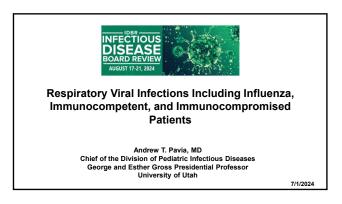
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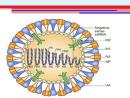
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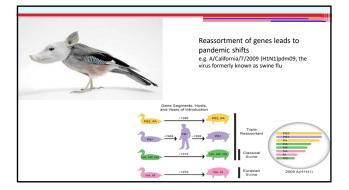
- Minimal virology
- Epidemiology including avian influenza
- Diagnosis
- Complications
- Antivirals
- Vaccines



### Influenza virus

- Orthomyxovirus; 8 gene segments
- Flu A, B and C
- Flu A has 16 HA types, 9 N types
- High error rate leads to point mutations (drift); segment reassortment leads to shift (pandemics)
- Huge reservoir in wild fowl. Cause disease in poultry, and many mammals

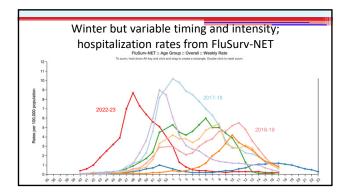


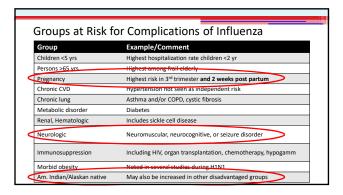


# Clinical findings of influenza

- Fever, malaise, cough, sore throat, myalgia, chills, eye pain, headache
- Sudden onset is typical
- During an epidemic, fever with cough has high predictive value
- Fever may be absent in the elderly, immunocompromised, very young

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# Influenza Transmission

- · Incubation period: 1-4 days (average: 2 days)
- Shedding:
  - Adults: 1 day before symptoms; 5-7days after illness onset
  - Young children: 1-2 days before illness onset; 10 or more days after symptom onset
  - Immunocompromised or severely immunosuppressed persons: weeks to months
- Large droplets (up to 6 feet) most important.
- Fomite and small droplet (true airborne) likely contribute.
- Standard plus droplet precautions recommended
- "Use caution" for aerosol generating procedures
- Monitor and manage ill health care personnel

https://www.cdc.gov/flu/professionals/infectioncontrol/healthcaresettings.htm



# What makes a human influenza strain?

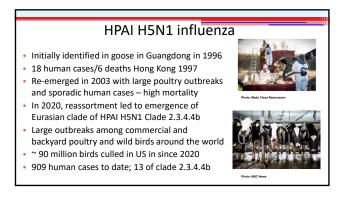
- Use of α2-6-linked receptors. PB2 adaptation
- Despite increasing study, anticipating changes difficult
- Many genes interacting in complex ways determine virulence species specificity and transmissibility (e.g. 1918 H1N1 virus)
- Influenza risk assessment tool (IRAT)
- https://www.cdc.gov/flu/pandemic-resources/nationalstrategy/risk-assessment.htm

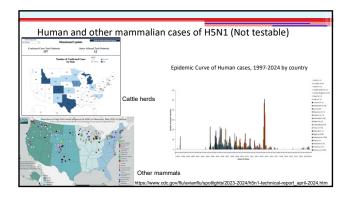
# Influenza A viruses infecting humans H1N1\*: Emerged in 1918. Re-emerged in 1977 H2N2: 1956-1977 but replaced by H3N2 H3N2\*: Emerged in 1968 (Hong Kong flu) H3N2\*: Assorted swine associated variants H5N1\*: Emerged 2003 in Hong Kong. Current strain causing severe outbreak in birds with recent spill over in mammals H7N9: Caused >130 cases of severe disease 2013; >200 in second wave; decreasing H7N3: Isolated cases in farm workers H7N7: H7 viruses associated with conjunctivitis H9N2: Sporadic cases associated with poultry H10N3: First human case 2021



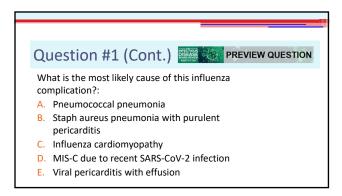
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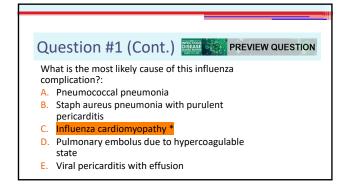
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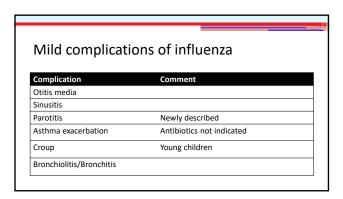




