

Euvichol-S

Source: WHO

Recently, the new oral vaccine for cholera **Euvichol-S**, received prequalification by the World Health Organization (WHO).

- It is third inactivated oral vaccine to treat Cholera. The other two vaccines are Euvichol and Euvichol-Plus.
- Currently, 23 countries are reporting cholera outbreaks with severe impacts seen in specific regions such as the Comoros, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Ethiopia, Mozambique, Somalia, Zambia, and Zimbabwe.
- Cholera, a water-borne disease primarily caused by the bacteria Vibrio cholerae.
 - Symptoms includes profuse watery diarrhoea, Vomiting, Leg cramps.
- Person may get cholera by drinking water or eating food contaminated with the cholera bacterium.



How cholera affects the body

Cholera is an acute intestinal infection that causes severe diarrhea, dehydration and, if not treated promptly, death.

How it spreads

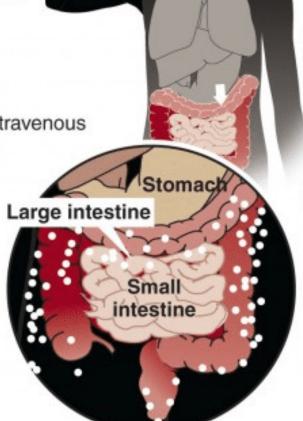
 People ingest water or food contaminated with cholera bacteria

 In epidemic, feces of diseased person is source of contamination

Treatment

 Salt solution, intravenous fluids, antibiotics

 In unprepared communities, death rates can be as high as
percent



In the large intestine

Bacteria multiply rapidly



2 Toxin from bacteria penetrates cells of intestinal wall

Toxin prevents intestine from absorbing water from digested food; diarrhea, dehydration result

Read more: Cholera

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