

# ENTAMOEBA HISTOLYTICA



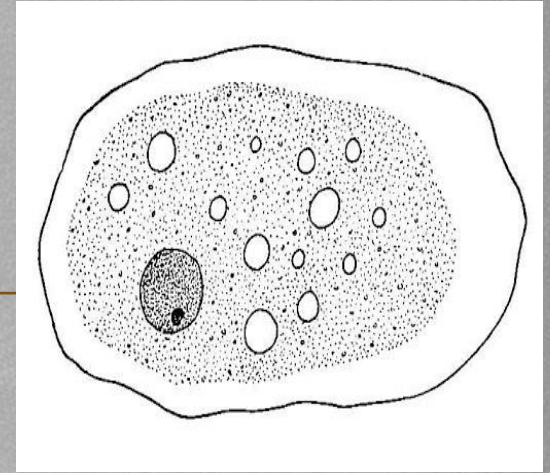
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# TAXONOMY CLASSIFICATION



Kingdom	Protozoa
Phylum	Protozoa
Subphylum	Sarcodina
Superclass	Rhizopoda
Class	Lobosa - amoebas, amibes
Order	Amoebida
Family	Entamoebidae
Genus	Entamoeba
Species	Entamoeba histolytica Schaudinn, 1903

# SOME IMPORTANT POINTS



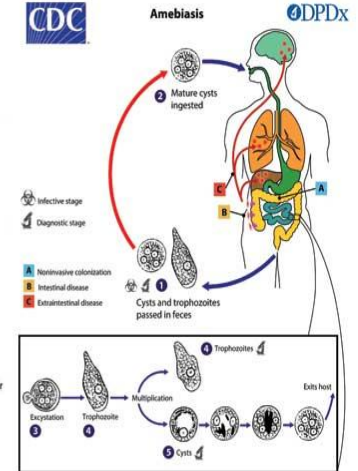
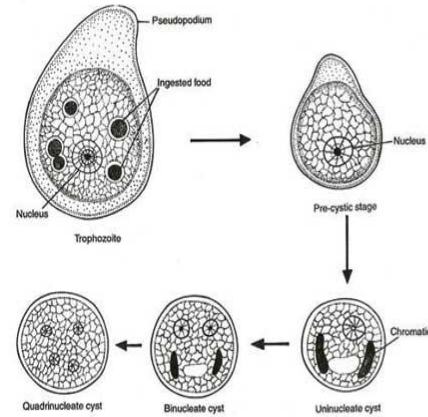
**Entamoeba histolytica is a common  
parasite in the large intestine of  
humans & other primates.**

# BASIC CHARACTERS:



- ❖ Geographical Distribution :  
Cosmopolitan
- ❖ Morphological structure: includes three stages
  - ❖ 1.Active amoeba
  - ❖ 2.Inactive cyst
  - ❖ 3.Intermediate precyst

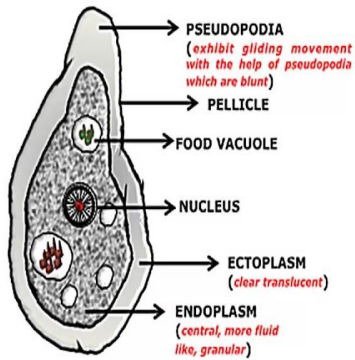
# MORPHOLOGICAL VIEW



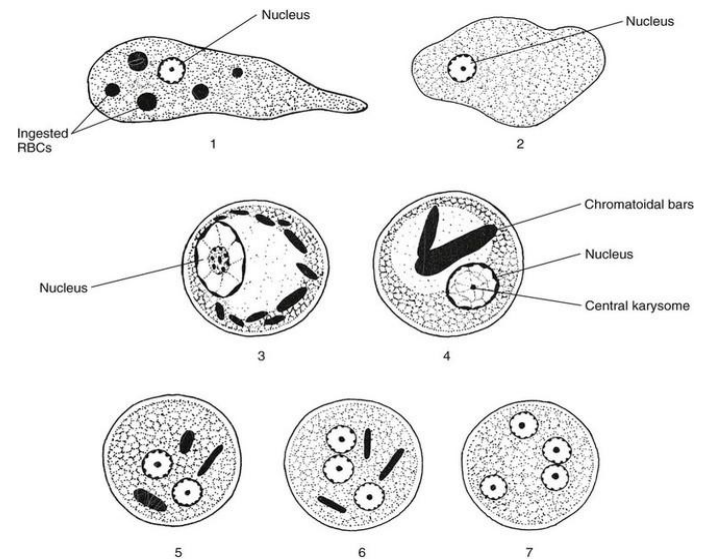
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## Trophozoite