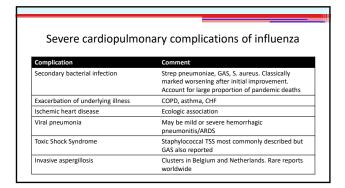
# An 18 year old high school student develops chills, fever, cough, myalgia in January. She is prescribed azithromycin, rest and NSAIDS. Fever and cough continue and she becomes progressively dyspneic and weak. On admission T 39, P 150, RR 24-30, BP 120/50. She has crackles throughout both bases and a gallop. Influenza PCR positive WBC =9000/mm3 (60% polys, 30% bands) Creatinine 1.9 BNP and troponin markedly elevated CXR shows diffuse bilateral infiltrates and cardiomegaly Requires V-A ECMO

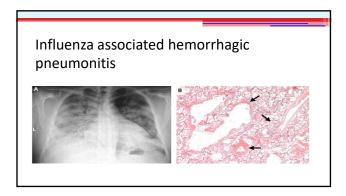


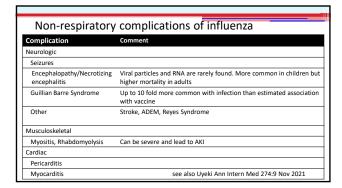




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# Question #2

- A 20 year old woman is 18 days out from HSCT in January on and engrafted 3 days ago.
- She develops fever, hypoxemia, bilateral lung infiltrates and is intubated.
- A nasal swab is negative by rapid test for influenza.

# Question #2 Continued

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# Diagnosis of influenza

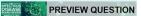
- Performance of all tests depends on prevalence of virus in community and specimen quality
- Clinical diagnosis: up to 80% PPV during peak (pre-Covid)
- Rapid influenza detection tests have low-moderate sensitivity 10-70%; reasonably specific
- Positive antigen test in peak season high PPV; negative test should not be used for decisions
- PCR/NAAT recommended by IDSA Guidelines, rapid platforms NAAT expanding. When flu is circulating, test for both SARS-COV-2 and flu
- Serology has no role

# Influenza in transplant pearls



- Typical flu symptoms less common
- Virus may not be present in nasopharynx in patients with influenza pneumonia – lower tract specimens should also be tested.
- · Spread on transplant units can be explosive High mortality
- Prolonged shedding is common
- Resistance may develop on therapy especially in HSCT patients

# Question #3

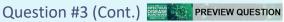


- A 32 year old nurse is 34 weeks pregnant during influenza season. She develops influenza symptoms and is seen at an instacare where a rapid test is positive and she is given azithromycin.
- 72 hours after the onset she presents to the ED with fever, tachypnea, hypoxemia and decreased urine
- CXR shows bilateral hazy infiltrates. She is hospitalized.

# Question #3 (Cont.) PREVIEW QUESTION

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### ACIP and IDSA Guidelines for Antiviral Use 2024

- · Antiviral treatment is recommended for patients with confirmed or suspected influenza as soon as possible for:
  - Who are hospitalized regardless of duration of symptoms
- Have severe, complicated or progressive illness regardless of duration of symptoms
- Outpatients with confirmed or suspected influenza who are at higher risk for influenza complications
- Consider for otherwise healthy outpatients within 48 hrs of

https://www.cdc.gov/flu/professionals/antivirals/index.htm Uyeki. IDSA Guidelines Clin Infect Dis 2019;68(6):895

# **ACIP** Guidelines for Antiviral Use 2024 (con't.)

- · Recommended medications for outpatients:
  - Oseltamivir, baloxavir, inhaled zanamivir and IV
- · Recommended medications for inpatients:
  - Oseltamivir

https://www.cdc.gov/flu/professionals/antivirals/summary-clinicians.htm

### CDC Antiviral Treatment Recommendations

- Empiric antiviral therapy should be offered to pregnant women and women up to 2 weeks postpartum
- · Pregnancy should not be considered a contraindication to therapy.
- · Treatment duration
  - NAIs: 5 days
- Baloxavir: single dose
- Initiating treatment within 2 days of symptoms results in improved outcomes
- Substantial reduction in morbidity and mortality in hospitalized patients up to 5 days after sx

