

Acute pharyngitis and tonsillitis

Pharyngitis refers to inflammation of the pharynx, including erythema, edema, exudates, or an enanthem (ulcers, vesicles).

Pharyngeal inflammation could be due to:

- infectious agents.
- environmental exposures, such as tobacco smoke, air pollutants.
- contact with caustic substances, hot food, and liquids.
- various inflammatory conditions such as:

((Periodic Fever, Aphthous stomatitis, Pharyngitis, and Adenitis (PFAPA) syndrome)), Kawasaki disease, inflammatory bowel disease, Stevens-Johnson syndrome, and systemic lupus erythematosus.

time in children

VIRUSES	BACTERIA
Adenovirus	Streptococcus pyogenes (Group A streptococcus) mc.
Coronavirus	Arcanobacterium haemolyticum
Cytomegalovirus	Fusobacterium necrophorum
Epstein-Barr virus	Corynebacterium diphtheriae
Enteroviruses	Neisseria gonorrhoeae
Herpes simplex virus (1 and 2)	Group C streptococci
Human immunodeficiency virus	Group G streptococci
Human metapneumovirus	Francisella tularensis
Influenza viruses (A and B)	Yersinia pestis
Measles virus part of paramo.	Chlamydia pneumoniae
Parainfluenza viruses	Chlamydia trachomatis
Respiratory syncytial virus	Mycoplasma pneumoniae
Rhinoviruses	Mixed anaerobes (Vincent angina)

BACTERIAL CAUSES

- Group A Streptococcus**
- Streptococcal pharyngitis is relatively uncommon before 2-3 yr of age, is quite common among children 5-15 yr old.
- Illness occurs throughout the year but is most prevalent in winter and spring.
- GAS causes 15-30% of pharyngitis in school-age children.
- Spread via respiratory particle droplets - NO school attendance until 24 hours after initiation of appropriate antibiotic therapy. You can infect other.
- Colonization result in asymptomatic carriage or acute infection.
- The M protein is the GAS virulence factor that facilitates resistance to phagocytosis. The M protein is immunogenic; an individual can experience multiple episodes of GAS pharyngitis in a lifetime because natural immunity is M type-specific and we have numerous GAS M types (90 types).

30-40% → GAS → chronic carrier. Many serotypes.

SCARLET FEVER

Fine red, papular ("sandpaper") rash of scarlet fever. It begins on the face and then becomes generalized. With circumoral pallor. The rash blanches with pressure and it may be more intense in skin creases, especially in the antecubital fossae, axillae, and inguinal creases (Pastia's lines or Pastia's sign). The tongue initially is "white" then "red" strawberry tongue.



DIAGNOSIS

- FEATURE, BY SUSPECTED ETIOLOGIC AGENT
- Group A Streptococcal** → antibiotic → to prevent cardiac complication [rheumatic fever]
 - Sudden onset of sore throat
 - Age 5-15 yr
 - Fever
 - Headache
 - Nausea, vomiting, abdominal pain
 - Tonsillopharyngeal inflammation
 - Patchy tonsillopharyngeal exudates
 - Palatal petechiae
 - Anterior cervical adenitis (tender nodes)
 - Winter and early spring presentation
 - History of exposure to strep pharyngitis
 - Scarlatiniform rash
 - Viral**
 - Conjunctivitis ✓
 - Coryza ✓
 - Cough ✓
 - Diarrhea ✓
 - Hoarseness ✓
 - Discrete ulcerative stomatitis ✓
 - Viral exanthema ✓
- no nasal symptoms in group A strep

DIAGNOSIS

- Streptococcal antibody tests are not useful in assessing patients with acute pharyngitis.
 - Throat culture and rapid antigen-detection tests (RADTs) are the diagnostic tests for GAS.
 - Throat culture remains the gold standard for diagnosing streptococcal pharyngitis.
 - Because RADTs are generally less sensitive than culture, confirming a negative rapid test with a throat culture is recommended.
 - A child who is chronically colonized with GAS (streptococcal carrier) can have a positive culture if it is obtained when the child is evaluated for pharyngitis that is actually caused by a viral infection.
 - Testing for bacteria other than GAS is performed infrequently, and should be reserved for patients with persistent symptoms. Immune deficiency.
 - Polymerase chain reaction can identify a variety of viral and bacterial agents within a few hours.
 - A CBC or blood film showing many atypical lymphocytes and a positive mononucleosis slide agglutination test (monospot test) can help to confirm a clinical diagnosis of Epstein-Barr virus.
- ↑ lymphocytosis → mononucleosis

RECURRENT PHARYNGITIS

- True recurrent GAS pharyngitis can occur for several reasons:
 - reinfection with the same M type if type-specific antibody has not developed;
 - poor compliance with oral antibiotic therapy;
 - macrolide resistance if a macrolide was used for treatment;
 - infection with a new M type.
- Treatment with intramuscular benzathine penicillin eliminates non-adherence to therapy.
- Recurrent GAS pharyngitis is rarely, if ever, a sign of an immune disorder.
- Recurrent pharyngitis can be part of an autoinflammatory syndrome, neutropenia, recurrent fever syndrome, or an autoimmune disease.

