

# A Review Paper on Sinusitis

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**Abstract:** Sinusitis is an inflammation of the sinuses that can cause them to get blocked filled with fluid. It is usually caused by cold or Allergies. An infection could result from the blockage.

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## 1. Introduction

Sinusitis is an inflammation or swelling of the tissue lining the sinuses. The sinuses are four paired cavities (spaces) in the head. They are connected by narrow channels. The sinuses make them mucous that drains out of the channels of the nose. This drainage helps to keep the nose clean and free of bacteria. Normally filled with air, the sinuses can get blocked and filled with fluid when that happens bacteria can grow and cause an infection (Bacterial sinusitis). This is also called Rhino sin suites with "Rhino" meaning nose. The Nasal tissue is almost always swollen if sinuses tissue is inflamed.

**There are different types of sinusitis:**

**Acute bacterial sinusitis:** This term refers to a sudden onset of cold symptoms such as runny nose, stuffy nose, and facial pain that does not go away after 10 days, or symptoms that seem to improve but then return and are worse than the initial symptoms (termed "double sickening"). It responds well to antibiotics and decongestants.

**Chronic sinusitis:** This term refers to a condition defined by nasal congestion, drainage, facial pain/pressure, and decreased sense of smell for at least 12 weeks.

**Sub acute sinusitis:** This term is used when the symptoms last four to twelve weeks.

**Recurrent acute sinusitis:** This term is used when the symptoms come back four or more times in one year and last less than two weeks each time.

**Causes:** Sinus infections happen when fluid build - up in the air filled pockets in the face (Sinuses). This fluid buildup allows the germs to grow. Viruses cause most sinus infections, but bacteria can cause some sinus infection.

**Risk Factors:** Several factors can increase risk of getting a sinus infection. \*A previous cold \*Seasonal allergies \*Smoking & Exposure to second hand smoke. \*Structural problems within the sinuses. E. g. Growths on the living of the nose or sinuses knows nasal polyp. \*A weak immune system or Taking drugs that weakens the immune system. \* DNS (Deviated Nasal septum)

## 2. Sign & Symptoms

Common signs and symptoms of sinusitis include:

- Post nasal drip (mucus drips down the throat).
- Nasal discharge (thick yellow or green discharge from nose) or stuffy nose
- Facial pressure (particularly around the nose, eyes, and forehead), headache and or pain in your teeth or ears.
- Halitosis (bad breath)
- Cough.
- Tiredness.
- Fever.

## 3. Treatment

- Antibiotics are not need for many sinus infections; most sinus infections usually get better on their own without use of antibiotics. Even antibiotics may harm nose by their side effects like rash, severe allergic reactions, antibiotics resistance infections. In spite some ways to help reduce sinuses pain and pressure.
- Put a warm compress on nose and forehead to help relieve sinus pressure.
- Use of saline or decongestant nasal spray
- Steaming for hot water bowl is very effective.
- Saline gargling for sore throat.
- Over the counter medication like NSAIDS like Paractamol, Ibuprofen etc

## 4. Prevention

- Clean hand frequently.
- Rinse Nose frequently.
- Receive recommended vaccine like Flu vaccine & Pneumococcal vaccine.

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