



# Emergent Cases in Pediatric Infectious Diseases

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# DISCLOSURE

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# GOALS

- Identify clinically emergent infectious diseases through visual diagnosis.
- Describe the clinical course of emergent infectious diseases.
- Review evidenced-based recommendations in the management of emergent infectious diseases.

# Fever & Neutropenia



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- 10 yo previously healthy, cough, fever 103 °F
  - Chest pain (left > right), shallow breathing & poor respiratory effort, O<sub>2</sub>sat 88%, incoherent prompting intubation
- CBC – WBC 0.7, Hgb 10.3, platelet 144,000
  - ANC 200, ALC 400; rapid flu test negative
- PICU, Peds ID
  - 10 yo, fever neutropenia, bilateral pneumonia

# Fever & Neutropenia (International Guideline for Peds)

- Fever & neutropenia
  - Use of monotherapy with antipseudomonal  $\beta$ -lactam as empiric tx for fever & neutropenia
  - Cefepime was empirically started
  - Add glycopeptide for patients who are unstable, when resistant infection is suspected (e.g. history of MRSA), or for centers with high rate of resistant pathogen (AMC antibiogram, MRSA)
  - Vancomycin & clindamycin (inhibit toxin production)

# Fever & Neutropenia

- Neutropenia
  - Transient mild to moderate neutropenia can be caused by common viral infections such as RSV, influenza A & B, and parvovirus.
  - In most cases, neutropenia occurs during the first few days of the viral illness & persists for 3 to 8 days
  - Request for NP swab for respiratory viral PCR panel & start empiric oseltamivir (peramivir)
  - Additional history: was not flu vaccinated

# UPDATE – Flu Vaccine

- 2014-15 Influenza Vaccine (unchanged from the 2013-14)
  - Trivalent: H1N1 (A/California/7/2009)  
H3N2 (A/Texas/50/2012- like)  
B/Massachusetts/2/2012 - like
  - Quadrivalent: Trivalent strains  
B/Brisbane/60/2008 - like
  - Based on global influenza virus surveillance



# Unprotected Flu Strain

- 91% of flu (+) tests (1,200 specimen) were due to flu A and 9% flu B
  - Nearly all flu A were H3N2 (Switzerland strain)
  - ~50% were antigenically different from the H3N2 vaccine component
  - Antigenic drift (vH3N2), accumulation of point mutations causing minor changes in the genes encoding for HA & NA proteins

- Flu vaccine effectiveness is low (23%)



To ensure that all of their citizens are protected against the flu, officials in Syracuse released 100,000 flu-inoculating bees.

# Rapid Diagnostic Flu Test

- 10 FDA approved for screening flu
  - Results in 15 min
  - Sensitivity 50-70%, specificity 90-95%
  - Accuracy depends on prevalence, i.e. false negative likely to occur with high prevalence
  - A negative rapid flu test does not r/o flu

# AMC Microbiology as of Feb 2013

- The following organism types & subtypes are identified using the FilmArray RP:
  - Adenovirus, Coronaviruses HKU1, NL63, OC43, & 229E, hMPV, Influenza A, Influenza A subtype H1, Influenza A subtype H3, Influenza A subtype 2009 H1, Influenza B, Parainfluenza Viruses 1, 2, 3, & 4, Rhinovirus/Enterovirus, and RSV
  - Turn around time ~2 hours

# Adjuvative Therapies

- Clindamycin
  - Some experts consider this agent in necrotizing/cavitary pneumonia or severe sepsis
  - Inhibit production of STSS toxin 1 & PVL
- IVIG
  - Less clear in the management of invasive MRSA disease
  - Neutralizes staphylococcal exotoxins e.g. PVL

# IV Peramivir

- Emergency use authorization 2009-10 H1N1
- FDA approved - 1<sup>st</sup> neuraminidase inhibitor for IV administration
- Similar efficacy to PO oseltamivir
- Off label use in hospitalized patients with severe influenza
- Indication: Severe bilateral pneumonia, ANC 200, with concerns for malabsorption

