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**PEDIATRIC INFECTIONS AND TREATMENT**

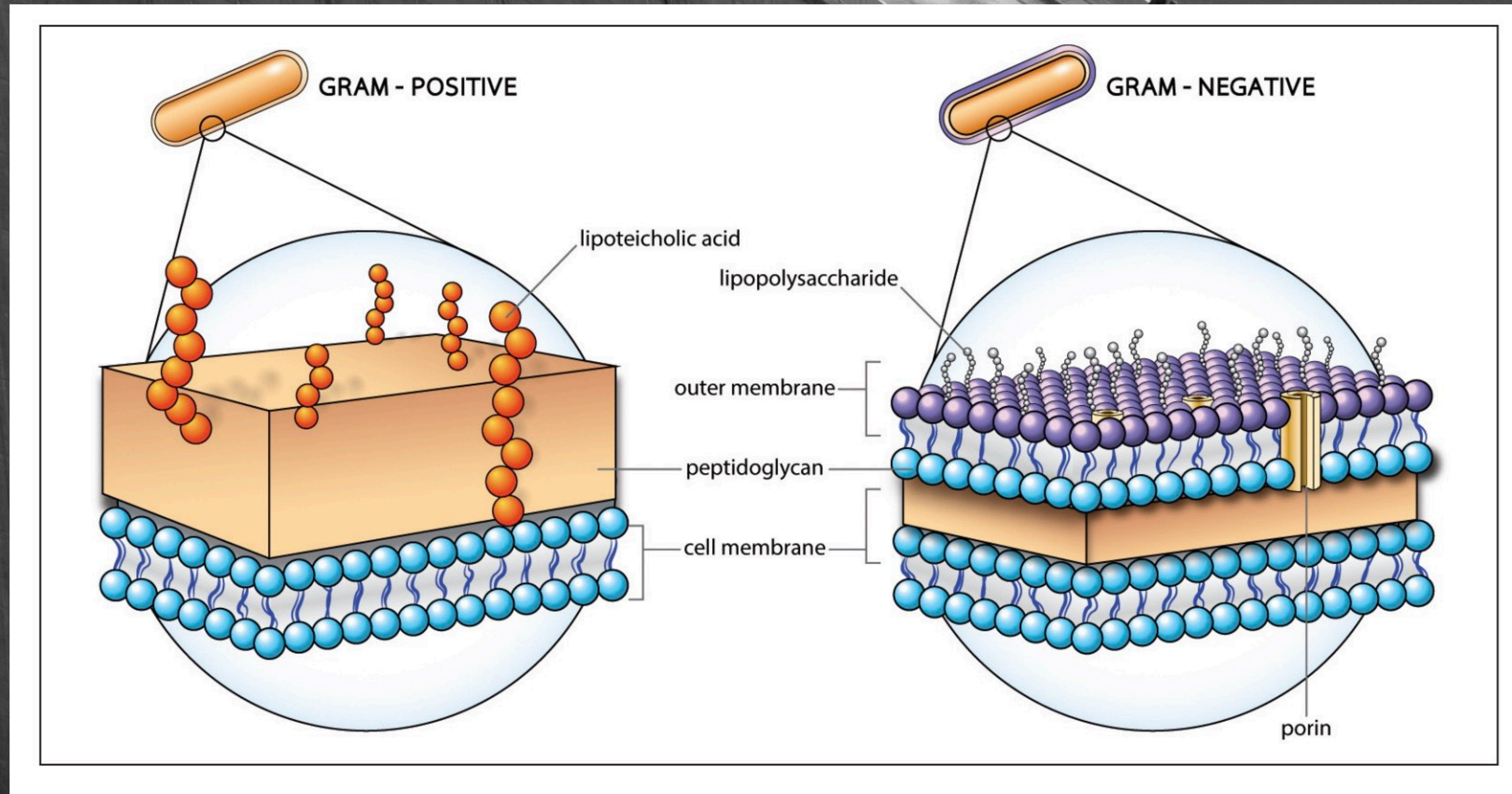


PART 1

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# ANTIBIOTICS IN OUTPATIENT PEDIATRICS

▶ Clinically Relevant Bacteriology





▶ Gram +

▶ Streptococcus

▶ Staphylococcus

▶ Enterococcus

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- ▶ Gram -


- ▶ E. Coli

- ▶ Salmonella

- ▶ Neisseria meningitidis

- ▶ Klebsiella

- ▶ Pseudomonas

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- ▶ **Pediatric Dosing and Administration in children**
  - ▶ Outpatient Considerations
    - ▶ Oral tolerability
    - ▶ Length of treatment and compliance
    - ▶ Allergies?
  - ▶ Inpatient Considerations
    - ▶ IV Access
    - ▶ Penetration



▶ **COMMON OUTPATIENT BACTERIAL INFECTIONS**



- ▶ Streptococcal Pharyngitis

- ▶ Group A streptococcus - *Streptococcus pyogenes*

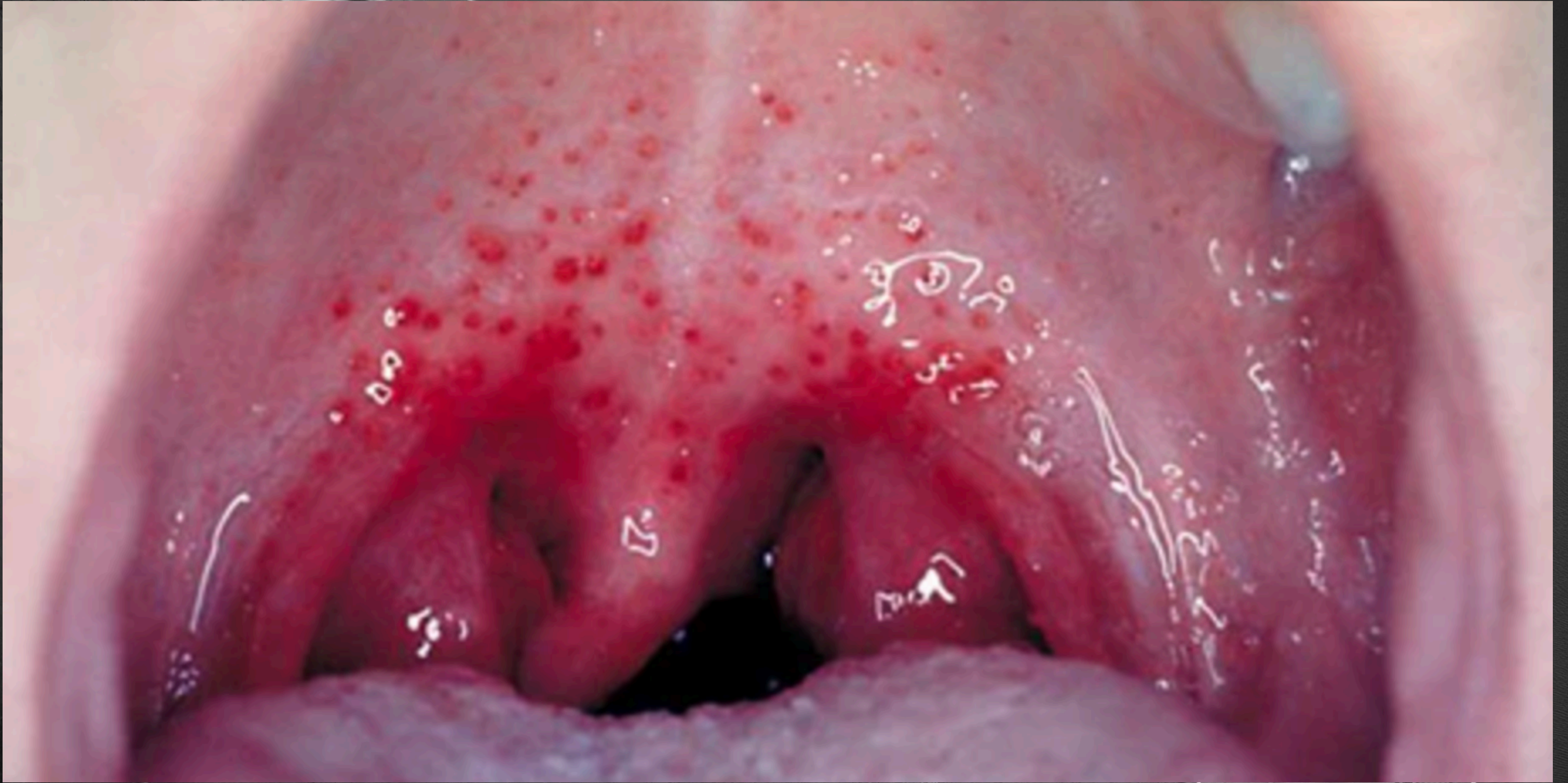
- ▶ Signs and Symptoms

- ▶ Fever, sore throat, headache, exudative tonsillitis, palatal petechiae, cervical lymphadenopathy

- ▶ No cough or runny nose

- ▶ Predominantly ages 5-15yo







- ▶ Complications

- ▶ Rheumatic fever, post-streptococcal glomerulonephritis, scarlet fever, tonsillar abscess

- ▶ Treatment Regimens

- ▶ Amoxicillin 50-75mg/kg Daily, BID, TID for 10 days
  - ▶ IM Benzathine penicillin X1
  - ▶ PCN allergic - erythromycin, azithromycin, clindamycin

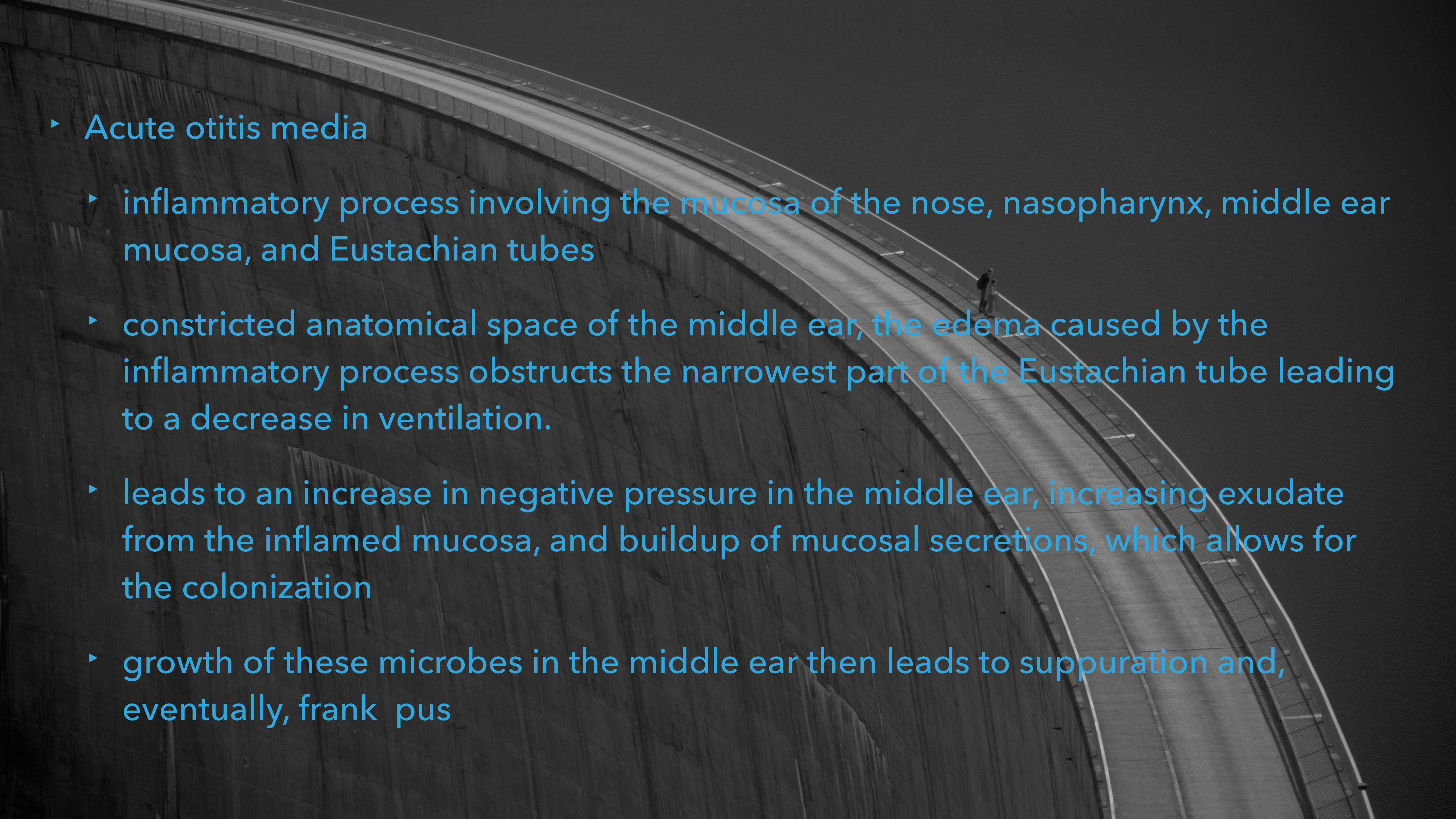


- ▶ Acute otitis media

- ▶ Streptococcus pneumoniae, Moraxella catarrhalis, and non-typeable Haemophilus influenzae

- ▶ Ear pain, fussiness, ear pulling, preceding URI, low grade fever

- ▶ More common in children under 2 especially in daycare or with older siblings in school

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- ▶ Acute otitis media
    - ▶ inflammatory process involving the mucosa of the nose, nasopharynx, middle ear mucosa, and Eustachian tubes
    - ▶ constricted anatomical space of the middle ear, the edema caused by the inflammatory process obstructs the narrowest part of the Eustachian tube leading to a decrease in ventilation.
    - ▶ leads to an increase in negative pressure in the middle ear, increasing exudate from the inflamed mucosa, and buildup of mucosal secretions, which allows for the colonization
    - ▶ growth of these microbes in the middle ear then leads to suppuration and, eventually, frank pus

