HOW TO PREVENT THE PORK TAPEWORM?

A neglected parasitic infection caused by Taenia solium

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Medicines from health facilities can treat tapeworm infection.

Taeniasis The

tapeworms live in the

intestines of humans.

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Wash your hands with soap and water after using the toilet.

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Rinse vegetables thoroughly or cook them before eating.

Human cysticercosis Swallowing

hygiene after using the toilet or

developing mainly in the brain (causing seizures and epilepsy).

consuming contaminated food or

water), will result in parasite cysts

tapeworm eggs (due to bad

The eggs of the tapeworm are released with faeces. If defecating outdoors, the environment (including vegetables and water) can be contaminated.

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Pig cysticercosis Pigs eating tapeworm eggs (present in faeces or the environment) will develop parasite cysts, mainly in the muscles (meat).

Eating undercooked or raw infected pork will result in people developing tapeworms.

Infected meat will contain parasite cysts, which are not always easy to see.



Follow the numbers for the transmission cycle

See the prevention and control measures in green

ZAUN Cook pork thoroughly (no pink should be seen) to kill the parasite.

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Meat inspection can identify heavily infected pigs.



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Use toilets or latrines to avoid infecting the environment, pigs and other people. Keep pigs in pens to avoid them getting infected. Vaccinate and treat pigs to prevent infection.



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