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- Viral Hepatitis – A Global Snapshot of Challenges and Opportunities.
- Hepatitis C Virus – An update on prophylaxis and therapy.
- A Sojourn through Biliary Ascariasis
- Gastro Intestinal Bleed – Infective aetiology and its management
- Debate on Management of Acute Infective Necrotising Pancreatitis: Surgeon's versus Physician's Perspective.
- Faecal Transplants – Recent advances in Management of IBD.
- Stepping out of the Lab – Clinical Microbiologist in Gastroenterology.
- GI pathogens in Hospital Care – Screening and Management
- Brain Gut Axis – Functional bowel disease: A myth or a reality!
- Opportunist GI pathogens in hospitalized & immunocompromised patients
- Genetically modified food and altered gut milieu.
- PG Quiz

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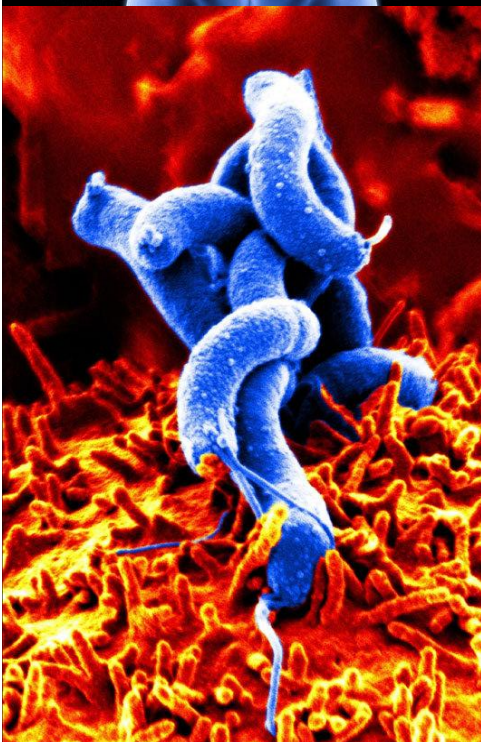
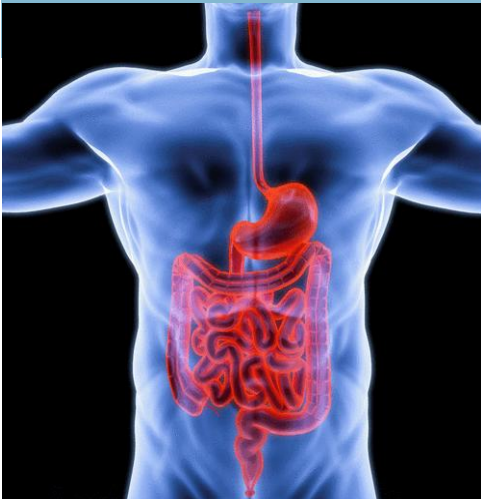
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Chronic HBV prevalent among non-high-risk populations across world

In a new WHO funded study, researchers found a prevalence of chronic hepatitis B virus infection across various non-high-risk populations across the world, indicating strategies of prevention and control are still needed to combat the infection, according to findings published in *The Lancet*.

To perform a pooled analysis and up-to-date systematic review, researchers analyzed data of 1,800 studies. The studies included reports on hepatitis B surface antigen (HBsAg) serological marker of chronic HBV infection in non-high-risk groups across 161 countries.

In the analysis, researchers found HBsAg seroprevalence was 3.61% worldwide with highest prevalence in countries among the African (8.83%) and Western Pacific region (5.26%). "Within the WHO region of the Americas, prevalence ranged between 0.2% and 13.55%, with the lowest range being in Mexico (0.19%-0.21%) and the highest being in Haiti (9%-19.89%). Prevalence ranged between 0.48% and 22.38% in the African region, with the lowest being in the Seychelles (0.12%-1.9%) and the highest being South Sudan (20.1%-24.83%). Countries in the Western Pacific region had a high-intermediate prevalence of HBsAg (5%-7.99%), with most prevalence being found among Pacific Island states than large countries like China and Australia.

The highest population of people positive with HBsAg were China (74 million), India (17 million) and Nigeria (15 million), according to the research.

The researchers concluded: "The findings of this report indicate an unmet need for prevention and control of this infection, particularly in high-endemicity countries. Investments in comprehensive and effective strategies to interrupt the transmission of hepatitis B and reduce resultant morbidity and mortality are urgently required.

"Furthermore, the magnitude of this epidemic warrants investments in research and concerted efforts in developing epidemiological research capacity, particularly within resource-poor countries to accurately quantify the problem and assess the effect of interventions."

Schweitzer A, et al. Lancet. 2015;doi:10.1016/S0140-6736(15)61412-X.

ACHIEVEMENTS OF GISI MEMBERS

1. Prof. S.V.Rana, Department of Gastroenterology, PGIMER, Chandigarh, delivered an invited talk on How to take care of Lactose Intolerance during the Indo-Global Healthcare Summit & Expo 2015 held at Hyderabad in July 2015.
2. Prof. Chetana Vaishnavi, Department of Gastroenterology, PGIMER, Chandigarh, delivered the following invited talks during the Indo-Global Healthcare Summit & Expo 2015 held at Hyderabad in July 2015 and also chaired two sessions on Infection Control and Biomedicine during the conference.
 - a. Biofilms and medical devices-associated infections
 - b. Food borne bacterial toxins
 - c. Impact of Probiotics on Gastrointestinal Functions
 - d. Newer Laboratory Diagnosis for Tuberculosis
3. Dr. Sagar Khadanga, Department of Medicine, AIIMS Bhopal, delivered an invited talk on Cost effective 3-Tier Community Outreach Program, during the Indo-Global Healthcare Summit & Expo 2015 held at Hyderabad in July 2015.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

5th Biennial Conference of
Gastrointestinal Infection Society of India
GISICON 2015
Organized by
Departments of Microbiology & Medicine
Govt. Medical College & Hospital, Jammu



1. Please note that GISICON 2015 is rescheduled on November 6-7, 2015 at Govt. Medical College & Hospital, Jammu (J&K)
2. Bidding for GISICON 2019 and 2021 are invited from all the GISI members and shall be accepted on first-come first-served basis.
3. Life Membership fees of GISI are INR 3000.00 payable by bank draft or cheque at par in favour of "Gastrointestinal Infection Society of India" payable at Chandigarh, INDIA.
4. Manuscripts for Journal of Gastrointestinal Infections should be typed in MS-Word and Figures/Photographs in JPEG format and submitted by e-mail to the Editor-in-Chief only at jgi.gisi@gmail.com or gisi2007@rediffmail.com so that the papers are not lost. Authors are also encouraged to submit the manuscript online at the website www.gisi.in for rapid processing. Instructions to authors are also available under GISI Journal action link in the website.
5. All GISI members are requested to pass on any news that they desire to be published in the newsletter. This will include information of awards received, fellowships obtained or travel abroad for academic purposes and any other information that may be of interest to the members.
6. Indian Life Members desirous of receiving Certificate of Membership may send a Demand Draft of INR 250.00 in advance. Foreign Members may send USD 25.00 in favour of 'Gastrointestinal Infection Society of India', payable at Chandigarh, addressed to Prof. C. Vaishnavi, Dept. of Gastroenterology, Postgraduate Institute of Medical Education and Research, Chandigarh-160012, India. Kindly quote your Life Membership No. along with the request.

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