

# Over to Baz....



# Mr B D

Referral from junior colleague...

29 yr old student

14 days fever, dry cough

3 days amoxicillin - to no effect

1 day history swelling to left side of neck

No past medical history



# On Examination

Febrile

Tachypnoeic, tachycardic but 'well'

Obvious left supraclavicular swelling  
– lymphadenopathy

Unremarkable auscultation findings

No other adenopathy or  
hepatosplenomegaly



# Lab Findings

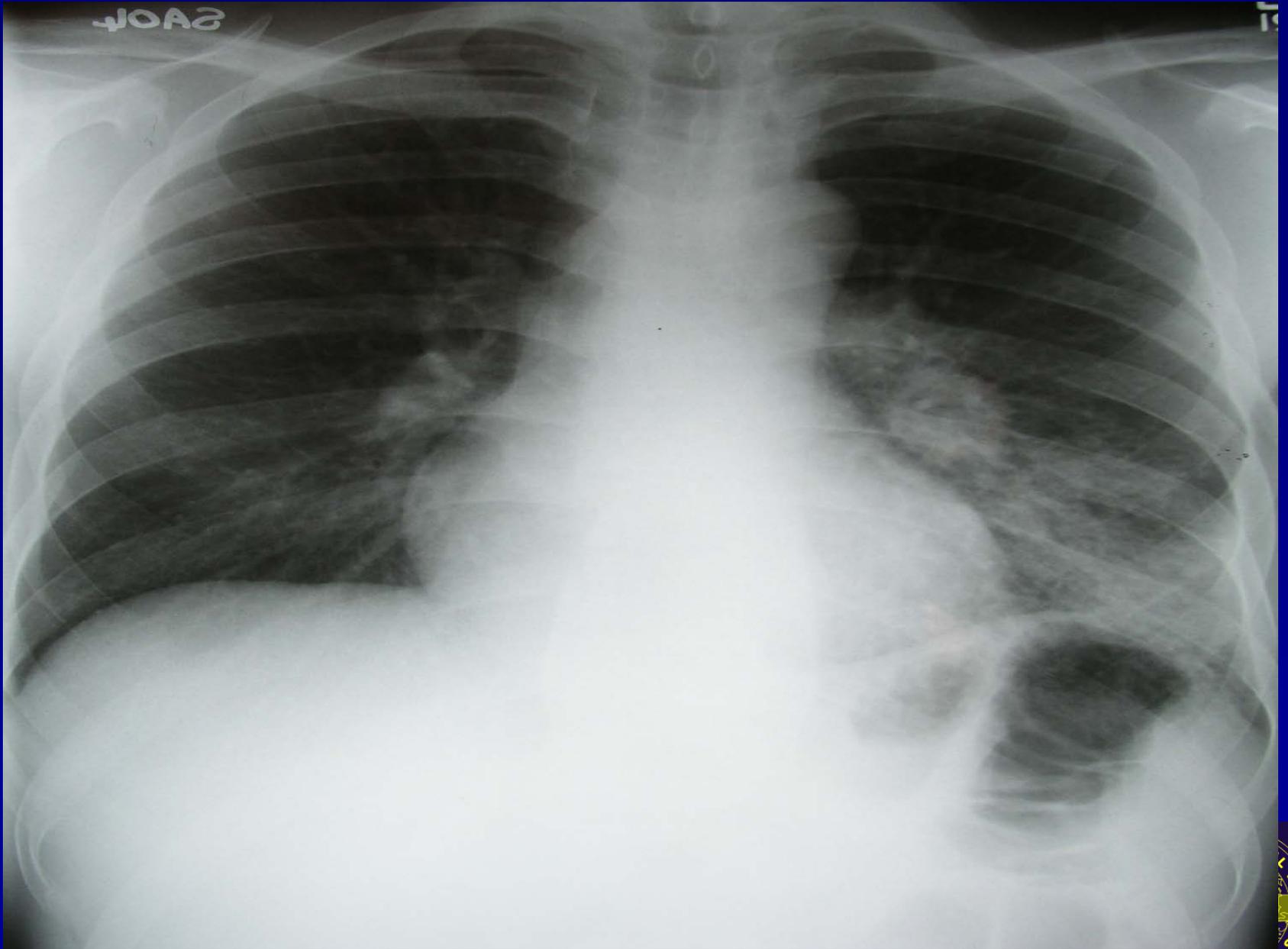
Raised white cell count - profound eosinophilia (6.4, normal <0.5)

Raised CRP, ESR

Normal electrolytes, liver function

Chest X-Ray





19 Jul 200  
51  
MF:1.

DFOV 35.0cm  
LUNG

3  
11/11/11

kV 120  
mA 180



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Thanks to Ralph Steadman



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.....driving through Arizona to New  
Mexico



# Differential Diagnosis?



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1. Lymphoma/leukaemia +/- pneumonia
2. Sarcoid
3. TB
4. Loefflers
5. Allergic Bronchopulmonary  
Aspergillosis
6. Acute eosinophilic pneumonia
7. Endemic mycosis



