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Clinical Description  
Infection with  
Chlamydia trachomatis  
may result in urethritis, epididymitis, cervicitis, acute salpingitis, or other syndromes when sexually transmitted; however, the infection is often asymptomatic in women. Perinatal infections may result in inclusion conjunctivitis and pneumonia in newborns. Other syndromes caused by  
C. trachomatis  
include lymphogranuloma venereum (see Lymphogranuloma venereum) and trachoma.  
Laboratory Criteria For Diagnosis  
Isolation of  
C. trachomatis  
by culture,  
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C. trachomatis  
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