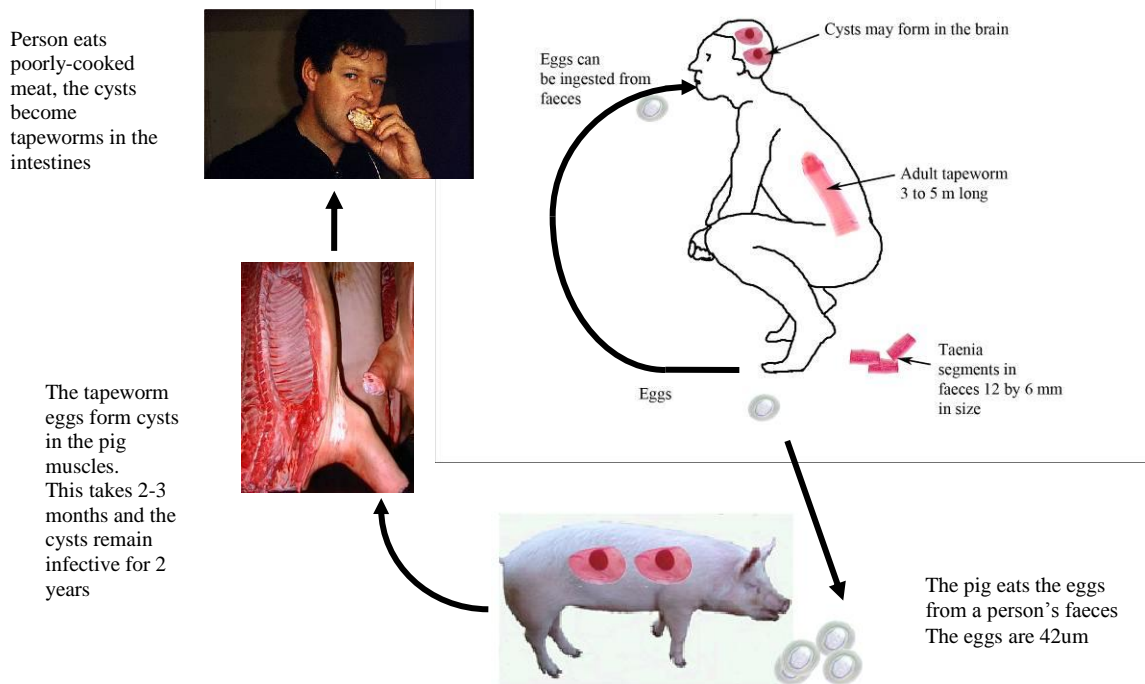


Taenia solium (*Cysticercus cellulosae*)– Tape worms

Taenia solium affects pigs and man.

Lifecycle



The significant issue with *Taenia* is that the adult worm develops in the human gut. It is also possible that people eat the tapeworm eggs and cysts (*Cysticercus cellulosae*) then develop in the human brain. This can cause headaches. Because the cyst occupy space in the brain they can be life threatening. There are no clinical signs in infected pigs or humans with adult tapeworms in the gut. Normally there is only one tapeworm in the adult human gut.

Treatment

Anthelmintics – Fenbendazole and similar products. Note does not treat eggs.

Control

Meat inspection to identify any infected meat products.

Separate human faeces from access to pigs by the use of properly constructed latrines.