# Diagnostic workup

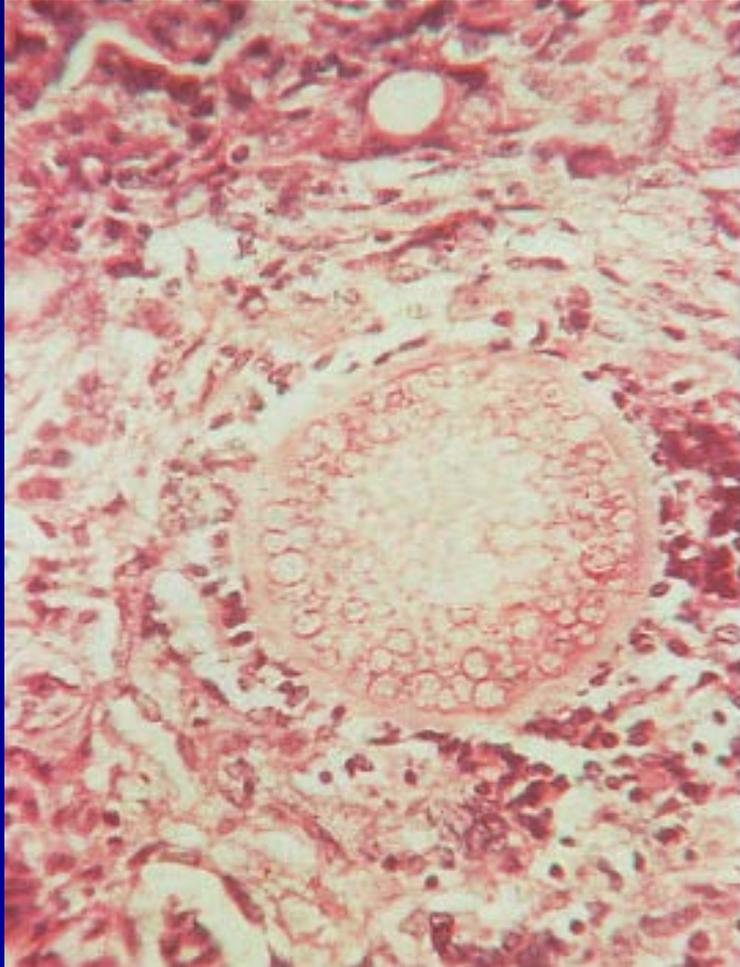
HIV serology

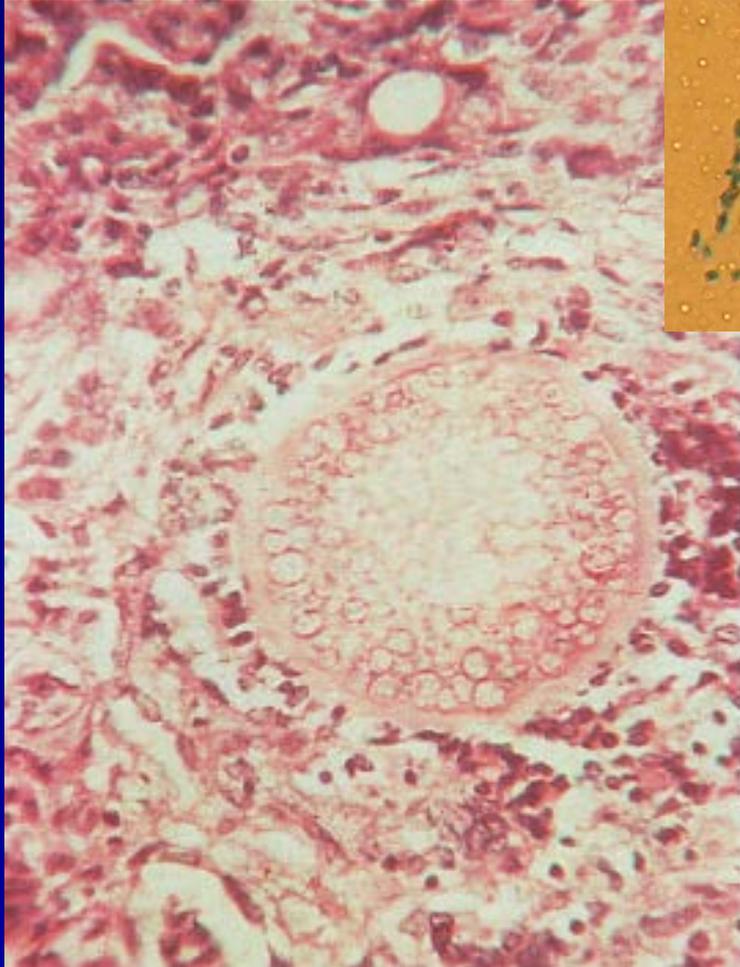
Induced sputum, listed for  
bronchoscopy