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OF MALLEUS

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FLACCIDA

PARS  
TENSILE

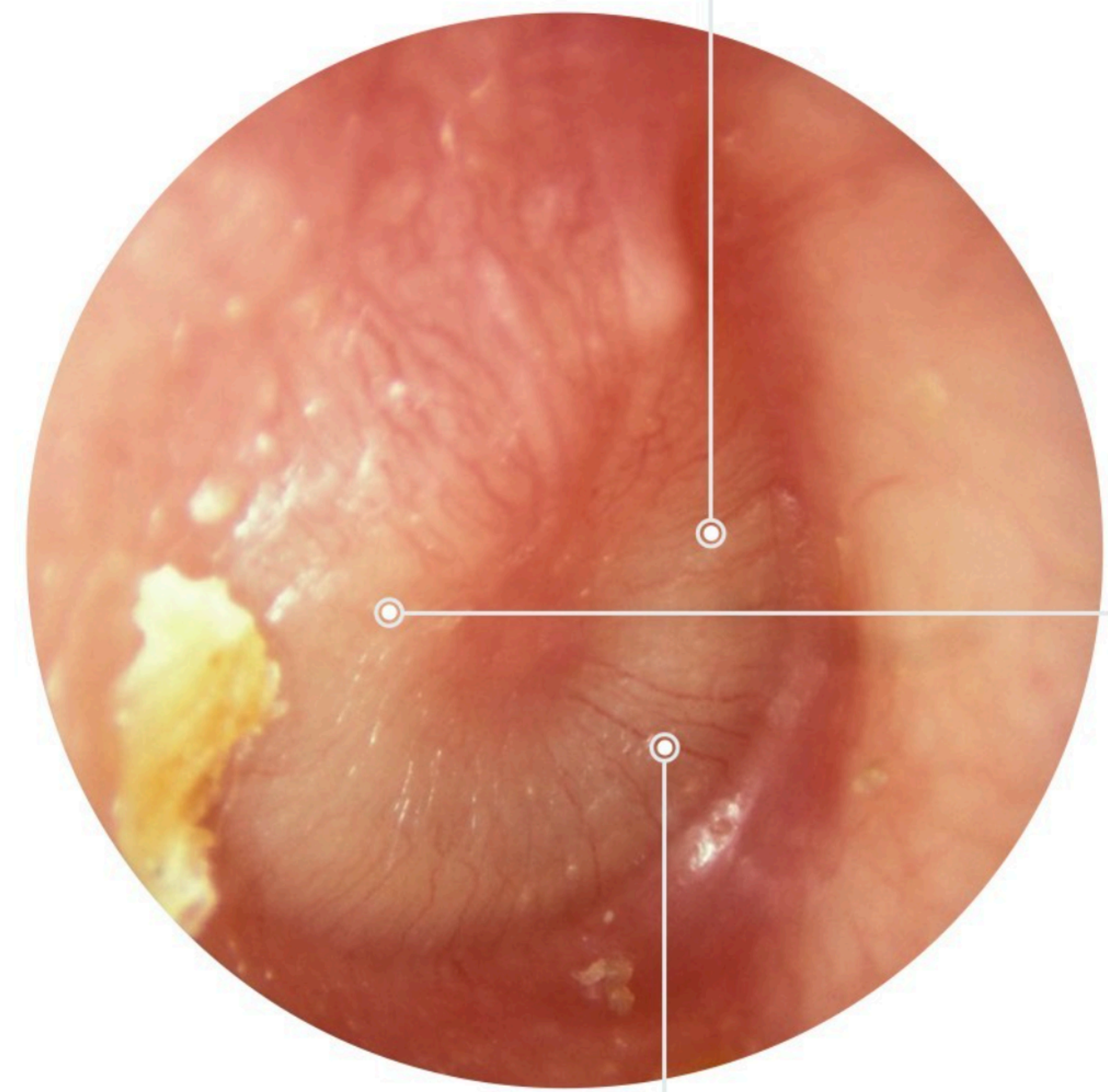
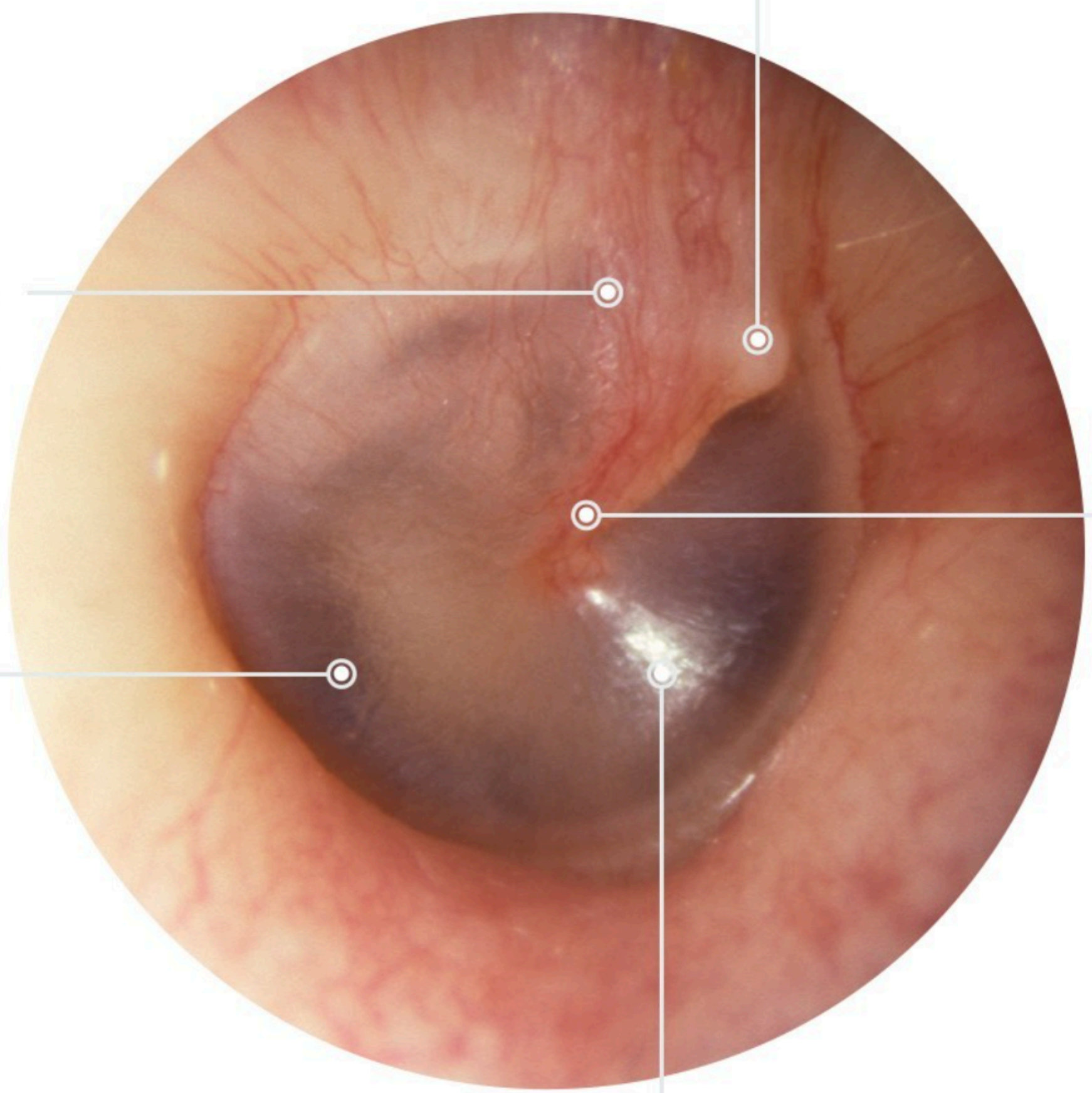
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CONE OF  
LIGHT

OPACIFICATION  
OF MEMBRANE

BULGING  
MEMBRANE

PROMINENT DILATED  
VESSELS



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- ▶ Complications - mastoiditis, perforation, cholesteatoma
  - ▶ Treatment Regimens
    - ▶ Amoxicillin high dose
    - ▶ Augmentin, Cefdinir
    - ▶ Ceftriaxone IM
    - ▶ PCN allergy - azithromycin

▶



▶ Acute Sinusitis

- ▶ *Streptococcus pneumoniae*, *Moraxella catarrhalis*, and non-typeable *Haemophilus influenzae*
- ▶ after a viral URI with persistent symptoms for  $\geq 10$  days without improvement
- ▶ nasal discharge, daytime cough (worsening at night), an abrupt increase in severity of symptoms of a URI after initial improvement, or symptoms that seem more severe than usual (high fever, copious purulent nasal discharge, periorbital edema, and pain)

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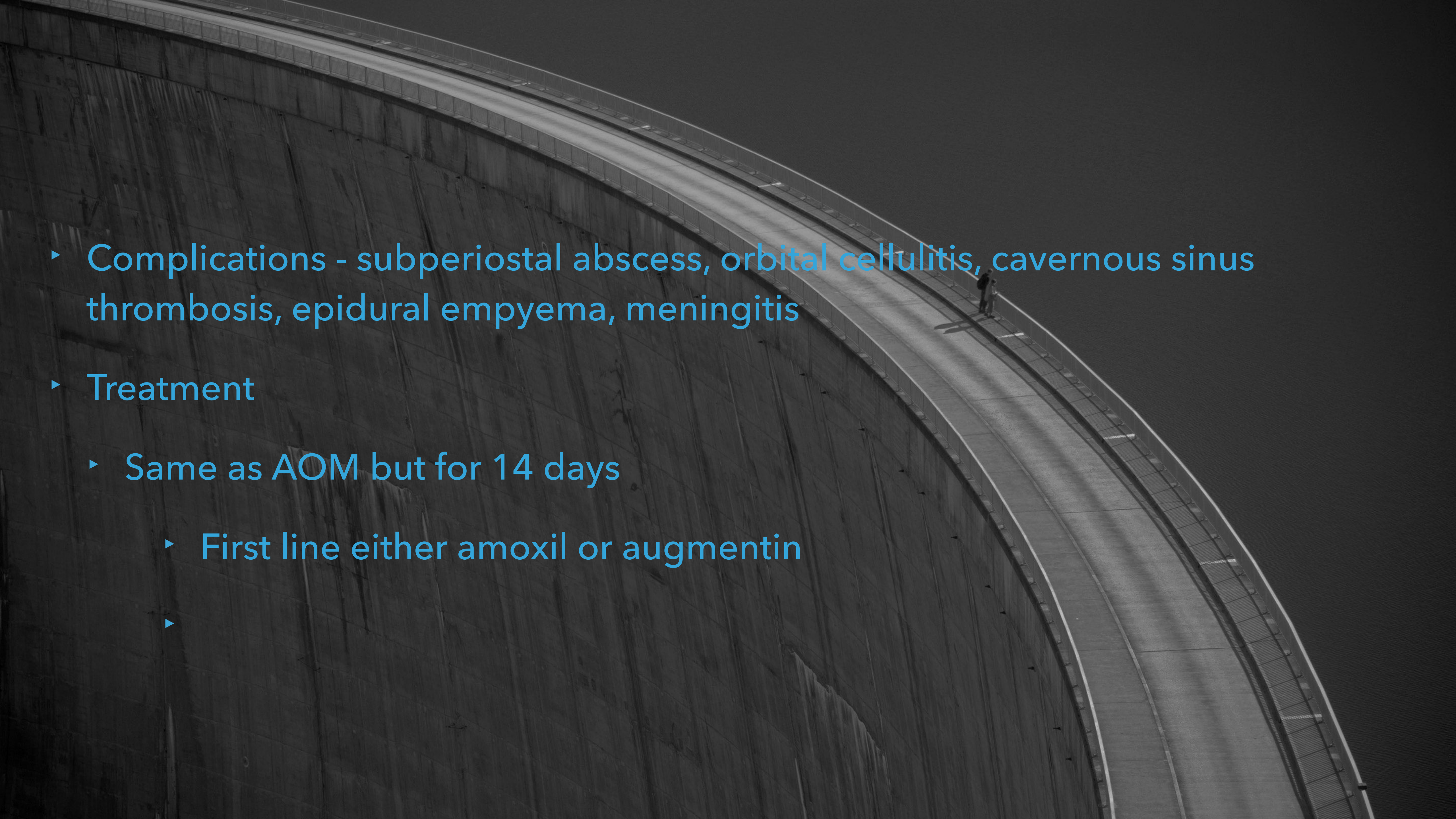
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- ▶ Complications - subperiosteal abscess, orbital cellulitis, cavernous sinus thrombosis, epidural empyema, meningitis
  - ▶ Treatment
    - ▶ Same as AOM but for 14 days
      - ▶ First line either amoxil or augmentin
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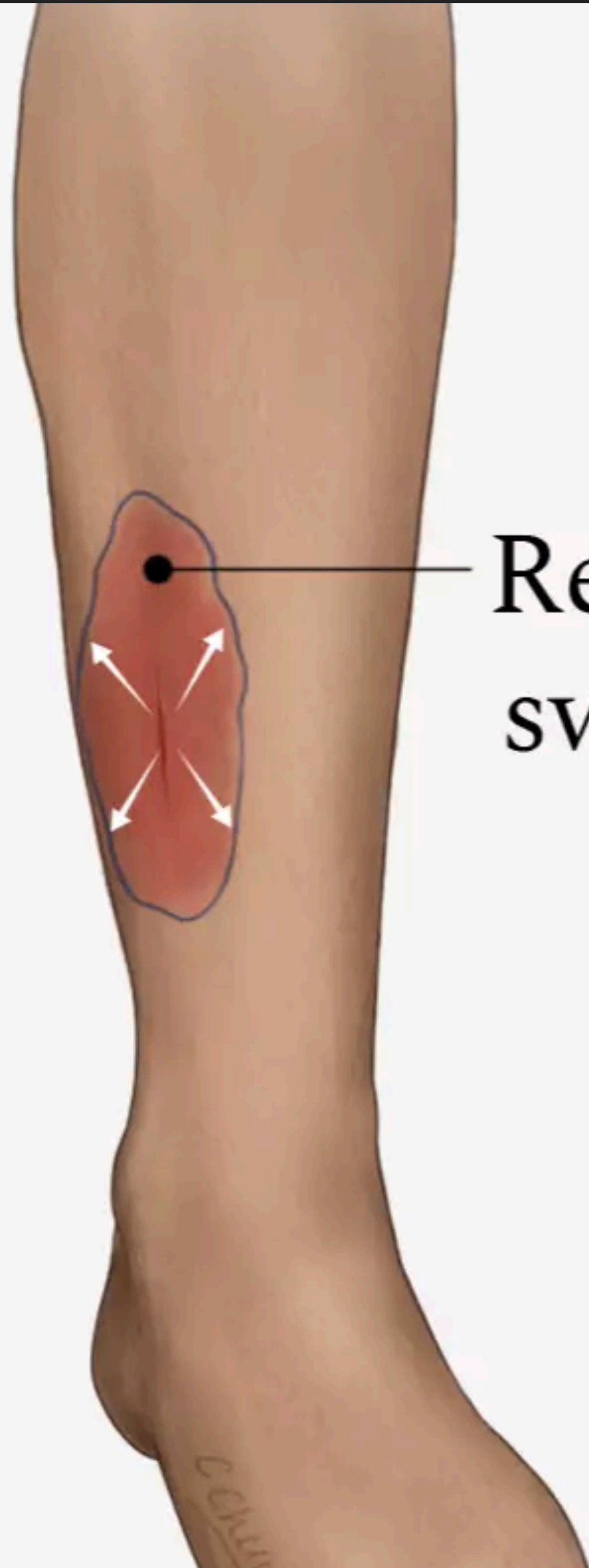
- ▶ Cellulitis

