FOOT AND MOUTH DISEASE (FMD)

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DEFINITION

•Foot-and-mouth disease (FMD) is a highly contagious viral infection primarily of domestic animals (cattle, pigs, sheep, goats, and buffalo) and wild animals.

• The disease is characterized by fever and vesicles with subsequent erosions in the mouth, nares, muzzle, feet, or teats.

Susceptibility: cattle>pig>sheep>goat

ETIOLOGY

The FMD virus (FMDV) is a member of the genus *Aphthovirus* in the family Picornaviridae. There are seven serotypes of FMDV: A, O, C, Asia 1, and Southern African Territories (SAT) 1, 2 and 3.

RESISTANT AND SENSITIVITY

- Sensitive
 - Sunlight
 - Temp >50 C
 - pH changes (pH below 6.5 or above 11).

TRANSMISSION

- 2main routes of infection:
 - -Aerosal
 - Ingestion
- Modes of Transmission:
 - Direct contact
 - Indirect contact.
 - Feeding contaminated garbage (meat, milk, blood, glands, bones, cheese, etc.)
 - Artificial insemination.

PATHOGENESIS

- Most animals acquire virus usually by inhalation
- FMD in people is very rare
- Humans and pigs are more susceptible to infection by oral route
- Sheep are highly susceptible to infection by the respiratory route

DIAGNOSIS

- -The diagnosis of FMD is based on the clinical signs
- laboratory diagnosis, the clinical sample of choice is epithelial tissue taken from animals showing.
- Vesicular fluid

- From dead animals, collect samples of epithelial lesions, lymph nodes, thyroid, adrenal gland, kidney, and heart

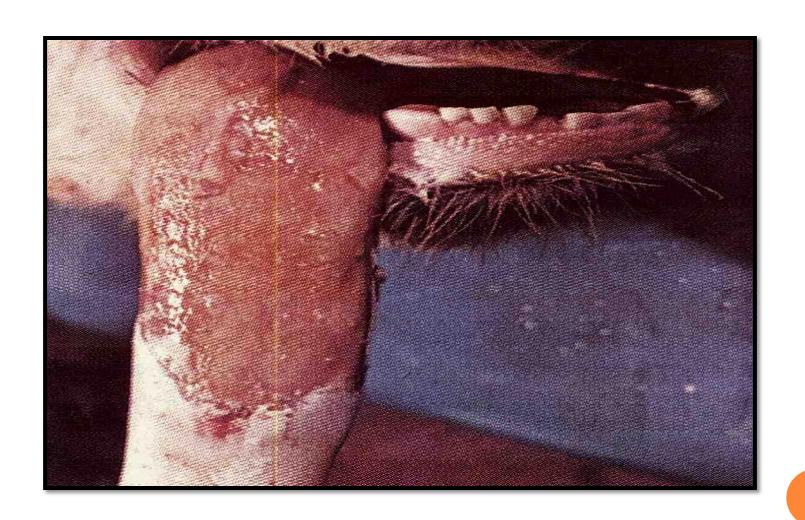
CLINICAL SIGNS

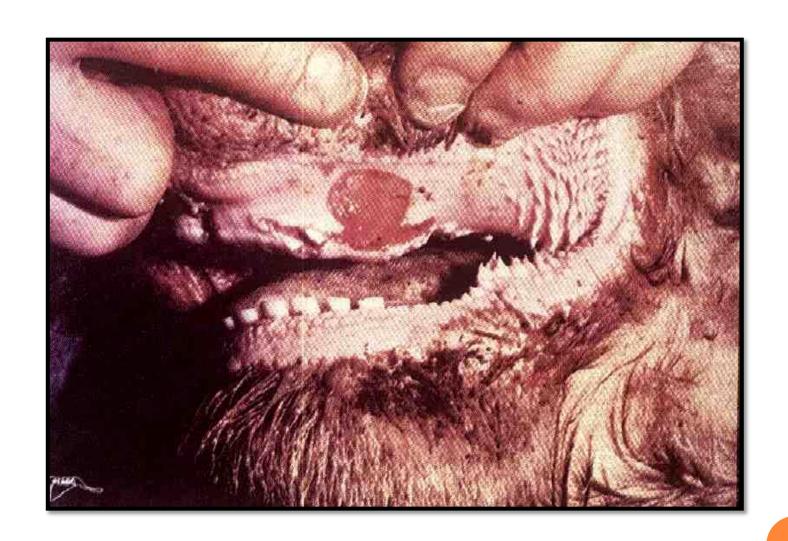
- 1- Incubation period 2-14 days
- 2- Fever.
- 3- Anorexia
- 4- Depression
- 5- Development of vesicles on mouth and feet
 Ruptured vesicles leading to salivation and lameness
- 6- Pregnant cows may abortion, and young calves may die without developing any vesicle.

