Chapter 38

Human Diseases Caused by Bacteria
General characteristics of the Staphylococci

- Spherical cells arranged in irregular clusters
- Gram positive
- Common inhabitant of the skin & mucous membranes
- Lack spores and flagella
- May have capsules
- 31 species
S. aureus
Slime

- Viscous extracellular glycoconjugate that allows bacteria to adhere to smooth surfaces and form biofilms

- Inhibits neutrophil chemotaxis, phagocytosis, and antimicrobial agents
Figure 38.16

Diseases that may be caused by S. aureus are:

1. Pimples and impetigo
2. Boils and carbuncles on any surface area
3. Wound infections and abscesses
4. Spread to lymph nodes and to blood (sepsis), resulting in widespread seeding
5. Enteritis and enterotoxin poisoning (food poisoning)
6. Osteomyelitis
7. Endocarditis
8. Meningitis
9. Nephritis
10. Respiratory infections: Pharyngitis, Laryngitis, Bronchitis, Pneumonia
Staphylococcal Diseases

• caused by members of genus of *Staphylococcus*
  - gram-positive cocci, occurring singly, in pairs, tetrads, or grape-like clusters
  - facultative anaerobes and usually *catalase* positive
  - normal inhabitants of upper respiratory tract, skin, intestines, and vagina
  - *S. aureus* – *coagulase* positive, pathogenic
  - *S. epidermidis* – *coagulase* negative, less pathogenic
  - many pathogenic strains are *slime producers*
Staphylococcus aureus

- grows in large, round, opaque colonies
- optimum temperature of 37°C
- facultative anaerobe
- withstands high salt, extremes in pH, & high temperatures
- produces many virulence factors
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<td>Converts hydrogen peroxide into water and oxygen and reduces killing by phagocytosis</td>
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<td>Reacts with prothrombin to form a complex that can cleave fibrinogen and cause the formation of a fibrin clot; fibrin may also be deposited on the surface of staphylococci, which may protect them from destruction by phagocytic cells; coagulase production is synonymous with invasive pathogenic potential</td>
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<td>DNase</td>
<td>Destroys DNA</td>
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<td>Are divided into heat-stable toxins of six known types (A, B, C1, C2, D, E); responsible for the gastrointestinal upset typical of food poisoning</td>
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<td>Causes loss of the surface layers of the skin in scalded-skin syndrome</td>
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<td>Also known as spreading factor; breaks down hyaluronic acid located between cells, allowing for penetration and spread of bacteria</td>
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Toxins of *S. aureus*

- Hemolysins – lyse RBCs; 
  - \(\alpha, \beta, \gamma, \delta\)
- Leukocidin
- Enterotoxins
- Exfoliative toxin
- Toxic shock syndrome (TSS) toxin
Enzymes of *S. aureus*

- **coagulase** – coagulates plasma and blood; produced by 97% of human isolates; diagnostic
- **hyaluronidase**
- **staphylokinase**
- **DNase**
- **lipases**
- **penicillinase**
Figure 38.17

a), b) folliculitis (boils); c) furuncle; d) carbuncle; e) impetigo on 2 yr.old; f) scalded skin syndrome in neonate
Carbuncle
S. aureus diseases

- Ranges from localized to systemic
  - **localized** - abscess, folliculitis, furuncle, carbuncle, impetigo
  - **systemic** – osteomyelitis, bacteremia
  - **toxigenic** disease – food intoxication, scalded skin syndrome (SSS), toxic shock syndrome (TSS)
Staphylococcal Lesions

- **localized abscess**
  - when *S. aureus* becomes established in a hair follicle, tissue necrosis results
  - coagulase is produced forming a fibrin wall around lesion, limiting spread
  - liquefaction of necrotic tissue in center of lesion occurs; abscess spreads
  - may be a furuncle (boil) or carbuncle
  - bacteria may spread from area via lymphatics or bloodstream
  - healing occurs
Toxic shock syndrome (TSS)

• caused by *S. aureus* strains that release toxic shock syndrome toxin and other toxins

• most cases occur in females who use superabsorbent tampons

• disease results from body’s response to staphylococcal superantigens, which are on Select Agent list

• clinical manifestations
  – low blood pressure, fever, diarrhea, extensive skin rash, and shedding of skin
Staphylococcal scalded skin syndrome (SSSS)

