

INVASIVE FUNGAL INFECTIONS IN ICU

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Pleurotus They grow on wood or debris. The stem is either lateral or almost absent



Mycena Very small species with thin stems and mainly conical caps. Some exude a liquid on breaking the stem



Russula Very common in woods, often bright colours. The gills and flesh are brittle, the gills white or creamy

Lactarius Exude droplets of milky-white or coloured liquid when damaged

Collybia The gills are very numerous (crowded). The stem is fibrous

Oudemansiella This one has a deep root



Melanoleuca The caps are normally flat with a central umbo. The stem is fibrous



Cantharellus The Chanterelles have gill-like wrinkles rather than gills

Clitocybe The gills run down the stem (decurrent) in most of the species



Tricholoma Brown, grey, white or yellow. Generally thick-fleshed with a stout appearance

Armillaria Grows on or near trees, very often in large clumps

Amanita They all have a bag (volva) or a bulb with a rim at the stem base. Most have a ring on the stem

Laccaria The main species are very common. The stem is fibrous

Lepiota & Macrolepiota Usually have rings the stem and scales on the cap. Some are very large, some small

Marasmius Mostly small and white with tough flesh. This one is the Fairy Ring Champignon



Poisonous Mushroom

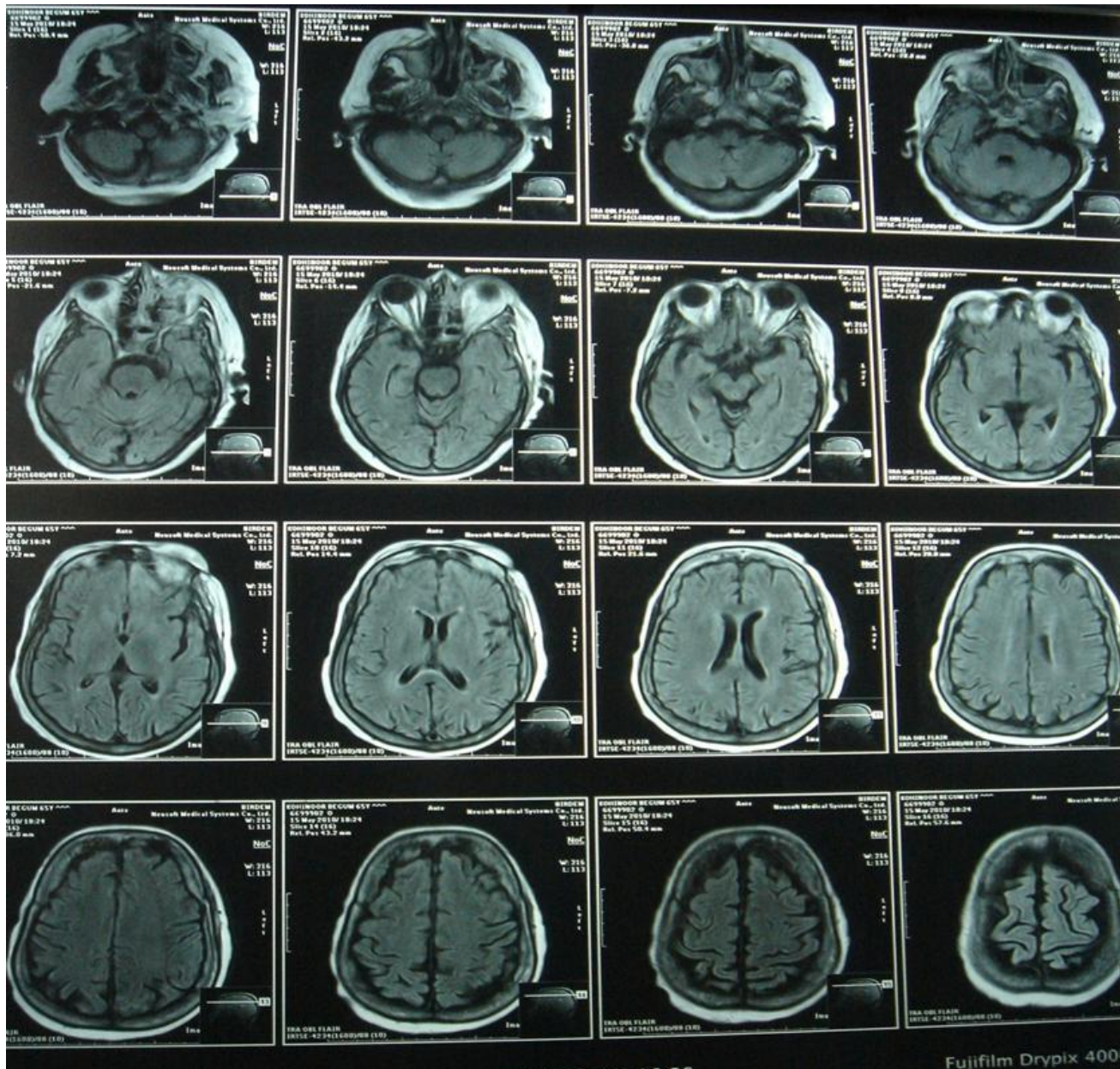


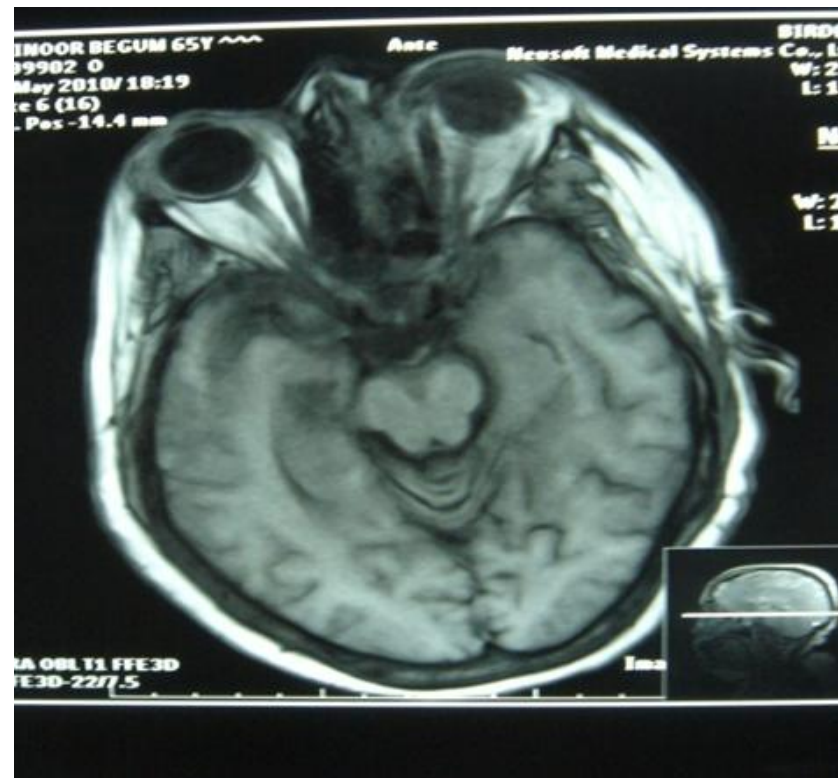


Case 1

- 65-years old lady
- HTN (15 yrs)
- Adult Still's Disease (2 mon)
- Prednisolone (40mg/day)
- Fever & swelling of left eye for 7 days
- Altered level of consciousness for 1 day
- RBS → 32 mmol/L
- DKA
- Grade III unconscious