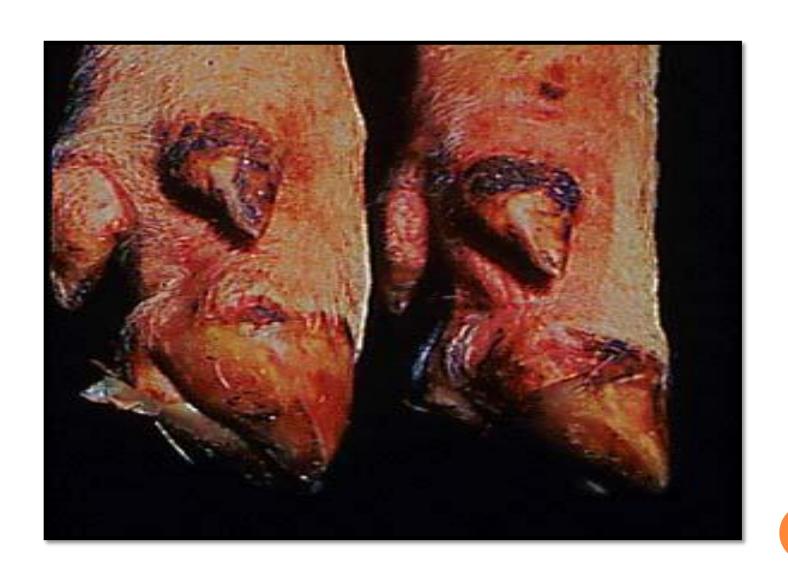
CLINICAL SIGNS

- 7- Vesicular lesions occuring on udder and teats.
- 8- Lameness.
- 9- Mortality is limited to young animals.
- 10- dullness.
- 11- fall in milk production.
- 12- Blisters in the mouth, muzzle, and tongue.
- 13- Excessive Salivation

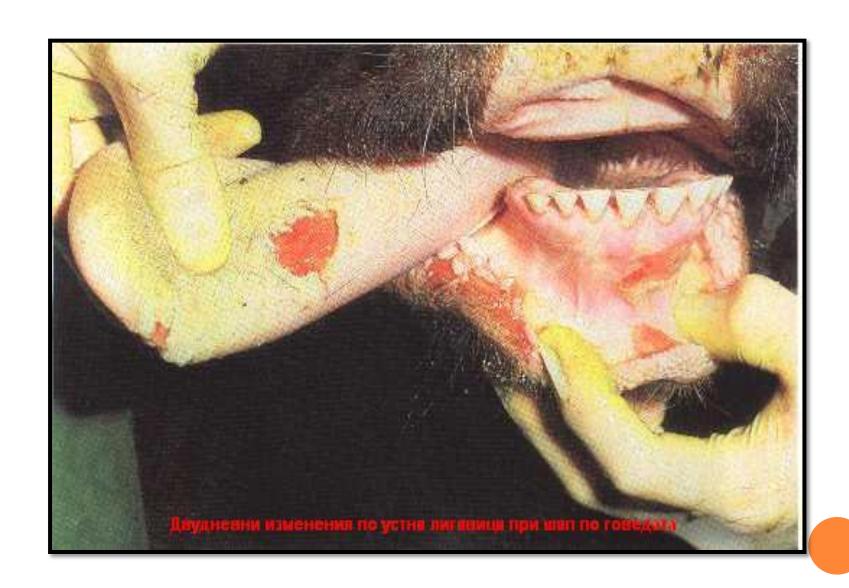




















CONTROL AND ERADICATION

The following are the essential features of a control and eradication program:

- 1. Stop movement of animals and animal products in the area affected.
- 2. Slaughter infected animals (and known contact animals).
- 3. Destroy carcasses.
- 4. Disinfect vehicles leaving the infected area.
- 5. Perform vaccination.

VACCINATION

→ FMDV, the virus was inactivated with formalin, and aluminum hydroxide was added as an adjuvant. This method as used today to produce FMD vaccine.

→ When vaccinating animals, it is important that the vaccine contain the same subtype of virus as is in the area.

DOSE OF VACCINATION

- Giving two dose in each year.
- The vaccine consisting four type: A-O-V-SIA 1.
- **■** Dose 1 cm each head subcutaneous.
- ▶ First dose from vaccination when age 6 weeks if was mothers nonvaccinated while if was mothers vaccinated , the calves vaccination on the age 12 weeks and frequent after 6-4 months

