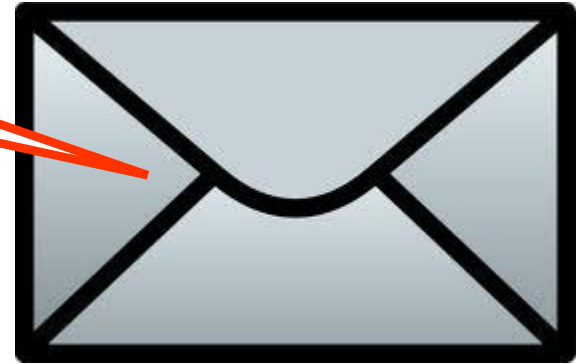


Herpesviridae

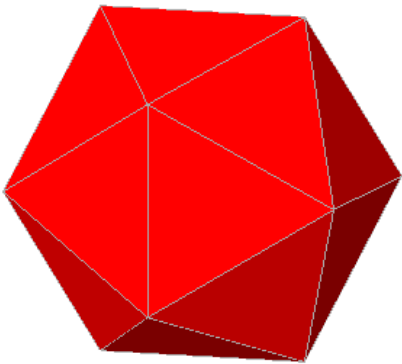
Enveloped = sensitive to
acids
solvents
detergents
drying



ds DNA VIRUSES

The Herpesviridae

- Replicate in the host cell nucleus
- Replication is independent of the host cell cycle (developing antiviral drugs)
- Herpesviridae are more complex than other DNA viruses
- All have the ability to enter a latent state



About 80 genes
80-100 polypeptides

Virions are icosahedral

162 tubular capsomers
surrounding a core of DNA

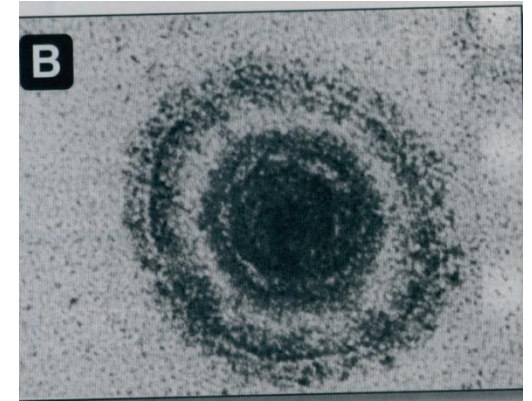
Herpesviruses

- **Latent infection** – a type of persistent infection in which the viral genome is present but infectious virus is not produced except during intermittent episodes of reactivation
- **Reactivation**- Reactivation from the latent state may be restricted to asymptomatic virus shedding
- **Recurrence** – reactivated virus produces clinically obvious disease

Herpesviruses

- HHV-1 = Herpes simplex virus 1 (HSV-1)
- HHV-2 = Herpes simplex virus 2 (HSV-2)
- HHV-3 = Varicella – zoster virus (VZV)
- HHV-4 = Epstein –Barr virus (EBV)
- HHV-5 =Cytomegalovirus (CMV)
- HHV-6 Human herpesvirus 6
- HHV-7 Human herpesvirus 7
- HHV-8 Human herpesvirus 8

Classification of herpesviruses



Subfamilies of Herpesviridae family:

Alphaherpesviruses :

- belong: HSV-1, HSV-2, VZV
- rapid growth
- latency in nerve ganglia

Betaherpesviruses :

- belong: CMV, HHV-6, HHV-7
- slow growth
- latency in nonneural tissues (glandular tissues)

Gammapherpesviruses :

- belong: EBV, HHV-8
- replicate and latency in mucosal epithelium

Herpes simplex virus, types 1 and 2

HSV-1

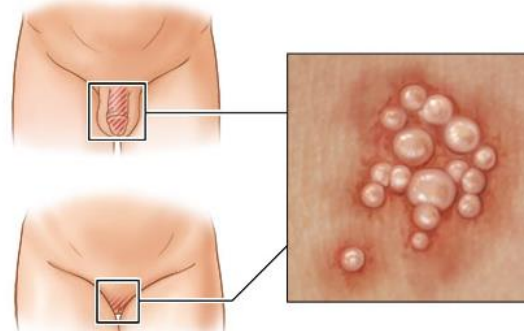
HSV-2



Infections of the upper body



Infections of the genital tract



transmission of both HSV types is by direct contact with:

- lesions on mucosal or cutaneous surfaces
- virus containing secretions

Both HSV-1 and HSV-2 multiply in epithelial cells of the mucosal surface

Host protective response and virus response for it

VIRUS answer:

- direct cell-to-cell spread
- latent infection inside neuron
- production of gE/gI protein (bind Fc fragment of IgG = camouflaging of virus)

ANTIBODIES

(work only extracellular)

So, Important role = limited role of antibodies



CELL-MEDIATED IMMUNITY:

- Interferon & NK cells
(limit initial progression)
- Th1 & CD8 T-cells
(kill infected cells,
!!! Major cause of symptoms)

VIRUS answer:

- Bloks human cell answer for interferon
- prevents CD8 T-cells to recognise infected cells

HSV- 1

clinical significance



Primary herpes infection :

- usually occurs in children or adolescents
- many primary infections are asymptomatic
- symptomatic infection:
 - gingivostomatitis (children)
 - pharyngitis or tonsillitis (adults)
 - encephalitis
 - eye infection (keratoconjunctivitis corneal blindness)



PRIMARY HERPES

The initial clinical presentation of primary herpetic gingivostomatitis can be severe, with vesicles throughout the oropharynx and perioral skin, in contrast to the much more limited presentation typical of recurrent herpes..

Note the redness around the marginal gingiva, representing healing ulcers, which days earlier would have appeared as vesicles.

This extensive ulceration often makes eating painful.



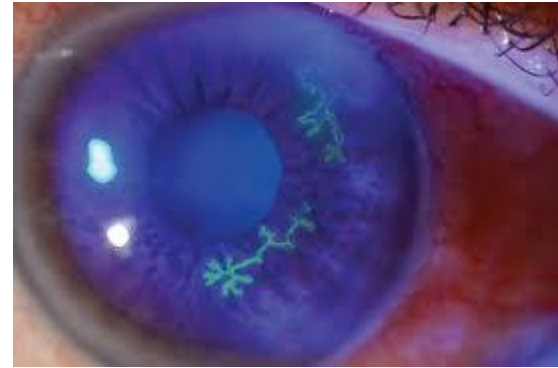
PRIMARY HERPES

Primary herpes can affect the lips, and the ruptured vesicles may appear as bleeding of the lips.