# Fever & Neutropenia

- 10 yo previously healthy, bilateral severe pneumonia, febrile & neutropenia associated with flu B & MRSA
  - Cefepime & vancomycin
  - Clindamycin & IVIG
  - Oseltamivir & peramivir
  - Transferred to a hospital in Boston for ECMO regarding ARDS

# Blueberry Muffin Rash



- Congenital rubella
- Meningococemia
- Congenital CMV
- Intrauterine infections & hematologic disorders



# Blueberry Muffin Rash

- Initially described with congenital rubella due to extramedullary dermal erythropoiesis
  - In the setting of profound anemia
- Pathophysiology is not clear
  - Hematopoietic stem cells migrate from the bone marrow & settle in the skin
  - Or dermal mesenchymal cells differentiate in situ into blood-producing cells

# Blueberry Muffin Rash

- Newborn term baby transferred from OSH
  - Generalized blueberry muffin rash, jaundice, increase work of breathing, subcostal retractions on CPAP, hepatosplenomegaly
- CBC – WBC 13, Hgb 14, platelet 9,000
  - Mother rubella immune, HIV (-), RPR (-)
- NICU, Peds ID
  - 1 day old Blueberry muffin syndrome, congenital CMV, CMV PCR (+) in blood & urine

# Blueberry Muffin Rash

- Ganciclovir 6 mg/kg IV q12h, 21 days
- Valganciclovir 16 mg/kg PO q12 hr, up to 6 mos.
  - Treatment recommended for symptomatic congenital CMV disease, with or without CNS involvement
  - Treatment should start in the 1<sup>st</sup> month of life
  - Benefit for hearing loss and neurodevelopmental outcomes

# Blueberry Muffin Rash

- Most common side effects: neutropenia
  - 68% in IV ganciclovir
  - 20% in PO valganciclovir
- Some patients responds to G-CSF or discontinuation of therapy

# 6 months versus 6 weeks

- IV GCV x 6 weeks improves audiologic outcomes at 6 months but the benefits wane over time
- RCT PO VGC with symptomatic congenital CMV comparing 6 months vs. 6 weeks of tx
  - 1° end point change in hearing in the best ear from baseline to 6 months
  - 2° end point change in hearing in the best ear from baseline to 12 – 24 months, neuro-development

# 6 months versus 6 weeks

- N = 96, of whom 86 with follow-up data at 6 months
  - Hearing outcome at 6 months is similar ( $P=0.41$ )
  - Hearing outcome at 12 months is significantly better in the 6 month tx arm vs. the 6 week tx arm (73% vs. 57%,  $P=0.01$ )
  - Hearing outcome at 24 months is significantly better in the 6 month tx arm vs. the 6 week tx arm (77% vs. 64%,  $P=0.04$ )

# 6 months versus 6 weeks

- Neurodevelopmental scores at 24 months is significantly better in the 6 month tx arm vs. the 6 week tx arm
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> ed, Bayley Scales of Infant & Toddler Dev.
  - Language composites ( $P=0.004$ )
  - Receptive-communication scale ( $P=0.003$ )
- Grade 3 or 4 neutropenia
  - No difference in the 6 month tx arm vs. 6 week tx arm (21% vs. 27%,  $P=0.64$ )

