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CHAPTER 33

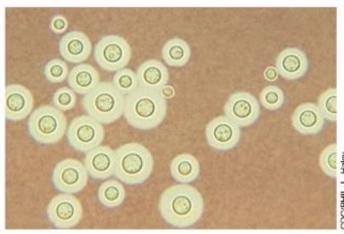
Eukaryotic Pathogens: Fungi, Protozoa, and Helminths

# I. Fungal Infections

- 33.1 Pathogenic Fungi and Classes of Infection
- 33.2 Fungal Diseases: Mycoses

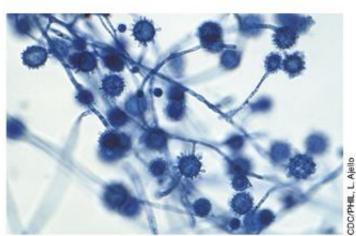
# 33.1 Pathogenic Fungi and Classes of Infection

- Only about 50 fungal species cause disease.
  - Fungi can be single celled *yeasts* or hyphae-forming *molds*. (Figure 33.1)
  - Some pathogenic fungi are *dimorphic*, meaning they can be either molds or yeasts.



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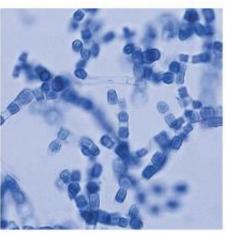
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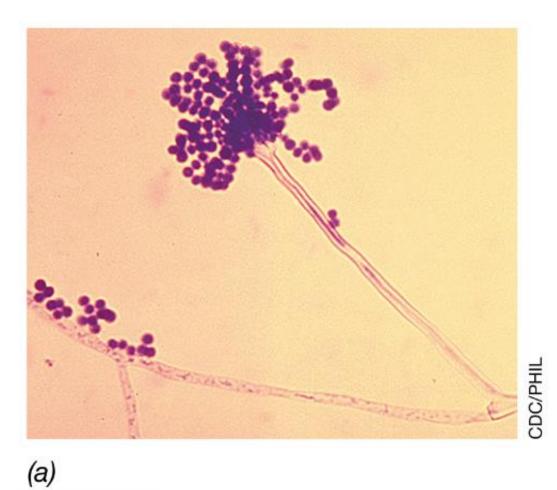
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# 33.1 Pathogenic Fungi and Classes of Infection

- Fungi cause disease through three major mechanisms.
  - allergic responses to fungi
  - *mycotoxins* (*e.g.*, aflatoxins; Figure 33.2)
  - infections (mycoses)
    - superficial
    - subcutaneous
    - systemic



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Figure 33.2

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- Superficial mycoses (Figure 33.3)
  - caused by dermatophytes, or fungus living in the skin.
  - Dermato = skin; phyte = plant (fungi were once considered degenerate plants).
    - Trichophyton
  - Fungi colonize the hair, skin, or nails and infect only the surface layers.

- Subcutaneous mycoses (Figure 33.4)
  - Situations where fungi colonize deeper layers of skin tend to be more serious than superficial fungal infections.
  - Different groups of fungi may cause subcutaneous infection.
    - Sporothrix
    - Fonsecaea
    - Cladosporium

- *Systemic mycoses* (Figure 33.5)
  - Humans become infected by inhaling spores.
    - fungal growth in internal organs of the body
    - histoplasmosis caused by Histoplasma capsulatum
    - coccidioidomycosis caused by Coccidioides immitis
    - *blastomycosis* caused by *Blastomyces dermatitidis*
    - paracoccidioidomycosis caused by Paracoccidioides brasiliensis
    - cryptococcosis caused by Cryptococcus neoformans

- Fungal infections can be especially serious in individuals with an impaired immune system (*e.g.*, AIDS patients) or those taking immunosuppressive drugs.
- Other pre-disposing conditions for fungal infections are pregnancy, antibiotic use, and age.
  - Pregnant women have a weakened cellular immune response.
    Very young and very old individuals are more at risk for the same reason.
  - Antibiotic use disrupts the normal microbiota, often leading to fungal overgrowth. Example: Mucosal vaginal yeast (*Candida*) infections are common with antibiotic use.