Lymph node biopsy

Other serologies





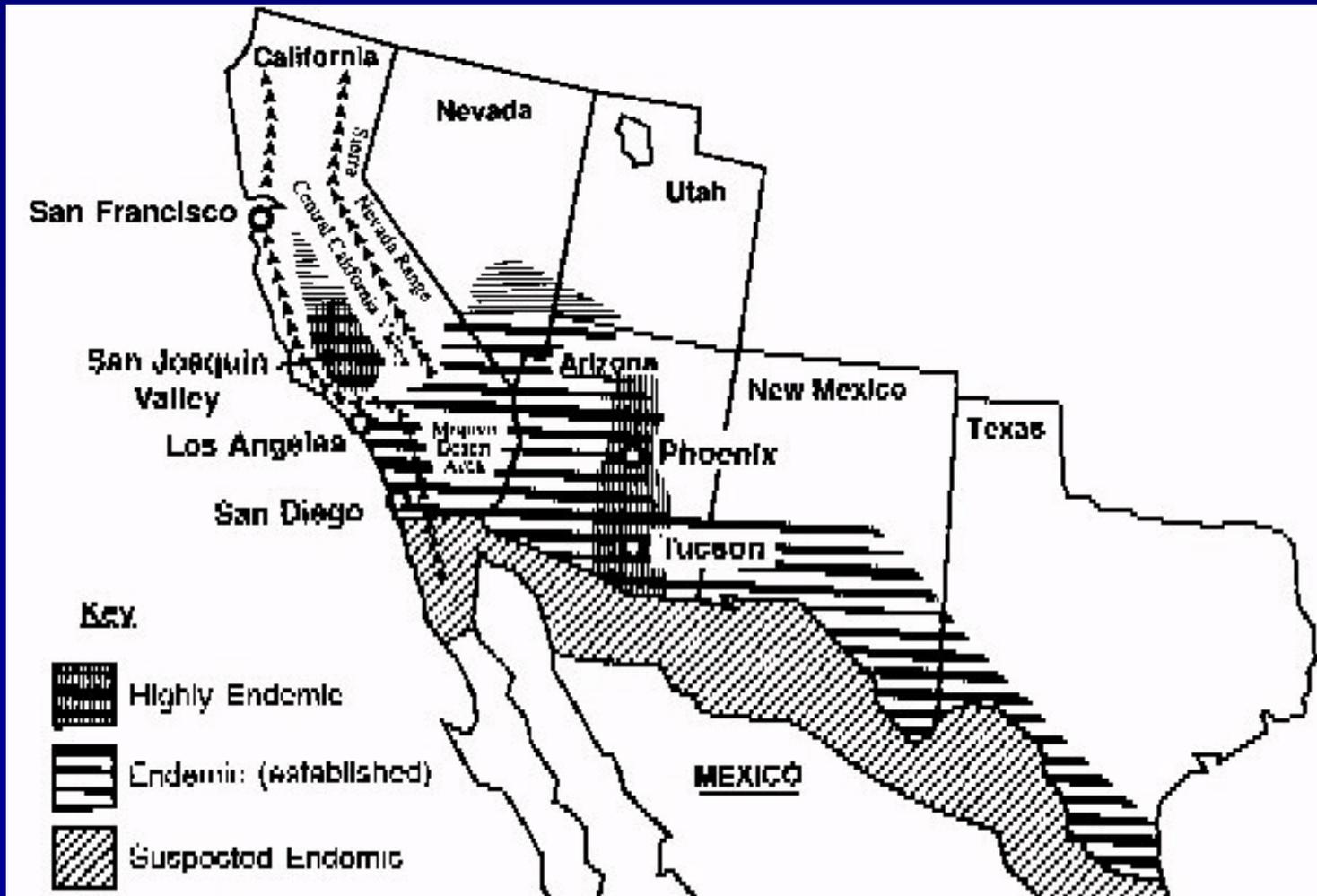


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and parts of central America



