



# 上呼吸道感染之鑑別診斷與處置

## Treatment of Upper Respiratory Tract Infection in Children

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# 1. Common Cold



# Common Cold

- Acute, communicable, viral disease.
- Characterized by nasal stuffiness, sneezing, coryza, throat irritation, no or minimal fever.



# Epidemiology

- More than 100 serologically different viruses.
- Average number of colds: 3~8/child/year.
- Initial focus in the school.
- Secondary attack rate: adult=1/2 children.
- Close personal contact necessary for transmission.
- Greatest concentration of virus in the nasal secretions: sneezing, nose blowing, contamination with nasal secretions.



# Frequency of Respiratory Illnesses by Age

Age (years)	Respiratory illnesses episodes per child-year	
	Cleveland, 1970s	Linko, 1990s
<1	6.7	6.9
1	8.3	8.9
2	8.1	10.5
3	7.8	8.5
4	7.6	8.3
5	7.4	5.2



# Treatment

- No clinically available antiviral agents.
  - No specific therapy in the majority except RSV and influenza.
- Specific symptomatic care.
  - Analgesic.
  - Relief of nasal obstruction.
- Antibiotics: no place.
- Vitamin C: controversial.



## 2. Pharyngitis





# Pharyngitis(Tonsillitis, Tonsillopharyngitis, Nasopharyngitis)

- An inflammatory illness of mucous membranes and underlying structures of throat.
  - Frequently involve nasopharynx, uvula, tonsil, soft palate.
  - Erythema, exudate, ulceration.
  - Usually acute, throat discomfort or not.



# Common Causes of Pharyngotonsillitis

- Group A beta-hemolytic streptococci.
- Adenovirus.
- Influenza viruses.
- Enteroviruses.
- Parainfluenza viruses.
- Epstein-Barr virus.
- New viruses(hMPV, hBoV, and hCoV NL63 and HKU1).



# Etiology of Acute Pharyngitis in Children

- During May 1999 and April 2000, MMH, Taipei.
- 416 children, 53 + 37 m/o, with acute pharyngitis at OPD.
- Virus detected in 123 cases(29.6%).
- Bacteria isolated in 73(17.5%) cases.
  - *Group A Streptococcus* in only 7 cases(1.7%).
- Both bacteria and virus in 46 cases(11%).



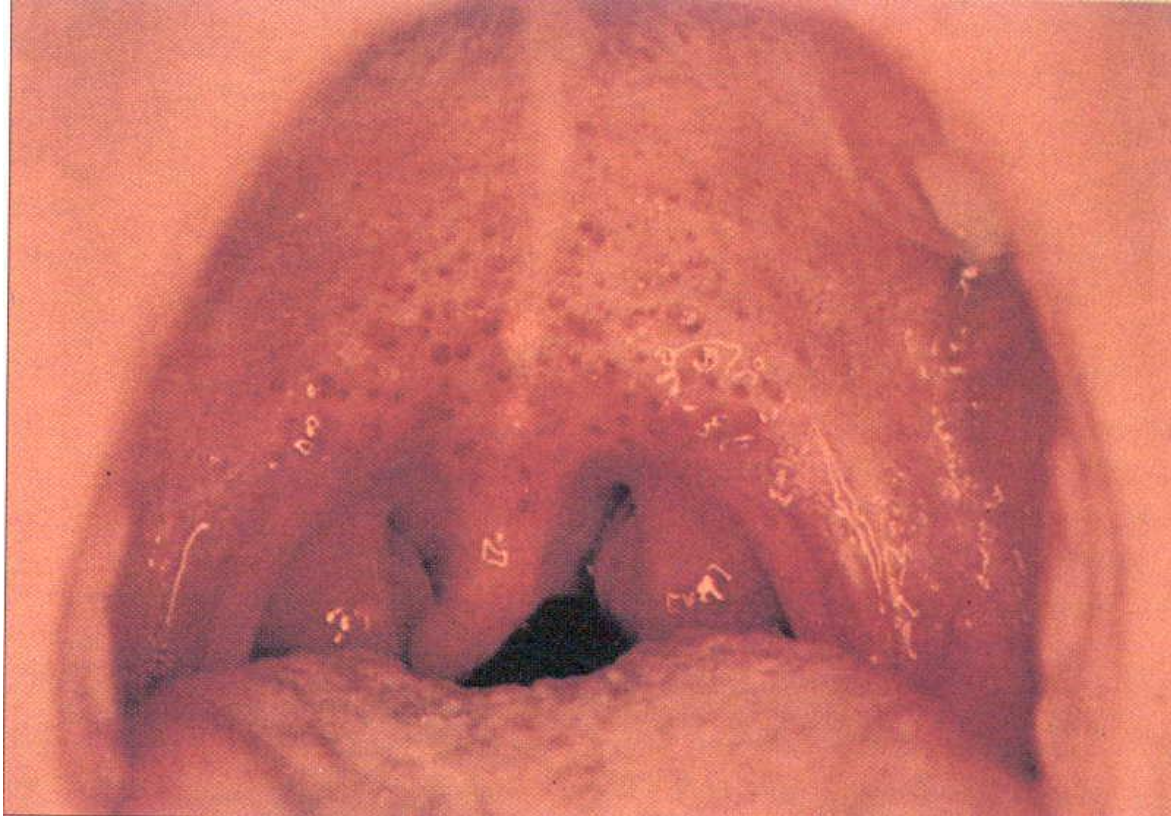


# Potential Pathogens Isolated from 416 Patients with Acute Pharyngitis

Microorganism	No. of isolates (%)
<b>Bacteria</b>	<b>122 (29.3)</b>
<i>Haemophilus influenzae</i> non-type b	41 (9.9)
<i>Haemophilus parainfluenzae</i>	40 (9.6)
<i>Haemophilus influenzae</i> type b	15 (3.6)
<i>Staphylococcus aureus</i>	14 (3.4)
<b>Group A Streptococcus</b>	<b>7 (1.7)</b>
<i>Streptococcus pneumoniae</i>	4 (1.0)
<i>Serratia marcescens</i>	1 (0.2)
<b>Virus</b>	<b>175 (42.1)</b>
<b>Adenovirus</b>	<b>110 (26.4)</b>
Herpes simplex virus type 1	43 (10.3)
<b>Coxsackievirus</b>	<b>10 (2.4)</b>
<b>Parainfluenza virus</b>	<b>4 (1.0)</b>
<b>Influenza virus</b>	<b>3 (0.7)</b>
<b>Respiratory syncytial virus</b>	<b>3 (0.7)</b>
Cytomegalovirus	2 (0.5)



# GAS Pharyngotonsillitis





# Methods

- In January 2009-December 2010, up to 5 cases of children with initial diagnosis of respiratory tract infection in Chang Gung Children's Hospital per week were randomly selected for viral etiology investigation after a written consent was obtained.
- Throat swabs were obtained from each case and sent for viral detection by virus isolation and polymerase chain reaction(PCR).



## Results(1/2)

- Detection of respiratory viruses.
  - During January 2009 to December 2010, total 360 cases were recruited and laboratory tests were completed in **360 cases**.
  - Viral etiology was identified in 257(71.4%) cases with total 314 viruses identified.
  - 34.7%(109/314) identified viruses were through PCR.
  - Mixed pathogens were found in 49(13.6%) cases.

# Results(2/2)

Virus detection	Case No. (%)
Cases enrolled	360
<b>By virus isolation</b>	
Influenza A virus	17 (5)
Influenza B virus	7 (2)
Parainfluenza virus	
1	11 (4)
2	8 (3)
3	12 (4)
RSV	14 (4)
Adenovirus	50 (16)
Enterovirus	70 (22)
Cytomegalovirus	9 (3)
Herpes simplex virus	7 (2)

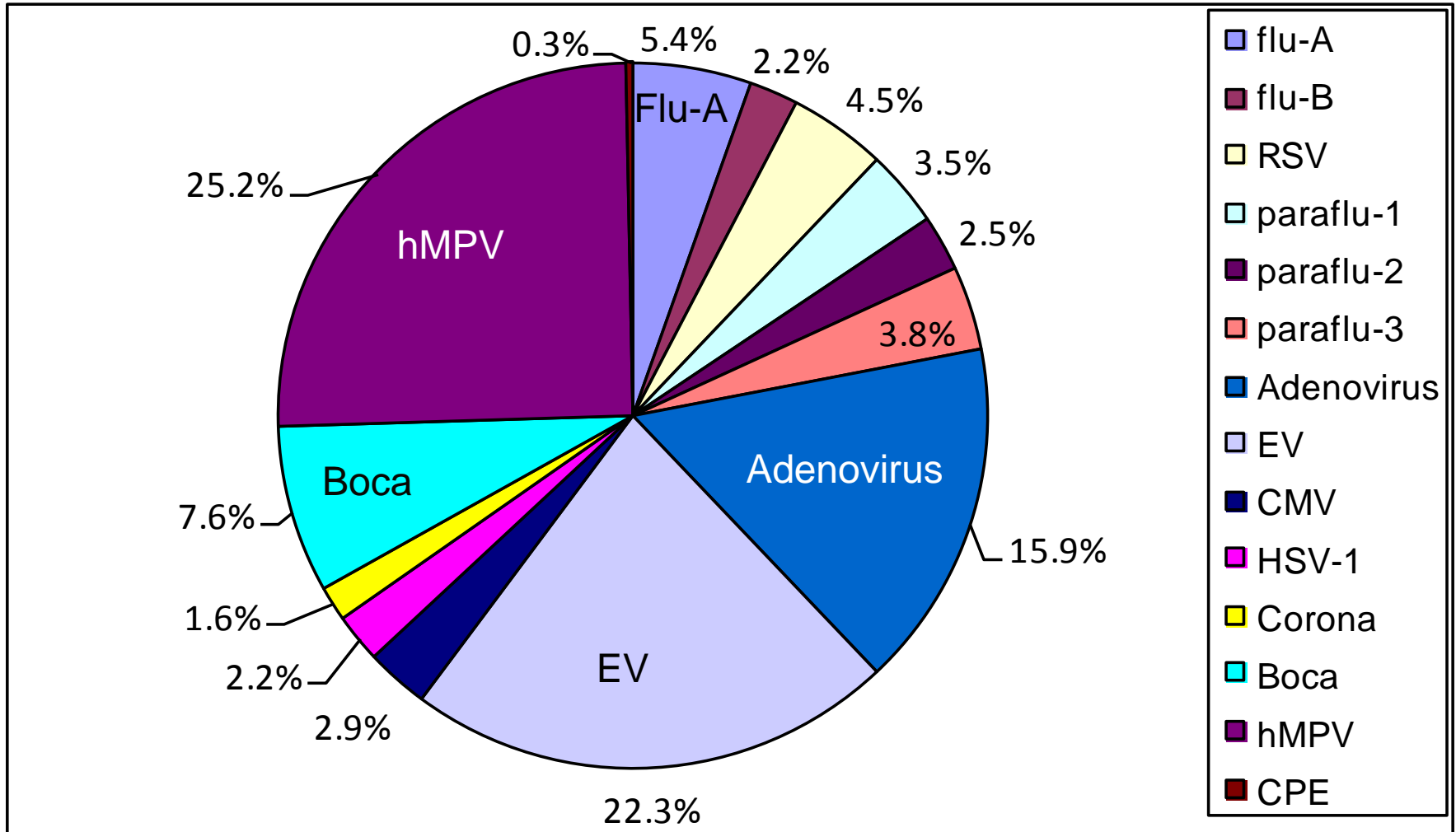
By PCR	Case No. (%)
CoV-OC43	4
CoV-229E	0
CoV-NL63	1
Bocavirus	24 (8)
hMPV	79 (25)
CPE	1
<b>Mixed</b>	49 (18.9)
<b>Negative</b>	103 (28.6)

➤ **Five most common identified viruses:**

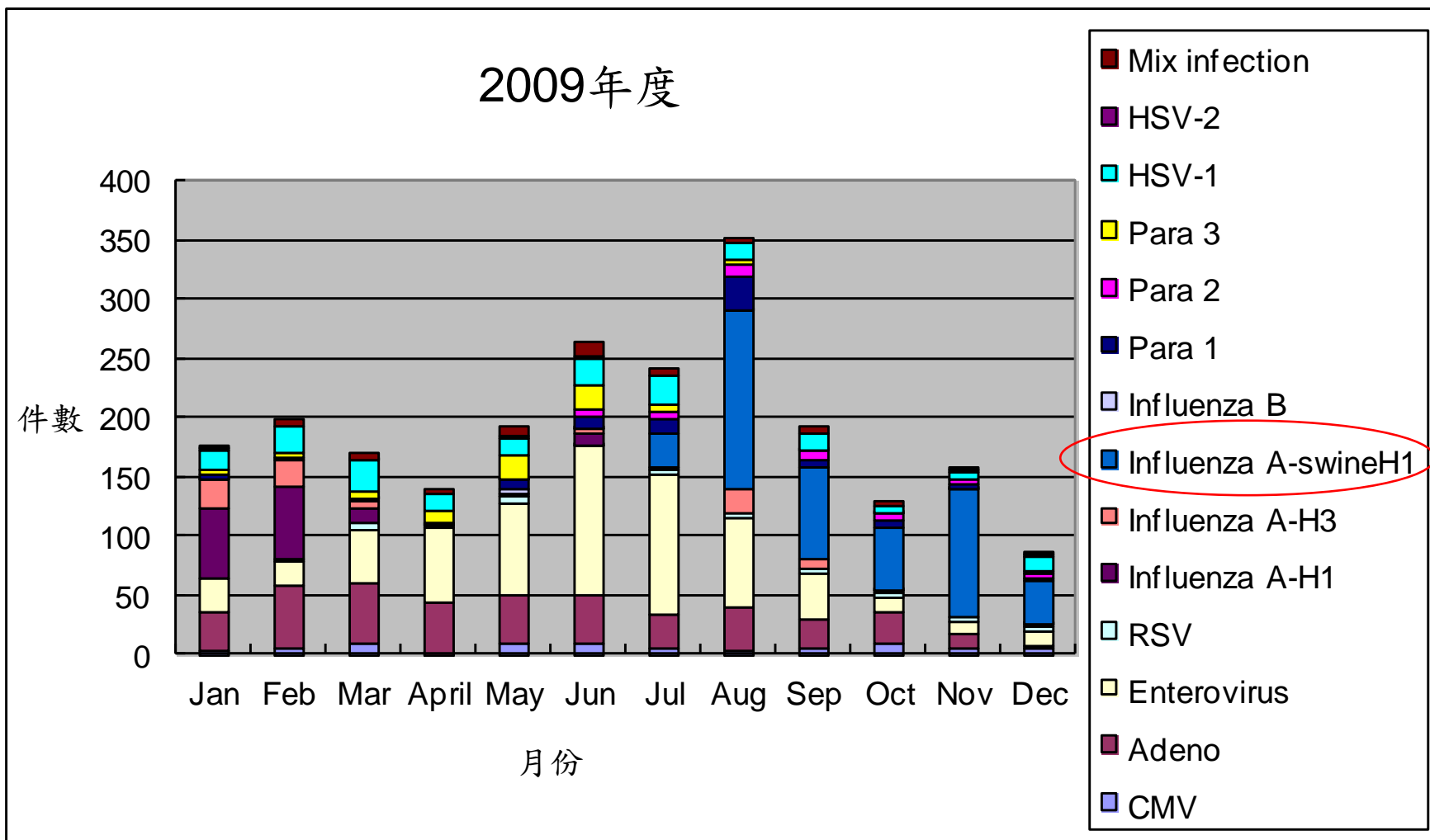
- hMPV
- Enterovirus
- Adenovirus
- Bocavirus
- Influenzae A



# Distribution of Identified Virus

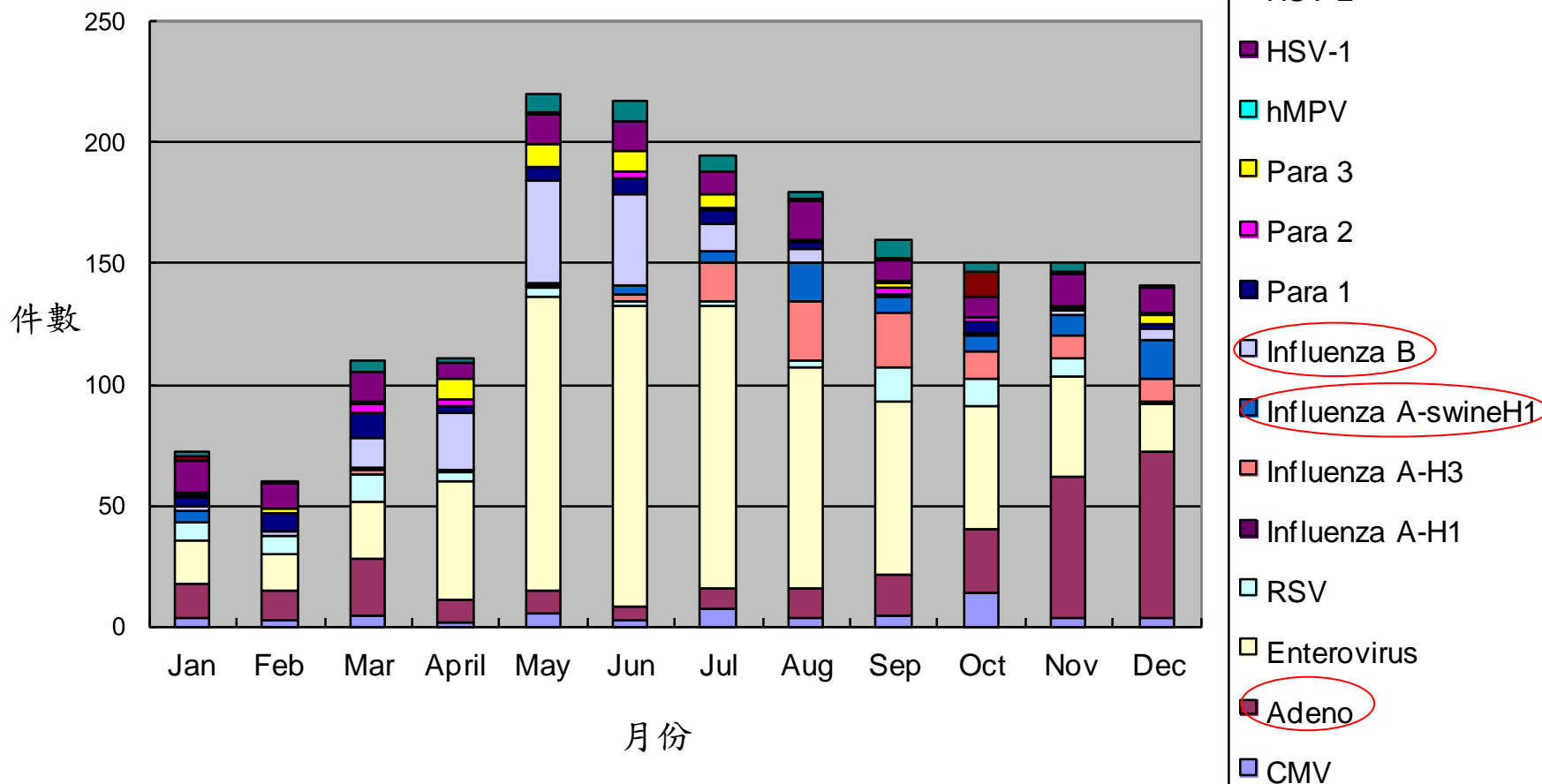


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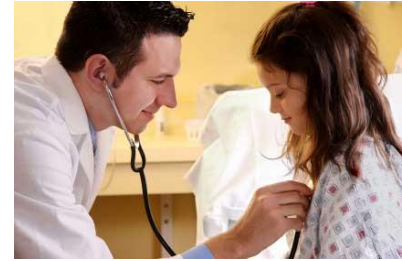


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# Demographics



- Demographic characteristics and clinical presentations in children with virus negative or virus positive.
  - **Male gender**( $p=0.04$ ) **and relatively young age** ( $p=0.003$ ) were significantly more common among children with multiple respiratory viral infection.
  - There were no significant differences when comparing the group of no virus with single or multiple virus infection in antibiotic use, diagnosis of LRTIs, nor length of hospitalization.