- ▶ Staphylococcus aureus, MRSA, Group A streptococcus

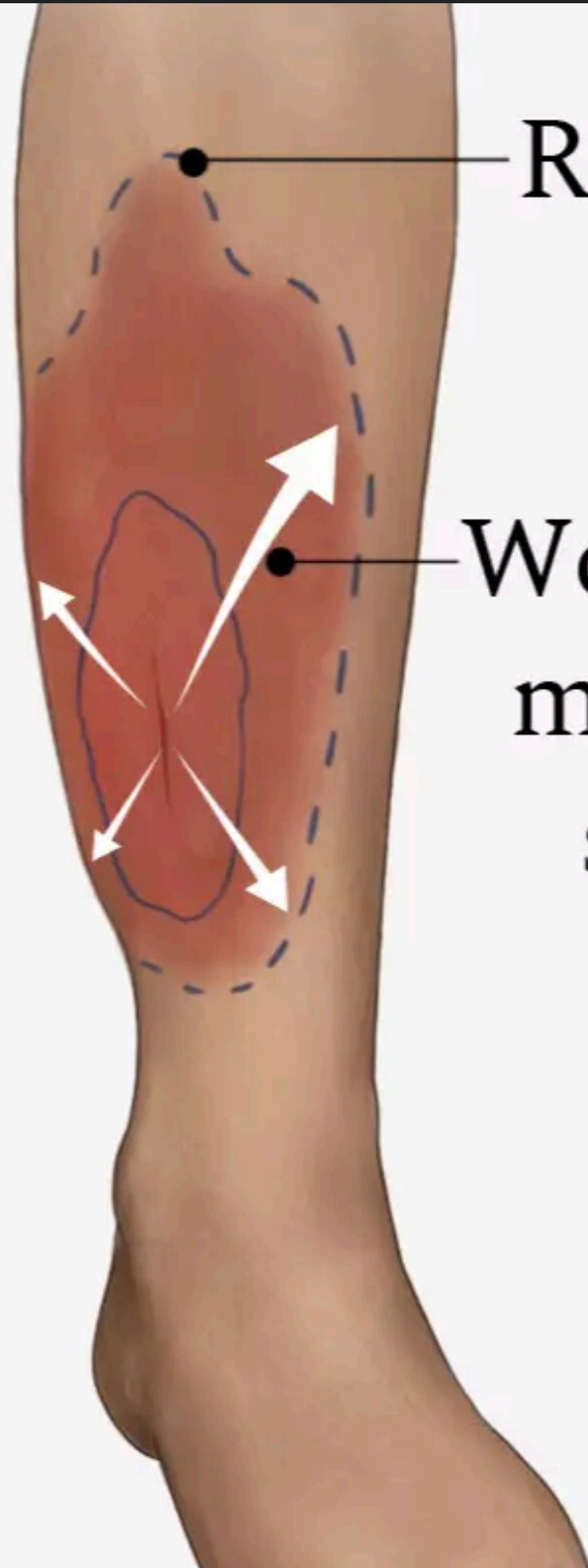
- ▶ red, swollen, and painful area of skin that is warm and tender to the touch

- ▶ Rash tends to spread

- ▶ Occasional fever and chills



Redness, pain,  
swelling, heat



Redness travels

Worsening pain,  
more swelling,  
skin is tight



- ▶ Complications

- ▶ bacteremia, endocarditis, or osteomyelitis

- ▶ Treatment

- ▶ Cephalexin - MSSA, GAS

- ▶ Clindamycin - MRSA



▶ Lymphadenitis

- ▶ S. Aureus, Group A strep, Bartonella henslae
- ▶ lymph nodes larger than 10 mm in diameter are considered abnormal
- ▶ Erythema, tenderness, and fluctuance suggest an acute process, most likely attributable to a bacterial invasion
- ▶ Involvement of bilateral cervical lymph nodes suggests a viral origin.





- ▶ Complications

- ▶ Abscess, cellulitis, fistulas (seen in lymphadenitis that is due to tuberculosis), or sepsis

- ▶ Treatment

- ▶ Clindamycin

- ▶ Cephalexin



- ▶ Otitis Externa

- ▶ *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*, *S. Aureus*

- ▶ Symptoms

- ▶ No preceding URI, instead usually water exposure

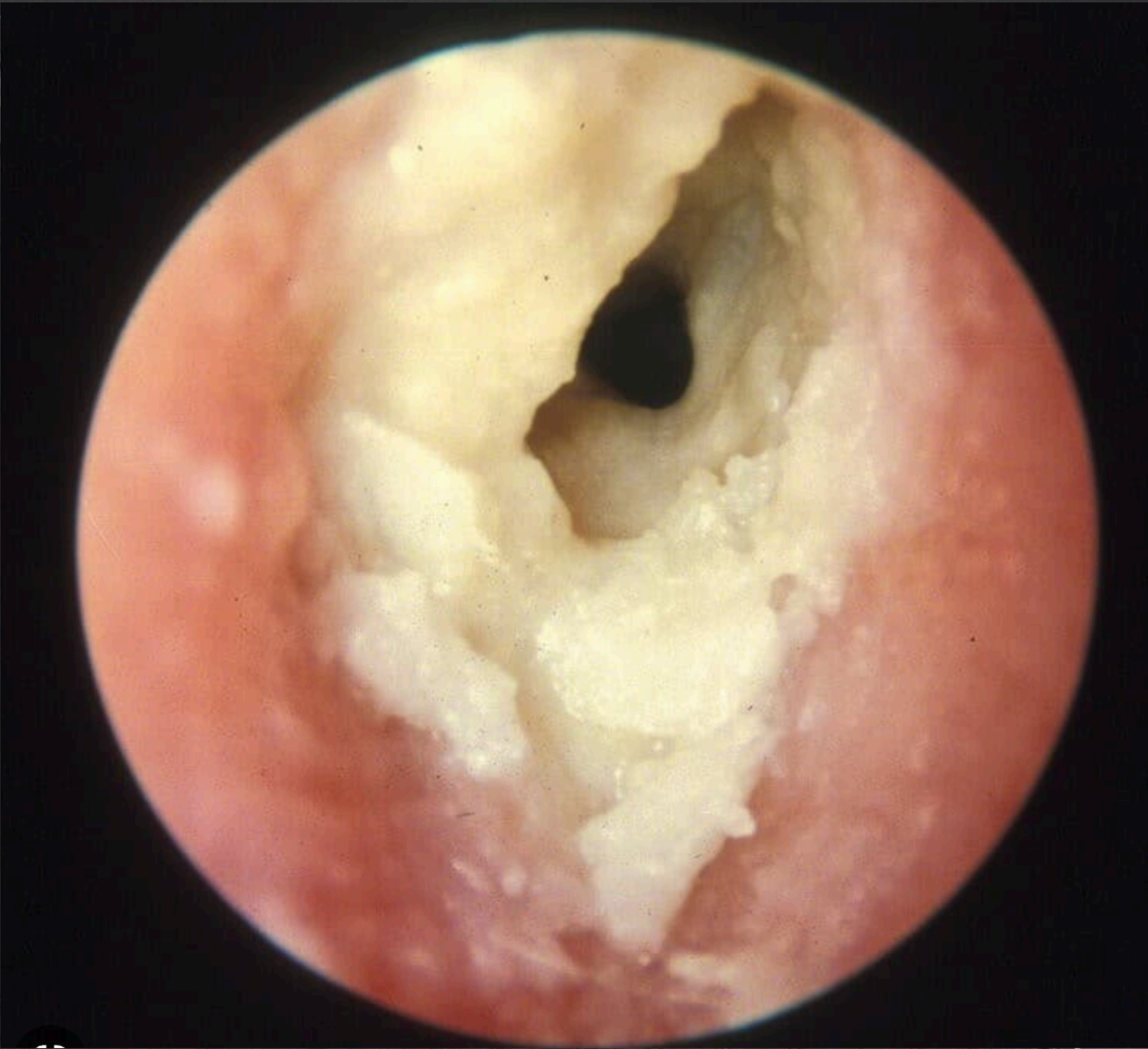
- ▶ redness of the outer ear

- ▶ pain, especially when touching or moving the ear lobe that may spread to the head, neck, or side of the face

- ▶ drainage from the ear

- ▶ swollen ear canal







- ▶ Complications


- ▶ stenosis of the ear canal, cellulitis of the pinna or peri-auricular area

- ▶ Ipsilateral cranial nerve palsy

- ▶ Treatment

- ▶ Topical - fluoroquinolone with topical steroid or neomycin/polymyxin B/  
hydrocortisone

- ▶ Acetic acid? Rubbing alcohol?

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- ▶ Bacterial Conjunctivitis
    - ▶ Question if not viral
    - ▶ Haemophilus and S. Pneumoniae
  - ▶ Symptoms
    - ▶ redness and eye discomfort
    - ▶ discharge
    - ▶ crusting of lids





- ▶ Complications

- ▶ Rarely severe infections can result in keratitis, corneal ulceration, blindness

- ▶ Treatment - always needed?

- ▶ Topical - gentamicin, bacitracin/polymyxin B, polymyxin/trimethoprim and many others