- caused by strains of *S. aureus* that carry a plasmid-borne gene for exfoliative toxin (exfoliatin)
- epidermis peels off revealing red area underneath
- diagnosis
  - isolation/identification of staphylococcus involved or use of commercial kits
Staphylococcal scalded skin syndrome (SSSS)

- **treatment, prevention, and control**
  - isolation and identification based on catalase test, coagulase test, serology, DNA fingerprinting, and phage typing
  - antibiotic therapy
    - many drug-resistant strains
  - personal hygiene, food handling, and aseptic management of lesions
S. aureus

β-hemolysis caused by α-toxin

Zone of hemolysis caused by β-toxin
S. aureus

- Present in most environments frequented by humans
- Readily isolated from fomites
- Carriage rate for healthy adults is 20-60%
- Carriage is mostly in anterior nares, skin, nasopharynx, intestine
Staphylococcal Infections

- Pimples, boils, and carbuncles
- Septicemia
- Abscess in any organ
- Food poisoning
- Osteomyelitis
- Staphylococcal enteritis
- Wound infections
- Impetigo
- Scalded-skin Syndrome
- Endocarditis
- Meningitis
- Pneumonia
- Toxic Shock Syndrome
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Clinical concerns

- 95% have penicillinase & are resistant to penicillin & ampicillin
- MRSA – methicillin-resistant *S. aureus* – carry multiple resistance
- Abscesses have to be surgically perforated
- Systemic infections require intensive lengthy therapy
Streptococcus
Streptococci

- Gram-positive spherical/ovoid cocci arranged in long chains or pairs
- Non-spore-forming, nonmotile
- Can form capsules & slime layers
- Facultative anaerobes
- Do not form catalase, but have a peroxidase system
- Most parasitic forms are fastidious & require enriched media
- Small, nonpigmented colonies
- Sensitive to drying, heat & disinfectants
- 25 species
Streptococci

- **Lancefield classification** system based on cell wall Ag – 14 groups (A, B, C, ....)
- Another classification system is based on hemolysis reactions
  - $\beta$-hemolysis – A, B, C, G & some D strains
  - $\alpha$ – hemolysis – *S. pneumoniae* & others collectively called *viridans*
Figure 38.4
Streptococcal diseases

- treatment, prevention, and control
  - most treated by antibiotic therapy
  - vaccine available only for streptococcal pneumonia
  - best control is prevention of transmission
    - sanitation and personal hygiene measures
Streptococcal Diseases

- **caused by strep, group of gram-positive bacteria**
  - *Streptococcus pyogenes* one of most important pathogens in group
- **transmission**
  - respiratory droplets, direct or indirect contact
- **diagnosis**
  - based on clinical and laboratory findings
  - rapid diagnostic tests available
S. pyogenes

- Humans only reservoir
- Transmission – contact, droplets, food, fomites
- Skin infections – pyoderma, impetigo, erysipelas
- Systemic infections – strep throat, pharyngitis, scarlet fever
- Sequelae - rheumatic fever, glomerulonephritis
β-hemolytic *S. pyogenes*

- **Group A Strept**
- **Most serious streptococcal pathogen**
- **Strict parasite**
- **Inhabits throat, nasopharynx, occasionally skin**
- ** Produces C-carbohydrates, M-protein (fimbriae), streptokinase, hyaluronidase, DNase, hemolysins (SLO, SLS), pyogenic toxin**
Scarlet fever

- scarlatina
- caused by *S. pyogenes* strain lysogenized by a bacteriophage that carries gene for an erythrogenic toxin
Scarlet fever...

- spread by inhalation of infective respiratory droplets

- clinical manifestations
  - after 2 days incubation, rash that spreads from upper body to remainder of body
  - sore throat, chills, fever, headache, and strawberry tongue
Invasive Streptococcus A Infections

- caused by certain strains of *S. pyogenes*
  - carry genes for exotoxins
    - Superantigens (Select Agent)
    - tissue-destroying protease
Cellulitis, impetigo, and erysipelas

- **Cellulitis**
  - diffuse, spreading infection of subcutaneous tissue
  - redness and swelling

- **Impetigo**
  - also caused by *Staphylococcus aureus*
  - superficial cutaneous infection commonly seen in children
  - crusty lesions and vesicles surrounded by red border

- **Erysipelas**
  - acute infection of dermal layer of skin
  - red patches that may occur periodically at same site for years
Figure 38.5

erysipelas
Invasive infections...