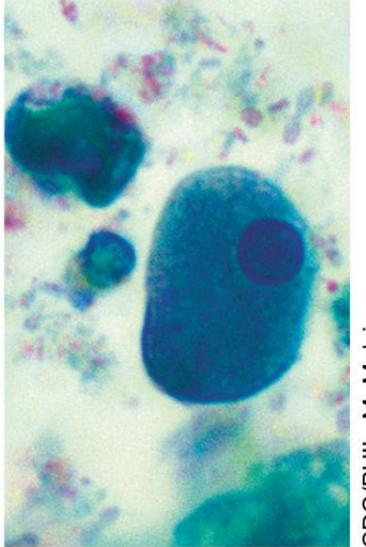
**II. Visceral Parasitic Infections** 

- 33.3 Amoebae and Ciliates: Entamoeba, Naegleria, and Balantidium
- 33.4 Other Visceral Parasites: Giardia,

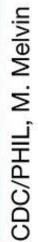
Trichomonas, Cryptosporidium, Toxoplasma, and Cyclospora

# 33.3 Amoeba and Ciliates: *Entamoeba*, *Naegleria*, and *Balantidium*

- Entamoeba histolytica (Figure 33.6a)
  - a pathogenic protist transmitted to humans primarily through contaminated water and sometimes food
  - anaerobic and produces resistant cysts
  - Infection can be asymptomatic or lead to diarrhea and/or dysentery.
  - If untreated, invasive cells can invade the liver and occasionally the lungs and brain.
  - can be treated with amoebicidal drugs



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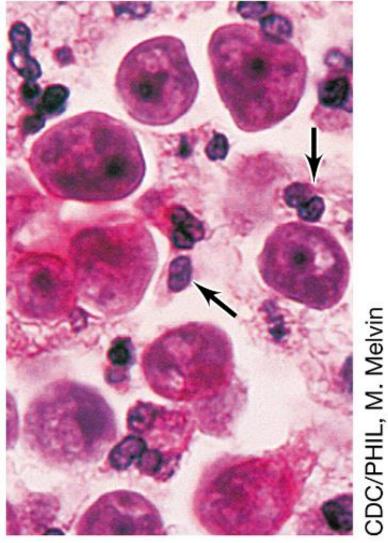






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- *Naegleria fowleri* (Figure 33.6b)
  - a free-living amoeba found in soil and water runoff that can also cause amebiasis
  - Infections usually result from swimming in warm, soilcontaminated natural water sources (*e.g.*, hot springs or lakes).
  - enters the human body through the nose and burrows directly into the brain, causing extensive hemorrhage and brain damage (meningoencephalitis)
  - Drug treatment is effective if infections are identified early.



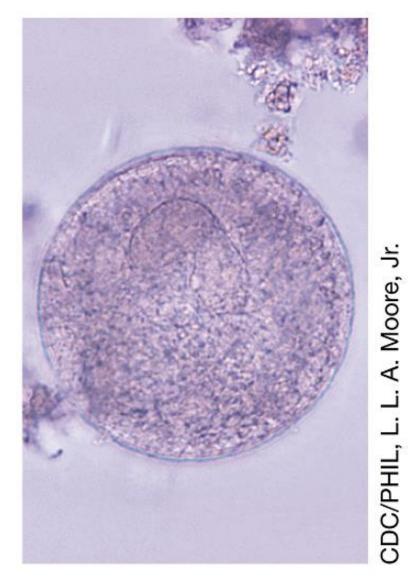
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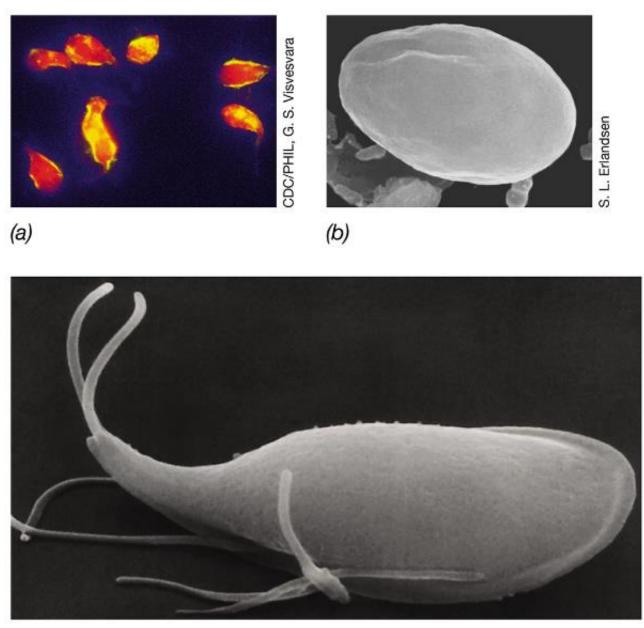
- Balantidium coli (Figure 33.6c)
  - ciliated intestinal human and swine parasite
  - infections caused by cysts
  - transmitted to humans through fecally contaminated water
  - symptoms resemble those of amebiasis