Courtesy of A.K. ElGeneidy, DDS

Herpetic keratitis



- Most common cause corneal damage and blindness in Developed world
- Infection involve : conjunctiva and cornea
- HSV produces : DENDRITIC ULCER



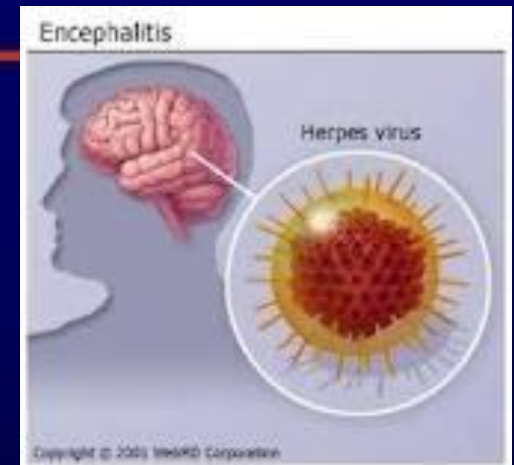
gentleman with a red left eye, who has a history of cold sores. Fluorescein examination confirms a dendritic ulcer



CLINICAL FINDINGS IN HSV ENCEPHALITIS

- **Signs**

Fever	91%
Personality Change	85%
Dysphasia	76%
Automatic dysfunction	80%
Ataxia	40%
Hemiparesis	38%
Seizures	38%
Cranial Nerve Deficits	32%



HSV-1 clinical significance

Recurrent herpes infection:

- limited disease
- occurs on keratinized mucosa
- „cold sores”, „fever blisters”

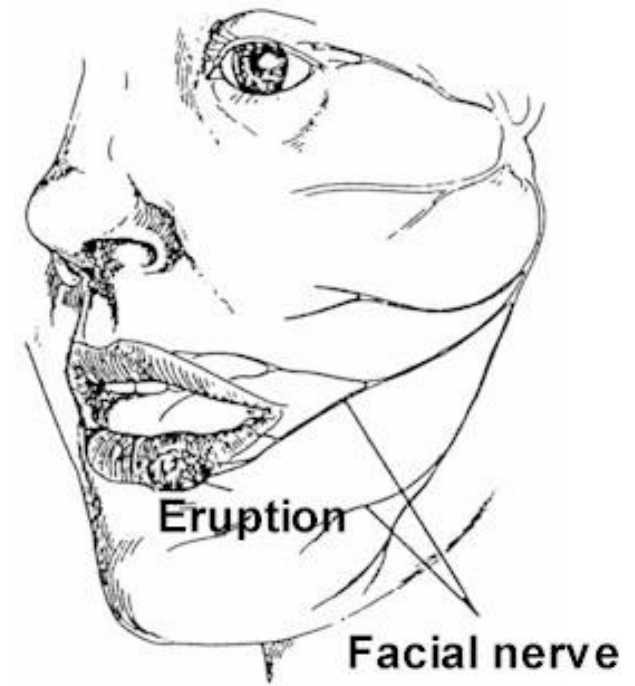


Figure.

Recurrent herpes is most often noted clinically as herpes labialis, with clustered vesicles (often coalescing) on the lip vermilion and often on the perioral skin. Recurrences generally occur in the same area each time, although their severity may vary.



COLD SORE

- side effects of replication
- Nerve cells = virus factories
- What is the cause of painful cold sores?
- Extremely contagious...
- Stress.....
- To cut healing time in half:
 - garlic
 - supplements with mineral zinc, lysine
 - + H₂O₂, alcohol for cleaning

HSV-2

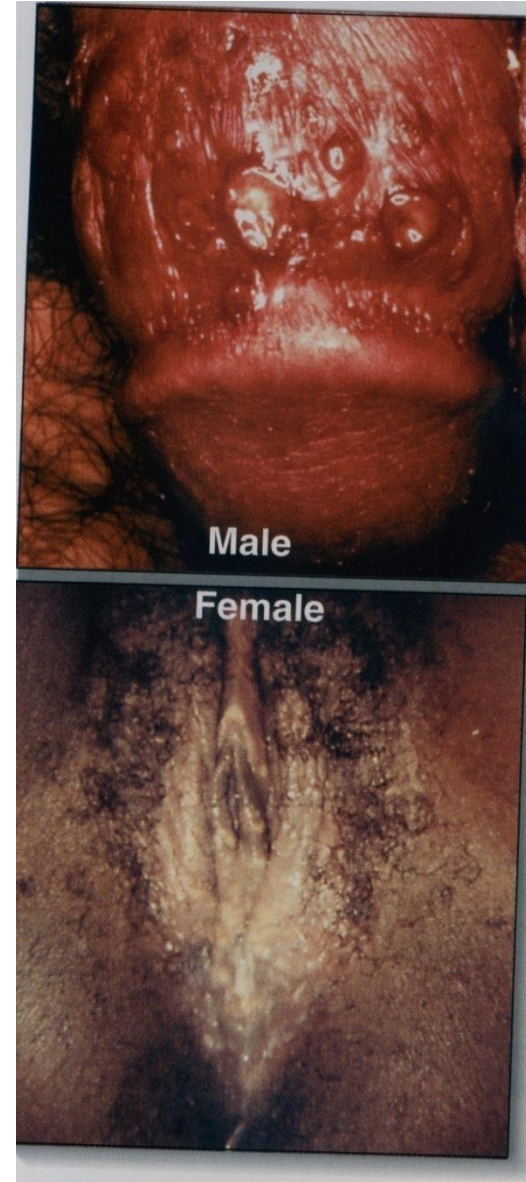
clinical significance

Primary infections of the genital tract:

- most are asymptomatic
- symptomatic:
 - local symptoms (vulva, cervix, vagina, penis)
 - systemic symptoms (fever, malaise, myalgia)

Recurrent herpes infection:

- often asymptomatic (viral shedding)
- Increased risk for sexual partners and newborn infants



NEONATAL HERPES

- Primary infection and active lesions during delivery
- Primar infection without symptoms in the mother
- Usualy HSV-2; may be HSV-1

SEM disease – skin, eyes and mouth	first weeks of life
CNS disease – encluding encephalitis	2 or 3 weeks
Disseminated to other parts (liver, lungs)	1st week of life

HERPES GLADIATORUM

Herpes skin infection of adolescent wrestles
(tight wrestling holds)



Herpetic Whitlow



Herpes simplex virus, types 1 and 2

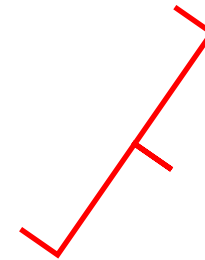
1. Laboratory identification

Not required for :

diagnosis of characteristic HSV lesions in normal individuals

Required for :

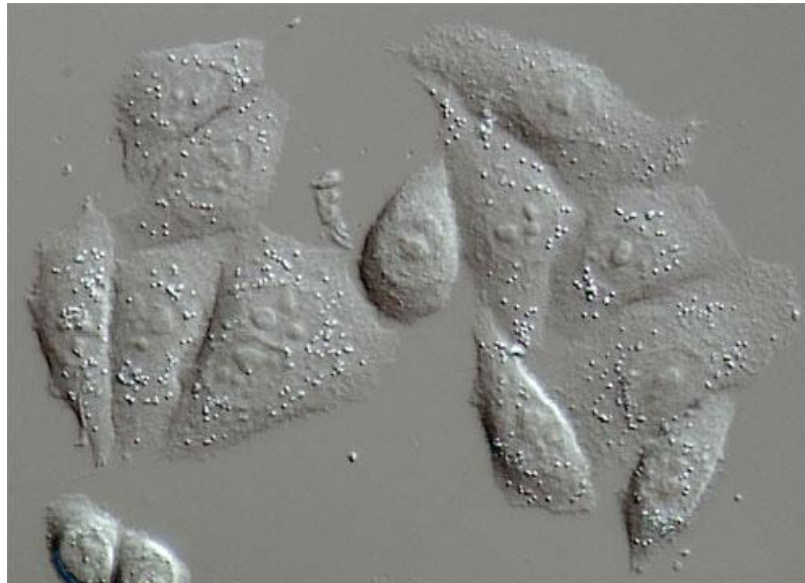
- prevention of neonatal infection
- HSV encephalitis
- keratoconjunctivitis



