

# Lecture 5: Helminths-Nematodes

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# Helminthes

Multi-cellular

large & can be seen by eyes

simple

## Round worms

(Nematodes) دارویی cylindrical, unsegmented

## Flat worms

① Trematodes:

leaf-like, unsegmented.

② Cestodes:

tape-like, segmented

# Nematodes General Characteristics

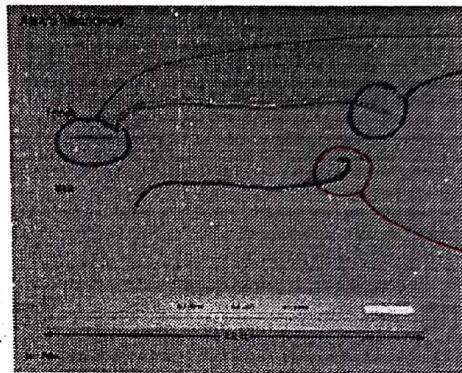
(cylindrical)  
round  
ذيله دائري

- Non-segmented cylindrical worms tapering at both ends
- Variable in size, measure <1 cm to about 100cm
- Sexes are separate, male is smaller than female & its posterior end is curved ventrally
- Live in intestinal tract or tissues

$f > m$

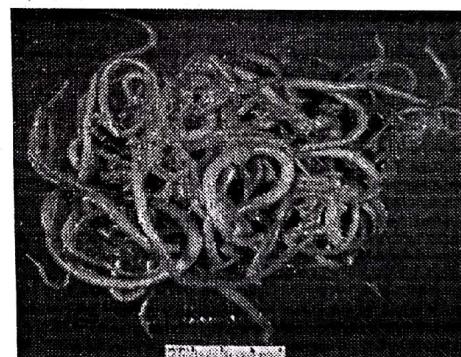
ركزي من حيث أكبر

Some of them might migrate from the intestine into other tissues.



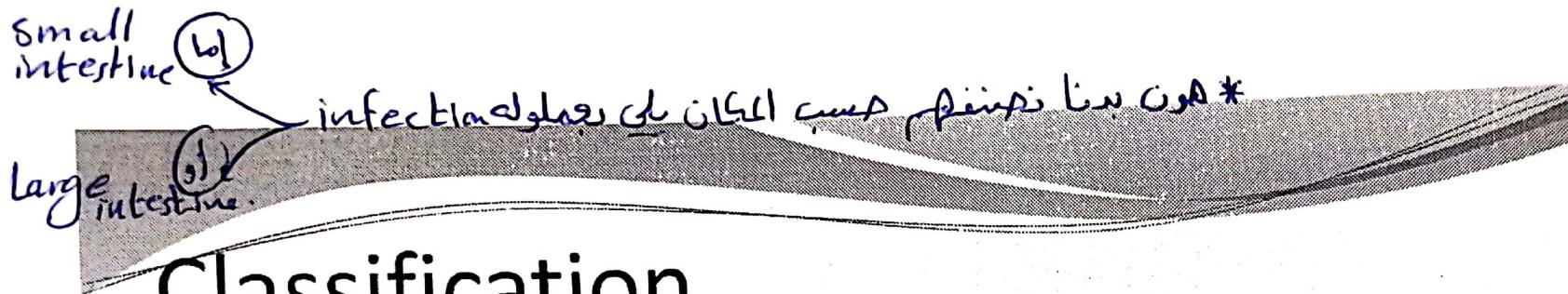
+ لا ينفصل جسمه إلى جزئين كييفيين  
+ انتقال بجهة بصرية thinning tapering at both ends

\* من الجهة الامامية (الـ ventral) يوجد curve  
اذا من هذه الوجهة يعرف انه ماء male\*



→ This picture shows collection of nematodes with a very huge number.  
⇒ In this case we will have intestinal obstruction.

small bodies (1)



## Classification

### \* Small Intestine only

- ✓ *Ascaris lumbricoides* (round worm)
- ✓ *Necator americanus* (american hook worm)
- ✓ *Ancylostoma duodenale* (hook worm)
- ✓ *Strongyloides stercoralis*

*Trichinella spiralis* (trichina worm)

*Capillaria philippinensis*

### \* Caecum and Vermiform appendix

- ✓ *Enterobius vermicularis* (pin worm)
- ✓ *Trichuris trichiura* (whip worm)

# Modes of Infection

② The classical & most common way.

## 1. Ingestion of -

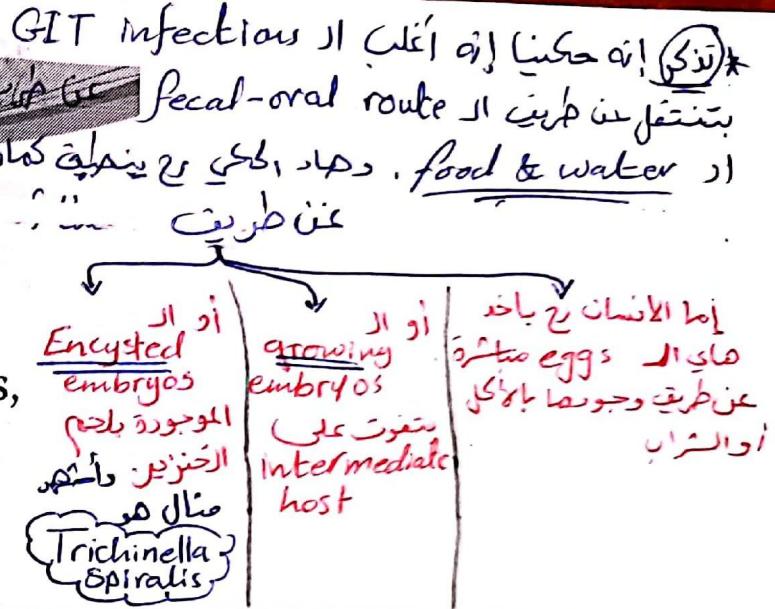
- Embryonated eggs contaminating food & drinks,  
e.g. *A. lumbricoides*
  - Growing embryos in an intermediate host
  - Encysted embryos in infected pig's flesh e.g.  
*Trichinella spiralis*