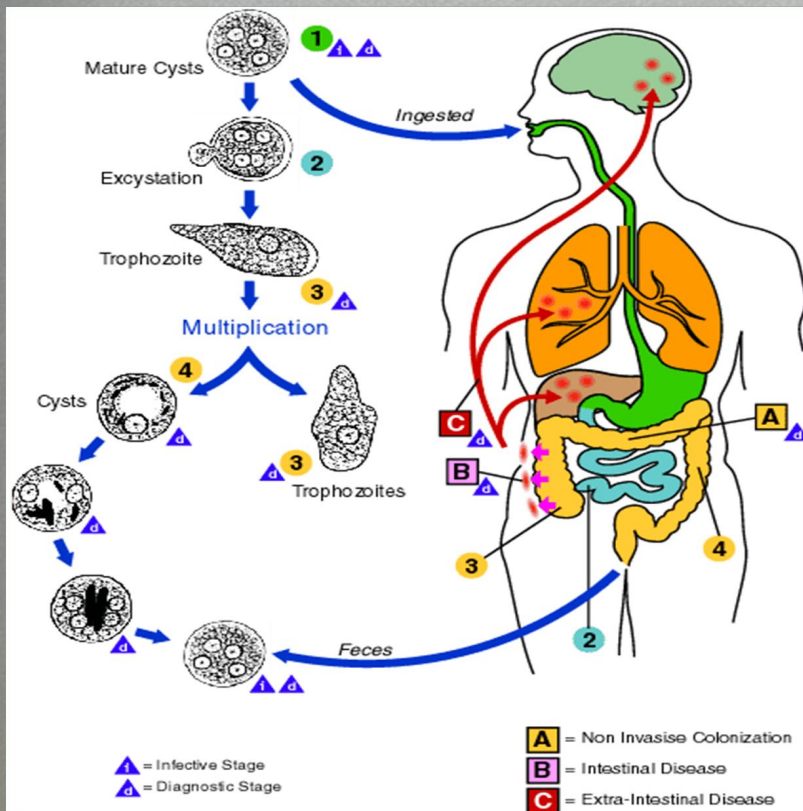
Quadri-nucleate cyst

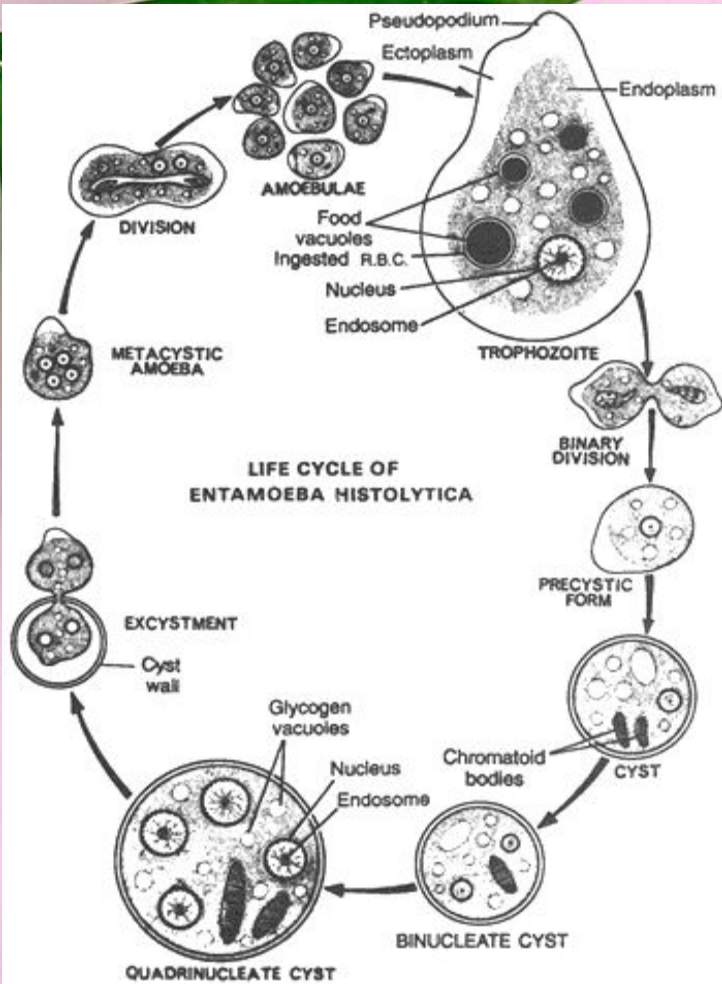




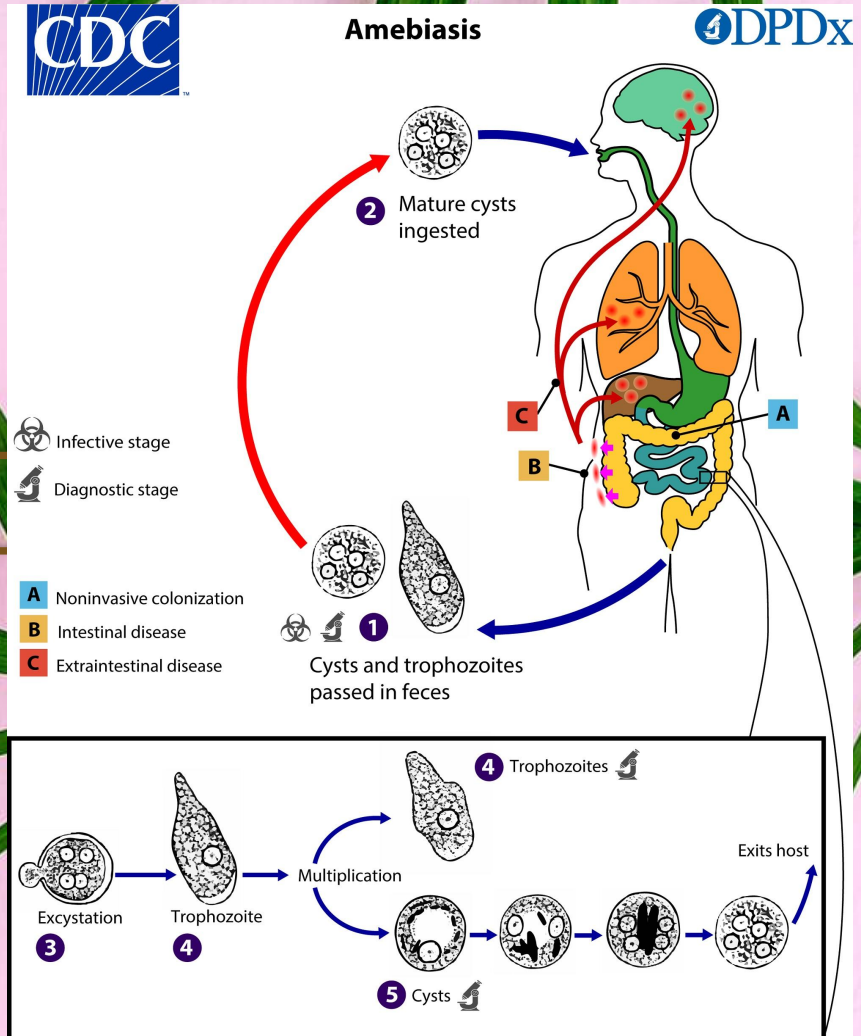
# LIFE CYCLE:

Cysts and trophozoites are passed in feces (1). Cysts are typically found in formed stool, whereas trophozoites are typically found in diarrheal stool. Infection by *Entamoeba histolytica* occurs by ingestion of mature cysts (2) in fecally contaminated food, water, or hands. Excystation (3) occurs in the small intestine and trophozoites (4) are released, which migrate to the large intestine. The trophozoites multiply by binary fission and produce cysts (5), and both stages are passed in the feces (1). Because of the protection conferred by their walls, the cysts can survive days to weeks in the external environment and are responsible for transmission.