- ▶ Difficult if child doesn't tolerate

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- ▶ Outpatient Pneumonia

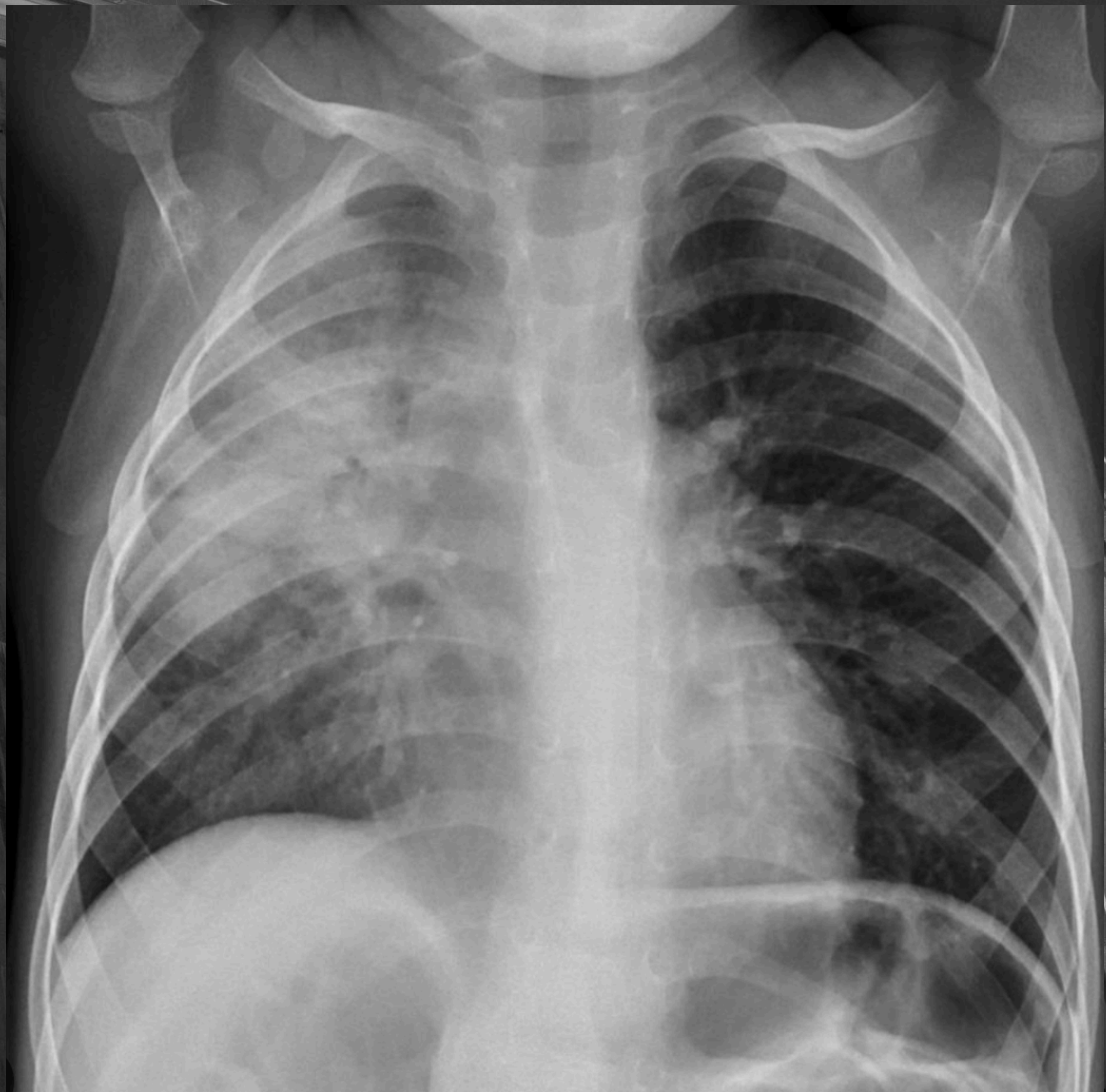
- ▶ Age dependent

- ▶ Infancy - Group B strep, Chlamydia trachomatis

- ▶ School age - S. pneumoniae, S. aureus, GA Strep

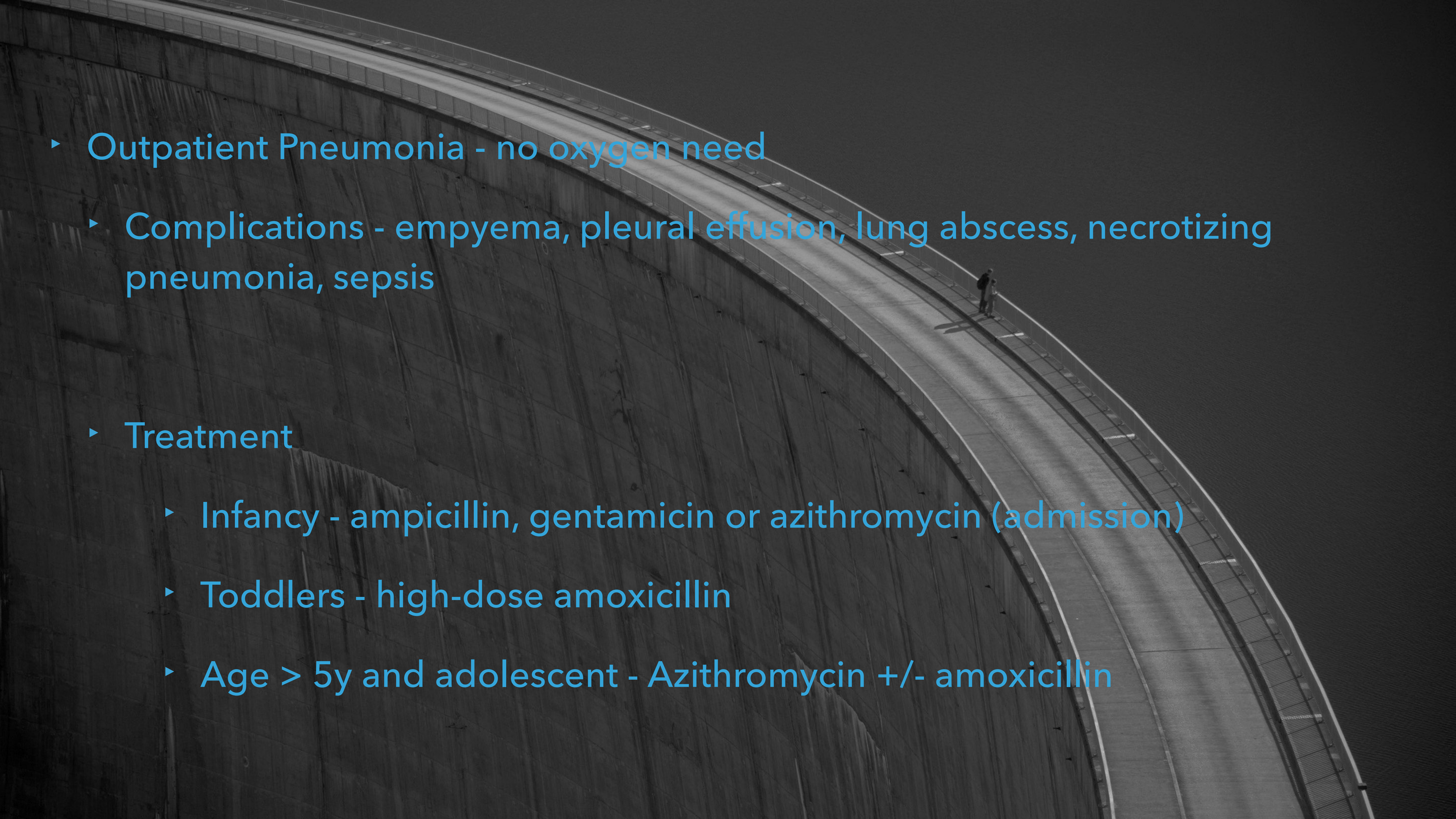
- ▶ Adolescent - Mycoplasma pneumoniae, S. Pneumonia

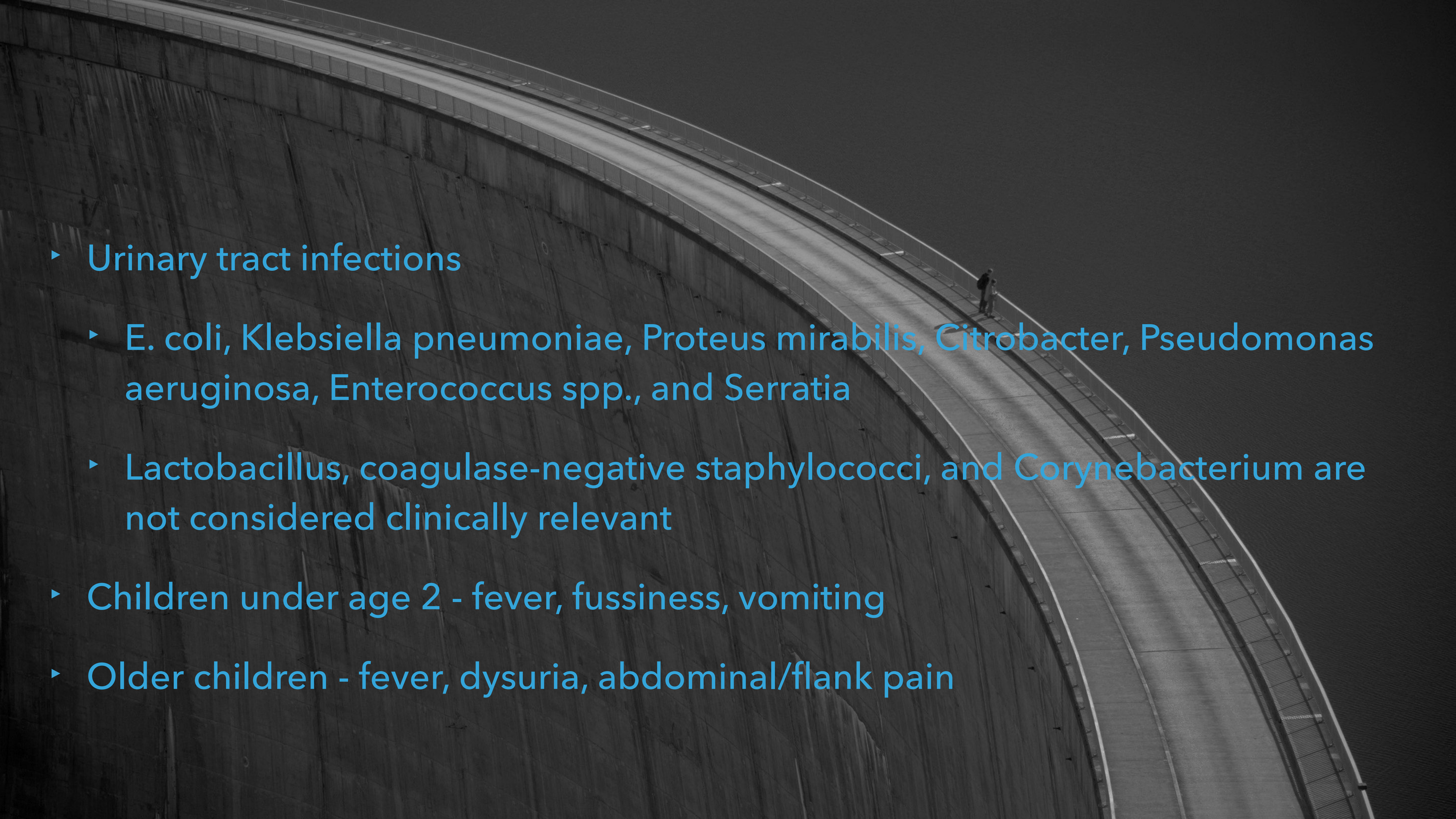
- ▶ cough, fever, tachypnea, and difficulty breathing







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- ▶ Outpatient Pneumonia - no oxygen need
    - ▶ Complications - empyema, pleural effusion, lung abscess, necrotizing pneumonia, sepsis
  - ▶ Treatment
    - ▶ Infancy - ampicillin, gentamicin or azithromycin (admission)
    - ▶ Toddlers - high-dose amoxicillin
    - ▶ Age > 5y and adolescent - Azithromycin +/- amoxicillin

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- ▶ Urinary tract infections
    - ▶ E. coli, Klebsiella pneumoniae, Proteus mirabilis, Citrobacter, Pseudomonas aeruginosa, Enterococcus spp., and Serratia
    - ▶ Lactobacillus, coagulase-negative staphylococci, and Corynebacterium are not considered clinically relevant
  - ▶ Children under age 2 - fever, fussiness, vomiting
  - ▶ Older children - fever, dysuria, abdominal/flank pain



▶ UTI Diagnosis Pearls

- ▶ Bag urine cultures are not acceptable
- ▶ Catheterized urine sample in children not yet potty trained
- ▶ All positive urinalysis specimens must be sent for culture
- ▶ May not need culture in sexually active adolescents



- ▶ UTI

- ▶ Childhood risk factors

- ▶ Uncircumcised

- ▶ Poor hygiene

- ▶ Urinary tract abnormalities



- ▶ UTI

- ▶ Complications

- ▶ renal scarring, hypertension, and end-stage kidney disease

- ▶ Sepsis

- ▶ Treatment

- ▶ Cephalexin TMP/SMZ, 3rd generation cephalosporin - cefixime

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- ▶ Animal Bites

- ▶ Pathogens different from cellulitis

- ▶ *Pasturella multocida*, streptococci, *S. aureus*, anaerobes, *Capnocytophaga canimorsus*

- ▶ *Eikenella corrodens* (human bite)

- ▶ Painful, swollen, erythematous often accompanied by ligamentous injury

- ▶ Need irrigation and often debridement

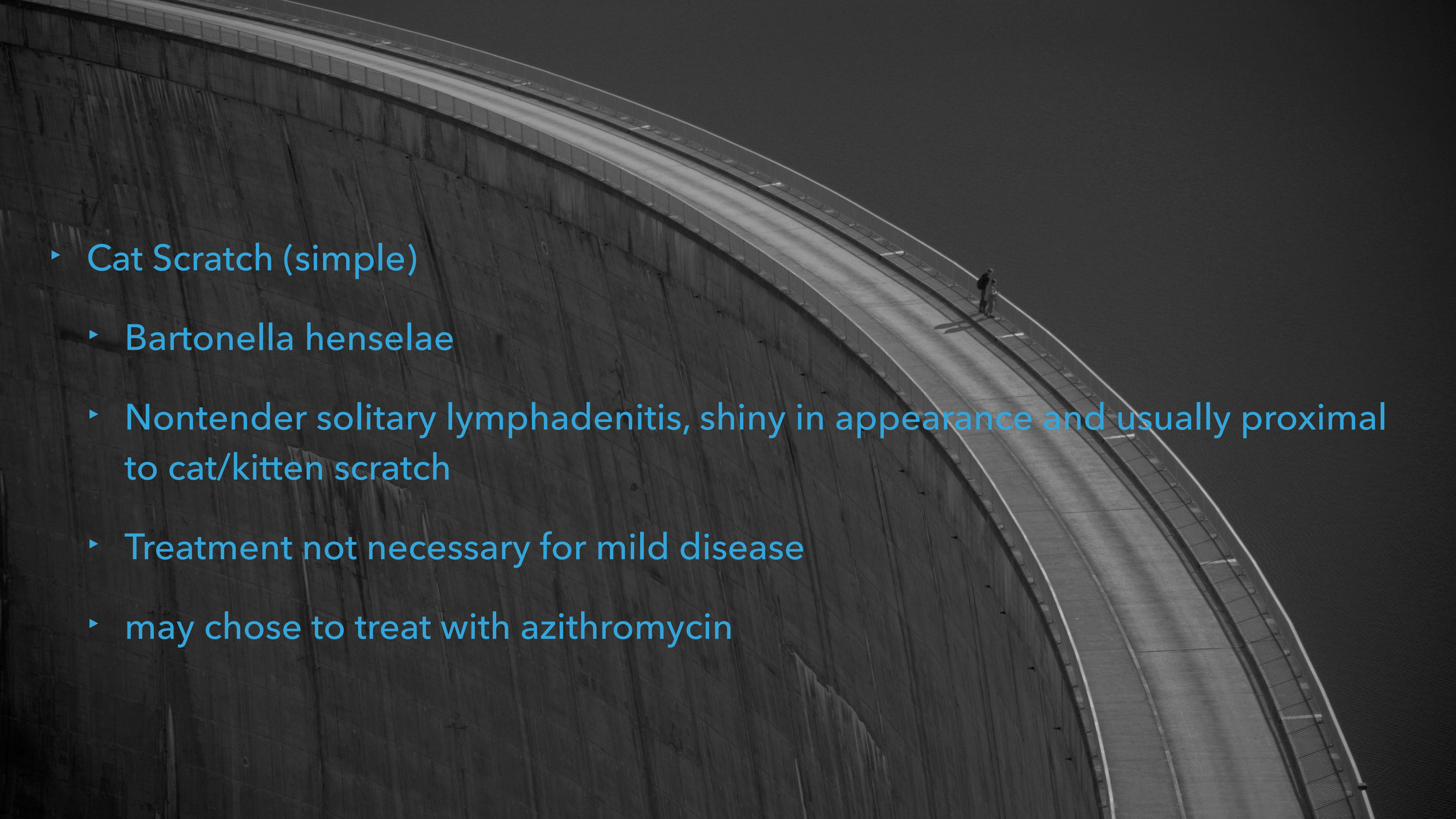


- ▶ Animal Bites

- ▶ Complications - septic arthritis, osteomyelitis, tenosynovitis, abscess

- ▶ Treatment (even if wound looks clean)

