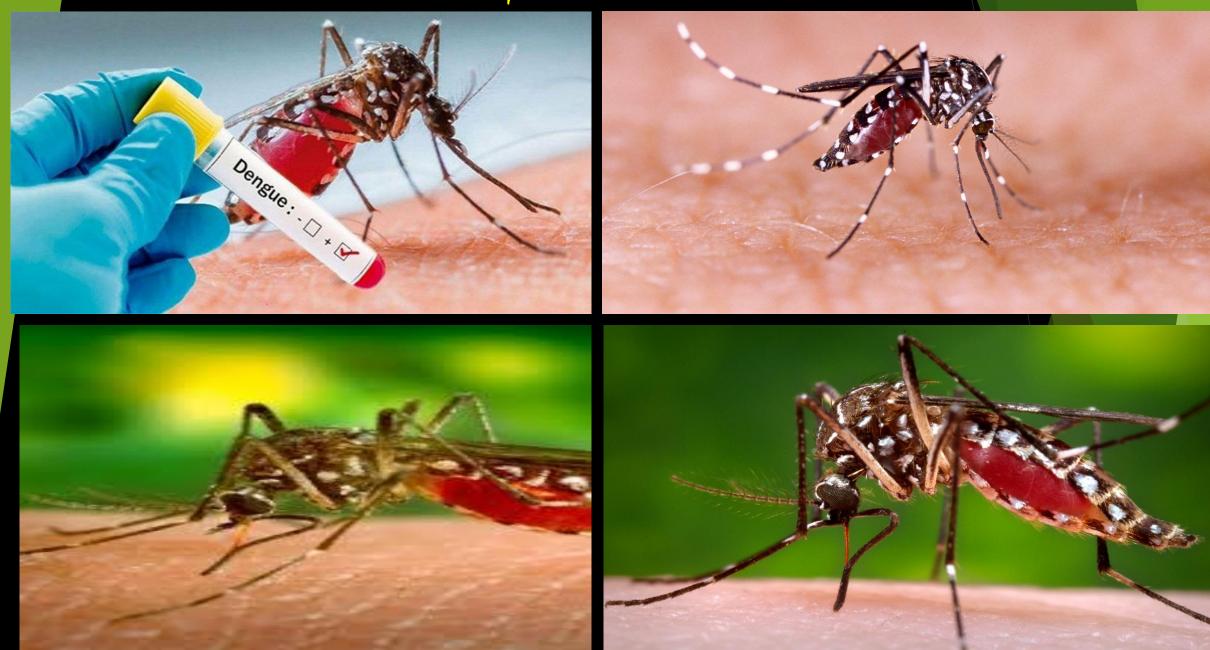
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### DENGUE A Fatal DISEASE



#### What is dengue?

Dengue is an mosquito-borne infection causing a severe flulike illness and sometimes causing a potentially lethal complication called sever dengue. The full life cycle of dengue fever virus involves the role of mosquito as a transmitter (or vector) and humans are the main victim and source of infection.

#### How is it spread?

- through the bites of infected Aedes mosquitoes (A. <u>aegypti</u> or A. <u>albopictus</u>).
- From a pregnant woman infected with dengue to her fetus during pregnancy or around the time of birth.
- To date, there has been one documented report of dengue spread through infected blood, laboratory, or healthcare setting exposures
- Rarely, dengue can be spread through blood transfusion, organ transplant, or through a needle stick injury.

#### Dengue virus

There are four distinct serotypes of the dengue virus

• DEN1, DEN2, DEN3 and DEN4, meaning that it is possible to be infected four times

#### History

- Severe dengue was first Recognized in 1950, during dengue epidemic in the Philippines and Thailand.
- Delhi and parts of North India experienced a large number of cases of Dengue in 1996, 2003 and 2006
- According to NVBDCP, 67000 dengue cases of dengue fever as of 13'th October, 2019 in India.

