Cyclosporiasis

Merlin disease 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 criteria for case classification
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
Either of the following:
- 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.

Epidemiological criteria for case classification
A person who is epidemiologically linked to a confirmed cyclosporiasis case.

Case classification
**Confirmed:**
A person with laboratory evidence.

**Probable:**
A clinically compatible illness in a person with epidemiological criteria.

Criteria to distinguish a new case from previous reports
Not applicable.

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

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