*Trichinella spiralis* دخنقة

2. Penetration of skin – filariform larvae bores through the skin e.g. *A. duodenale*, *S. stercoralis*, *N. americanus*

3. By blood sucking insects e.g. filarial worms

4. Inhalation of infected dust containing embryonated eggs e.g. *A. lumbricoides*, *E. vermicularis*



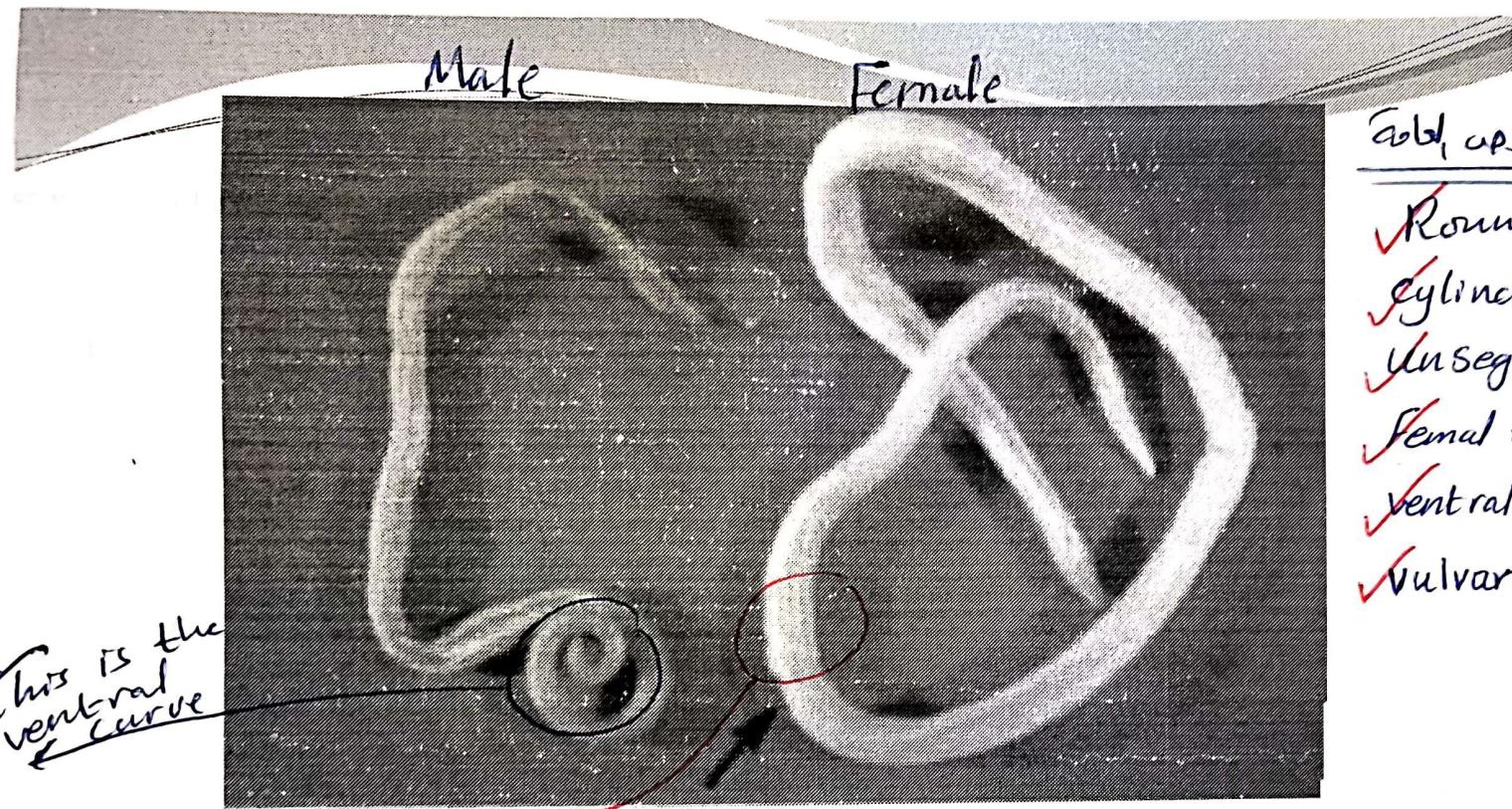
\* من بعد ما يمتص  
Inhalation of infected ducts

— فی الحال کان بحتوی علی embryonated eggs.

ج توکل های ار eggs علی ار lungs و من ار lungs بترجع علی ار intestine

# 1. *Ascaris lumbricoides* (roundworm)

Adult worms	Male 15 to 30 cms Female 20 to 40 cms → Females > Males
Eggs	60 µm, bile stained (بني عاصف) Albuminous coat with unsegmented ovum
Infective form	Embryonated eggs
Mode of transmission	Ingestion of the embryonated eggs !!
Site of localization	Small intestine



A pair of female and male worms of *A. lumbricoides*.  
 Notice the vulvar waist(arrow) of the female worm and the coiled end of the male worm.

ذكري اهم特徵 ذكر اهم (\*)

- ✓ Round
- ✓ Cylindrical
- ✓ Unsegmented
- ✓ Female size > male
- ✓ Ventral curve in male
- ✓ Vulvar waist in Female

\* لاحظ وجود حزام بالوسط  
 ⇒ female worm will be

① Infection with adult  
 (male & females) in the  
 المساحة ضوئيا بـ CamScanner

# **The Life Cycle Of ROUNDWORMS**

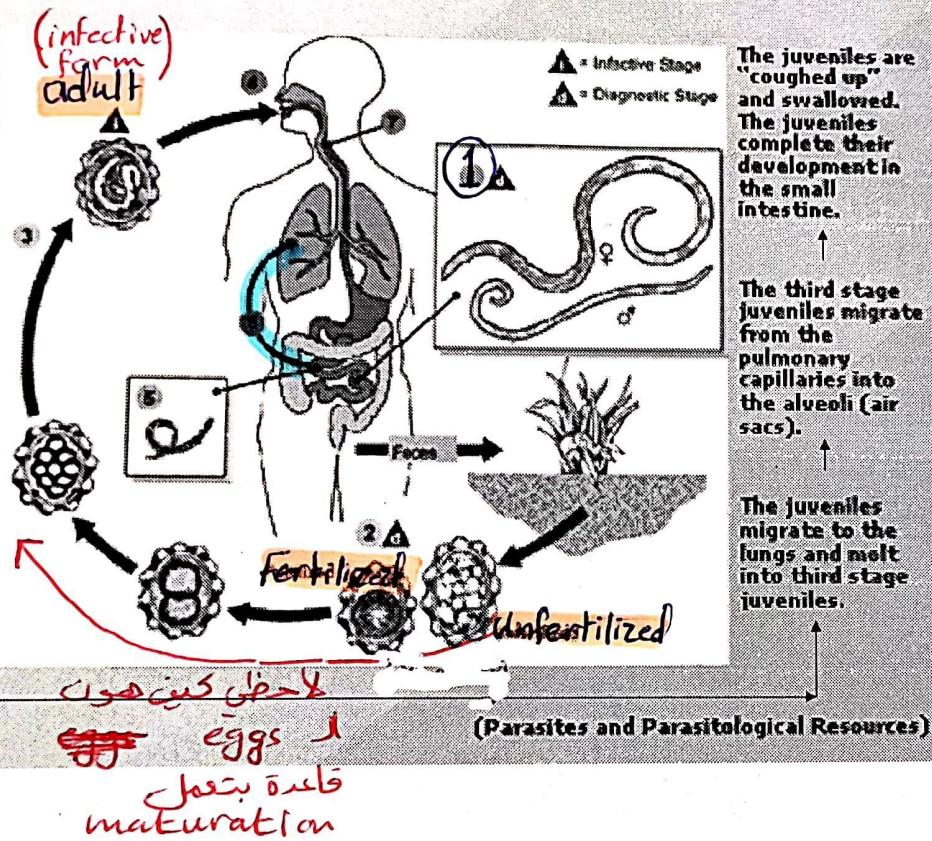
Ascaris Lumbricoides and Ascaris Suum

**Adult males and females are in the small intestine.**

**Females** ↓  
produce eggs  
that are passed  
in the host's  
feces.  
(A single female  
can produce  
200,000 eggs  
per day.)

**Juveniles in eggs  
mature to the  
infective  
(second) stage.**

Eggs ingested by host and hatch in the small intestine. The juveniles penetrate the tissues of the intestine and enter the blood stream.



① Infection with adult worms (male & females) in the small intestine.

 This will cause the clinical manifestation of the intestinal tract.

⇒ These males & females worms will start mating, so this will lead in producing eggs.

البيئة الخارجية: الـ female راح تنتج كميات كثيرة من الـ eggs باليوم الواحد (حوالى ..... ) وهادى راح تطلع مع الـ school . وتنروح للـ external environment

ومنهن مسكن توصيل الخفمار صنلا .  
فإذا واحد أكل هاي الخفمار بيون ما يكون  
محسولة منبع رج ينتقل إله از infection

• ملاحظات مهمة :

① يلي رج ياخده المرخص بالأكل ويحاله Fertilized eggs هو ال ingestion

۷) بالردينيا Small intestine  
Fertilized eggs تسبح  
Adult forms (Male & Female)

٢٣ مرات ال worms موجودة بال intestine ، يمكن lung بتحولها Extra-intestinal migration ويرجعوا لل small intestine مرة ثانية .

