

# Inf – ER Combined Meeting

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# Discussion

1. Influenza
2. Complications of influenza

## Influenza

- Influenza viruses are members of Orthomyxoviridae family of viruses, and are negative strand RNA viruses.
- Influenza viruses can be classified as A, B, or C.
  - Influenza C 主要感染六歲以下兒童，成人大都具有protective antibody

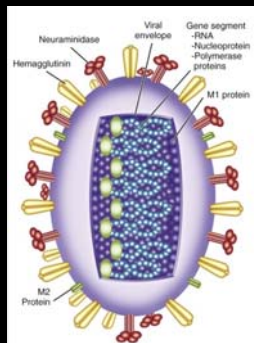
TABLE 165.1 – Differences among Influenza A, B, and C Viruses

	Influenza A	Influenza B	Influenza C
Genetics	8 gene segments	8 gene segments	7 gene segments
Structure	10 viral proteins M2 unique	11 viral proteins NB unique	9 viral proteins HEF unique
Host range	Humans, swine, equine, avian, marine mammals*	Humans only	Humans and swine
Epidemiology	Antigenic shift and drift	Antigenic drift only; two main lineages cocirculate	Antigenic drift only; multiple variants
Clinical features	May cause large pandemics with significant mortality in young persons	Severe disease generally confined to older adults or persons at high risk; pandemics not seen	Mild disease without seasonality

HEF, hemagglutination, esterase, and fusion activity; NB, membrane protein.

## Classification of Influenza A

- 根據以下二種surface protein分類：
  - Hemagglutinin (H1 ~ 16)
  - Neuraminidase (N1 ~ 9)
- 曾經大流行：H1N1, H2N2, H3N2
  - H1N1 and H3N2 are currently circulating as seasonal influenza



## Genes and protein products of influenza A virus

RNA Segment Number	Gene Product Description	Name of Protein	Proposed Functions
1	PB1 PB1-F2	Basic polymerase 1	RNA transcriptase Proapoptotic
2	PB2	Basic polymerase 2	Cap binding, endonucleolytic cleavage
3	PA	Acidic polymerase	Unknown
4	HA	Hemagglutinin	Viral attachment to cell membranes, membrane fusion
5	NA	Neuraminidase	Cleaves sialic acid from cell surface, released from membranes, prevents aggregation
6	NP	Nucleoprotein	Encapsidates RNA, regulation of transcription/replication
7	M	Matrix	Surrounds viral core, controls nuclear export of RNA
	M2	Matrix 2	Ion channel, necessary for uncoating
8	NS1	Nonstructural	Antagonizes type I interferons, may be involved in regulation of mRNA transport from nucleus
	NEP (NS2)	Nuclear export protein	Transport of newly assembled RNP from nucleus to cytoplasm

zanamivir and oseltamivir → sialic acid analogs

## Transmission

- Influenza is thought primarily transmitted from person to person by large droplets (> 5 um) that are generated when infected persons cough or sneeze.
- Contact transmission

## Clinical features

- incubation period for influenza: 1–2 days
- The triad of fever, respiratory symptoms and constitutional symptoms had a sensitivity of 60%
  - respiratory symptoms: cough, sore throat, or nasal symptoms
  - constitutional symptoms: headache, malaise, myalgia, sweats/chills or fatigue

## Diagnosis

	Time to Result	Advantages	Disadvantages
Rapid antigen	<30 mins	Fast, not technically difficult, point of care testing	Marginal sensitivity especially in adults, does not distinguish subtypes of influenza
Immunofluorescence	1–4 hrs	Fast and versatile	Not widely available, requires technical expertise
Nucleic acid testing	4–24 hrs	Very sensitive, subtypes virus, detects other respiratory pathogens	Requires technical expertise
Culture	24 hrs–5 days	Very sensitive, detects other respiratory viruses	Slow results
Antibody testing	Several weeks	Highly specific and sensitive	Labor intensive, slow results

## Complications of influenza

- Pulmonary complication
  - Primary viral pneumonia
  - Secondary bacterial pneumonia
  - Mixed viral and bacterial pneumonia
  - Localized viral pneumonia
  - Other pulmonary complication: croup, exacerbation of chronic pulmonary disease
- Extrapulmonary complication
  - Myositis and rhabdomyolysis
  - Cardiac complication: myocarditis
  - CNS complication: encephalitis
  - Reye's syndrome

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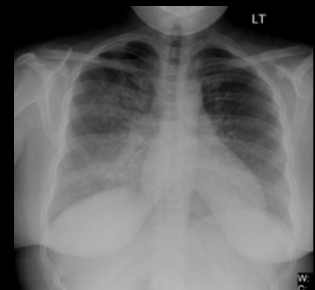
### Two clinical syndromes

- Acute bronchopneumonia, characterized by necrosis, hemorrhage, edema, and vasculitis, associated with heavy growth of bacteria on sputum samples and autopsied lung tissue
- ARDS associated with the rapid onset of cyanosis, delirium, incontinence, and lungs filled with frothy blood-tinged sputum

Primary viral pneumonia

## Primary viral pneumonia

- Confirmation of primary viral pneumonia came in 1958 to 1959
- Findings included necrotizing bronchitis, hyaline membranes, intra-alveolar hemorrhage and edema, and interstitial inflammation



## Secondary bacterial pneumonia

- Patients typically have a history of influenza infection with near resolution of symptoms, followed-up 4 to 14 days later by a recurrence of fever, dyspnea, productive cough, and consolidation on chest radiographs.
- Pathogen: *Streptococcus pneumoniae*, *S. aureus*, *Haemophilus influenzae*, and other Gram-negative rods

	Primary Viral Pneumonia	Secondary Bacterial Pneumonia	Mixed Viral and Bacterial Pneumonia	Localized Viral Pneumonia
Setting	Cardiovascular disease; pregnancy; young adult	Age, >65 y; pulmonary disease	Any associated with A or B	Normal
Clinical history	Relentless progression from classic 3-day influenza	Improvement, then worsening after 3-day influenza	Features of both primary and secondary pneumonia	Continuation of classic 3-day syndrome
Physical examination	Bilateral findings, no consolidation	Consolidation	Consolidation	Area of rales
Sputum bacteriology	Normal flora	<i>Pneumococcus</i> , <i>Staphylococcus</i> , <i>H. influenzae</i>	<i>Pneumococcus</i> , <i>Staphylococcus</i> , <i>H. influenzae</i>	Normal flora
Chest radiography	Bilateral findings	Consolidation	Consolidation	Segmental infiltrate
White blood cell count	Leukocytosis with shift to left	Leukocytosis with shift to left	Leukocytosis with shift to left	Usually normal
Isolation of influenza virus	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
Response to antibiotics	No	Yes	Often	No
Mortality	High	Low	Variable	Very low

## Myositis and rhabdomyolysis

- > 50% of patients hospitalized with influenza A → CPK 上升
- Clinical severity varies but can include renal failure and problems with ambulation involving proximal leg muscles.
- Symptoms generally resolve in 4 to 6 wks.

## CNS complication - I

- encephalopathy (Reye's syndrome), encephalomyelitis, transverse myelitis, aseptic meningitis, focal neurologic disorders, and Guillain-Barre' syndrome.
- pathogenesis is unclear
  - direct viral invasion
  - development of antigen/antibody complexes
  - overproduction of systemic cytokines

## CNS complication - II

- In 1999, an outbreak of encephalopathy/encephalitis was associated with influenza A in Japan.
  - 82% < younger than 5 yrs
  - 85% had no underlying disease
  - All had **altered levels of consciousness** and 80% had seizures.
  - Thrombocytopenia (50,000) and elevated aspartate aminotransferase (1000 U/L) were associated with mortality rates of 83% and 74%, respectively.

## Reye's syndrome

- The classic manifestation is a change in mental status that occurs several days after a typical respiratory illness.
- Reye's syndrome is an acute, noninflammatory encephalopathy
  - Lumbar puncture: normal protein and cell counts
  - Elevation of blood ammonia level
- 與aspirin使用有關

## Viral myocarditis - I

- Myocarditis may be predominantly elicited without viral pneumonia.
- The onset of acute carditis starts on day 4 to 7 of the onset of viral symptoms.
  - Patients may have worsening shortness of breath or recurrence after initial improvement.
  - chest pain or palpitations.

## Viral myocarditis - II

- ECG finding: sinus tachycardia, atrial or ventricular arrhythmias, conduction abnormalities, and non-specific S and T wave abnormality
- Troponin I has high specificity (89%) and low sensitivity (34%) in adults presenting with acute myocarditis.



**Figure 2.** Diagram for diagnosis and treatment of acute viral myocarditis.

Thanks for your attention!