# Diagnosis of Pharyngitis

- Diagnosis of GAS pharyngitis based on results of appropriate **laboratory tests** with clinical and epidemiologic findings.
  - Throat culture, rapid antigen test to confirm.
  - Age, odynophagia, fever, reactive neck lymphadenopathy, abdominal pain, and absence of viral syndrome.
- Viral isolation and identification.



# Principles of Judicious Use of Antimicrobial Agents for Pharyngitis

- Clinical findings neither sensitive nor specific for GAS pharyngitis, Dx based on a laboratory test.
  - Throat culture-the standard for diagnosis.
- Viral agents cause most pharyngitis episodes.
- Bacteria other than GAS rare causes of pharyngitis.
  - Group G and C *Streptococcus*, *N. gonorrhoea*, *Arcanobacterium haemolyticum*, *C. diphtheriae*.





# IDSA Guidelines for Diagnosis and Management of Group A Streptococcal Pharyngitis

- Therapy
  - Antibiotics: penicillin and its congeners, 1<sup>o</sup> generation cephalosporins, macrolides(not in Taiwan), clindamycin.
  - Duration: 10 days.
  - A small percentage has a recurrence.





# 3. Influenza



# Influenza Virus

## Type A (16 HA and 9 NA subtypes)

- Found mainly in birds, swine, human.
- H1, H2, and H3 subtypes adapted to human.
- Seasonal epidemics or pandemics; mild to severe illness.
- H5, H6, H7, H9, and H10 subtypes, sporadic infection.

## Type B (Victoria and Yamagata lineage)

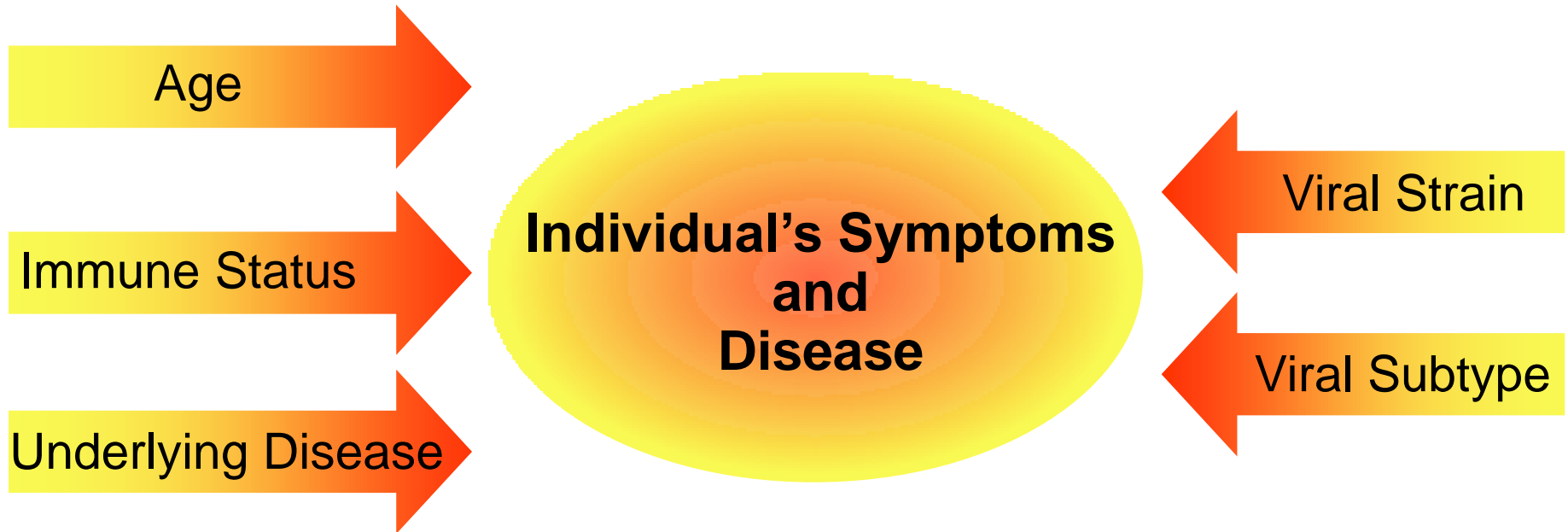
- Found only in human; causing seasonal epidemics.
- Mild to severe illness.

## Type C

- Found in mammals; causing mainly mild illness.



# Factors Affecting Symptoms and Course of Influenza



# Signs and Symptoms

- Abrupt onset of symptoms.
- Fever, usually over 100 ° F.
- Nonproductive cough.
- Chills and/or sweating.
- Headache.
- Myalgia.
- Sore throat.
- Potentially severe, persistent malaise.
- Substernal soreness, photophobia, and ocular problems.

**ILI:**  
fever,  
respiratory symptoms,  
systemic symptoms



# Recognizing Pediatric Influenza

Neonates	Infants/Toddlers	Children/Teens
High fever	GI symptoms	Rapid onset
Lethargy	Fever > 103°F (>39.5°C)	High fever
Decreased eating	Anorexia	Cough
Mottling	Respiratory syndromes	Chills
Apnea	Malaise Irritability	Malaise Headache Sore throat



# Influenza A vs. B in Children

	2001-2006, NCKU, Taiwan	
type	Influenza A	Influenza B
Total case numbers	163	118
Mean age, years	5.7	6.7
Hospitalization	36%	40%
Upper respiratory disease	45%	64%*
Lower respiratory disease	28%	26%
Myositis	2%	14%*
Gastroenteritis	3%	22%*
Invasive disease	3%	6%

\*  $P < 0.05$





# Children Were the Major Target Population in Household Influenza Transmission

	Number	Mean age, years	Positive tested(%)
Index case	87	11	87/87 (100)
Household members	223	34	60/223 (27)
Children	57	8	35/57 (61) *
siblings	56	8	35/56 (63)
cousin	1	12	0/1 (0)
Adults	166	43	25/166 (15) *
siblings	5	20	0/5 (0)
parents and others	138	41	25/161 (16)

\* P <0.01





# Guidelines for Antiviral Therapy of Acute Upper Respiratory Tract Infection in **Taiwan**

- For influenza
  - During **epidemic** period, antiviral agents given in high-risk groups(chronic obstructive airway disease, cardiovascular disease, immunocompromized host, health care workers, the elderly) in first 24-48 hrs.
  - Drug of choice: amantadine(influenza A only), rimantadine(influenza A only), oseltamivir, zanamivir(inhalation).



## 4. Croup, Epiglottitis, Laryngitis, and Bacterial Tracheitis





# Croup Syndrome

- One of more common childhood respiratory illnesses.
- A group of inflammatory diseases involving airway, characterized by **barking cough**, **hoarseness** and **inspiratory stridor**.
- Include viral laryngotracheobronchitis, spasmodic croup, bacterial tracheitis and epiglottitis.



# Viral Croup

- Highest attack rate in second year of life.
  - 4.7~6/100 children year.
- Male predominant(2:1).
- Seasonal peak in late autumn and winter.
  - Throughout the year in Taiwan.
- Common etiology: parainfluenza virus type I, II, III, RSV, influenza virus, *M. pneumoniae*.