# Pathogenesis

- Ascariasis – infection of *A.lumbricoides*

- # Majority of infections are asymptomatic → وخاصة في المراحل الأولى من المرض → لأن تكون أو number of these worms = 15 very

- Clinical disease is largely restricted to individuals with a high worm load

IC الارجل الاولى من المرض و خاصية في المراحل الاولى من المرض → Number of these worms is very low

- Symptoms divided into two groups: those produced by

کل مازاد عدد چشم را تبلیش  
آنرا این ترتیب مختصر نماییم

1. Migrating larvae → lungs, liver, intestine
  2. Adult worms

有趣的問題是什麼？

# Symptoms & Complications

- Symptoms produced by Migrating larvae
  1. Pneumonia (loeffler's syndrome) - ~~fever~~, ~~cough~~, ~~dyspnoea~~, blood tinged sputum that may contain larva, ~~urticarial rash~~ & ~~eosinophilia~~
- 2. Visceral larva migrans – if larvae enter systemic circulation (from pulmonary capillaries) to reach other organs like brain, spinal cord, heart, kidney.  
*(Rarely happens)*

# Symptoms & Complications

- Symptoms produced by Adult worms

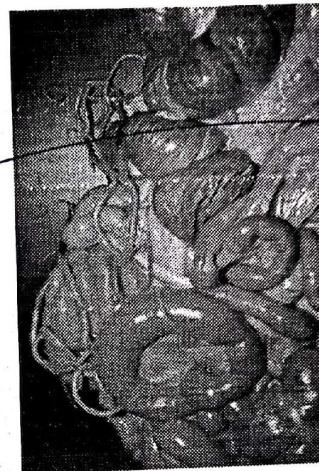
1. Abdominal discomfort, anorexia, nausea & diarrhoea.

2. Protein energy malnutrition (PEM), Vit. A deficiency (night blindness)

3. Intestinal obstruction (particularly in children 1-5 years), intussusception & volvulus

4. Penetration through intestinal ulcer (perforation) - peritonitis

5. Hypersensitivity reactions to worm Ags (toxic body fluids) - urticaria, edema of face, conjunctivitis, irritation of URT



هاد بھیر گئے ہائی ار ورمز  
لے تکسیر ممکنہ کمیٰ کبیرہ من الخزان  
وار دیاں ملٹی نے nutrients لے بختیم اکھیں  
والہم من لکھا تھا نظر تھکان  
وینمو جسم

عن ختاج للتدخل  
الجرامي

لے لے  
بلیان ایم  
خوشیہ من الدین

⑥ **Ectopic Ascariasis** – due to migration of worm up  
into the stomach. It may

vomiting وَرْدَادِ عَكْلَنَةِ \*

- be vomited out,
- pass up through the oesophagus at night & comes out through **mouth or nose** أَفْتَاف
- enter **larynx** to cause asphyxia.
- migrate to **other organs** and cause appendicitis, cholecystitis, biliary colic, cholangitis, pancreatitis

# Laboratory Diagnosis

## Stool analysis \*

- Macroscopic - Direct detection of worm/s in stool or vomit
- Microscopic – direct examination of feces following floatation method:  
**bile stained eggs.** (eggs may not be seen at least 40 days after infection)
- Blood examination – eosinophilia.



ملاحظات \*

egg بروتوكول  
60 μm  
Bile stained  
thick albuminous coa  
unsegmented.

# Other modes of diagnosis

- **Imaging** - large collections of worms in abdomen (CT scan, ultra sound)
- **USG** - to diagnose hepatobiliary or pancreatic ascariasis

**Serology** (Ab detection) - mainly reserved for epidemiological studies.

serologic  
ab detection  
epidemiological studies

infection

# Treatment

- Mebendazole/ Albendazole - drug of choice but contraindicated in pregnancy & heavy infection

- Pyrantel pamoate – single dose

- Levamisole

له بهائي الالة يوجد عنا  
large number of worms

فإن توفي الموا هاد وينتشر

عن يمثل عن كثيرون من المريضان

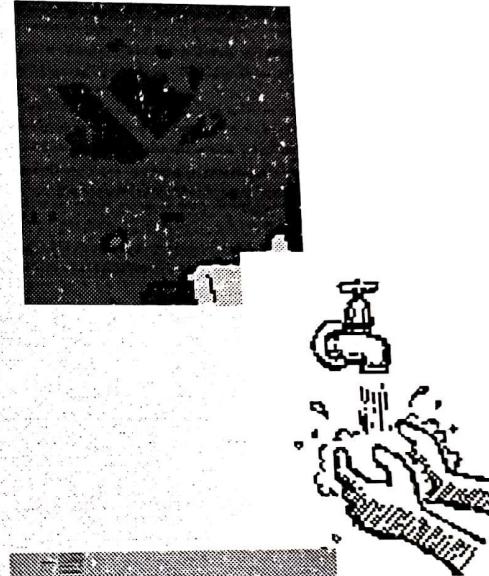
المستوى قاعدة بار

※ intestinal obstruction

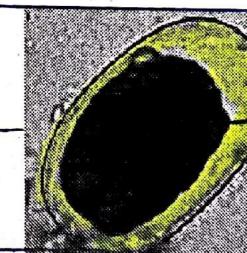
لذلك يجب في الحاله لازم نقلها او  
gradual killing

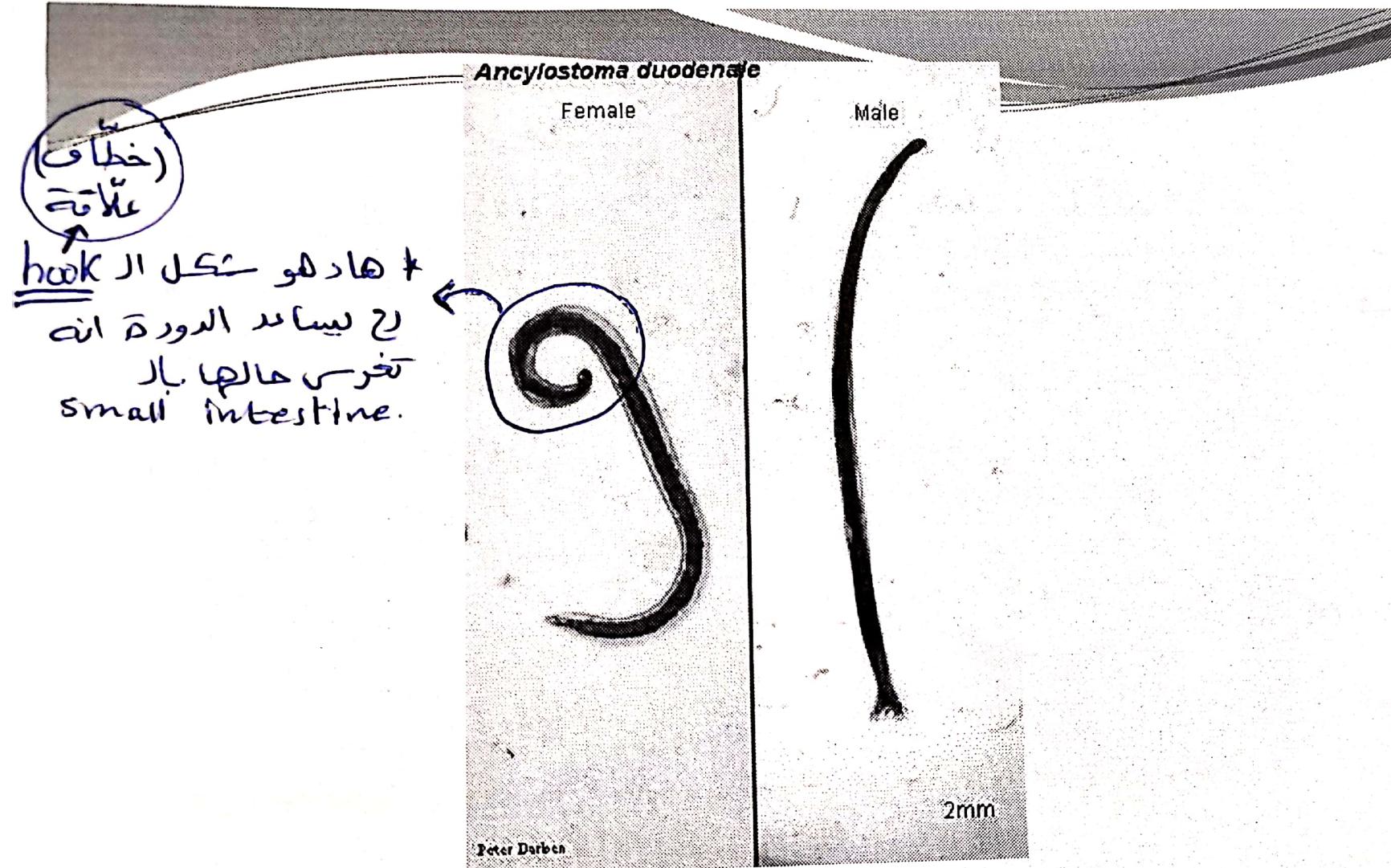
# Prevention

- ① Good sanitation and personal hygiene
- ② • Mass treatments with single dose mebendazole or albendazole for all school-age children every three to four months - serves dual function:
  - treats the children and
  - reduces the overall worm burden in the community