# *Coccidioides immitis/posadasii*



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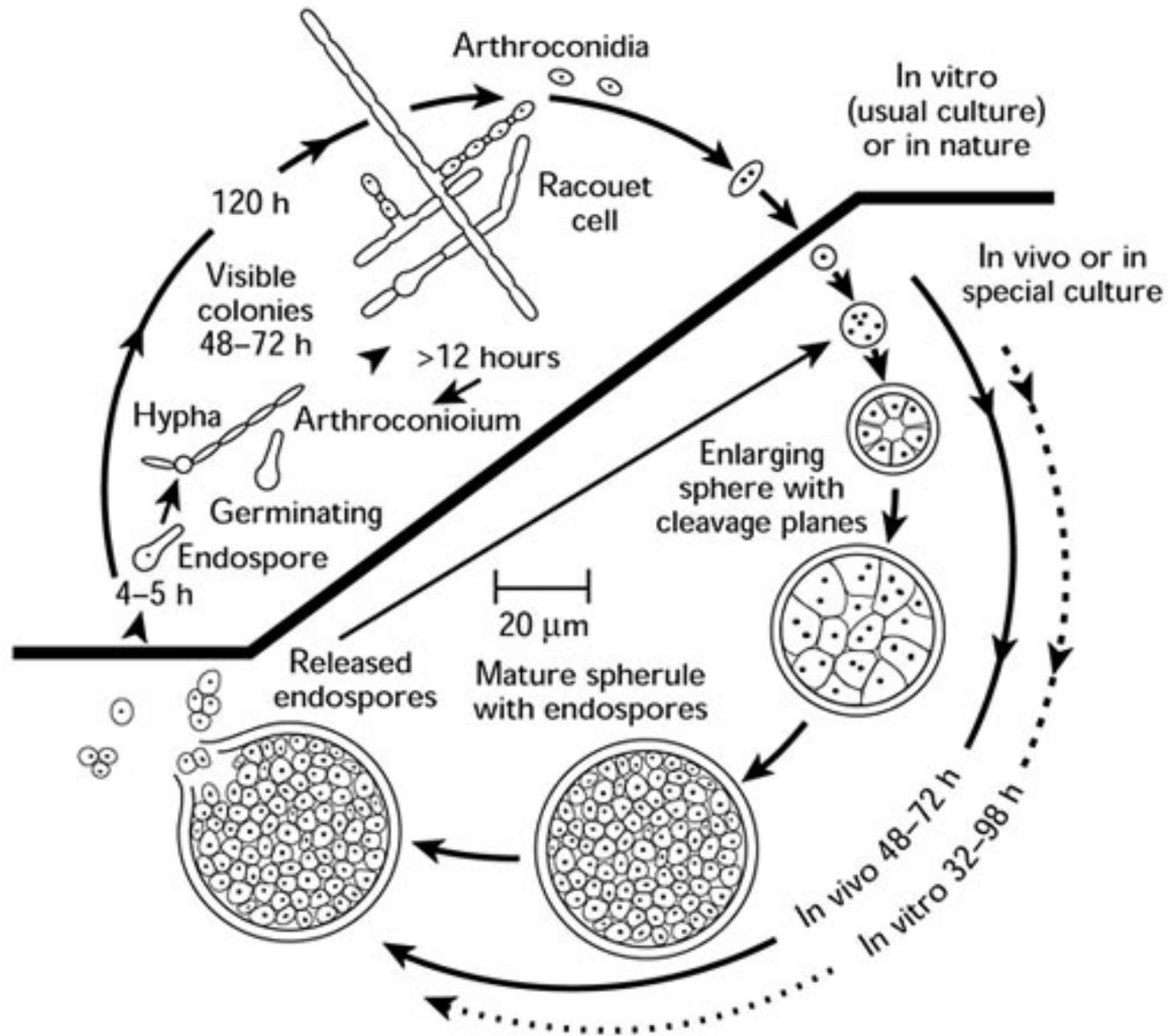
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Dimorphic fungus

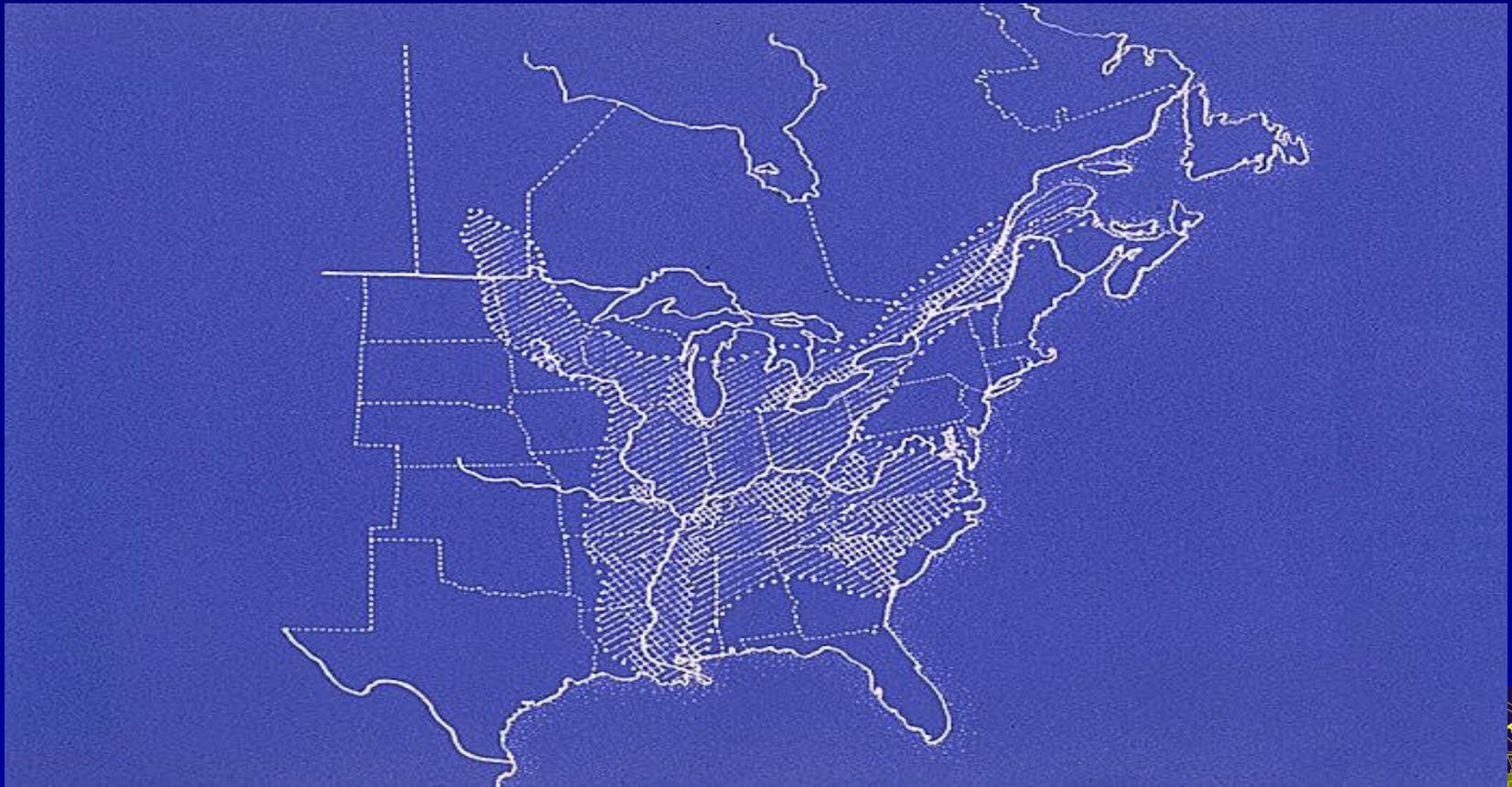
2 species described –  
*C. immitis* & *C. posadasii*