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- Giardia intestinalis (Figure 33.7)
  - flagellated anaerobic parasite
  - has mitosomes
  - produces highly resistant cysts
    - cause of *giardiasis*, a common waterborne disease
      - explosive, foul-smelling diarrhea, intestinal cramps, nausea, weight loss, and malaise
      - Many individuals exhibit no symptoms and can act as carriers.

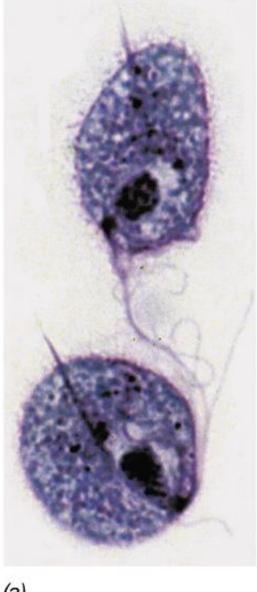


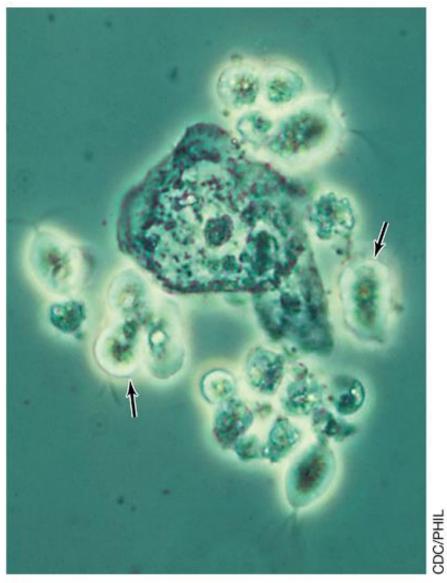
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**Figure 33.7** 

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- *Trichomonas vaginalis* (Figure 33.8)
  - flagellated anaerobic parasite
  - has hydrogenosomes
  - transmitted person-to-person by sexual intercourse
  - can survive on moist surfaces
    - can be transmitted by toilet seats, sauna benches, and towels
  - asymptomatic in males
  - vaginal discharge, itching, and burning in women
  - antiprotozoal drug metronidazole used in treatment