### TYPES OF DENGUE MOSQUITOES

# Aedes aegypti

#### Principal dengue vector

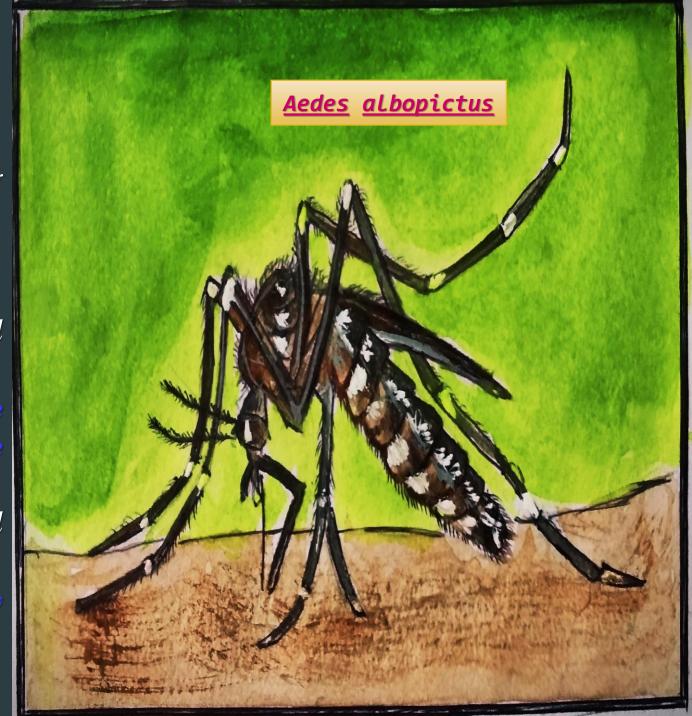
- a small, dark mosquito with white bands on it's legs and a silver white-pattern of scales of it's body that looks like an ancient Greek musical instrument called a lyre.
- They are also called yellow fever mosquito
- They spread dengue, Chikungunya fever and yellow fever.
  - They are found in tropical and subtropical countries.



# Aedes albopíctus

### Tiger mosquito / forest mosquito

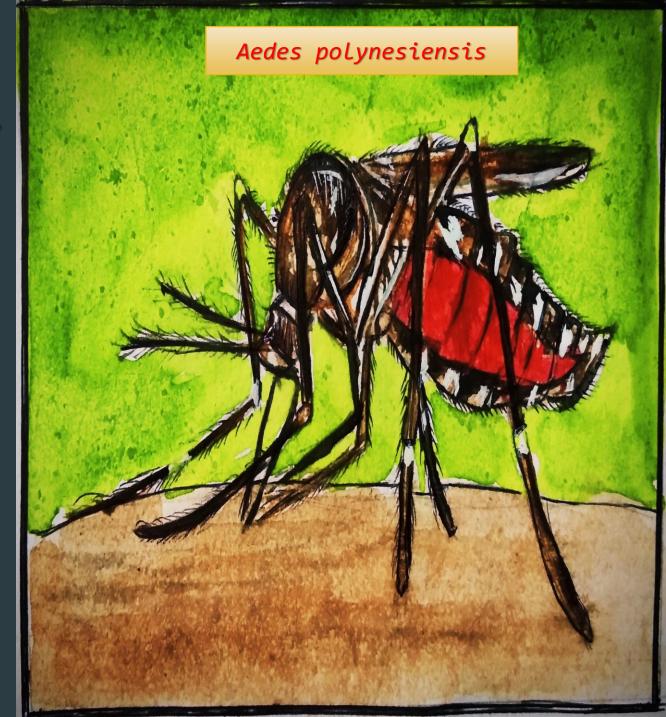
- a medium-size mosquito approximately 2.0-10.0 mm, males are on average 20% smaller than females
- striped appearance, resemble to tiget
- has a black proboscis, eyes and labium all at the anterior end of the insect.
- White and black scutum contains a white line dissecting the dorsal part of the mosquito in half.
- native to all the tropical and sub-tropical areas of Southeast Asia.
- They also spread chikungunya, yellou Fever and the Zika Virus.



# Aedes polynesiensis

#### Polynesian tiger mosquito

- Vector of, Ross River virus, and lymphatic filariasis, and Zika virus.
- Adults lay eggs in natural and freshwater pools.
- Found in south Pacific Islands of Austral Islands, Cook Islands, Fiji Islands
- Larvae are found in tree holes, holes in volcanic rock formations, coconut shells etc



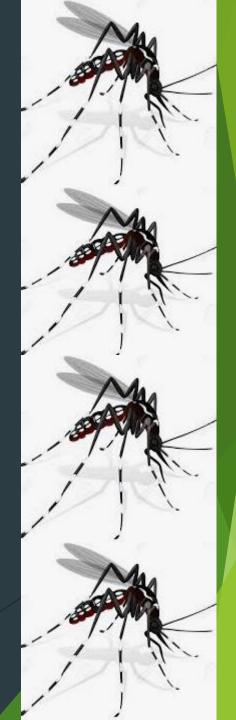
### Distribution

- Aedes aegypti mainly found in tropical and subtropical (35°N and 35°S) regions all over the world in cold temperate places, at altitudes above 1000 m.
- Although some mosquitoes may travel farther north or south of these latitudes, they are unable to survive cold winters.

### Types of DENGUE FEVER:

Common name of the disease is **break-bone fever**' because of severe body and joint pains produced. There are 3 types of Dengue fever.