# Childhood Croup Syndrome in Northern Taiwan

- April 1990~January 1996, NTUH, Taipei.
- 132 children, aged 3 months to 7 years.
  - Laryngotracheitis(croup) in 123 cases(93.2%): 23 pathogens identified(parainfluenza 7, RSV 5, influenza A 4, *M. pneumoniae* 4, adenovirus 3).
  - Bacterial tracheitis in 7: viridans streptococci 6, *S. aureus* 1.
  - Spasmodic croup 1.
- High fever > 3 days, more likely bacterial tracheitis or bacterial complications.



# Management of Viral Croup

- Steroids: mechanism not definitely known.
  - Both **systemic or inhaled** form reduce morbidity and hospitalized time.
  - A single dose of oral or IM 0.15~0.6 mg/kg dexamethasone.
  - Nebulized 2 mg budesonide.
- Epinephrine: effect last only a few hours.
  - Nebulized a dose of 0.1 ml/kg of 1% solution or 4 ml of 1:1000 preparation.
- Mist therapy: little evidence for any beneficial effect.



# Epiglottitis(1/2)

- Inflammation and edema of epiglottis.
- Usually caused by *H. influenzae type b*.
- Characterized by rapid onset and progression
  - Death may occur due to obstruction of airway.
  - An ENT emergency.
- Treatment: airway established and appropriate antibiotic.

# Epiglottitis(2/2)

- Causes

## Children

- *Haemophilus influenzae* type b
- Diphtheria
- *Staphylococcus aureus*
- *Streptococcus pneumoniae*
- Group A *Streptococcus*

## Adults

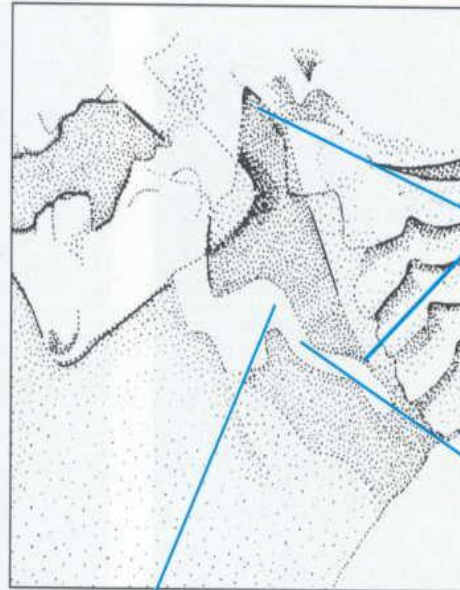
- Same as children
- Nontypeable *Haemophilus* spp.



# Clinical Features of Acute Epiglottitis

	Children	Adults
Age at acquisition	3-5 years	-
Location of pathology	Supraglottic	Supraglottic
Onset	Rapid	Most have a mild illness with prolonged course, painful dysphagia, and pharyngitis
Fever	High	Variable
Appearance	Toxic	Usually not toxic
Stridor	+++	Not usual
Cough	Not usual	-
Drooling	Often	-

# Lateral Neck X Ray(hyper-extension)



Distended hypopharynx secondary to airway obstruction

Aryepiglottic folds

Swollen epiglottis. "thumb sign"





# Guidelines for Antimicrobial Therapy of Acute Upper Respiratory Tract Infection in **Taiwan**

- For acute epiglottitis.
  - Drug of choice: **amoxicillin/clavulanate**, ampicillin/sulbactam, 2<sup>o</sup> or 3<sup>o</sup> cephalosporins.
  - Alternatives: chloramphenicol, aztreonam, imipenem or meropenem.
  - Antimicrobial therapy should be **intravenous** administration.



# 5. Deep Neck Infections in Taiwan



# Etiology of Deep Neck Infections

**Table 2.** Etiology of deep neck infections.

Etiology	No. patients (%) (N = 185)
Odontogenic	42 (22.7)
Upper airway infection	24 (13)
Peritonsillar abscess	7 (3.8)
Foreign body (digestive tract)	2 (1.1)
Surgery of aerodigestive tract	2 (1.1)
Skin infection	1 (0.5)
Parotitis	1 (0.5)
Unknown	106 (57.3)





# Antecedent Illness and Site of Deep Neck Infection in 68 Children

Table 2. Antecedent illness and site of deep neck infection in 68 children

	Total n=68, (%)	Peritonsillar n=14, (%)	Retropharyngeal n=25, (%)	Parapharyngeal n=21, (%)	Submandibular n=8, (%)
Tonsillitis	2 (2.9)	1 (14.3)	1 (4)	0	0
Viral URI	11 (16.2)	3 (21.4)	4 (16)	4 (19.1)	0
Sinusitis	4 (5.9)	1 (14.3)	2 (8)	1 (4.8)	0
Dental infection	2 (2.9)	0	0	0	2 (25)
Trauma	7 (10.3)	0	6 (24)	1 (4.8)	0
Congenital cyst	5 (7.4)	0	0	4 (19)	1 (12.5)
Unknown	37 (54.4)	9 (64.3)	12 (48)	11 (52.4)	5 (62.5)



# Deep Neck Infections

- Sites: 9 in the retropharyngeal space, 17 in the parapharyngeal, 21 in the peritonsillar and three with mixed type abscesses.
- S/S: Most retropharyngeal and parapharyngeal abscesses were associated with **fever** (100% and 65%, respectively) and **neck masses** (67% and 94%, respectively); while **odynophagia** was the most common symptom in peritonsillar abscess (100%).





# Most Frequent Organisms in Pus Culture

**Table 4.** Most frequent organisms in pus culture.

Organism	No. patients (%) <sup>*</sup>
<i>Streptococcus viridans</i>	38 (33.9)
<i>Klebsiella pneumoniae</i>	38 (33.9)
<i>Peptostreptococcus</i>	19 (17.0)
$\beta$ -hemolytic streptococci	10 (8.9)
<i>Neisseria</i> species	10 (8.9)
<i>Staphylococcus aureus</i>	9 (8.0)
Unidentified anaerobic bacteria	9 (8.0)
<i>Candida</i>	5 (4.5)
Coagulase-negative staphylococcus	4 (3.6)
<i>Enterococcus</i>	4 (3.6)
<i>Eikenella</i>	4 (3.6)

*\*Of 112 patients with positive cultures, the sum of total percentage exceeds 100 because of mixed infections.*





# Microbiologic Isolates in 41 Children with Deep Neck Infection(1/2)

Table 4. Microbiologic isolates in 41 Children with Deep Neck Infection

	Total N=41	Peritonsillar N=10	Retropharyngeal N=7	Parapharyngeal N=18	Submandibular N=6
No growth	2	0	0	1	1
Aerobic					
Viridans streptococci	16	3	8	4	1
GAS	1	1	0	0	0
GBS	3	0	1	2	0
<i>S. aureus</i>	10	0	2	5	3
<i>S. epidermitis</i>	1	0	0	0	1
<i>K. Oxytoca</i>	3	3	0	0	0
<i>K. pneumonia</i>	4	0	3	1	0
<i>Ps. aeruginosa</i>	2	1	1	0	0