-early initiation of therapy is essential
-lesions are not present

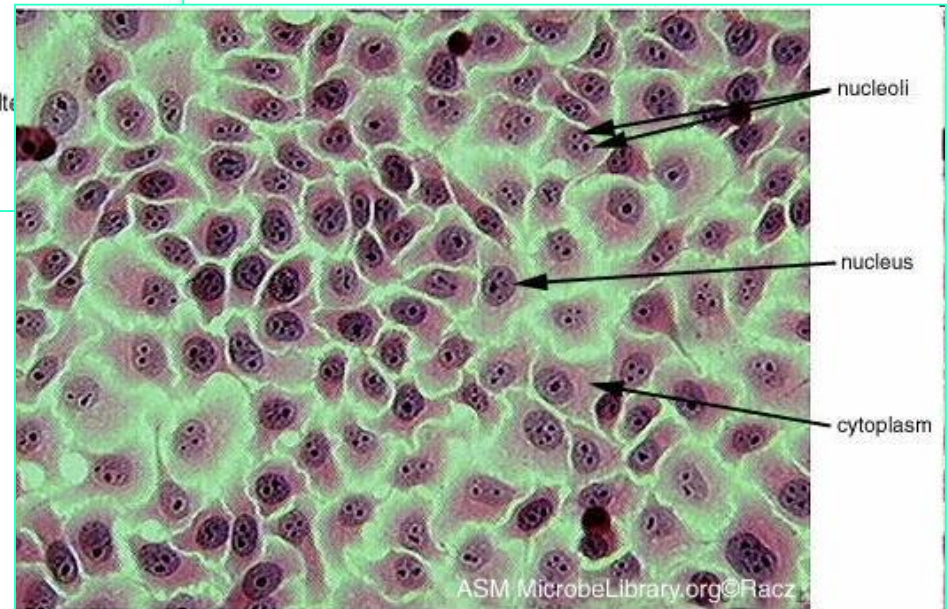
Laboratory diagnosis

- PCR
- Virus isolation (swabs or scrapings from active lesions) -> cell culture
- Electron microscopy – fluid from vesicles
- Serological tests – limited value



Isolation of HSV from body fluids does not prove that it cause a disease !

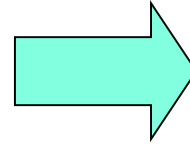
HSV virus - culture on Vero cell line



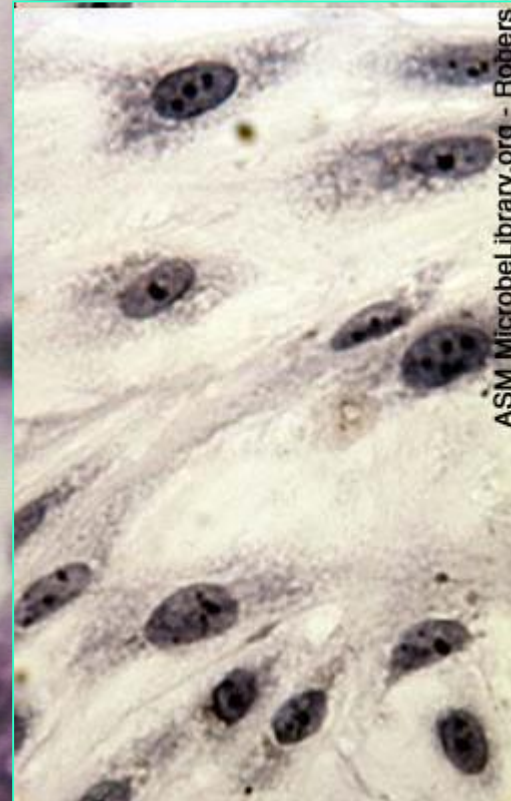
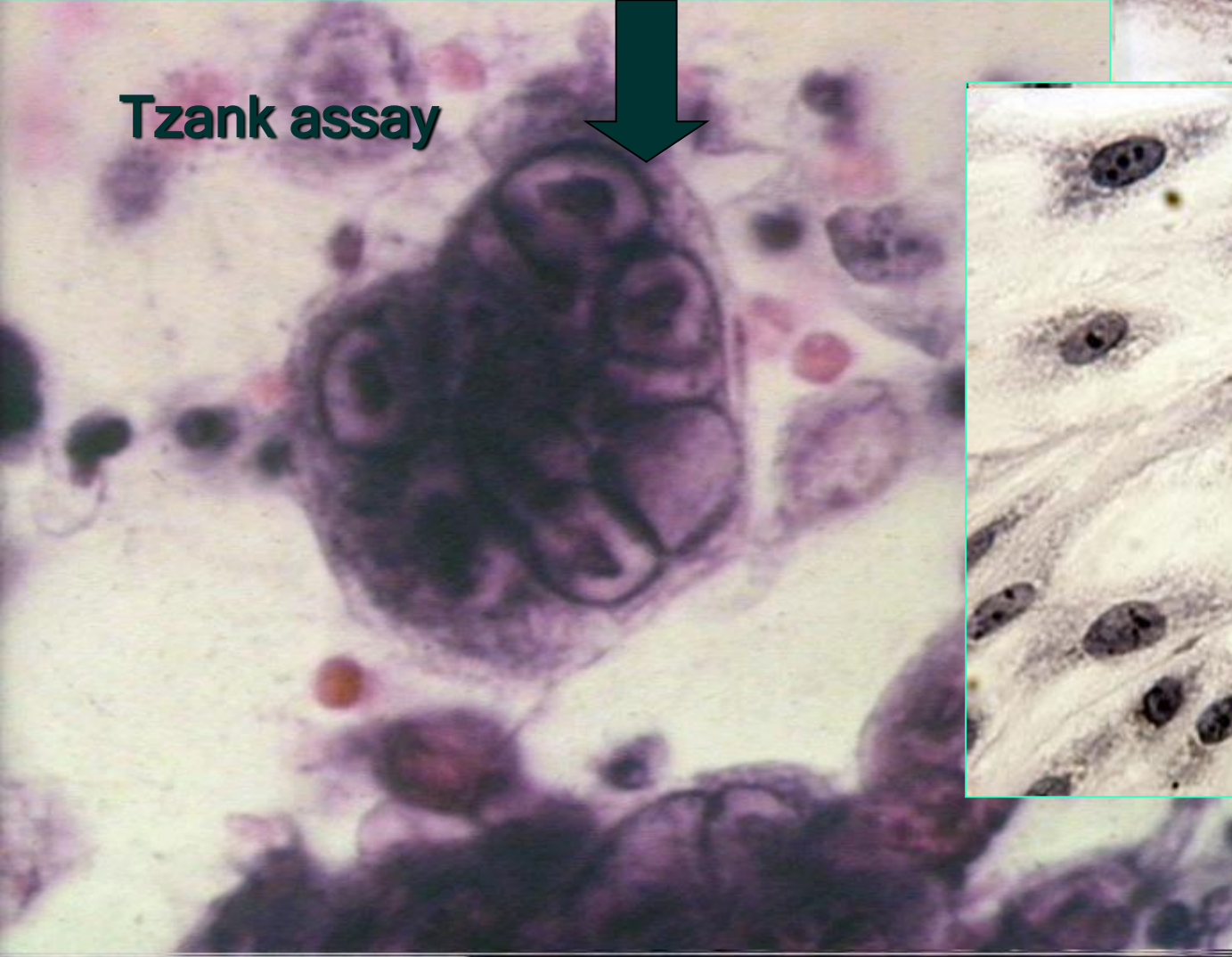
CPE after 72 h:

