

Pneumonia

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**definition:

defined as an acute respiratory illness associated with recently developed radiological pulmonary shadowing, may be segmental, lobar, multilobar & bronchopneumonia.

**Types:

lobar pn: homogenous consolidation of one or more lung lobes often associated with pleural inflammation.

Bronchopn: its more patchy alveolar consolidation associated with bronchial & bronchiolar inflammation often affecting both lower lobes.

**classification:

- 1- community-acquired pn (viral, bacterial)
- 2- hospital-acquired pn (nosocomial)
- 3- suppurative & aspirational pn (lung abscess)
- 4- pn in the immunocompromised patients.



Viral pneumonia:

() **causes:** influenza, parainfluenza, measles, RSV, varicella, CMV.

() **risk factors:**

*old age & children

*chronic disease of the heart, lung or kidney

*women in the last trimester of pregnancy.

() **clinical features:**

*dry cough, dyspnea & malaise.

*unremarkable physical examination

*CXR= interstitial pattern

() **complication:** influenza-induced necrosis of resp epithelium predisposes to bacterial colonization, like strep. Pneumonia or staph. Aureus.



Community-acquired pneumonia (CAP):

*Introduction:

- 1- incidence varies with the age.
- 2- accounts for one-fifth of childhood deaths
- 3- affect 2 million of children per year under the 5 years.
- 4- most patients managed at home, hospital admission 20-40%
- 5- MR at home is very low < 1%, hospital death rate 5-10% & may be as high as 50% in sever cases.

*Transmission:

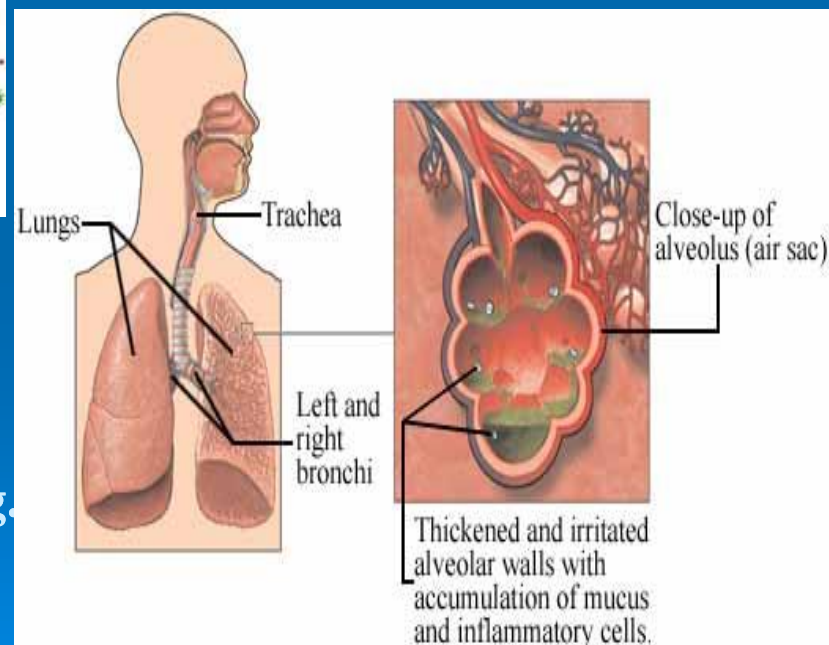
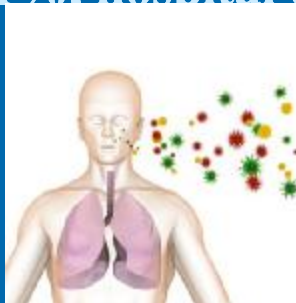
spread by droplet inhalation

*Pathogenesis:

when organism settles in the alveoli,
an inflammatory response ensues.

Two phases : congestion, red &
grey hepatisation.

Finally resolution with little or no scarring.



