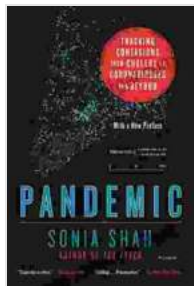


# Tracking Contagions: From Cholera to Coronaviruses and Beyond



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Contagious diseases have plagued humanity for centuries, causing untold suffering and death. In recent years, the COVID-19 pandemic has brought the issue of contagion back to the forefront of our minds. But what exactly is contagion, and how can we track it?

In this article, we will explore the history of contagion, from the early days of cholera to the modern era of coronaviruses. We will also discuss the different methods that scientists use to track contagions, and how this information can be used to prevent and control outbreaks.

## The History of Contagion

The first recorded outbreak of a contagious disease was the Plague of Athens in 430 BC. This devastating pandemic killed an estimated 75,000 people, or about one-quarter of the city's population.

Over the centuries, other contagious diseases emerged, including smallpox, measles, and tuberculosis. These diseases caused widespread death and suffering, and they often left survivors with lifelong disabilities.

In the 19th century, the development of germ theory revolutionized our understanding of contagion. Scientists discovered that diseases were caused by tiny organisms called germs, and that these germs could be transmitted from person to person through contact with contaminated air, water, or food.

This new understanding of contagion led to the development of new public health measures, such as quarantine, sanitation, and vaccination. These measures helped to reduce the spread of contagious diseases, and they saved countless lives.

## **Tracking Contagions**

In the modern era, scientists use a variety of methods to track contagions. These methods include:

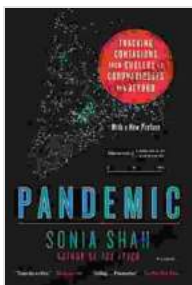
- **Surveillance:** Surveillance is the ongoing collection of data on the occurrence and spread of contagious diseases. This data can be used to identify outbreaks early on, and to track the progress of outbreaks over time.
- **Epidemiology:** Epidemiology is the study of the distribution and determinants of health-related states or events (including disease), and the application of this study to the control of diseases and other health problems. Epidemiologists use a variety of methods to investigate outbreaks, including case-control studies, cohort studies, and randomized controlled trials.

- **Molecular epidemiology:** Molecular epidemiology is the study of the genetic characteristics of microorganisms that cause disease. This information can be used to track the spread of outbreaks, and to identify the source of outbreaks.

The information that is collected through these tracking methods can be used to develop and implement public health measures to prevent and control outbreaks. For example, surveillance data can be used to identify areas where there is a high risk of an outbreak, and to target vaccination efforts accordingly. Epidemiology data can be used to identify the factors that contribute to the spread of a disease, and to develop interventions to reduce these factors.

Contagious diseases have been a major threat to human health for centuries. However, the development of new public health measures, such as surveillance, epidemiology, and molecular epidemiology, has helped us to reduce the spread of these diseases and to save countless lives.

As we continue to face new and emerging contagious diseases, it is important to remember the lessons that we have learned from the past. By tracking contagions and implementing effective public health measures, we can help to prevent and control outbreaks, and to protect the health of our communities.



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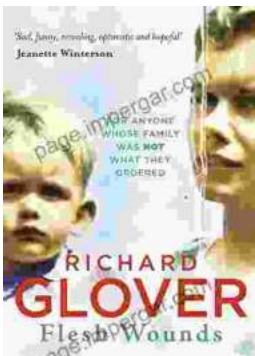
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