Often associated with eosinophilia





# *Blastomyces dermatidis*



# *Histoplasma capsulatum*

- Also worldwide distribution



**Black areas represent endemic regions**



# Coccidioides

est. 150 000 infections pa, 50-60%  
subclinical

Seasonal incidence

Clinical infection usually acute/subacute  
pneumonia

3-10% (0.5-1%) develop chronic intra  
(extra) pulmonary complications

Management summarised in IDSA  
guidelines<sup>1</sup>



<sup>1</sup> Galgiani et al CID 2005;41:1217-23

# Clinical Manifestations - Early

Subclinical (majority)

Pulmonary disease

- Unilateral infiltrates +/- cavities
- Hilar adenopathy
- Nodules
- Diffuse/fulminant pneumonia
- Miliary disease

'Desert rheumatism'

- Erythema nodosum, fever, arthralgia



# Clinical Manifestations - Late

## Chronic fibrocavitary pneumonia

↑ in diabetics, smokers, fibrotic lung disease

↓ in immunodeficiency states

Often multilobular



# Disseminated Disease

Uncommon

Increased Risk of Dissemination

- Immunosuppression
- Pregnancy
- African/Filipino origin
- Male sex

Skin, skeletal system and meninges most common

All other sites possible



# Meningitis

Usually develops early in infection

Can present subacutely

Basilar meningitis

Vasculitis

Hydrocephalus commonly complicates

CSF findings similar to TB, but  
eosinophilia occasionally prominent



# Diagnosis

## Serology

- Complement fixing antibodies (CF) – IgG
- Precipitin test – IgM
- ELISA

## Culture

- Sputum/BAL
- Lymph nodes

## Histology

## Skin test



# Treatment

See IDSA guidelines

Many do not need therapy

Oral azoles/amphotericin



# Mr B.D.

Started on itraconazole 200mg BD and discharged to close follow up

Fever resolved rapidly

CXR showed improvement

Treated for several months



# Any questions??



# Mrs HA

31 yr old chinese-american lady

20 weeks pregnant

No PMH

Mefloquine prophylaxis

9 day trip to Tanzania , returned 12/8/08







# Presentation

Unwell for 2 days in Zanzibar

– Watery diarrhoea

Noticed spot on forehead

3 days after return went for ‘facial’

Spot enlarged

6 days after return attended HTD (18/8)



# Presentation - HTD

Fever, diarrhoea, headache X 24hrs

Diarrhoea and headache settled

Febrile in department

Noted to have adenopathy & insect bites

Bloods

Malaria film negative

Hb11.1 WBC 9.25 Plt 210

U&Es & LFTs Normal

CRP 15

Discharged with follow up



# Progress

HTD contacted after 48hrs (20 August)