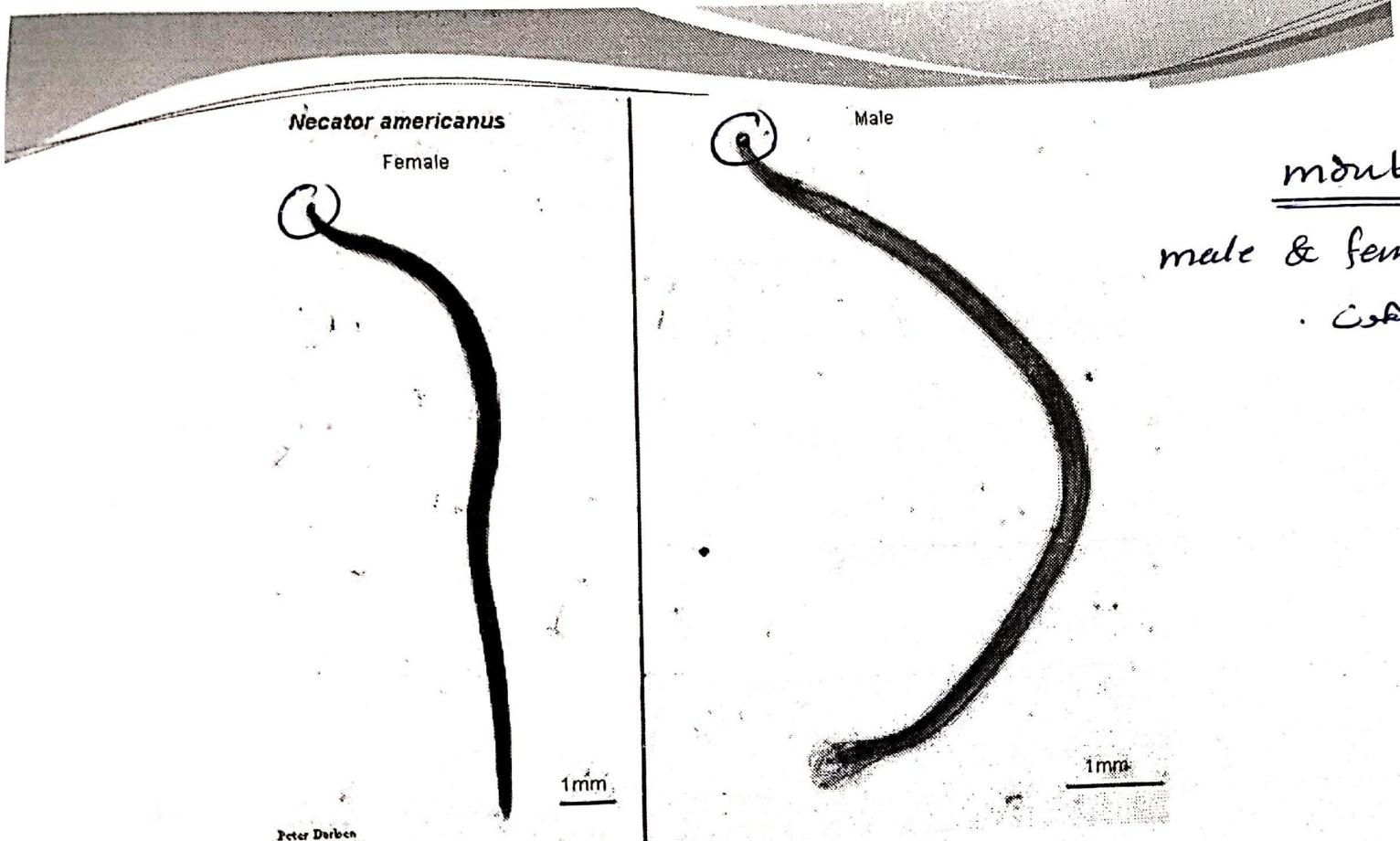


## 2. Ancylostoma duodenale and Necator americanus (hook worm)

Adult worms	Male 8 -11mm Female 10-13 mm	برهنهن وحشون Female > Male	حجمها زمخن من لكن لا يحيط حجم الأنسكار
Eggs	مثل الأنسكار في تفاصيل 60 $\mu\text{m}$ , non bile stained (colorless) Segmented, 4 blastomeres		
Infective form	3 <sup>rd</sup> stage filariform larva		
Mode of infection	Penetration into skin		فتح السلايدان وحشون إذن هادي المنخنة Segmented
Site of localization	Small intestine		يوجب ع حلقات عبارة عن خلايا صغريرة جداً ار (4 blastomeres)