# Baloxavir

- · Cap-dependent polymerase inhibitor
- Non inferior to oseltamivir in two phase 3 studies
- Superior for influenza B in patients with risk factors
- Shorter duration of shedding
- Resistance mutations emerge on treatment in 10-20%

Hayden NEJM 2018; 379:913-923 Ison Lancet Infect Dis 2020:Jun 8;S1473-309 Uehara JID 2019; 221:346

# **Antiviral Prophylaxis**

- · Chemoprophylaxis should not replace vaccination
- · Oseltamivir, zanamivir, baloxavir 70-90% effective in trials
- · PEP is recommended to control influenza outbreaks in nursing homes
- Prophylaxis may increase selection of resistant viruses
- PEP can be considered for high risk persons with <u>unprotected close</u> contact with patient with flu
- Post exposure prophylaxis should not be given after 48 hours from
- · Post exposure prophylaxis for otherwise healthy persons is generally discouraged; prompt empiric therapy is preferable

# Vaccines

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# ACIP Recommendations for Influenza vaccination 2024-25

- Routine influenza vaccination is recommended for all persons aged 6 months and older.
- All vaccines will be trivalent!!! (TIIV = Trivalent inactivated influenza vaccine) H1N1, H3N2, B Victoria
- Enhanced vaccines recommended for those >65
  - High dose inactivated, adjuvanted, recombinant
- · Consider HD or adjuvanted for solid organ recipients

https://www.cdc.gov/flu/season/faq-flu-season-2024-2025.htm

# Vaccine pearls (con't.)

- All influenza vaccines can be given to those with egg allergy.
- For those with anaphylaxis to egg, consultation with allergist no longer recommended. Anaphylaxis to flu vaccine is still a contraindication

# Vaccine pearls

- · Efficacy varies by year and group
- Generally 50-70%; lower in elderly, children < 2, renal disease, immunosuppressive therapy and transplant pts.
- In HIV, response related to CD4 count
- Major mismatch occurs at least every 10 years
- Egg adaptation may lower efficacy

# Egg Allergy

- Persons with a history of egg allergy who have experienced only hives after exposure to
  egg should receive flu vaccine. Any licensed and recommended flu vaccine (i.e., any
  form of IIV or RIV) that is otherwise appropriate for the recipient's age and health
  status may be used.
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  or who required epinephrine or another emergency medical intervention, may similarly
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  ccIIV4 or RIV4 is used, the selected vaccine should be administered in an inpatient or
  outpatient medical setting (including but not necessarily limited to hospitals, clinics,
  health departments, and physician offices).
- A previous severe allergic reaction to flu vaccine, regardless of the component suspected of being responsible for the reaction, is a contraindication to future receipt of the vaccine.

https://www.cdc.gov/flu/prevent/egg-allergies.htm

Other important respiratory viruses Adenovirus, RSV, hMPV, parainfluenza, coronaviruses, hantaviruses (and more)



compromised hosts, *including* older adults
RSV, adenoviruses, hMPV are fair game

Parainfluenza viruses possibly

 Coronaviruses including MERS (possible) and SARS-1 (unlikely) possibly SARS-CoV-2

What you may be tested on

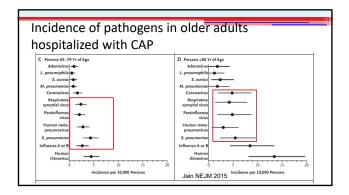
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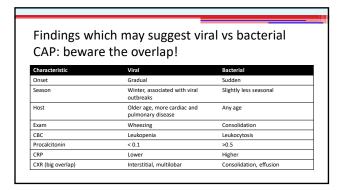
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# Diagnosis of respiratory viruses in adults

- · Generally shed less virus than children
- Sensitivity depends on test and specimen. Flocked swab and swabbing nose and throat may be better
- Virus may be present in lower respiratory tract (TA/BAL) but not upper in patients with pneumonia
- PCR most sensitive. FDA cleared multiplex platforms available
- Testing is critical in immunocompromised and transplant patients with respiratory symptoms
- · Consider testing in hospitalized elderly

Respiratory Viruses in HSC Transplant Patients			
Virus	Mortality for pneumonia	Treatment	Comment
RSV	7-33%	IVIG, ribavirin	LRI associated with severe outcomes
Influenza	25-28%	Oseltamivir, zanamivir, peramivir	Antiviral resistance may develop
Parainfluenza	35-37%	IVIG?	
Adenovirus	30-50%	Cidofovir	May disseminate
hMPV	33-40%	IVIG?	27-41% progress from URI to LRI
Coronavirus (non- SARS)	?	?	Progression to LRI less common
Rhinovirus	<5	?	Severity unclear