- multinucleate cells
- „ballooning” of cells

HSV



Tzank assay



Prevention

- yet no vaccine
- avoidance of contact with virus-shedding lesions
- safe sexual practice
- cesarean section

Treatment

- must be given early to be fully effective
- Aciclovir (intravenous, oral, topical)

other: Famciclovir, Valacyclovir

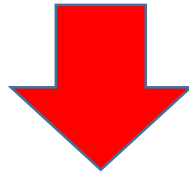
VZV Varicella-Zoster Virus

Alphaherpesvirinae subfamily

Primary infections
(Varicella; chickenpox)

Recurrent varicella
(herpes zoster; shingles)

Different lifetime – different manifestation of illness



Cell-mediated immune response contribute to the
symptomatology

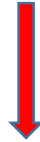
VZV & immunity condition

- | | | |
|--------------------|--------|--|
| - Children <9 year | —————> | experience mild classic disease |
| - Teens & adults | —————> | risk for the severe disease with potential pneumonia |
| - Eldery | —————> | risk for reccurent disease |

course of chickenpox

Respiratory tract (tonsils, lungs)

Travel no.1
= primary viraemia



via bloodstream & lymphatic system

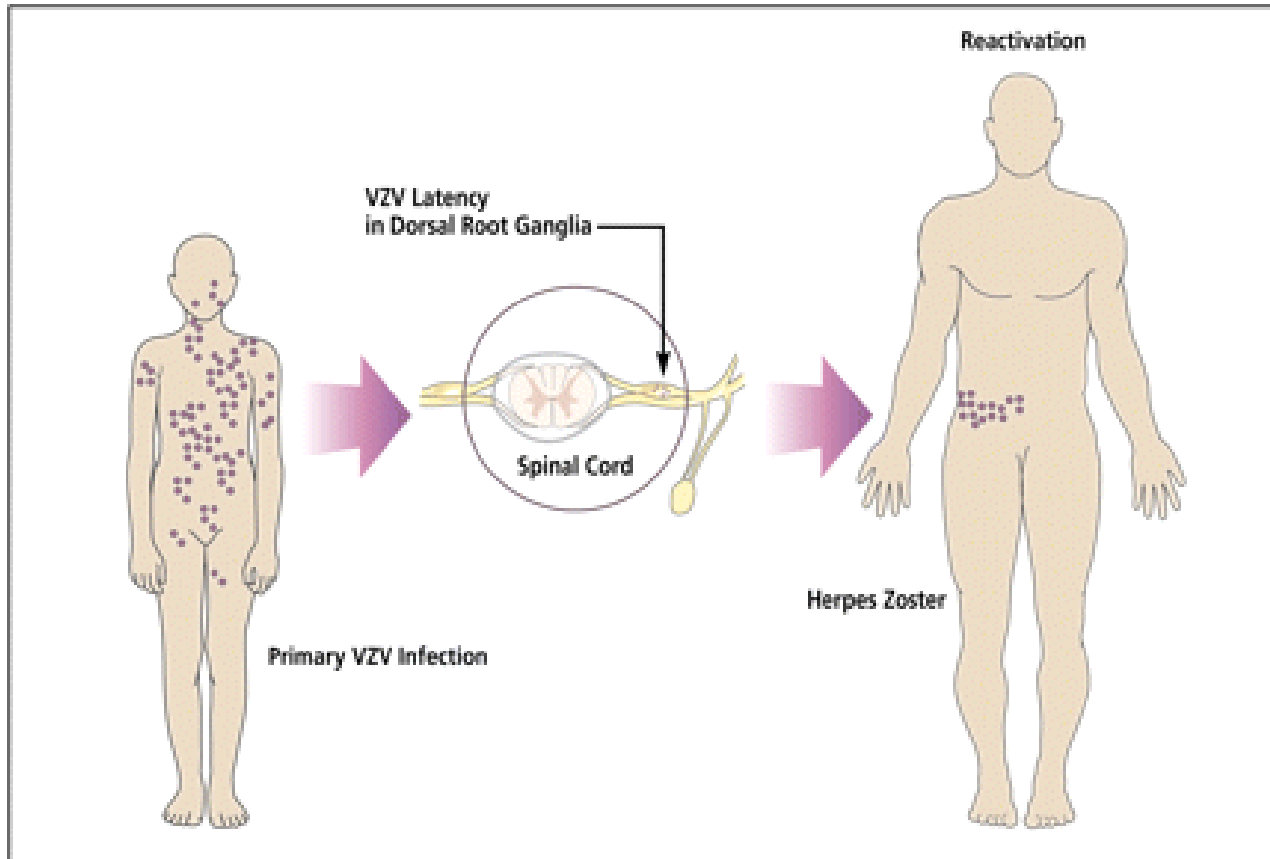
Reticuloendothelial system

Travel no.2
= secondary viraemia



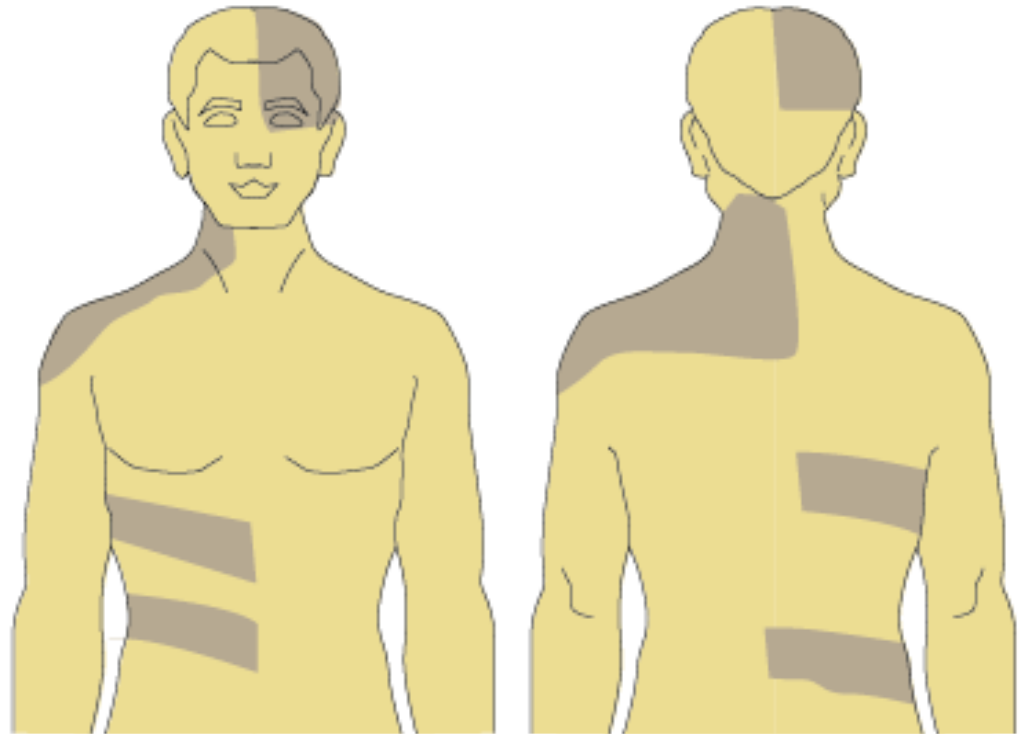
Spread virus throughout body
(infected T-cells transfer virus to
epithelial cells = rash)

Latent state of VZV



- established in the dorsal root, in cranial nerve ganglia
- during reactivation is realised along entire neural pathway

SHINGELS



THE SHINGLES RASH USUALLY APPEARS ON ONE SIDE OF THE FACE OR BODY AND LAST FOR 2 TO 4 WEEKS

Laboratory diagnosis

- Techniques similar to those used for HSV
- serological tests are more informative (possible cross reactions)
- virus isolation up to 3 weeks
- electron microscope – virions appear identical to those of HSV

Prevention & treatment

- Live attenuated VZV vaccine for immunodeficient children
- passive immunization : zoster immune globulin (ZIG)
- Aciclovir

Betaherpesviruses:

CMV

HHV-6

HHV-7

HHV-6 & HHV-7

- almost 100% adults are seropositive for them
- replicates in salivary gland, shed in saliva
- responsible for ROSEOLA (*exanthem subitum*)

ROSEOLA:

- rapid onset of high fever
(most common cause of febrile seizures between 6-24 month of life !!!)
- followed by generalized rash lasting 24-48h

Human cytomegalovirus (CMV)

Primary CMV infection : usually asymptomatic

-Initial replication: epithelial cells of the respiratory and gastrointestinal tracts → viremia → all organs

-Transmission:

- body fluids (tears, urine, saliva, semen, vaginal secretions, breast milk)
- can cross the placenta
- organ transplants and blood transfusions

Latency and reactivation: repeated episodes of asymptomatic virus shedding over prolonged periods

CMV – Clinical significance

- ❑ CONGENITAL INFECTION & PERINATAL INFECTIONS (colostum, milk, blood transfusion ,others)
- ❑ MONONUCLEOSIS SYNDROME ** (heterophile-negative mononucleosis)
- ❑ IMPORTANT OPORTUNISTIC PATHOGEN IN IMMUNOCOMPROMISED PATIENTS

** CMV infection should be considered: patient with pharyngitis and lymphadenopathy +signs of hepatitis, but A,B,C hepatitis test are negative

CMV CONGENITAL INFECTION

- transplacental via blood
- cervical secretions - ascending

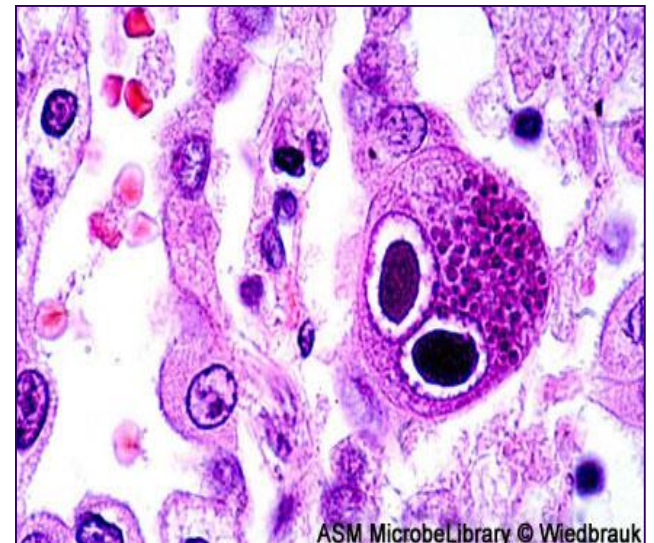


!!! most common viral cause of **congenital defects** :

- microcephaly
 - intracerebral calcification
 - hepatosplenomegaly
 - hearing loss
 - mental retardation
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- diagnosis of congenital infection: isolation of CMV from urine during 1st week of life

laboratory diagnosis of CMV

- Serological tests
- isolation of CMV virus on human fibroblasts (up to 4 weeks)
- histological sections: owl's eye inclusions
- PCR
- immunofluorescence



Treatment and prevention

- CMV lacks the TK enzyme possessed by HSV & VZV -> ACV is inactive
- Gancyclovir
- there are evidence that passive immunization with high titre of immunoglobulin helps immunosuppressed patients

Gammaherpesviruses :

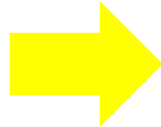
EBV, HHV-8

EBV

- TISSUE TROPISM: receptor for virus is expressed only on:
- B-cells & on same epithelial cells of oropharynx and nasopharynx
- EBV proteins active B-cells growth and prevent apoptosis

WAR

T-cells limit proliferation
of EBV-infected B cells
= controlling disease



EBV contreacts protective action of
T-cells:
Produce analog of interleukin 10 (stops
protectin action of T cells
& stimulate B-cell growth)

Patologic potential of EBV:

- Infectious mononucleosis
- Burkitt lymphoma
- Hodgkin disease
- nasopharyngeal carcinoma
- lymphoproliferative disorders

T-cells are ESSENTIAL for
control EBV' diseases

Overactive immune response

MONOnucleosis

**Lack of effective immune
control**

lymphoproliferative disorders &
carcinomas

EBV „Every Body’s Virus”

