

FOWL CHOLERA

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Synonyms: Avian Cholera, Avian Pasteurellosis, Avian Hemorrhagic Septicaemia

Cause: It is caused by a bacterium: *Pasteurella multocida* (several serotypes).

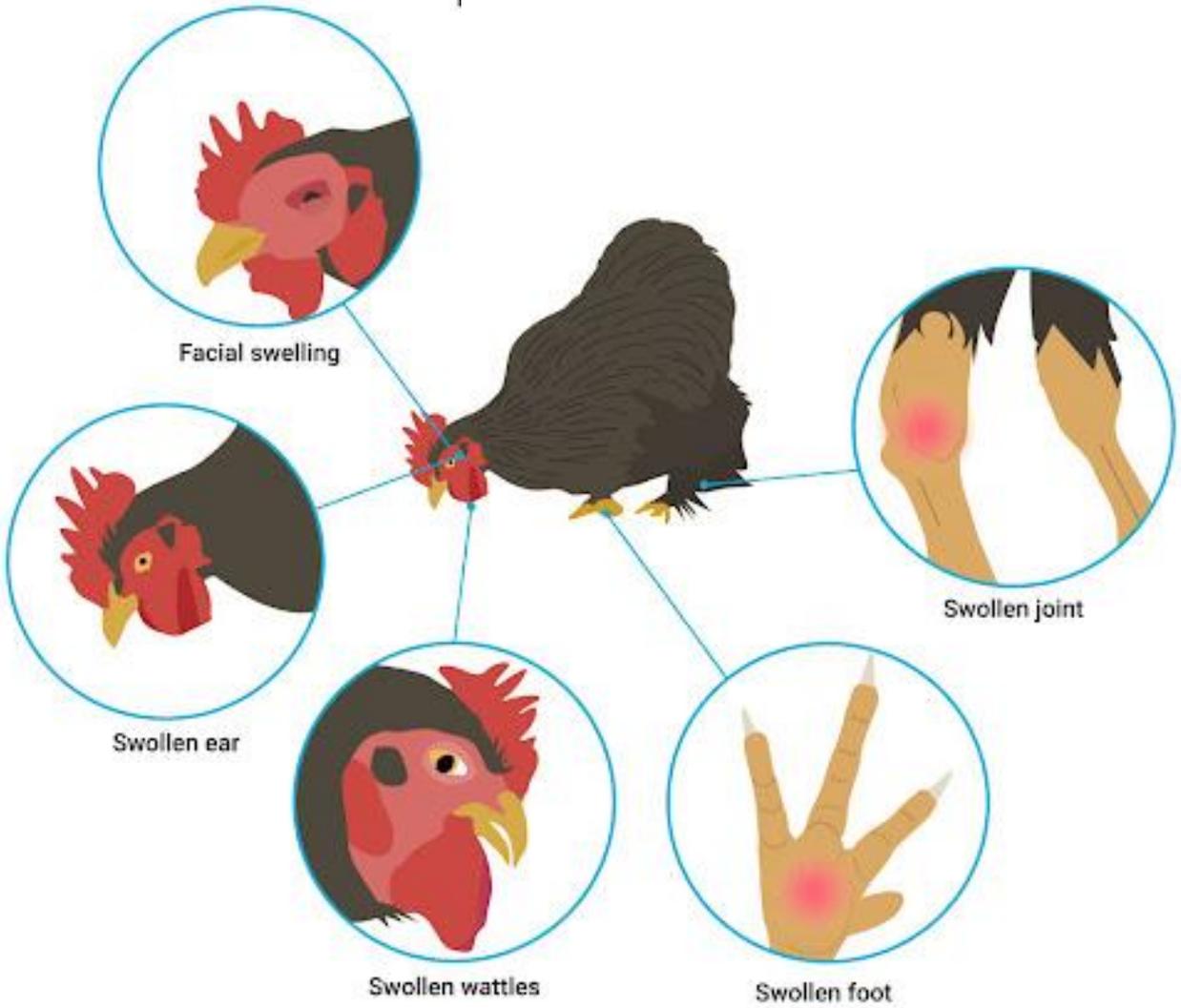
Transmission

- ✓ Mainly from bird to bird by water or feed contamination.
- ✓ NO evidence for egg transmission.
- ✓ Vectors like flies and red mite can be carriers and can add to the spread.
- ✓ Rodents (rats and mice) also appear to play a role

Species affected:

Turkeys, chickens, ducks and geese, game birds and other bird species are susceptible.

