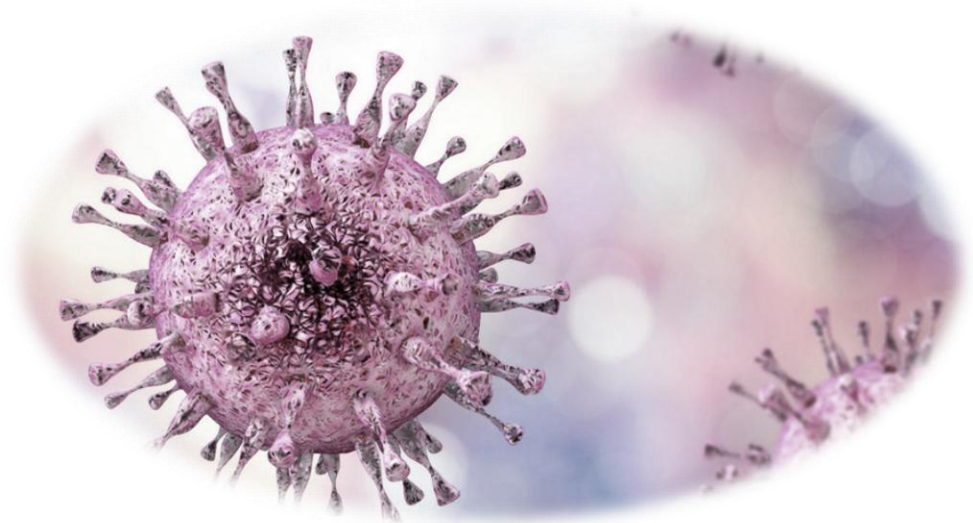


## INFECTIONS CAUSED BY HERPES VIRUSES



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Definition

Herpes viruses cause acute diseases with different clinical manifestations, but also the possibility of establishing a latent infection

Primary  
infections

Recurrent  
infections

Symptomatic  
infections

Asymptomatic  
infections

# Classification of human herpes viruses

Subfamily	Scientific name	Common name	Site of latency
Alphaherpesvirinae	Human herpesvirus 1	Herpes simplex virus type 1	Neurons
	Human herpesvirus 2	Herpes simplex virus type 2	Neurons
	Human herpesvirus 3	Varicella zoster virus	Neurons
Gammaherpesvirinae	Human herpesvirus 4	Epstein-Barr virus	Lymphoid tissues
	Human herpesvirus 8	Kaposi's sarcoma-related virus	—
Betaherpesvirinae	Human herpesvirus 5	Cytomegalovirus	Monocytes and lymphocytes in secretory glands
	Human herpesvirus 6	Human B cell lymphotropic virus	Lymphoid tissue
	Human herpesvirus 7	RK virus	Lymphoid tissue

# Classification of human herpes viruses

## Alphaherpesviruses

- Fast growing, cause cytolysis, infection of epithelial cells and fibroblasts, latent infection in neurons

## Betaherpesviruses

- Slow growing, cytomegalic (massive enlargement of infected cells), infection of fibroblasts, latent infection in neutrophils and monocytes

## Gammapherpesviruses

- Slow replication in lymphoid cells (followed by their transformation), latent infection in lymphocytes

# Etiology of human herpes viruses

- Genome-double-stranded, linear DNA
- Encodes- at least 100 different proteins

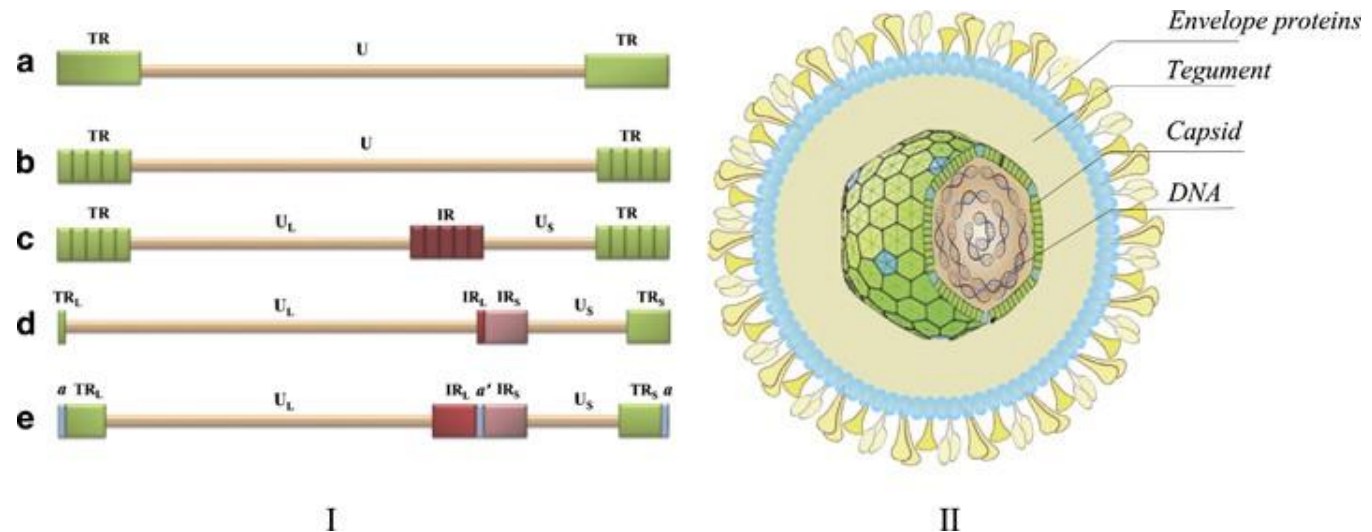


of which more than 35 polypeptides participate in the structure of the viral particle

- Several virus-specific enzymes are synthesized in the infected cell (DNA polymerase, thymidine kinase)



none of the enzymes are incorporated into the viral particle



All viruses of this group have similar structures → cannot be distinguished by electron microscopy

One of the most important characteristics of herpes viruses is latency

Lifelong infection of host cells

Herpes simplex, varicella zoster, herpes B virus



sensory ganglion neurons

Cytomegalovirus



neutrophils and monocytes

Epstein-Barr virus



B lymphocytes, salivary gland cells

Human herpes 6, 7



lymphocytes

Human herpes 8



T and B lymphocytes, mononuclear cells

✓ In most cases virus is located extrachromosomal possible chromosomal integration (Epstein-Barr)

# Epidemiology

- Single source of infection → human



- phase of active virus replication (primary infection or reactivation)
- phase of virulence (can be long-term)
- Viruses are thermolabile (very sensitive to the external environment)



- close contact between people is necessary for their transmission (kissing, sexual and genito-oral contact, vertical transmission)
- CMV and EBV → blood transfusions, organ transplantation



# Pathogenesis

direct tissue  
destruction

- Lysis (death) of infected cells
- Mucocutaneous lesions→HSV-1, HSV-2, VZV, herpes B virus
- Visceral lesions (encephalitis, pneumonitis, hepatitis)

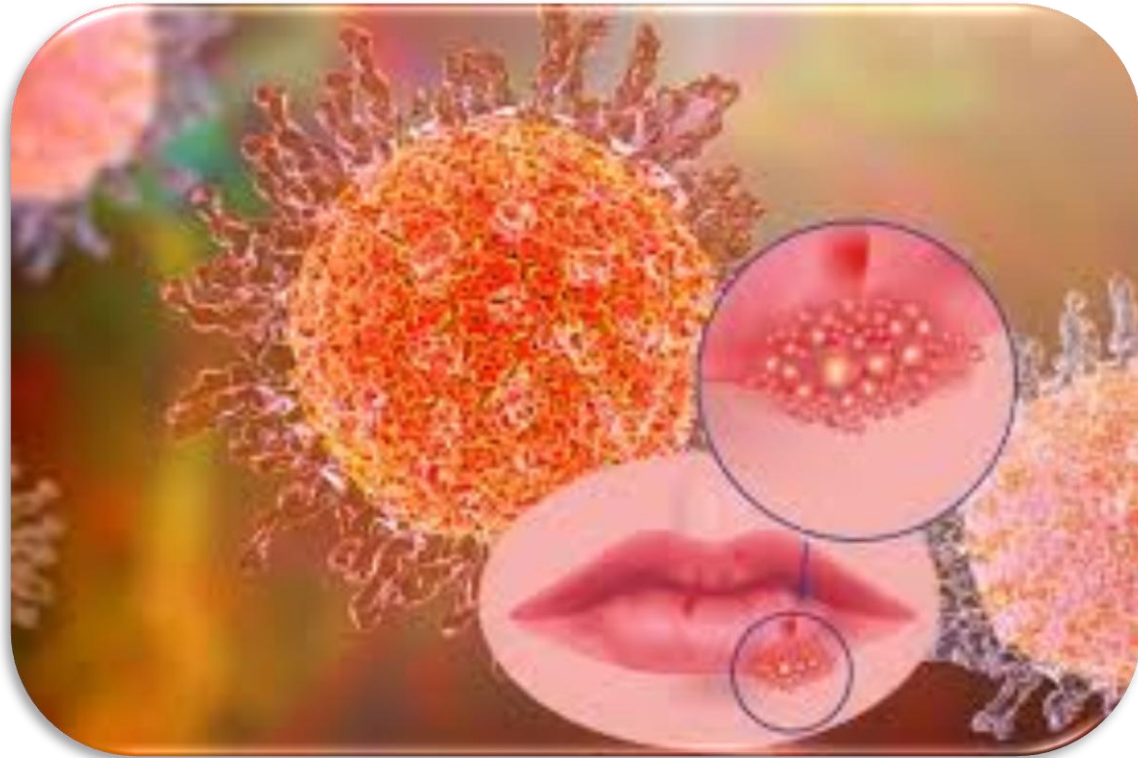
initiation of an  
immunopathological  
response

- Erythema multiforme
- Hemolytic anemia
- Thrombocytopenia immune

neoplastic  
transformation of  
cells

- EBV, HHV-8-oncogenic action
- EBV-T and B cell lymphoma, nasopharyngeal carcinoma
- HHV-8-Kaposhi's sarcoma, primary effusion lymphoma