# Microbiologic Isolates in 41 Children with Deep Neck Infection(2/2)

Table 4. Microbiologic isolates in 41 Children with Deep Neck Infection

	Total	Peritonsillar	Retropharyngeal	Parapharyngeal	Submandibular
	N=41	N=10	N=7	N=18	N=6
<i>Capnocytophaga</i>	1	0	0	1	0
<i>E.coli</i>	4	0	1	3	0
<i>Enterobacter sp.</i>	1	0	0	1	0
<i>Morganella morganii</i>	1	1	0	0	0
Anaerobic					
<i>Veillonella alcalescens</i>	4	1	2	1	0
<i>Prevotella</i>	5	1	2	2	0
Mixed	18	3	7	6	2

GAS= group A *streptococcus*, GBS =group B *streptococcus*, Ps=Pseudomonas







# Pus Cultures of Patients with Deep Neck Infection Abscess Cavity

**Table 3.** Pus cultures of patients with deep neck infection abscess cavity ( $n=32$ )

Microorganisms	No. of cases
Mixed flora <sup>a</sup>	7
No growth	6
<i>Streptococcus pyogenes</i>	5
Normal flora	5
<i>Streptococcus</i> other than pyogenes	4
Anaerobic bacteria <sup>b</sup>	2
<i>Staphylococcus aureus</i>	1
<i>Klebsiella pneumoniae</i>	1
<i>Bartonella henselae</i>	1





# Treatment

- Antibiotics: Amoxicillin  $\pm$  clavulanate for oral flora, oxacillin or vancomycin for *S. aureus*, 2 or 3<sup>rd</sup> generation for resistant GNB.
- Drainage for abscess.



