

# BIO 475 - Parasitology Spring 2009

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## Lecture 15

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Phylum - Platyhelminths  
Class - Cestoidea  
Subclass - Eucestoda

### Order

- • Caryophyllidea Fish - Teleosts
- Spathebothriidea Fish - Teleosts
- Nippotaeniidea Fish - Teleosts
- • **Pseudophyllidea** Fish, reptiles, birds, mammals
- Trypanorhyncha Elasmobranchs
- Lecanicephalidea Elasmobranchs
- Tetraphyllidea Elasmobranchs
- Dioecotaeniidea "
- Diphyllidea "
- Litobothriidea "
- • Proteocephalata Fish, amphibia, reptiles
- • **Cyclophyllidea** Amphibians, reptiles, birds, mammals

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## Eucestoda: Representative Orders

### Order Caryophyllidea

1. in fish and aquatic annelids
2. small, unsegmented worms
3. poorly developed scolex, no bothria



Figure 21.11  
*Pseudophyllus villosus*, a typical caryophyllidean cestode, from a spotted suckler.  
Source: J. S. Mackerras, "Pseudophyllus villosus" pp. 49-54 and *Microfilariae*, copyright © 1974 by C. G. L. Mackerras, Caryophyllidean (from unsegmented fish in North America) in *Proc. R. Soc. (B)*, Wash. 171:133-138, 1969.

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## Order Caryophyllidea

Life cycle.

1. Small, unsegmented worms (often called monozoic).
2. Adult worm drops off, eggs are released
  - a. eggs (*oncospheres*; operculated, nonembrionated).
1. Ingested by annelids (usually oligochaetes)
  - a. *proceroids* develop in coelom.

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## Order Caryophyllidea

Life cycle, continued

1. Fish eat annelids, develop *pleuroceroid* in gut which later develops into adult tapeworm.
  - a. in *Archigetes*, proceroids may become gravid in *Tubifex*,

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## Order Proteocephala (Proteocephalata)

1. Short worms, mostly parasitic on fish,
  - a. A few in reptiles and amphibians.
2. Relatively ancestral looking worms:
  - a. conspicuous neck
  - b. lateral genital pore
  - c. laterally distributed vitellaria
- d. 4-5 suckers, occasionally with 5th at scolex apex.

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## Order Proteocephala

- e. Gravid proglottids with large sacklike uterus that fills the proglottid.
  - 1. leave the host with fully mature eggs
- f. Eggs with fully developed *hexacanth larvae*
  - 1. usually eaten by copepod
  - 2. encyst in hemocoel
- g. Small fish as 2nd host; *plerocercoids* in coelom
- h. Small fish eaten by larger fish - *definitive host*

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## Order Pseudophyllidea

- 1. Adult tapes usually parasites of fish, also other vertebrates.
- 2. Scolex is variable, but always with longitudinal slits.
  - a. Bothria (usually 2) as lateral slits.
  - b. Distinct from bothridia - more leaf shaped, often 4.



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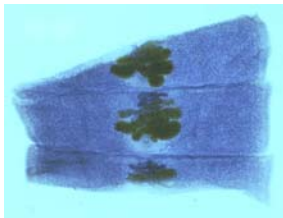
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## Order Pseudophyllidea

- 3. Testes and vitelliria are follicular and scattered on opposite sides of proglottid
  - a. testes - dorsal
  - b. vitellaria - ventral
- 4. Genital apertures are ventral -uterine pore is permanent.



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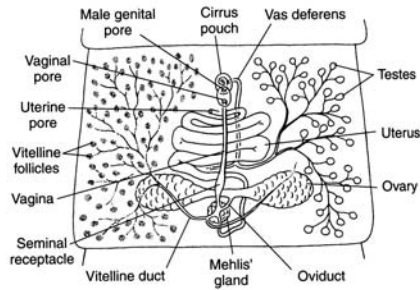


Figure 20.18

Diagram showing reproductive system of *Diphyllobothrium latum* (infracohort Pseudophylla). Note that the testes have been drawn on one side of the proglottid and the vitellaria on the other.