Adult worms of *Ancylostoma duodenale*

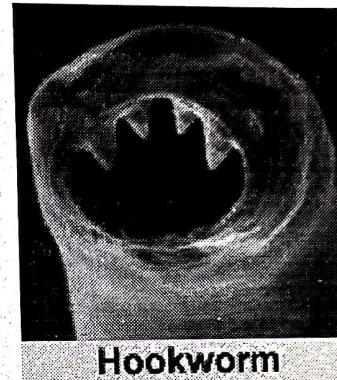


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mouth  
 يختلف بين ال  
 male & female.  
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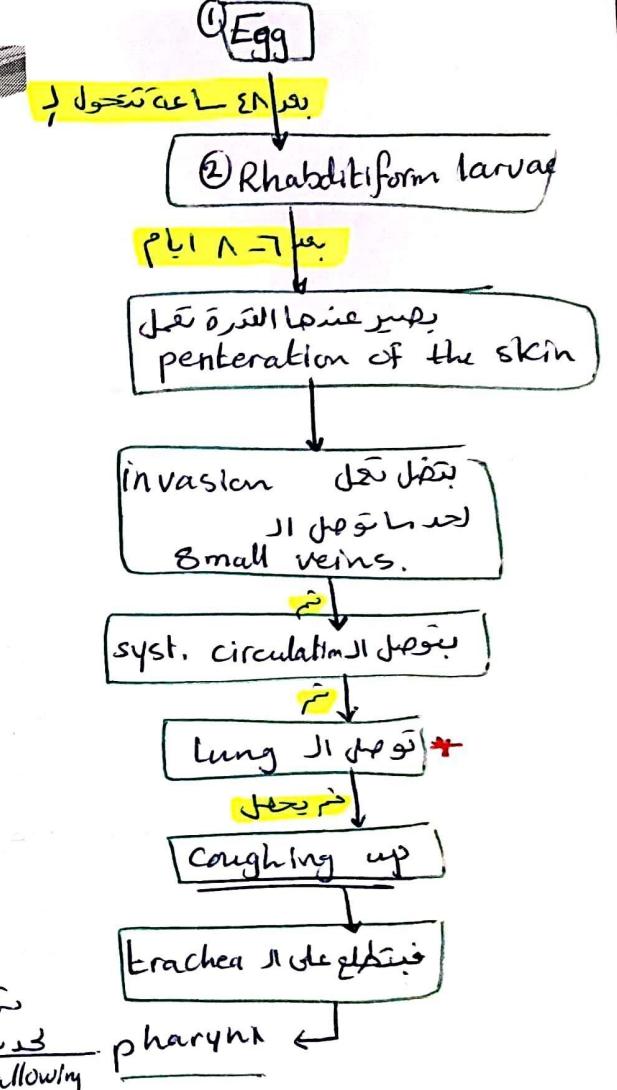
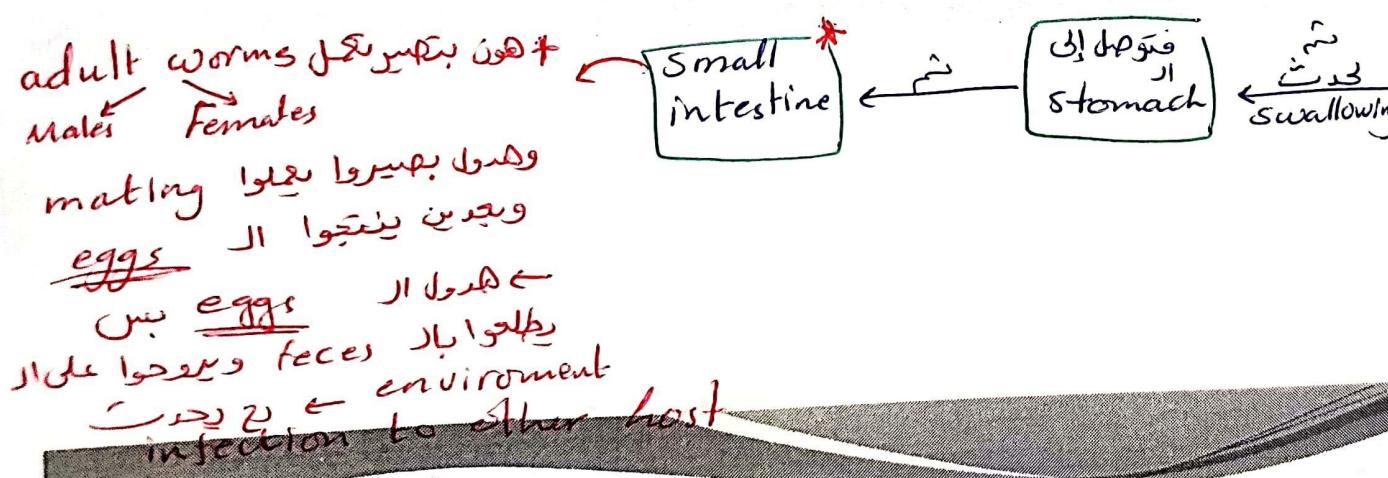
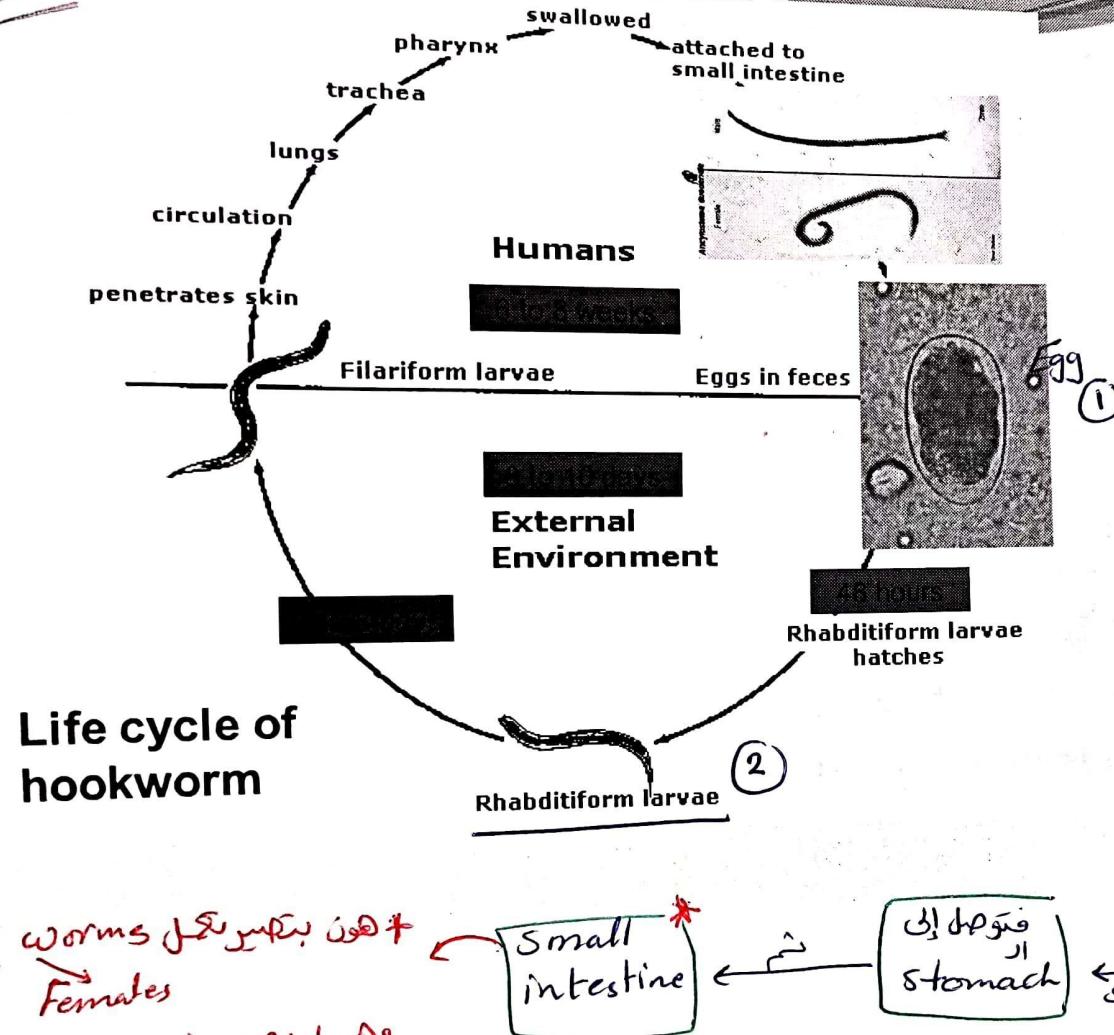
Adult worms of *Necator americanus*

# Sites of skin penetration

- Most common sites are:
  - ✓ 1. Thin skin between toes
  - ✓ 2. Dorsum of the feet
  - ✓ 3. Inner side of the soles
- ✖ Gardeners & miners – skin of hands



had سکل او  
می بخورد  
Intestine تغذیه  
و خبر را از  
✖ Blood & Nutrients  
of the patient



# Hook worms in the intestine



# Pathogenicity & Clinical Features

- Hookworm disease, characterised by iron deficiency anaemia
- Majority of infections are asymptomatic
- Symptoms develop in heavy infections and divided into two groups: those produced by
  1. Migrating larvae → cause respiratory symptoms
  2. Adult worms → cause intestinal symptoms

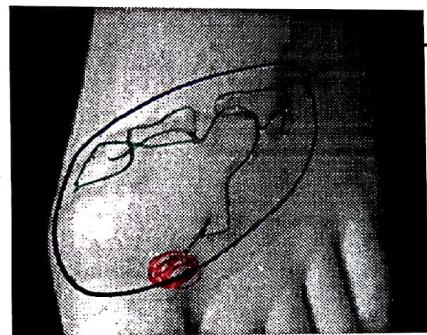
# Symptoms produced by larvae

ما يدخل  
عمره  
penetration

## Lesions in the skin:

### 1. Ancylostome dermatitis or Ground itch -

occurs at the site of entry (more common in necator), lasts for 2 to 4 weeks



### 2. Creeping eruption – reddish itchy papule along the path by filariform larvae (migrans)

- Lesions in the lungs – bronchitis & bronchopneumonia.  
(cough w/ blood)  
fever.