*Entamoeba histolytica* : Reproductive and life history





# PATHOGENICITY

## Facultative Pathogenicity of *Entamoeba histolytica*

- 1875 Lösch correlated dysentery with amebic trophozoites
- 1925 Brumpt proposed two species: *E. dysenteriae* and *E. dispar*
- 1970's biochemical differences noted between invasive and non-invasive isolates
- 80's/90's several antigenic and DNA differences demonstrated
  - rRNA 2.2% sequence difference
- 1993 Diamond and Clark proposed a new species (*E. dispar*) to describe non-invasive strains
- 1997 WHO accepted two species


All pathogenic amoeba species have in common the capability to phagocytose bacteria, erythrocytes, and cell detritus. The major virulence factors are adhesins, toxins, amoebapores, and proteases, which lead to the lysis, death, and destruction of a variety of cells and tissues in the host. *E. histolytica*, as its name suggests (histo-lytic = tissue destroying), is pathogenic; infection can be asymptomatic or can lead to amoebic dysentery or amoebic liver abscess.



# HOW ENTAMOEBA HISTOLYTICA AFFECT HUMAN BEINGS



Usually, the illness lasts about 2 weeks, but it can come back if you do not get treated. Sep 22, 2018.  
Entamoeba histolytica is an ameba that feeds on cells in the human colon. It is the cause of amebic dysentery (bloody diarrhea) as well as colonic ulcerations. The infection is also referred to as amebiasis.



## AMOEBIASIS

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**Amoebiasis** is also called as amebic dysentery. It is an intestinal illness caused by a parasite, **Entamoeba histolytica**. This parasite lives in the intestines and produces eggs (cysts) which are passed from the body in the stool.

# SYMPTOMS



Amebiasis facts  
loose stools,  
mild abdominal cramping,  
frequent, watery, and/or bloody stools with severe abdominal  
cramping (termed amoebic dysentery) may occur,  
flatulence,  
appetite loss, and  
fatigue.

# TREATMENT & CARE



Metronidazole is the drug of choice for symptomatic, invasive disease; paromomycin is the drug of choice for noninvasive disease. Because parasites persist in the intestines of 40-60% of patients treated with metronidazole, this drug should be followed with paromomycin to cure luminal infection

## Metronidazole & Tinidazole

**Metronidazole** is the drug of choice in the treatment of extraluminal amebiasis.

It kills trophozoites but not cysts of *E histolytica* and effectively eradicates intestinal and extraintestinal tissue infections.

**Tinidazole**, have similar activity and better toxicity profile than metronidazole.

# PREVENTION & CONTROL

## Prevention & Control

### Primary prevention

- Safe excreta disposal
- Safe water supply
- Hygiene
- Health education

### Secondary

- Early diagnosis
- Treatment

Improved sanitation will help to reduce the likelihood of transmission. Travelers to endemic areas can reduce the risk of infection by drinking bottled water, not using ice cubes in drinks, and washing fruits and vegetables with clean water (or by peeling them yourself).

# CLINICAL FEATURES

## Clinical aspect

### **\*Asymptomatic infection.**

The infected persons are usually healthy carriers who excrete millions of cysts / day without any clinical symptoms. Very dangerous as a source of infection and spread.

### **\*symptomatic infection:**

#### **1- Intestinal Amoebiasis**

A- acute dysentery (diarrhea alternating with constipation, tenesmus with blood & mucucus in stool).

B- chronic non-dysenteric amoebiasis.

#### **2- extra-intestinal amoebiasis:**

The trophozoites may disseminate via blood to other extra-intestinal sites e.g. in the liver, lung, brain ... etc.

THANKYOU FOR  
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