Drawing by William Ober and Claire Garrison.

## Order Pseudophyllidea



5. Eggs are *unembryonated* when shed – also *operculated*.

a. Must mature outside of host.

b. After development, a ciliated *hexacanth* hatches – into a *coracidium*.

c. Eaten by copepod usually *Diaptomus* or *Cyclops*

6. forms *proceroid*.

## Order Pseudophyllidea

7. fish eat copepods develop *plerocercoids*

8. definitive host infected by eating fish



*Rutilus rutilus* infected with plerocercoids of *Ligula intestinalis* (top two fish). Compare these with a non-infected fish (bottom fish).

*Rutilus rutilus* dissected to reveal massive infection of *Ligula intestinalis*

## *Dibothriocephalus latum*

1. The “broad fish tapeworm.”
  - a. There are several species with similar appearance and life history.
1. Relatively common among picivorous vertebrates.
  - a. Including bears, raccoons, mink, humans.
3. Infects 9 million humans, worldwide.
  - a. Most infections via eating raw or smoked fish (e.g., salmon sushi, Gefilte fish, lutefisk, etc.).



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## *Dibothriocephalus latum*

1. Life Cycle:
  - a. Egg shed in feces
  - b. *Oncosphere* develops in egg
  - c. *Coracidium* hatches, eaten by copepod
  - d. Develops to *procercoid*, eaten by fish
  - e. Develops to *plerocercoid*, eaten by mammal.
  - f. Matures to *adult* worm.



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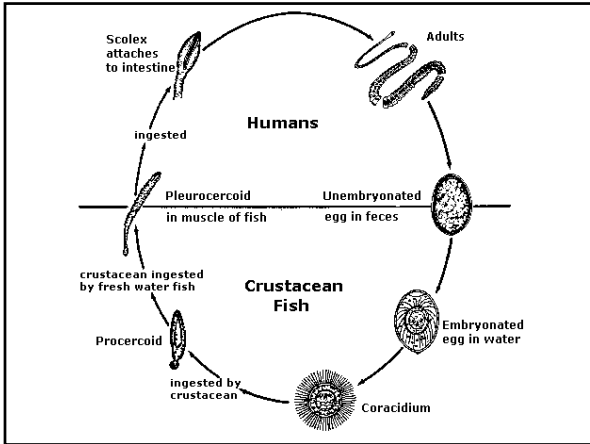
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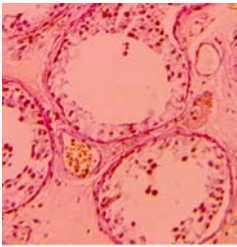
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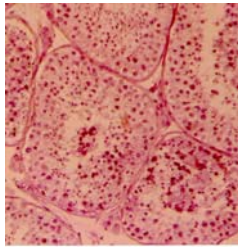
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## Vitamin B12 Deficiency



Testis biopsy from a patient with aspermia caused by B12 deficiency due to infestation with fish tapeworm (*Diphyllobothrium latum*)



Testis biopsy from the same patient demonstrating recovery of sperm production after treatment

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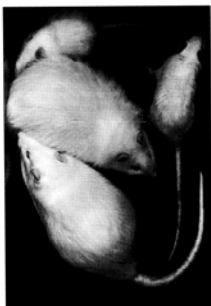
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**Figure 20.32**  
Illustration of growth hormone-like action of *Diphyllobothrium macracanthus* plerocercoids. All rats were hypophysectomized when they weighed 100 g, but the two-litter rats received 20 juvenile scolices of *D. macracanthus* approximately one month after the operation. The photograph was taken six months later, and the experimental animals outweigh the controls by three or four times.