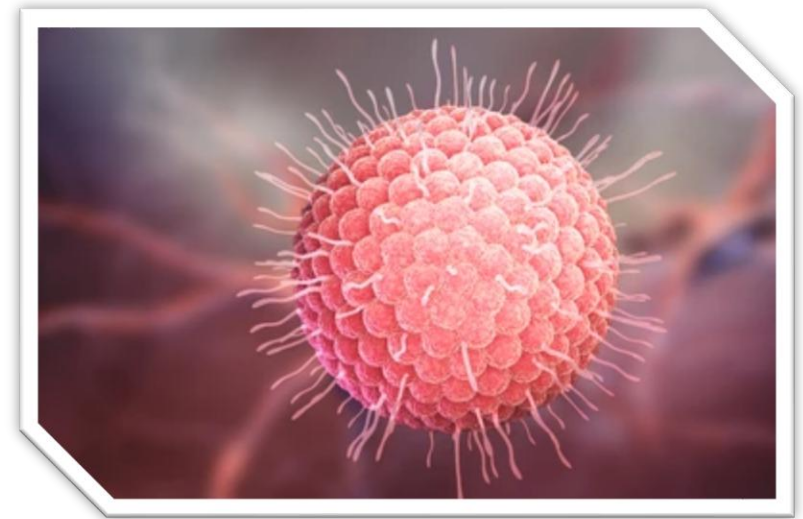
## HERPES SIMPLEX VIRUS

# Etiology

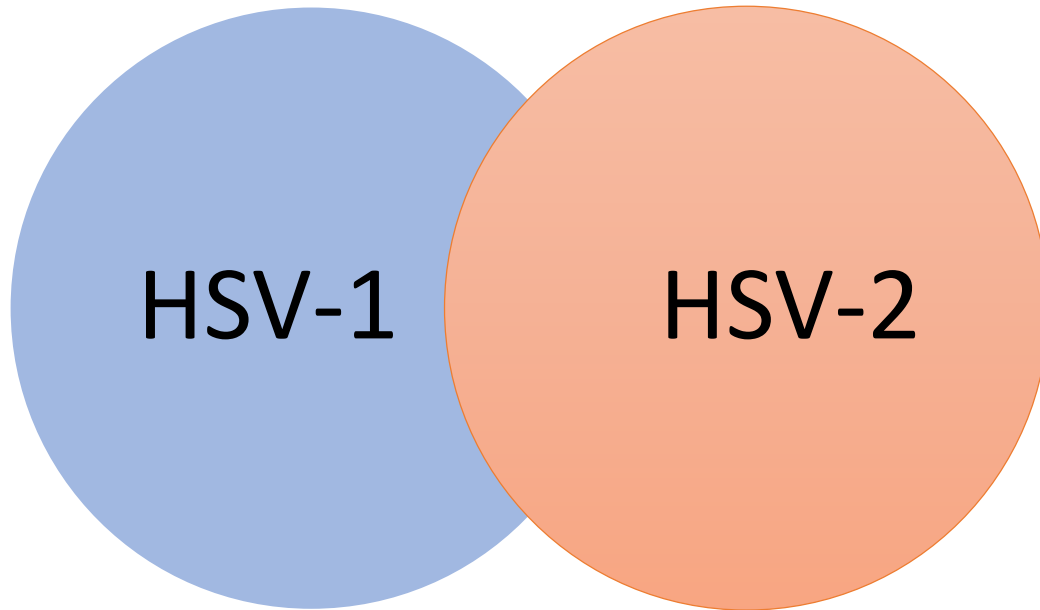
- Subfamily: alpha-herpesviruses
  - **HSV-1, HSV-2** → 50% amino acid sequence homology
  - HSV can be cultured on human embryonic kidney cells, human amnion, human diploid cells
  - Cytopathogenic effect occurs early - already after 24-48 hours
- ↓
- cells become round, balloon degeneration occurs, they cluster and multinucleated giant cells are formed (with intranuclear inclusions)

HSV-1

HSV-2



## HSVs are common and ubiquitous worldwide pathogens



### HSV-1

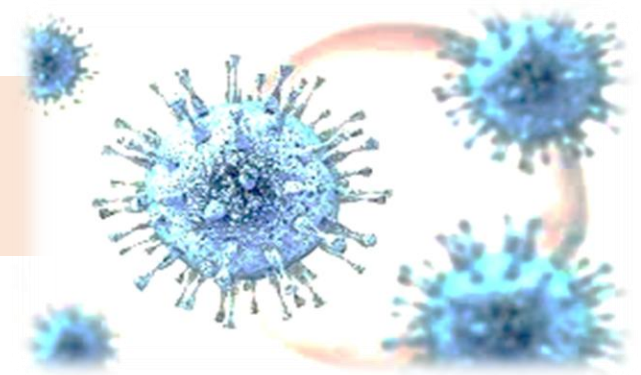
- Infections caused by HSV-1 occur in early life
- 90% of the population by the age of 50 has specific antibodies

### HSV-2

- Infections caused by HSV-2 occur after adolescence (ages 14-29) - specific antibodies are found in 10-60% (80%) of the adult population

✓ Reactivations of HSV-1 infections occur in 20-25% and HSV-2 infections in 10-20% of cases

# Risk Factors for Infection and Disease



- Most HSV-1 reactivations are mild, although uncomfortable and cosmetically disfiguring
- In persons with an underlying immunosuppressing disease, active facial and intraoral HSV-1 infection can be persistent and may spread to cause major morbidity
- The same is true for HSV-2 infections
- Primary orofacial infection with HSV-1 is predominantly acquired during childhood and is often asymptomatic
- Age, socioeconomic status, and geographic location affect the frequency of HSV-1 infection
- Other risk factors for HSV-2 infection include a high number of lifetime sexual partners, a history of sexually transmitted diseases, and early age of first intercourse

- Primary infection



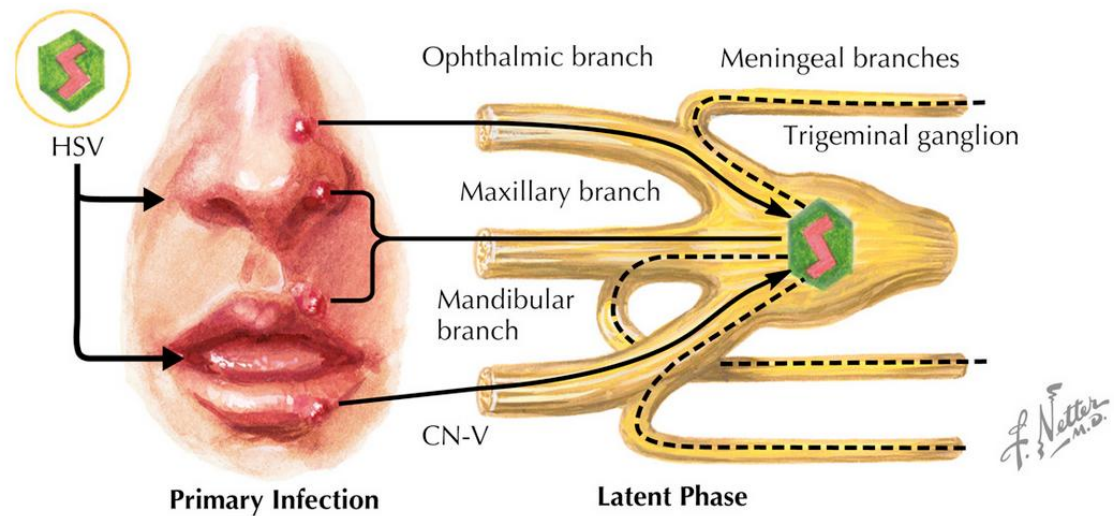
- migration of HSV along axons of affected sensory and autonomic nerve fibers



- sensory ganglia (C) of the posterior roots of the spinal cord and trigeminal nerve (HSV-1)
- sensory ganglia (S) of the posterior roots of the spinal cord (HSV-2)



- DNA latency



# Clinical Features

	Primary infection	Recurrent infection
Herpes simplex virus type 1	Gingivostomatitis Keratoconjunctivitis Cutaneous herpes Genital herpes Encephalitis	Herpes labialis Keratoconjunctivitis Cutaneous herpes Encephalitis
Herpes simplex virus type 2	Genital herpes Cutaneous herpes Gingivostomatitis Neonatal herpes meningitis	Genitalni herpes Proctitis Perianalni herpes

# Herpes Labialis

- Recurrent HSV-1 lesions usually develop on the lower lip but can also be found on the upper lip, nose, cheek, chin, and eyelid
- The resultant epithelial cell death and inflammatory response leads to the characteristic vesicular (sometimes even pustular) and ulcerative or necrotic lesions
- The healing time for herpes labialis lesions is variable, with the majority healed within 7 or 8 days
- Most patients will have one to three outbreaks per year, but approximately 10% will have more frequent recurrences (more than six lesions per year)





# Herpes Labialis

- The severity of recurrent herpes labialis is variable, ranging from prodromal symptoms without the development of any signs to extensive disease of both lips and cheeks after severe sunburn
- Lesions that do not progress beyond the papule stage have been called “**aborted**” lesions. Aborted genital outbreaks also occur commonly, especially with early antiviral treatment
- Episodes in which there is complete destruction of the epithelium, manifested by the development of the vesicle, ulcer, and/or crust stages, have been called “**classical**” lesions
- The **classic herpes** virus lesion progresses through distinct and identifiable stages from a prodrome (localized tingling or burning at the site of herpes reactivation), erythema, papule (edema), vesicle, ulcer, crust (soft debris then hard eschar), and healed (loss of crust).

# The mechanisms which trigger factors induced reactivation of HSV-1

- Stimuli that appear to induce HSV-1 recurrences in humans include UV exposure (sunburn) of the lips, febrile illness, and menstruation
- Some medical procedures also induce herpes labialis, including surgical manipulation of the trigeminal nerve (to treat trigeminal neuralgia), hyperthermia, laser-assisted in situ keratomileusis (LASIK), epidural procedures, chemical or laser resurfacing of the face and others.]



# Genital Herpes

- Primary genital herpes is most often caused by HSV-2 infection, although up to 25% of primary genital outbreaks may be caused by HSV-1
- A patient's first genital herpes outbreak is typically more severe than subsequent recurrences
- Patients with primary genital herpes due to HSV-2 should understand that they are very likely to experience one or more genital herpes recurrences in the next few months
- Most lesions heal in 1 to 2 weeks



# Genital Herpes

- Genital herpes outbreaks are often heralded by a prodrome
- Prodromal symptoms include itching, burning, dysuria, and other abnormal sensations in the genital area
- The frequency of genital herpes outbreaks is highly variable, ranging from one every few years to almost monthly, and HSV-2 infection that is completely asymptomatic is not uncommon
- Genital herpes lesions can be very severe and persistent in immunocompromised individuals, including those with AIDS.



