Poliomyelitis, Paralytic

Merlin disease code: 04590 Poliomyelitis, Paralytic

Specimens for all cases must be sent to the Bureau of Public Health Laboratories

Clinical criteria for case classification
Acute onset of a flaccid paralysis of one or more limbs with decreased or absent tendon reflexes in the affected limbs, without other apparent cause, and without sensory or cognitive loss.

Laboratory criteria for case classification
Not applicable.

Epidemiological criteria for case classification
Not applicable.

Case classification

Confirmed:
A clinically compatible illness in which the patient has a neurologic deficit 60 days after onset of initial symptoms, has died, or has unknown follow-up status.

Probable:
A clinically compatible illness.

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