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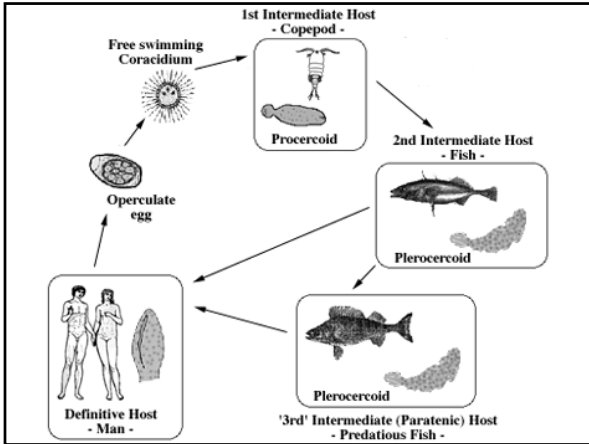
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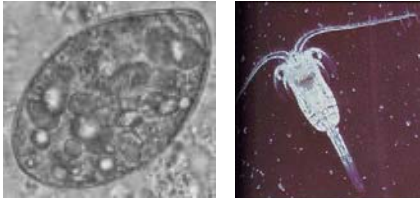
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## *Spinometra (Diphyllobothrium) mansonoides*

1. Usually definitive host is bobcat.
2. Intermediate host is frog or small aquatic mammal which is infected by eating copepods




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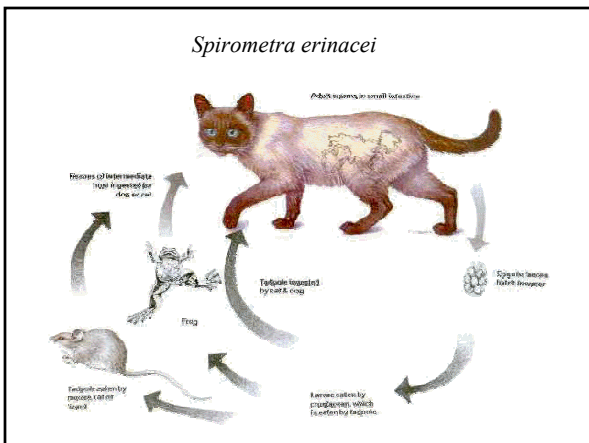
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## *Spirometra erinacei*




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## "sparganosis"

Also called "sparaganum"

- a. Where plerocercoid infects man by accident.
  - b. Occurs in three ways
    1. Drinking copepods in water
    2. Eating undercooked meat with plerocercoids
    3. When raw meat is used as a poltice



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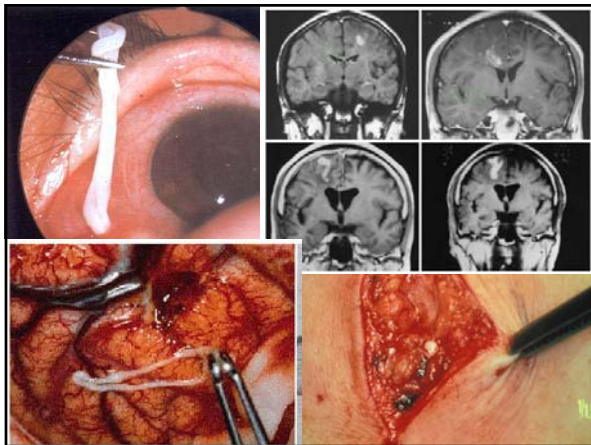
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## Order Cyclophyllidea

1. Common tapeworm of birds and mammals
  - a. also a few reptiles and amphibians
2. Characteristics:
  - a. Scolex with 4 suckers
  - b. Often a hooked rostellum



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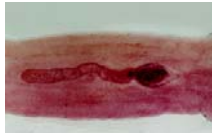
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## Order Cyclophyllidea

### 2. Other Characters:

- a. Segments of proglottids usually longer than wide.
- b. Proglottids leave host singly, or in groups
  - 1. Usually motile.
- e. Vitellaria concentrated in a single compact mass posterior to ovary.




