

Giardiasis, Acute

Merlin reporting code = 00710

Case report form (CRF): [Giardiasis Extended Data](#)

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Clinical description

An illness caused by the protozoan *Giardia lamblia* (aka *G. intestinalis* or *G. duodenalis*) and characterized by diarrhea, abdominal cramps, bloating, weight loss, or malabsorption. Asymptomatic infections are common, but asymptomatic cases no longer meet the surveillance case definition as of January 2011.

Laboratory criteria for case classification

- Demonstration of *G. lamblia* cysts in stool;
- OR
- Demonstration of *G. lamblia* trophozoites in stool, duodenal fluid, or small-bowel biopsy;
- OR
- Demonstration of *G. lamblia* antigen in stool by a specific immunodiagnostic test (e.g., enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay);
- OR
- Detection of *Giardia* DNA in stool, intestinal fluid, tissue samples, biopsy specimens or other biological sample.

Case classification

Confirmed:

A clinically compatible illness in a person with laboratory evidence.

Probable:

A clinically compatible illness in a person who is epidemiologically linked to a confirmed case.

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