1 Timeline of Infections After Organ Transplant

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Time post-transplant	0–1 month	1–6 months	>6 months
Type of infection	Nosocomial infections: pneumonia, catheter-related, UTI Post-surgical infections: wound, anastomotic leaks, abscesses Donor-derived infections	Opportunistic infections Reactivation of recipient or donor latent infections (prophylaxis may shift further)	Community-acquired infections In the absence of prophylaxis: reactivation of latent infections during intense immunosuppression for acute graft rejection
Bacterial	C. difficile colitis Antimicrobial resistant bacteria (MRSA, VRE, ESBL, MDR Gram-negative rods)	Listeria, Nocardia (if no TMP/SMX) Mycobacterium tuberculosis, Legionella	Ongoing risk for Listeria, Nocardia, M. tuberculosis, Legionella if ongoing intense immunosuppression Graft-related infections (cholangitis in liver, pneumonia in lung, UTI in
	Post-surgical infections (infected biliomas in liver transplant, pneumonia in lung transplant, UTI in renal transplant)	O BILL	kidney) Community-acquired pneumonia pathogens
Viral	In the absence of anti-herpesvirus prophylaxis: HSV	BK nephropathy (kidney), HCV reactivation (liver), adenovirus, respiratory viruses	Late onset CMV (post-prophylaxis), EBV-related PTLD, recurrent HSV, VZV, HCV progression, JC polyomavirus (PML)
	Donor-derived: LCMV, rhabdovirus, West Nile virus, HIV	CMV, EBV, HSV, VZV (after discontinuation of prophylaxis)	Respiratory viruses, enteric viruses, West Nile virus
Fungal	Candida spp. Early Aspergillus only in some settings	Cryptococcus, Aspergillus, atypical molds, Zygomycetes sp. Pneumocystis only if no prophylaxis	During intense immunosuppression in the absence of antifungal prophylaxis: Aspergillus, atypical molds, Zygomycetes species Geographically restricted endemic fungi
Parasitic	Uncommon	Toxoplasma, Strongyloides, Trypanosoma, Leishmania	Ongoing risk if intense immunosuppression

CMV, cytomegalovirus; EBV, Epstein—Barr virus; ESBL, extended spectrum beta-lactamase; HCV, hepatitis C virus; HIV, human immunodeficiency virus; HSV, herpes simplex virus; LCMV, lymphocytic choriomeningitis virus; MDR, multi-drug-resistant; MRSA, methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus*; PML, progressive multifocal leukoencephalopathy; PTLD, post-transplant lymphoproliferative disorder; SMX, sulfamethoxazole; TMP, trimethoprim; UTI, urinary tract infection; VRE, vancomycin-resistant enterococci; VZV, varicella zoster virus.

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