

CHAP-2DISEASE

* Disease :-

→ Disease are often known to be medical condition, that are associated with specific symptoms and also abnormality in body function.

→ Disease are classified into 2 types of disease :-

i) Communicable disease

ii) Non-communicable disease

↳ Communicable disease :-

→ Illness due to a specific infectious agent capable of being directly or indirectly transmitted from one person to another causes communicable diseases.

→ Transmission method of communicable :-

(i) Direct modes of transmission diseases.

→ This involves direct transmission of disease from one body surface to another body surface, from one animal to another animal or from an animal to human or from human to human.

(ii) Indirect modes of transmission diseases:

→ This involves contact between a suspect and its equipment. For example an individual with the common cold may sneeze & the virus lands on a fomite, such as table cloth, hand towel, etc.

(iii) Vector:

→ This type of disease transmission occurs when one living organism such as a tick or mosquito, transmits infectious disease in animals & human.

(iv) Droplet transmission:

→ When an individual with cold & cough sneezes, small droplets which contains virus ejected to another person.

(v) Water borned:

→ In this transmission of disease the pathogen enters the body of individual through water. e.g:- dia rhoea.

(vi) Air borned:

→ This transmission of disease occurs through air.

e.g:- Tuberculosis

* Control measures of communicable diseases :-

- (i) Handle & prepare food with safety :-
 - Food can carry germs; wash hand, utensils and surface when preparing any food.
 - Wash vegetables, fruits and specially raw meat, fish before cooking.

(ii) Wash hand:

- Often wash properly before and after eating.
- Clean & disinfect commonly used surface.
- Germs can live on surface cleaning with soap & water is enough.
- Disinfect your bathroom & kitchen regularly.

- (iii) While coughing & sneezing use the sleeve of your shirt & handkerchief.

- (iv) Avoid sharing personal items that can be disinfected like toothbrush, towel, needles.
- (v) Avoid touching animals with your hands always after touching.

- (vi) At the time of illness always stay at home.
- (vii) Don't use personal items of any sick person and maintain distance from the person with illness.

(ix) Get vaccinated:

- Vaccination prevent many infectious diseases & provide protection against many communicable diseases.

2. chicken pox (varicella): -

- Chickenpox is a relatively mild childhood disease, though adults do get infected. The mortality rate of chicken pox is comparatively lower. Chicken pox is the result of an initial infection with herpes virus ("Varicella zoster"). The disease is acquired by entry of the virus into the respiratory system & subsequently replicates in the skin cells often about 2 weeks. The infected skins become vesicular during that time the vesicles are filled with pus, then rupture & form a scab. The infection during early pregnancy may cause serious foetal

damage.

2. Cold Fever :-

→ cold fever are caused by HSV-1 (Herpes Simplex Virus type) which is transmitted primarily by oral and respiratory route.

3. Measles (Rubeola (sc. name)) :-

→ Measles is an extremely contagious viral disease, that is spread by respiratory route. Humans are the only reservoir from measles, the development of measles is similar to chicken pox. This infection last for 10-12 days have symptoms like common cold & rashes in the skin.

4. Tuberculosis (TB) :-

→ Tuberculosis is an infectious disease cause by the bacterium named *Mycobacterium tuberculosis*. TB is most commonly acquired by inhaling the tubercle bacteria. TB patients suffer weight loss, coughing (often bringing of blood). TB is completely curable. TB can be prevented by using BCG vaccine (Bacillus of Calmette and Guérin). Very recently govt has provided treatment for TB through DOTS.

5. Filarisis (Elephantiasis) :-

→ Filarisis is caused by "Wuchereria Ban Crofti". This infection causes irritation & allergic reaction. This disease can be prevented by taking protection against mosquito bite. DEC (Diethylcarbamazine) is very effective against filariasis.

A dose of 6mg/day, per kg of body weight taken orally for 50days is most effective.

6. Malaria :-

Malaria is the one of the most widespread disease in the world caused by parasites belonging to the genus *Plasmodium*. The 4 most important species of genus *Plasmodium* are *Plasmodium vivax*, *Plasmodium falciparum*, *Plasmodium ovale* and *Plasmodium malariae*.

Fever is the chief symptom of malaria. The fever is cyclic in nature. The nature of fever is also specific. It appears in 3 stages.

i) Cold stage (20 min. — 1 hr) ~~in cold region~~

~~in sudden onset of fever with sensation of extreme cold.~~

ii) Hot stage (1 hr + 6 hr)

~~Temperature rises to 40°C or 106°F .~~

iii) Sweating stage (2 hr + 8 hr)

~~Extremely sweating~~

Malaria also have symptoms like weakness, nausea, vomiting, headache etc.

Chloroquine is the most commonly used drugs to treat malaria. Quinine is useful in malaria.

Now new drugs quinophenoxine derivative & mefloquine introduced for treatment.

