

Cyclosporiasis

Merlin reporting code = 00720

Case report forms (CRFs):

1) [Cyclosporiasis Surveillance CRF](#)

2) [National Hypothesis Generating Questionnaire](#)

MERLIN EXTENDED DATA REQUIRED

NATIONAL HYPOTHESIS GENERATING QUESTIONNAIRE REQUIRED for cases with onset dates between May and August

Clinical description

An illness of variable severity caused by the protozoan *Cyclospora cayetanensis* and commonly characterized by watery diarrhea (most common), loss of appetite, weight loss, abdominal bloating and cramping, increased flatus, nausea, and fatigue. Vomiting and low-grade fever also may be noted. Relapses and asymptomatic infections can occur.

Laboratory criteria for case classification

- Demonstration of *Cyclospora* oocysts (by morphologic criteria or by demonstration of sporulation) in stool, duodenal/jejunal aspirates, or small-bowel biopsy
- OR
- Demonstration of *Cyclospora* DNA (by polymerase chain reaction) in stool, duodenal/jejunal aspirates, or small-bowel biopsy.

Case classification

Confirmed:

A person with laboratory evidence.

Probable:

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

Comments

- ✉ **Permanent slides from reported and suspect cases must be sent to the Bureau of Public Health Laboratories.**

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