- 1. Classical Dengue Fever
- 2. Dengue Haemorrhagic Fever (DHF)
- 3. Dengue Shock Syndrome (DSS)



### Recognition of Dengue Fever:

An acute illness of 2-7 days duration with two or more complications are as follows:

- headache
- retro -orbital pain
- rash
- haemorrhagic manifestation and
- Myalgia

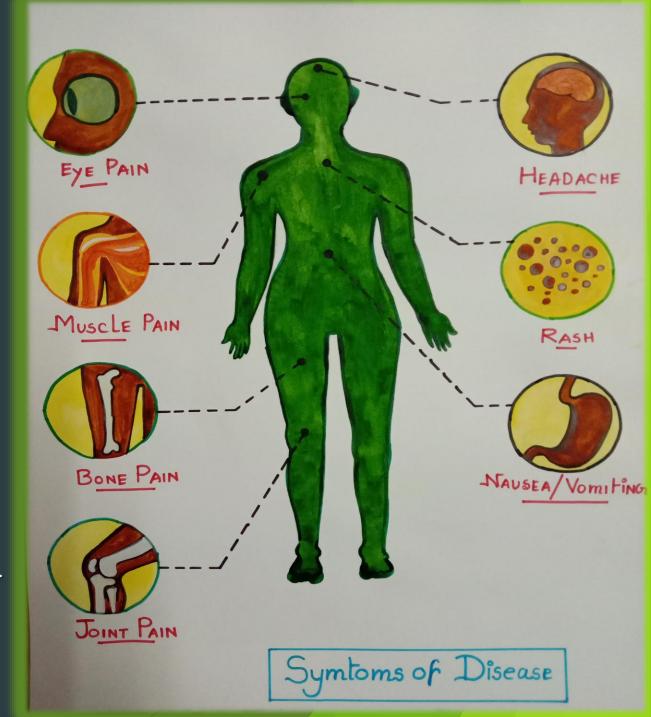


### 1.Classical (simple)Dengue fever:

### Symptoms are seen after a week from the bite –

- a. sudden onset of high fever with feeling of chills.
- b. severe headache, pains in muscles and joints.
- c. pain behind the eyeballs
- d. vomiting and feeling nauseous
- e. body rash that can disappear and then reappear.

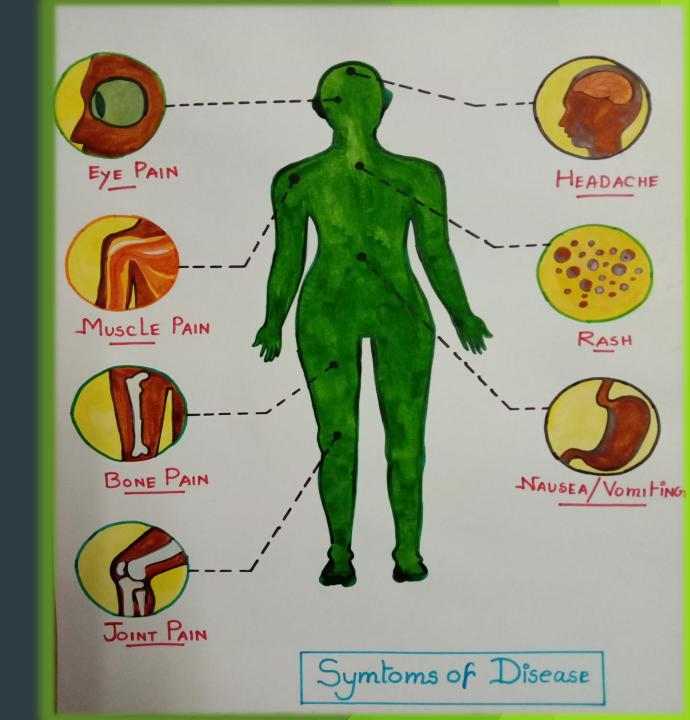
Symptoms are mild but can gradually worsen within a few days.



### 2. Dengue Hemorrhagic Fever (DHF):

It should be suspected if with above symptoms of classical Dengue fever, one or more of the following symptoms appear-

