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Toxoplasmosis

Overview

What is it

Toxoplasmosis: The Parasite That Reduces Brain Functioning (& Where It Comes From) What is toxoplasmosis and how is it caused? Toxoplasmosis is an infection caused by the parasite *Toxoplasma gondii*. It can be contracted through contaminated food, water, or soil, or through contact with cat feces. What are the symptoms of toxoplasmosis? In healthy individuals, toxoplasmosis is often asymptomatic. When symptoms occur, they can include swollen lymph nodes, muscle aches, and fatigue. Severe cases, especially in immunocompromised individuals, can cause damage to the eyes, brain, and other organs. How is toxoplasmosis diagnosed? Diagnosis is usually made through blood tests that detect *Toxoplasma gondii* antibodies, indicating past or present infection. Can toxoplasmosis affect pregnancy? Yes, toxoplasmosis can be transmitted from a pregnant woman to her fetus, potentially causing birth defects or miscarriage. Pregnant women are advised to avoid exposure to cat feces and raw meat. What is the treatment for toxoplasmosis? Treatment typically involves a combination of antibiotics such as pyrimethamine and sulfadiazine, along with folic acid. Treatment duration and necessity vary depending on the severity of the infection and the individual's immune status. How can toxoplasmosis be prevented? Preventive measures include cooking meat thoroughly, washing fruits and vegetables, practicing good hygiene, and avoiding exposure to cat feces, especially for pregnant women and immunocompromised individuals. Can toxoplasmosis be found in cats, and how can it be managed? Cats are the primary hosts of *Toxoplasma gondii*. Managing toxoplasmosis in cats involves keeping them indoors, feeding them cooked or commercial food, and maintaining clean litter boxes to reduce the risk of transmission to humans. Most healthy individuals with Toxoplasmosis do not show any symptoms or experience mild flu-like symptoms. However, the disease can be severe in individuals with weakened immune systems, such as those with HIV/AIDS or undergoing organ transplantation. Pregnant women who acquire Toxoplasmosis for the first time during pregnancy can pass the infection to their unborn child, leading to congenital toxoplasmosis. This can result in various complications such as eye damage, neurological disorders, or even stillbirth. Prevention of Toxoplasmosis involves maintaining good hygiene practices, such as washing hands thoroughly after handling raw meat or soil, cooking meat thoroughly, and avoiding contact with cat feces. Treatment options for the disease typically include antiparasitic medications to reduce the intensity of symptoms and prevent complications.

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Toxoplasmosis Toxoplasmosis is caused by the infectious parasite *Toxoplasma gondii*. The main causes of the disease include: Consuming undercooked contaminated meat, especially pork, lamb, and venison Ingesting food or water contaminated with *Toxoplasma* oocysts from cat feces Drinking unpasteurized milk Vertical transmission from a pregnant mother to her fetus Organ transplantation or blood transfusion from an infected donor

Toxoplasmosis General Symptoms Fever Fatigue Headache Muscle aches Sore throat Sweats Swollen lymph nodes Body rash Inflammation of the eyes