7. Amoebiasis:-

The clinical observation of this disease shows all the conditions produced in human body as a result of parasitic infection by Entamoeba histolytica. About 15% of the Indians are victims to this disease. This infection leads to clinical symptoms like 6-8 loose motions per day. Stool is foul smelling, acidic, non-sticky & mixed with blood. Infection may also lead to fever & weakness. Proper hygiene is the more effective preventive measures against amoebiasis. Antiprotozoan agents are used as drugs for treating of this infection. Metronidazole, Tetracycline, chloroquine are some of the drugs against amoebiasis. However drinking water from water filter guarantees enough protection against amoebiasis.

8. Ascariasis:-

Ascariasis is caused by the intestinal parasite named Ascaris lumbricoides. About $\frac{1}{4}$ of the world's population carry this parasite in their body. The adult worm resides in the small intestine of man. The toxins of parasite

It may cause typhoid like fever it also causes allergic reaction.
We can prevent it by maintaining proper sanitary condition hygen, wash our hand before eating & eating fruits & vegetables after properly washed.

Piperazine salts, Albendazole, oil of chenopodium are some of the effective drugs used against ascariasis.

* Non-Communicable Disease :-

The Diseases which are not transmitted from one person to another is called non-communicable diseases.
eg:- Cancer

Cancer:-

It is regarded as the deadliest killer of the 21st century. It accounts for 9% of the total mortality throughout the world. By the end of 20th century, out of 50 million deaths in the world per year, 5 million deaths due to cancer.

* Types of cancer:-

a) Lung cancer

b) Stomach cancer

c) Leukemia cancer

d) Throat cancer

e) Bone cancer

f) Skin cancer

g) Breast cancer

symptoms:-

i) Lump or hard areas at any part of body.

ii) Sudden change in a habit or mole.

iii) Sudden change in digestive habit not to have.

iv) Persistent cough

v) Unexplained weight loss.

vi) Wounds not getting cured for long.

causes of cancer:-

① Smoking & tobacco. Nicotine stimulates.

② Consumption of alcohol. It damages cells.

③ Some cancers are caused as a result of viral infection.

4) cancers like blood cancer or leukemia, are genetical in origin.

* Prevention of Cancer:

→ The early detection of cancer is the most effective way to fight this killer disease. Proper diagnosis of cancer can be made by examination of the affected tissue, use of scanner, endoscopy.

* Treatment:

→ There is no any satisfactory treatment has yet discovered to cure cancer. Chemotherapy & the radiation therapy are the 2 common methods of treatment to cancer affected cell. Another effective treatment is the surgical removal of the affected tissue. However, an early detection makes the disease curable, but in case of late detection chances of survival are almost nil.

* Cardiovascular Disease:

→ Cardio disease or heart diseases includes various diseases like dysfunctioning of heart. Cardiac diseases are responsible for dysfunctioning of the regular cardiac function.

→ Heart diseases are broadly categorised into the following types.

i) Coronary or ischaemic heart disease (IHD):

→ Ischaemic heart disease includes those disorders which result due to inadequate supply of oxygen to the heart muscles compared to its need or caused by blocking of vessels of the heart by a blood clot. It is very dangerous and leads to heart failure. Its symptoms is unbearable heart pain. About 2.5% to 30% of deaths in the industrialised country is due to IHD.

ii) Hypertensive heart disease:

→ This is caused due to hypertension or high blood pressure.

iii) Infective or rheumatic heart disease:

→ A person after repeated attack of rheumatic fever may suffer from rheumatic heart disease. The poisonious substances accumulate during rheumatic fever affects the functioning of heart. The symptoms of rheumatic fever are high temp., joint pain, chest, belly pain.

on oil, nausea, skin rashes etc. In this heart disease heart sounds are changed into heart "murmur".

iv) Idiopathic heart disease:-

→ Such diseases includes cardiac myopathy in which the muscles of heart becomes harder to pump blood. This causes due to adication to drugs.

* Causes of heart diseases:-

i) High serum cholesterol enhances the risk of cardiovascular disease.

ii) Risk of heart attack is 2-3 times higher in case of diabetic patients.

iii) Modern life style & lack of exercise.

iv) Hypertension & use of drugs and alcohol.

* Preventive measures:-

i) Reduction of fat intake.

ii) Reduction of body weight & blood pressure.

iii) Regular exercise & physical labours.

iv) Consumption of fruits, vegetables, legumes, whole grains etc. Less salt in diet.

v) Non-smoking & no alcohol.

Avoid tension, overwork & strain.

vi) Mental relaxation to music & yoga.

* HIV & AIDS (Human Immuno deficiency virus)

→ Human Immuno deficiency virus & Acquired Immuno deficiency syndrome. AIDS is not a disease. It is a condition in human body when the defence mechanism of the body is gradually destroyed. AIDS patients show a group of symptoms.

Acquired → because AIDS is neither contagious nor infectious.

It is always acquired from someone else known as carrier.

Immuno deficiency → the immunity system of the person with

AIDS is gradually weakened. Therefore there is an immuno deficiency condition.

Syndrome → The illness does not show one symptom but a group

of symptoms called syndrome.