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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  
Laboratory-confirmed cyclosporiasis shall be defined as the detection—in symptomatic or asymptomatic persons—of  
Cyclospora  
Oocysts in stool by microscopic examination,  
OR  
In intestinal fluid or small bowel biopsy specimens,  
OR  
Demonstration of sporulation,  
OR  
DNA (by polymerase chain reaction) in stool, duodenal/jejunal aspirates or small bowel biopsy specimens.  
Case Classification  
Confirmed  
Confirmed, symptomatic  
: a laboratory-confirmed case associated with one of the symptoms described above  
Confirmed, asymptomatic  
: a laboratory-confirmed case associated with none of the above symptoms  
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