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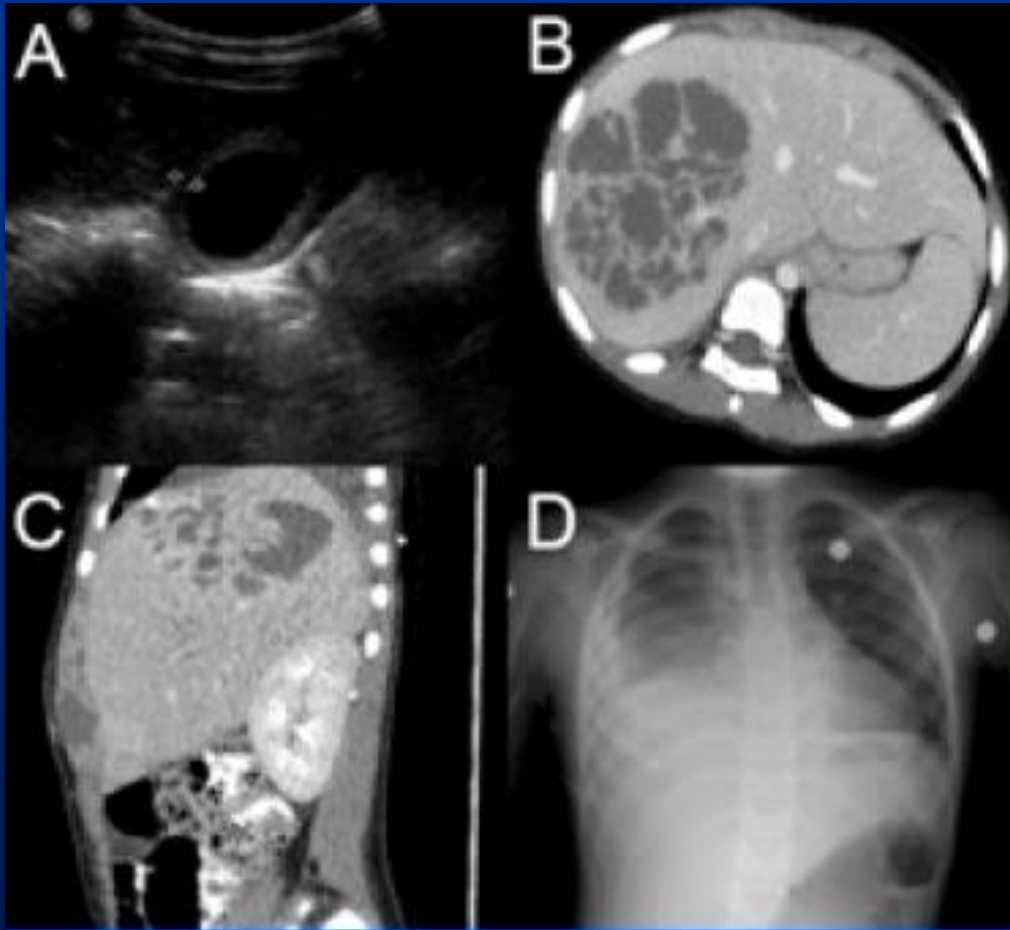
- Treating symptomatic congenital CMV disease with valganciclovir for 6 months as compared to 6 weeks did not improve hearing in the short term but appeared to improve hearing and developmental outcomes modestly in the longer term.



# Blueberry Muffin Rash

- 2 month old infant with symptomatic congenital CMV, bilateral hearing loss
  - IV ganciclovir then PO valganciclovir
  - Neutropenia (ANC <500) improved after VGC dose adjustment
  - Needs close follow up for audiology & neurodevelopmental monitoring

# Primary Liver Abscess



- A. US of the abdomen
- B. CT scan of abdomen (liver)
- C. CT scan of abdominal wall
- D. CXR

# Primary Liver Abscess

- 7 yo previously healthy female with nausea, diarrhea, severe abdominal pain, fever, & hypotension hospitalized with concern for sepsis.
  - No history of travel to endemic areas in Asia
- US of the abdomen showed a multiloculated mass in the right hepatic lobe.
  - A CT guided drainage obtained 200-mL of purulent material which yielded glistening mucoid colonies.

# Primary Liver Abscess

- *K. pneumoniae* was isolated & was string test positive consistent with the hypermucoviscosity phenotype.
- A string of mucus  $\geq 5$  mm from a mucoid colony is considered positive. (Fang C. et al 2004)