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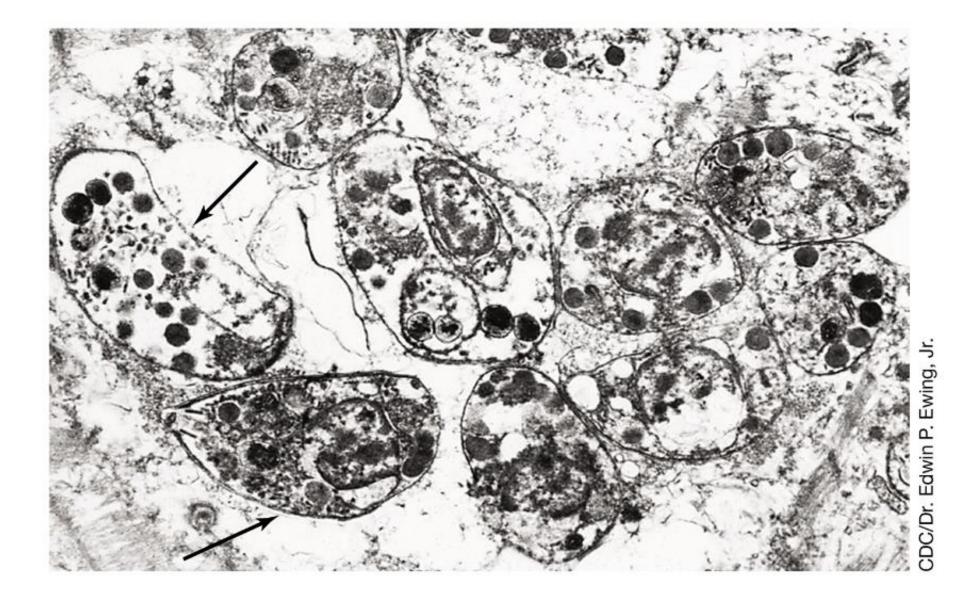


- Cryptosporidium, Toxoplasma, and Cyclospora
  - parasitic coccidia
  - transmitted to humans through fecally contaminated food or water

- *Cryptosporidium parvum* (Figure 33.9)
  - protist that lives as a parasite in warm-blooded animals
  - produces thick-walled cells (*oocysts*) that are shed in the feces of infected animals
  - The oocysts are transmitted in fecally contaminated water.
  - Oocysts are highly resistant to chlorine and UV radiation; thus, sedimentation and filtration methods are most effective at removal.

- Cyclosopra cayetanensis
  - protist that lives as a parasite in warm-blooded animals
  - produces oocysts that are shed in the feces of infected animals
  - The oocysts are transmitted in fecally contaminated foods.
  - Most cases have been linked to fruits or vegetables.
  - major outbreak in the United States linked to contaminated packaged lettuce in 2013

- *Toxoplasma gondii* (Figure 33.10)
  - protist that lives as a parasite in warm-blooded animals
  - produces oocysts that are shed in the feces of infected animals
  - The oocysts are transmitted by cats.
    - also by undercooked meat
  - Toxoplasmosis is mainly asymptomatic.
  - Toxoplasmosis can damage eyes, brain, and other organs in immune-compromised individuals.
  - *Toxoplasma* can cause birth defects.



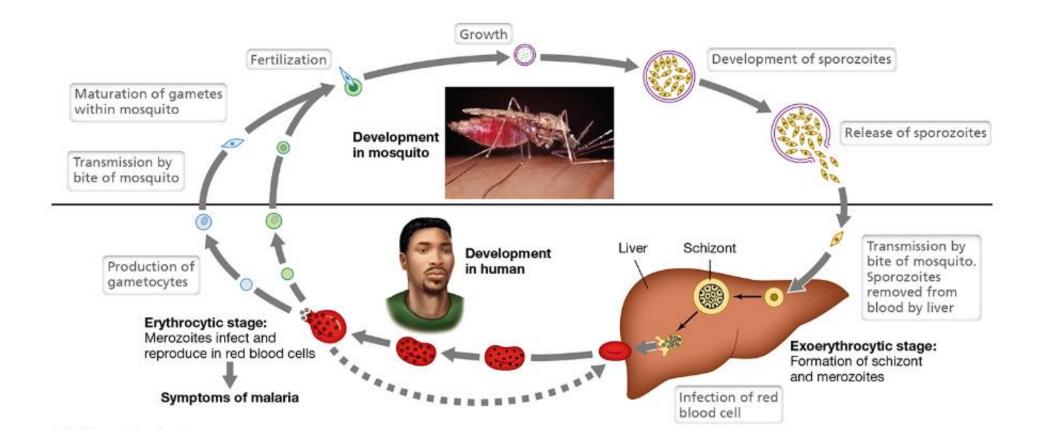


# **III. Blood and Tissue Parasitic Infections**

- 33.5 Plasmodium and Malaria
- 33.6 Leishmaniasis, Trypanosomiasis, and Chagas' Disease
- 33.7 Parasitic Helminths: Schistosomiasis and Filariasis

