

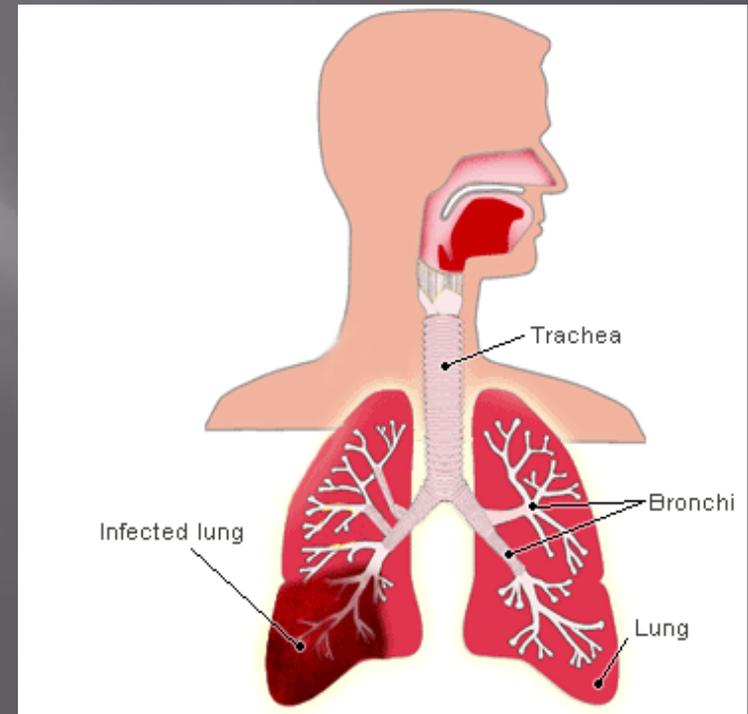
SECTION #6

PNEUMONIA

SOME SIGNS & SYMPTOMS OF ASPIRATION PNEUMONIA



- Cough (especially after eating or drinking; may be frequent occurrence)
- Chest pain
- Shortness of breath
- Rapid heart rate
- Elevated temperature



ALSO--

➤ Fatigue



➤ Wheezing



➤ Noisy respirations

➤ Cyanosis (bluish/pale skin)



TYPES OF PNEUMONIA:

- Chemical Pneumonia
can be caused by
aspiration of gastric acid

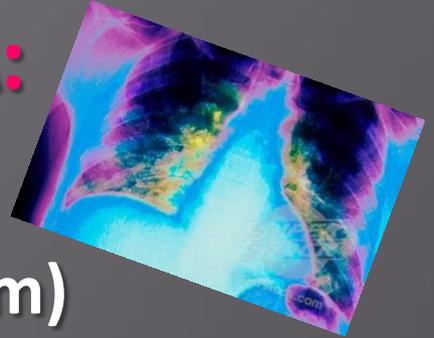


- Bacterial/Viral Pneumonia
can be caused by
aspiration of bacteria or virus



CHEMICAL PNEUMONIA:

- Rapid Onset (may be only a few minutes)
- Cough (often frothy or pink/bloody sputum)
- Respiratory distress and/or rapid breathing

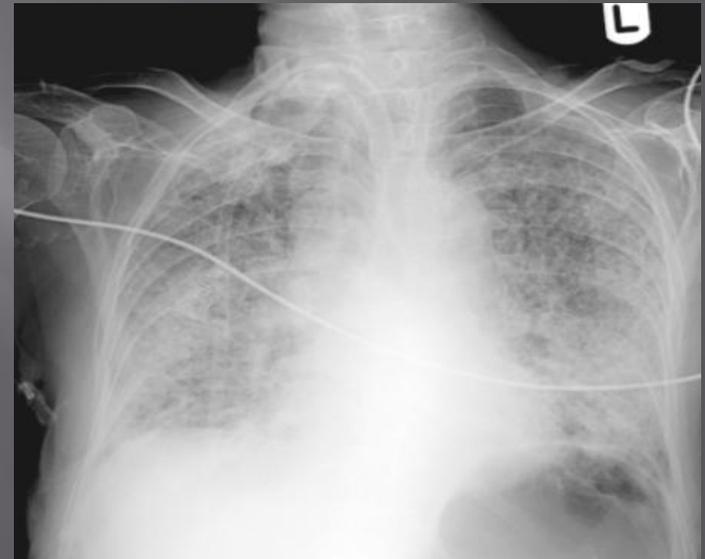


BACTERIAL/VIRAL PNEUMONIA:

- Insidious onset (developing so gradually that it can be well established before becoming apparent)
- Purulent sputum (thick and can have pus)
- Systemic symptoms (intermittent fevers, wheezing, coughing, weight loss, bluing color of lips, nose or fingernails, dehydration, etc.)

ASPIRATION PNEUMONIA CAN CAUSE ACUTE RESPIRATORY DISTRESS SYNDROME (ARDS)

- Severe shortness of breath
- Possible need for mechanical ventilation
- RESPIRATORY FAILURE!



TREATMENT FOR PNEUMONIA

CLEAR THE AIRWAY

if there is a blockage



Call the physician/health care provider immediately

Likely possible treatments:

- Oxygen administration
- Hospitalization
- Antibiotics/ IV antibiotics
- Breathing treatments (nebulizers)