- ▶ Augmentin or clindamycin

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- ▶ Cat Scratch (simple)
    - ▶ *Bartonella henselae*
    - ▶ Nontender solitary lymphadenitis, shiny in appearance and usually proximal to cat/kitten scratch
    - ▶ Treatment not necessary for mild disease
    - ▶ may chose to treat with azithromycin





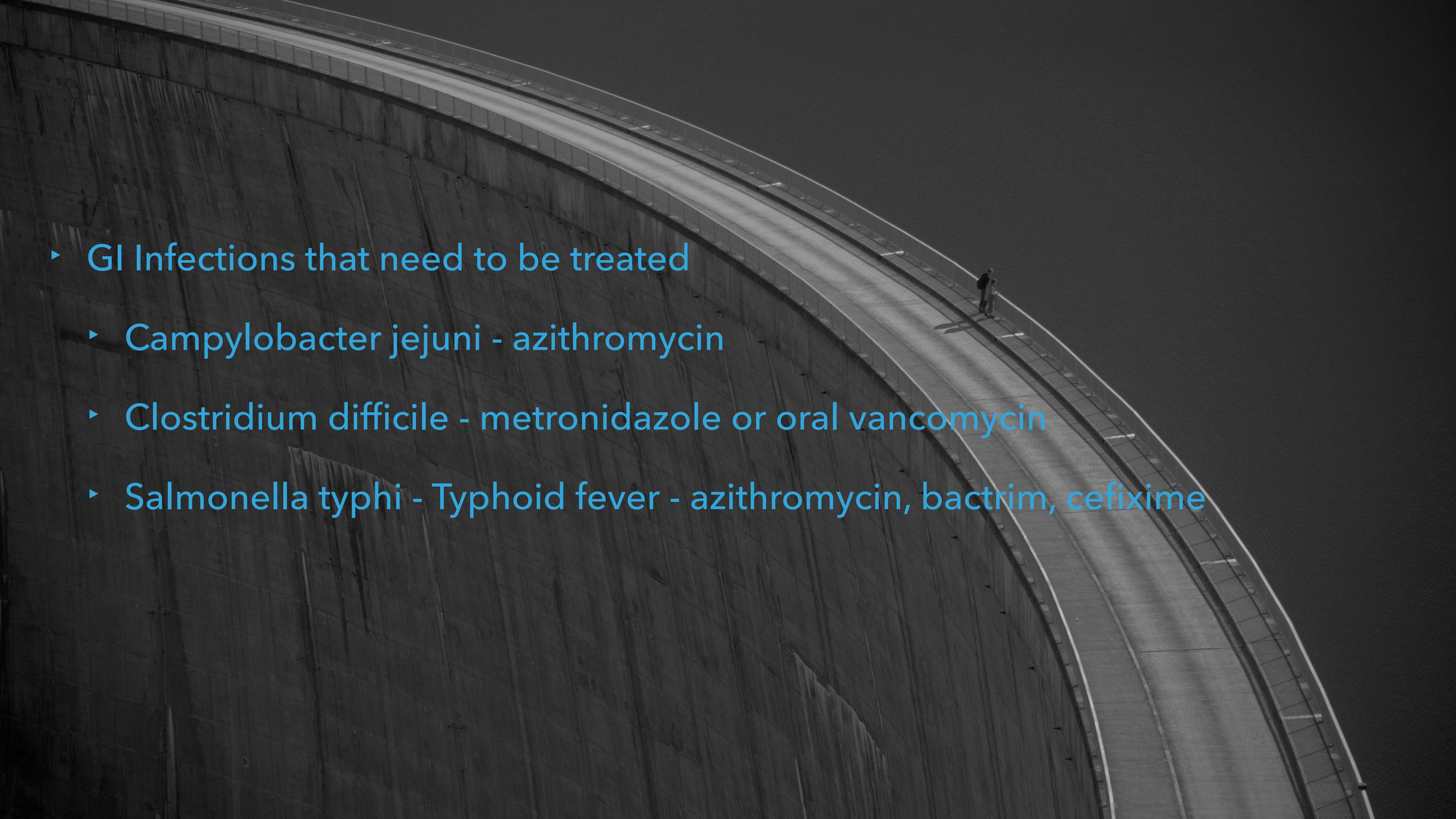
- ▶ Bacterial GI Infections

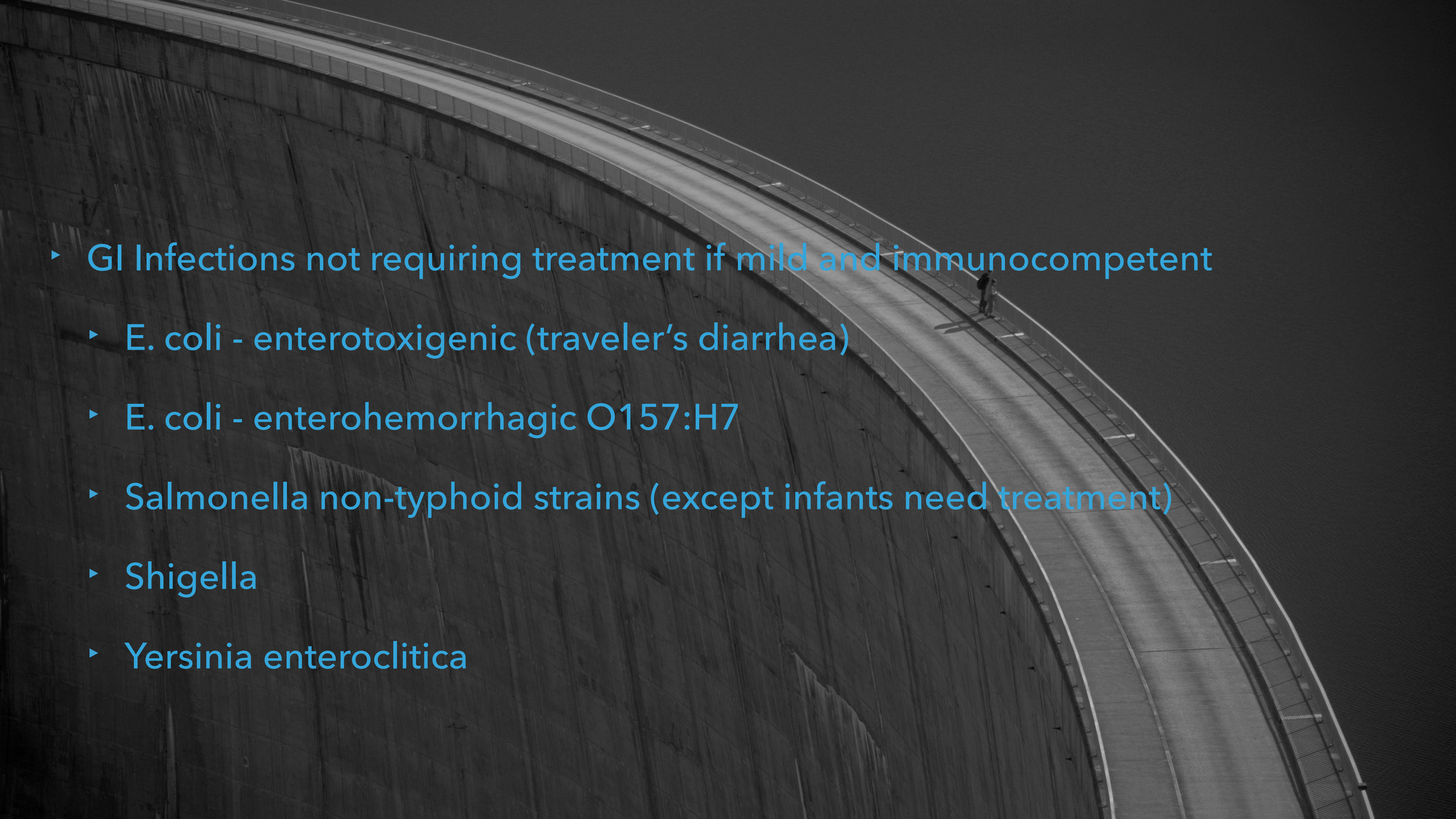
- ▶ Typically epidemic from daycare or household contacts

- ▶ Decision point

- ▶ viral or not

- ▶ bloody or not

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- ▶ GI Infections that need to be treated
    - ▶ *Campylobacter jejuni* - azithromycin
    - ▶ *Clostridium difficile* - metronidazole or oral vancomycin
    - ▶ *Salmonella typhi* - Typhoid fever - azithromycin, bactrim, cefixime

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- ▶ GI Infections not requiring treatment if mild and immunocompetent
    - ▶ E. coli - enterotoxigenic (traveler's diarrhea)
    - ▶ E. coli - enterohemorrhagic O157:H7
    - ▶ Salmonella non-typhoid strains (except infants need treatment)
    - ▶ Shigella
    - ▶ Yersinia enterocolitica



- ▶ Summary

- ▶ Understanding differences in viral vs. bacterial

- ▶ Treatment options

- ▶ Follow-up

► Questions?





**PART 2**

**ANTIBIOTIC TREATMENT  
OF INPATIENT  
PEDIATRIC INFECTIONS**



# IV ANTIBIOTIC FACTORS

**Frequency of administration**

**Length of treatment**

**Intravenous vs. Intramuscular**

**Penetration**

**Conversion to oral therapy**



# **FEVER WITHOUT A SOURCE**

**Frequent admission for children up to 36 months of age**

**NOT Fever of unknown etiology (FUO)**





# FEVER WITHOUT A SOURCE

**Occult bacteremia, urinary tract infection, meningitis, or certain viral infections**



# FEVER WITHOUT A SOURCE

**Age Dependent Pathogens**

**0 to 3 months – GBS, E. coli, Salmonella, Listeria**

**3 –36 months – S. pneumo, N. meningitides, E. coli, HiB**




# FWS EVALUATION

**CBC, blood culture, urinalysis, urine culture, CRP, ESR**

**LP with CSF studies if under 3 months or if high suspicion for meningitis**

**Some flexibility with LP after 6 weeks of age if well appearing**



# FWS EMPIRIC TREATMENT

**Infants - Ampicillin/Gentamicin +/-  
acyclovir**

**1-3 months - amp/cefotaxime**

**3-36 months - ceftriaxone +/-  
vancomycin**



# PNEUMONIA

**Similar to outpatient but admission needed for infants, immunocompromised, or children with need for supplemental oxygen**

**Medically complex children may have aspiration pneumonia**



# PNEUMONIA

**Empiric - Ceftriaxone and  
Vancomycin +/- Azithromycin**


**Aspiration - Clindamycin +  
ceftriaxone or meropenem**

A black and white photograph of a wind farm. In the foreground, a large wind turbine is shown from a low angle, looking up at its tower and nacelle. In the background, two more wind turbines are visible, receding into the distance. The sky is filled with large, dramatic clouds.

