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 MONKEYPOX VIRUS WAS SO NAMED BECAUSE IT WAS FIRST DETECTED IN CAPTIVE MONKEYS

- MONKEYPOD WAS FIRST RECOGNIZED BY VON MAGNUS IN COPENHAGEN IN 1958
- 1970 THE FIRST CASE IN AFRICA AND 2003 NONENDEMIC CASES IN U.S
- MPOX (MONKEYPOX) IS A VIRAL ILLNESS CAUSED BY THE MONKEYPOX VIRUS, A SPECIES OF THE GENUS ORTHOPOXVIRUS (SUBTYPE OF POXVIRIDEA)
- VARIOLA & MPOX ARE IN THE SAME SPECIES



- SEROSURVEYS AND VIROLOGIC INVESTIGATIONS IN THE 1980S BY SPORADICALLY INFECTED
 - WHO INDICATED THAT MONKEYS ARE SPORADICALLY INFECTED, AS ARE HUMANS
 - THREE-FOURTHS OF CASES, MAINLY IN CHILDREN YOUNGER THAN 15 YEARS RESULTED FROM ANIMAL CONTACT



- HUMAN MONKEYPOX HAS A SECONDARY
 ATTACK RATE OF 9% AMONG UNVACCINATED
 CONTACTS WITHIN HOUSEHOLDS
- IN 2003 MONKEYPOX INFECTION OF HUMANS WAS IDENTIFIED IN THE UNITED STATES AS A RESULT OF EXPOSURE TO ILL DOGS, PROBABLY INFECTED AFTER EXPOSURE TO INFECTED WEST AFRICAN SMALL MAMMALS IMPORTED AS EXOTIC PETS



• PERSON-TO-PERSON TRANSMISSION OF MPOX CAN OCCUR THROUGH DIRECT CONTACT WITH INFECTIOUS SKIN, MOUTH OR GENITALS; THIS INCLUDES CONTACT WHICH IS:

- FACE-TO-FACE (TALKING OR BREATHING)
- SKIN-TO-SKIN (TOUCHING OR VAGINAL/ANAL SEX)
- MOUTH-TO-MOUTH (KISSING)
- MOUTH-TO-SKIN CONTACT (ORAL SEX OR KISSING THE SKIN)
- RESPIRATORY DROPLETS OR SHORT-RANGE AEROSOLS FROM PROLONGED CLOSE CONTACT



• ANIMAL TO HUMAN TRANSMISSION OF MPOX OCCURS FROM INFECTED ANIMALS TO HUMANS FROM BITES OR SCRATCHES, OR DURING ACTIVITIES SUCH AS HUNTING, SKINNING, TRAPPING, COOKING



• PEOPLE CAN CONTRACT MPOX FROM
CONTAMINATED OBJECTS SUCH AS CLOTHING
OR LINENS, THROUGH SHARPS INJURIES IN
HEALTH CARE, OR IN COMMUNITY SETTING SUCH
AS TATTOO PARLORS



- THE PATHOGENESIS OF HUMAN MONKEYPOX IS SIMILAR TO SMALLPOX (IN CYTOPLASM OF CELL AND VIREMIA)
- AN ACUTE FEBRILE EXANTHEM WITH AN INCUBATION PERIOD OF ABOUT 12 DAYS.
- DURING THE INCUBATION PERIOD, THE VIRUS IS DISTRIBUTED INITIALLY TO INTERNAL ORGANS AND THEN TO THE SKIN
- THE MAIN DIFFERENCES ARE A GREATER DEGREE OF

 LYMPHADENOPATHY AND A LOWER CAPACITY FOR HUMAN

 CASE-TO-CASE SPREAD.

- MPOX CAUSES SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS WHICH USUALLY BEGIN *WITHIN A WEEK* BUT CAN START 1–21 DAYS AFTER EXPOSURE (12 DAYS).
- SYMPTOMS TYPICALLY *LAST 2–4 WEEKS* BUT MAY LAST LONGER IN SOMEONE WITH A WEAKENED IMMUNE SYSTEM
- MORTALITY RATE: 3-6%



- COMMON SYMPTOMS OF MPOX ARE:
- RASH
- FEVER
- SORE THROAT
- HEADACHE
- MUSCLE ACHES
- BACK PAIN
- LOW ENERGY
- SWOLLEN LYMPH NODES.