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## Order Cyclophyllidea



### 2. Still Other Characters:

- f. Genital duct opens into a common, lateral atrium.
- g. Uterine pore is absent.
- h. Gravid uterus is tubular with many lateral branches.

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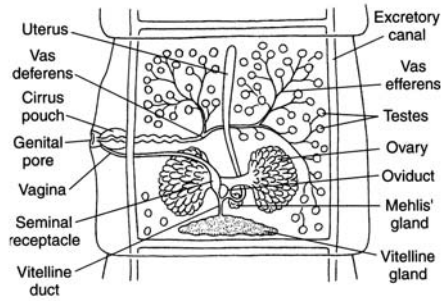
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**Figure 20.19**  
Diagram showing reproductive system of *Taenia* spp.  
(infracohort Saccouterina).  
Drawing by William Ober and Claire Garrison.

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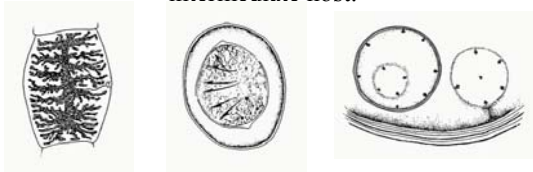
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## Order Cyclophyllidea

### 2. Still Other Characters:

- i. Eggs escape by rupture of proglottid
- j. non-operculated eggs are embryonated and develop into a bladderworm (cysticercoid) in the intermediate host.




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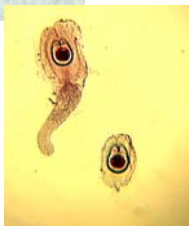
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## Two Major Groups



- 2. Nontaeioid cestodes - several families
  - a. Eggs are variable but *never with thick shell*
  - b. Common larval form - *cysticercoid*
  - c. Usually forms in invertebrates and fish
  - d. Definitive host is a mammal.

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## Non-Taenioid Cestodes

*Hymenolepis diminuta*,  
*H. nana*

- a. Egg shed in feces
- b. Eaten by beetle, oncosphere hatches, into body
- c. Matures to cysticercus, eaten by mouse or human
- d. mature worm.




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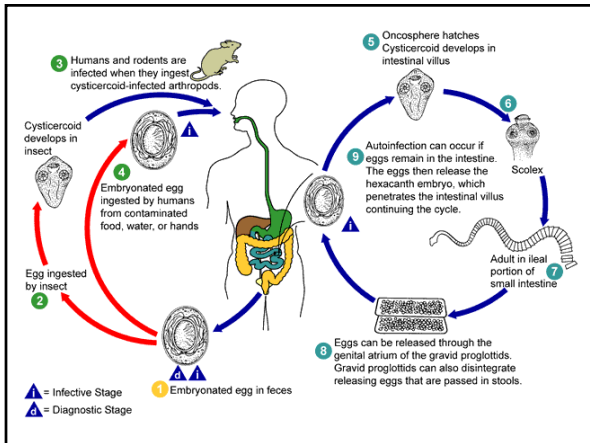
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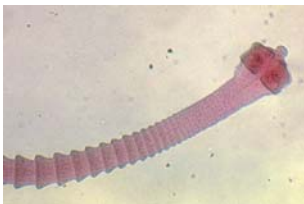
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## *Dipylidium caninum*

- a. Recognizable by paired gonopores.
- b. Often seen crawling on rugs.




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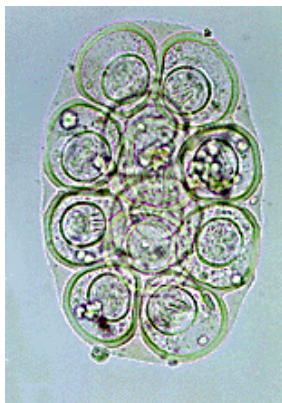
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*Dipylidium caninum* -  
egg packets

The egg packets contain 15-20 eggs in each and are seldom seen free in the feces. They may, however, be readily expressed from the gravid proglottids.

