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Contagion is an American medical action thriller film directed by Steven Soderbergh. The movie is about the disaster caused by the spread of the virus by fomites due to which all the medical researchers and health official are trying to find the causes and prevention of the disease. The film also sheds light on the panic caused by the people during a crisis and how one disease can destroy many innocent lives. Finally, in the film, the researchers were able to find a vaccine to cure the disease save people’s life (Burns, 2011).

The film is about the tragedy caused by the virus by fomites that are spread through contact. The first patient that is affected by this virus is Beth, who during her journey from Hong Kong gets the virus. All the researchers and health official try to fight the virus by making the vaccine that can cure the virus however the virus resists the vaccine causing more panic. Beth’s husband Mitch Emhoff played by Matt Damon is among the people who loses his wife as well as a son because of the virus. However, he is immune to the virus. Another main character in the film is Dr. Leonora who along with Marison is the epidemiologist, trying to find the cause and vaccine for the virus. Other characters include Alan and Gwyneth (Coplan, 2006).

In the movie the scene where Beth is sick and fighting for her life is very important as this scene can be considered as the starting point of the movie. The scene starts by taking a close up shot of Beth that shows how seriously ill she is (Mascelli, 1965). In this particular scene, Beth makeup is the center of attention as there is a huge contrast between the sick Beth and the Beth we saw at the airport. Also the colors used in the background are neutral so the whole focus is on Beth. After this close up shot a Dutch angel shot was taken as Beth collapse and falls on the ground.

In the film quick and small shots of people sneezing and coughing were taken to indicate how the virus spreads through contact. During the trailer, this part was a bit slow by taking fading shots so that the audience can feel about the consequences of the virus spread and can relate to all the characters.

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