Rhinocerebral Mucormycosis

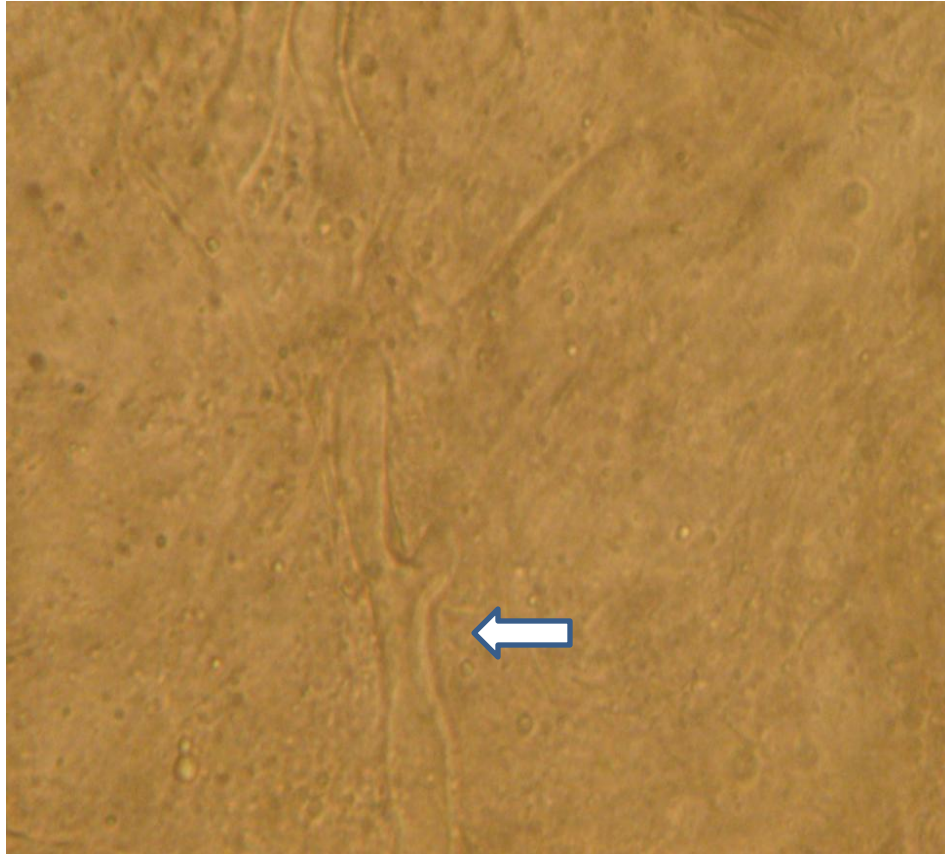


Fig: Broad aseptate fungal hyphae in direct sample under Microscopy

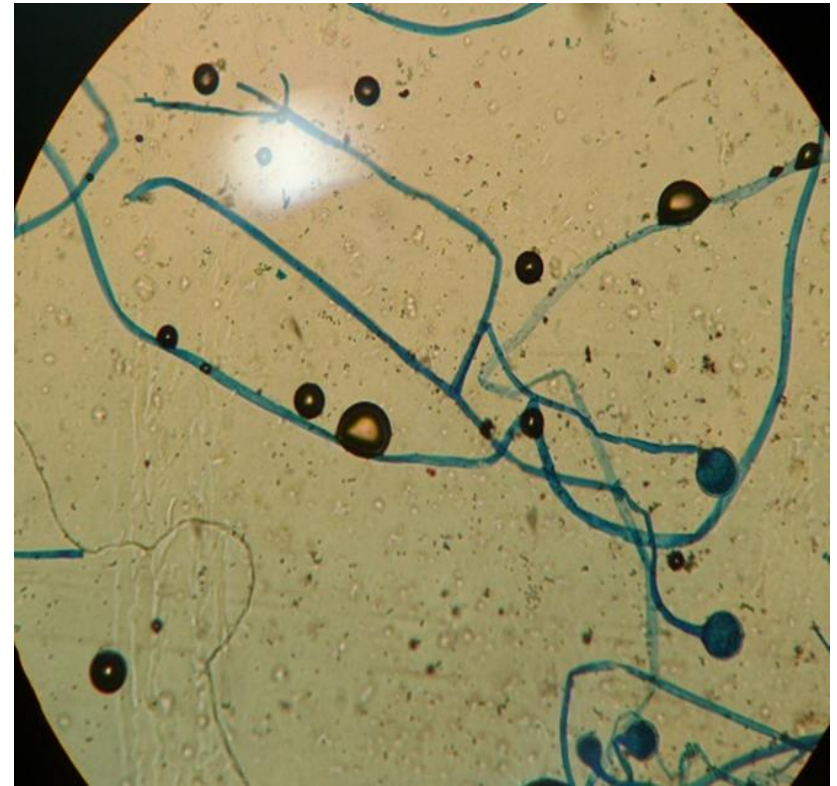
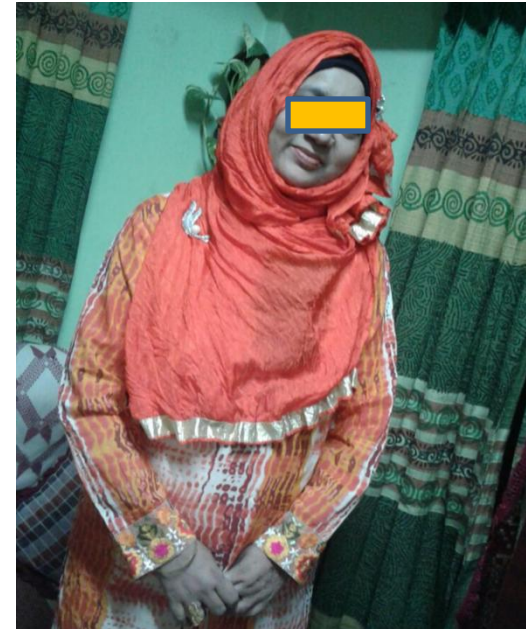


Fig: Fungal hyphae with sporangia from culture growth with fungal stain under Microscopy

Case 2

- 45-year-old diabetic lady, Home maker
- Sub-acute intestinal obstruction, DKA
- Type II resp failure
- Blood C/S → *Esch. Coli*
- After 7 days of ICU admission,
Septic shock, AKI
- Blood C/S → *Candida albicans*
- Anidulafungin



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Why is it important?