() factors predisposes to CAP:

- *smoking
- *CS therapy
- *HIV
- *alcohol
- *old age
- *recent influ infection
- *pre-existing lung diseases
- *multiple myeloma
- *sickle cell disease
- *contact with sick birds & farm environment

() Organisms:

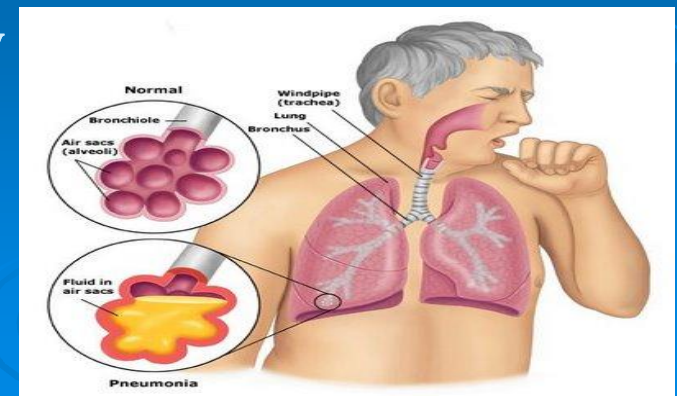
- *strep. Pn
- *mycoplasma pn
- *chlamydia psittaci
- *ch pn.
- *legionella
- *H. Influenza
- *staph. Aureus
- *coxiella burnetti
- *klebsiella
- *actinomyces israelii

() Clinical features:

typically presents as acute illness with fever, rigors, sweating, vomiting, anorxia & headache.

Pulmonary == cough, sputum, pleuritic chest pain & confusion.

O/E pyrexia, tachycardia, tachypnea, hypotension, after 2 days, the consolidation will appear with dull on percussion & bronchial breathing, whispering pectorilquy & aegophony. When resolution occur, fine crackles & then coarse which indicate liquefaction of alveolar exudates.



Specific features of pn:

*****pneumococcal pneumonia*: (30%)** caused by *strept. Pneumonia*, rusty sputum, herpetic features, lobar or multilobar on CXR.

*****Chlamydia pn*: (5-15%)** pharyngitis, sinusitis, increase LFT, diagnose serologically, CXR show small segmental infiltrates.

*****Mycoplasma pn*: (9%)** insidious onset, few signs on chest with systemic features complicated by myocarditis, pericarditis, meningoencephalitis, hemolytic anemia, stevens johnson syndrom, erythema nodosum & GB. CXR lobar consolidation with hilar LAP.

*****Legionella pneumophila*: (5%)** traveler history with systemic symptoms like headache, confusion, malaise, myalgia & diarrhea. Hyponatremia, hypoalbuminemia, high LFT & CK. CXR consoli slow to resolve.

*****Haemophilus infleunzae*: (3%)** COPD, Bronchiactasis, CXR bronchopn.

*****Staph aureus*: (2-5%)** may cause osteomyelitis, endocarditis & brain abscess
CXR cavitation.

*****Chlamydia psittaci*: (<1%)** contact with bird, hepatosplenomegally, CXR lower lobe consolidation.

Investigations:

1- CXR: appear within 12-18 h.



2- microbiological :

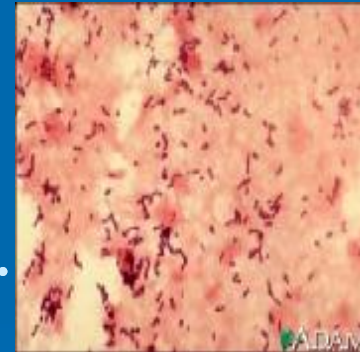
*sputum for gram stain & culture

*blood culture

*serology for mycoplasma, chlam, legionella.

3- Oximetry:

4- general blood tests: WBC, LFT, RFT, CRP.



Diff Dx:

*pulmonary infarction *pul TB *pul odema *pul eosinophilia

*bronchoalveolar cell ca. *cholecystitis, acute pancreatitis, subphrenic abscess, hepatic amebiasis.

() Assesement of disease severity:

hospital CURB-65: *Confusion

*Urea > 7 mmol/l

* RR > 30/M

* B Pr <90 or < 60 mmHg

*65 years of age

if 0-1 treated at home

if 2 consider hospital treatment

if 3 or > for ICU admission.

