

# Mastitis

Inflammation of the mammary gland .regardless of the causes ,it is characterized by physical ,chemical and bacteriological changes in the milk and by pathological change in the glandular tissue .

## Etiology

### *Streptococcus agalactiae*

## Clinical Finding

### 1-transient fever

#### 1- Animal off its feed .

##### Acute :

-inflammation of gland is sever but there is no systemic reaction ( swollen ,pain hot).

##### Chronic :

-inflammation is mild (no swollen ,no pain ,heat absent ) .

- milk watery and present of clots .,milk production is decrease in all stage of disease .

### Mastitis caused by miscellaneous streptococc

- *Streptococcus dysgalactiae*
- *Streptococcus uberis*
- *Streptococcus zooepidemicus*----- (chronic suppurative mastitis )
- *Streptococcus pyogenes* -----( in mare ,cattle )
- *Streptococcus pneumoiae* .

### Mastitis cause by Staphylococcus aureus

-Milk is purulent or containe many thick clots .

- Extensive fibrosis and sever loss of function.

## Clinical Finding

- Per acute : occur in the first few days after calving ,and highly fatal

- Sever systemic reaction ,elevation of temperature ,rapid heart rate ,complet anorexia
- Udder is grossly swollen ,hard and sore to touch.
- Gangrene is constant develop ,bluish discoloration to udder .
- The secretion is reduced to a small amount of blood –stained ,serous fluid without odor ,clots or flakes .

**Mastitis cause by *Corynebacterium pyogenes***

- Summer Mastitis of cattle and occurat sporadically .
- Per acute ,there is systemic reaction and abortion may occur .
- Secretion watery and later purulent with putrid odor .

**Mastitis Cause by *Escherichia coli* ,*Klebsiella spp.* ,and *Enterobacter aerogenes***

- Coliform mastitis term use to include the mastitis in cattle caused by organism above ..
- Coliform mastitis is world wide and most common in dairy cattle which are housed during winter months .
- Any causes lead to animal recumbence ( Downer cow syndram ,parturient paresis after parturition, milking machine ) there is coliform mastitis .
- -secretion is watery to serous in consistency and contain flakes .

**Mastitis cause by *Pasteurella spp.* ( goat )**

- Milk watery and in 24hr the quarter becom blue and cold .

**Mastitis cause by *Nocardia asteroides***

-fibrosis of the gland and appearance of clots in grayish viscid secretion .

**Mastitis cause by *Mycoplasma spp.***

-on standing a deposit of fine sandy material ,flakes leaving aturbid ,whey-like supernatant ,later the secretion resembles colostrums or soft cheese in thin serum .

**Mastitis cause by *Mycobacterium spp.***

Appearance of clots in discolored milk .

**Mastitis cause by *Fungi* ,*Yeasts* and *Algae***

- *Trichosporon spp.*,characterized by swelling of gland and clot in the milk .
- The recovery is spontaneously.

## **Pathogenesis**

**There is three stages :**

### **1- Invasion**

- In which organism pass from the exterior of the teat to the milk inside the teat canal .,and it depend on ,
- Bacterial density
- Frequency of udder infection .
- Degree of sphincter damage .
- Teat canal Antibacterial.

### **2- Infection phase ,it depend on ,**

- type of bacteria ,and bacterial multiplication in milk ,adherent in epithelial cell of mammary gland .
- susceptibility of bacteria to antibiotic .
- present of protective substances in milk
- according milking stage or lactation period .and its present in dry period due to absent of physical flushing ..
- before increase of leukocyte due to inter of microorganism ( physical trauma ) .

### **3- inflammation phase :**

- 1- pathogenicity and tissue invasive power of the causative bacteria .
- 2- the susceptibility of mammary tissue to the bacteria .and there is two type
  - resistance due to presence of tissue antibody.
  - hyper sensitivity as aresult of previous infection .

### **Clinical Pathology**

- 1- Bacteriological culturing of milk.
- 2- Cell count in milk ,in 1-2 hr after this time there is damage of leukocyte ..
- 3- Bulk milk cell count .
- 4- California mastitis test . the result : ( trace 500000 ; +1 1000000;+2 2000000 ;+3 4000000 ) .

5- Indirect chemical test ,increase in sodium and chloride ions ,and consequent increase in electrical conductivity which occur in mastitic milk .

## Treatment

### 1- Udder infusion (intra mammary infusion )

- disposable tube containing suitable drugs in water soluble with hygiene is necessary during treatment,complete emptying of the quarter before infusion .
- penicillin G 100,000 unit ,2 infusion at 48hr intervals .
- Cloxacillin 500mg ,long acting ,one infusion .
- Streptomycin+ penicillin 1gm ,3 infusion 24 hr. intervals
- Tetracyclin 200-400 mg ,daily for 2-3days .
- Cloxacillin + penicillin 200mg ,3 infusion ,once daily for 3 days to treated coliform mastitis with massage .

**2-Parenteral treatment** is advisable in all case of mastitis specially when the gland is badly swollen and intramammary antibiotic is unlikely to diffuse properly .

- Penicillin 16 unit
- Oxytetracyclin 10 mg.
- tylosin .12.5 mg .
- Erythromycin 12.5 mg.

### 3- **treatment of Dry cow** :

- Chronic cases specially **Staph. aureus** satisfactorily by treatment when the cow is not lactating.
- treat in dry time also good prophylaxis .

4- Milk from cow treated systemically should not use until **72hr.**

Milk from cow treated locally should not use until **96hr.**

### -**Supportive therapy** :

Large quantities of isotonic fluid , containing glucose and antihistamin drugs when extensive tissue damage and sever toxemia.(crushed ice to decrease toxin absorption ).

### **Drying –off chronically affected quarters**

- if a quarter dose not respond to treatment and is classified as incurable.
  - the quarter dried off by infusion of 30-60 of 3% silver nitrate solution  
**20 ml of 5% copper sulfate solution .**  
**300-500 ml of a 1:2000 acriflavine solution ..**
- 6- In case of **gangrenous mastitis** ,Total amputation of quarter or ligation of the mammary vessels .

### **Control :**

- 1-Detection of infected quarters .
- 2-Reducing the duration of the infection
- 3-Reducing the new infection rate .
- 4-Teat Dipping using (**iodophor solution 1%iodine,chlorhexidine ,hypochlorite solution containing 4% free chlorine )**
- 5-Teat cup disinfection
- 6- Drying off.
- 7-Vaccination.