## 33.5 Plasmodium and Malaria

- Malaria
  - a protist disease caused by *Plasmodium* spp.
  - has a complex life cycle that includes Anopheles mosquitoes as vectors (Figure 33.11)
  - estimates of 350 million people infected worldwide
  - Each year over one million people die from malaria.
  - generally found in tropical and subtropical regions

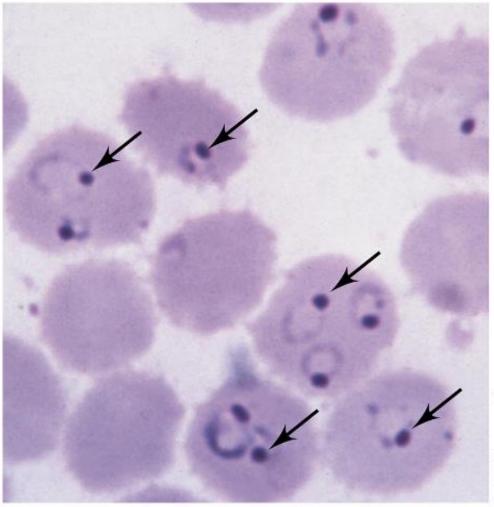




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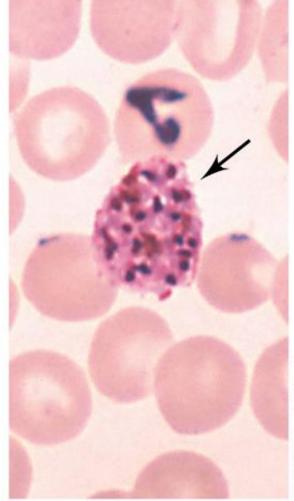
- Diagnosis requires identifying *Plasmodium*-infected erythrocytes in blood smears. (Figure 33.12)
- Drugs are used to prevent and treat infections.
  - chloroquine and primaquine
- Malaria may recur years after the primary infection.
- Several vaccines are currently in development.
- can be controlled by draining swamps or eliminating mosquitoes

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**Figure 33.12** 

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# 33.6 Leishmaniasis, Trypanosomiasis, and Chagas' Disease

- Leishmania tropica or L. mexicana (Figure 33.13b)
  - flagellated protozoan
  - related to *Trypanosoma*
  - causes cutaneous leishmaniasis
  - transmitted by bite of sandfly (Figure 33.13a)
  - infects and grows in macrophages
  - forms nodules and ulcers on skin (Figure 33.13c)
  - treatment with antimony compounds



