Cause/Spread

Zika virus is caused from a mosquito from the Aedes species

It can be spread through a bite from this mosquito, blood transfusion (rare), via pregnancy and sexual contact (CDC, 2019)

Zika Virus: An **Emerging** Virus



(photo courtesy CDC, 2019)

Statistics and History

-first identified in 1947

-1952 first human case of Zika virus

-associated with incidences of Guillian- Barre and microcephaly

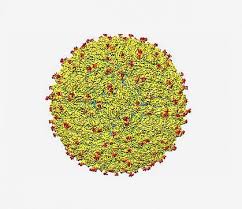
-Most cases found in Africa

(WHO, 2020)

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Zika Virus is identified through serum identification of the viral nucleic acid (definitive diagnosis) and detection of IgM antibodies

(Petersen, Jamieson, Powers, & Honein, 2016)



Treatment

Symptomatic only/no vaccine

Prevention

Using mosquito repellent permethrin

Provide for unprotected sex

Eliminate breeding sites through insecticides

(Petersen, Jamieson, Powers, & Honein, 2016)

Zika Virus

(photo courtesy of NIH, n.d.)

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