## Other cutaneous manifestations

- **Eczema herpeticum** (also referred to as Kaposi varicelliform eruption) is a term used for disseminated cutaneous infection by HSV in patients with other chronic dermatologic conditions, including atopic dermatitis
- **Herpes gladiatorum** is a unique cutaneous infection with HSV seen primarily in individuals who wrestle
- Lesions usually develop on the lateral neck, face, and forearms, areas in direct contact with the face of the infected wrestling partner
- **Herpetic whitlow** refers to infection of the digits, often the index finger.
- **Erythema multiforme (EM)** is an acute, self-limited, cutaneous eruption characterized by the development of dusky erythematous macules
- These are often referred to as “targetoid” because of their central dusky or purple zone and outer erythematous rim
- The herpes labialis lesions may develop before, simultaneously, or after the lesions of EM

## Other clinical manifestations of Herpes simplex virus

- Herpes simplex encephalitis
- Neonatal Herpes simplex infection
- Congenital herpes simplex infection
- Ocular herpes simplex manifestations



# Treatment

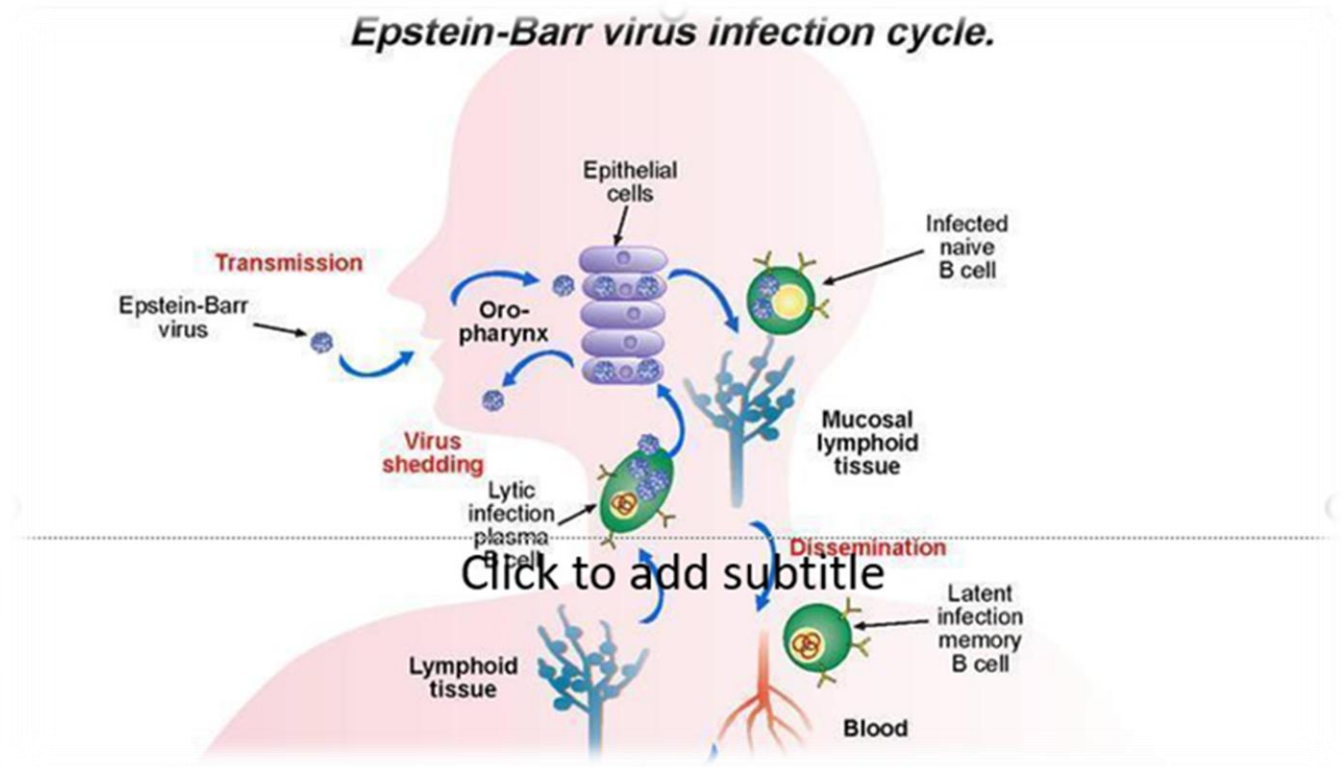
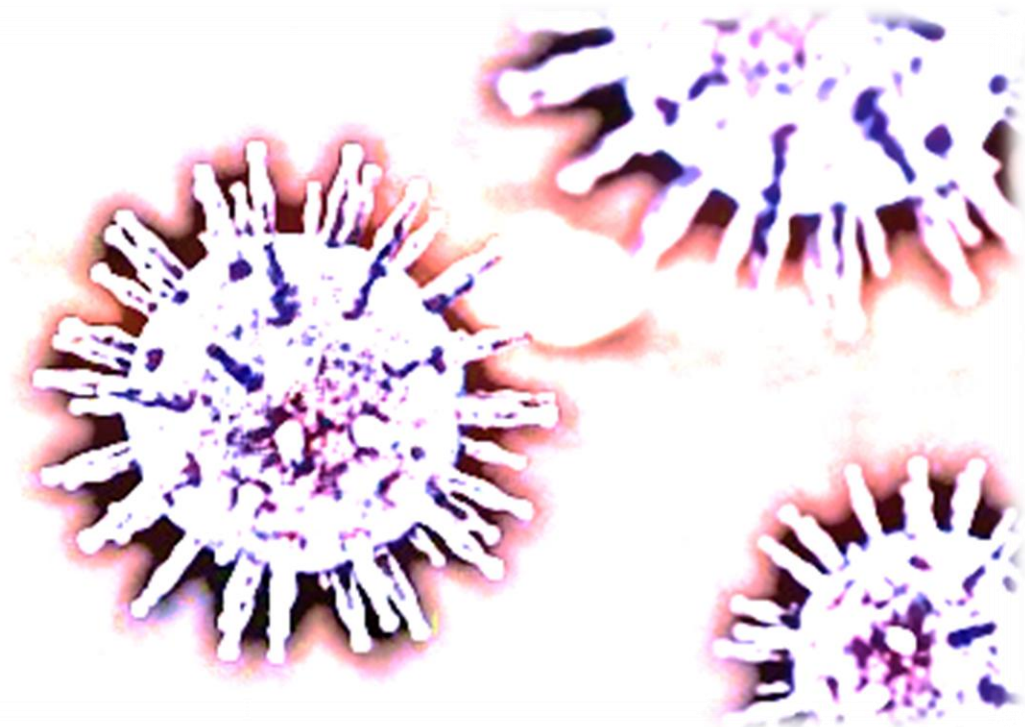
Infection	Recommended Treatment
Herpes labialis (recurrence)	VACV 2 g PO bid × 1 day
	FACV 1.5 g PO × 1 dose
Genital herpes (first episode)	ACV 400 mg tid × 7–10 days
	ACV 200 mg 5× a day × 7–10 days
	FACV 250 mg tid × 7–10 days
	VACV 1 g PO bid × 7–10 days
Genital herpes (recurrence)	ACV 400 mg tid × 5 days
	VACV 500 mg bid × 3 days
	FACV 1 g bid × 1 day
Genital herpes (suppression)	ACV 400 mg bid
	VACV 500–1000 mg once daily
	FACV 250 mg bid

# Prophylaxis of Herpes Simplex Infections

Condition or Stimulus	Treatment	Comments
Ultraviolet radiation	ACV 400 mg bid VACV 500– 1000 mg daily	Start at least 1 day before ultraviolet exposure and continue for 7 days.
Facial resurfacing: laser resurfacing, chemical peels, dermabrasion	ACV 400 mg bid VACV 500 mg daily, bid FACV 250 mg bid	Start 1–2 days before procedure and continue for 7 days or until reepithelialization.
Recurrent erythema multiforme	ACV 400 mg bid	Suppressive therapy needed. Episodic therapy does not appear to be helpful.
Frequent herpes labialis recurrences (six or more per year)	ACV 400 mg bid VACV 500 mg daily	May also be considered in patients with less frequent outbreaks whose appearance is very important or those who experience severe anxiety with outbreaks.
Genital herpes	ACV 400 mg bid VACV 500– 1000 mg daily FACV 250 mg bid	Highly effective for the prevention of HSV-2 outbreaks. If using VACV, start with 1000 mg daily and then may dose reduce after 1 year.

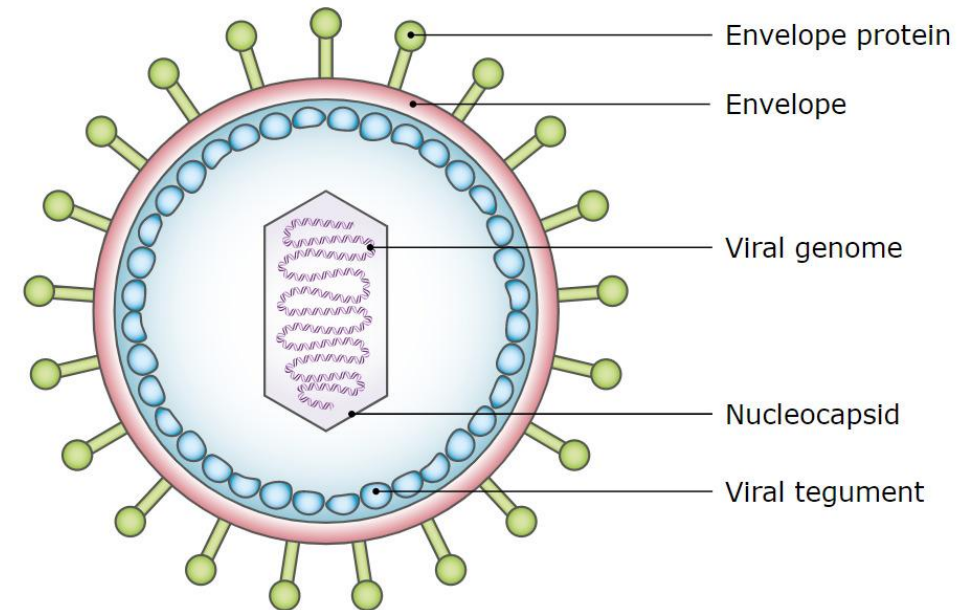
ACV, Acyclovir; *bid*, twice per day; FACV, famciclovir; HSV, herpes simplex virus; VACV, valacyclovir.

# Epstein-Barr Virus Infections



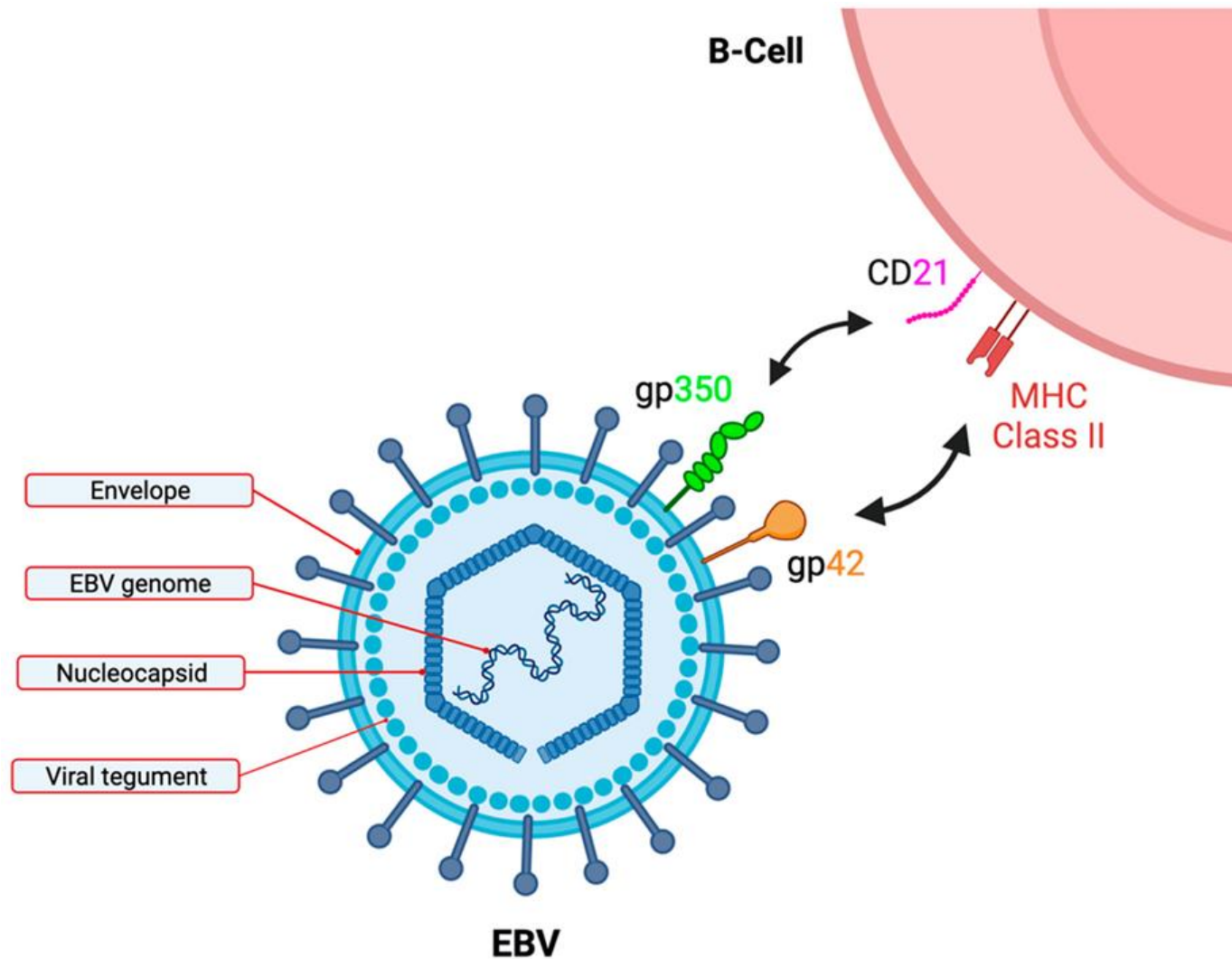
Epstein-Barr virus (EBV) is the cause of heterophile-positive infectious mononucleosis (IM), which is characterized by fever, sore throat, lymphadenopathy, and atypical lymphocytosis