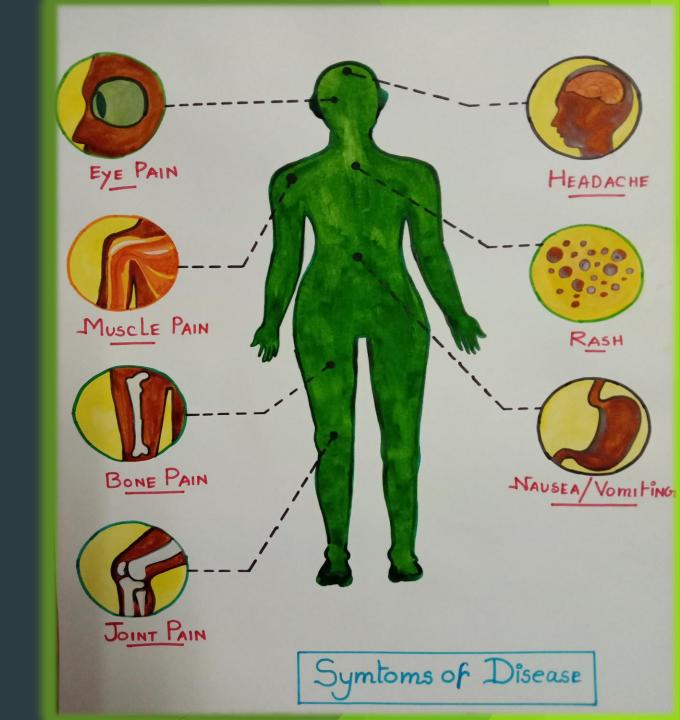
- a. Bleeding from the mouth, gums or nose
- b. damage to lymph and blood vessels
- c. clammy skin
- d. sensitive stomach
- e. small blood spots under the skin.



### 3. Dengue Shock Syndrome (DSS):-

This is a severe form of dengue. It can be fatal.

- The experiences of victims are—
- a. the person is very restless and the skin feels cold and clammy despite high fever.
- b. sudden hypotension or a fast drop in blood pressure.
- c. heavy bleeding. e. regular vomiting.
- d. Without treatment, it can even cause death.











### TREATMENT:

- Classical (simple) dengue fever is self-limiting disease, the patient be managed at home.
  - Keep the fever low by giving paracetamol tablets or syrup as per health worker's advice
    - Avoid giving Aspirin or disprin tablets to the patient.
    - At 102 degree Fahrenheit temperature, hydrotherapy should be done to bring down the temperature.
      - More feeding is required.
      - Children and pregnant need extra care.
    - In case of DSS and DHF patient should taken to nearest hospital as early as possible











### PRECAUTION:

• Killing of mosquito is the best possible way to prevent this disease.

Following measures are taken to prevent mosquito bite:

- Wear long-sleeve shirts and long pants.
- Treat clothes with repellents like permethrin,
- Use EPA-registered mosquito repellent like DEET
  - Use mosquito net.
  - Remove excess water from plant pot plates.
- Make sure windows and doors screens are closed to avoid allowing

mosquitoes into in closed spaces.

• Avoid areas with standing water.



- Especially at times of high mosquito activity like dawn and dusk, scrub containers to remove mosquito eggs.
- Clean your home regularly. Keep the dustbins clean; do not let any dirt.

### PRECAUTION:



### CONCLUSION:

- Dengue fever is a dangerous and depilating disease, and it's a growing threat to global health.
  - It is the second most wide spreading in the world.
- The Word Health Organization have estimated that between 50 and 100 million people suffer from dengue fever each year.
  - There is no particular vaccine to protect against it.
  - So the best way to protect yourself from dengue is to protect yourself from mosquito bites.
    - The more steps you take, the more protected you are.

### GENERAL AWARENESS:

- •All the empty containers should be cleaned to prevent laying eggs of mosquito in or near water.
- •Treat clothes, shoes and camping gear with permethrin
- •Make sure drain are not blocked and use mosquito killing spray around the drain once a week.
- •When camping or picnicking choose an area that is away from still water.
- •If you are infected use hand sanitizer or hand wash to keep germs free.
- •Use insect repellent with ingredients like oil of lemon eucalyptues, picaridin.

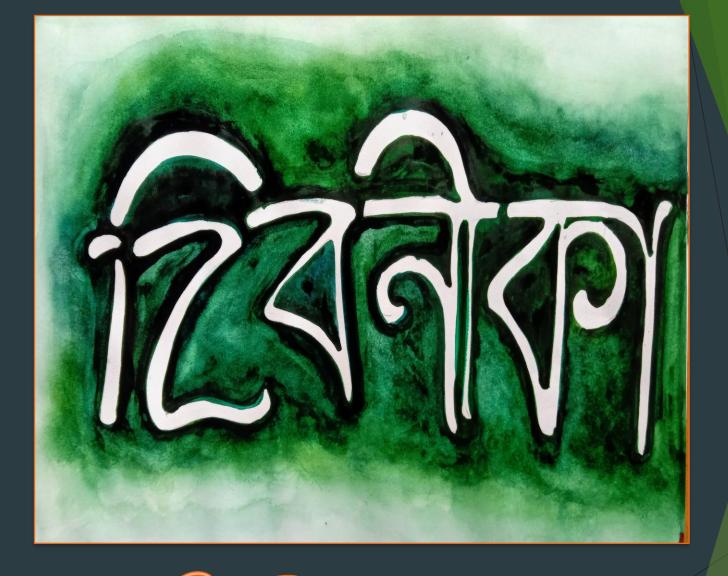


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