

Travellers, beware of mosquitoes!

7 THINGS

YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT CHIKUNGUNYA

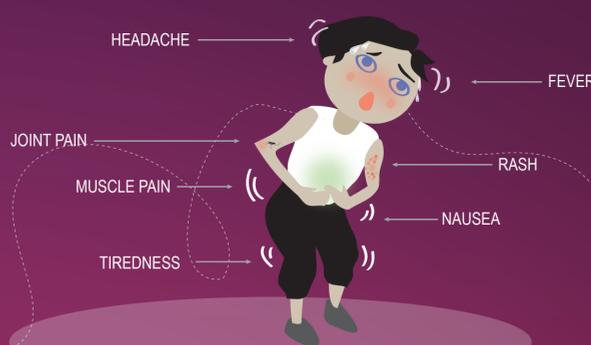
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CHIKUNGUNYA IS A VIRUS TRANSMITTED BY MOSQUITOES OF THE GENUS *Aedes*.



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THE WORD **'CHIKUNGUNYA'** MEANS "ONE WHO BENDS UP" IN THE MAKONDE LANGUAGE. THE DISEASE IS CALLED CHIKUNGUNYA BECAUSE OF THE ACUTE JOINT PAIN IT CAUSES.



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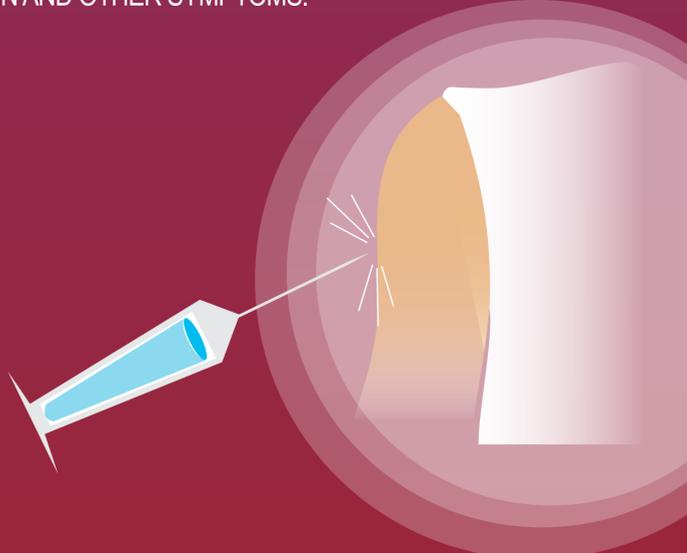
ALTHOUGH IT ORIGINATED IN AFRICA, THE VIRUS IS SPREADING RAPIDLY AND HAS BEEN DETECTED IN THE **5 CONTINENTS:**



Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention <http://www.cdc.gov/chikungunya/geo/index.html>

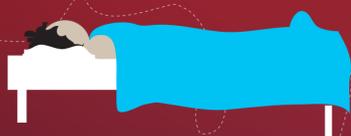
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THERE IS CURRENTLY **NO VACCINE FOR CHIKUNGUNYA.** TREATMENT CONSISTS OF DRUGS TO RELIEVE JOINT PAIN AND OTHER SYMPTOMS.



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IN MOST CASES, **PATIENTS RECOVER WITHIN A WEEK, BUT JOINT PAIN AND OTHER SYMPTOMS CAN LAST FOR WEEKS OR EVEN MONTHS.**



DEATH DUE TO CHIKUNGUNYA IS RARE, BUT THE DISEASE CAN BE FATAL IN THE ELDERLY AND IN PATIENTS WITH OTHER MEDICAL CONDITIONS.

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PEOPLE VISITING AREAS WITH CASES OF THE CHIKUNGUNYA VIRUS **MUST PROTECT THEMSELVES FROM MOSQUITO BITES.**



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IN RECENT YEARS, THERE HAVE BEEN SEVERAL OUTBREAKS OF **CHIKUNGUNYA:**

INDIAN OCEAN ISLANDS

INDIA AND SOUTHEAST ASIA

ITALY (FIRST OUTBREAK IN EUROPE)

THE AMERICAS

2005

2006

2007

2013

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