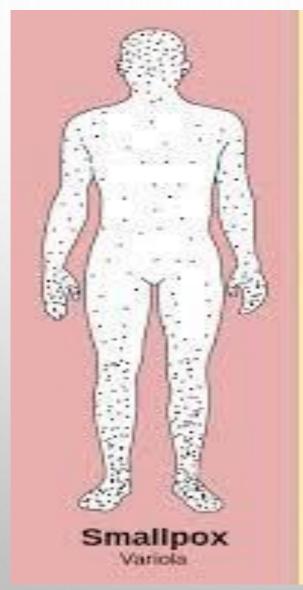
- IN SOME CASES, *THE FIRST SYMPTOM* OF MPOX IS A RASH, WHILE OTHERS MAY HAVE DIFFERENT SYMPTOMS FIRST.
 - THE *RASH BEGINS AS* A FLAT SORE WHICH DEVELOPS INTO A BLISTER FILLED WITH LIQUID AND MAY BE ITCHY OR PAINFUL.
 - AS THE RASH HEALS, THE LESIONS DRY UP, CRUST OVER AND *FALL OFF*.

- SOME PEOPLE MAY HAVE ONE OR A FEW SKIN LESIONS AND OTHERS HAVE HUNDREDS OR MORE. THESE CAN APPEAR ANYWHERE ON THE BODY SUCH AS THE:
- PALMS OF HANDS AND SOLES OF FEET
- FACE, MOUTH AND THROAT
- GROIN AND GENITAL AREAS
- ANUS

- PEOPLE WITH MPOX *ARE INFECTIOUS* AND CAN PASS THE DISEASE ON TO OTHERS *UNTIL* ALL SORES HAVE *HEALED AND A NEW LAYER OF SKIN HAS FORMED*.
- CHILDREN, PREGNANT PEOPLE, PEOPLE WITH WEAK IMMUNE SYSTEMS AND MULTI PARTNERS ARE AT RISK FOR MOR TRANSMISSION AND COMPLICATIONS FROM MPOX.

- TYPICALLYFOR MPOX, FEVER, MUSCLE ACHES AND SORE THROAT APPEAR FIRST.
- THE MPOX RASH BEGINS ON THE FACE AND SPREADS OVER THE BODY, HOWEVER ITS POSSIBLE TO BEGIN IN OTHER SITES
- OVER 2-4 WEEKS IN STAGES : MACULES, PAPULES, VESICLES, PUSTULES, CRUSTED AND FALL OFF
- LESIONS *DIP IN THE CENTER BEFORE CRUSTING OVER* ,SCABS THEN FALL OFF.
- LYMPHADENOPATHY (SWOLLEN LYMPH NODES) IS A CLASSIC FEATURE OF MPOX. (LYMPHADENOPATHY, WHICH INVOLVES THE SUBMANDIBULAR, CERVICAL, AND SUBLINGUAL REGIONS)