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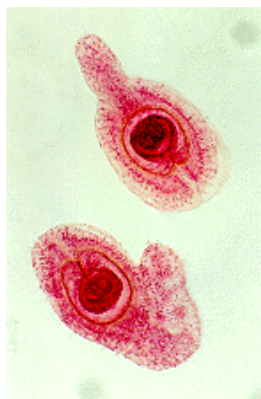
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*Dipylidium caninum*  
cysticercoids from flea.

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### *Moniezia expansa*

1. A sheep tapeworm; proglottids very wide
2. Odd to have an herbivore with a tapeworm
3. Sheep become infected by eating oribatid mites with grass.




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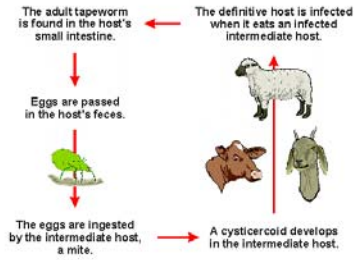
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### THE LIFE CYCLE OF *MONIEZIA EXPANSA*



(Parasites and Parasitological Resources)



*Anoplocephala perfoliata*; horse tapeworms, found near ileocecal junction; eggs (right) are eaten by mites, which are consumed by horses in forage.

## Two Major Groups

### 1. Taenioid cestodes (Family Taeniidae)

- Eggs with thick shells that appear striated
  - Larval stages with fluid filled bladders
    - cysticercus
    - strobilocercus
    - coenurus
    - hydatid cyst
2. Can form within mammals that have swallowed eggs.





Strobilocercus of *Taenia taeniaformis* removed from an intermediate host (a mouse).

A bottle filled with *Taenia* cysticerci from the peritoneal cavity of a groundhog.




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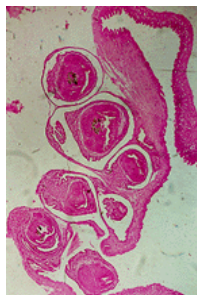
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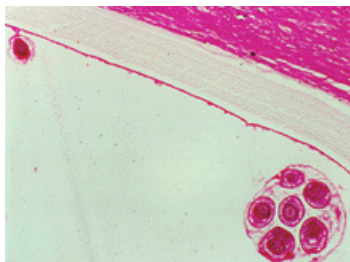
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*Taenia multiceps* - coenurus (Cestoda: Cyclophyllidae) cross section through the coenurus. Note the many protoscolices growing from the germinal layer.



Hydatid cyst of *Echinococcus granulosus*. Note the thick laminated cyst wall and the fibrous host response outside the cyst wall. Also note the daughter cyst with protoscolices within the main cyst.

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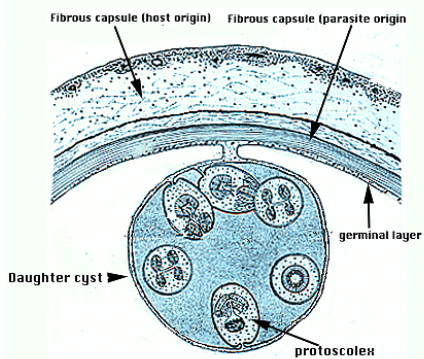
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Hydatid cyst

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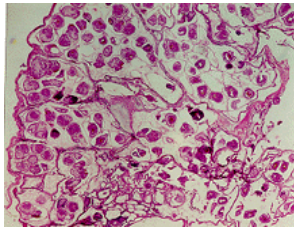
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*Echinococcus multilocularis*  
This animal was infected 9 weeks ago. The alveolar cysticerci contain small scoleces.

