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Clinical Description  
An infection characterized by the presence of visible, exophytic (raised) growths on the internal or external genitalia, perineum, or perianal region  
Laboratory Criteria For Diagnosis  
Histopathologic changes characteristic of human papillomavirus infection in specimens obtained by biopsy or exfoliative cytology,  
OR  
Demonstration of virus by antigen or nucleic acid detection in a lesion biopsy  
Case Classification  
Probable  
A clinically compatible case without histopathologic diagnosis and without microscopic or serologic evidence that the growth is the result of secondary syphilis  
Confirmed  
A clinically compatible case that is laboratory confirmed  
Comments  
Genital warts should be reported only once per patient. The first diagnosis for a patient with no previous diagnosis should be reported.  
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