### Question #4

- A 75 yo man with COPD, history of MI is admitted in January with progressive dyspnea, cough, tachypnea, low grade fever. ROS is positive for rhinitis.
- He has been spending time with young grandchild who has bronchiolitis.
- Rapid Covid test negative. CXR shows bilateral perihilar infiltrates but no consolidation or effusion

# Question #4 Continued

The recommended strategy, pending more lab results, regarding isolation should be:

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### Risk factors for RSV hospitalization among adults

- Age
- CHF
- CAD
- COPD
- Diabetes mellitus
- Immune compromise, especially hematopoietic stem cell transplant and solid organ transplant
- Asthma
- Morbid obesity

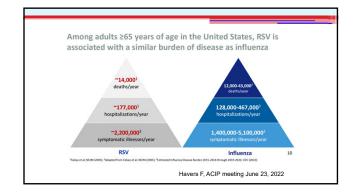
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# **RSV**



- Most common cause of LRTI in children
- · Common cause of URI with rhinitis in adults.
- AE-COPD, worsened CHF, asthma exacerbation and pneumonia in elderly and immunocompromised
- Transmitted by large droplet and contact; Late fall to spring (usually December- April)
- Similar rates of hospitalization to influenza among those>
- COPD, CAD, CHF risk factors for hospitalization

Falsey NEJM 2005, Widmer 2012 Brance Clin Infect Dis 2022



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### **RSV**

- Long incubation period 2-8 days
- Diagnosis by PCR
- No indications for palivizumab (Synagis) or nirsevimab in adults
- Inhaled ribavirin controversial
  - Limited efficacy, high cost, occupational risk
- Case series suggest benefit aerosolized RBV +/- IVIG in HSCT patient with LRTI; no good data in SOT.
- · Oral ribavirin appears equally effective, much less expensive

### **RSV Prevention!**



- Three licensed vaccines for those > 60
- Protein >80% effective at preventing severe RSV
- Target pre-fusion F protein
  - GSK adjuvanted single dose
  - Pfizer un-adjuvanted single dose
  - Moderna mRNA single dose
- Pfizer licensed for pregnant women to protect infant ~ 70% effective
- · New long acting monoclonal Ab nirsevimab for infants

### Case

- A 20 year old soldier undergoing advanced infantry training presents in March with several days of fever, cough, chest pain, tachypnea, hypoxia and conjunctivitis with this CXR.
- No travel, tick bites, animal exposures
- WBC 3.0, platelets 160, CRP 2.5, AST 85, ALT 80

# Question #6

- 2 days later he is in ICU on high levels of support. You suspect:
- A. Pneumococcal pneumonia
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# Adenovirus



- DS DNA; 7 species, >50 serotypes
- Associated with URI, pharyngitis, conjunctivitis, otitis, pneumonia, myocarditis, hemorrhagic cystitis; hepatitis, disseminated disease in compromised hosts
- Adenovirus species F type 40/41 associated with gastroenteritis; unclear association with pediatric liver failure
- Outbreaks of pneumonia in day care, closed settings, stressed populations e.g. military barracks
- No real seasonality

# Adenovirus in transplant patients

- More common with Campath (alemtuzumab)
- URI progresses to LRI in about half, with high mortality
- May disseminate and cause severe hepatitis, encephalitis
- May cause hemorrhagic cystitis, tubulointerstitial nephritis
- May lead to loss of graft in SOT patients; HLH
- Diagnosis by PCR of <u>respiratory secretions</u>, <u>blood</u>, pathology of organ biopsy
- · Cidofovir, Brincidofovir have been used for Rx

# **Human Metapneumovirus**



- "Discovered' in the last decades
- Nonsegmented, single stranded, negative sense RNA virus:
   Paramyxoviridae family. Pneumovirinae subfamily
- Causes URI, bronchiolitis, pneumonia similar to RSV
- Winter/Spring in temperate climates
- In younger adults, URI common with sore throat, hoarseness, wheezing, asthma exacerbation, AE-COPD, and CAP
- More severe in elderly, more wheezing; ECF outbreaks
- · Mortality among HSC transplant similar to RSV