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Figure 33.13a

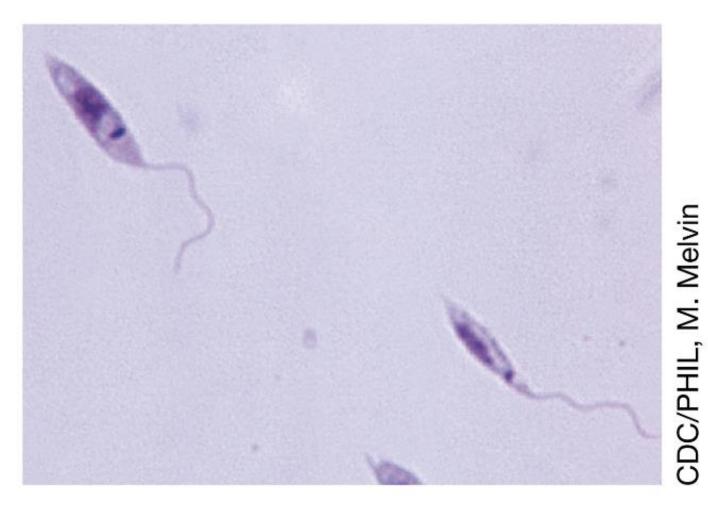




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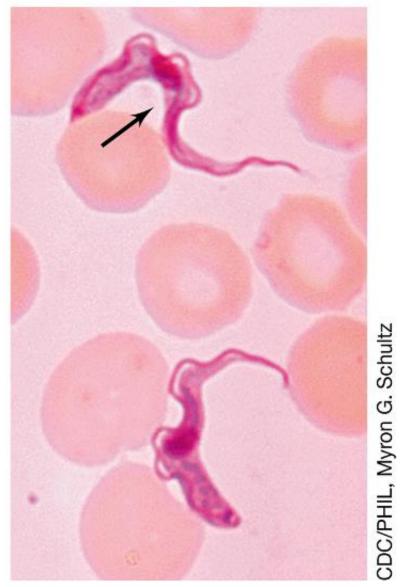


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- Leishmania donovani
  - causes visceral leishmaniasis
  - transmitted by bite of sandfly
  - parasite travels to internal organs
  - damage to liver, spleen, and bone marrow
  - If untreated, visceral disease is fatal.
  - Treatment includes antimony, compounds, bed rest, and blood transfusions.

## 33.6 Leishmaniasis, Trypanosomiasis, and Chagas' Disease

- *Trypanosoma brucei* (Figure 33.14a)
  - two subspecies
    - T. brucei gambiense
    - T. brucei rhodesiense
  - causes African sleeping sickness (African trypanosomiasis)
  - transmitted by bite of tsetse fly
  - Parasite multiplies in blood.
  - infects central nervous system and multiplies in spinal fluid
  - Treatment includes anti-trypanosomal drugs.







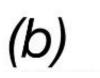
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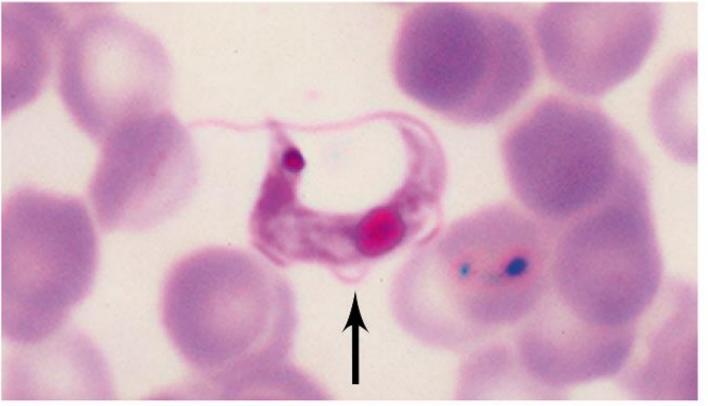
- *Trypanosoma cruzi* (Figure 33.14c)
  - causes Chagas' disease (American trypanosomiasis)
  - transmitted by bite of "kissing bug" (Figure 33.14b)
  - Parasite affects heart, gastrointestinal tract, and central nervous system.
  - occurs in Latin American countries



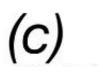
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**Figure 33.14b** 



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**Figure 33.14c** 

- Schistosomiasis (Figure 33.15a)
  - called snail fever
  - caused by the trematode *Schistosoma*
  - Life cycle requires snails and humans.
  - Eggs released into freshwater. (Figure 33.15b)
  - Eggs become miricidia.
  - Miricidia infect snails and become *cercaria*. (Figure 33.15c)
  - Cercaria burrow into skin, leaving surface lesions. (Figure 33.15d)
  - occurs in tropical and subtropical countries
  - treatment with praziquantel





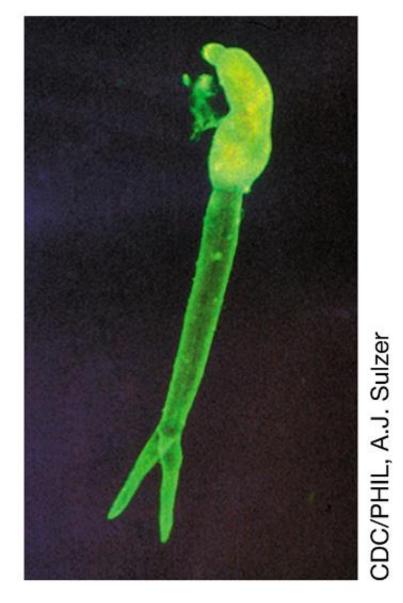
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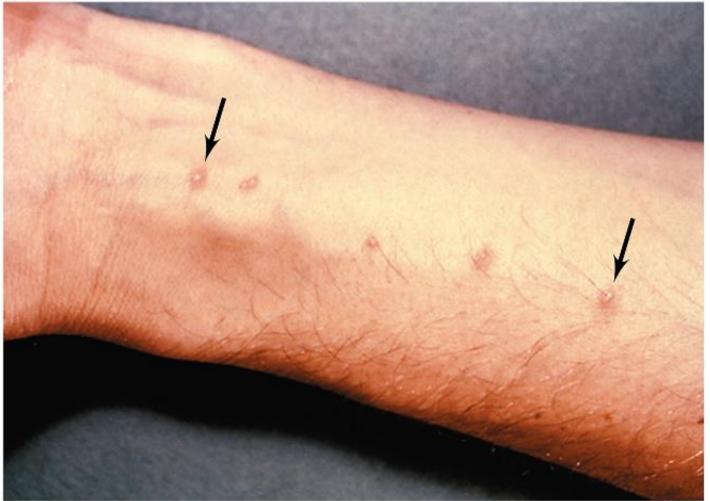
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**Figure 33.15d** 

- *Filariasis* (Figure 33.16b)
  - transmitted by bite of mosquito
  - called Bancroft's filariasis ("elephantiasis")
    - caused by the nematode Wuchereria bancrofti
    - Worms interrupt lymph flow.
    - chronic infection of the lymphatic system
    - causes massive enlargement of the legs

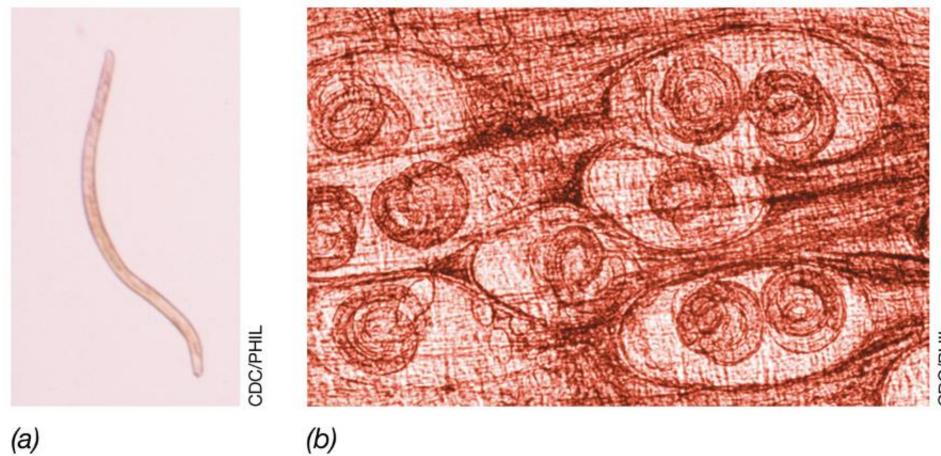


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- Onchocerciasis
  - transmitted by flies
    - called "river blindness"
    - caused by the nematode Onchocerca volvulus
      - Worms invade cornea, iris, and retina.
      - causes scarring of eye and loss of vision
      - occurs in equatorial Africa

- Trichinosis
  - Caused by the nematode *Trichinella spiralis* 
    - Worm lives in muscle tissue of wild mammals. (Figure 33.17)
    - Worm infects pigs.
    - Humans consume undercooked meat.
    - Larvae enter intestinal mucosa.
    - Larvae can circulate throughout body.
  - Trichinosis is treatable with antihelminthic drugs.



**Figure 33.17**