

Chagas disease is not transmitted through breast milk; therefore, mothers affected by Chagas disease can safely breastfeed their babies.



Treatment in infants achieves a complete cure.

The dose of medicine to take should be indicated by the pediatrician.



* Currently is available benznidazole in tablets of 12.5 mg, dose to attend the population from 2 to 12 years old.

Who we are

Mundo Sano is a family foundation created with the **goal of transforming the reality of people affected by neglected diseases**, including Chagas disease.

What we do

We work in Prevention, Research, Diagnosis and Treatment, Professional education and Training, Volunteering and Awareness. Raising actions.

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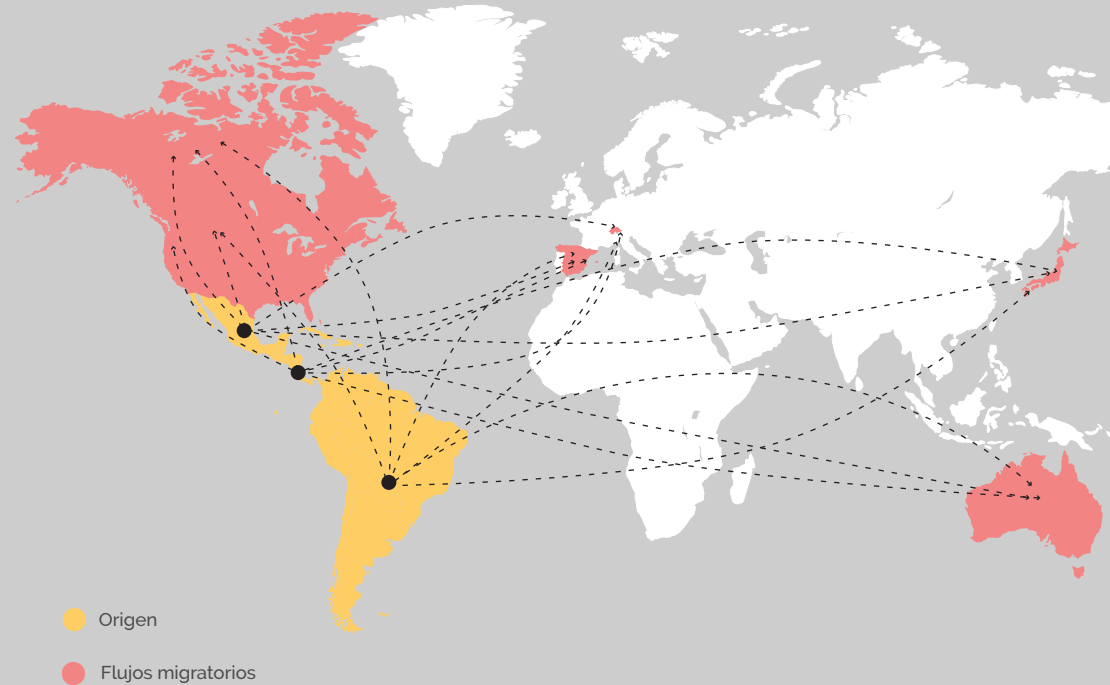


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Parasitic disease whose causal agent is *Trypanosoma cruzi*.

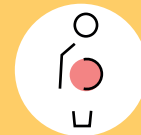
It **originated in the American Continent**.

Migratory movements have allowed the spread of the disease to areas where it was previously unknown: Spain, Switzerland, Canada, Japan, and Australia, among other countries.



Transmission

Through the bite of triatomine bugs known as *vinchucas* or *chinchés*.



From an infected mother to her child during pregnancy or during childbirth.

At present, this is the transmission route that generates the highest number of new cases at the global level.

Through ingestion of contaminated food or beverages.



Through blood transfusions or transplantation of organs of an infected person.

Symptoms

Most people affected by Chagas disease can live with the parasite most of their lives without having specific symptoms. After some years, **cardiac and/or gastrointestinal conditions** may develop. In some cases, one or some of the following symptoms may also appear:



- Dizziness
- Fainting
- Difficulty swallowing
- Chest pain
- Tachycardia
- Constipation
- Fatigue

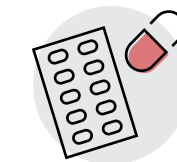
Diagnosis and treatment

Chagas disease is diagnosed by a **blood test**. If the patient tests positive for the infection, it is important to consult a doctor as soon as possible.



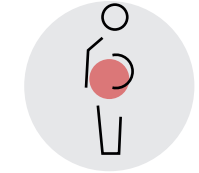
!IMPORTANT!

If a woman, her mother or grandmother were born and/or have lived in areas with presence of *vinchucas*, they should see a doctor and request to be tested.



The possibility of treatment and treatment efficacy depend on the age and health conditions of the affected person. The sooner the treatment is indicated, the better the expected results.

Chagas and pregnancy



All women of childbearing age should be tested for Chagas disease.

Women that test positive for Chagas infection should be treated before they become pregnant in order to prevent disease transmission to her child.

Women that have been diagnosed with Chagas disease must request that the newborn be diagnosed at birth and again at **the age of nine months**.