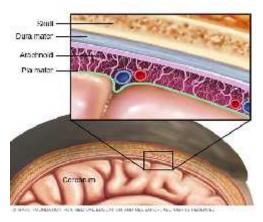
### WHAT IS MENINGITIS?



A serious disease in which there is inflammation of the meninges, caused by viral or bacterial infection, and marked by intense headache and fever, sensitivity to light, and muscular rigidity.

# **TYPES OF MENINGITIS**

- Viral meningitis. Viral meningitis is the most common type of meningitis.
- Bacterial meningitis. Bacterial meningitis is contagious and caused by infection from certain bacteria.
- Fungal meningitis. Fungal meningitis is a rare type of meningitis.
- Parasitic meningitis.
- Non-infectious meningitis.

### **CAUSES OF MENINGITIS**

Several strains of bacteria can cause acute bacterial meningitis, most commonly: Streptococcus pneumoniae (pneumococcus). This bacterium is the most common cause of bacterial meningitis in infants, young children and adults in the United States. It more commonly causes pneumonia or ear or sinus infections.

#### **SYMPTOMS OF MENINGITIS**

Common signs & symptoms of meningitis and septicaemia

- Fever, cold hands and feet.
- Vomiting.
- Drowsy, difficult to wake.
- Confusion and irritability.
- Severe muscle pain.
- Pale, blotchy skin. Spots/rash. See the Glass Test.
- Severe headache.
- Stiff neck.

## **NEUROTHERAPY TREATMENT**

M – Heparin (twice a week)