

# Dengue Fever

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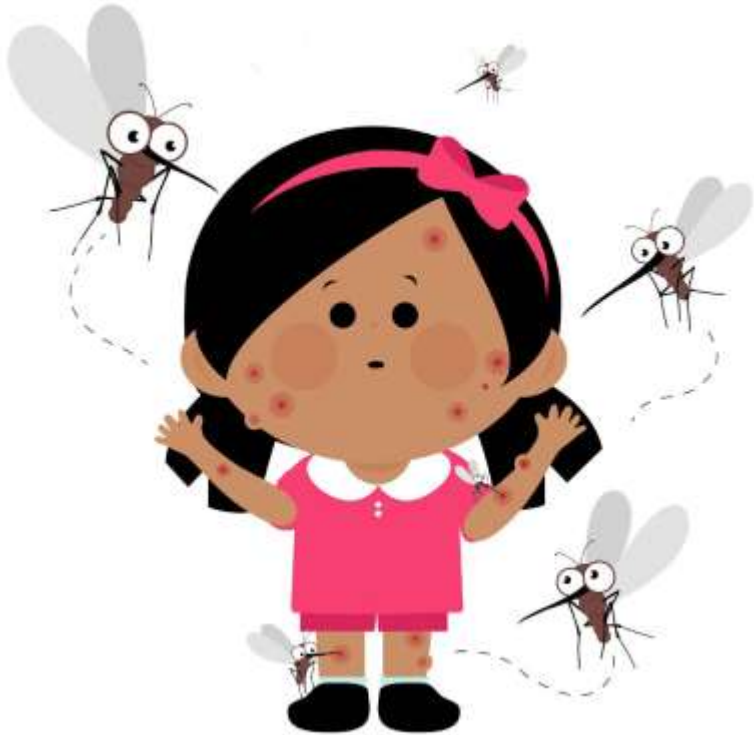


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One day Sarah was outdoors and noticed some mosquitos flying around.

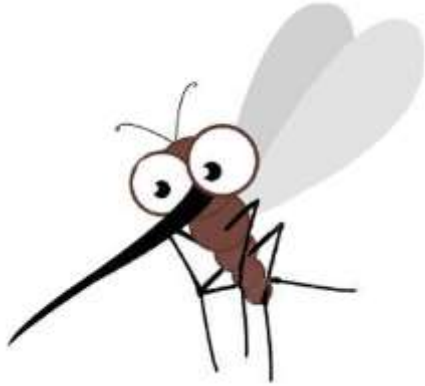




Ooops! Sarah was bitten by mosquitoes that carry the dengue virus.

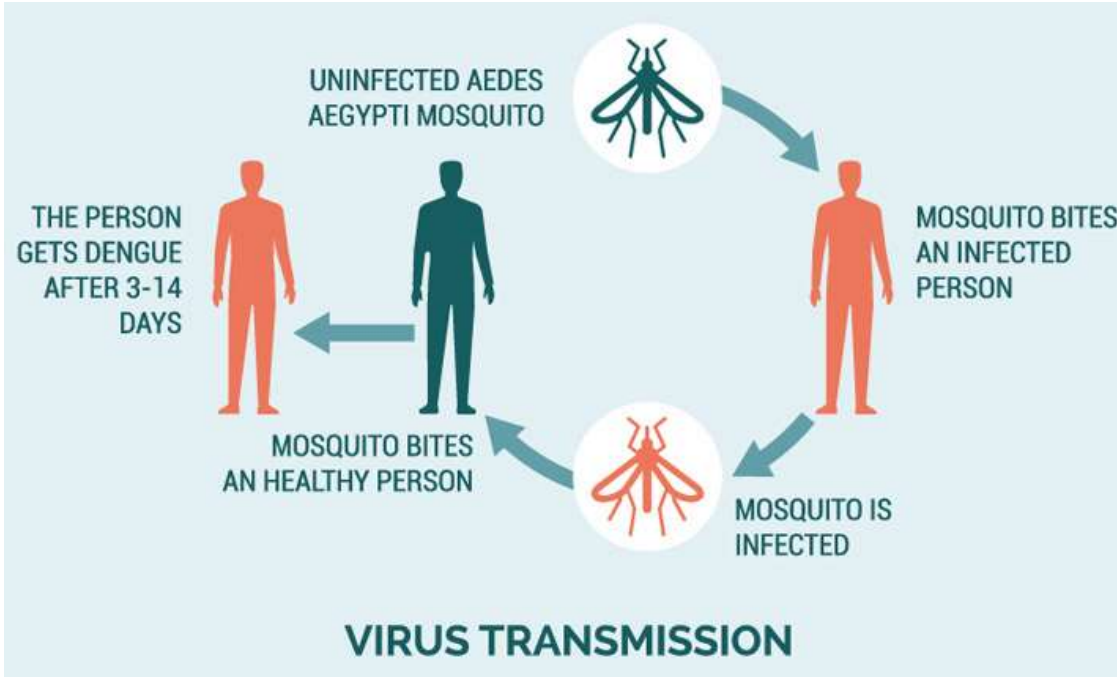


# What is Dengue Fever?



Dengue Fever is a mosquito-borne viral infection.





This diagram shows you how you contract the virus.





Sarah has developed a rash, fever and stomach ache. Could she have Dengue Fever?





Yes, Sarah is showing signs of Dengue Fever: vomiting, rash, fever/headaches, muscle/joint pain, stomach pain and diarrhea.





There is no specific medicine for dengue fever, but you can take pain relievers, rest and drink plenty of fluids.







Sarah should take aspirin to reduce her fever, headache, and muscle pain.





Sarah is not improving and it has been over a week.





It's time for Sarah to see a doctor. He will give her some medicine so she can feel better.





Severe  
abdominal pain



Persistent vomiting  
or vomiting blood

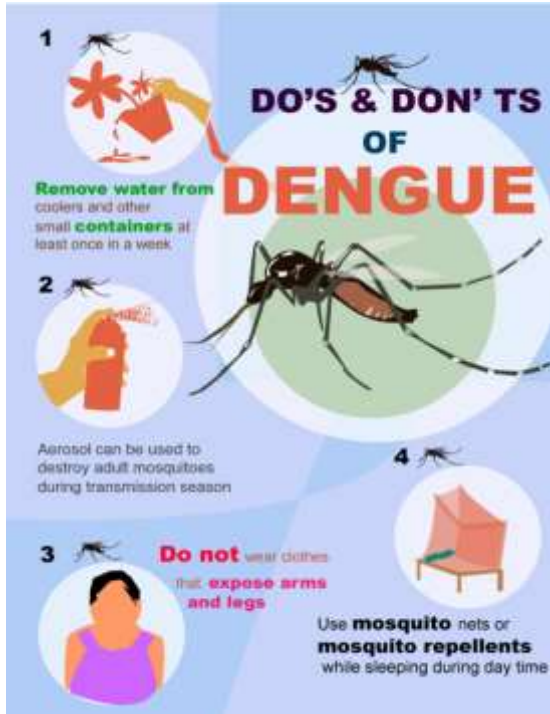


Rapid breathing

If left untreated can develop into Dengue shock syndrome which can lead to the following...



# How Can I Prevent Dengue Fever?



Here are some ways to prevent Dengue Fever



# Myths & Facts

Myth: You can only be infected once in a lifetime

**FALSE! You can be infected multiple times!**

Myth: Dark clothes attract mosquitoes

**FALSE! Clothing colors do not attract mosquitos.**



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