

CONCEPT OF INFECTION. INFECTION PROCESS. METHODS OF DIAGNOSIS OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

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Abstract: This article provides detailed information about infection, infectious process and methods of diagnosing infectious diseases. Infection is explained as the presence of harmful microorganisms (bacteria, viruses, fungi, parasites) in the body and the system of diseases caused by them. The development of the infectious process and the formation of the disease have been discussed. It also provides information on basic methods, laboratory studies, and clinical signs used to diagnose infectious diseases.

Introduction. Infection (lat. infestio - infect, introduce something from the outside) means a process that occurs under the influence of microorganisms that enter the human, animal, or plant organism. Now this term has many meanings. For example, pathogenic microorganisms and the conditions and diseases that occur under their influence are also called infections. Infections are a group of diseases that are dangerous to human health and are widespread throughout the world.

Infection is the process of entering the human body and carrying out its activities by microorganisms or pathogens (bacteria, viruses, fungi, parasites). Infectious processes can cause various clinical symptoms, such as fever, cough, pain, etc. The diagnosis of infectious diseases is the main stage of the correct assessment of the patient's condition and effective treatment.

Main part. Infection and the infectious process. Infection is the process by which microorganisms enter the human body, multiply there and have a harmful effect. Infection can enter the human body in various ways. It is transmitted through airborne droplets, contact, food, water or animals. The most common pathogens are bacteria, viruses, fungi, and parasites. The infection process includes several stages:

1-Introduction of pathogenic microorganisms:

After microorganisms enter the body, they stick to a specific place and the processes of growth begin.

2-Multiplication and impact on the immune system: Microorganisms multiply and begin to fight against the body's immune system. During this process, toxins and other harmful substances may be released.

3-Immune response: The immune system is activated to protect the body, but in some cases, the infection spreads too quickly and can lead to severe disease.

Infectious process is a set of physiological and pathological changes caused by pathogenic microbes on the macroorganism. Such processes, which are caused by protozoa, are called "invasions". The infectious process is caused by the following factors:

- a) pathogenic microbes and the products they produce during their life activity;
- b) the state of the macroorganism during the development of the process;
- g) develops under the influence of social factors.

Infectious diseases: Infectious diseases differ from other diseases (somatic, genetic) by many features. First of all, infectious diseases are caused by special pathogenic microbes, after the microbe enters the body, the disease does not manifest immediately, but a certain latent period passes. It can be transmitted from a sick person to healthy people and spread over large areas. Due to the development of a specific defense process in the macroorganism against each pathogen, infectious diseases go through a cycle.

Infectious disease pathogens enter the body and the periods of disease development. Depending on the source of infection, anthroponosis, anthroozoonosis, zoonoses and sopronose infections are distinguished. Anthroponous infections (typhoid, smallpox, cholera, measles, wounds, mumps, etc.) are transmitted only to humans, where the source of infection is a patient or a carrier of bacteria. Anthroponosis infections (tuberculosis, anthrax, brucellosis, rabies, etc.) are transmitted to humans and animals. In this case, sick and carrying bacteria and animals serve as the source of infection. Zoonotic infections (fowl and canine distemper) only animals become ill. In sopronosis infections, the external environment is the source of the disease (water, air, soil, etc.). For example, botulism, tetanus and gas gangrene, leptospirosis.

Research: Infectious diseases are caused by the process of infection and they are different
it can:

- 1- Air-droplet and air-dust route (whooping cough, measles, influenza, tuberculosis, etc.).

2-Gastrointestinal. The causative agent of the disease enters through the mouth (typhoid fever, paratyphoid fever A and B, cholera, dysentery, etc.).

3-Communicative route and it is of 2 types:

a) through direct contact (sexually), an example of which is venereal diseases (syphilis, gonorrhea, AIDS);

b) indirect, in which the following factors (water, air, soil, food, the patient's dishes, towels, clothes, etc.) are important.