# OSTEOMYELITIS

**Pain, swelling, fever, limping,  
refusal to bear weight**

**S. aureus, pseudomonas  
aeruginosum, salmonella (SS)**



# **OSTEOMYELITIS DIAGNOSIS**

**Imaging – bone scan but MRI best**

**Blood cultures**

**Increased WBC, CRP and ESR**

**If surgery performed then operative  
culture is useful**





# OSTEOMYELITIS

**MSSA - nafcillin, cefazolin**

**MRSA - clindamycin or vancomycin**

**Can transition to oral abx when CRP  
normalizes**

**Treatment is 6 weeks**



# SEPTIC ARTHRITIS

**Swollen, warm, erythematous joint,  
refusal to bear weight**

**Dx – MRI**

**Joint aspiration**



# SEPTIC ARTHRITIS

**Infants and children – Staph, GAS,  
HiB, Kingella – Ceftriaxone,  
clindamycin, cefazolin**

**Adolescents – Gonococcal –  
Ceftriaxone for 7 days with  
azithromycin**



# **FEBRILE NEUTROPENIA**

**Considered an emergency requiring early empiric therapy**

**Etiology often viral but need to cover bacterial as patients are severely immunocompromised**

**CVL infections common**



# FEBRILE NEUTROPENIA

**Empiric Therapy – broad spectrum**

**Cefipime and Vancomycin**

**If concerned about Pseudomonas  
would use Imipenem**

**Treat until source found and the  
narrow or until afebrile and culture  
negative**



# BACTERIAL MENINGITIS

**Age Dependent Pathogens**

**Group B Streptococcus - infants < 2 months of age**

**Streptococcus pneumoniae is then most common**

**11 - 17 years old - Neisseria meningitidis**



# **MENINGITIS**

**CSF studies – presence of WBC, low glucose, high protein, Gram stain**

**Imaging often diagnostic – MRI**



# **MENINGITIS**

**Empiric therapy**

**Infants - Ampicillin and cefotaxime**

**All others - ceftriaxone**





# ENDOCARDITIS

**Due to bacteremia and turbulent vascular flow**

**Risks in congenital heart disease patients, dental procedures**

**Fever, malaise, and new murmur**



# ENDOCARDITIS

**Blood culture and echocardiogram  
are diagnostic**

**Often *S. Aureus*, Coag – staph,  
viridens strep**

**Empiric treatment – ceftriaxone and  
gentamicin +/- vancomycin**



# STAPH SCALDED SKIN

**Staph aureus**

**Toxin mediated**



# STAPH SCALDED SKIN

**Cefazolin, Nafcillin or Oxacillin for MSSA**

**Vancomycin should be administered if MRSA is suspected**

**Also wound care and sufficient intravenous fluids**

**No corticosteroids**

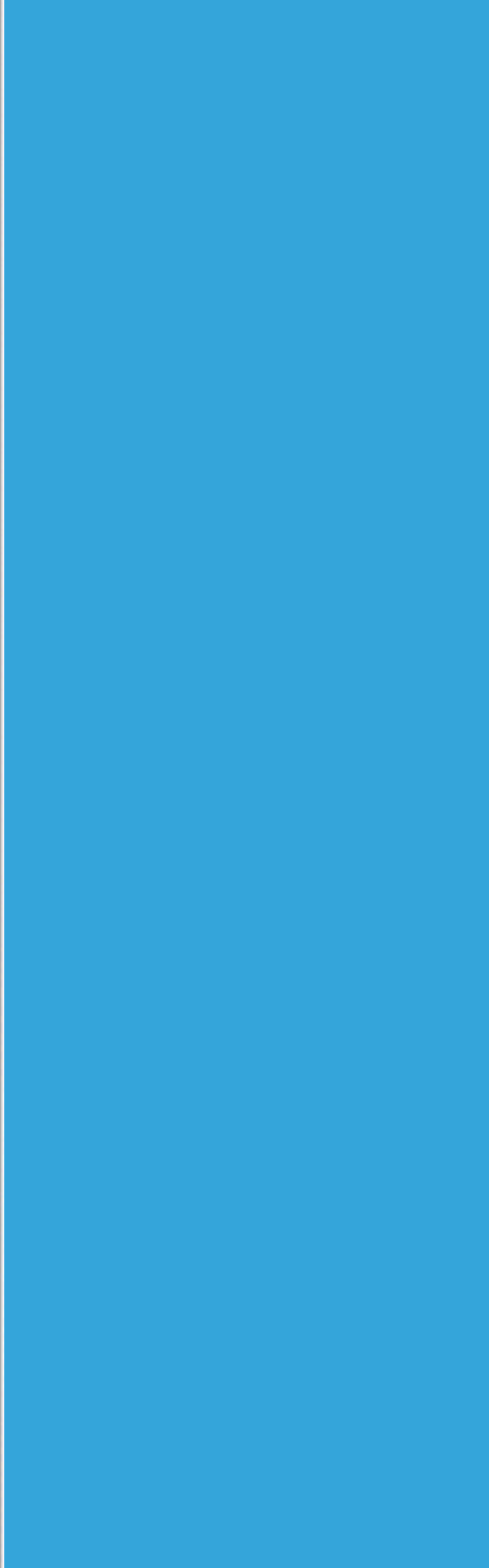
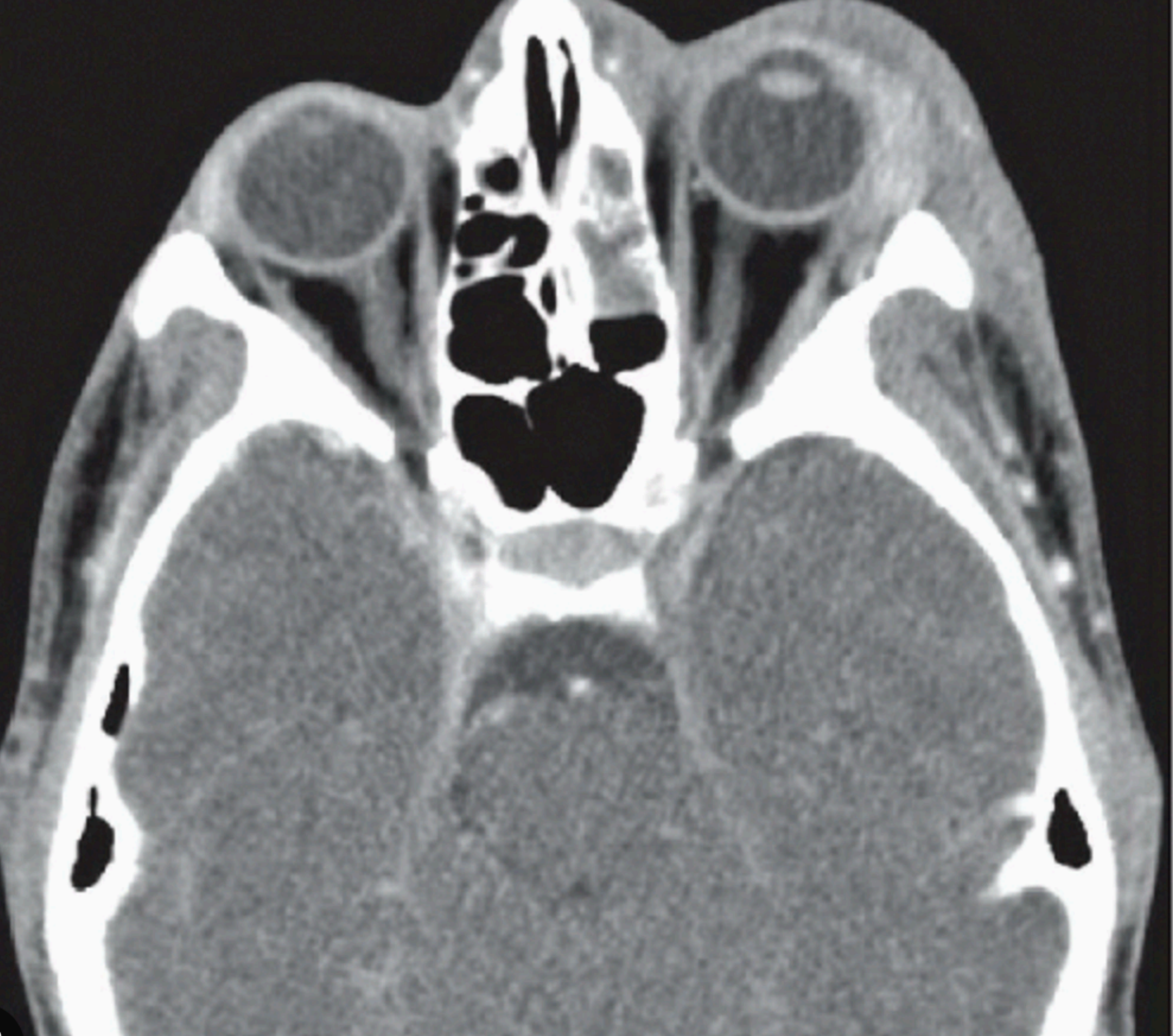


# **ORBITAL CELLULITIS**

**Redness and severe perioribital swelling**

**Reduced extra ocular movements**

**Fever, headache, painful, not itchy**





# ORBITAL CELLULITIS

**S. Aureus, respiratory flora**

**Empiric therapy – ceftiraxone, and clindamycin**

**Surgical required if subperiosteal abscess present on imaging**



# SUMMARY

**Understanding empiric therapy**

**Use culture data to narrow spectrum**

**Determine length of therapy and whether or not conversion to orals is possible**





**QUESTIONS?**



PART 3

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# TICK BORNE ILLNESS IN CHILDREN



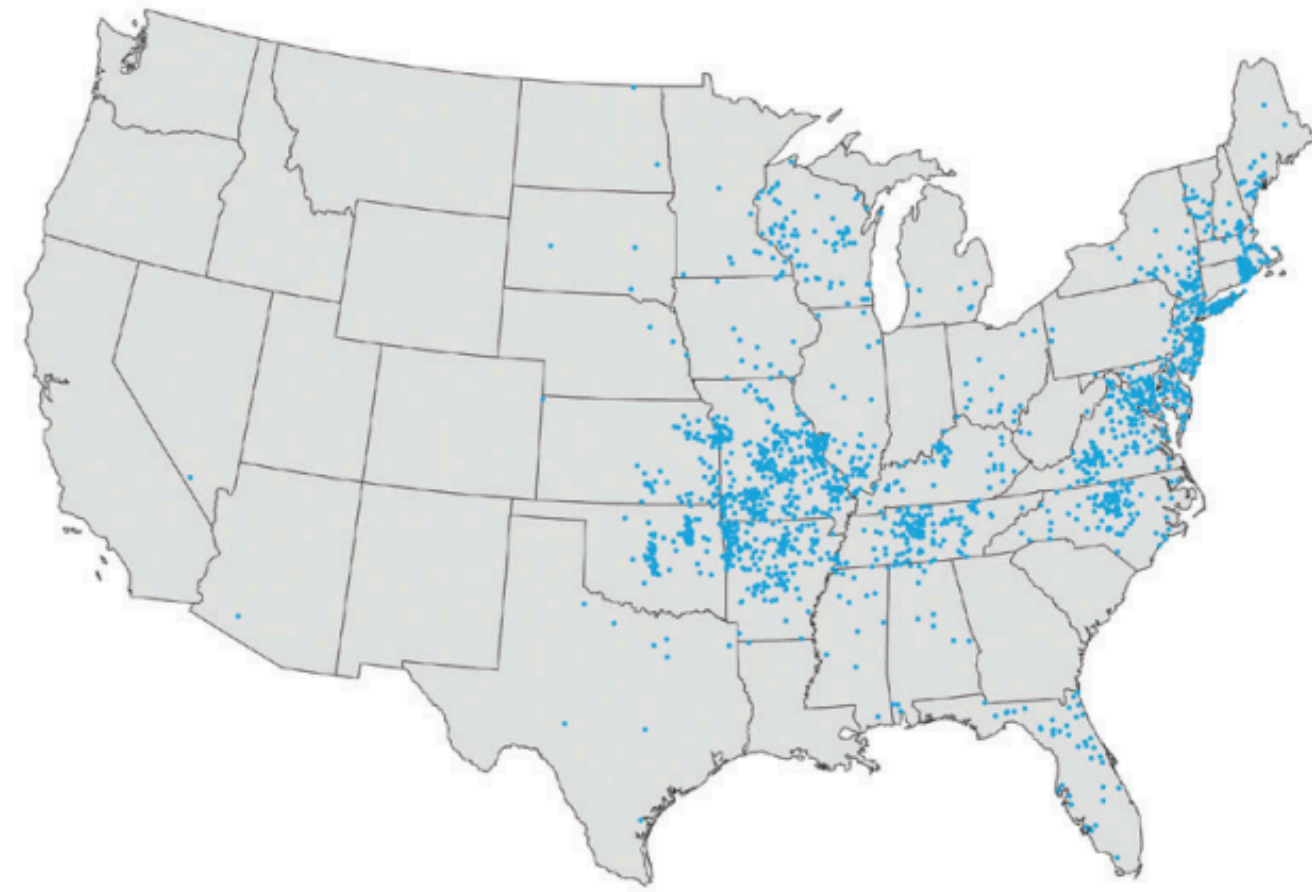
# MEDICAL IMPORTANCE

TICKS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR OVER 95%  
OF VECTOR-BORNE DISEASE CASES

