PNEUMONIA Risk factors, etiology, pathophysiology, key manifestations, and assessments



Risk Factors

- Elderly
- Intubation
- Decreased LOC
- Chronic disease
- Smoking

Etiology

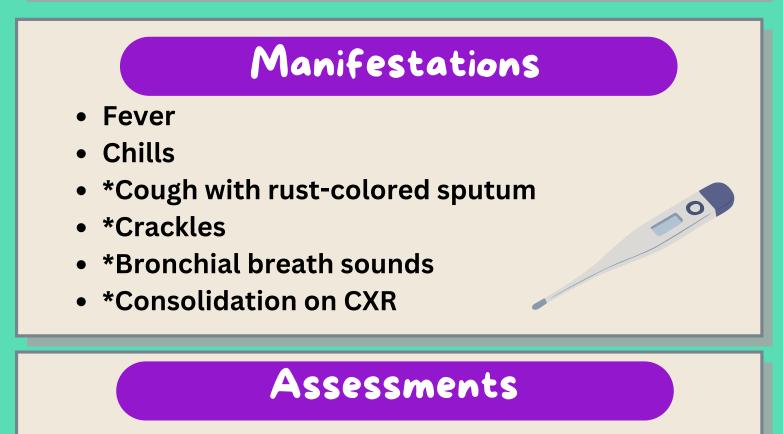
Community acquired *(bacterial, viral, fungal),* Hospital acquired *(ventilator associated),* Opportunistic

<u>Most common: Strep. pneumoniae</u>

Pathophysiology

Exposure to a pathogen triggers inflammatory response. Vasodilation and capillary leak occur as WBCs migrate to lungs causing edema and

exudate to form. Gas exchange is reduced due to fluid build-up within alveoli.



- 1. RR, effort, quality
- 2. Breath sounds
- 3. 02 sat
- 4. HR, BP, Temp
- 5. LOC
- 6. Skin color/ temperature
- 7. Cough- sputum

<u>Diagnostics:</u> ABGs, CXR, Sputum cultures

