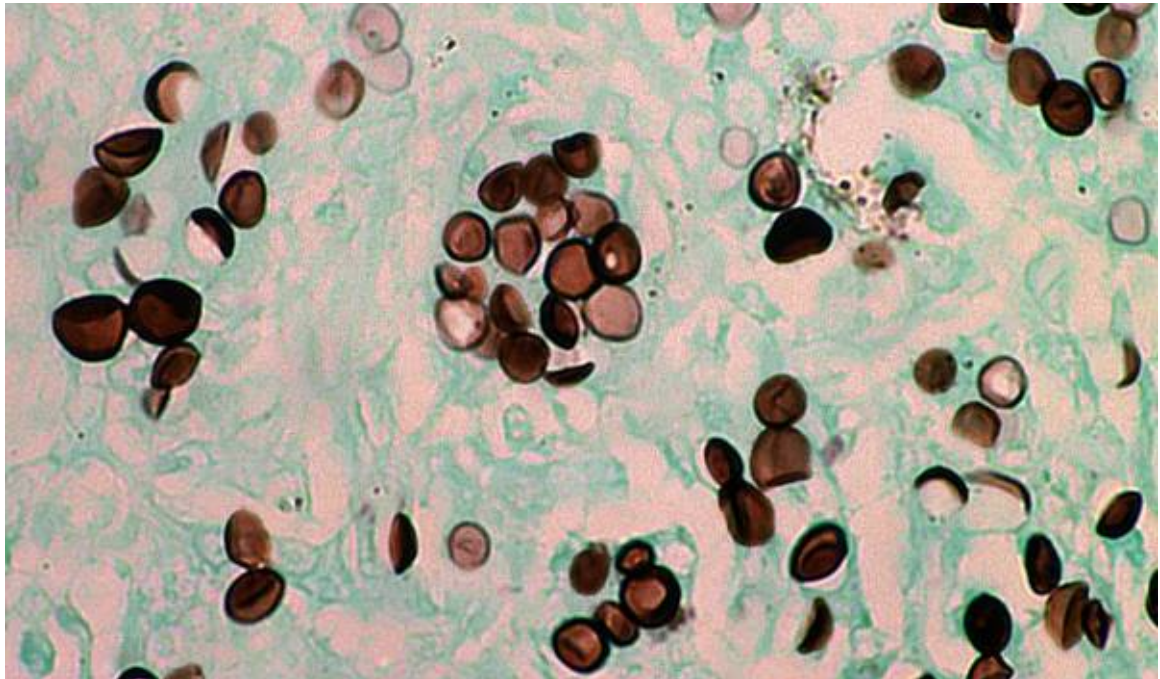


Histoplasma



Histoplasma causes pneumonia when inhaled. It is found in starling and bat droppings mostly in the Americas, the higher the dose inhaled - the worse the pneumonia. Coughing and high fever after visiting caves which are home to a large colony of bats is a sign of infection.

Flocks of wheeling starlings darkening the evening sky can leave the ground beneath infected. Bob Dylan nearly died of a histoplasma infection.