

Toxoplasmosis

Reporting code = 13090
Case report form: N/A
NO CRF REQUIRED

Clinical description

A systemic protozoan disease that is frequently asymptomatic, or may be present as an acute disease resembling infectious mononucleosis with symptoms including fever, sore throat, malaise, headache, myalgias, sweats, anorexia, abdominal pain, chest pain, or cough. Among immunodeficient individuals such as AIDS patients, the disease may include cerebral signs, pneumonia, generalized skeletal muscle involvement, myocarditis, a maculopapular rash, and death.

Laboratory criteria for diagnosis

Demonstration of the *Toxoplasma gondii* in tissues or body fluids, or fourfold change in specific IgG antibody titers in sequential sera.

Case classification

Confirmed: A clinically compatible case that is laboratory-confirmed.

Probable: An asymptomatic case that is laboratory-confirmed.

Comment

IgM antibody detection will confirm acute disease in a patient with a fourfold rise in IgG.