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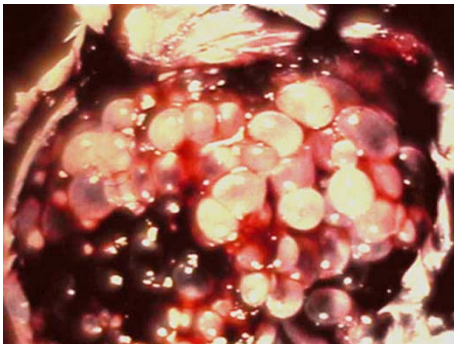
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*Taenia taeniformis* multilocular cysticerci in mouse




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## Taenioid Cestodes

*Taenia saginata*

1. Beef tapeworm
2. Common in beef eating countries, SA, Mexico
3. Over 20 m long, but 3-5 most common.
  - a. scolex lack rostellum
  - b. proglottids with more narrow branches

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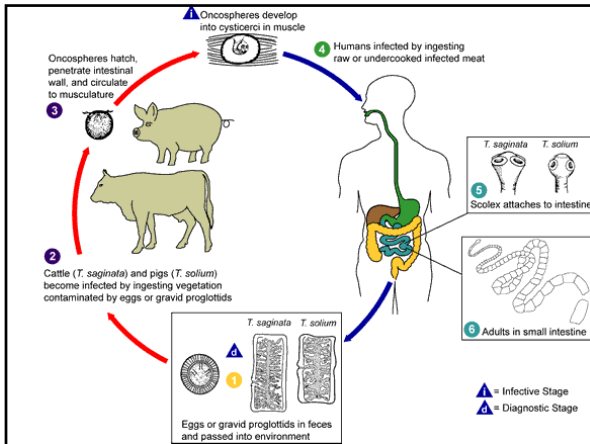
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## *Taenia saginata*

Life Cycle:

- Worm in carnivore gut → eggs in feces with proglottids.
- Cattle contact eggs with forage; hexacanth hatches in gut, penetrates lumen and gets into bloodstream.
- Cysticercus forms in flesh; evidently not in humans.

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## *Taenia saginata*



- Uncooked or undercooked meat allows cysticercus to hatch and mature in host gut.
- Humans with worm can infect herds of cattle
- Symptoms not too severe; NOT hunger.

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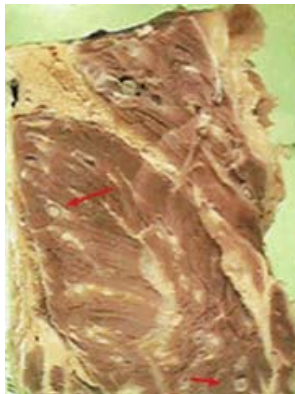
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*Taenia saginata*-  
cysticercus

(Cestoda:  
Cyclophyllidea)

Cysticercus in the  
skeletal muscle of a  
cow.

Note the pea-sized  
cysts.

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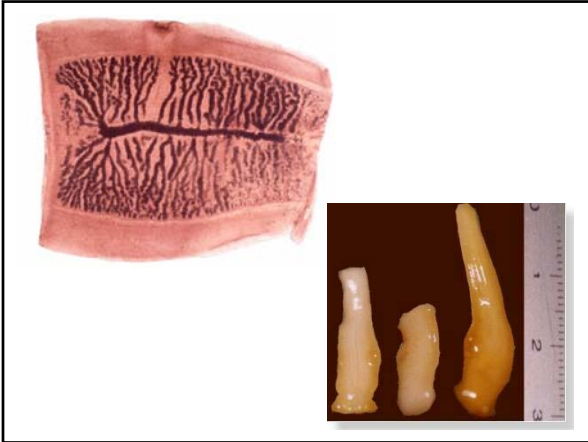
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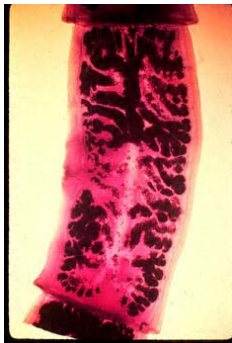
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### *Taenia solium*

1. Most infections in Africa, Mexico; also Asia
2. 2-7 m long
2. proglottids with wide branches
  - a. rostellum with hooks
3. Life cycle similar to that of *T. saginata* except
  - a. hosts are pigs and humans
  - b. eggs are infective to humans.