COMPLICATIONS

- Acute bacterial middle ear infections and acute bacterial sinusitis.
- Local suppurative complications, such as parapharyngeal abscess.
- Nonsuppurative illnesses (immunological), such as ARF, APSGN, poststreptococcal reactive arthritis, and possibly PANDAS (pediatric autoimmune neuropsychiatric disorders associated with S. pyogenes) or CANS (childhood acute neuropsychiatric symptoms).

TREATMENT

- Specific therapy is unavailable for most viral pharyngitis.
- An oral antipyretic/analgesic agent (acetaminophen or ibuprofen) can relieve fever and sore throat pain.
- Systemic corticosteroids are used in children with mononucleosis. upper airway obstruction.
- Oral penicillin is often suggested for patients with group C streptococcal isolates and oral erythromycin is recommended for patients with A. haemolyticum.

GAS TREATMENT

- Most untreated episodes of GAS pharyngitis resolve uneventfully within 5 days, but early antibiotic therapy hastens clinical recovery by 12-24 hr.
- Antibiotic therapy should not be delayed for children with symptomatic pharyngitis and a positive GAS RADT or throat culture.
- The primary benefit and intent of antibiotic treatment is the prevention of acute rheumatic fever (ARF): it is highly effective when started within 9 days of onset of illness. Antibiotic therapy does not prevent acute post-streptococcal glomerulonephritis (APSGN).
- Presumptive antibiotic treatment can be started when there is a clinical diagnosis of scarlet fever, a symptomatic child has a household contact with documented streptococcal pharyngitis, or a history of ARF in the patient or a family member, but a diagnostic test should be performed to confirm the presence of GAS.

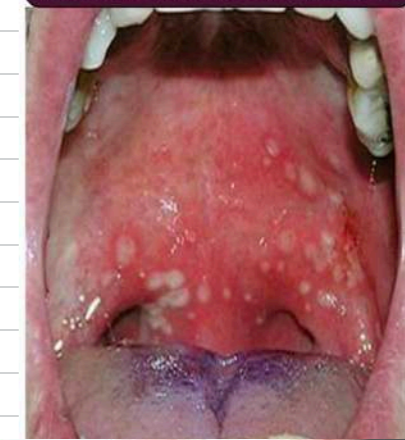
GAS TREATMENT

- Group A streptococci are universally susceptible to penicillin, amoxicillin and all other β-lactam antibiotics.
- The duration of oral penicillin and amoxicillin therapy is 10 days.
- A single intramuscular dose of benzathine penicillin or a benzathine-procaine penicillin G combination.
- Patients allergic to penicillin can be treated with course of a narrow-spectrum (first generation) cephalosporin (cephalexin or cefadroxil) if the previous reaction to penicillin was not an immediate, type I hypersensitivity reaction. Mostly are treated for 10 days with erythromycin, clarithromycin, or clindamycin, or for 5 days with azithromycin.

Chronic group A streptococcus carriers

- It is usually unnecessary to attempt to eliminate chronic carriage. Instead, evaluation and treatment of pharyngitis should be undertaken without regard for chronic carriage, treating test-positive patients in routine fashion and avoiding antibiotics in patients who have negative tests.
- Expert opinion suggests that eradication might be attempted in select circumstances:
 - a community outbreak of ARF or APSGN, or in a closed or semiclosed community, nursing home or long-term care facility;
 - personal or family history of ARF;
 - when tonsillectomy is being considered because of chronic carriage or recurrent streptococcal pharyngitis.
- Clindamycin given by mouth for 10 days is effective therapy.

papulovesicular ulcerations in the posterior oropharynx, severe throat pain, and fever are characteristic of herpangina.



Gingivostomatitis and ulcerating vesicles in the anterior pharynx seen in primary oral herpes simplex virus.



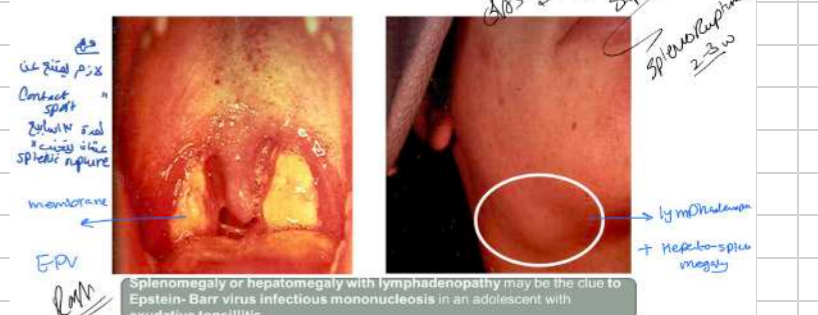
In hand-foot-mouth disease; vesicles or ulcers throughout the oropharynx, vesicles on the palms and soles, and sometimes on the trunk and extremities; Coxsackie A16 is the most common agent.

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Infectious Mononucleosis



Splenomegaly or hepatomegaly with lymphadenopathy may be the clue to Epstein-Barr virus infectious mononucleosis in an adolescent with exudative tonsillitis.