

Polio

Polio (poliomyelitis) is caused by polioviruses. Most people do not experience any symptoms when infected. However, some infected individuals become seriously ill and develop acute, severe, and often permanent paralysis.

There is no specific antiviral therapy to treat a poliovirus infection, but polio vaccines have been available since the 1950s.

In 2002 WHO declared Europe polio-free.

Until the poliovirus has been eradicated worldwide, the disease will remain a threat to unvaccinated individuals.

