1-Mycobacteria 2-Chlamydia **3-Mycoplasam 4-Legionella 5- Spirochetes** Prof. Dr. Asem Shehabi & Dr. Suzan Matar Faculty of Medicine, University of Jordan

#### 1-Mycobacteria Group

- Acid-Fast Bacilli.. Aerobic.. Cell Wall.. Mixed proteinpolysaccharides, High Phospholipids (mycolic acid, waxes).. Resistant to Dryness, Iow Acidity, Alcohol, detergents.. <u>Susceptible to UV-light, Heat</u>, Common Human.. Asymptomatic persons. domestic Animal, Birds, Environment..kill 3-5 Million yearly
- Human/animals Pathogens.. Slow growth in vitro culture (2-6 weeks).. Causing tissue necrosis in lung and any body part.
- <u>Common Pathogens</u>: Mostly <u>M. tuberculosis</u> ..Lung & systemic tubercusosis.. Less than 1% <u>M. bovis</u> .. Animals, Dairy products..Mostly Intestinal tuberculosis.

#### 2-Mycobacteria Group

- Pulmonary Tuberculosis/ Exudative type: Slow intracellular growth in lung tissue..Incubation time 1-12 months.. droplet infection.. Primarily mild Lung lesion Mostly Children (90%).. Asymptomatic infection, Rarely active lesions..Recovery.. Hypersensivity Immunity..Positive skin tuberculin test..
- Asymptomatic infection is not necessary result in Disease
- Active-Productive type: Adult infection.. Reactivation of old tuberculosis lesions..may present in any Body site.. Intestinal tract, Kidney, bones.. Meningitis common in children.
- Lung lesion: Cough, Bloody sputum, night sweats ,weight loss.. Detection X-ray and positive tuberculin test..Larger reaction.

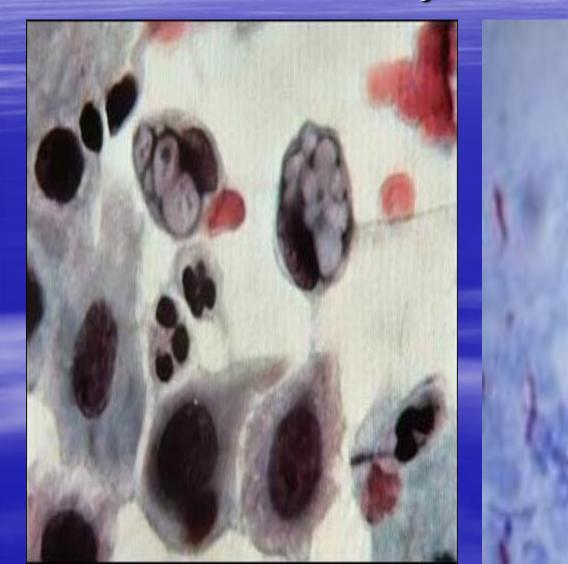
### 2/Mycobacteria

- Atypical Mycobacteria .. pigmented and nonpigmented..Slow and rapid grower types common in environment..Rarely cause of lung or systemic Tuberculosis.. Immunosuppresed.
- Nonpathogenic species.. genital tract, skin (*M. smegmatis..* rapid growth (3-7 days)..rarly skin lesions.
- Lab Diagnosis: Direct AFS.. Ziehl-Neelsen stain, Culture 2-6 weeks, Lowenstein -Jensen Medium, Sputum, urine, Pleural fluid, CSF, Biopsy.
- Treatment: Combination of anti-tuberculosis drugs 6-24 months).
- Prevention.. <u>BCG vaccine</u> (Bacilli Calemtte-Guerin)..Children..Protective 30-50%

# 2-Chlamydia group

- Chlamydia : Small Gram-ve cell wall, few amount of lipopolysaccharides.. obligate intracellular.. Microaerophilic <u>dimorphic growth</u> & , Infectious stage.. <u>Elementary bodies/ Infectious..</u> responsible for attaching to the host mucosa cell and promoting its entry.. Develop Inclusion bodies/Reticulate bodies ..replication.
- <u>Chlamydia trachomatis</u>: A common cause of STD worldwide.. Nonspecific urethritis.. Prostatitis, Vagnitis.. Cervicitis, infertility.
- Newborns with chlamydial conjunctivitis: have mild to severe eyes redness, swollen eyelids, discharge from the eyes which can be thin and watery or thick and yellow.. <u>Trachoma</u> .. Blindness if not treated.