- Also known as human herpesvirus 4
- Taxonomy:
  - Family:
  - Herpesviridae
  - Subfamily: Gammaherpesvirinae
- DNA virus
  - Linear
  - Double stranded
- Structure:
  - Core (contains DNA)
  - Icosahedral protein nucleocapsid
  - Tegument (contains viral proteins and enzymes)
  - Lipid Envelope and glycoprotein spikes



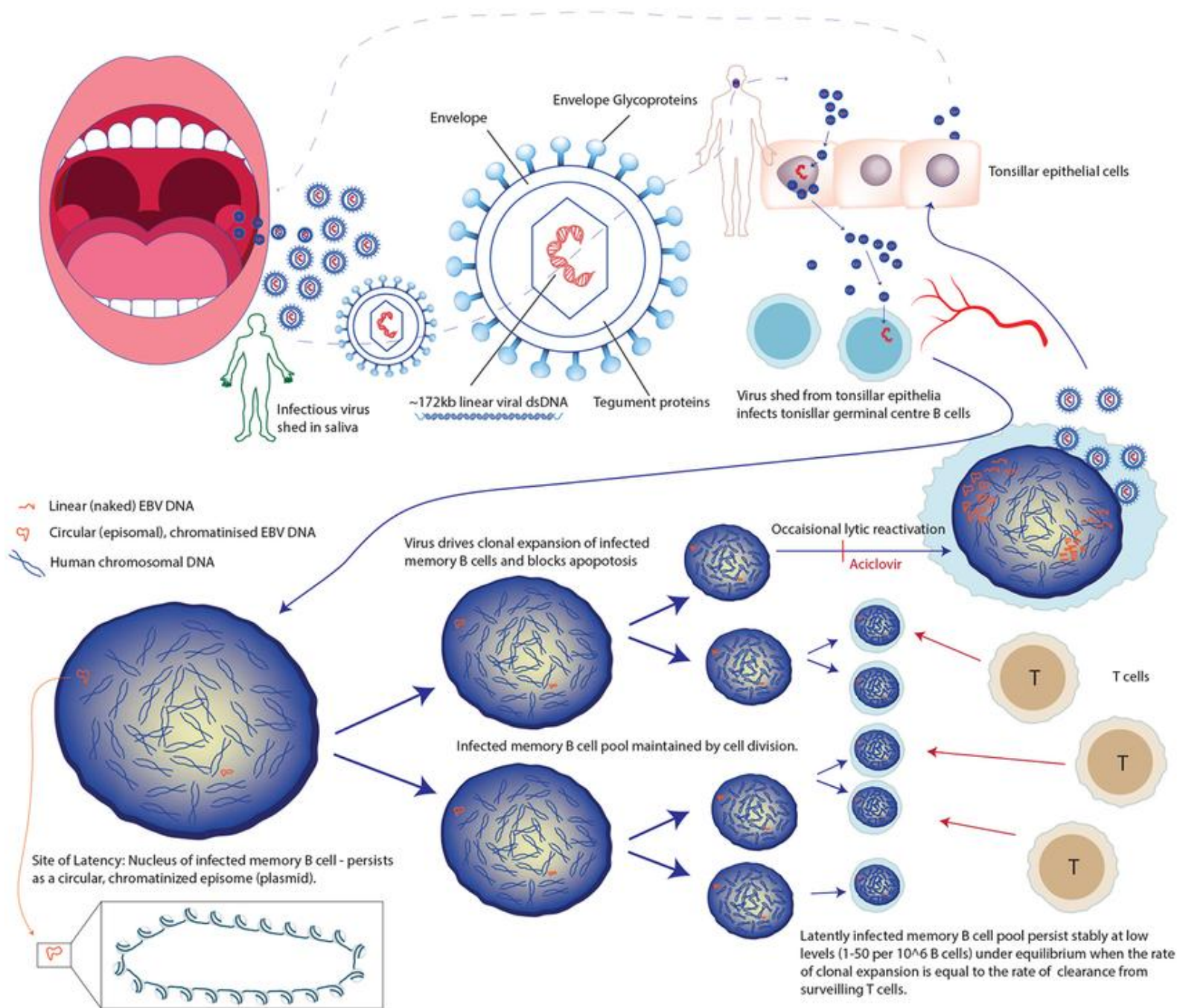
## EPIDEMIOLOGY

- EBV infections occur worldwide
- These infections are most common in early childhood, with a second peak during late adolescence
- By adulthood, >90% of individuals have been infected and have antibodies to the virus IM is usually a disease of young adults
- In lower socioeconomic groups and in areas of the world with deficient standards of hygiene, EBV tends to infect children at an early age, and IM is uncommon
- In areas with higher standards of hygiene, infection with EBV is often delayed until adulthood, and IM is more prevalent.
- EBV is spread by contact with oral secretions
- The virus is frequently transmitted from asymptomatic adults to infants and among young adults by transfer of saliva during kissing
- More than 90% of asymptomatic seropositive individuals shed the virus in oropharyngeal secretions



- EBV consists of linear, double-stranded DNA surrounded by a nucleocapsid layer, a protein tegument, and, finally, a viral envelope
- The viral envelope includes the protein gp350 which binds to B-cells via the CD21 receptor on the B-cell surface, and the protein gp42 which binds to the MCH class II molecule







- EBV is transmitted by salivary secretions. The virus infects the epithelium of the oropharynx and the salivary glands and is shed from these cells. While B cells may become infected after contact with epithelial cells, studies suggest that lymphocytes in the tonsillar crypts can be infected directly. The virus then spreads through the bloodstream. The proliferation and expansion of EBV-infected B cells along with reactive T cells during IM result in enlargement of lymphoid tissue. Polyclonal activation of B cells leads to the production of antibodies to host-cell and viral proteins.

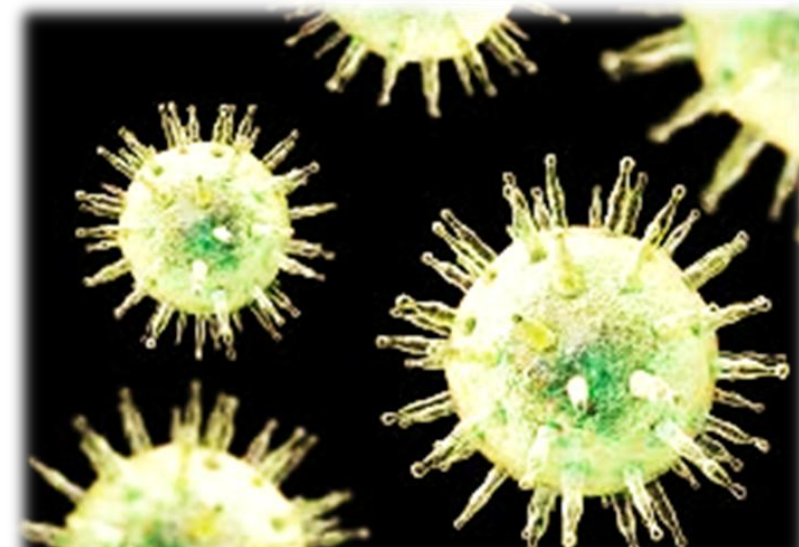


Primary infection	Reactivated infection
Asymptomatic seroconversion	Burkitt lymphoma
Infectious mononucleosis	Nasopharyngeal carcinoma
Chronic infectious mononucleosis	Recurrent parotitis
Primary atypical EBV infection	Lymphoproliferative diseases
X-linked lymphoproliferative syndrome	Interstitial pneumonitis
Genital ulcerations	Uveitis
Hemophagocytic syndrome	Oral hairy leukoplakia

- Asymptomatic seroconversion  Infancy and early childhood → (90% seroconversion)
- Classic clinical picture of infectious mononucleosis  Age 15-24 years

## Clinical forms of infectious mononucleosis

- ✓ pharyngeal (anginous) - most common
- ✓ Glandular
- ✓ Typhoid
- ✓ Septic
- ✓ nervous



# Pharyngeal (anginous) type of infective mononucleosis

- **Elevated body temperature** (1-3 weeks), pseudomembranous angina, generalized lymph node enlargement, hepatosplenomegaly
- **Lymphadenopathy**
  - Most prominent in the neck
  - Sudden, moderately painful lymph node clusters develop
  - Symmetrical, angular region, along the SCM muscle
  - LGLs are also enlarged in other regions (axillary, inguinal, tracheobronchial, mesenteric) but not to the same extent
- **Angina**
  - Difficult lymphatic drainage from the face → periorbital edema (eyelid swelling) - **Hoagland's sign**
- **Splenomegaly** → almost all patients
- **Hepatomegaly** → in 15-25% of patients



