

TYPHOID FEVER

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Typhoid fever is an acute illness associated with fever and caused by *Salmonella typhi* bacteria. It is transmitted through the ingestion of contaminated food or water. Diagnosis of typhoid fever is made when the *Salmonella* bacteria are detected with a stool culture.

Approximately 3%-5% of patients become carriers of the bacteria after the acute illness.

Symptoms

The incubation period is usually 1-2 weeks, and the duration of the illness is about 3-4 weeks.

Symptoms include:

- Poor appetite
- Headache
- Generalized aches and pains
- High fever
- Malaise
- Rose-colored spots on the chest
- Diarrhea

Treatment

Typhoid fever is treated with antibiotics .