- **Increasing problem**
- **Mortality higher than bacterial infection**
- **Early diagnosis is challenging**
- **Delay in diagnosis & treatment increases mortality**
- **New strategies for recognition & treatment**

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- **Therapeutic approaches**

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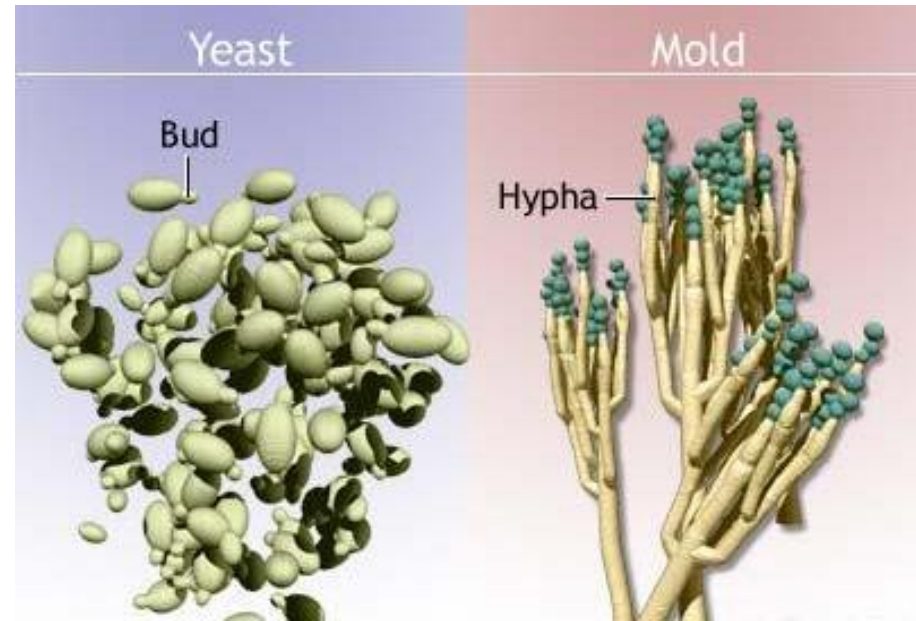
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Fungal Biology

- ✱ **Eukaryotes**
- ✱ **Non-motile**
- ✱ **Aerobic**
- ✱ **Saprophytic or parasitic**
- ✱ **Glucan, Mannan & Chitin in cell wall**
- ✱ **Ergosterol in cell membrane**



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Classification of Fungal infection

Anatomical Location:

- **Muco-cutaneous**

Morbidity high

Mortality low/nil

- **Invasive infection**

Morbidity high

Mortality very high

Epidemiology:

- **Endemic**

Acquired from environment

True pathogenic fungi

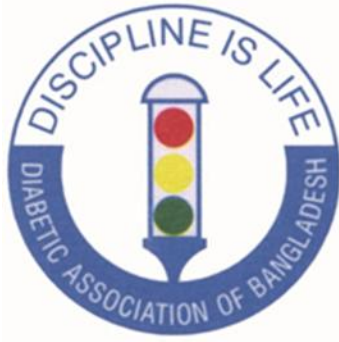
- **Opportunistic**

Acquired ubiquitously

Fungi that are part of normal flora

Incidence & Trends

- EPIC II study revealed that 19% of pathogens isolated in ICU patients were fungi.
- *Candida spp* are predominantly isolated followed by *Aspergillus spp*.
- Candidaemia is the 4th most common nosocomial ICU BSI in U.S.A., and between 6th & 10th cause in European studies.