Admitted elsewhere after 24 hrs under Obstetrics

? skin sepsis - facial LN enlarging + bite site necrotic

Advised to repeat blood films daily

21 August

Debridement in theatre – ‘pus’ expressed

22 August

Adenopathy said to be worsening

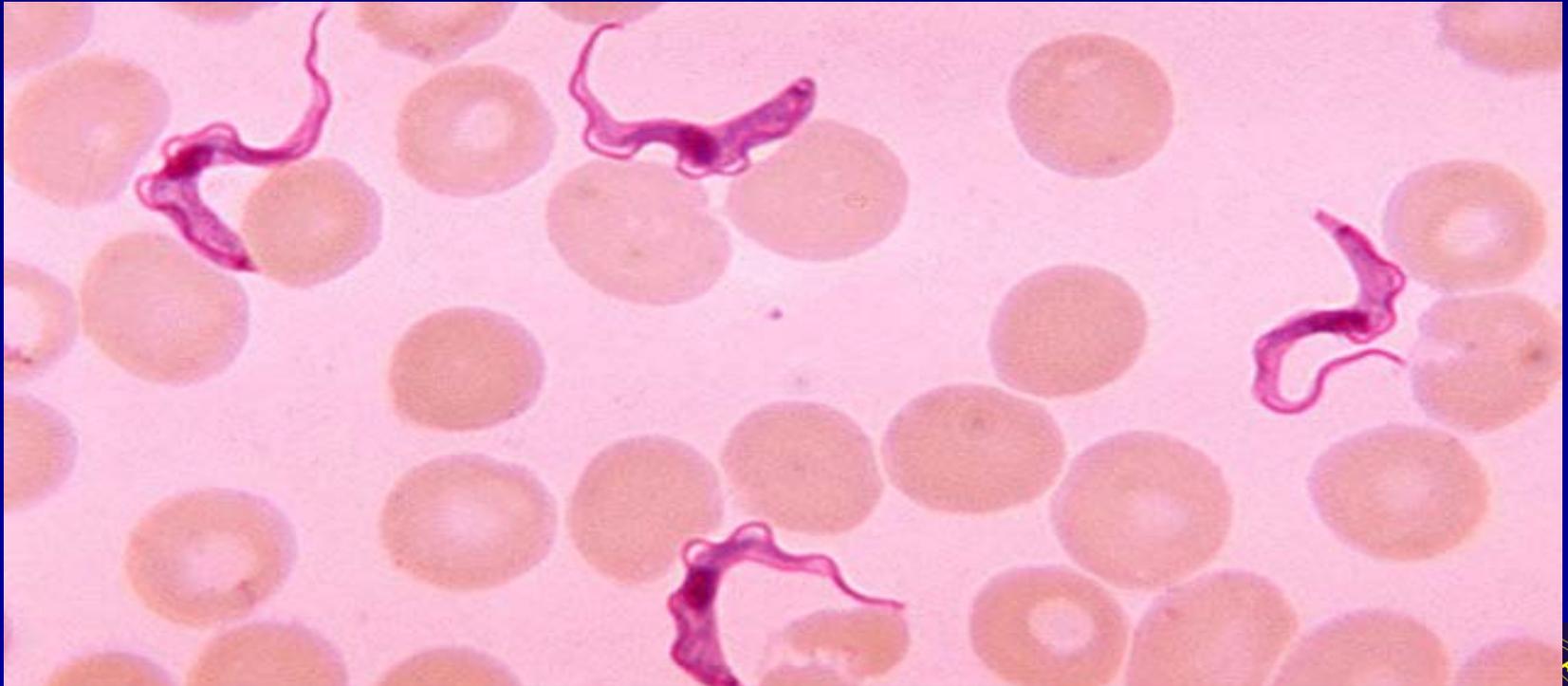




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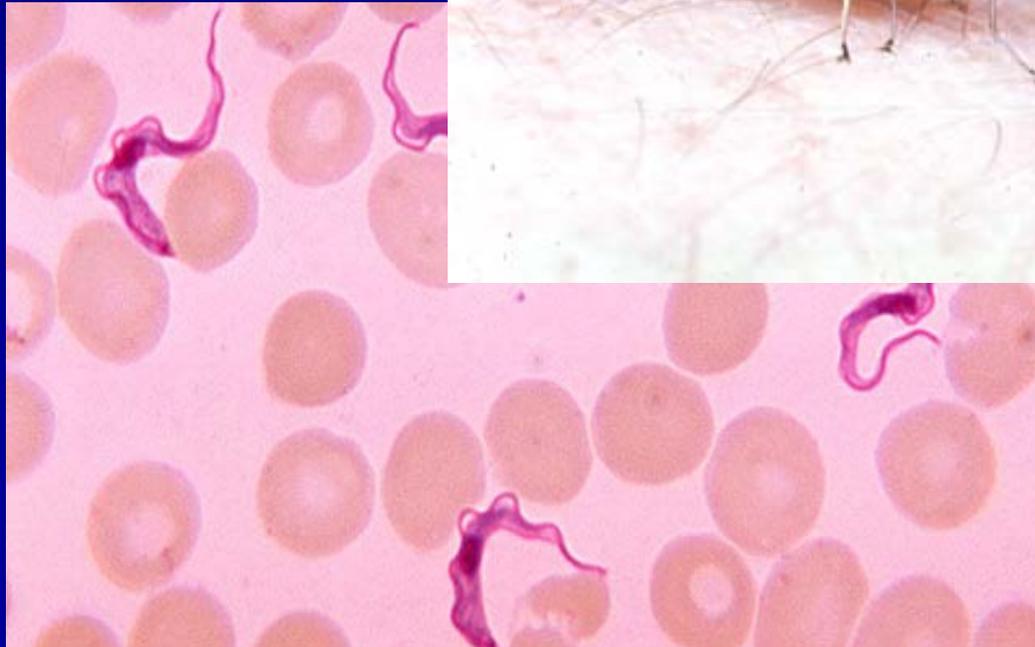