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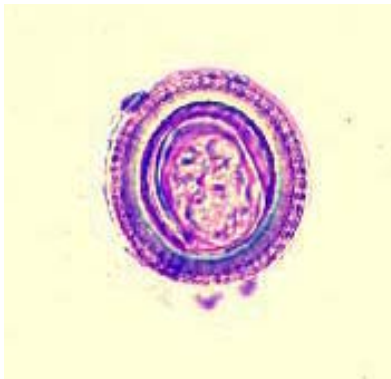
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## *Taenia solium*

- c. Cysticerci form in brain and other locations
  - 1. adaptive value probably to enhance transfer
- d. in host intestine, long sections of proglottids shed.
  - 5. epidemiology
    - a. 138 cases in LA between 1988-1990.
    - b. Has been used as biological warfare in Iran, Java and Papua New Guinea

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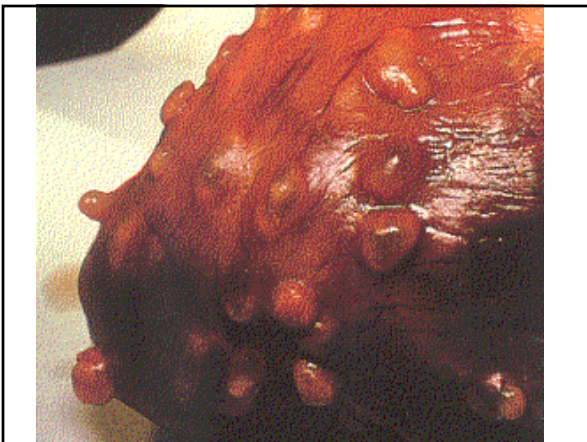
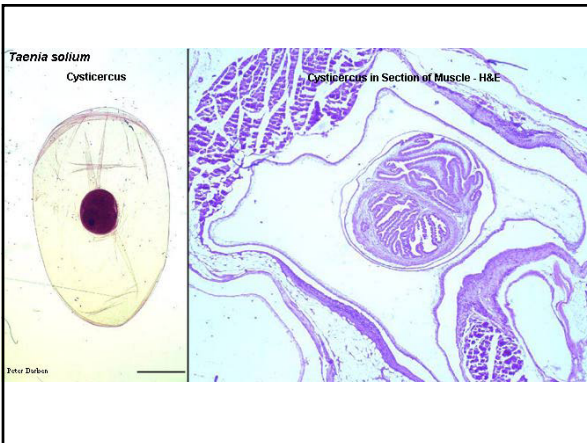
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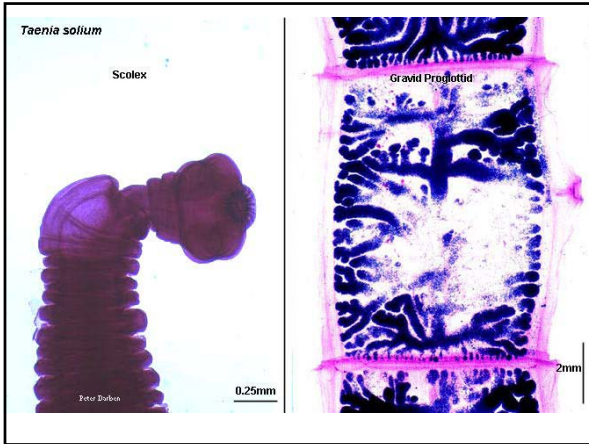
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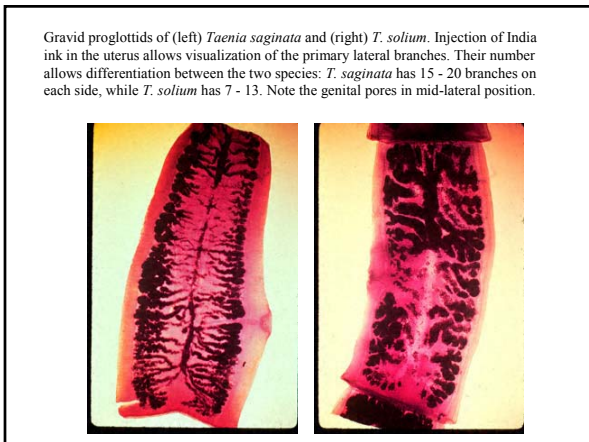
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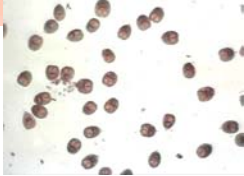
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## *Echinococcus granulosus*

