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Clinical Description  
An illness of variable severity caused by the protozoan  
Cyclospora cayetanensis  
and commonly characterized by watery diarrhea, loss of appetite, weight loss, abdominal bloating and cramping, increased flatus, nausea, fatigue, and low-grade fever. Vomiting also may be noted. Relapses and asymptomatic infections can occur.  
Laboratory Criteria For Diagnosis  
Demonstration of  
Cyclospora  
oocysts (by morphologic criteria or by demonstration of sporulation) or  
Cyclospora  
DNA (by polymerase chain reaction) in stool, duodenal/jejunal aspirates or small-bowel biopsy specimens  
Case Classification  
Probable  
A clinically compatible case that is epidemiologically linked to a confirmed case  
Confirmed  
A case that is laboratory confirmed  
Comments  
Direct person-to-person transmission is unlikely because  
Cyclospora  
oocysts are not infectious at the time of excretion.  
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