Parasite Identification - Nematodes/Cestodes/Trematodes

Organism	Microscopy (Ova)	Worm	Vector/Reservoir	
Nematodes (Round Worms)				
Ascaris lumbricoides Diagnosis = stool wet prep in stool		anterior	LOEFFLER'S SYNDROME • A clinical syndrome characterized by	
Pulmonary infections may present as Loffler's syndrome GI Biliary obstruction/Ectopic infection (umbilical/hernia fistula, fallopian tubes, bladder, lungs, heart) Treat with Mebendazole + piperazine citrate (via NG tube) for intestinal/biliary obstruction		anterior	Mild respiratory symptoms Peripheral blood eosinophilia Transient, migratory pulmonary infiltrates Immune hypersensitivity to Ascaris lumbricoides and other parasites Affects people of all ages Clinical features The pulmonary manifestations begin approximately 9 to 12 days following ingestion Low-grade fever Nonproductive cough Dyspnea (mild to severe) Occasional hemoptysis	
Trichuris trichiura Diagnosis = wet prep for lemon shaped ova in stool Whip like tail embeds into mucosa Heavy infection = iron deficiency/GI signs, chronic colitis with growth retardation/rectal prolapse Treat with Albendazole		Trichuris trichiura (female) (male)		
Ancylostoma duodenale Necator americanus Human hookworms Diagnosis = wet prep of stool for ova Penetrate via skin when in contact with contaminated soil for >5 minutes (bare feet) 25% of world popn affected				

Vertical transmission – transplacental ro during breast feeding Skin rash 'ground itch'/Loffler's syndrome/iron deficient anaemia/protein energy malnutrition Treat with Mebendazole Strongyloides stercoralis Diagnosis = larvae in stool or duodenal aspirate Skin contact with infected soil -1/3 asymptomatic infection Skin rash/Lofflers syndrome/GI/hyper infection syndrome – autoinfection in immunocompromised: shock, severe abdominal pain, Gram- meningitis/septicaemia Treat – Tiabendazole (or Albendazole) Enterobius vermicularis (pin worm) Diagnosis = sellotape slide to collect perianal region –need 3 examinations for 90% detection Ova flattened on one side Screen all family members of infected indiv. Treat - Mebendazole

Ancylostoma braziliense Dog and cat hookworm causing cutaneous larva migrans - Causes erythematous, puritic, serpinginous skin lesion Burrow into skin – live in sandy soil Diagnosis = clinical +/- skin biopsy showing inflammatory infiltrates Treat - oral + topical tiabendazole/oral albendazole (3 - 7 days)/ivermectin single dose Toxocara canis = visceral larva migrans – fever, hepatomegaly, eosinophilia (usually infects dogs) mostly infects children <6rs, somegtimes seizures & ocular invol. Look for exposure to puppies, serology, larvae in tissues Treat - Usually no treatment, albendazole in severe, corticosteroids? Trichinella (spiralis, native, brotovi, pseudospiralis, nelsoni) Diagnosis = periorbital oedema/myositis/fever + history of ingestion of undercooked meat + antibodies + tests showing eosinophilia, LDH, ESR, CPK Treat - No real treatment, can try albendazole *Dracunculus medinensis* (guinea worm) Occurs after drinking contaminated water 1yr later females migrate to subcutaneous tissues of the legs – initially stinging papule on lower leg, vesiculates and ruptures = painful ulcer. Milky fluid contains larvae Treat – Tiabendazole + metronidazole

Wuchereria bancrofti/Brugia malay/ Brugia timori

Cause filiariasis – transmitted by infected mosquito

- W. bancrofti –tropics/subtropics =humans only
- B. malaya s&se asia = cats, primates+humans
- B. timori eastern Indonesia

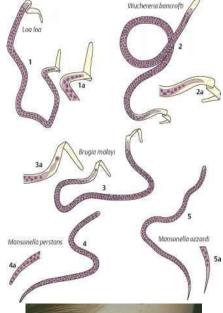
Acute:orchitis/epididymitis/lymphaneditis/ fever/headache/backache