Angina confluens

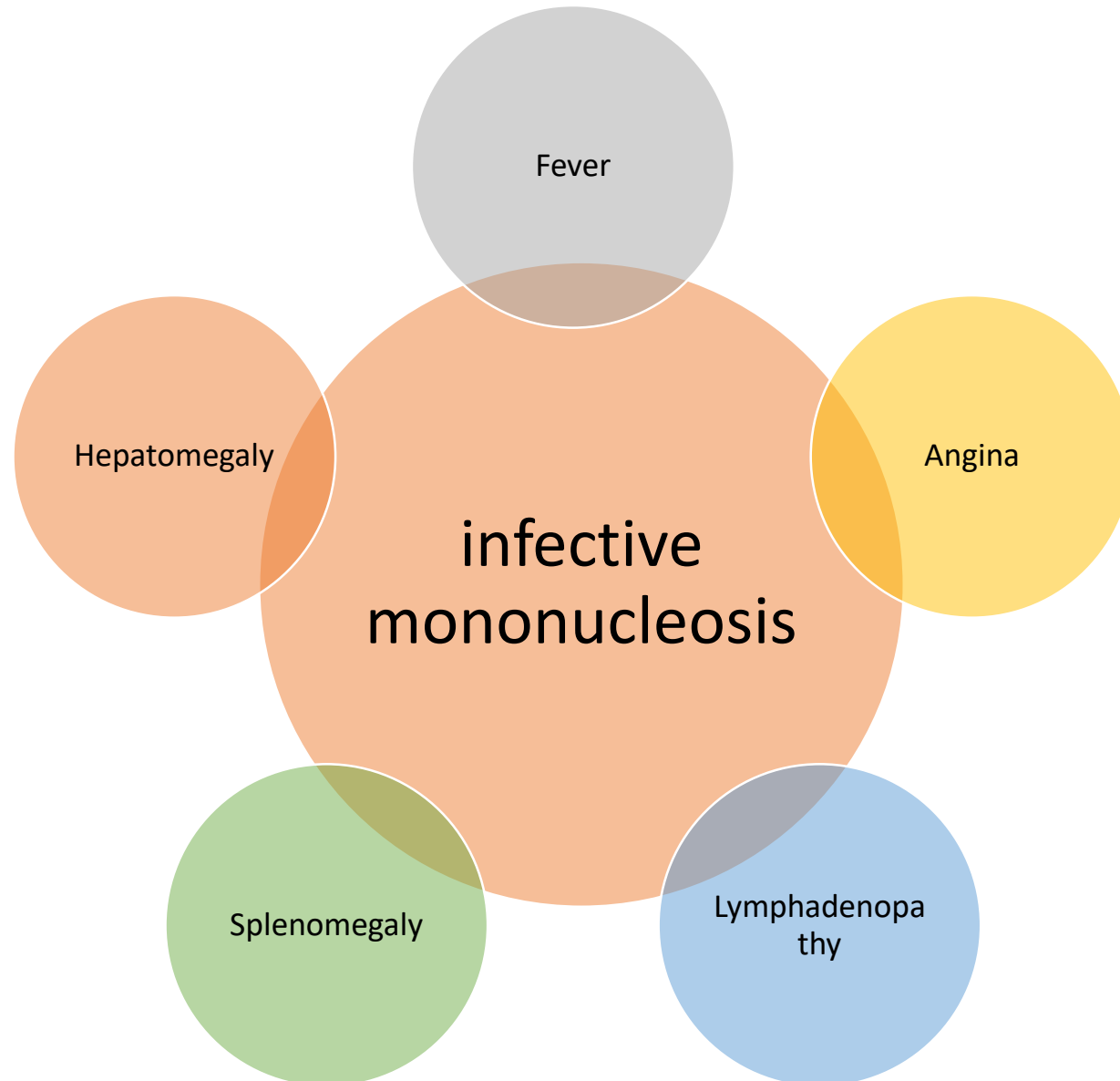


Angina lacunaris



Angina pseudomembranacea

# Pharyngeal (anginous) type of infective mononucleosis



# Complications

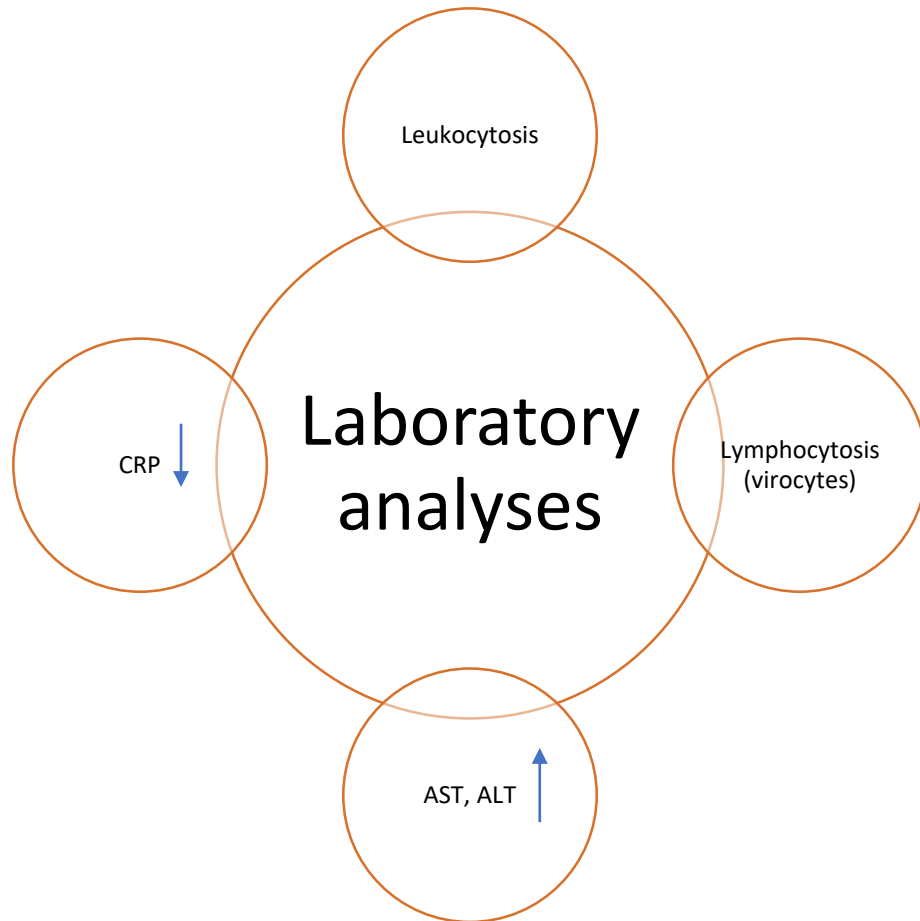
- Early complications (during acute infection)
- Mechanical :Splenic rupture→rare and fatal complication
- Hematological: autoimmune hemolytic anemia, thrombocytopenia, Hemophagocytic syndrome
- Neurological: meningitis, meningoencephalitis, polyradiculoneuritis
- Cardiological: subclinical myocarditis (3rd week of illness)
- Renal: interstitial nephritis
- Pulmonary: interstitial pneumonitis
- Hepatic: hepatitis, acute liver failure

# Complications

- Late complications
- Malignant diseases→consequence of oncogenic action of latent virus in lymphoid tissue
- ↓
- nasopharyngeal carcinoma, Burkitt lymphoma, some types of Hodgkin's disease
- Chronic fatigue syndrome
- Younger women, longer than 6 months, with impaired concentration, headache, myalgia, arthralgia, lymphadenopathy, hepatosplenomegaly



# Diagnosis



- **Virological tests**

- Virus isolation from peripheral lymphocyte culture (not routinely performed)
- Viral antigen detection (monoclonal antibodies, PCR or DNA hybridization method) - rarely available

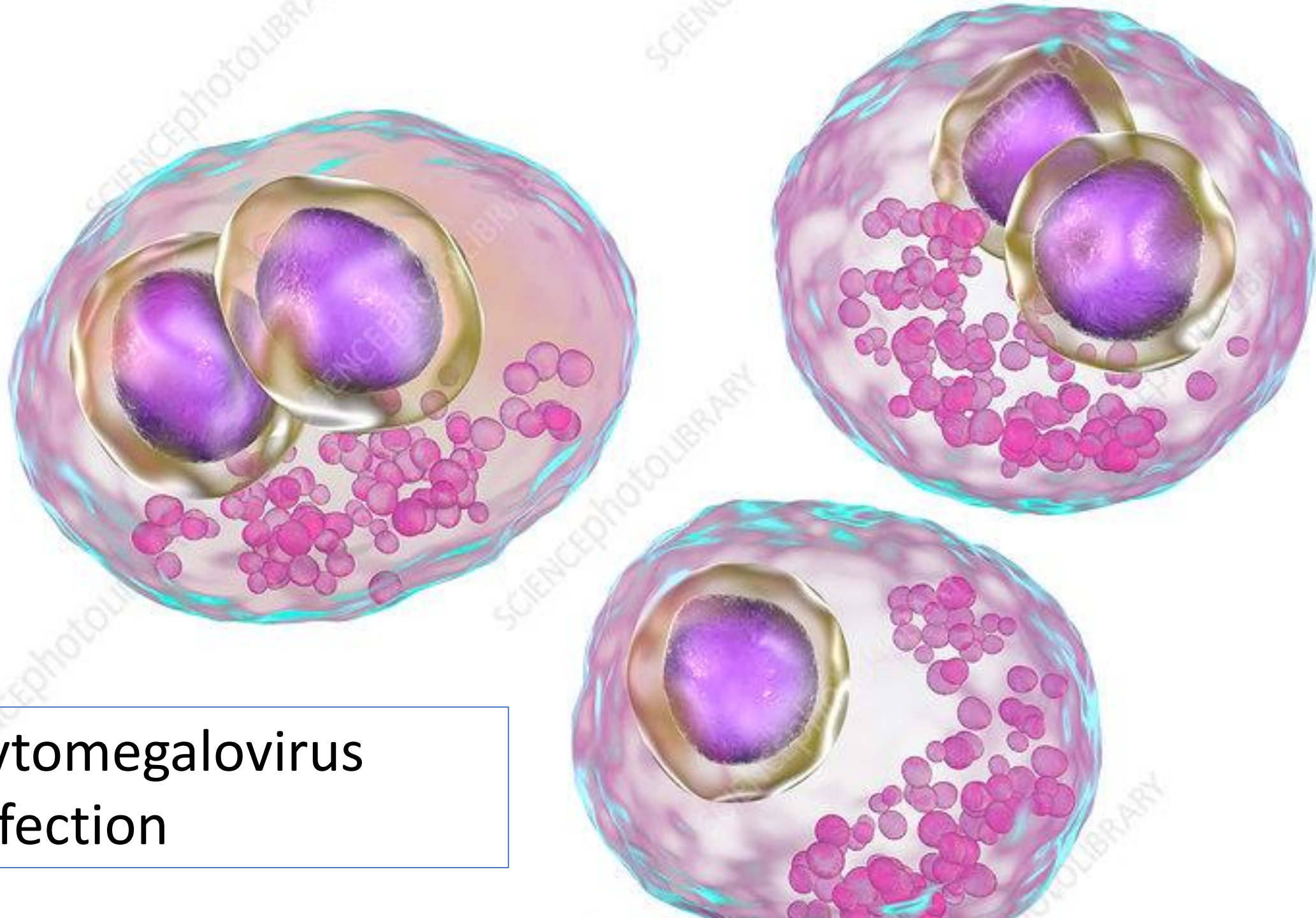
- **Serological tests**

- Paul-Bunell sheep erythrocyte agglutination test
- Nonspecific
- Late positive (in the 3rd week of illness in 85-90%) - 4x increase in titer in an interval of 10-14 days
- Anti-VCA IgM (ELISA) → end of the 1st week of illness, peaks in the 3rd-4th week of illness (positive until the 12th week)