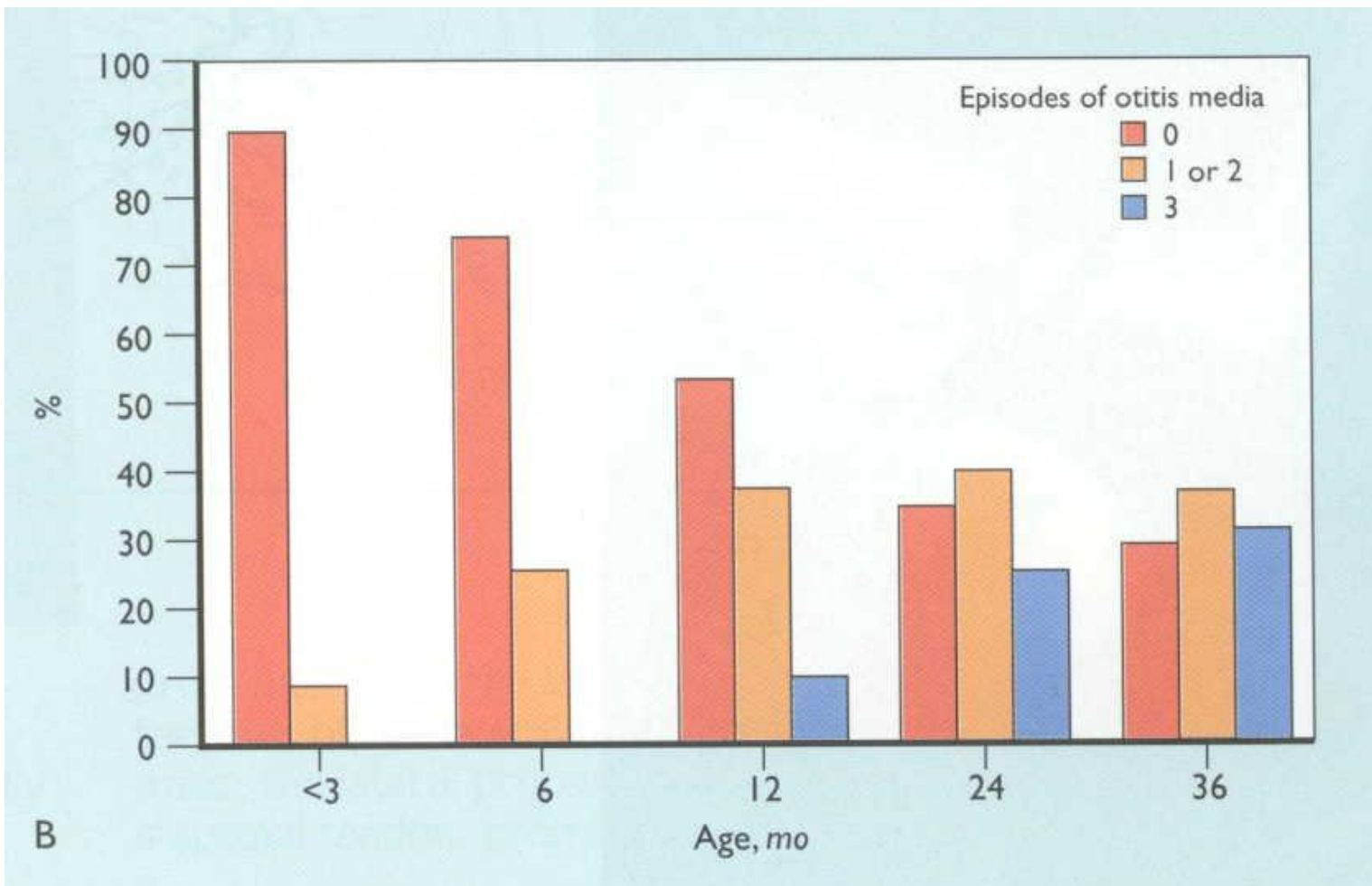
## 6. Otitis Media



# Acute Otitis Media in Children

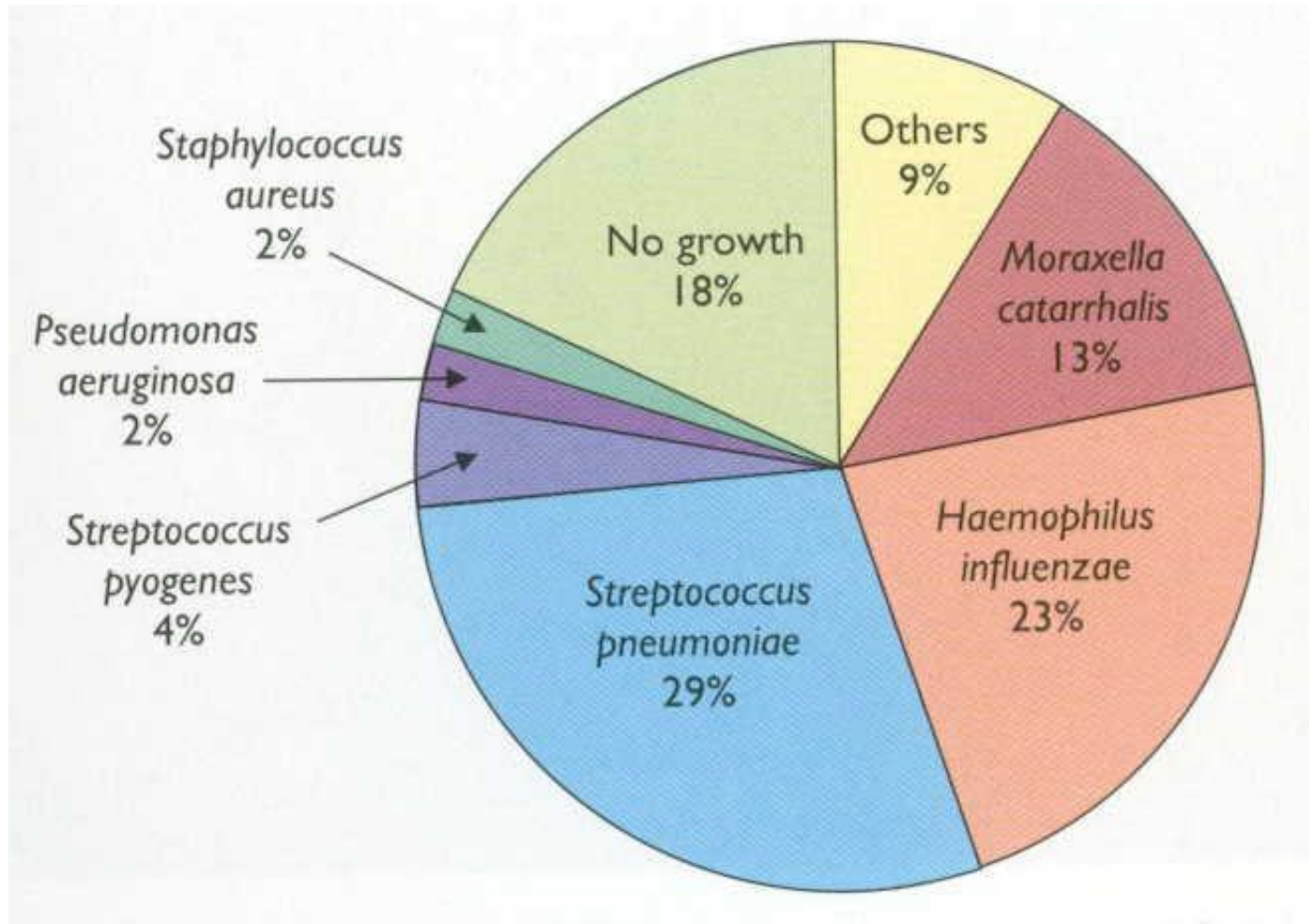
- An extremely common illness in children.
  - Almost every child develop one or more episodes.
- Peak incidence 6~18 months.
- Otitis-prone children.
- Risk factors.

# Episodes of Otitis Media



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# Etiology for AOM





# Causative Pathogens of Persistent Otitis Media(1/2)

- September 1997~August 1999, 326.  
myringotomies and 441 ear fluid specimens from 243 children with severe AOM or unsatisfactory response to antimicrobial therapy.
  - 3 month~14.4 years, mean 3y3m, median 2y7m.
  - Male 58%, 40% < 2 yrs, 71% < 4 yrs.





# Causative Pathogens of Persistent Otitis Media(2/2)

- 25 patients(10%) at least 2 episodes during 2-year study.
- Complications in 34 patients(14%)
  - Recurrent OM: 22
  - Persistent effusion with tube insertion: 9
  - Hearing impairment: 4
  - CNS infection: 4
  - Mastoiditis: 3
  - Others: 3







# Pathogens Isolated from 441 Middle Ear Fluids in 243 Children

Microorganism	No. of isolates(%)
Coagulase-negative staphylococci	146 (33.1)
<i>Streptococcus pneumoniae</i>	96 (21.7)
<i>Haemophilus influenzae</i>	45 (10.2)
<i>Staphylococcus aureus</i>	31 (7.0)
Fungi	9 (2.0)
<i>Pseudomonas aeruginosa</i>	8 (1.8)
<i>Streptococcus spp.</i>	7 (1.6)
<i>Moraxella catarrhalis</i>	3 (0.7)
Others	30 (6.8)
No growth	66 (15.0)





# Acute Otitis Media— Clinical Manifestation

## Nonspecific

- Fever, irritability, headache, apathy, anorexia, vomiting.
- Signs of respiratory viral infection precede.

## Specific

- Otalgia, otorrhea, hearing loss, vertigo, tinnitus, swelling about ear, facial paralysis, craniofacial anomalies.



# Acute Otitis Media— Complications and Sequelae

- Intracranial: relatively uncommon today
  - Meningitis, extradural abscess, subdural empyema, focal encephalitis, brain abscess, lateral sinus thrombosis.
- Entratemporal
  - Suppurative: perforation of tympanic membrane, cholesteatoma, adhesive otitis media, tympanosclerosis, petrositis, mastoiditis, labyrinthitis, facial paralysis.
  - Hearing loss, effects on development of child.



# Acute Otitis Media— Management

- Appropriate antimicrobial agent
  - Cover *S. pneumoniae* and *H. influenzae*.
  - Amoxicillin or amoxicillin + clavulanate (high dose): the current drug of choice.
  - Resolution of symptoms and signs within 72 hours.
- Symptomatic therapy



# Principles of Judicious Use of Antimicrobial Agents for AOM

- Episodes of OM classified as AOM or OME.
- Antimicrobials indicated for treatment of AOM.
  - Diagnosis require documented middle ear effusion and signs or symptoms of acute illness.
- Children < 2 yrs treated with a 10-day course; children > 2 yrs may with a 5 to 7-day course.
- Persistence of middle ear effusion after therapy for AOM is expected and not require therapy.
- Immunization.





# Guidelines for Antimicrobial Therapy of Acute Upper Respiratory Tract Infection in **Taiwan**

- For acute otitis media.
  - Drug of choice: amoxicillin, ampicillin
    - Amoxicillin high dose 80-90 mg/kg/day in 2 divided dose in children.
  - Alternatives: amoxicillin/clavulanate, ampicillin/sulbactam, 2<sup>o</sup> or 3<sup>o</sup> cephalosporins(PO).