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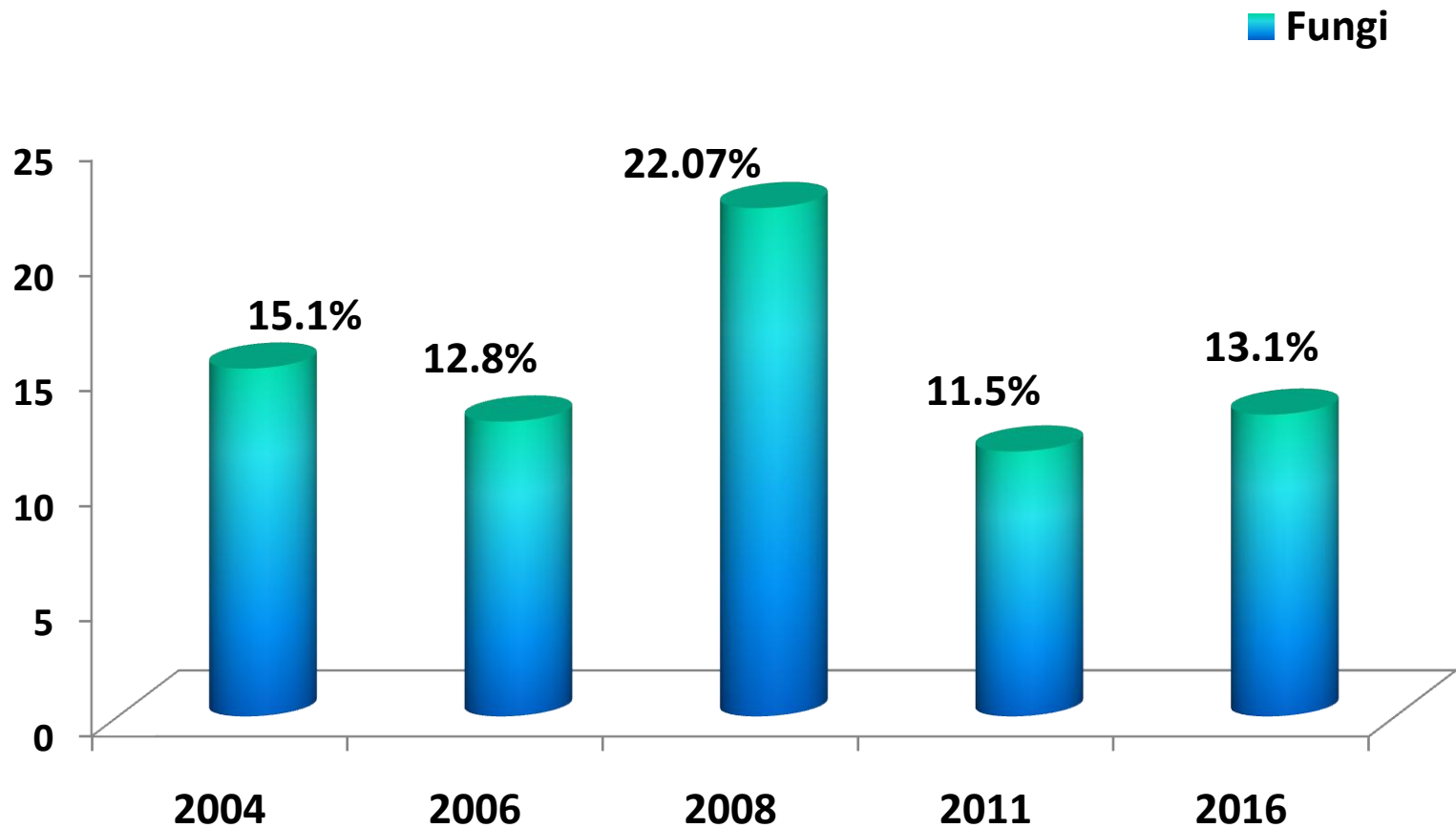
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স্বাস্থ্য অধিদপ্তরের মহাপরিচালক অধ্যাপক আবুল কালাম আজাদ প্রথম আলোকে বলেন, বারডেম হাসপাতাল বাংলাদেশের গর্ব। বারডেম বাংলাদেশে ডায়াবেটিসের আধুনিক চিকিৎসা ও ডায়াবেটিস সম্পর্কে আনন্দের সূচনা করেছে। বড় মানুষকে তারা বছরের পর বছর সেবা দিয়ে যাচ্ছে। স্বাস্থ্য খাতে বেসরকারি অবদানের এটি এক উজ্জ্বল দৃষ্টান্ত।

Fungal Infection in BIRDEM ICU



Samples include sputum/tracheal aspirates, blood, pus/wound swab, pleural/peritoneal fluid & urine

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Risk Factors for Invasive Fungal Infection in the ICU

