

Pathogenicity and Virulence

- Pathogenicity The ability to cause disease
- Virulence The extent of pathogenicity

Portals of Entry

- Mucous membranes
 - Respiratory tract
 - Most frequently used
 - Common cold
 - Gastrointestinal tract
 - Genitourinary tract
 - Conjunctiva
- Skin
 - Follicles or sweat ducts
- Parenteral route
 - Injections
 - Bites/ vectors
 - Abrasions
 - Surgery


