

認識阿米巴性痢疾的問與答-英文版

About Amebiasis: Q&A

What is amebiasis?

Ans:

1. Amebiasis is the disease caused by the infection of *Entamoeba histolytica*, which is a parasite capable of invading the intestinal mucosa. In most conditions, it does not have any obvious symptoms.
2. Amebiasis mainly happens in areas with bad hygienic conditions, on patients suffering from psychiatric problems or mental retardation living in adoption agencies, people engaged in male-male sexual behaviors, people with weak immune systems, and people with a history of traveling or living in areas with epidemic outbreaks. These are the high-risk population groups.

What is the route of amebiasis infection?

Ans: Transmission occurs via the fecal-oral route, intimate contact among people, ingested food with fecal contamination, or raw food. Transmission may also occur via mouth-anus contact.

What are the frequently seen symptoms of amebiasis?

Ans: Slight, chronic, to severe diarrhea. There may be mucus or blood in the stool, intermittent diarrhea, abdominal pain, fever, nausea, vomit, and other symptoms. The symptoms may last for 2-4 weeks. Some infected patients may suffer from extra-intestinal infection, such as liver abscess, lung abscess, or brain abscess.