Immunocompromise

**Respiratory
Compromise**

Invasive Procedures

General

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**HIV
Neutropenia
Chemotherapy
DM
Burns
Malnutrition**

**Hematological Malignancy
HSC Transplant
Immunosuppressant Use
Liver disease
Renal failure & RRT**

Immunocompromise

**Respiratory
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Invasive Procedures

General

Suppurative Lung Disease
COPD
Tracheal intubation
Mechanical Ventilation

Immunocompromise

**Respiratory
Compromise**

Invasive Procedures

General

**Central venous catheter
Parenteral nutrition
Urinary catheterization
Intraperitoneal catheter
Implanted prosthetics & devices**

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**Increased use of broad spectrum antibiotics
IV drug misuse
Length of stay in ICU
Gut lumen contamination of body
compartments**

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Common Fungal Infections in ICU

ENDEMIC MYCOSES

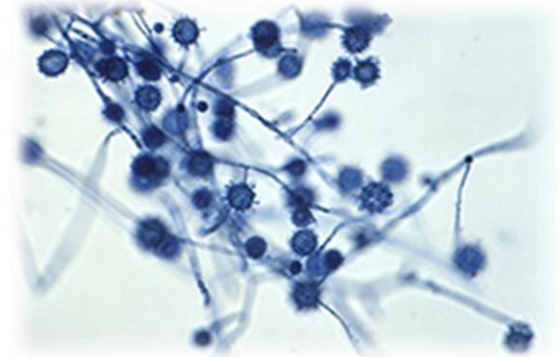
- Histoplasmosis
- Blastomycosis
- Coccidioidomycosis

OPPORTUNISTIC INFECTIONS

- Candida
 - Aspergillus
 - Mucor
 - Cryptococcus
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TRUE PATHOGENIC FUNGI

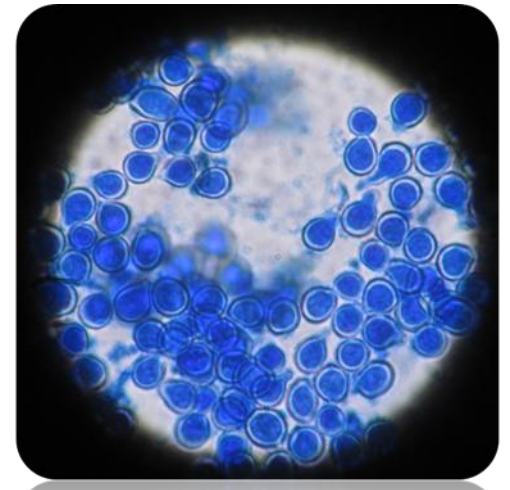
Histoplasmosis



- ◆ *Histoplasma capsulatum*
- ◆ Portal of entry: Respiratory tract
- ◆ Mild, severe & Chronic pulmonary disease, Disseminated histoplasmosis
- ◆ Ag in urine, blood or BAL. Bone marrow biopsy
- ◆ Self limited
- ◆ Amphotericin B, followed by Itraconazole

Blastomycosis

- ✿ CAP not responding to antibiotics
- ✿ Meninges, Skin, Bones, Genitourinary tract
- ✿ Fungus in resp secretions
- ✿ Open lung biopsy
- ✿ Amphotericin B,
followed by Itraconazole



