#### **Stage of Maculopapular Rash (day 4-5)**

- -Temp. rises
- abruptly as the rash appears (40 C0)
- -Starts on upper lateral part of neck,
- -Behind the ear, posterior part of cheek
- -24hr upper chest
- -Next 24hr Back, Abdomen

-On 3<sup>rd</sup> day reaches legs/feet and starts fading from face

- Hemorrhagic, black Measles-confluent rash, ecchymosis.
- -Brawny desquamation and brownish discoloration post measles staining-disappears 7-10 days

#### **Koplik's spots**

• Found in the mouth, these spots look like tiny grains of white sand, each surrounded by a red ring. They are found especially on the inside of the cheek (the buccal mucosa) opposite the 1st and 2nd upper molars.











# Complication

- Diarrhea,
- Pneumonia
- Otitis media
- Convulsions,
- SSPE (sub acute sclerosing panencephalitis)







#### Rubella

- German Measles
- Typically mild
- Often unrecognized
- Difficult to diagnose
- Significant infection in pregnant women
- Symptoms
  - Slight fever with mild cold symptoms
  - Enlarged lymph nodes behind ears and back of neck
  - Faint rash on face
  - Rash consists of light pink spots
  - Adults commonly complain of joint pain
  - Symptoms last only a few days
    - Joint pain may last up to 3 weeks
- Congenital rubella syndrome
  - First trimester susceptibility highest
  - Can lead to fetal death, or neurological disease in survivors (deafness, mental retardation)



### Rubella

- Causative Agent
  - Rubella virus
  - Member of *Togaviridae* family
  - Small, enveloped
  - Single-stranded RNA genome
- Pathogenesis
  - Enters body via respiratory route
  - Virus multiplies in nasopharynx, then enters bloodstream
  - Causes sustained viremia
  - Blood transports virus to body tissues
  - Immunity develops against viral antigens resulting antigenantibody complexes most likely responsible for rash and joint pain

#### Rubella

- Epidemiology
  - Humans are only natural host
  - Disease is highly contagious
    - Less so than measles
  - 40% of infected people fail to develop symptoms
    - These individuals can spread virus
  - Infectious 7 days before appearance of rash to 7 days after
- Prevention and Treatment
  - Vaccination with attenuated rubella virus vaccine
    - Administered at 12 months and boosted at 4 to 6 years of age
    - Produces long-lasting immunity in 95% of recipients
    - Vaccine not given to pregnant women due to potential complications
      - Women are advised not to become pregnant for 28 days post vaccination

#### Clinical signs of rubella





Birth defect in uncommon at 18 week of pregnancy

#### Measles **Rubella** Have 2 spike (HA, F) Virus enter the body via resp. tract Single serotype So Long live immunity Multiply in epithet. Of Resp. Tract Rout of entry through resp. tract Spread to Reginald L.N (Further multiplication) After multiplication in Resp. tract Viraemia (primary) Cervical L.N Further multiplication Dissemination Reticulo endothelial system Viraemia after 7 day last until Ab appear on 15 day Secondary viraemia Rash appearance \* virus remain detectable in nasopharynx for several Dissemination to weeks \* 25% of cases in subclinical Epithelial surface of Conjunctiva Skin Respiratory the body tract

### Prophylaxis

• Measles vaccine is a live, attenuated measles virus grown in chick embryo tissue culture. It is given as part of the MMR vaccine.

- Vaccine is about 95% effective
  - Cases continue to occur among those who do not develop or retain good immunity from vaccinations.
    - Most of these infections are caused by contact with infected people who come from outside.

### Prophylaxis

- The first dose of MMR should be given on or after the first birthday; the recommended range is from 12-15 months.
- The second dose is usually given when the child is 4-6 years old, or before he or she enters kindergarten or first grade. The second dose can be given anytime as long as it is at least four weeks after the first dose.