# Treatment

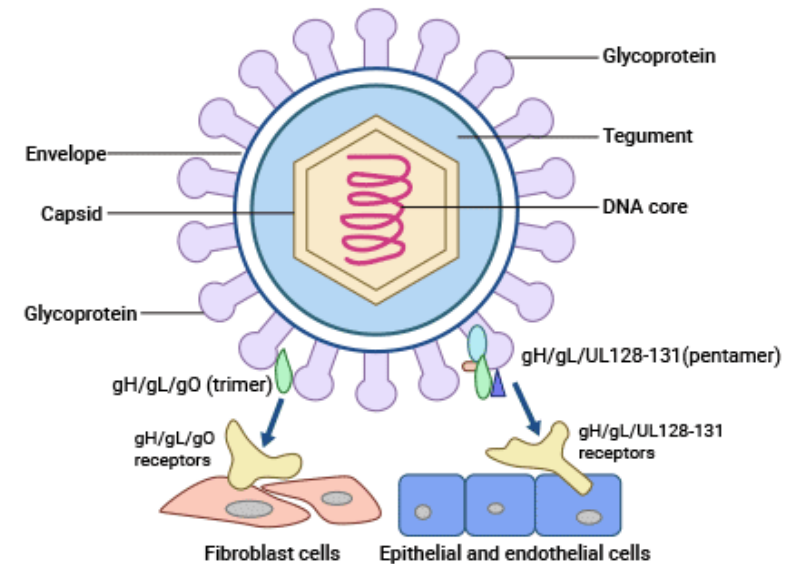
- Corticosteroids (short-term therapy)
- ↓
- -acute upper airway obstruction
- -severe autoimmune hemolytic anemia and thrombocytopenia
- Rest, oral hygiene, antipyretics
- Avoid alcohol and hepatotoxic drugs
- Upper respiratory tract superinfection
- ↓
- avoid ampicillin and macrolide antibiotics

# Cytomegalovirus infection

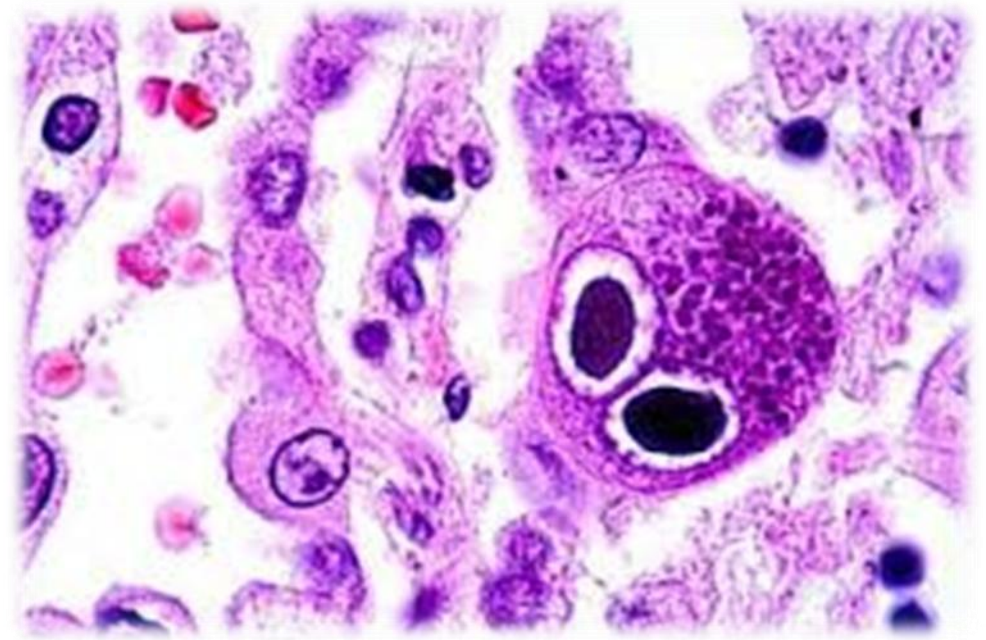


# Etiology-Cytomegalovirus

- Subfamily: beta-herpesvirus (HHV-5)
- Icosahedral symmetry, double-stranded linear genome (DNA)
- Target cells: leukocytes, neutrophils, monocytes, endothelial and epithelial cells
- Target cell binding receptor: beta-2 microglobulin





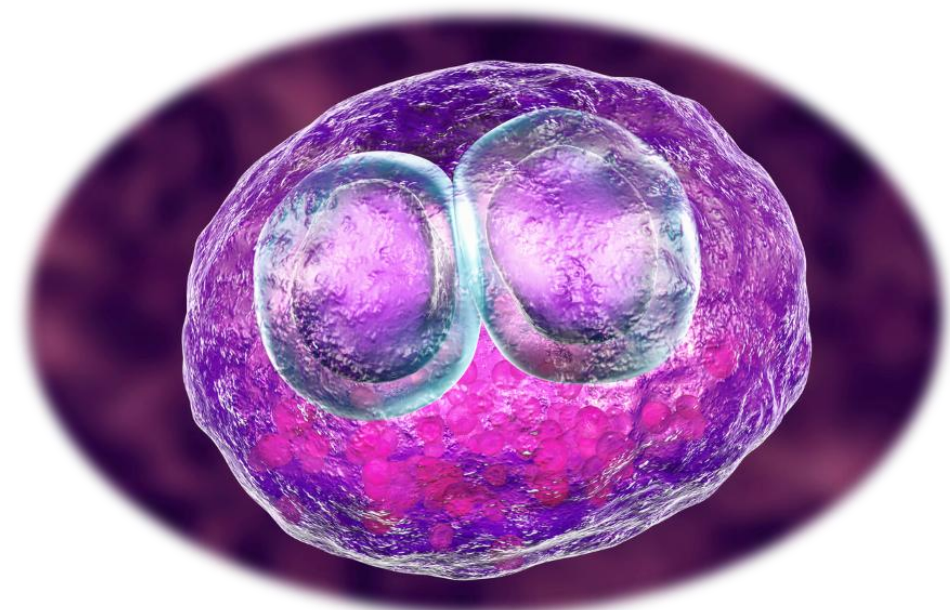


They cause a characteristic cytopathogenic effect



perinuclear cytoplasmic inclusions  
(as opposed to intranuclear inclusions - typical of  
herpesviruses)  
infected cells are significantly enlarged  
giant cells can also be seen

The microscopic  
description given to  
these cells is most  
commonly an "owl's  
eye"



# Epidemiology

- Widespread throughout the world
- Highly developed countries - 50-85% of the total population by the age of 40 has developed antibodies to CMV
- Underdeveloped countries - seropositivity up to 100%
- The only known reservoir of CMV - humans
- CMV is excreted in urine, stool, saliva, tears, milk, cervical secretions and semen (during primary or reactivated infection)
- The virus is also found in the blood (infected lymphocytes and mononuclear cells), as well as in many organs and tissues

# Transmission routes

Intrauterine infection

Perinatal infection-contact of the newborn with infected genital secretions of the mother

Postnatal infection-saliva, infected milk (especially colostrum)

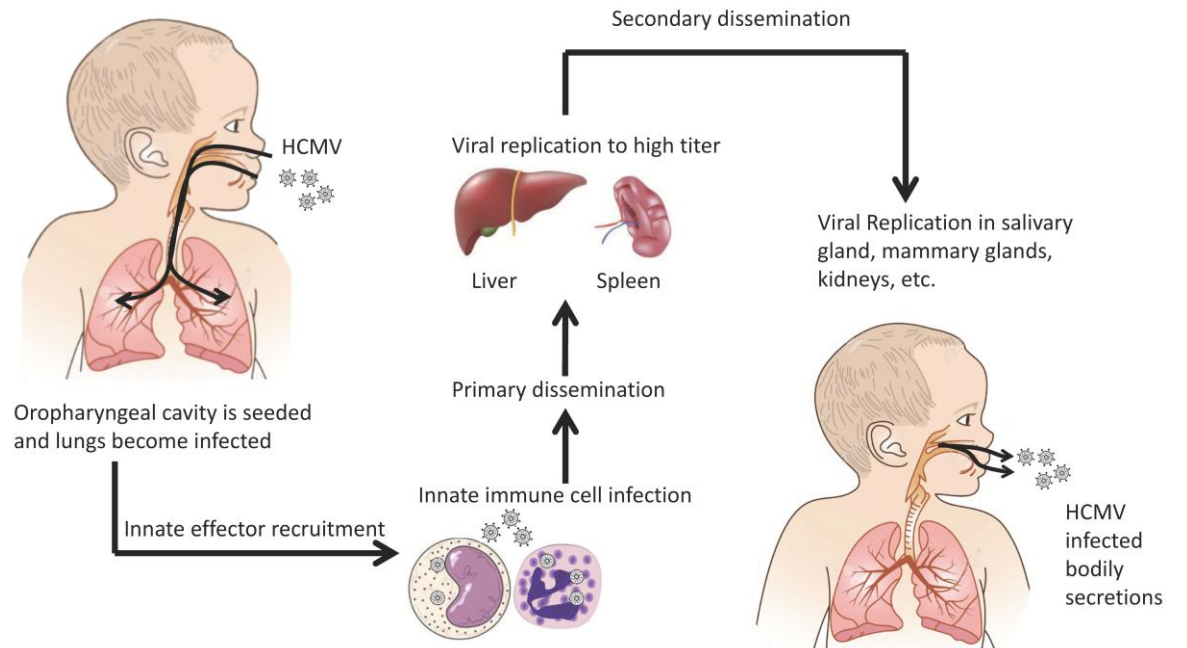
Toddler and school-age child→direct contact (saliva)

Adolescence and adulthood→sexual transmission



# Pathophysiology

- Once CMV is transmitted, and the primary infection clears, the virus remains dormant in myeloid cells
- Viral replication and reactivation are contained primarily by cytotoxic T-cell immunity
- However, when reactivation occurs, virions are released into the bloodstream and other body fluids, leading to the presence of symptoms, predominantly in immunocompromised patients



# Different clinical forms of cytomegalovirus disease

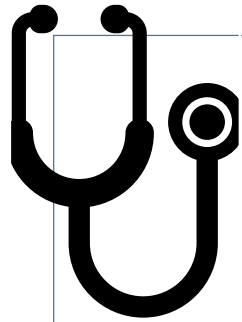
Immunocompetent patients

Immunodeficient patients

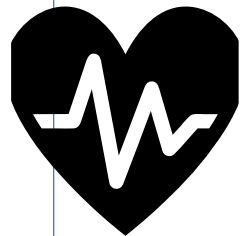
Congetital infections

## Immunocompetent patients

- The most frequent two clinical forms of the disease



Asymptomatic  
presentation



Infectious  
mononucleosis

# Clinical picture

- Immunocompetent individuals
- Asymptomatic (most common)
- Infectious mononucleosis syndrome (indistinguishable from EBV mononucleosis by clinical and hematological characteristics)
- About 10% of mononucleosis is caused by CMV
- Less: CMV hepatitis, neuritis, Guillain-Barré syndrome, unclear febrile condition, myocarditis, hemolytic anemia, thrombocytopenia
- Self-limiting disease, without sequelae