### Chlamydia inclusion bodies/Acid-Fast Mycobacteria



## 2-Chlamydia

- Chlamydia pneumoniae.. Attached to Tracheal epithelial cells acute bronchitis.. <u>Atypical pneumonia</u>.. Mild-severe pulmonary infection..mild-sever cough, Common in children.. Less other ages
- Diagnosis & treatment : Clinical features & serological test.. Detection specific antibodies developed after 4-8 weeks infection
- McCoy tissue culture.. PCR test..
- Antibiotics treatment.. No Vaccine

#### 3-Mycoplasma group

- The smallest Bacteria .. Lack Cell Wall.. Lipid bi-layer Membrane.. Microaerophilic.. Associated with mucosal Respiratory/Urinary. .Human, Animals, Birds.
- <u>1-M. pneumoniae</u>: Human pathogens.. Infection Pharyngitis, Bronchitis, Pneumonia.. Dry cough.. Fever, Common old children & Young adults.. Less others ages, Common infection in Fall-Winter.
- <u>2-M.hominis/M.genitalium</u>: Part of normal oralgenital flora, opportunistic pathogens.. cause Nonspecific urethritis, vaginitis, cervicitis.
- <u>Diagnosis & treatment</u>: Sputum & Urine special Culture media.. Cold-Agglutination Test, ELSA Specific antibodies, PCR, Antibiotics.. No Vaccine.

#### 4-Legionella pneumonphila

- Legionnaires' disease -Thin <u>G-ve Coccobacilli/</u> <u>Filments</u>.. Facultative Anaerobes.. Survive 0-80 C.. Cold/Hot Water.. Air Condition, Wet Soil, Droplet infection ..Aerosols, Fine sprays, Respiratory Mucosa Lung.. Intracellular.. <u>Monocyte-</u> <u>Macrophage..</u> Extracellular growth, Not contagious disease.
- Clinical Features: High Fever, dry Cough, vomiting, and stomach discomfort, Diarrhea. Other common symptoms include headaches, muscle aches, chest pain, and shortness of breath, Pneumonia, Renal Failure, Death.. Old/ Immumodeficient / heavy Smoking Persons.
- <u>Diagnosis & treatment</u>: Special Culture Media, Bloodsputum culture, Detection Specific antibodies, PCR, Antibiotics.. No Vaccine.

## **Spirochetes Group-1**

- Gram-ve.. Spiral forms.. Long.. which have long helically coiled cells (5-20um).. Common Human, Animals, Arthropodes.. Nonpathogenic /Pathogenic.
- 1- <u>Treponema species</u>: Nonpathogenic.. Oral cavity.
- <u>2-Treponema palldium</u>: Syphilis.. Veneral Disease.. Sexual Contact.. entering the host via breaches in mucosa of genital & oral tracts..distribute to blood and lymph systems following multiplication in tissue
- Incub. 2-week-Few Months: Acute-Chronic Infection.. Mucosa/Skin Lesions-Chancre on Genitalia, Anal area/Mouth.. Systemic Disease.. Affect Any Body Organ.. Meningitis, Hepatitis, Nephritis, Granulomatous lesions. Congenital Syphilis.. Pregnancy, affects fetus.. death and abortion.

### Legionella- Spirochete Cells



## **Spirochetes Group-2**

- Lab Diagnosis: Direct Dark-field Microscopy.. Serological Test.. Rapid Plasma Reagin (RPR) / VDRL, confirmed by Fluorescent Treponemal Antibody (FTA-ABS).. No artificial Culture.. Antibiotics
- 4- <u>Borrelia species</u>: Worldwide.. Epidemic/Endemic Relapsing Fever.. Biting Insects (Human Lice/ Animal Ticks).. Septicemia.. Low-High Fever, Chills, Severe Headache, Common Relapses.
- Borrelia Burgdorferi: Lyme Disease.. Common USA, Biting Insects (Ticks).. Wild Animals, Rodents, Birds ..Incub. Few Weeks- Months..Single/Multiple Skin Erythematic Lesions.. Systemic Disease.. Arthritis, CNS.. Cardiac Abnormalities.
- <u>5-Liptospiral diseases</u>: Zoonosis, mild-severe fatal systemic
  <u>Weils's disease</u> ..high Fever, Jaundice, vasculitis , Bleeding.
- Diagnosis: Serological Tests, Special fluid culture methods

# Lyme Disease/ Tick Erythematic lesions