Falsey J Ped Inf Dis 2008 Walter Inf Dis Clin North America 201

# Parainfluenza virus



- Paramyxovirus with 4 subtypes 1-4
- · Spring and fall seasonality
- Causes URI, bronchiolitis, croup, pneumonia in children. Parainfluenza 3 more severe.
- · Causes URI, cough illness and viral pneumonia in adults
- May cause severe disease in transplant patients and all respiratory viruses be associated with COP (formerly known as BOOP)

### Other Human Coronaviruses

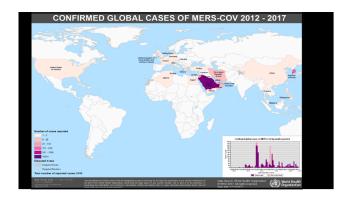


- HuCoV 229e, HuCoV OC43
  - "Older" associated predominantly with URI
- HuCoV HKU1, HuCoV NL63
  - Recently described using molecular techniques. Associated with URI and some pediatric and adult pneumonia
- May be detected on newer multiplex platforms (Luminex, FilmArray). Do not cross react with SARS-CoV-2
- Can cause severe disease in HSCT population

### MERS coronavirus

- Discovered April 2012
- > 600 cases in or with contact with Gulf area, predominantly Saudi Arabia
- Transmission documented in health care settings and families but to date, super spreaders suspected in Korea
- Mortality 56% with small number of asymptomatic
- Closest relative is a bat virus
- <u>Camels</u> play important role

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# Question #7

- A 35 yo man is admitted to the ICU in July with fever, respiratory failure, hypotension.
- 5 days PTA he complained of having the "flu;" fever, malaise, myalgia, mild abd pain.
- <u>History</u>: Recently camped in cabins at Yosemite National Park which has had rodent infestations issues.
- Has parakeet, dogs, cat had kittens recently, owns a hot tub. 2 kids in daycare have URI.

# Question #7 (con't.)

- <u>Labs</u>: Hct 52; WBC 6.0 (20% bands, 45% polys, 2+ atypical lymphs), platelets 90K,
- AST 105, PT 18, PTT 25
- <u>CXR</u>: Rapidly progressing bilateral infiltrates leading to white out

# Question #7 (con't)

Which of the following is the most likely cause of his illness?

- A. Adenovirus
- B. Influenza
- C. Anthrax
- D. Coxiella burnetii
- E. Sin Nombre virus (Hantavirus Pulmonary Syndrome)

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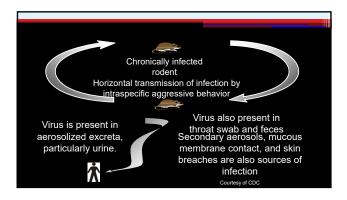
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# Hantavirus Pulmonary Syndrome HPS

- First described in a 1993 outbreak in the 4 Corners
- Outbreak in 2012 <u>Yosemite</u>. Endemic cases of HPS in much of US, <u>Chile</u>, <u>Argentina</u>
- Caused by specific North American and Latin American hantaviruses member of Bunyaviridae family.
  - Previously unrecognized viruses cause HPS, Sin Nombre virus, Black Creek Canal, New York virus
  - Prior to the HPS outbreak, the only known hantaviruses were those that caused HFRS

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# Stages of Hantavirus Pulmonary Syndrome

- Incubation (4-30 days)
- Febrile phase
  - Fever, myalgia, malaise occasionally N, V, abd pain
- Cardiopulmonary phase
- Diuretic phase
- · Convalescent phase

# **HPS-Cardiopulmonary Phase**

- · Acute onset of cough an dyspnea
- Presentation and rapid progression of shock and pulmonary edema (4-24h non-productive cough and tachypnea (shortness of breath)
- Hypovolemia due to progressive leakage of high protein fluid from blood to lung interstitium and alveoli, decreased cardiac function

# **HPS-Cardiopulmonary Phase**

- · Hypotension and oliguria
- Critical clues:
  - Thrombocytopenia (98%),
  - Hemoconcentration
  - left shift with atypical lymphs
  - elevated PT, abnormal LFTs

### Respiratory viruses: Take home RSV, hMPV, Parainfluenza viruses are common causes of CAP and exacerbation of underlying cardiopulmonary disease in elderly COPD and heart disease are risk factors • Exposure to children probably a risk factor Nosocomial transmission has been documented in hospitals and ECF · Testing and use of appropriate precautions





 HPS has distinct epidemiologic risks and recognizable lab abnormalities