- **clinical manifestations**
  - necrotizing fasciitis
    - destruction of sheath covering skeletal muscle
  - myositis
    - inflammation and destruction of skeletal muscle and fat tissue
  - toxic shock-like syndrome (TSLS)
    - precipitous drop of blood pressure, failure of multiple organs, and high fever
Figure 38.6

Necrotizing fasciitis
Poststreptococcal Diseases

• occur 1 to 4 weeks after acute streptococcal infection

• glomerulonephritis (Bright’s disease) and rheumatic fever
  – both are nonsupporative (non pus-producing)
  – most serious problems associated with streptococcal infections in U.S.
Glomerulonephritis

- inflammatory disease of renal glomeruli
  - a type III hypersensitivity
- clinical manifestations
  - edema, fever, hypertension, and hematuria
  - may spontaneously heal or may become chronic
- treatment, prevention, and control
  - clinical history, physical findings, and confirmatory evidence of prior streptococcal infection
  - antibiotic therapy (to kill residual bacteria), otherwise no specific therapy
  - antibiotic therapy of acute infection
Streptococcal Diseases

- Pharyngitis
- Impetigo
- Cellulitis
- Wound Infections
- Meningitis
- Erysipelas
- Septicemia
- Otitis media
- Endocarditis; acute and subacute
- Urinary Tract Infections
- Brain Abscesses
- Puerperal Sepsis
- Scarlet Fever
- Rheumatic Fever
- Acute Glomerulonephritis
Group B Streptococcal Disease

- caused by *Streptococcus agalactiae* or Group B streptococcus (GBS)
- gram-positive
- common cause of neonatal and newborn diseases such as sepsis, meningitis, and pneumonia
- transmitted directly from person-to-person with many people being transient carriers
GBS

• **diagnosis**
  - gram-positive, beta-hemolytic, streptococcal bacteria growth from cultures of otherwise sterile body fluids

• **treatment, prevention and control**
  - antibiotics
S. pneumoniae

- One of three major causes of bacterial meningitis
- Causes 60-70% of all bacterial pneumonias
- Small, lancet-shaped cells arranged in pairs and short chains
- Culture requires blood or chocolate agar
- Growth improved by 5-10% CO$_2$
- Lack catalase & peroxidases – cultures die in O$_2$
S. pneumoniae

- 5-50% of all people carry it as normal flora in pharynx
- Very delicate, does not survive long outside of its habitat
- Pneumonia occurs when cells are aspirated into the lungs of susceptible individuals
- Pneumococci multiply & induce an overwhelming inflammatory response
- Treated with penicillin
Streptococcal pneumonia

- **endogenous infection**
  - caused by one’s own normal microbiota
- **caused by *Streptococcus pneumoniae***
  - produces polysaccharide capsule and a toxin
  - rapidly multiplies in alveolar spaces
- **disease only occurs in individuals with predisposing condition**
Figure 38.7
Bacterial (septic) meningitis

• transmitted in respiratory secretions
• clinical manifestations
  – initial respiratory illness or sore throat interrupted by one of following:
    • vomiting, headache, lethargy, confusion, and stiffness in neck and back
• treatment, prevention, and control
  – culture of bacteria from cerebrospinal fluid and rapid tests
  – antibiotic therapy
  – immunization against *Haemophilus influenzae* type b (HiB)
Meningitis

- inflammation of meninges

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Sexually Transmitted Diseases

STDs
Sexually Transmitted Diseases

• major worldwide public health problem
• some also transmitted by nonsexual means
• some cured easily, others difficult or impossible to cure
Syphilis

- caused by *Treponema pallidum* subsp. *pallidum*
- venereal syphilis – sexually transmitted
- congenital syphilis – acquired in utero
Three Stages of Syphilis

- **primary stage** – chancre (small, painless, reddened ulcer) at infection site and contains spirochetes

- **secondary stage** – highly variable skin rash followed by latent period

- **tertiary stage** – formation of gummas (degenerative lesions) in skin, bone and nervous systems
Syphilis...

- **diagnosis**
  - clinical history, microscopic examination, and serology

- **treatment, prevention, and control**
  - antibiotic therapy most effective in early stages
  - public education, prompt treatment of new cases, follow-up on sources and contacts, sexual hygiene, and use of condoms
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Syphilis...