# Stage 1 Human African Trypanosomiasis due to *T b* *rhodisiense*

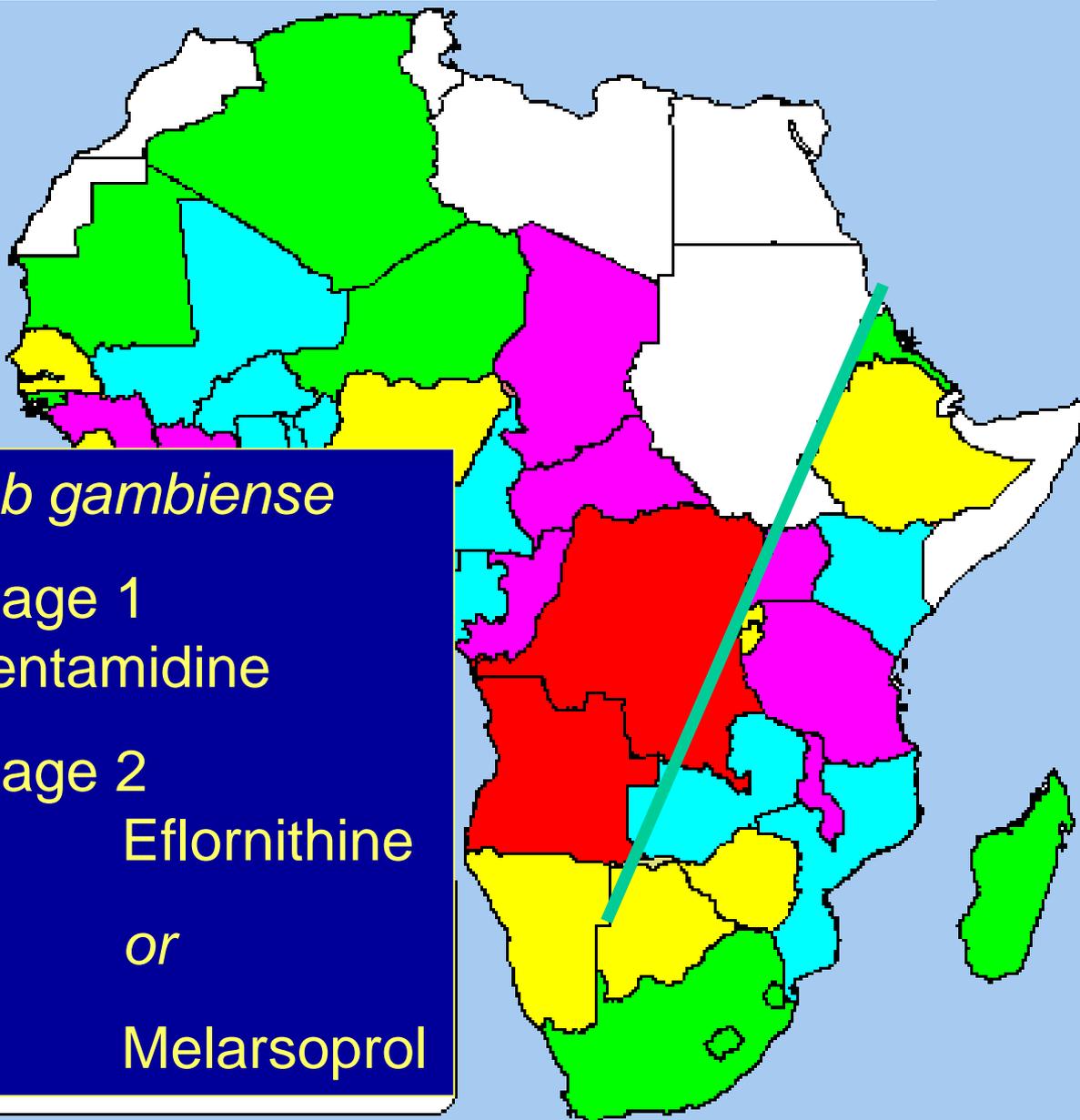


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# HAT Distribution (WHO 2005)



*T b gambiense*

Stage 1

Pentamidine

Stage 2

Eflornithine

or

Melarsoprol

*T b rhodisiense*

Stage 1

Suramin

Stage 2

Melarsoprol



# Suramin - In pregnancy?

## Rat models

Suramin injected rats a model of pre-eclampsia

Appears not to cross the placenta

- In humans?