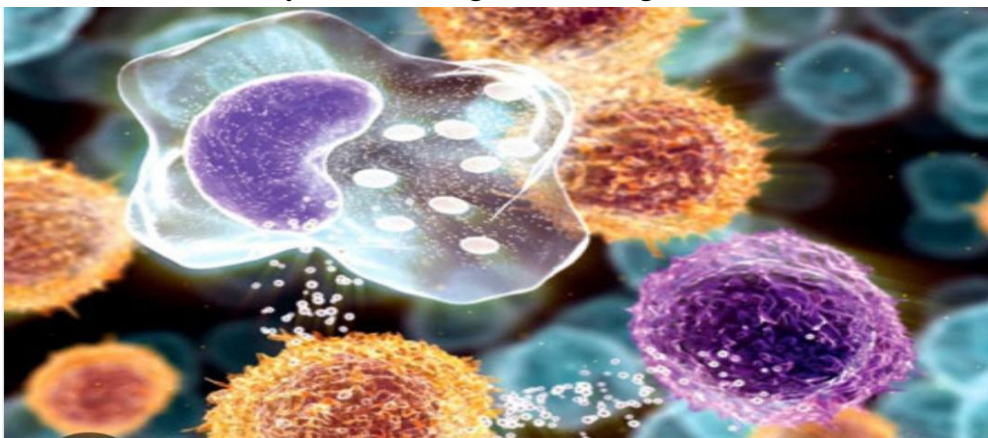
4-Transmissible route - the transmission of the pathogen from a sick person to a healthy person through various insects. These include malaria, leishmaniasis, rash and recurrent sweating.

5-Parenteral route - transmission through incompletely sterilized medical instruments (AIDS, hepatitis B and C, syphilis, etc.).

6-Vertical route. Diseases transmitted from mother to child (AIDS, syphilis, syphilis, hepatitis B and C, etc.).

Infectious diseases usually manifest with certain clinical signs and symptoms.

Depending on the type of illness, these symptoms vary, but common symptoms include fever, body aches, cough, sweating, weakness, and more.



Methods of diagnosing infectious diseases: There are several methods of diagnosing infectious diseases:

Clinical Examination: A preliminary diagnosis can be made based on the patient's history, evaluation of symptoms, and physical examination.

Laboratory Tests: Laboratory tests play an important role in the accurate diagnosis of infectious diseases. These methods include:

1-Microscopy: Seeing pathogenic microorganisms with a microscope.

2-Cultural method: Reproduction and analysis of microorganisms in laboratory conditions.

3-Serological methods: Detection of infection by detection of antibodies and antigens.

4-PCR (Polymerase chain reaction):

DNA and RNA analyzes for accurate and rapid diagnosis of infectious diseases.

5- X-ray and ultrasound examinations:

Visual inspection and assessment of certain infections. Despite the many diagnostic methods, the most accurate method remains microbiological, that is, taking samples of microorganisms and identifying them in different ways. In this case, if food is used to grow bacteria and fungi, then cell culture is used to grow intracellular parasites (chlamydia, viruses). The downside of this method is that it takes several days for microorganisms to germinate. But now bacteriological analyzers are being produced in the world, with the help of these devices it is possible to identify bacteria and fungi in 18-24 days.

Clinical and biochemical examinations are widely used in the diagnosis of infectious diseases. For example, general analysis of blood, cerebrospinal fluid, urine and feces, determination of enzymes and bilirubin in hepatitis, etc. are very important. These methods are also very important in determining the course of the infectious process.

Diagnostic devices instantly determine the condition of various organs and tissues of a person. Although the microorganism itself is not identified in this method, it is possible to study the pathological processes that occur in the body under its influence.

Polymerase chain reaction (PCR) is one of the most modern in vitro methods that genetics and biotechnology offered to medicine in the 80s of the XX century. Using this method, microorganisms and their nucleic acid are detected, because living organisms are very unique in terms of their DNA or RNA structure. PCR is currently one of the most accurate, sensitive and rapid methods, with which it is possible to detect pathogenic microorganisms even in the latent period of the disease.

Conclusion: In recent years, much attention has been paid to the methods of diagnosis and treatment of infectious diseases. New diagnostic methods and drugs are being developed to effectively fight against infectious diseases. The improvement of analytical methods and the possibilities of rapid diagnosis, detection and treatment of diseases in the early stages have been significantly improved. At the same time, global research on combating epidemics and pandemics continues.

Infectious diseases are a category of diseases caused by the introduction of infectious agents (microbes, viruses, parasites, etc.) into the body and interaction with it. The infectious process includes a number of stages, such as the onset, development, spread of the disease and the body's response. It is important to make a diagnosis on the basis of the patient's clinical condition, laboratory and instrumental studies. For infectious diseases, accurate and early diagnosis is an important factor in the treatment and recovery of the patient.

Correct diagnosis is important in determining the type and extent of infection, as well as in developing an effective treatment plan.

Important steps such as prevention of infectious diseases, taking preventive measures, preventing the development of diseases through antibiotics and vaccines, and modern approaches to the management of the infectious process are important. At the same time, a global increase in infection control and treatment is required, as the global spread of some infections poses a threat to life-threatening diseases.

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