OPPORTUNISTIC FUNGI

Candida

☀ *C. albicans*

☀ *C. parapsilosis*

☀ *C. tropicalis*

☀ *C. glabrata*

☀ *C. krusei*

☀ *C. dubliniensis*

Non-albicans



Candidaemia

Disseminated hematogenous infections

Chronic disseminated candidiasis

Laboratory Diagnosis

✦ **Microscopy: Wet preparation, KOH preparation**

✦ **Culture**

✦ **Histopathologic identification**

✦ **Newer:**

- Mannan kits
- 1,3 β D glucan
- PCR
- MALDI-TOF
- PNA-FISH

Prediction of Invasive Candidiasis

Year	ICU	Design	Number	Independent Determinants	Score
1994	Surgical	Prospective 1-center	29	Colonization, APACHE II score	Colonization index >0.5
2003	Surgical	Retrospective	221	Female, upper GIT, cardiac failure, previous antibiotics	Any 3 factors
2003	CTS	Prospective 1-center	150	Ventilation, nosocomial bacterial infection, DM, cardiopulm bypass time > 2 hours	-
2004	Surgical	Prospective cohort	478	Colonization	Colonization index >0.4
2005	Medical	Prospective 1-center	92	Colonization	Colonization index >0.5
2005	Surgical	Prospective cohort	327	DM, hemodialysis, TPN, antibiotics	Positive score
2006	All	Prospective multicenter	1,699	Colonization, surgery, severe sepsis	Candida score >2.5
2007	All	Retrospective multicenter	2,890	ICU stay, CVC, antibiotics, TPN, dialysis, surgery, steroids	Positive score
2009	All	Prospective multicenter	1,107	Colonization, surgery, TPN, severe sepsis	Candida score ≥3
2009	All	Retrospective multicenter	64,019	Age, prior hospitalization, ventilation, altered mental status	Simple equal weight score

Candida Score

Variable	Points
Multifocal Candida spp colonization	1
Surgery on ICU admission	2
Severe sepsis	1
Total parenteral nutrition	1

- ✓ Cut-off of 2.5: sensitivity 81%, specificity 74% in the initial study
- ✓ Cut-off of <3.0 can be used as a negative predictive value in non-neutropenic ICU patients

Critically ill patient

Fungal infection

Suspected

Proven

Blood cultures (+) or
biopsy (+)

Targeted treatment according to

- guidelines
- local epidemiology

How to select the antifungal agent?

Hemodynamically unstable patient?

YES

Echinocandins

Stabilized patient?
Susceptible isolate?

Consider step-down according
to *Candida* spp isolates
Fluconazole or Voriconazole

Empirical treatment

Pre-emptive treatment

Risk factors (+)
Clinical signs (-)
Biomarkers (-)
Mycology (-)

Prophylaxis with
Fluconazole

Risk factors (+)
Clinical signs (±)
Biomarkers (+)

Risk factors (+)
Clinical signs (+)

Echinocandins

Alternative
- L-Ampho B

Azole resistance
Local epidemiology
Colonization
Recent azole exposure

YES

NO

Fluconazole

Fig. 1 Suggested algorithm for the management of candidiasis in the ICU patient.

Treatment of Documented Candidiasis

Antifungal	Diseases
Echinocandins	Candidaemia, Empirical in ICU patients, Intra-abdominal
Azoles	Prophylactic in ICU patients, Osteoarticular infection, Endophthalmitis, Oro-pharyngeal, Oesophageal, Symptomatic cystitis & pyelonephritis,
Amphotericin B	CNS infection, Chronic disseminated candidiasis, Intravascular Candidiasis, Suppurative thrombophlebitis, Neonatal candidiasis

- **Consecutive blood cultures should be obtained.**
- **Treatment should be continued for 14 days after the 1st negative blood cultures.**
- **Central venous catheters & /or implanted devices should be removed.**
- **Fundoscopic examination must be done.**

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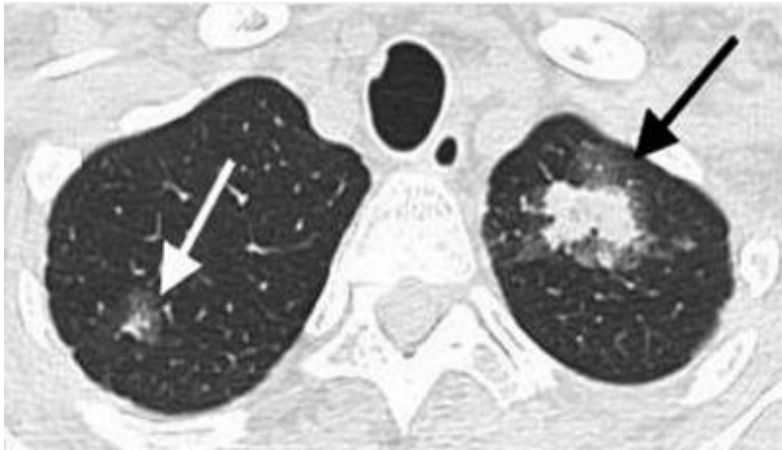
Aspergillosis

- *A. fumigatus*, *A. flavus*, *A. niger*, *A. nidulans* etc
- Wide environmental distribution
- Incidence: 0.1% to 10%
- Mortality: 17%
- Sino-pulmonary involvement, Angioinvasive aspergillosis, Endocarditis, Osteomyelitis



Laboratory Diagnosis

- ✓ Cultures
- ✓ Biopsies
- ✓ Radiological findings
- ✓ Galactomannan
- ✓ β D glucan
- ✓ PCR



