

Cryptococcus neoformans

[Cryptococcus](#) neoformans is an encapsulated yeast that can live in both plants and animals. Its teleomorph is *Filobasidiella neoformans*, a filamentous fungus belonging to the class Tremellomycetes. It is often found in pigeon excrement.

Diagnosis

see [Cryptococcus Diagnosis](#).

Complications

Has been reported in only nine cases of [shunt infection](#).

see [Cryptococcus neoformans ventriculoperitoneal shunt infection](#)

The timing from shunt placement to symptom onset varies widely from 10 days to 15 months. Viereck et al., present a patient who developed a cryptococcal infection of his VP shunt more than two decades following shunt placement ¹⁾.

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Viereck MJ, Chalouhi N, Krieger DI, Judy KD. Cryptococcal ventriculoperitoneal shunt infection. J Clin Neurosci. 2014 Sep 11. pii: S0967-5868(14)00498-6. doi: 10.1016/j.jocn.2014.08.001. [Epub ahead of print] PubMed PMID: 25220283.

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