

AMEBIASIS

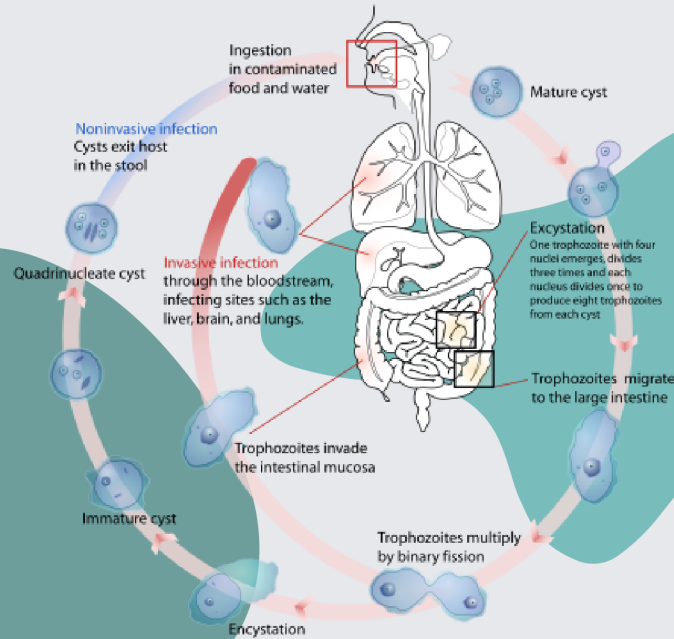
- Amebiasis is a disease caused by the parasite *Entamoeba histolytica*. It can affect anyone, although it is more common in people who live in tropical areas with poor sanitary conditions. Diagnosis can be difficult because other parasites can look very similar to *E. histolytica* when seen under a microscope. Infected people do not always become sick. If your doctor determines that you are infected and need treatment, medication is available.

symptoms

- Diarrhea, sometimes with blood visible in the stool
- Cramping abdominal pain
- Weight loss and fever



LIFE CYCLE



PREVENTION

- Hand washing before and after eating.
- Improvement of sanitary conditions
- Soaking of green vegetables in vinegar
- Examination & treatment of food handlers.



TREATMENT

- For luminal infection: **iodoquinol**
- For hepatic abscess: **chloroquine**
- For luminal and hepatic: **metronidazole**



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