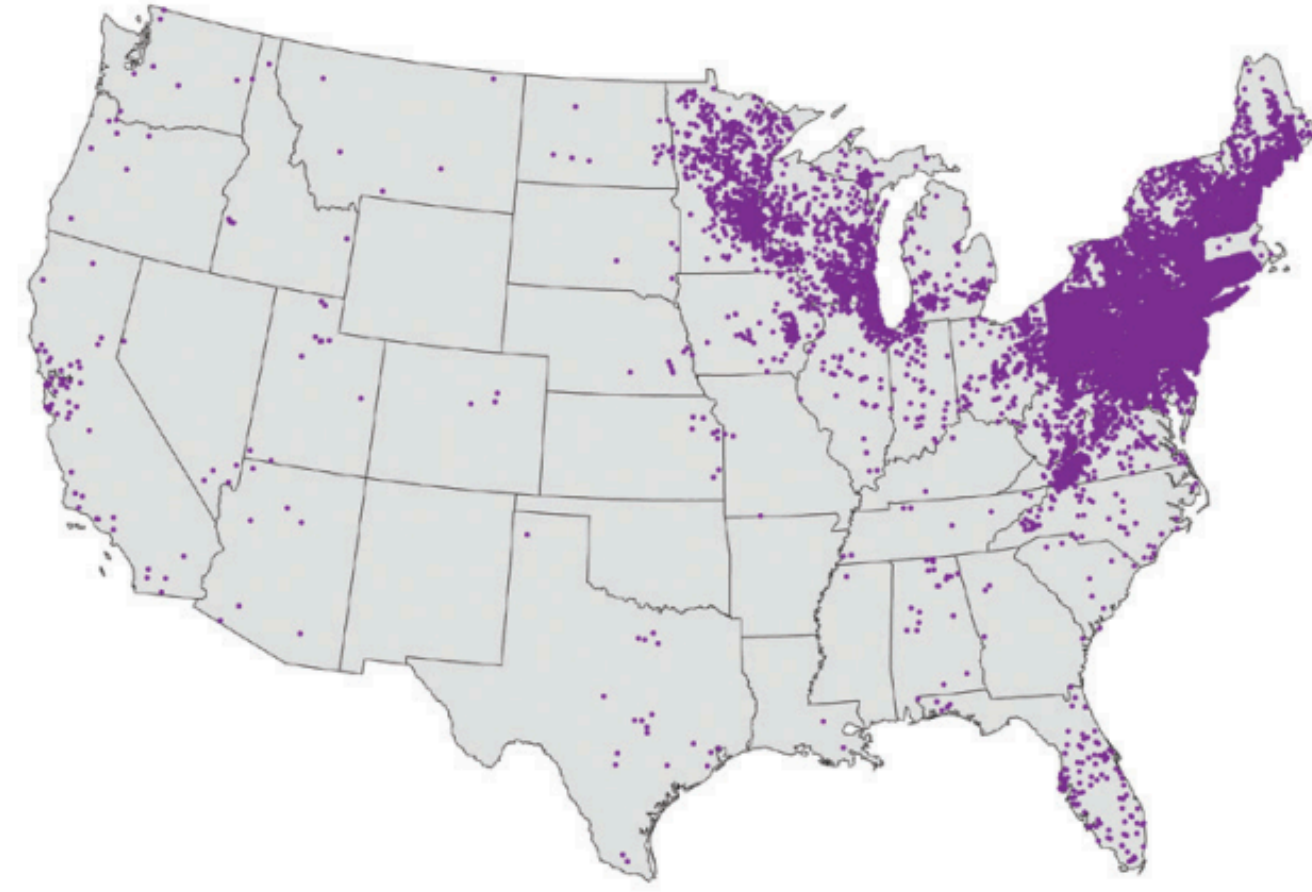
APPROXIMATELY 300,000 CASES OF LYME  
DISEASE ARE DIAGNOSED ANNUALLY

ABOUT 10-FOLD HIGHER THAN THE  
NUMBER OF REPORTED CASES

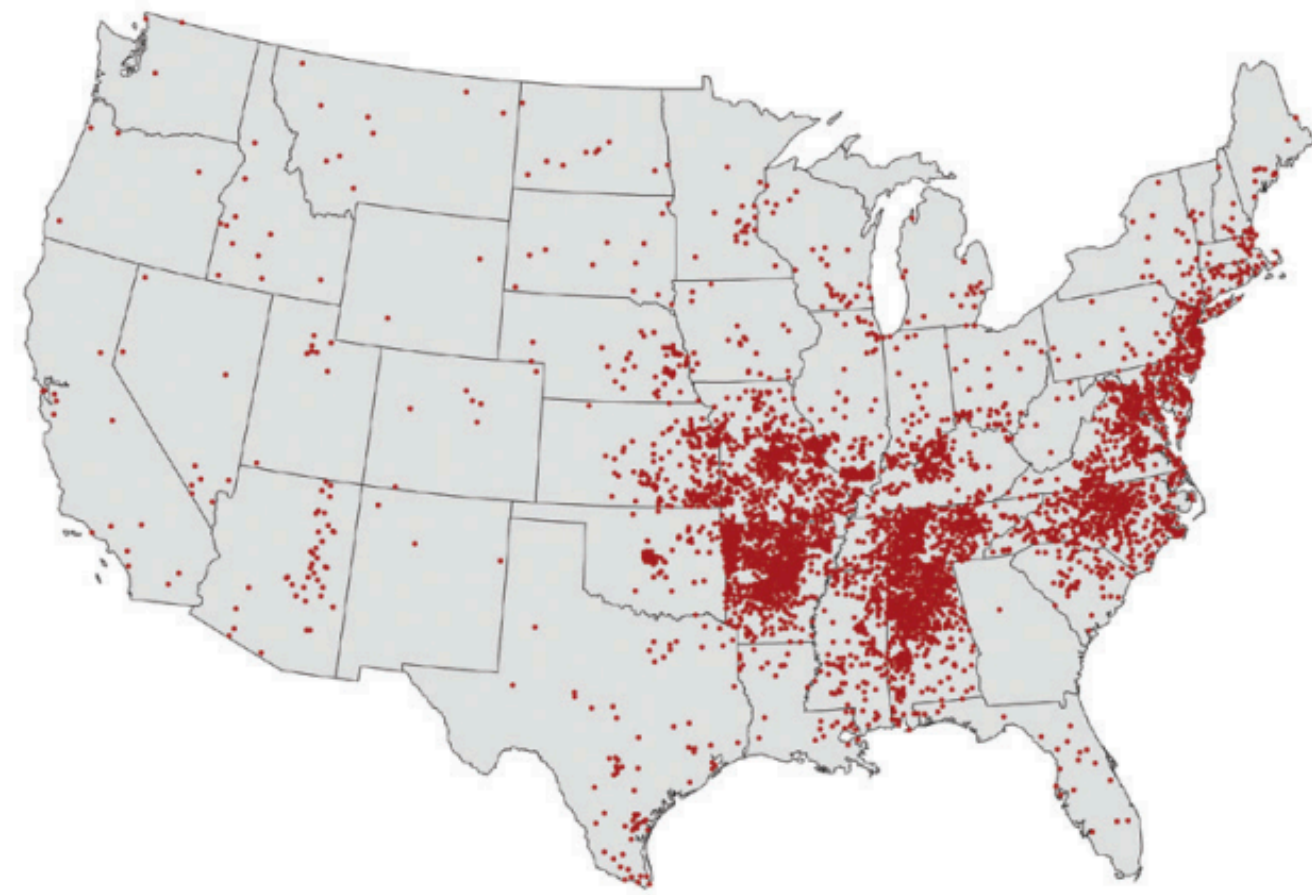
TICKS ARE VECTORS FOR BACTERIA,  
VIRUSES, AND PARASITES CAUSING A  
HOST OF DISEASES FROM THE BENIGN TO  
FATAL DISEASE