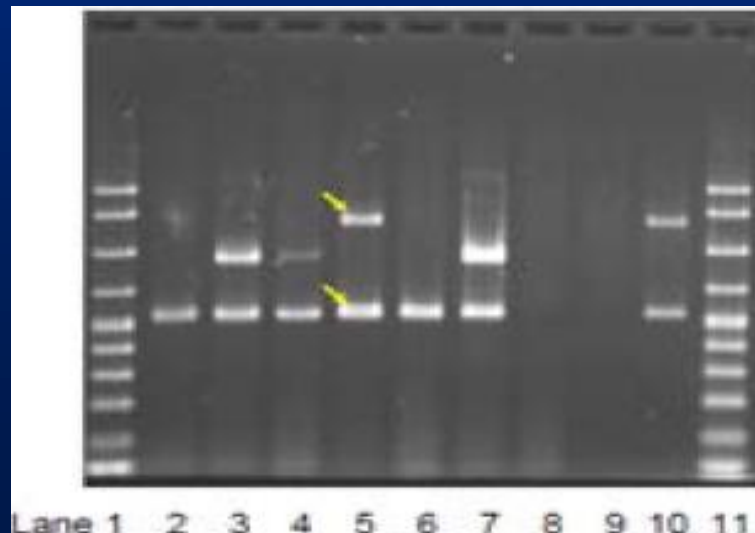


# Primary Liver Abscess

- Her hospital course was complicated with bacteremia, cholecystitis status post open cholecystectomy, & right pleural effusion requiring drainage & chest tube placement.
  - Improved while on antimicrobial regimen ( $\geq 3$  weeks)

# Primary Liver Abscess

- PCR for detection of virulence factors – magA, rmpA, wzyK2 genes. Lane 5 shows the patient's *K. pneumoniae* isolate positive for magA (top band) and rmpA (lower band).



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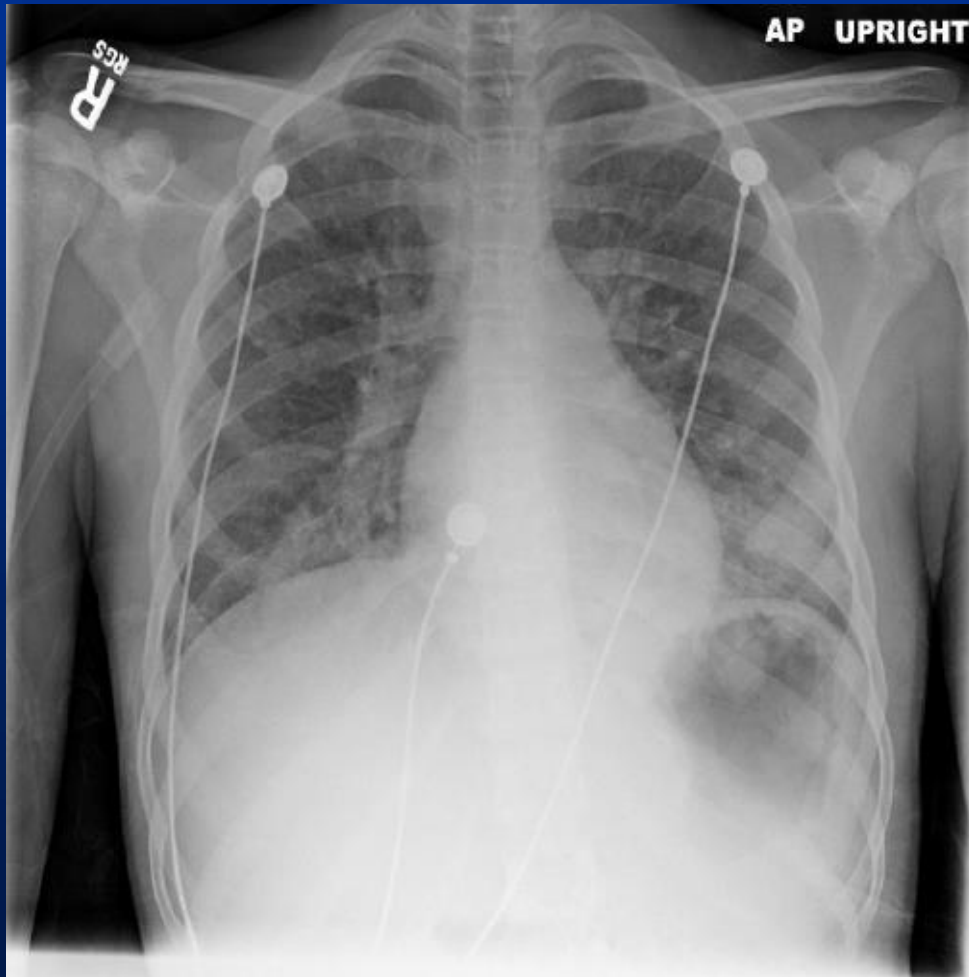
- Molecular studies showed the presence of both magA associated with virulence through K1 serotype expression & rmpA, a regulator of capsular polysaccharide synthesis.
  - Consistent with hypermucoviscosity phenotype.
  - **Hypermucoviscosity phenotype (e.g. glistening mucoid colonies, string test positive) should prompt clinicians to look for other foci of infections.**

# Primary Liver Abscess

- This is an emerging disease due to the absence of traditional risk factors such as chronic medical conditions & exposure to endemic areas.
- This is the first case report of *K. pneumoniae* isolate with genotypic characteristics similar to those reported in Asia (magA+ & rmpA+) causing invasive disease in a previously healthy child.



# HIV (+) with Dyspnea

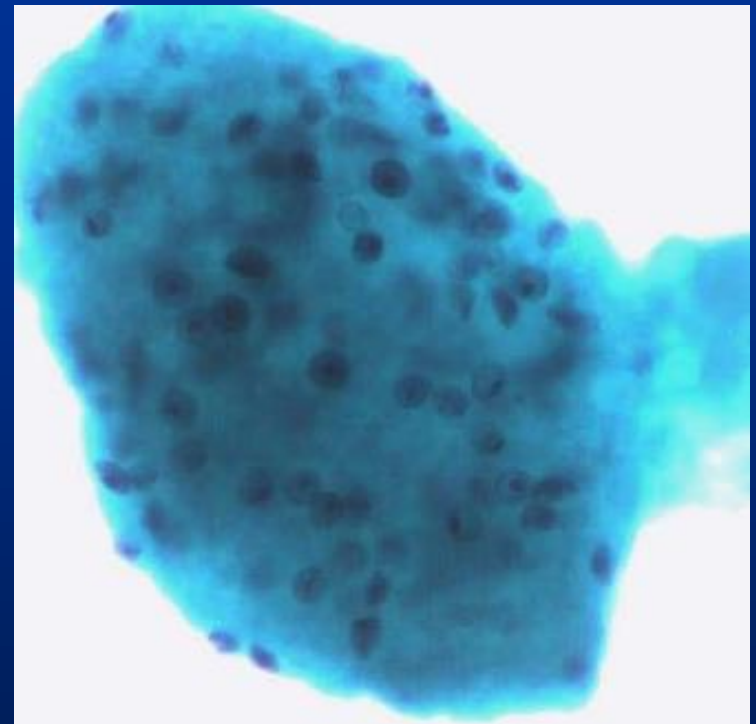


- Right lower lung consolidation, likely representing pneumonia.

# HIV (+) with Dyspnea

- 17 yo perinatally infected with HIV (AIDS) admitted for respiratory distress presenting with fever, cough, increase work of breathing
  - Temp 37.9 °C, BP 76/39, HR 146/min, RR 20/min, no hypoxemia (O<sub>2</sub> sat 96%, in room air)
  - HIV VL 230,000 copies/mL, CD<sub>4</sub> 6 cells/cmm
  - Bacterial pneumonia
  - Complicated with Candida esophagitis & diarrhea

# HIV (+) with Dyspnea



- Cysts of *P jirovecii* in a smear from BAL (GMS stain).

# PCP

- Most children with PneumoCystis pneumonia (PCP) are hypoxic with low arterial  $O_2$ .
- Characteristic syndrome of subacute diffuse pneumonitis with dyspnea, tachypnea,  $O_2$  desaturation, nonproductive cough, & fever.
- **Mortality rate in immunocompromised patients ranges from 5%-40% with tx & approaches 100% without tx.**

# PCP

- CXR often show bilateral diffuse interstitial or alveolar disease; rarely, lobar, cavitory, miliary, & nodular lesions or even no lesions are seen.
- A definitive diagnosis of PCP is made by visualization of organisms in lung tissue or respiratory tract secretion specimens.

# PCP

- PO TMP-SMX for with mild disease or with good response after initial IV tx or those without malabsorption or diarrhea
  - Duration of therapy is 14-21 days.
- In patients with AIDS, secondary prophylaxis should be initiated after tx for acute infection.