## 7. Sinusitis



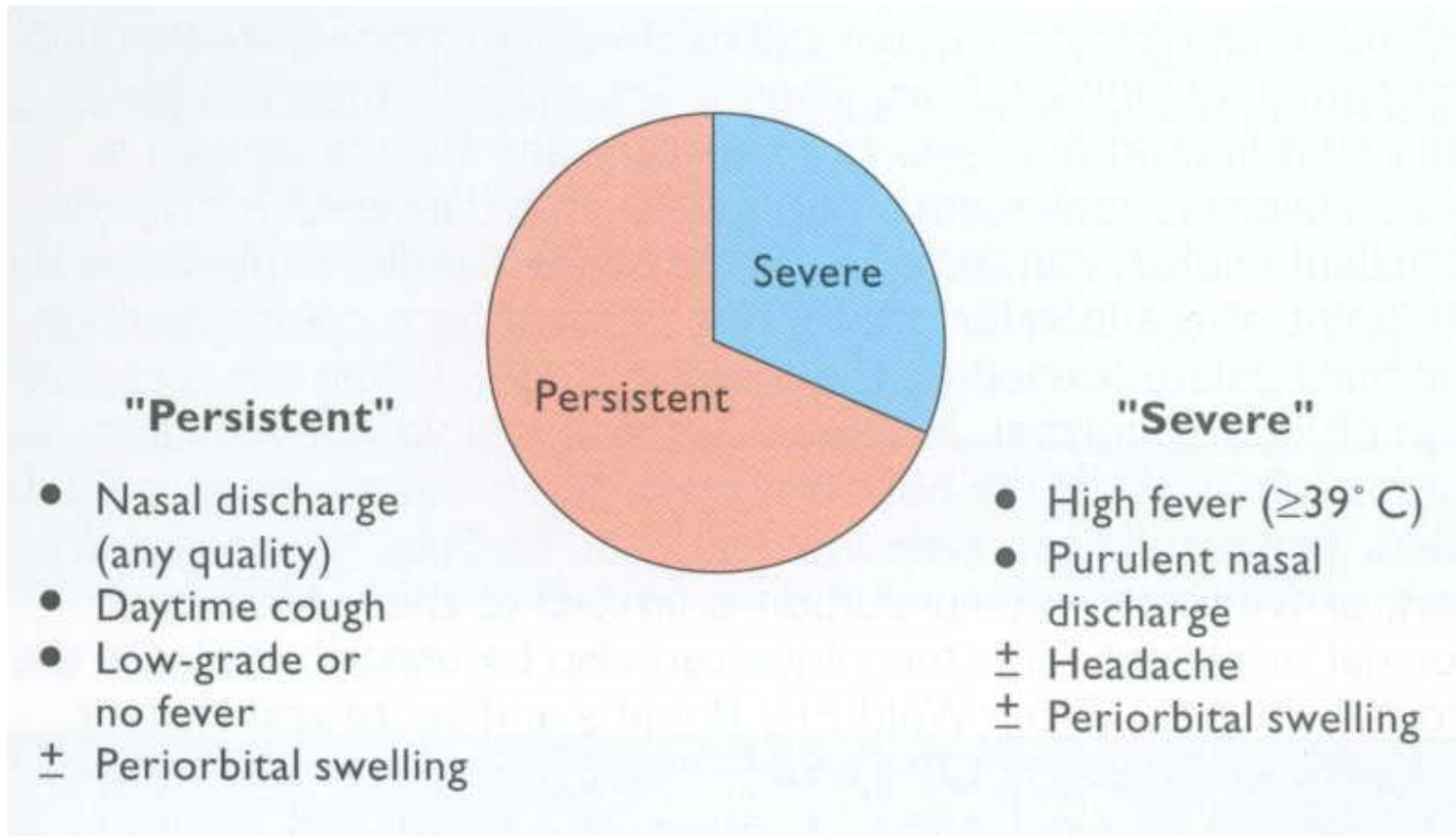
# Sinusitis in Children

- A common site of infection.
- Frequent morbidity, rare life-threatening complications.
- Predisposing events.
  - Acute viral URTI: 5~13% complicated by a secondary rhinosinusitis.
  - Allergic inflammation.
- Microbiology **similar to AOM**.
- Acute, subacute, chronic, recurrent acute types.





# Persistent & Severe



# Sinusitis Complicated by Orbital Cellulitis



# Water's View





# Etiologic Agents in Sinusitis in Children

Pathogens	Overall	Acute	Subacute	Chronic
Aerobic bacteria				
<i>H. influenzae</i>	++++	++++	++++	++++
<i>S. pneumoniae</i>	++++	++++	++++	++++
<i>M. catarrhalis</i>	+++	+++	++	+
<i>S. aureus</i>	++	+	+	++
<i>S. pyogenes</i>	++	++	++	++
Anaerobic bacteria				
<i>Peptococcus</i>	++	+	+	++
<i>Peptostreptococcus</i>	++	+	+	++
Mixed	++	+	+	++



# Principles of Judicious Use of Antimicrobial Agents for Acute Sinusitis

- Clinical diagnosis requires **prolonged** nonspecific(e.g., rhinosinusitis and cough > 10~14 days) or more **severe**(e.g., fever, facial swelling, pain) URTI signs and symptoms.
- Radiographs used and interpreted with caution, indicated when **recurrent** episodes, suspected **complications** or **unclear diagnosis**.
- Initial antibiotic with most **narrow-spectrum** agent active against the likely pathogens, unless in high risk patients.



# Antibiotic Prescribing- the Facts(1/2)

- Prescribing antibiotics in the absence of bacterial infection:
  - Selects for resistance in bacterial flora (and).
  - Has no clinical benefit.
  - Causes unnecessary adverse reactions.
- Prescribing antibiotics to which an organism is resistant:
  - Has no clinical benefit.





# Antibiotic Prescribing- the Facts(2/2)

- We must reduce inappropriate antibiotic prescribing.
- This will require:
  - Behavioural change.
  - Education of both physicians and patients.
  - Physician time and resources.
  - An understanding of the impact on resistance.





# The Need for Change: Investigations by Spanish Primary Care, ID and Chest Societies

- “In **almost one half** of croup, influenza, common cold and in **most** non-specified ARIs an antibiotic was prescribed.” This use of antibiotics is an example of widespread bad practice with no scientific basis whatsoever, which:  
“**has high economic costs**” and “**leads to development of resistance**”





# ABC in Antibiotic Use

Appropriate antibacterial therapy guided by PD



Bacteriological eradication

↓ clinical failure

↓ recurrence or relapse

↓ selection of resistance



Clinical cure

↓ morbidity

↓ mortality

↓ resource utilization/cost

# Principles Required for Appropriate Prescribing and Effective (Locally Compliant) Guidelines

TREAT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Bacterial infection only</li></ul>
OPTIMIZE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Diagnosis/severity assessment</li></ul>
MAXIMIZE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Bacterial eradication</li></ul>
RECOGNIZE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• (Local) resistance prevalence</li></ul>
UTILIZE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Pharmacodynamics for effective agents and dosage</li></ul>
INTEGRATE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Local resistance, efficacy and cost-effectiveness</li></ul>

➤ Appropriate prescribing conforms to these criteria.

資料來源：Ball et al. Antibiotic therapy of community respiratory tract infections: strategies for optimal outcomes and minimized resistance emergence. J Antimicrob Chemother 2002; 49:31–40



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