Chronic hydrocele/lymphanedopathy – may progress to elephantiasis of the lower limb Chyluria if lymphatics burst into urinary tract Diagnosis = microfilariae in peripheral blood (take at midnight)

Treat – DEC/DEC-albendazole/Ivermectin

Head space is as long as it is wide Nuclei are well separated et numerous in body Body of microfilaria has sweeping curves Tail tapers to a point with no nuclei present Tail tapers around to two nuclei that appear to be connected by a fine thread Sheath stains pink-red with Geimsa stain and body is closely folded in an angular fashion

Filiariasis

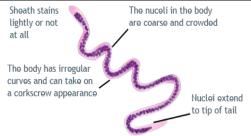






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Loiasis – characterised by transient subcutaneous swelling – W&C. Africa – day timemblood smear Calabar swellings – commonly found in joints, can migrate across subconjunctiva causing conjunctivitis – encephalopathy, arthritis, pleural effusion, retinopathyTreat – DEC-albendazole +/ivermectin (mass treat in endemic areas)



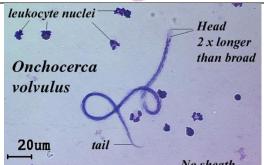




Onchocerca volvulus

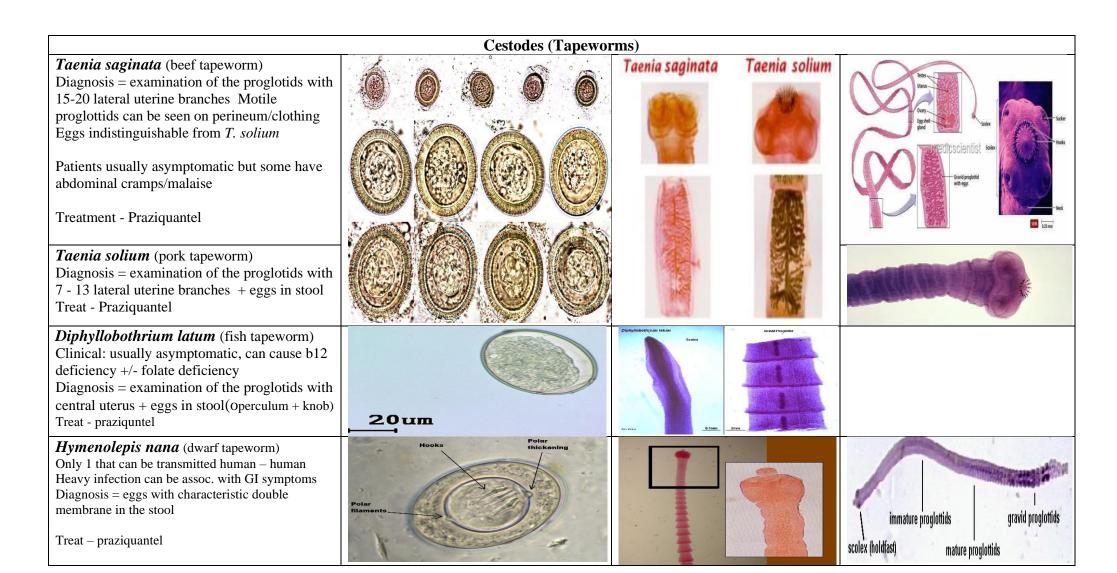
Presents – dermatitis, subcutaneous nodules. keratitis, choriodoretinitis. W.C.E Africa Diagnosis = microfilariae in skin snips or corneal/anterior chamber of the eye on slit lamp examination

Treat – DEC (severe Mazotti reactions can occur) or Ivermectin (neither kills adult worms) + vector control









Echinococcus (canine tapeworms)

Clinical – inadvertently cause visceral cysts in humans (*E. granulosus/E. vogeli* = hydatid cysts or *E. multilocularis* = alveolar cysts) *E. granulosus*: 50-70% hydatid cysts in liver, 20-

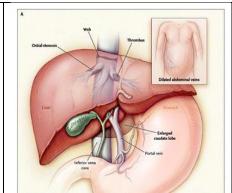
E. granulosus: 50-70% hydatid cysts in liver, 20-30% hydatid cysts in lungs – cysts can rupture causing severe allergic reaction

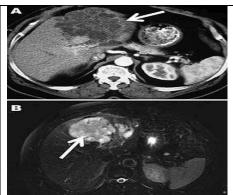
E. multilocularis = more aggressive, alveolar cysts, invade adjacent tissue & metastasis to distant organs (Budd-Chiari syndrome – hepatic vein obstruction) asymptomatic cysts monitored Treat–surgical resection cyst + albendazole 2yrs



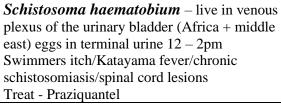
PAIR – Puncture Aspiration Injection and Reaspiration is less invasive than surgery







Trematodes (flukes)



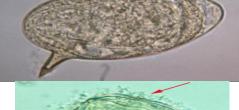
Schistosoma japonicum – live in portal venous system (far East) Kato smear of faeces Swimmers itch/Katayama fever/chronic schistosomiasis GI symptoms/hepatic schistosomiasis/CNS – 3% infection may present with space occupying lesions/seizures Treat - Praziquantel

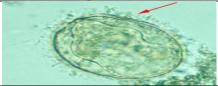
Schistosoma mansoni – live in portal vein system (Arabia, Africa, S.america, Carribean) Kato smear of faeces. Clinical as with S. *japonicum* but with spinal cord lesions instead of CNS. Treat - Praziquantel

Schistosoma mekongi SE Asia Kato smear of faeces. Clinical as with S. *japonicum* but with no CNS sometimes hepatosplenomegaly. Treat - Praziquantel