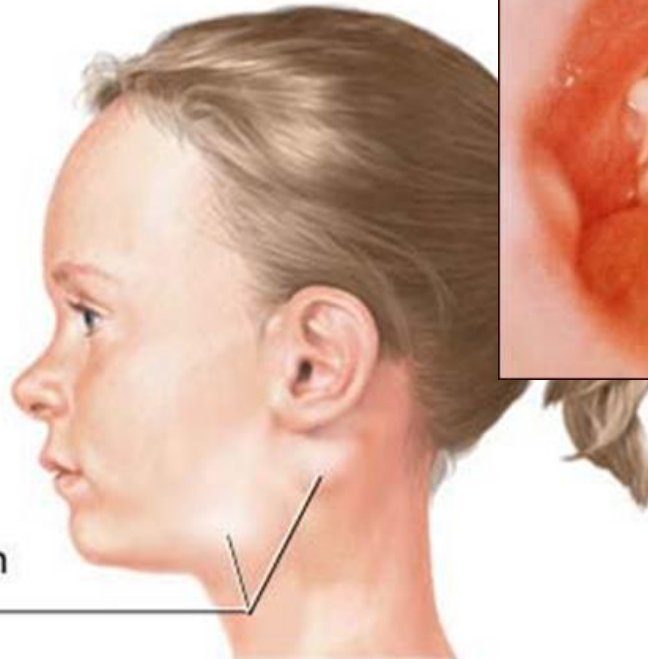
Glandular Fever

Mononucleosis

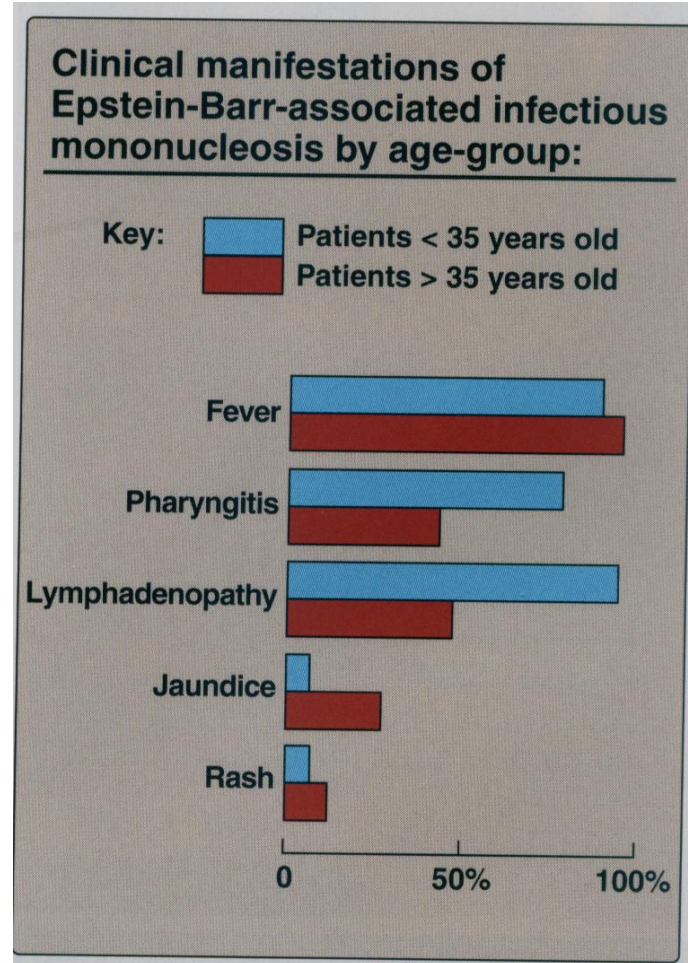
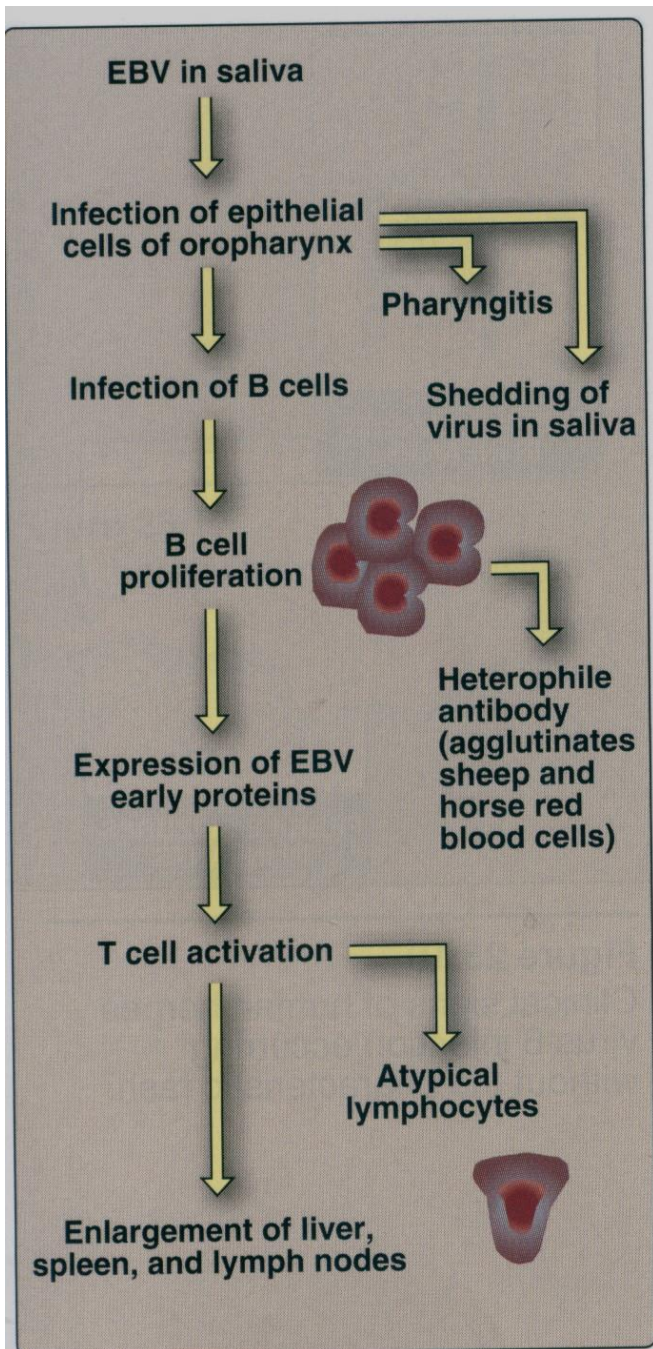
MONO

Mononucleosis
causes:

- Fever
- Fatigue
- Sore throat
- Swollen lymph glands



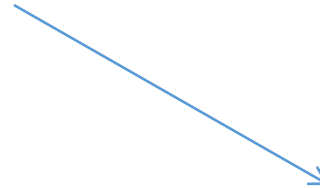
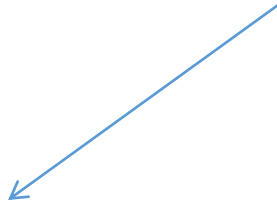
Pathogenesis of infectious mononucleosis caused by EBV



Infectious Mononucleosis (IM)

Classic clinical triad of IM:

- Fever
- Pharyngitis
- Lymphadenopathy
- Increased levels of liver enzymes in the blood