\* لعل ما تدخل الدورة ، المفترس مع بقائه  
معها كجسم غريب . ووح يفعل حفظ المكان  
ـ فبالناتي مع تشوفي papule محل ما  
دخلت الدورة . لولهم أخر :

\* الدانة الحمار يلي مؤشر عليهاه : (Papule)

ـ هون هو المكان اللي دخلت منه

الدورة وعملت  
penetration of the skin

ـ يديين بلست تسبح تحت الجلد عشان  
ـ وتحتفظ ال veins

ـ بعد 2-3 أيام تكون الدورة انتقلت  
من دار skin لل systemic circulation

ـ لأن هاد المفترس بروح بعد 2-3 أيام

ـ هاي المرة بتكبر بار  
**\* Necator americanus**

in the intestine

## Symptoms produced by adult worm

- Epigastric pain, diarrhoea & vomiting during early phase of infection.

Chronically 

- (Microcytic hypochromic) (Iron deficiency) anaemia - due to chronic blood loss:
  - a single adult hookworm sucks 0.2ml of blood/ day 
  - Hemorrhages from punctured sites

# Laboratory Diagnosis

- Stool examination – microscopy: non bile stained egg, segmented
- Occult blood in stool – \* positive
- Blood examination – anaemia, eosinophilia



ملاحظات المدرس  
1) colorless coat  
2) segmented

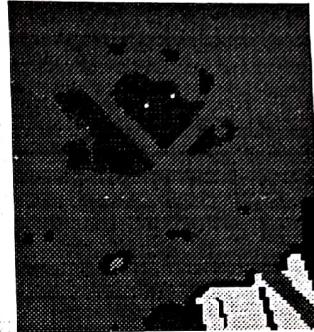
# Treatment

- Mebendazole / Albendazole → Drug of choice
- Pyrantel pamoate
- Oral iron replacement → In case of severe deficiency anemia
- Nutritional support

follow ups & stool analysis لارزم جل علی  
بعضی مسالیات مخصوص  
حکای تأکید اینکه میتواند  
worms و eggs را

# Prevention & Control

- Proper sanitation measures & sewage disposal
  - Personal hygiene
  - Personal protection – wearing boots & gloves
  - Simultaneous treatment of carriers & diseased with wholesale treatment of community
- New York  
نيويورك  
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نيويورك*



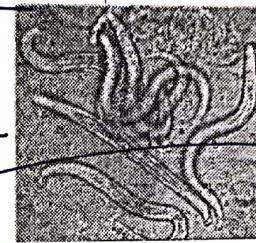
Size :

Ascaris > Hook worm > Strongyloids stercoralis

# Strongyloides stercoralis

أصغر من الـ hook

Adult worms	2 - 2.5mm, eggs laid in the tissues
Free living worms	Moist soil
Infective form	Filariform larvae
Mode of transmission	Penetration / autoinfection
Site of localization	Wall of Small intestine, mainly duodenum & jejunum

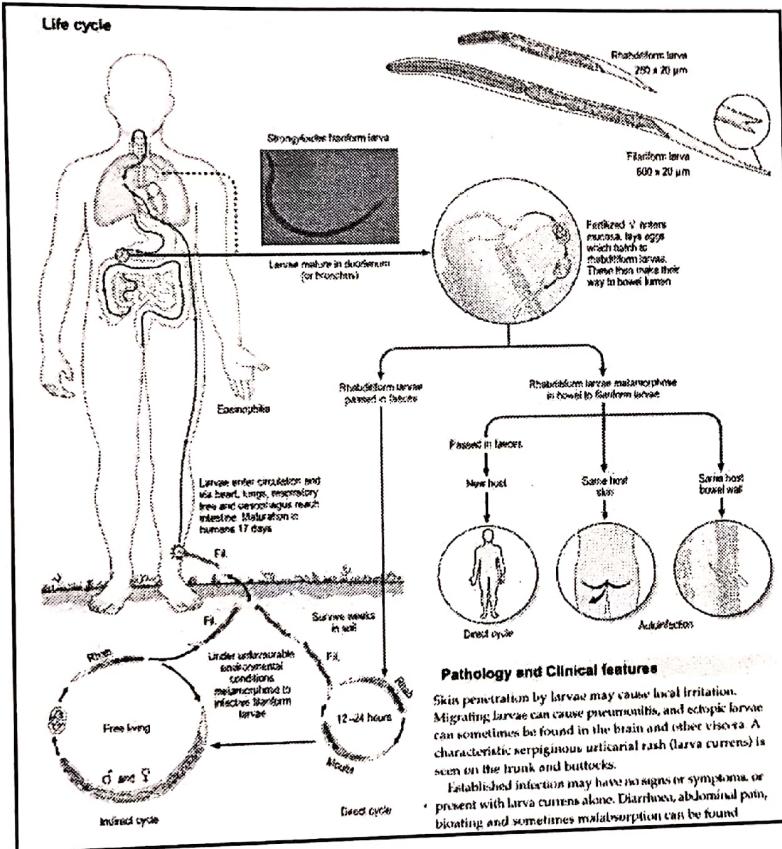


لاروا  
larae  
إذا اكتسب عن طريق الـ penetration.

الـ Egg → الفecal-oral  
نقطة او

نفس

# Life Cycle



(نفس المخلوطة في قمل) — Coughing up  $\rightarrow$  GIT

- ① Eggs in food (contamination)
- ↑ نفس في
- ↓ stomach
- ↓ Small intestine
- eggs  $\rightarrow$  adult form  $\rightarrow$  (Male to Female)
- making eggs  $\rightarrow$  جزء فمهم في بحثه بالا
- ↓ Environment
- Infection to other host

\* ممكن مجموعة الديدان تكون موجودة بالرئة  $\rightarrow$  lung migration إلى الرئة

ومنها  $\rightarrow$  GIT من هنا ترجع إلى الرئة

# Pathogenicity

1. **Skin lesions** (2 types) - "larva currens"
  - ✓ At the site of entry - urticarial rash
  - ✓ In the perianal region - linear, erythematous urticarial wheal
2. **Pulmonary lesions** - due to migrating larva
  - ✓ Alveolar hemorrhages
  - ✓ Bronchopneumonia
3. **Intestinal lesions** - "burrowing lesions"
  - ✓ Epigastric pain
  - ✓ Diarrhoea with blood & mucus
  - ✓ Nausea
  - ✓ Weight loss

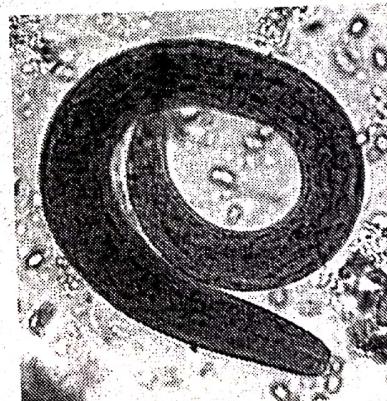
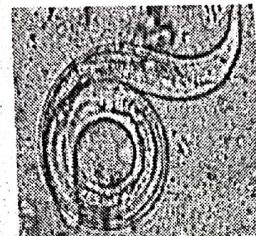
# Laboratory Diagnosis

\* In Ascaris & Hook worms

↳ Mostly we see the eggs (unlikely see the worm & larvae)

\* *Strongyloides stercoralis* &

↳ We see the rhabditiform larvae.



✓ • Stool examination –  
rhabditiform larva

✓ • Culture – larva

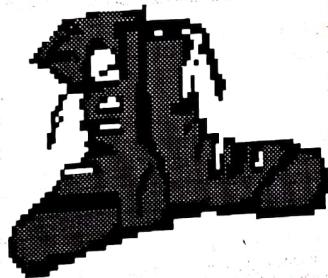
✓ • ELISA – to detect Abs

# Treatment & Prevention

- Potentially life threatening disease – treat even if its asymptomatic

- Thiabendazole for 2 days

Disseminated strongyloidosis – 5 to 7 days.