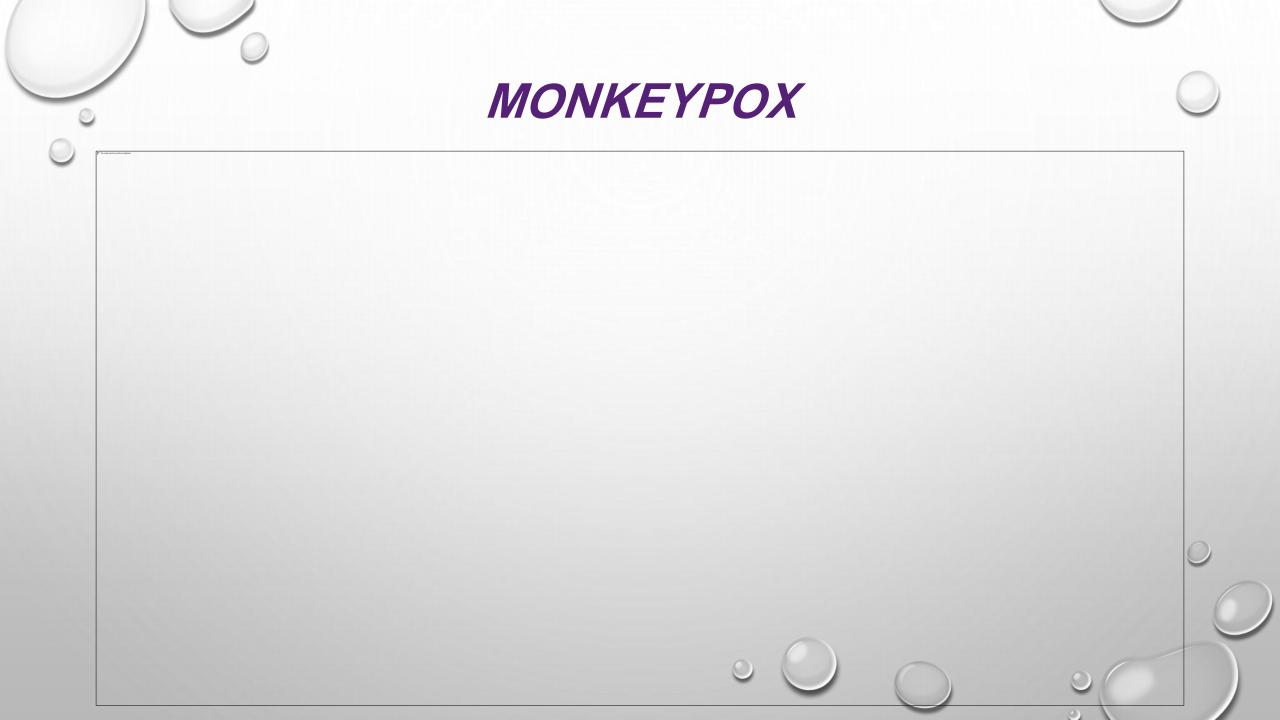












- SKIN CAN BECOME INFECTED WITH BACTERIA LEADING TO ABSCESSES OR SERIOUS SKIN DAMAGE.
- OTHER COMPLICATIONS INCLUDE PNEUMONIA, CORNEAL INFECTION WITH LOSS OF VISION; PAIN OR DIFFICULTY SWALLOWING, VOMITING AND DIARRHEA; SEPSIS; INFLAMMATION OF THE BRAIN (ENCEPHALITIS), HEART (MYOCARDITIS), RECTUM (PROCTITIS), GENITAL ORGANS (BALANITIS) OR URINARY PASSAGES (URETHRITIS), OR DEATH.

- PERSONS WITH IMMUNE SUPPRESSION ARE AT HIGHER RISK OF SERIOUS ILLNESS AND DEATH
- PEOPLE LIVING WITH *HIV* THAT IS NOT WELL-CONTROLLED OR TREATED MORE OFTEN DEVELOP SEVERE DISEASE.

TABLE 132.1 Differential Diagnosis of Febrile Vesicular Pustular Rash Illnesses That May Be Confused With Smallpox

DISEASE	CLUES
Varicella	Most common in children younger than 10 years; children do not usually have a viral prodrome
Disseminated herpes zoster	Immunocompromised or elderly persons; rash looks like varicella, usually begins or erupts in dermatomal pattern
Impetigo (Streptococcus pyogenes, Staphylococcus aureus)	Honey-colored crusted plaques with bullae are classic but may begin as vesicles
Drug eruptions	Exposure to medications
Erythema multiforme minor	Target or bull's-eye lesions; often follows systemic viral infections such as herpes simplex virus; may include palms and soles
Erythema multiforme (including Stevens-Johnson syndrome)	Involves conjunctivae and mucous membranes