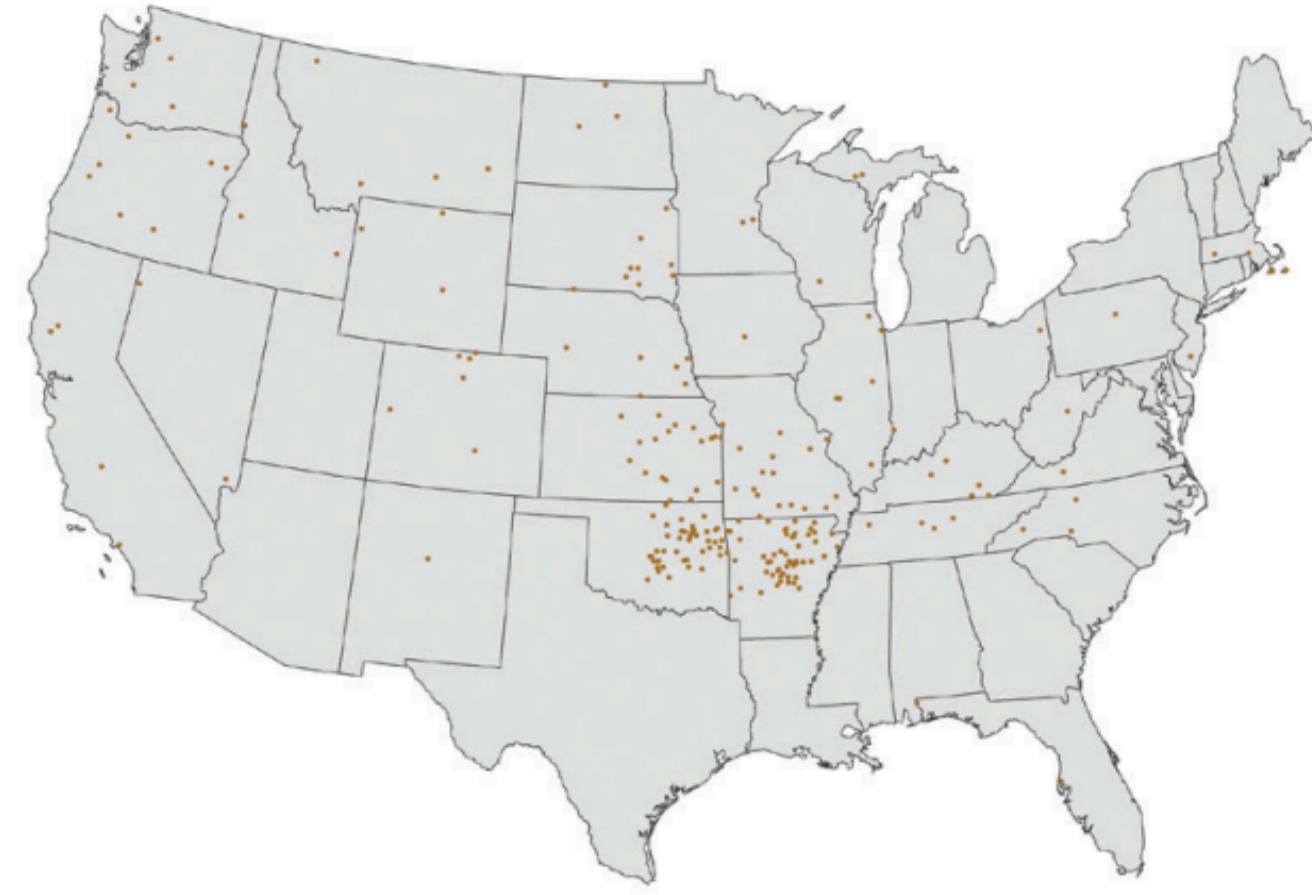
**EHRlichiosis**



**LYME DISEASE**



**SPOTTED FEVER RICKETTSIOSIS  
(INCLUDING ROCKY MOUNTAIN SPOTTED FEVER)**

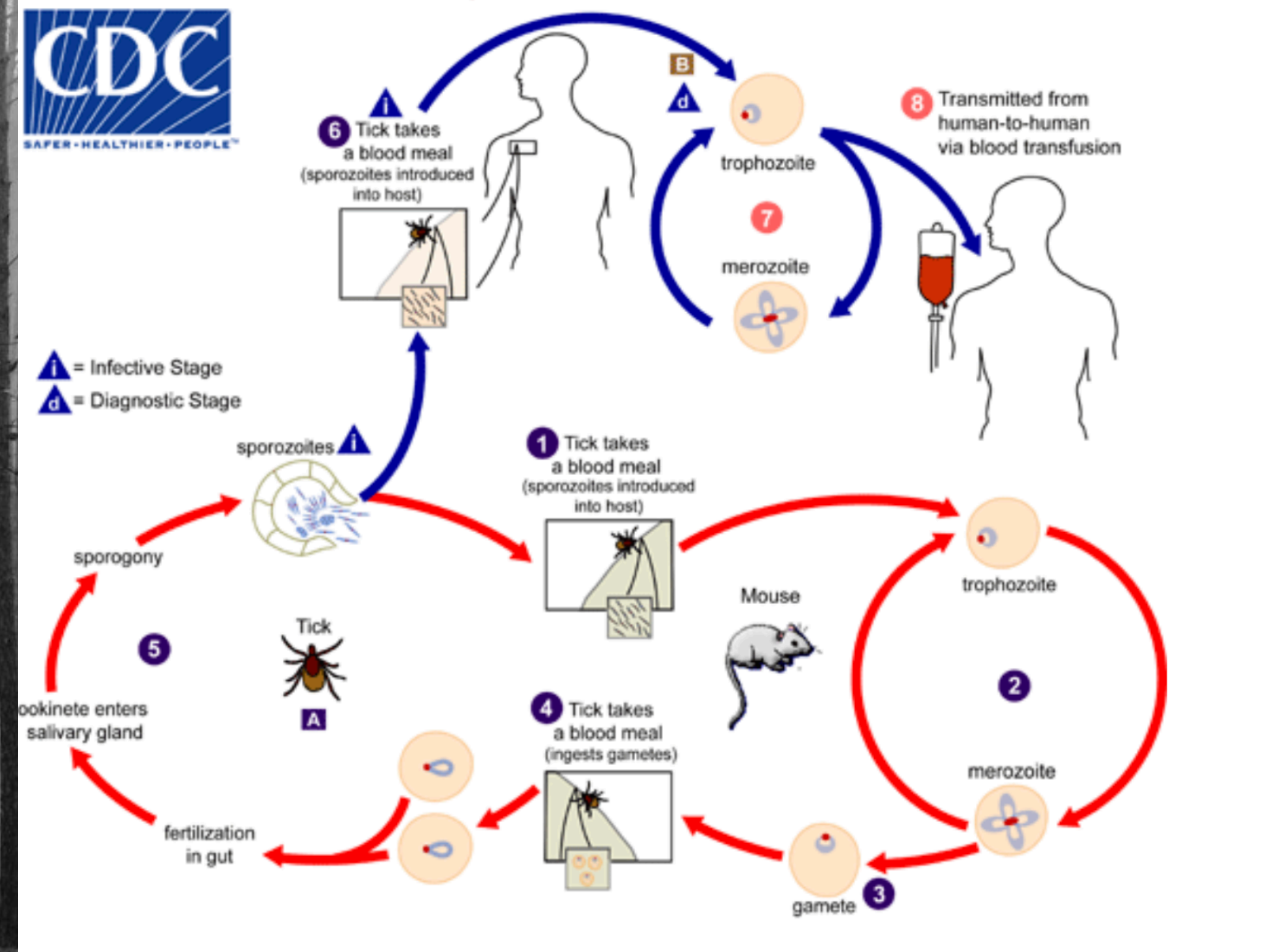


**TULAREMIA**

# LOCATION

# BABESIOSIS

## Life Cycle

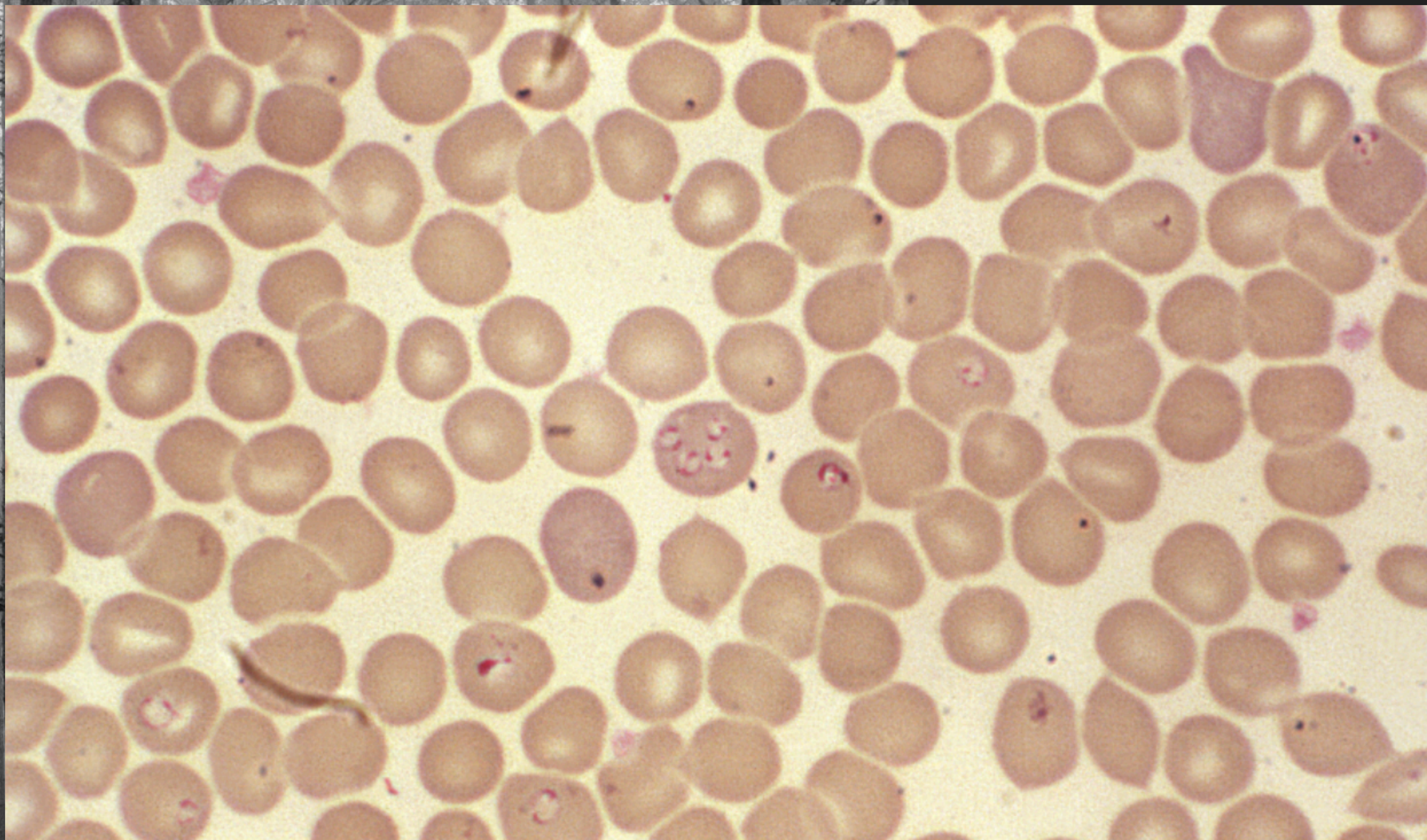


CAUSED BY A MICROSCOPIC PARASITE THAT INFECTS RED BLOOD CELLS

BABESIA MICROTI IS TRANSMITTED BY THE BITE OF INFECTED IXODES SCAPULARIS (BLACK-LEGGED) TICK  
FEVER, FATIGUE, AND MUSCLE ACHES

TREATMENT 7-10 DAYS

ATOVAQUONE AND AZITHROMYCIN OR  
CLINDAMYCIN AND QUININE



**DIAGNOSED ON BLOOD  
SMEAR AND WITH SEROLOGY**

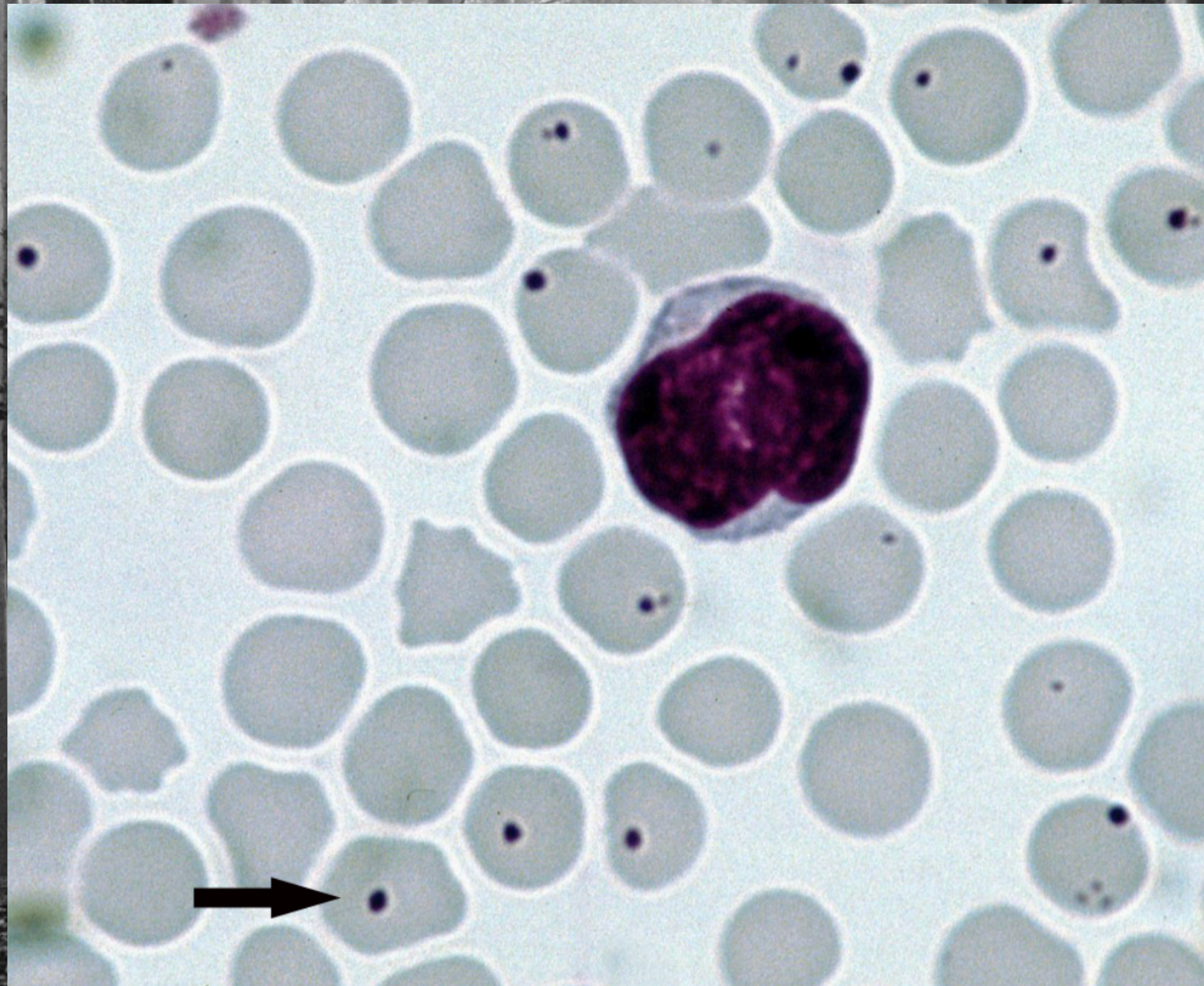
# ANAPLASMOSIS

ANAPLASMA  
PHAGOCYTOPHILUM

TRANSMITTED BY BLACK-  
LEGGED TICK

FEVER, HEADACHE, MUSCLE  
ACHES, AND FATIGUE

IF SEVERE ORGAN FAILURE  
AND EVEN DEATH





# ANAPLASMOSIS

DIAGNOSED WITH PCR AND  
SEROLOGY

TREATMENT - DOXYCYCLINE





# LYME DISEASE

CAUSED BY A BACTERIUM -  
BORRELIA BURGDORFERI

TRANSMITTED BY INFECTED  
BLACK-LEGGED TICK

FEVER, HEADACHE, FATIGUE, AND  
A CHARACTERISTIC BULL'S EYE  
RASH

CHILDREN WITH FACIAL NERVE  
PARALYSIS

# ERYTHEMA MIGRANS

SINGLE OR MULTIPLE LESIONS

RASH CAN APPEAR UP TO 3 MONTHS AFTER BEING BITTEN BY AN INFECTED TICK

USUALLY APPEARS WITHIN 1 TO 4 WEEKS

CAN LAST FOR SEVERAL WEEKS





# LYME

UNTREATED - CHRONIC LYME

JOINT PAIN AND SWELLING,  
HEART PALPITATIONS, AND  
NERVOUS SYSTEM  
PROBLEMS, INATTENTION



# LAB TESTING

RASH AFTER BEING IN AN AREA WHERE LYME DISEASE IS COMMON CAN BE DIAGNOSED CLINICALLY AS SEROLOGIC TESTS MAY BE NEGATIVE DURING THE FIRST FEW WEEKS OF INFECTION BEFORE ANTIBODIES HAVE DEVELOPED

SEROLOGIC TESTS ARE HIGHLY SENSITIVE IN PATIENTS WITH DISSEMINATED LYME DISEASE

TWO-STEP SEROLOGIC TESTING IS RECOMMENDED

VALIDATED FIRST- AND SECOND-TIER TESTS ACCORDING TO A STANDARD OR MODIFIED TWO-TEST ALGORITHM



# TREATMENT

ACUTE - DOXYCYCLINE,  
AMOXICILLIN, OR  
CEFUROXIME FOR 14 DAYS

CARDITIS OR NERVOUS  
SYSTEM INVOLVEMENT - AS  
ABOVE FOR 21 DAYS



# ROCKY MOUNTAIN SPOTTED FEVER

CAUSED BY THE BACTERIUM  
RICKETTSIA RICKETTSII

FEVER, HEADACHE, AND A  
SPOTTED RASH THAT USUALLY  
STARTS ON THE WRISTS AND  
ANKLES AND SPREADS TO THE  
REST OF THE BODY

CAN CAUSE DAMAGE TO INTERNAL  
ORGANS AND LEAD TO DEATH





# ROCKY MOUNTAIN SPOTTED FEVER

RECENT TICK BITE, EXPOSURE TO AREAS WHERE TICKS ARE COMMONLY FOUND INCLUDING WOODED AREAS OR BRUSHY AREAS WITH HIGH GRASSES AND LEAF LITTER

IN ARIZONA AND MEXICO ASK ABOUT EXPOSURE TO DOGS

TRAVEL HISTORY (DOMESTIC AND INTERNATIONAL) TO AREAS WHERE ENDEMIC

IF SUSPECTED DON'T WAIT FOR TESTING BUT TREAT IMMEDIATELY - DOXYCYCLINE

DIAGNOSTIC TESTING WITH SEROLOGY AND PCR



# ERLICHIOSIS

CAUSED BY THE BACTERIA  
EHRlichia CHAFFEENSIS AND  
EHRlichia EWINGII

TRANSMITTED VIA BITE OF AN  
INFECTED LONE STAR TICK

FEVER, HEADACHE, MUSCLE  
ACHES, AND FATIGUE

IN SEVERE CASES, IT CAN CAUSE  
ORGAN FAILURE AND EVEN DEATH





# ERLICHIOSIS

DIAGNOSED WITH PCR

DON'T WAIT TO TREAT IF  
CONCERNED

DOXYCYCLINE




# TULEREMIA

BACTERIAL DISEASE CAUSED BY  
FRANCISELLA TULARENSIS

TRANSMITTED TO HUMANS THROUGH  
THE BITE OF INFECTED TICKS, DEER  
FLIES, OR OTHER INSECTS

SYMPTOMS OF TULAREMIA INCLUDE  
FEVER, CHILLS, HEADACHE, MUSCLE  
ACHES, AND FATIGUE

SEVERE CASES, IT CAN CAUSE  
PNEUMONIA AND EVEN DEATH



ULCEROGLANDULAR - LOCALIZED  
LYMPHADENOPATHY CUTANEOUS ULCER AT  
INFECTION SITE

OCULOGLANDULAR - PHOTOPHOBIA,  
EXCESSIVE LACRIMATION, CONJUNCTIVITIS

PREAURICULAR - SUBMANDIBULAR AND  
CERVICAL LYMPHADENOPATHY

OROPHARYNGEAL: EXUDATIVE  
PHARYNGITIS OR TONSILLITIS, CERVICAL,  
PREPAROTID, AND/OR RETROPHARYNGEAL  
LYMPHADENOPATHY

PNEUMONIC - COUGH, PLEURITIC CHEST  
PAIN HILAR ADENOPATHY, INFILTRATE, OR  
PLEURAL EFFUSION

TYPHOIDAL -ANY COMBINATION OF THE  
GENERAL SYMPTOM WITHOUT  
LOCALIZATION



# TULEREMIA

DIAGNOSIS - CULTURE,  
SEROLOGY, AND PCR  
TREATMENT

GENTAMICIN OR  
CIPROFLOXACIN FOR 10 -14  
DAYS

DOXYCYCLINE FOR 21 DAYS



# SUMMARY

KNOWLEDGE OF LOCAL EXPOSURE  
RISKS

INCLUDING IN DIFFERENTIAL  
DIAGNOSIS

PROMPT TREATMENT AND  
APPROPRIATE TESTING



**QUESTIONS?**