# Diagnosis

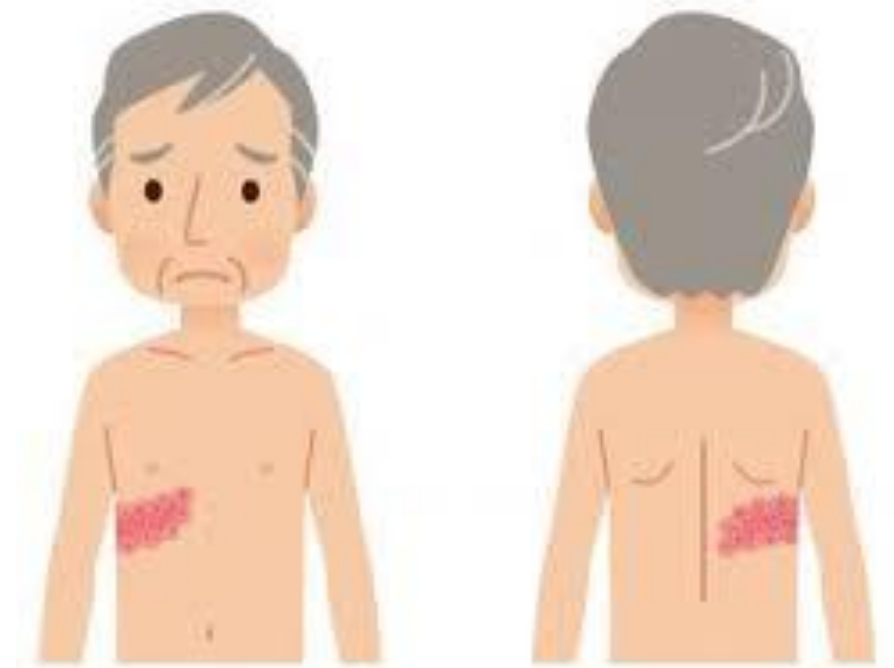
- Clinical diagnosis unreliable:
  - High frequency of asymptomatic and recurrent infections
  - Various clinical presentation of the disease
- Laboratory diagnosis
  - Finding of cytomegalic cells in urine sediment, sputum or punctate of parenchymal organs (unreliable)
  - Isolation of CMV in embryonic fibroblast culture (urine, throat swab, cervical secretion, blood and cerebrospinal fluid)
  - Detection of CMV antigen (labeled monoclonal antibodies)
  - Detection of CMV DNA (PCR)
  - Serological diagnostics (ELISA test)

# Treatment

- Antiviral therapy: treatment of CMV infection in immunocompromised patients
- Severe, life-threatening infection
- Ganciclovir, foscarnet, cidofovir
- Therapy of choice: ganciclovir 5mg/kg/12h iv for 3 weeks
- Ganciclovir resistance → foscarnet, cidofovir
- Prevention
- Women of reproductive age (employees in maternity or pediatric wards, daycare centers or preschools)
- Strict implementation of hygiene measures (hand washing)

# HERPES ZOSTER

Reactivation of latent  
VZV infection characterized  
by a typical vesicular  
exanthema along a specific  
dermatome





# Etiology and Epidemiology

- Varicella-zoster virus (family Herpesviridae)
- The disease occurs individually
- There is no seasonal pattern of occurrence
- Most common in older people
- Reactivation of VZV infection occurs due to:
  - ✓ Decreased immunity in older people
  - ✓ HIV infection
  - ✓ Malignant diseases and immunosuppressive therapy
  - ✓ Mental and physical stress

# Pathogenesis

- Primary infection - VZV latency in dorsal parts of spinal and cranial nerve ganglia



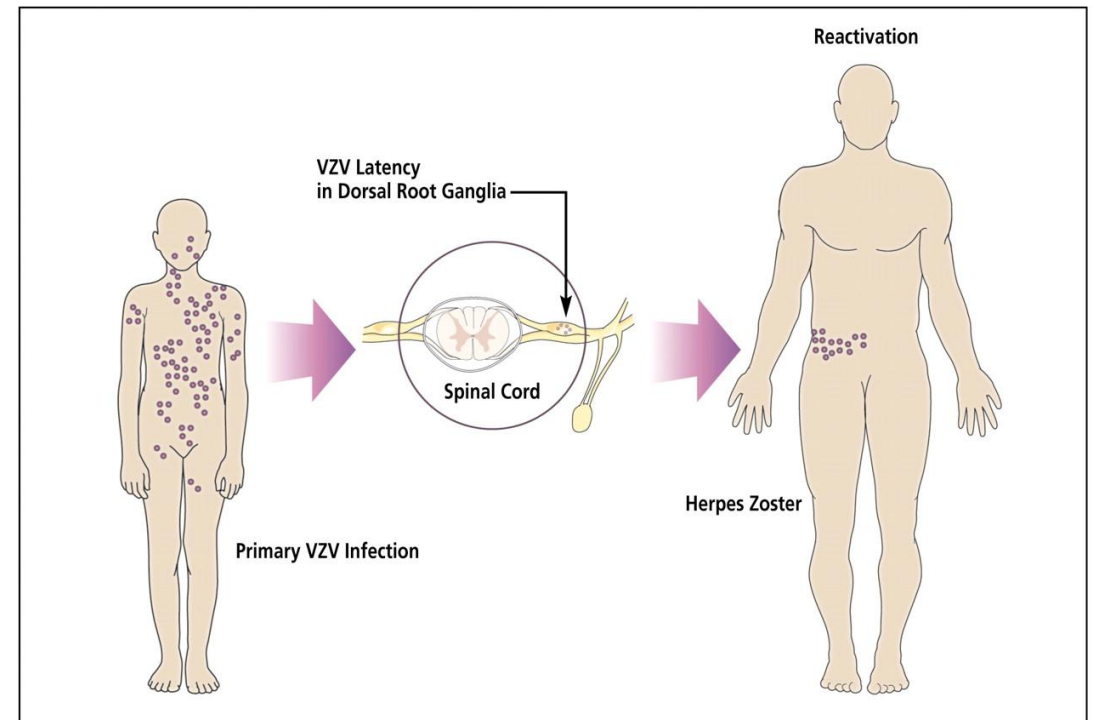
- Weakening of cellular immunity (reactivation of the virus)



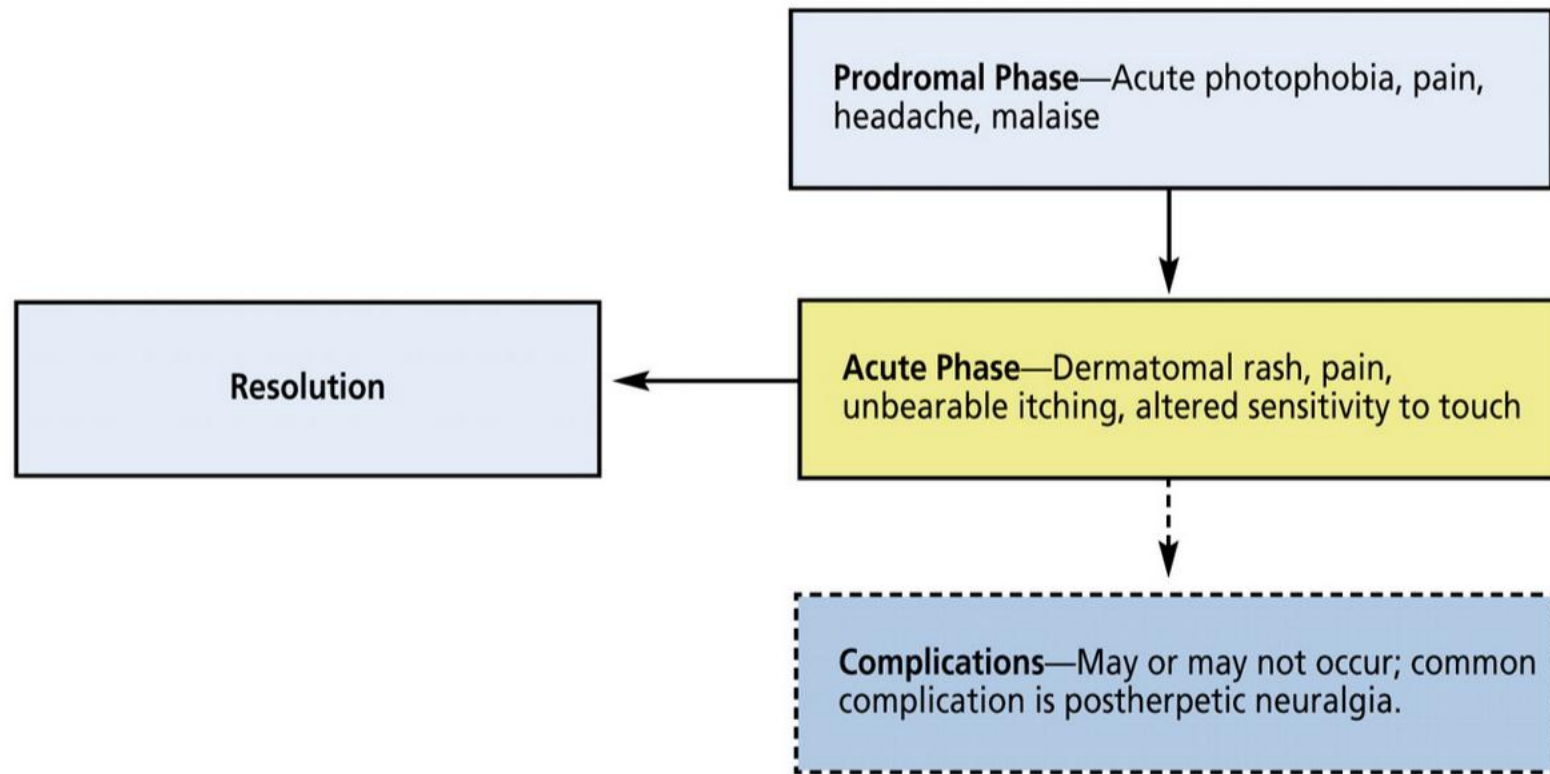
- Descending spread of the virus along axons to dermatomes



- typical skin changes



# Clinical picture



# Herpes zoster – clinical manifestation

- Unilateral vesicular eruption with dermatomal distribution
  - Rash has the identical evolution as in chickenpox (macula, papula, vesicle, crust)
  - Usually thoracic and lumbar dermatoms
- 
- Prodromal phase: pain, fever, chills 1-2 d
  - Rash – strictly unilaterally in the dermatome
  - any secondary localisation/spreading outside of the dermatome is a sign of a generalized disease



