

Wuchereria bancrofti-As pathogwnic helminth (part-3)



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Wuchereria bancrofti-pathogenicity



- The pathogenesis of *W.bancrofti* infection is dependent on the immune system and inflammatory responses of the host.
- Its infection causes wuchereriasis ,commonly called filariasis.
- Mode of infection- through the bite of mosquito.
- Transmitting agent –female mosquito

Vector and microfilariae



Flariasis



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Pathogenesis—

- Light infection produces no serious symptoms.
- It causes filarial fever, mental depression, headache etc.
- In heavy infection, accumulation of living or dead worms
- Eventually blocks the lymphatic vessels and glands, resulting
- In various pathological conditions.

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- It results in the immense swelling of the affected body parts termed elephantiasis or filariasis.
- Due to lymphatic obstruction lymph can not get back into circulatory system, accumulates into organs and causes them to swell (lymphodema)

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- Generally lower limbs ,scrotum in male, legs and mammary glands are affected.
- People with elephantiasis will have chances of more bacterial infection in the skin and lymph system.
- This causes hardening and thickening of the skin.

Filariasis and skin infection



Thank You

