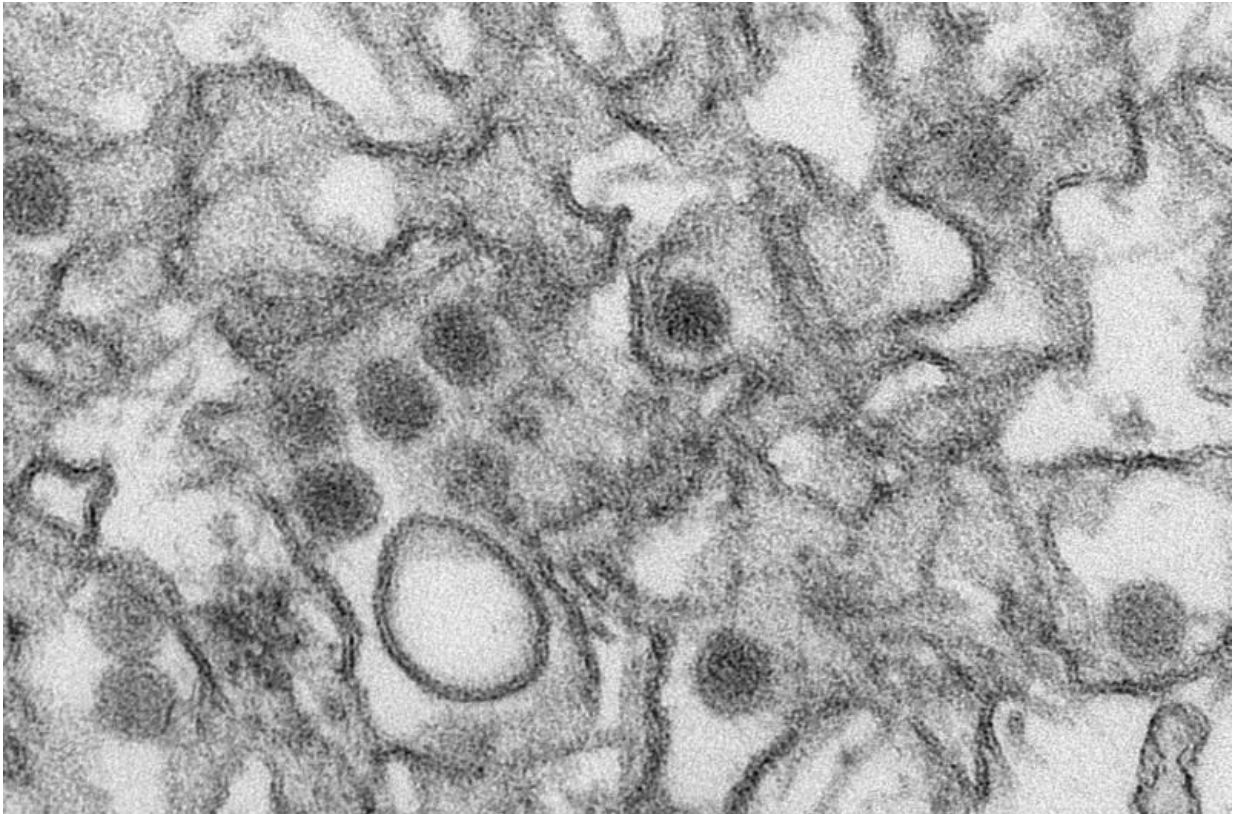


# Zika virus: Five things to know

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Transmission electron micrograph (TEM) of Zika virus. Credit: Cynthia Goldsmith/Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

A concise "Five things to know about... Zika virus infection" article for physicians highlights key points about this newly emerged virus in *CMAJ* (*Canadian Medical Association Journal*)

Zika virus is transmitted by *Aedes* mosquitoes, which are active during the day. They also transmit dengue and chikungunya viruses. Physicians should be alert to symptoms in travellers returning from Central and South America, Mexico and the Caribbean. Zika virus may be linked to Guillain-Barré syndrome and microcephaly in babies born to women infected with Zika virus.

A blood test is used to diagnosis Zika virus infection. Acetaminophen may be used to alleviate pain and fever in affected patients.

**More information:** *Canadian Medical Association Journal*,  
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