# HIV (+) with Dyspnea

- 17 yo perinatally infected with HIV with AIDS
  - TMP-SMX for 3 weeks for PCP then 2<sup>nd</sup> prophylaxis with TMP-SMX SS
  - Fluconazole for candida esophagitis for 3 weeks then suppressive regimen
  - MAC prophylaxis was offered
  - cART – RPV/TDF-FTC QD + RAL BID

# Generalized Rash & Fever





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	CLINICAL PRESENTATION
Demographics	N = 3, 4 mos. – 7 years old
Chief Complaint	Severe eczema flare up
Period	Mar – Aug, 2011
Symptoms	Oral ulcers not common
	History of fever
	Vesicular rash with exacerbation
Signs on Presentation	All were febrile, toxic looking
Past Medical History	All with atopic dermatitis
Family History	(+/-) Sick contact
Treatment	IV acyclovir, 2ndary bacterial

# Generalized Rash & Fever

- 3 male children with eczema exacerbation associated with HSV1 (eczema herpeticum)
  - Patient A, 4 mo
  - Patient B, 7 yo
  - Patient C, 10 mo
- Worsening of the disease while on acyclovir
  - Patient A, with MSSA bacteremia
  - Patients B & C, with diffuse facial cellulitis involving both eyelids due to MSSA

# Generalized Rash & Fever

- All patients improved after completing acyclovir regimen & ~10 days of antibiotics
  - Patient A, cefazolin
  - Patient B, clindamycin
  - Patient C, cefazolin
- No recurrence of EH while on suppressive acyclovir regimen (10 mg/kg PO BID) & vitamin D supplements

# Eczema Herpeticum (HSV1)

- Eczema herpeticum (EH) is a dermatologic emergency associated with herpes simplex virus (HSV) type 1 viremia.
- HSV viremia had been rarely described in immunocompetent and more commonly among immunocompromised children.

# Eczema Herpeticum (HSV1)

- Improved clinical outcome requires prompt recognition of EH since delayed (>1 day) acyclovir initiation is associated with prolonged length of hospital stay.
  - In our patients, systemic antiviral agents were given within 24-48 hours of clinical presentation.

# Another Rash & Fever

- Hand-foot-mouth disease, Coxsackievirus A16



# INTRODUCTION

- Atypical cases of EV infection in children were described in Alabama, California, Connecticut, and Nevada from Nov. 2011 – Feb. 2012



# CLINICAL PRESENTATION

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Demographics	N = 4, 4 mos. – 9 years old
Chief Complaint	Severe eczema flare up
Period	May – Oct, 2012
Symptoms	All with ulcers in posterior pharynx
	History of fever (1-5 days)
	Vesicular rash with exacerbation
Signs on Presentation	All were afebrile, not toxic looking
Past Medical History	All with atopic dermatitis
Family History	All with sick contact
Treatment is supportive	Except in the 4 mos. old infant