Treatment

- ✓ Voriconazole: IV followed by oral
- ✓ Amphotericin B followed by oral voriconazole
- ✓ Salvage therapy: Caspofungin, or Posaconazole
- ✓ Galactomannan test: marker of effectiveness of therapy
- ✓ Adjunctive therapies: G-CSF, γ IFN
- ✓ Surgical resection

Mucormycosis

- ❏ *Rhizopus, Rhizomucor, Mucor*
- ❏ May affect any organ: Sinuses, Brain, Skin, Lungs, & GIT
- ❏ Typically affects immunocompromised hosts, esp DKA
- ❏ Prompt surgical debridement with Amphotericin B

Cryptococcosis

- @ *C. neoformans*, *C. gattii*

- @ CNS, Lungs

- @ Immunocompetent patients:

 - Fluconazole/Itraconazole for mild disease

 - Amphotericin B \pm Flucytosine

- @ Immunocompromised patients:

 - Fluconazole/Itraconazole for pulmonary dis.

 - Amphotericin B + Flucytosine in CNS involvement



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Traditional Methods

Microscopy

Culture

Gold standard

Not positive always

Radiography

Classic signs may be absent in patients with immunosuppression

Histopathology

Challenging to obtain

Rapid Diagnostic Tests

Test	Application	Sensitivity	Specificity	Limitations
β -D glucan	<i>Candida</i> <i>Aspergillus</i>	57%-97%	56%-93%	False +ve
Mannan Ag Anti-Mannan Ab	<i>Candida spp</i>	Ag: 58% Ab: 59% Comb: 83%	Ag: 93% Ab: 83% Comb: 86%	+ve results later in disease course
Galactomannan	<i>Aspergillus</i> & some other molds	Serum: 71% BAL:76-88%	Serum: 89% BAL: 87-100%	False +ve
Nucleic acid PCR	All species But available currently for <i>Candida</i> only	96%	97%	Unavailable for many organisms

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Anti Fungal Drugs

- ✚ **Azole: Itraconazole, Fluconazole, Voriconazole, Posaconazole**
- ✚ **Polyenes: Amphotericin B deoxycholate, Liposomal AmB**
- ✚ **Echinocandins: Caspofungin, Micafungin, Anidulafungin**
- ✚ **Antimetabolites: Flucytosine**
- ✚ **Allyamines: Terbinafine**
- ✚ **Miscellaneous: Griseofulvin**
- ✚ **Future options:**
 - Isavuconazole, Ravuconazole, Albaconazole, Mycograb (human recombinant monoclonal Ab)

Spectrum of Anti-fungal drugs

Drugs	<i>C.albicans</i>	<i>C.para</i>	<i>C.glab</i>	<i>Aspergillus</i>	<i>Mucorales</i>	<i>Crypto</i>
AZOLE						
Fluconazole	S	S	SDd-R	R	R	S
Itraconazole	S	S	SDd-R	S	R	Ms
Posaconazole	S	S	SDd-R	S	S	S
Voriconazole	S	S	SDd-R	S	R	S
POLYENE						
AmB	S	S	S	S*	S	S
ECHINO						
Capsofungin	S	Rc	S	S	R	R
Micafungin	S	Rc	S	S	R	R
Anidulafungin	S	Rc	S	S	R	R
PYRIMIDINE						
Flucytosine	S	S	S	R	R	S

S=susceptible, SDd-R= Susceptible depending on dose, S*= not all spp are susceptible,
R=Resistant, Ms=modest activity, Rc=Resistant depending on concentration

Mortality

- **Invasive Candidiasis → 40% to 60% in ICU patients
& 80% to 90% for patients with septic shock**
- **Invasive Aspergillosis → 60% to 90% in ICU patients**

Current Practices & Challenges in Bangladesh

Local epidemiology of IFI in ICU	Candida
Diagnosis	Microscopy, Culture
Commonly prescribed antifungals	Fluconazole, Itraconazole
Local published data: Epidemiology , Treatment & Outcome	Sporadic case reports
Gaps in current practice	Awareness- both in Intensivists/ Clinicians & Microbiologists Rapid diagnostic tests, AST Expensive treatment

Take Home Message

- ❖ **Candidiasis is the leading Invasive Fungal Infection in ICU patients followed by Aspergillosis & Mucormycosis**
- ❖ **Increased clinical vigilance, a multifaceted diagnostic approach & timely use of anti-fungals are necessary to reduce the mortality & morbidity.**
- ❖ **Bangladesh may be experiencing increased load of opportunistic fungal infections in ICUs.**

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