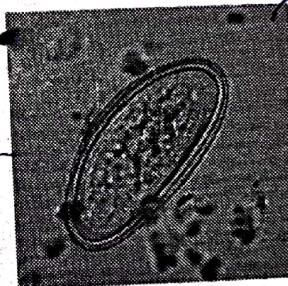


# 4. *Enterobius vermicularis*

(Pin Worm, Seatworm)

pin worm →  
البراغي  
من الباردة  
وحجمها صغير

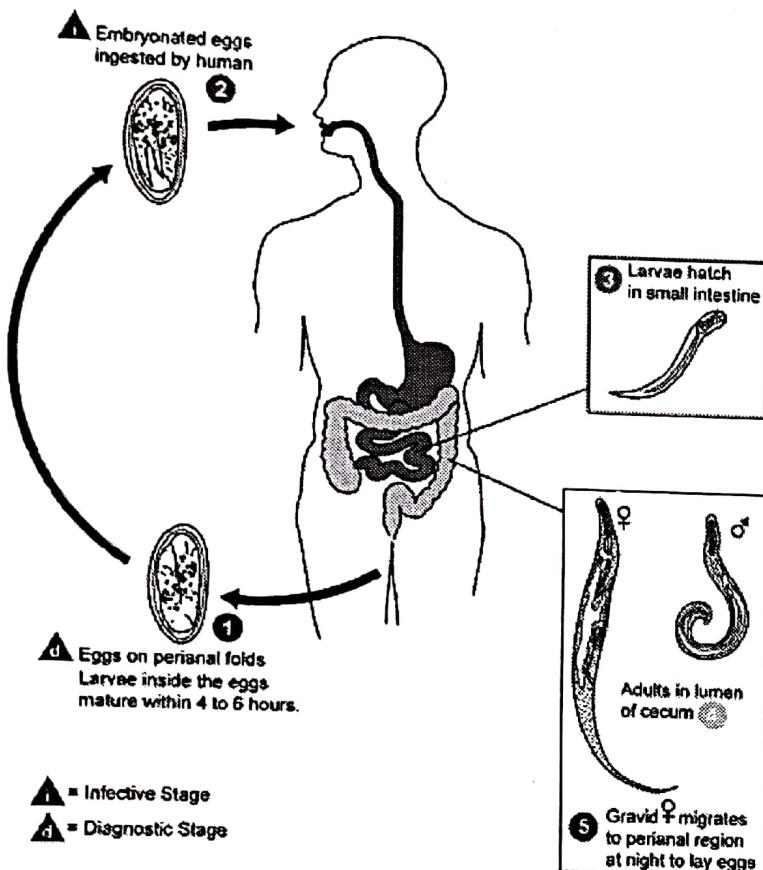
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Eggs	60 $\mu\text{m}$ , non bile stained Plano-convex with coiled embryo
Infective form	Embryonated egg
Mode of transmission	Ingestion, Autoinfection
* Site of localization	Large intestine – caecum & appendix



convex  
embryo  
(D-shaped)  
apex is plan at  
bottom, apex is convex &



# Life cycle



① Ingestion of eggs

→ stomach  
→ ~~small intestine~~  
large intestine

(hatching) رح فقس الـ جهون  
وعطى الـ وعطا  
Male & Female  
matting  
Large num. of eggs

Intestine بقلم بجهون  
infective stool جرد يطلع عوار  
& environment

اذ اكل العاده خفجه هو مفسولة

Contamination  
ج دخوا  
infection وينتقل الى

X lungs الـ worms الـ لا يمكن أن تدخل الـ ←  
(There is no extra-intestinal migration)

# Clinical features

- Due to migration of worm - Perianal, perineal & vaginal itching (pruritis) worsens at night

\* حكنا انه هاد النوع موجود بالـ  
perianal area.  
\* ويركته قریب من ار. ار.  
\* عشان هيلم بعدهن اوسوسون رج  
يسبحوا ويحاولوا يطلعوا عن طريق ار  
perianal area  
\* فيحصل Irritation بهاي المتنفحة دى تظهر على شكل

- / • Insomnia and restlessness

- ✓ • Nocturnal enuresis →  
تبول لا إرادى  
لحدت نتيجة كثرة ار  
irritation in the  
perianal area.

# Laboratory Diagnosis & Treatment

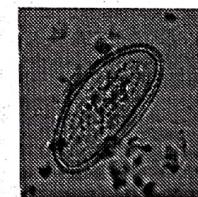
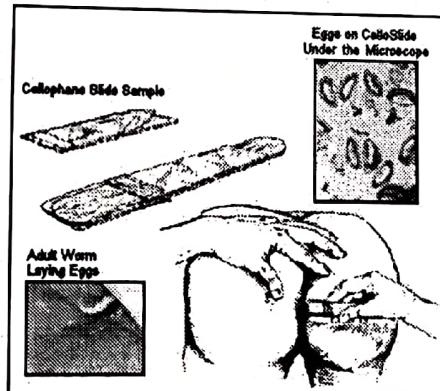
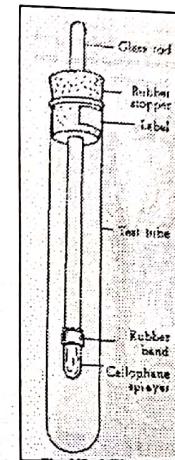
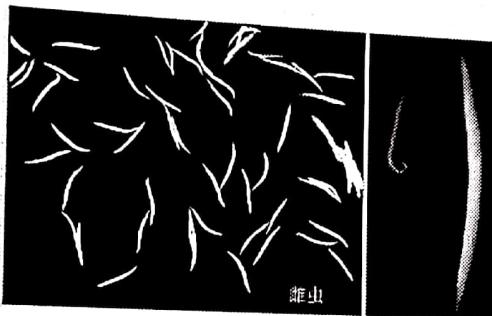
- Detection of adult worms in-
  - Feces
  - Perianal region

المنطقة  
perianal  
area  
وبتقرار  
بوق المثلث

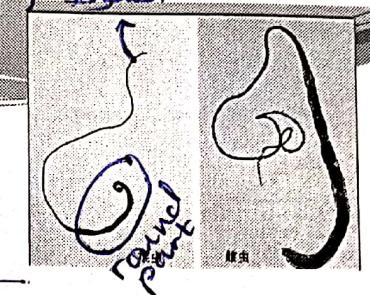
- NIH swab – scrapings from perianal region.

- Microscopy – non bile stained eggs

- Mebendazole, pyrantel pamoate



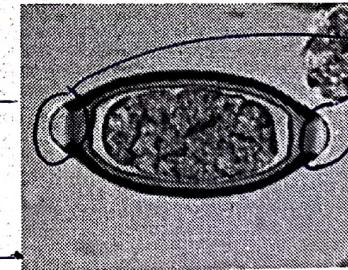
\* هاد الجزو سكاله بشبه شكل السوط (Whip worm)



## 5. *Trichuris trichiura*

(Whip Worm)

* Adult worm	30 – 50 mm	
* Eggs	60 $\mu\text{m}$ , bile stained Barrel-shaped with Mucus plug at each pole Unsegmented ovum	* هاد روح يخلصي امينهم عن Ascaris الـ انظر الشكل
* Infective form	Mature embryonated eggs	
* Mode of transmission	Ingestion	هدول عبارة عن bulbs 2
* Site of localization	Large intestine - caecum	لاحظ الشكل مثل قسيمة السناي والقهوة (في يد على اليمين و يد على العيسار)