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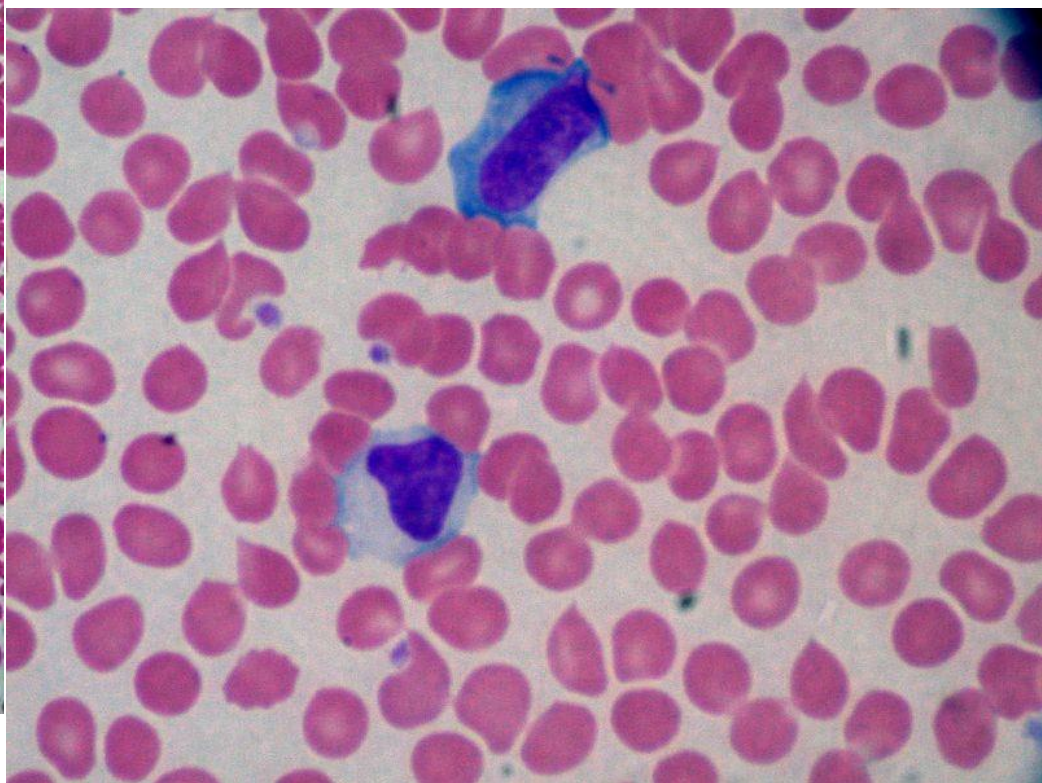
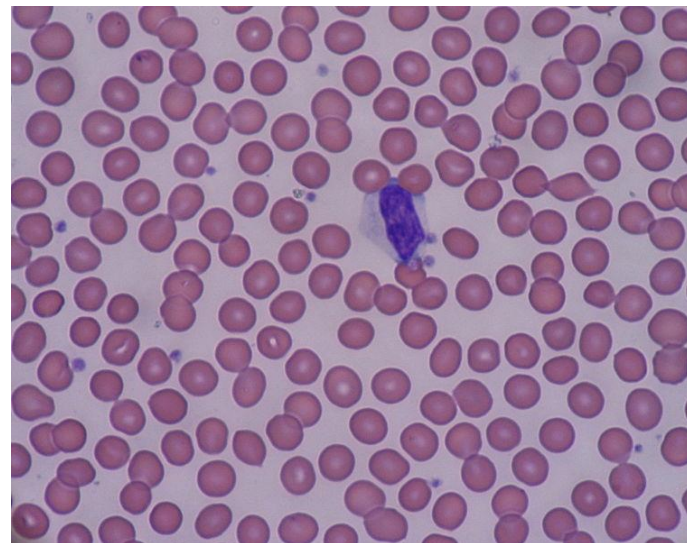
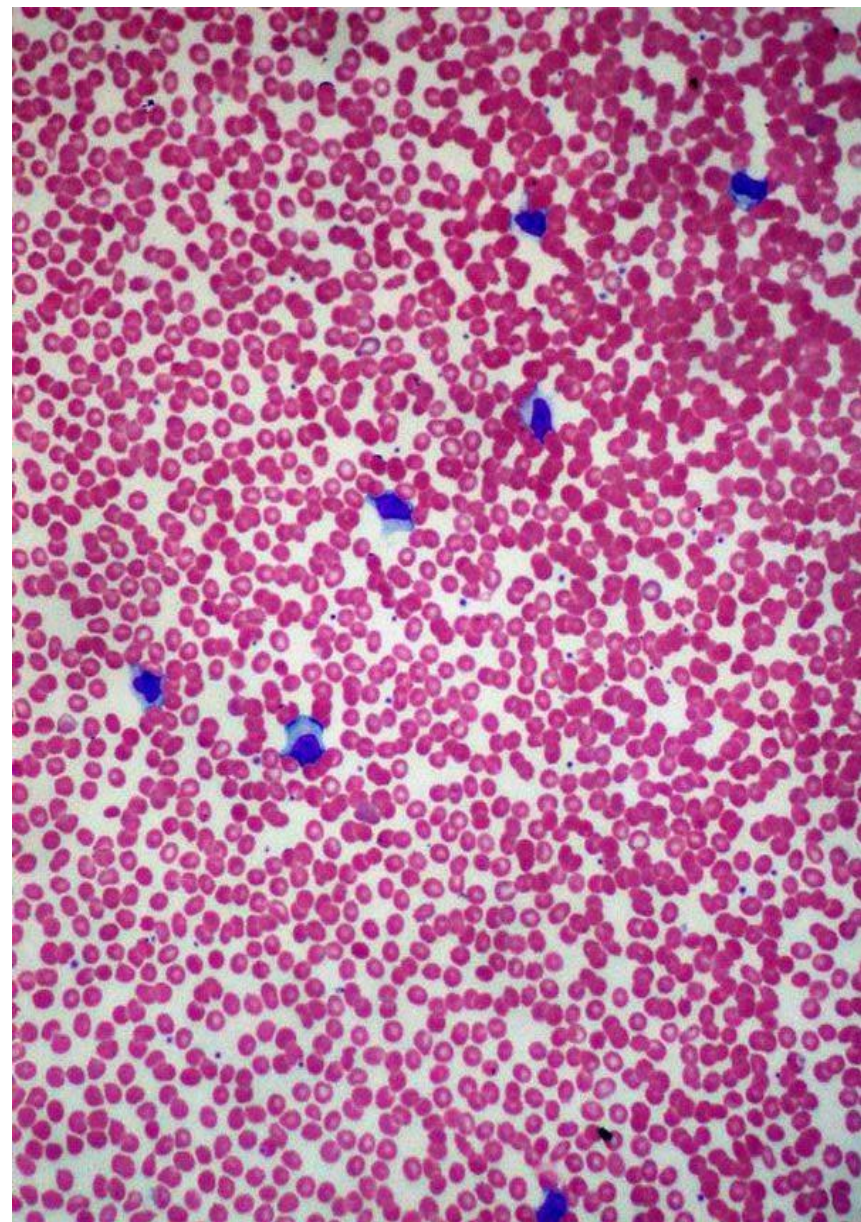


Distinguishing feature:
„heterophile antibodies”
that characterize IM
caused by EBV

Human
cytomegalovirus (CMV)

8% of IM

Epstein-Barr Virus (EBV)



EBV

AIWS (Alice in Wonderland Syndrom) = Todd's syndrome

- neurological condition which affects human perception (micropsia, macropsia)
- can be initial sign of Mono
- symptoms seem to always resolve within five months

Chronic Fatigue Syndrome (CFS):




- Unrefreshing sleep
- recurrent tonsil blobbing
- chronic and recurrent sore throats
- not being able to stand lots of noise, people, strong smells
- digestive troubles (IBS symptoms)
- headaches of a new type or severity

Oral Hairy Leukoplakia (OHL)