## Other localisations of herpes zoster

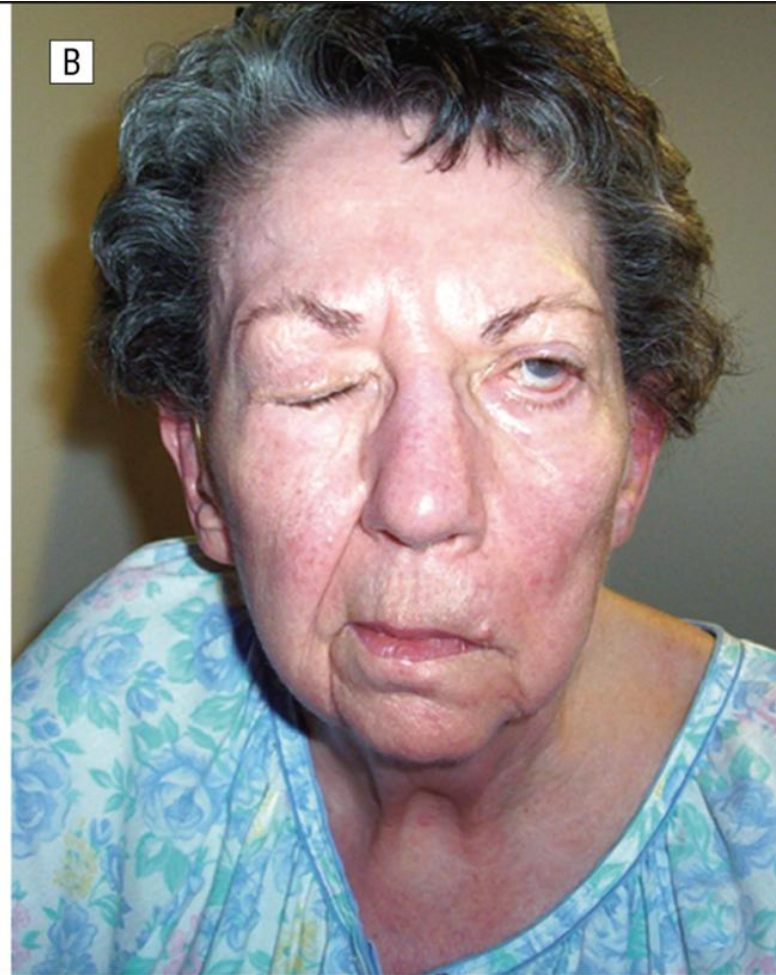
- Herpes zoster ophtalmicus
  - Lesion on the tip of the nose might be the first sign
  - Sight threatening condition
  - Keratitis, iridocyclitis, secondary glaucoma
- Herpes zoster oticus (Ramsey Hunt syndrome)
  - lesion in the external auditory meatus, loss of taste, ipsilateral facial palsy

# Ophtalmic Herpes Zoster





# Ramsey Hunt sy



# Extracutaneous sites in herpes zoster

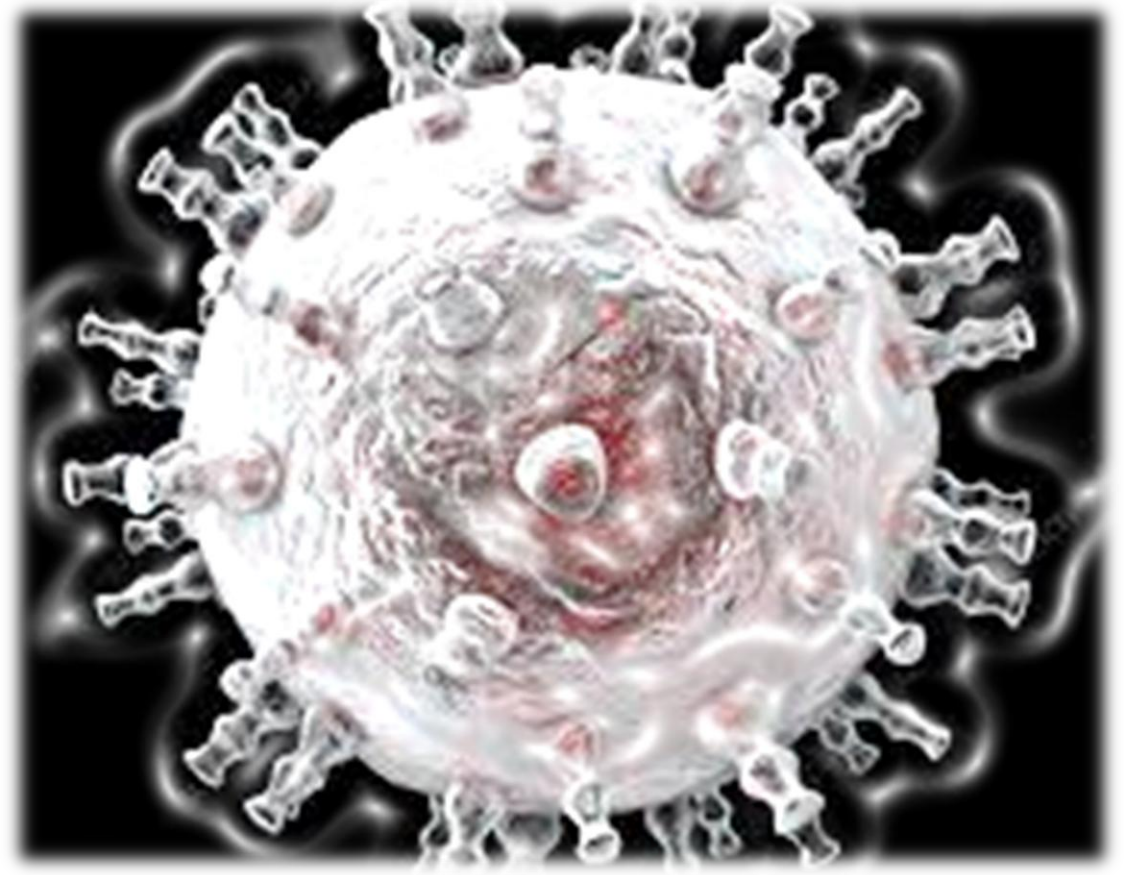
- Encephalitis
  - Meningoencephalitis
  - Cerebral angiitis (after HZ ophthalmicus)
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- In a patient with shingles we need to think of the reasons for viral reactivation!
  - (what caused immunosuppression – stress, tumor, comorbidities, HIV...?)

# Treatment of herpes zoster

- Skin hygiene!!!
- Analgetics!
- Post herpetic neuralgia
- Antivirals
- Acyclovir 5x800mg
- Varicella zoster immunoglobulin (VZIG) for immunocompromised/pregnant who are seronegative, but have been exposed to VZV
- Vaccination – in some countries now recommended for routine vacc (USA) or even prevention of HZ

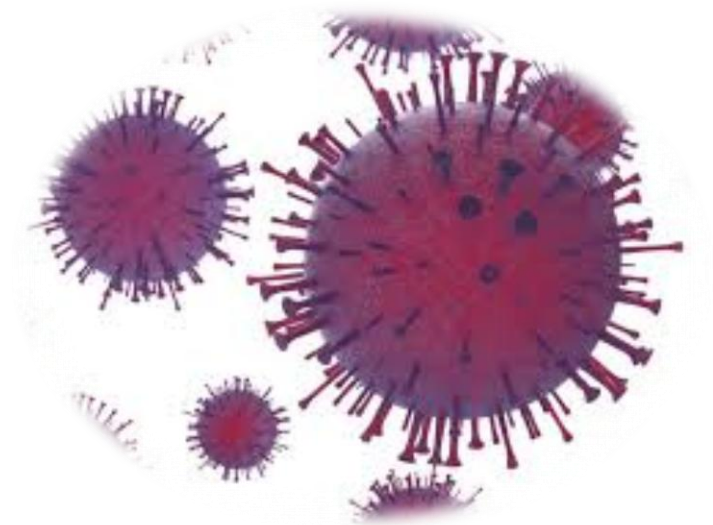
# Infections caused by HHV-8

HHV-8 is etiologically associated with all forms of Kaposi sarcoma (KS) including classic, endemic, transplant-related, and AIDS-related, as well as rare neoplastic disorders (primary effusion lymphoma [PEL] and solid organ variants) and the lymphoproliferative disorder known as multicentric Castleman's disease



# Infections caused by HHV-8

- Recently discovered human herpesvirus
- Causally linked to human neoplasms
- Gamma herpesvirus
- Sexually transmitted
- Almost all patients with Kaposi's sarcoma → HHV-8 PCR positive



# Clinical manifestations

## Castleman's disease

Angiofollicular lymphonodular hyperplasia  
Multicentric aggressive (lethal)-risk for malignant melanoma and Kaposi's sarcoma→usually associated with HIV infection

## Kaposi's sarcoma

(haemangiosarcoma)

One or more nodular vascular lesions on the skin, mucous membranes, and visceral organs (lungs and hepatobiliary tract)

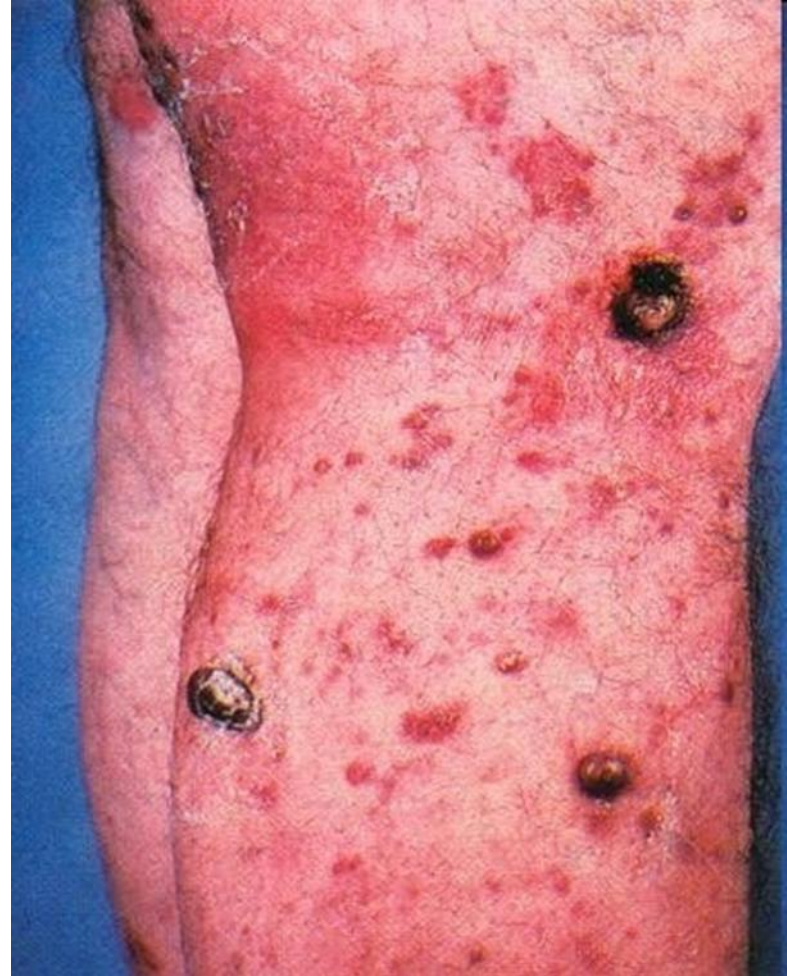
## Primary effusion lymphoma

of body cavities

A rare and aggressive form of B-cell lymphoma  
Involves the pleural, pericardial, and peritoneal cavities

HHV-8







Thank you for your attention!