

DIFFERENT NAMES, SAME VIRUS

Yellow fever has been a part of human history for more than three hundred years. During this time, the fever has been known by a few different names.

- ⑤ *Yellow Jack*—The word “jack” is a nautical, or sailing, term. A jack is a flag that is displayed on a ship’s mast, or pole. Ships display flags to be identified by other sea voyagers and by people on shore. Ships that carried people infected with yellow fever were required to hoist a yellow flag as a warning. Ships with yellow flags were quarantined for forty days in port harbors.
- ⑤ *Vomito Negro*—The Spanish called yellow fever by this name, which means black vomit. A classic symptom of yellow fever is the vomiting of blood that has collected in the stomach and been turned black by stomach acids.

Yellow Fever Infection

The effects of yellow fever can range from mild illness to death. In mild cases, patients may experience fever, chills, headache, backache, and muscle pain. The patient may also experience nausea and vomiting. These signs of infection are called symptoms.

According to the World Health Organization, about 15 percent of patients infected with yellow fever will develop serious infections. In serious infections,