- a. egg
- b. oncosphere
- c. hydatid cyst
- d. adult worm
- e. epidemiology

1. a problem in locations with grazing animals and canids

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## Echinococcus granulosus



Numerous hydatid cysts in the liver of a horse. A horse may become infected with a number of cysts at one time (each egg ingested will result in one cyst).




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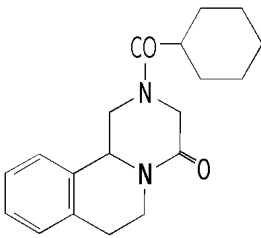
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## Praziquantel



Praziquantel\* is the drug of choice for most helminth infections

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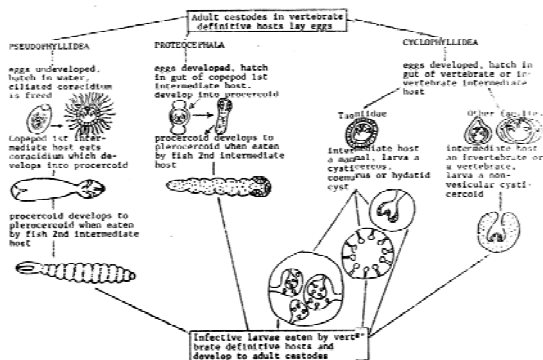
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JOURNARY OF LIFE CYCLES OF THREE COMMON ORDERS OF CESTODES (from Olsen, 1967)




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*Taenia pisiformis*  
Dog/Cat Tapeworm



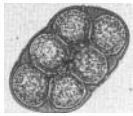
*Echinococcus granulosus*  
Dog/Cat Tapeworm



*Taenia taeniformis*  
Dog/Cat Tapeworm



*Taenia solium*  
Pig/Human Tapeworm



*Dipylidium caninum*  
Dog/Cat Tapeworm



*Hymenolepis diminuta*  
Rat/Human Tapeworm



*Moniezia expansa*  
Sheep Tapeworm



*Anoplocephala magna*  
Horse Tapeworm

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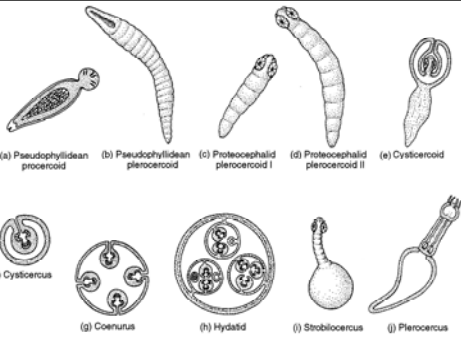
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**Figure 20.25**  
Types of cestode metacercariae. (a) The proceroid can be regarded as a differentiating plerocercoid of pseudophyllideans. (b) According to some authors, the differentiating plerocercoid of proteocephalidans is a plerocercoid I (*c*), and the infective stage develops into plerocercoid II (*d*). Cysticercoids and cysticerci are metacercariae in the Cyclophyllidae. Cysticercoids (*e*) have an invaginated scolex and a solid body, and the scolices of cysticerci (*f-i*) are both invaginated and introverted into a fluid-filled bladder. The plerocercus (*j*), found in some Trypanorhyncha, is like a plerocercoid with a posterior bladder.  
Drawings by William Ober and Claire Garton.