Enteroviral infections (especially hand-foot-and-mouth disease)	Seasonal—summer and fall
Disseminated herpes simplex virus	Similar to varicella
Scabies and insect bites	Pruritus; patient not febrile
Molluscum contagiosum	May disseminate in immunosuppressed individuals
Generalized vaccinia	History of vaccination with smallpox vaccine or contact with vaccinated individual
Monkeypox	Travel to endemic area; animal exposure

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- IT IS IMPORTANT TO DISTINGUISH MPOX FROM CHICKENPOX, (DDX)
- CHICKEN POX
- MEASLES,
- BACTERIAL SKIN INFECTIONS,
- SCABIES,
- · HERPES,
- SYPHILIS,
- OTHER SEXUALLY TRANSMISSIBLE INFECTIONS,
- MEDICATION-ASSOCIATED ALLERGIES



- DETECTION OF VIRAL DNA BY POLYMERASE CHAIN REACTION (PCR) IS THE PREFERRED LABORATORY TEST FOR MPOX.
- THE *BEST DIAGNOSTIC* SPECIMENS ARE TAKEN DIRECTLY FROM THE *RASH SKIN, FLUID OR CRUSTS* COLLECTED BY VIGOROUS SWABBING.
- IN THE ABSENCE OF SKIN LESIONS, TESTING CAN BE DONE ON OROPHARYNGEAL, ANAL OR RECTAL SWABS.
- TESTING BLOOD IS NOT RECOMMENDED.
- ANTIBODY DETECTION METHODS MAY NOT BE USEFUL AS THEY DO NOT DISTINGUISH BETWEEN DIFFERENT ORTHOPOXVIRUSES.

TREATMENT AND VACCINATION

- THE GOAL OF TREATING MPOX IS TO TAKE CARE OF THE RASH, MANAGE PAIN AND PREVENT COMPLICATIONS. EARLY AND SUPPORTIVE CARE IS IMPORTANT
- GETTING AN MPOX VACCINE CAN HELP PREVENT INFECTION. THE VACCINE SHOULD BE GIVEN WITHIN 4 DAYS OF CONTACT WITH SOMEONE WHO HAS MPOX (OR WITHIN UP TO 14 DAYS IF THERE ARE NO SYMPTOMS). (IN 2 DOSES)

• THE VACCINE IS RECOMMENDED FOR PEOPLE AT HIGH RISK TO GET VACCINATED, ESPECIALLY DURING AN OUTBREAK. *THIS INCLUDES:*

- I. HEALTH WORKERS AT RISK OF EXPOSURE
- II. MEN WHO HAVE SEX WITH MEN
- III. PEOPLE WITH MULTIPLE SEX PARTNERS
- IV. SEX WORKERS.

• PERSONS WHO HAVE MPOX SHOULD BE CARED FOR AWAY FROM OTHER PEOPLE.

• SEVERAL ANTIVIRALS, SUCH AS TECOVIRIMAT,
ORIGINALLY DEVELOPED TO TREAT SMALLPOX
HAVE BEEN USED TO TREAT MPOX AND FURTHER
STUDIES ARE UNDERWAY

SELF-CARE AND PREVENTION

- MOST PEOPLE WITH MPOX WILL RECOVER WITHIN 2-4 WEEKS.
- DO
- STAY HOME AND IN OWN ROOM IF POSSIBLE
- FACE MASK AND COVER LESIONS IN CLOSE CONTACT UNTIL RASH HEALS
- KEEP SKIN DRY AND UNCOVERED (UNLESS IN A ROOM WITH SOMEONE ELSE)
- AVOID TOUCHING ITEMS IN SHARED
- USE SALTWATER RINSES FOR SORES IN THE MOUTH
- TAKE SITZ BATHS OR WARM BATHS WITH BAKING SODA OR EPSOM SALTS FOR BODY SORES
- TAKE OVER-THE-COUNTER MEDICATIONS FOR PAIN LIKE PARACETAMOL (ACETAMINOPHEN) OR IBUPROFEN.