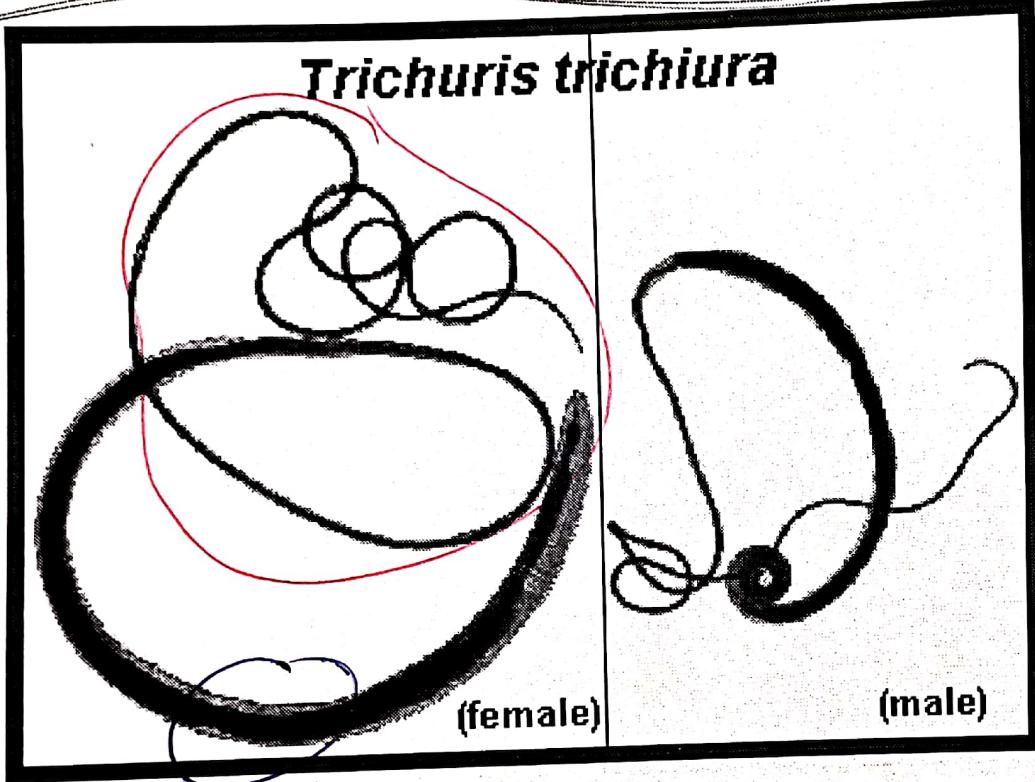


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الخصائص المميزة

- Round
- Cylindrical
- Unsegmented
- Female > male
- Vulvar waist in female
- **The presence of whip** سوط

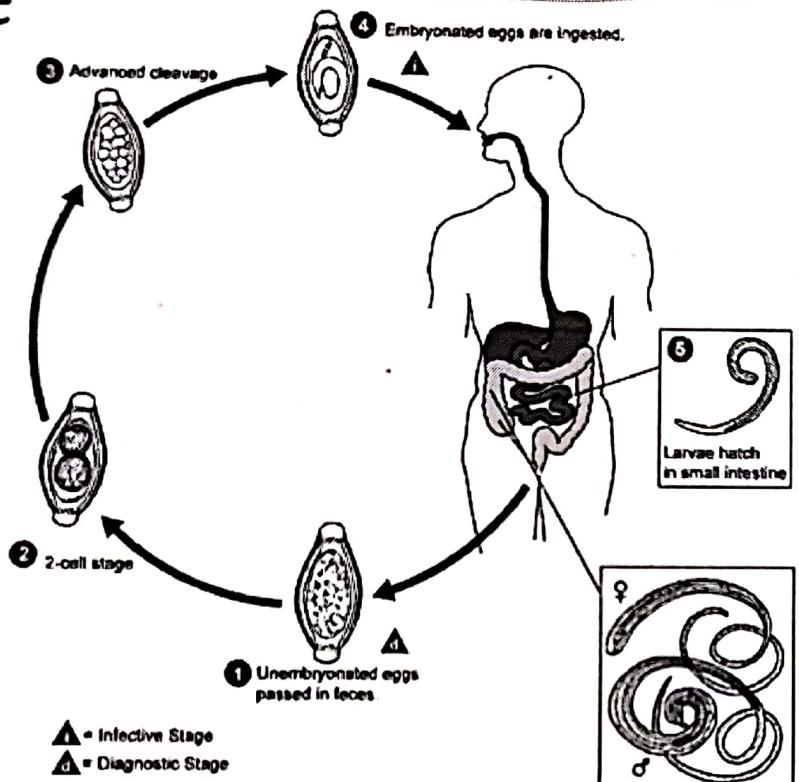
### *Trichuris trichiura*



*Trichuris trichiura* adults.

مميزات الحزام الوسيط  
في الإناث

## Life cycle



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    A((① Ingestion of eggs)) --> B[stomach]
    B --> C[small intestine]
    C --> D[large intestine]
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العنوان العنوان العنوان  
adult او (male & females)

محل بحثها ينبع  
فيما ينبعوا من ذلك

وجود  
فیکو  
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جزء بقى  
ويحصل على  
more male  
& female  
adults

Large intestinal complications الموجة الورقة والدواء  
migration to the lungs فنا =  
migration to the peri-anal area.

فیضان

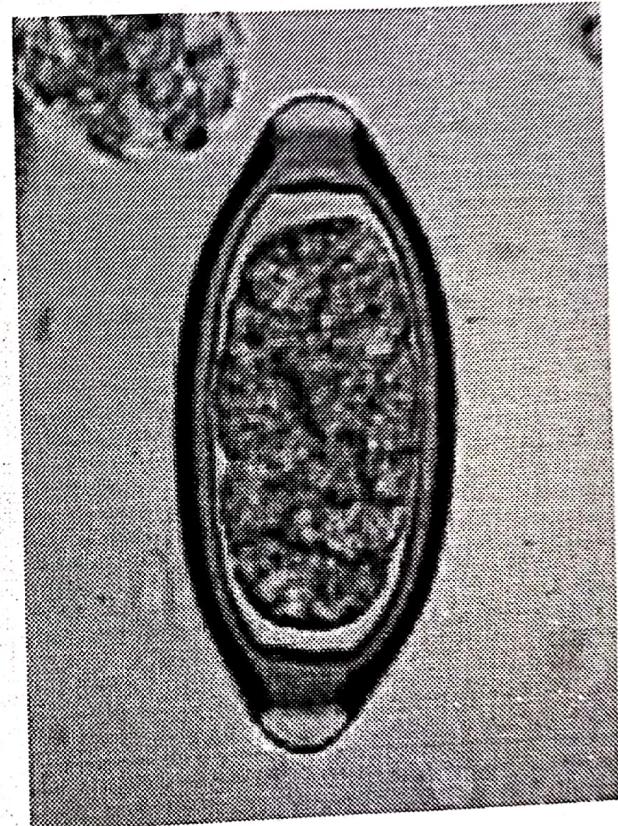
# Clinical features

- Infection - Trichuriasis توكيم
- Symptoms depend on worm burden
  - Less than 10 worms - asymptomatic
  - Heavier infections -
    - ✓ chronic profuse mucus and **bloody diarrhea** with **abdominal pains** and edematous rectum
    - ✓ malnutrition, **weight loss** and anemia

كل حازاد العدر  
بترندي احزمان

# Laboratory diagnosis & Treatment

- Stool examination – bile stained eggs with bipolar mucus plugs
- Treatment – albendazole / mebendazole
- Prevention –
  - Proper disposal of night soil
  - Prevention of consumption of uncooked vegetables & fruits .



# Key to the diagnosis of Intestinal Nematodes



## Intestinal Nematodes

Larvae in Stool  
*S. stercoralis*

Eggs in stool

Eggs on  
Perianal Skin

Colored  
(Bile Stained)  
*A. lumbricoides*  
*T. trichiura*

Colorless  
(Non Bile Stained)  
*A. duodenale*  
*N. americanus*  
*E. vermicularis*

Colorless  
(Non Bile Stained)  
*E. vermicularis*