- Leukoplakias are white lesions that cannot be removed with a gauze swab
- Usually asymptomatic
- OHL occur on the lip, buccal mucosae, gingivae
- Known causes of leukoplakia include the following:
 - trauma
 - tobacco
 - alcohol
 - infections (**Epstein-Barr** virus infection, candidosis)



EBV Malignancies:

- Burkit limphoma (Afrika)  EBV infection + cofactor
[immunosuppressive
potential of malaria]
- Nasopharyngeal carcinoma
(few regions of China)  EBV infection + cofactor
[genetic predisposition??
food?]
- Lymphoproliferative disorders
(B-cell lymphomas)  EBV infection + cofactor
[transplantation, AIDS,
genetic immunodeficiency]

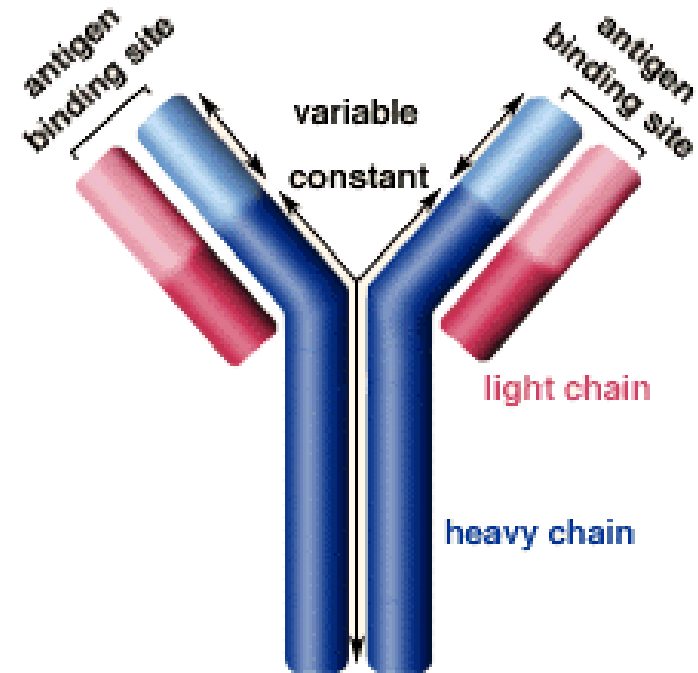
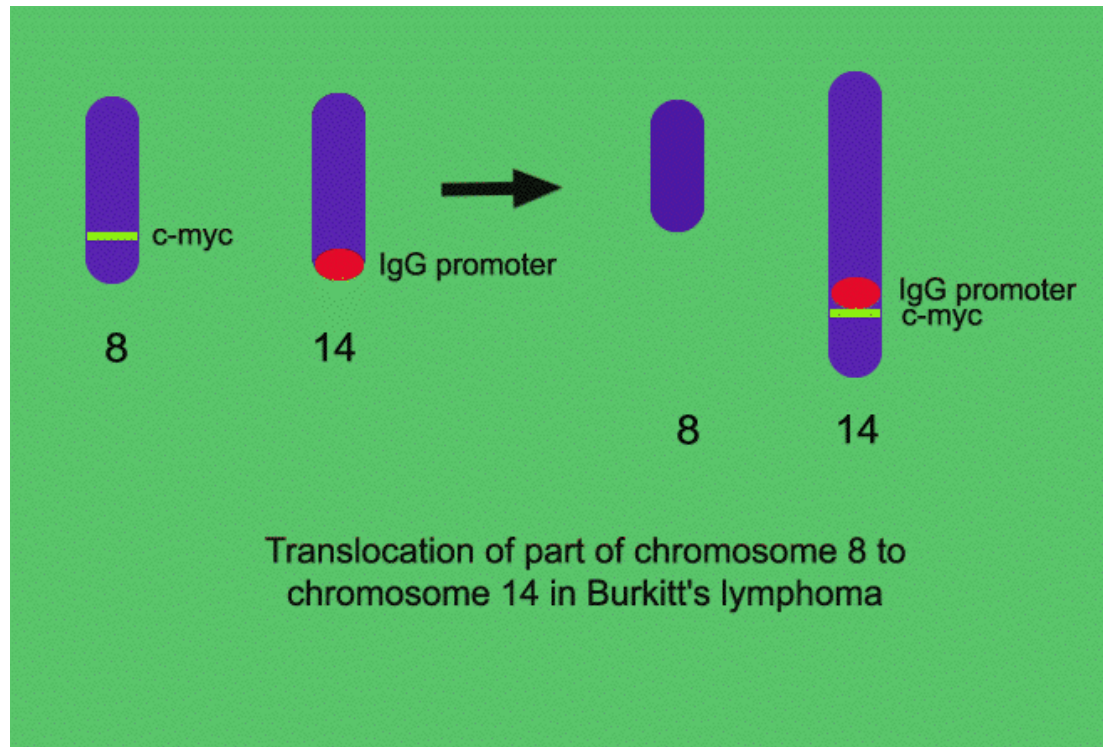
C -myc

C-Myc

gene encodes for a transcription factor that regulates expression of 15% of all genes (f.ex.):

- Factor essential for mitosis of mammalian cells
- Angiogenesis factor

Burkitt's lymphoma



IgG genes are expressed only in B lymphocytes because only lymphocytes have proper transcription factors

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HHV8 1994r

- Blood vessel cancer (Kaposi's sarcoma)
- Lymphoma (body cavity based lymphoma)
- Castleman's disease (severe lymph node enlargement)

HHV8 transmission

- „deep kissing”
- oral-anal, oral-genital sex
- organ transplantations
- oral contact (children in Africa, Mediterranean)

HHV8 infections

- 95% infected with KSHV have no symptoms
- The real problem:
 - transplant patients
 - patients receiving chemotherapy
 - AIDS*

* AIDS epidemic = two simultaneous virus epidemic

Properties of common herpesvirus infections

VIRUS	VIRUS SUBFAMILY	CLINICAL MANIFESTATIONS OF PRIMARY INFECTION	CLINICAL MANIFESTATIONS OF RECURRENT INFECTION	SITE OF INITIAL INFECTION	SITE OF LATENCY
Herpes simplex-1	α	Keratoconjunctivitis, gingivostomatitis, pharyngitis, tonsillitis	Herpes labialis ("cold sores")	Mucoepithelial	Trigeminal sensory ganglia
Herpes simplex-2	α	Genital herpes; perinatal disseminated disease	Genital herpes	Mucoepithelial	Lumbar or sacral sensory ganglia
Varicella-zoster virus	α	Varicella ("chickenpox")	Herpes-Zoster ("shingles")	Mucoepithelial	Dorsal root ganglia
Cytomegalovirus	β	Congenital infection (<i>in utero</i>); mono-nucleosis-like syndrome	Asymptomatic shedding of virus	Monocytes, lymphocytes, and epithelial cells	Monocytes, lymphocytes
Epstein-Barr virus	γ	Infectious mono-nucleosis; Burkitt lymphoma	Asymptomatic shedding of virus	Mucosal epithelium, B lymphocytes	B lymphocytes

SYMBIOTIC BENEFITS?

- We are human-virus chimeras
- Acute phase – no benefits...
- Interferon gamma and bacterias
(ex. Yersinia, Listeria)
- Any benefits for viruses?...