

Anthrax

Anthrax is thought to have originated in Egypt and Mesopotamia. Learn more about the history of naturally occurring anthrax and its use as a biological weapon.

1877 - Robert Koch uses anthrax to develop Koch Postulates.

1881 - Louis Pasteur creates the first vaccine for anthrax.

1900s - First uses of anthrax as act of aggression.

1937 - Anthrax used as biological weapon against animals.

Anthrax is a serious infectious disease caused by gram-positive, rod-shaped bacteria known as *Bacillus anthracis*. Although it is rare, people can get sick with anthrax if they come in contact with infected animals or contaminated animal products.

Basic Info

- Symptoms
- Who is at Risk of Exposure
- Types of Anthrax

Bioterrorism

- The Threat
- Preparedness

Medical Care

- Prevention
- Treatment

Laboratory Testing

- Laboratory Response Network
- FAQs

Resources

- A History of Anthrax
- Recommendations

Information for Specific Groups

-  **LABORATORY PROFESSIONALS**
-  **PEOPLE TRAVELING OUT OF COUNTRY**
-  **PEOPLE WHO HANDLE ANIMAL PRODUCTS**
-  **HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS**