

Disease research activity using the chain of infection

Development of an infection is dependant upon an uninterrupted process, referred to as – chain of infection.

This process is dependant upon the following elements:

- Causative agent (pathogen)
- A reservoir for pathogen growth
- A portal of exit from the reservoir
- A mode of transmission
- A portal of entry to the host
- A susceptible host

This chain of infection can be broken by infection control measures implemented by health care workers.



Welcome home! You have recently returned from a 12 day vacation and became ill. Your physician has diagnosed you with a particular type of disease.

- **Using the chain of infection diagram, research your diagnosed disease and create a chain of infection for your disease.**
- Create a visual presentation (power point, prezi , poster,etc.) of your disease and chain of infection to share with class.**
- Include information about your disease in each “link” of the chain.**



Lyme Disease

The Story of A Very
Unlucky Traveler

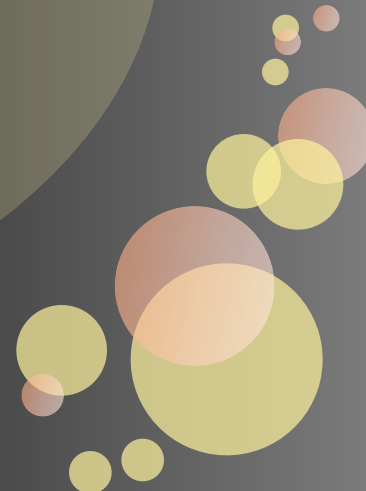
My Lovely Trip to Lyme, Connecticut

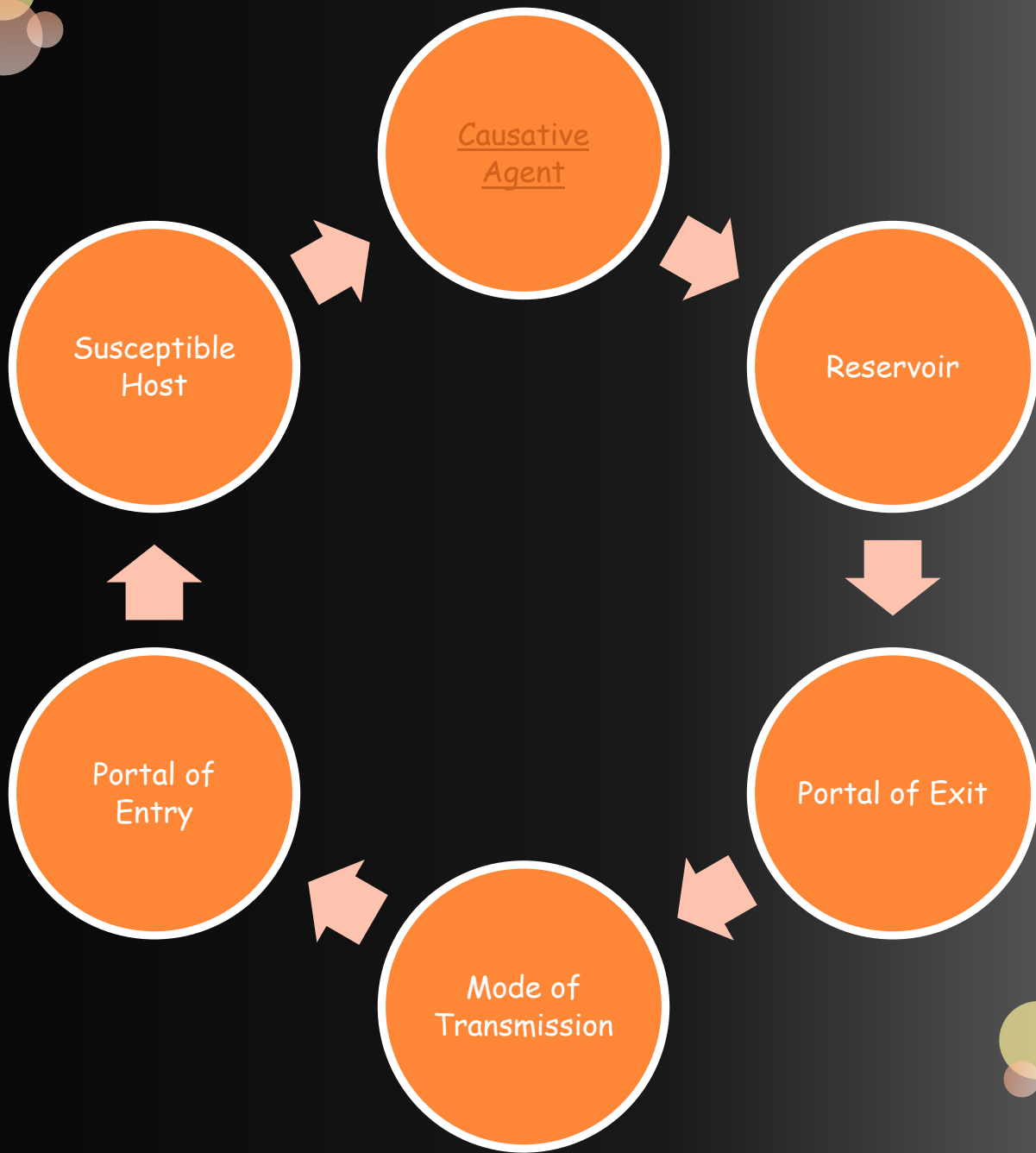
- I decided to visit Lyme, Connecticut. I took a fabulous hike through the Oswegatchie Hills. The scenery was absolutely stunning. Looking back now, I realize that I should have been more cautious. After all, **Lyme**, Connecticut should have been an alarm.





About Lyme Disease

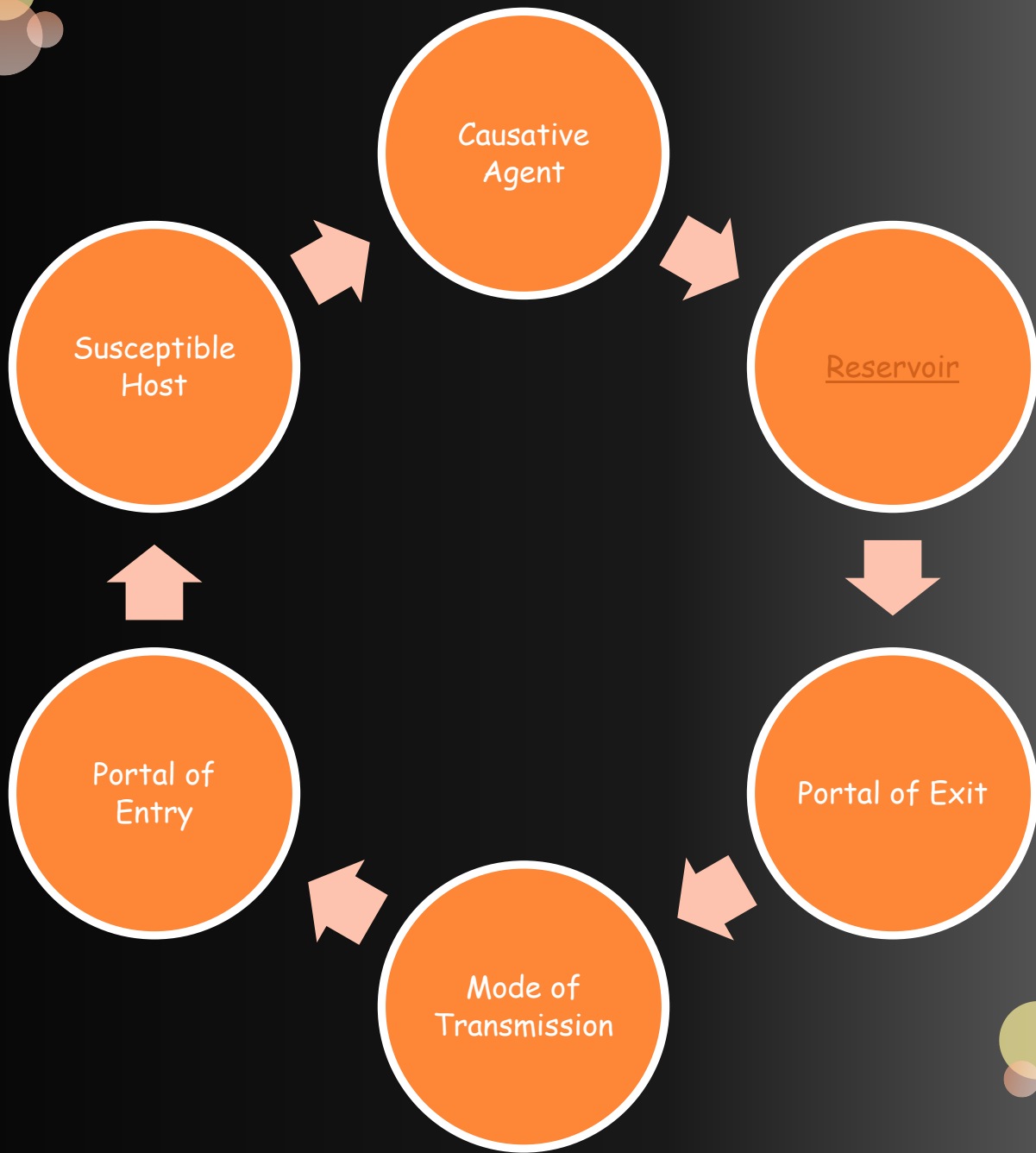
- Lyme, Connecticut is the namesake for Lyme disease. Lyme disease is a tick-borne disease. However, the ticks get the disease from animals such as mice and deer.
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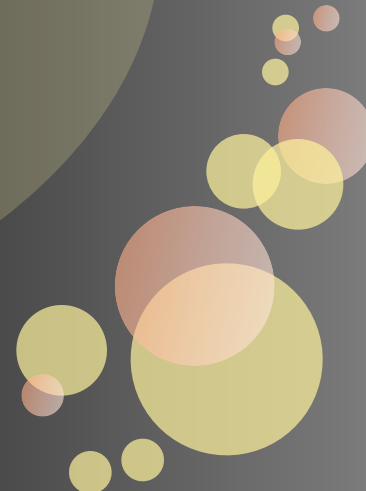
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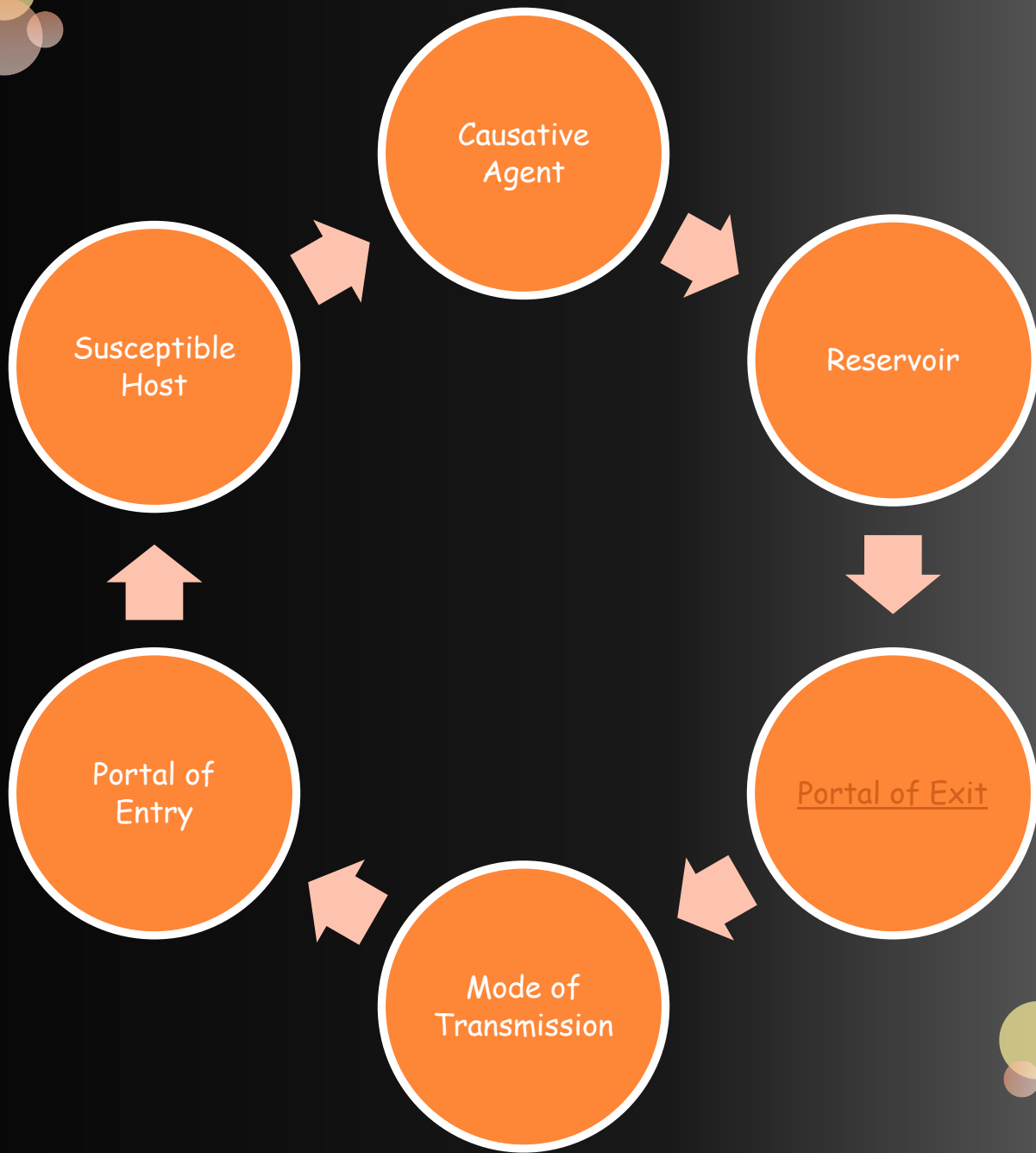
- The causative agent is *Borrelia burgdorferi* or better known as the deer tick.
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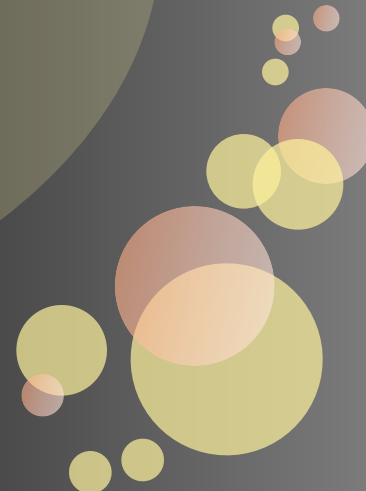
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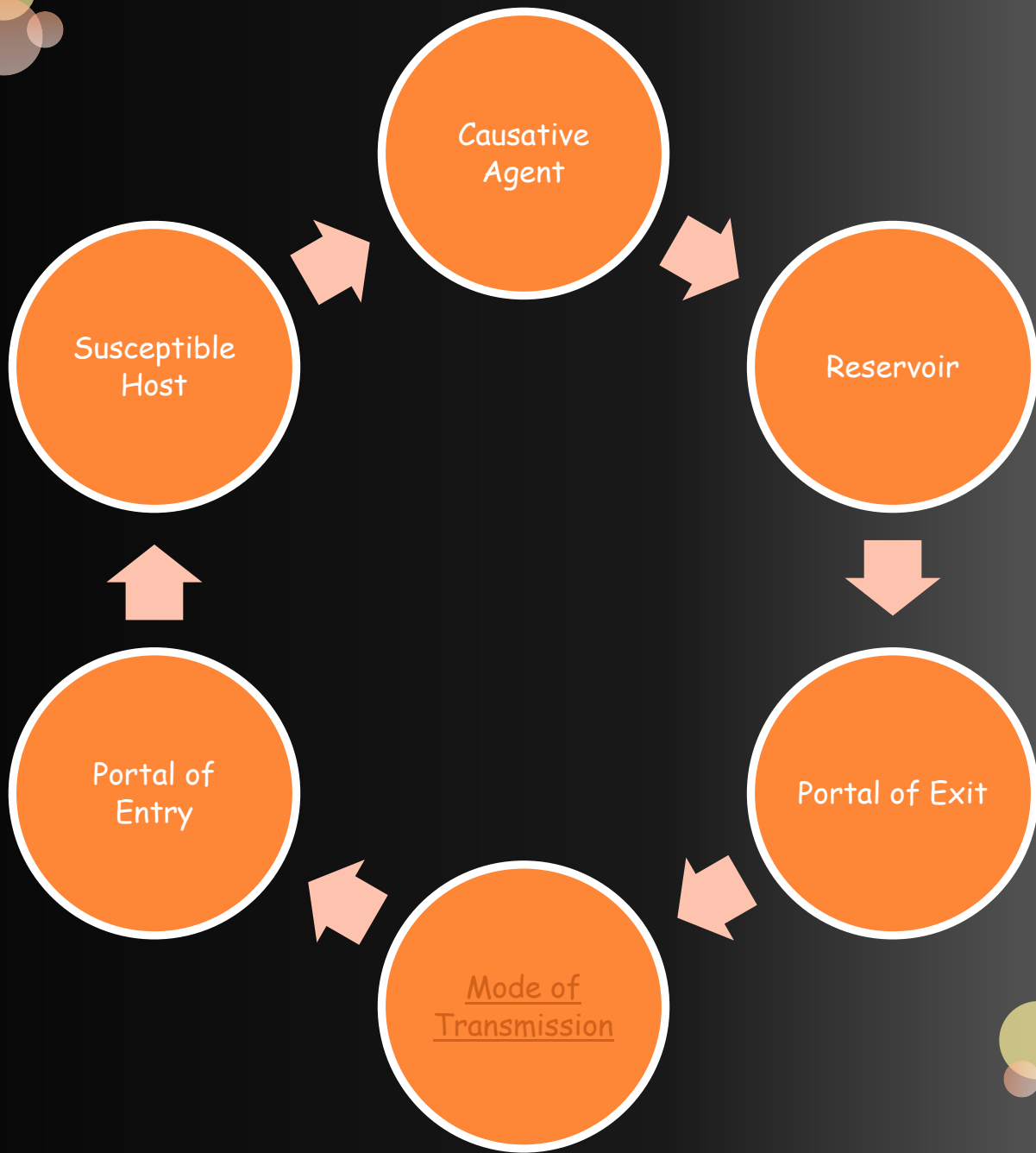
- Any one person or animal that is bitten can become a reservoir for the bacteria. No one is immune!
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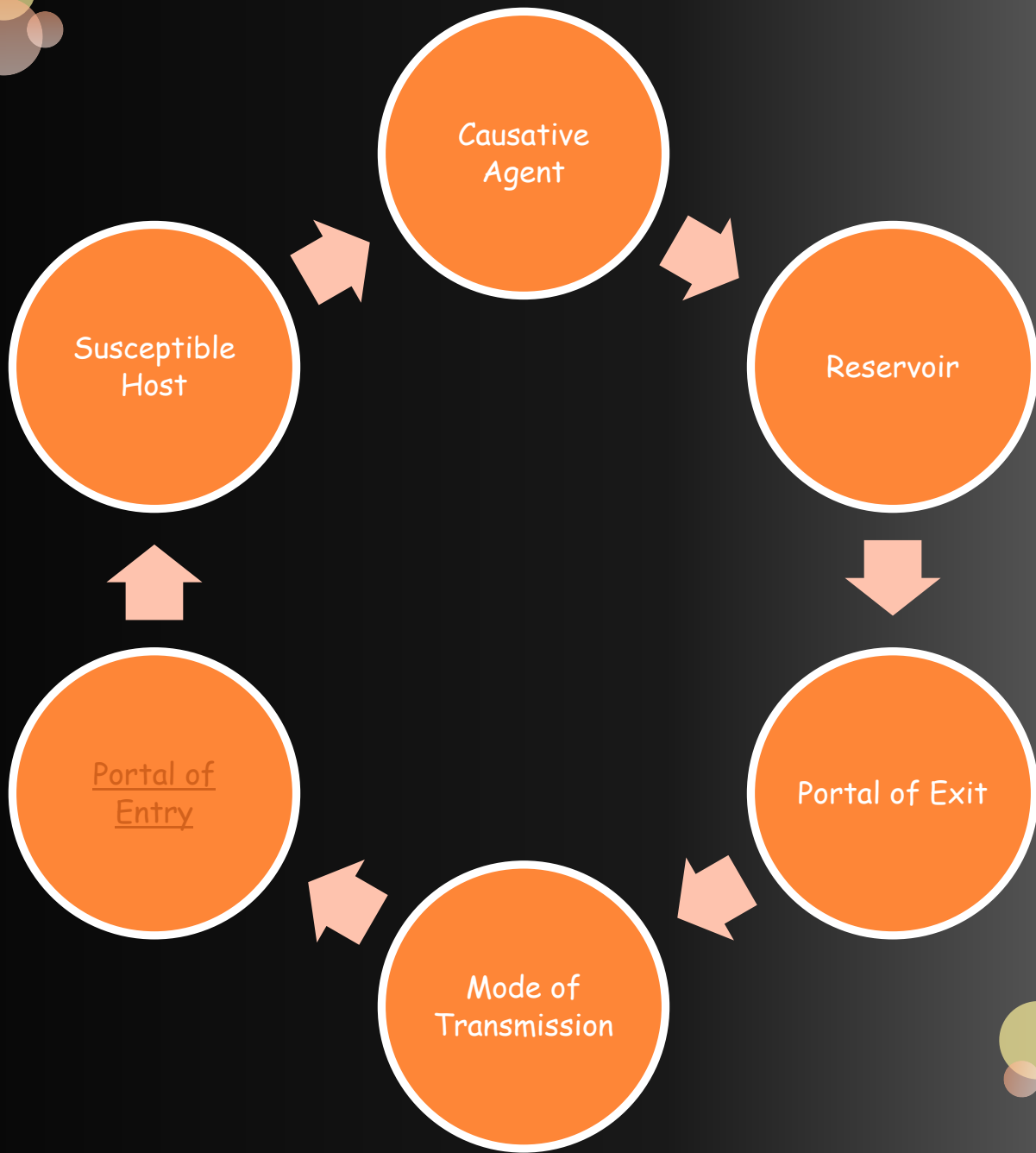
Portal of Exit

- There is no way for the bacteria to leave your body naturally. Strong antibiotics are always used.
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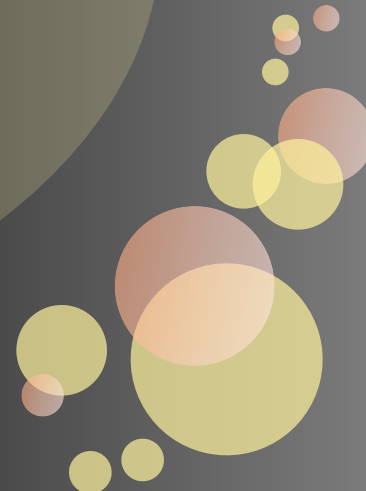
Mode of Transmission

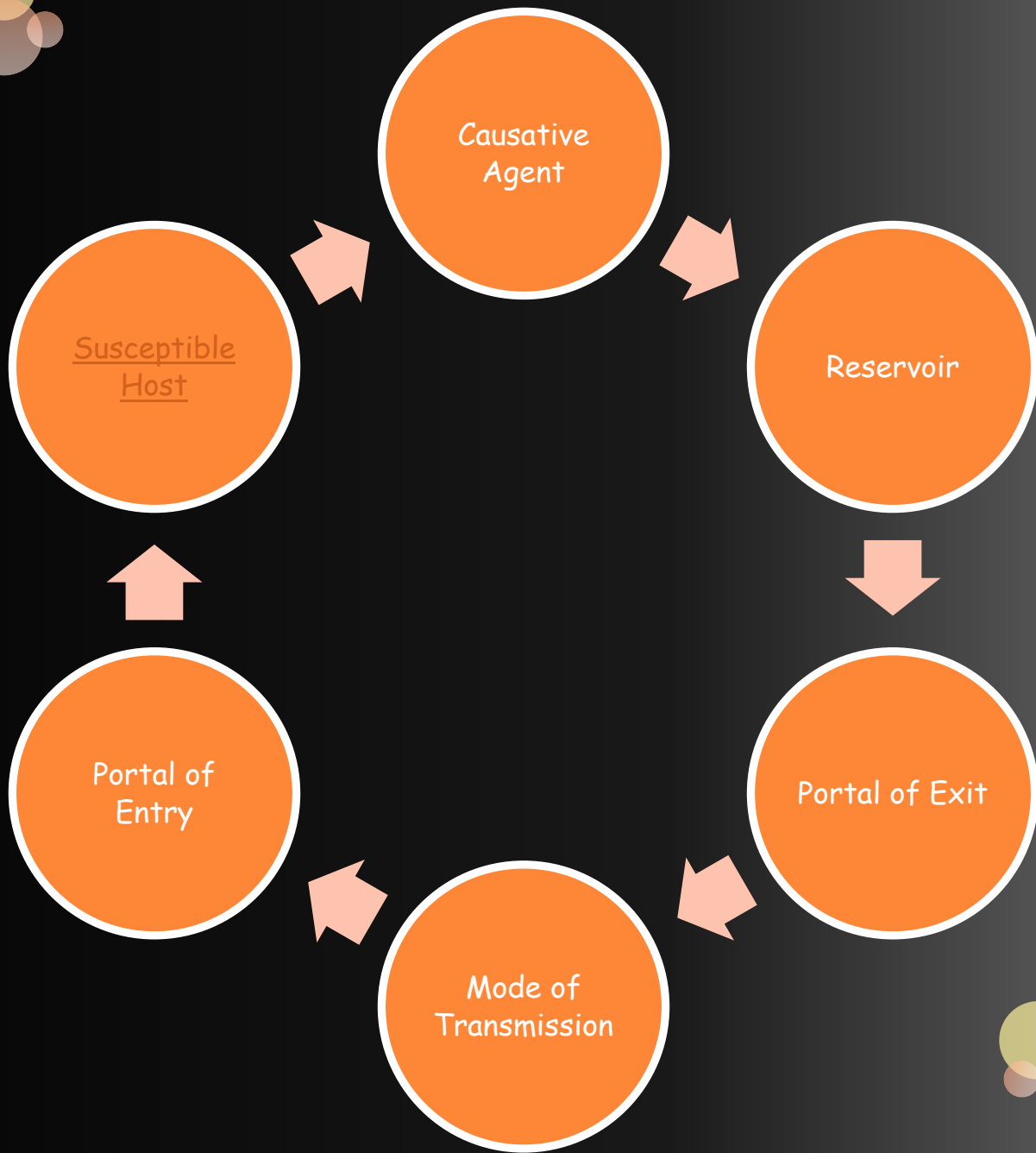






Portal of Entry

- A tick bites you. This is how it gets into your body.
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Susceptible Host

- Any one is a susceptible host!!!!
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