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Chlamydia

- obligate intracellular parasites
- small gram-negative cell wall
- alternate between 2 stages
  - elementary body – small metabolically inactive, extracellular, infectious form
  - reticulate body – grows within host cell vacuoles
Chlamydia trachomatis

- human reservoir
- 2 strains
- trachoma – attacks the mucous membranes of the eyes, genitourinary tract & lungs
  - ocular trachoma – severe infection, deforms eyelid & cornea, may cause blindness
  - inclusion conjunctivitis – occurs as babies pass through birth canal; prevented by prophylaxis
  - STD – urethritis, cervicitis, salpingitis (PID), infertility, scarring
- lymphogranuloma venereum – disfiguring disease of the external genitalia & pelvic lymphatics
Chlamydia trachomatis
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Trachoma

- caused by *C. trachomatis* serotypes A-C
- transmitted by hand-to-hand contact, contact with infected soaps and towels, and flies
Trachoma...

- **clinical manifestations**
  - first infection
    - abrupt onset of inflamed conjunctiva, leading to inflammatory cell exudate and necrotic eyelash follicles
    - usually heals spontaneously
  - reinfection
    - pannus formation (vascularization of cornea), leading to scarring of conjunctiva
    - if scarring of cornea also occurs, blindness results
Trachoma...

• treatment, prevention, and control
  – diagnosis and treatment same as for inclusion conjunctivitis
  – health education, personal hygiene, and access to clean water for washing
Chlamydia trachomatis
Family Neisseriaceae

- Gram-negative cocci
- Residents of mucous membranes of warm-blooded animals
- Genera include *Neisseria, Moraxella, Acinetobacter*
- 2 primary human pathogens
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Neisseria
Gonorrhea

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Gonorrhea diagnosis
Gonorrhea...

• **clinical manifestations**
  - symptoms in males
    • urethral discharge of yellow, creamy pus, and painful, burning urination
  - symptoms in females
    • vaginal discharge beginning 7 to 21 days after infection
Gonorrhea...

- **pelvic inflammatory disease (PID)** results from infection of Fallopian tubes and surrounding tissue
  - major cause of sterility and ectopic pregnancies
- **disseminated gonococcal infections**
  - involvement of joints, heart, and throat
Gonorrhea...

- **diagnosis**
  - culture of bacterium followed by gram stain, oxidase test, and determination of cell and colony morphology; DNA probe test

- **treatment, prevention, and control**
  - antibiotic therapy
    - penicillin resistance common
  - public education, diagnosis and treatment of asymptomatic individuals, condom use, and quick diagnosis and treatment of infected individuals
gonorrhea

• Males – urethritis, yellowish discharge, scarring & infertility
• Females – vaginitis, urethritis, salpingitis (PID) mixed anaerobic abdominal infection, common cause of sterility & ectopic tubal pregnancies
• Extragential infections – anal, pharygeal, conjunctivitis, septicemia, arthritis
gonorrhea
Gonorrhea

- **caused by** *Neisseria gonorrhoeae*
  - gram-negative, oxidase-positive diplococcus
  - referred to as gonococcus, (pl. *gonococci*)
  - attaches to microvilli and then phagocytosed by mucosal cells

- **disease of mucous membranes of the genitourinary tract, eye, rectum and throat**

- can also be transmitted from mother to child during birth, causing
  - ophthalmia neonatorum (conjunctivitis of the newborn)
Gonorrhea in newborns

- Infected as they pass through birth canal
- Eye inflammation, blindness
- Prevented by prophylaxis after birth
Gonorrhea in newborns
Gonorrhea...

- **treatment, prevention, and control**
  - culture of bacterium followed by Gram stain, oxidase test, and determination of cell and colony morphology; DNA probe test
  - antibiotic therapy
  - penicillin resistance common
  - public education, diagnosis and treatment of asymptomatic individuals, condom use, and quick diagnosis and treatment of infected individuals
Meningitis

• inflammation of meninges

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Neisseria meningitidis

- Virulence factors – capsule, pili, IgA protease
- 12 strains; serotypes A, B, C, cause most cases
- Prevalent cause of meningitis
- Disease begins when bacteria enter bloodstream, pass into cranial circulation, multiply in meninges; very rapid onset; endotoxin causes hemorrhage and shock; can be fatal
- Treated with penicillin, chloramphenicol
- Vaccines exist for group A and C
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