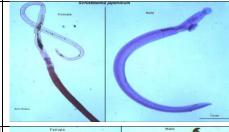


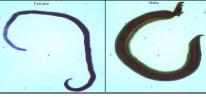


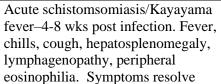


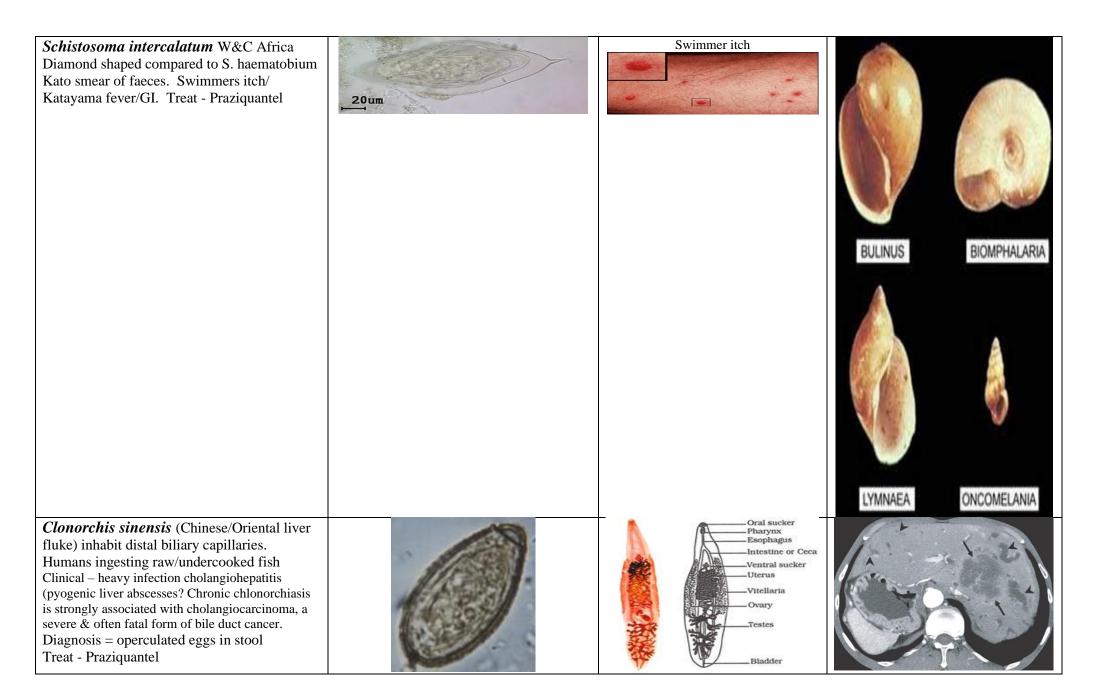




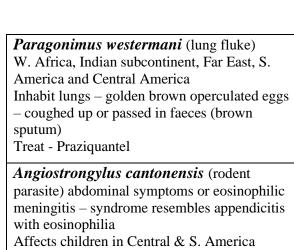








Opisthorcis felineus (common liver fluke of cats) SE Asia and Eastern Europe Diagnosis = eggs in stool Treat - Praziquantel	Clan,	- STANSON OF THE STAN	
Opisthorcis viverrini (common liver fluke of dogs) Thailand is associated with cholangiocarcinoma Diagnosis = eggs in stool Treat - Praziquantel		A B C	
Fasciola hepatica (liver fluke of sheep and cattle) – leaf shaped fluke – large oval yellow brown operculated eggs. Clinical hepatic phase and the chronic biliary obstruction/cirrhosis Diagnosis - bile/stool Treat - Triclabenazole			motile fesciola
Fasciolopsis buski (intestinal fluke) GI symptoms Ova in stool = diagnostic Treat - Praziquantel		adult	
Heterophyes heterphyes (intestinal fluke) Consumption of undercooked fish Nile delta/SE Asia/Far East Tiny flukes GI Diagnosis – operculated eggs in stool Treat - Praziquantel	Operculum 28-30 μ x 15-17 μ Abopercular knob	Oral sucker Pharyax Ventral sucker Ocnital sucker Uterus Ovary Testes adult size 1.0-1.7 mm x 0.3-0.7 mm Cuticular spines	



Anisakis

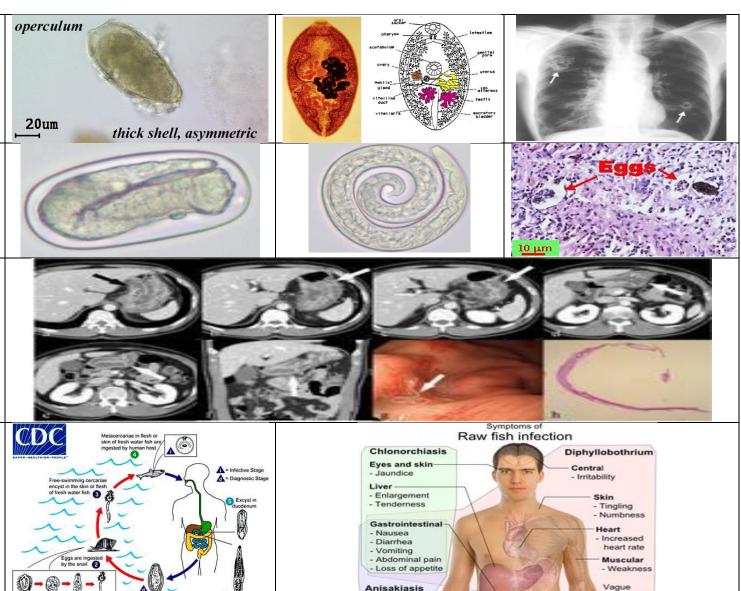
Parasite of marine mammals + humans infected when they ingest raw seafood – Netherlands & Japan Causes Anisakiasis usually with small intestine involvement – lower abdominal pain & obstruction. May become chronic with abdominal masses No treatment usually required

Treat – laparotomy DEC + tiabendazole

Phocanema

Parasite of marine mammals + humans infected when they ingest raw seafood – Netherlands & Japan Causes Anisakiasis usually with GI involvement abdominal pain, nausea & vomiting. May become chronic with abdominal masses

No treatment usually required



Sudden.

severe pain

abdominal

discomfort

Capillaria philippinensis
Ingestion of raw fish Philippines and Thailand
GI symptoms
Diagnosis – ova/larva in stool
Treat – mebendazole or albendazole





