

Summary

- *Ascaris*: common, lung passage, sometimes intestinal or biliary obstruction
- *Trichuris*: common, symptoms only in severe infection (diarrhoea, anal prolapse)
- *Enterobius*: common, anal itch, exogenous auto-infection
- Hookworms: common, lung passage, anaemia if worms are numerous
- *Strongyloides*: common, chronic, larva currens, lung passage, endogenous re-infection, fatal hyperinfection
- *Capillaria philippinensis*: rare, diarrhoea, endogenous re-infection, sometimes fatal

The first five species are currently aggregated under the term “soil-transmitted helminthiasis” (STH). More than a billion people are infected with a least one species.