Case report in literature of successful use in late 2<sup>nd</sup> trimester pregnancy

‘No evidence that suramin is teratogenic in man’,  
extensively used in onchocerciasis programs with no  
documented ill effect\*



# Pentamidine – in pregnancy

Evidence of effect in rat models, though less toxic than suramin

15 published cases of IV pentamidine in pregnant women – no foetal effects noted

Recommended by CDC in pregnancy

Balance of reduced anti-trypanosomal activity vs greater experience in pregnancy



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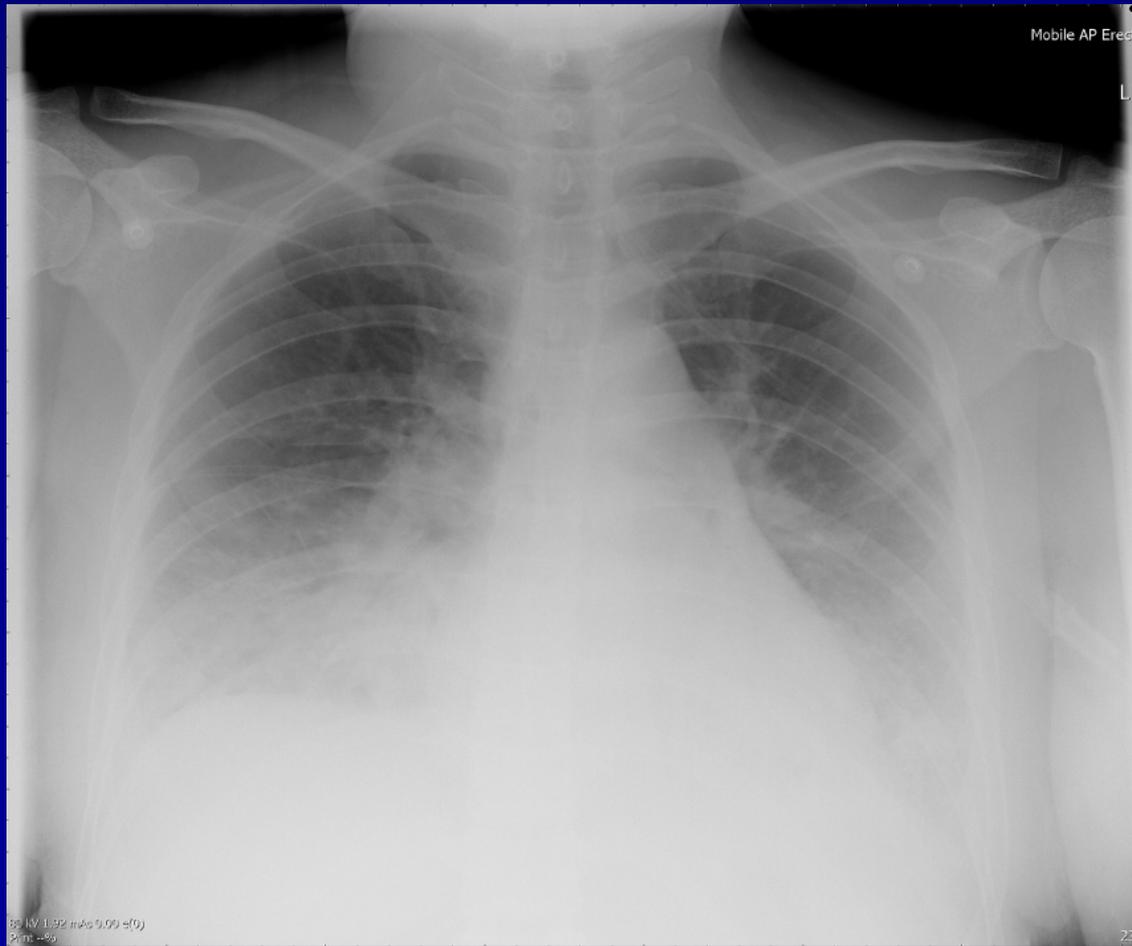
Rt basal crepitations

Blds

- Hb 9.5 WBC 1.9 Plt 60
- Mildly elevated liver enzymes
- CRP 230

CXR





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*T brucei* confirmed in blood film



# Treatment

Fluids

IV Ceftazidime

Suramin.....

.....out of stock!

– Alternative?

Deteriorating

Worsening shock, acidosis and gas exchange

Plan?



# Treatment

Screened for myocarditis – ECG, troponin, echocardiogram

Given pentamidine 4mg/Kg & T/F to ICU



# Further management

Obstetric team informed of arrival

Suramin obtained from source in Europe

Treatment continued with suramin & ceftazidime.

Lumbar puncture – CSF blameless

Mild proteinuria

Monitor placental blood flow



# Our patient.....



Did very well!

**Thank You  
Questions?**