Manifestation of FOWL CHOLERA



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Clinical signs

- ✓ Affected birds are depressed and have decreased appetite.
- ✓ In **Acute Fowl Cholera**, Egg production will drop 5-15 % and mortality will be high
- ✓ Birds that die from acute fowl cholera frequently have bluish combs and wattles.
- ✓ Whereas, **Chronic Fowl Cholera** will not cause high mortality, although there will be an increase in deaths. Swollen wattles is a feature of chronic fowl cholera.

Chronic Fowl cholera

Swelling of Tendon sheath,
Joint ,Foot pad



Tortticulus



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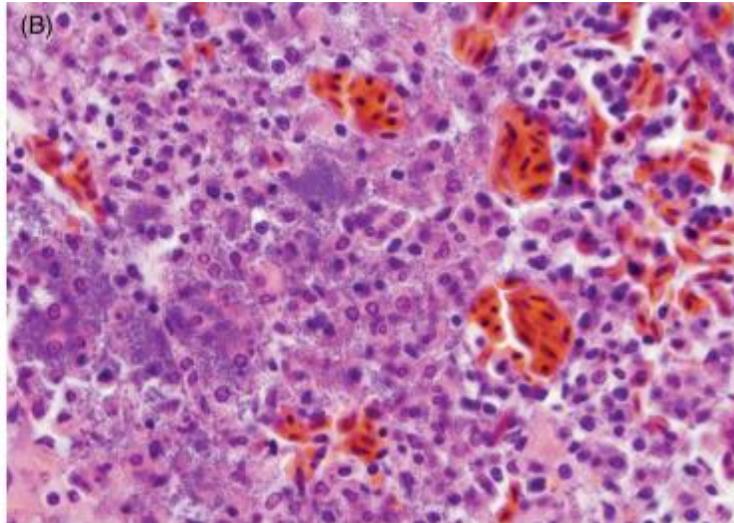
Lesions

Acute Phase Septicaemia,

vascular changes in abdominal viscera, hemorrhages, liver swelling with focal necrosis, ovaries appear flaccid and hemorrhagic and show ruptured yolks,

Chronic Phase;

localized infections in conjunctiva, facial oedema, Middle ear infection resulting in torticollis, and meningeal infection.



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DIAGNOSIS

Clinical signs in combination with isolation and identification from samples from birds that died of acute Fowl cholera. (Fresh death birds)

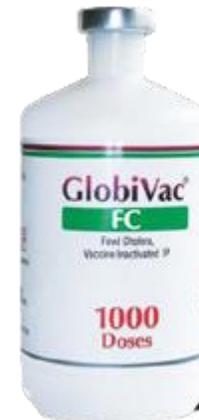
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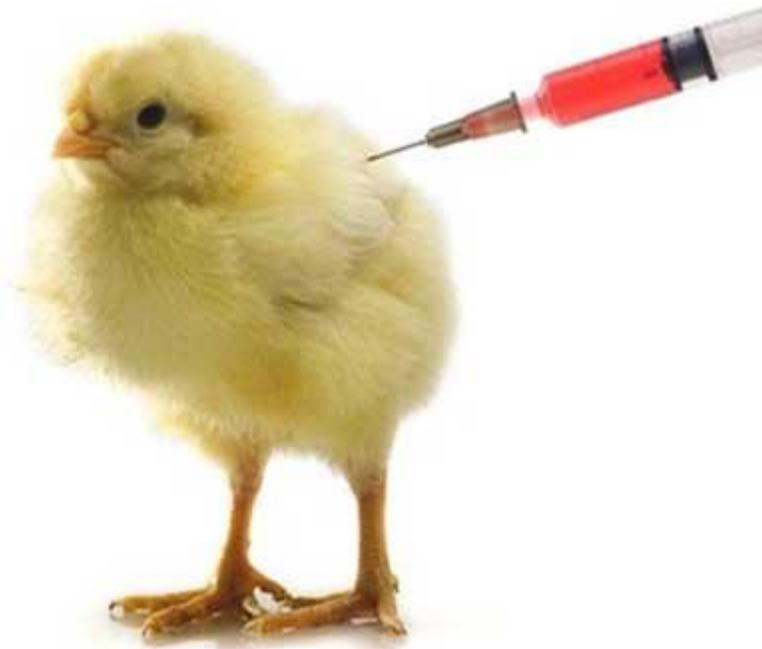
Antibiotics based on antibiotic sensitivity test, the earlier the diagnosis the better change of a positive effect of an antibiotic treatment.

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Control:

- ✓ Hygiene management and rodent control to eliminate possible sources of *Pasteurella multocida*.
- ✓ Vaccination can be considered in areas where *Pasteurella multocida* is prevalent. Both live and inactivated vaccines are available.





THANKS

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1. Pictures are taken from [www.google .com](http://www.google.com)