- Hand & arm of a 4 month old
- Lower extremity of a 1.5 year old



- Hand & foot of a 9 year old

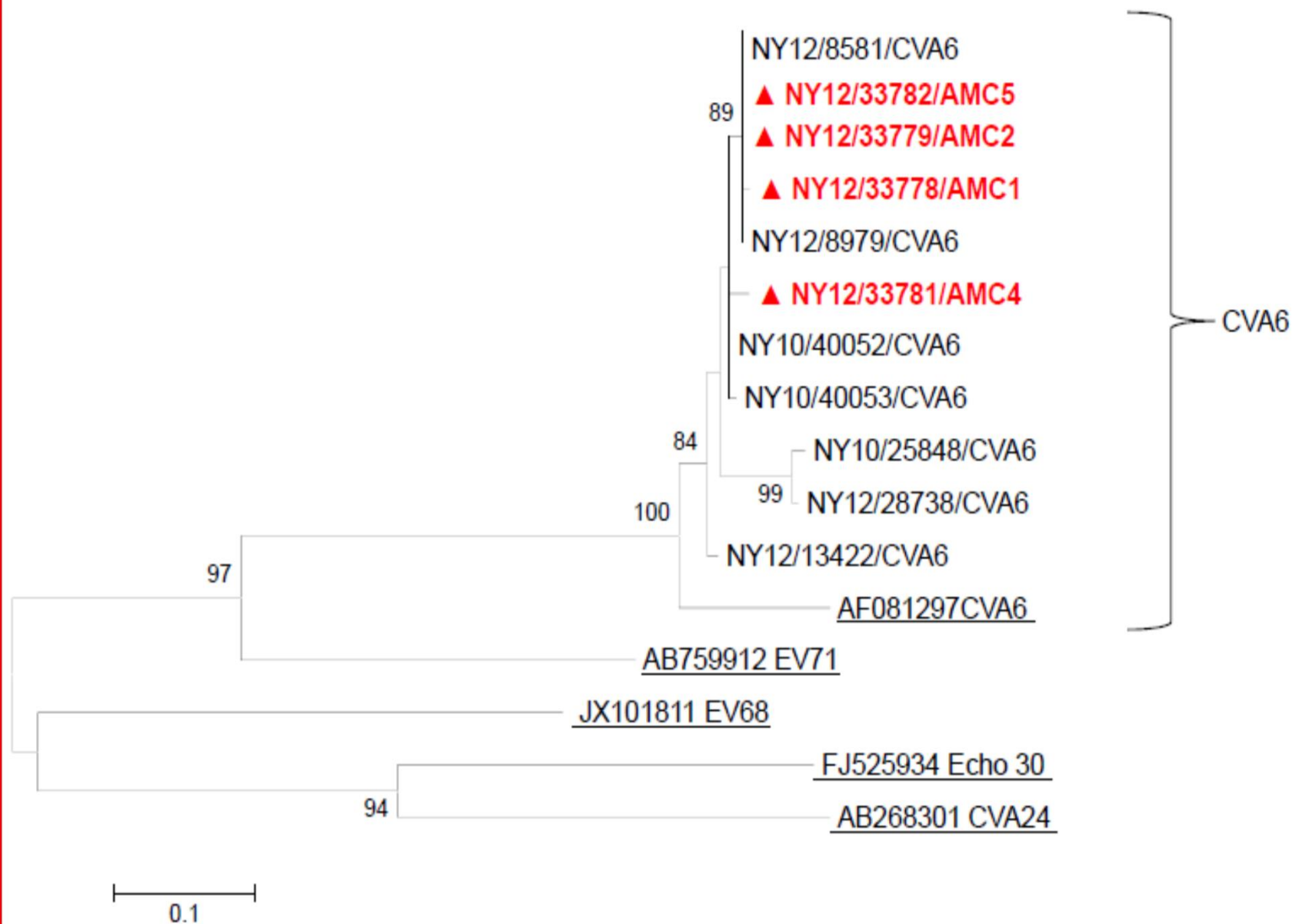


# Kaposi Varicelliform Eruption

- Disseminated EV infection in the setting of underlying skin disease such as eczema or atopic dermatitis is consistent with Kaposi varicelliform eruption (KVE).

# LABORATORY TESTS

	RESULTS
EV PCR from oral/throat swabs	(+) in A, B (Qualitative)
	A, 4.12 log copies/mL B, 5.16 log copies/mL
EV viremia	(+) in A, C (Qualitative)
	A, 2.15 log copies/mL C, 3.75 log copies/mL
Partial sequencing of VP1	Coxsackievirus A6 (CVA6)
Phylogenetic Analysis	All CVA6 isolates in one cluster (99% identity)



# Kaposi Varicelliform Eruption

- Enterovirus infection can have protean manifestations (rare presentation of a common disease)
- Kaposi varicelliform eruptions (KVE) due to coxsackievirus A6 is benign & requires supportive care
- The atypical presentation of CVA6 infection may be further modified in KVE which may be confused with HSV or VZV infections.

# TAKE HOME MESSAGE

- Identified clinically emergent infectious diseases through visual diagnosis.
- Described the clinical course of emergent infectious diseases.
- Reviewed evidenced-based recommendations in the management of emergent infectious diseases.
- When in doubt, call Peds ID