() features of high mortality:

A- clinical:

*age>60 years, male

*RR > 30 min

*Bpr < 90 mmHg, <90 mmHg

*confusion

*multilobar on CXR

*underlying diseases

B- Lab

*Pa O₂<8kPa

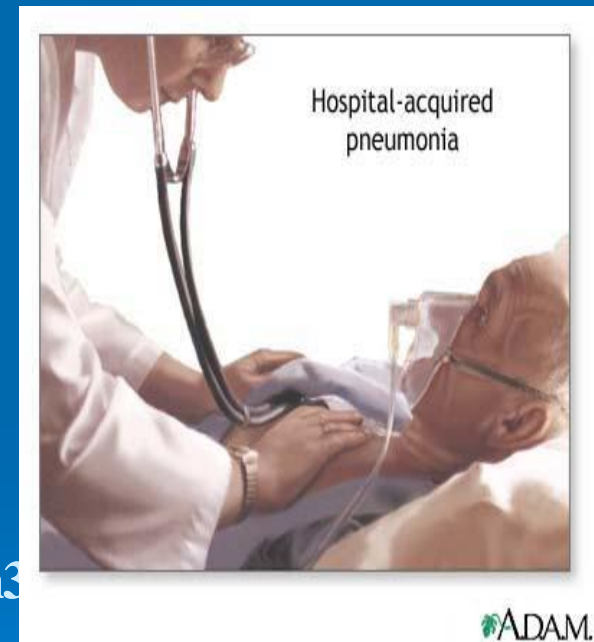
* WBC < 4000/mm³

*WBC > 20 000/mm³

*BU > 7 mmol/l

* positive blood culture

* hypoalbuminemia



0 management:

1-general:

2- O2:

3- Ventilation: indications for RCU:

- *CURB score > 3 not respond to treatment
- *persistent hypoxia < 8 kPa despite high conc O2
- *progressive hypercapnea
- *severe acidosis
- *shock
- *depressed consciousness

4- fluid balance:

5- antibiotic treatment:

*uncomplicated pn 7-10 days, but 14 days for Legionella, or Klebsella

*oral Ab are adequate unless has severe illness, impaired conc, loss swallowing reflex or malabsorption.



() in uncomplicated pn:

*amoxicillin 500mg 8-h orally.

*if allergic to pencillin: clarithromycin 500mg 12h orally.

*if staph : flucloxacillin 1-2 g 6h IV plus clarithromycin 500mg 12h IV

*if mycoplasma or legionella: clarithromycin 500mg 12h IV

*if chlamydia: tetracycline or erythromycine.

*if H. infleunzae: ampicillin plus 3rd generation cephalosporin.

*if Klebsialla: cephalosporin plus fluoroquinolone or aminoglycoside.

() in severe CAP:

*Clarithromycin 500mg 12h IV Or erythromycin 500mg 6h plus either Co-amoxiclav 1.2 g 8h IV or ceftriaxone 1-2 g daily.

()Complications:

failure to respond to therapy may indicate:

1- wrong AB 2- mixed infection 3- bronchial obstruction

4- wrong diagnosis 5- complications as follow:

* para-pneumonic effusion *empyema *lobar collapse

*thromboembolic disease *pneumothorax *lung abcess

*ARDS, renal failure, multi-organ failure *ectopic abcess

*hepatitis, pericarditis, myocarditis, meningoencephalitis



() Discharge & Follow-up:

@ discharge depend on no more than one of the followings:

- 1- RR > 24/m
- 2- systolic Bpr < 90 mmHg
- 3- Sa O₂ < 90%.
- 4- inability to intake oral
- 5- abnormal mental state

() Prevention:

1- influenza vaccine: (yearly) for:

elderly, chronic lung or heart diseases, DM, AIDS, health care worker, sickle cell diseases.

2- polyvalent Pneumococcal poly saccharide vaccine: (5 years) for: elderly, chronic heart or lung diseases, sickle cell diseases, asplenic patients, Hodgkin disease, multiple myloma, cirrhosis, DM, AIDS.

