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CSTE Position Statement(s)  
10-ID-17  
Clinical Description  
An illness caused by the protozoan  
Giardia lamblia  
(aka  
G. intestinalis  
or  
G. duodenalis  
) and characterized by gastrointestinal symptoms such as diarrhea, abdominal cramps, bloating, weight loss, or malabsorption.  
Laboratory Criteria For Diagnosis  
Laboratory-confirmed giardiasis shall be defined as the detection of  
Giardia  
organisms, antigen, or DNA in stool, intestinal fluid, tissue samples, biopsy specimens or other biological sample.  
Case Classification  
Probable  
A case that meets the clinical description and that is epidemiologically linked to a confirmed case.  
Confirmed  
A case that meets the clinical description and the criteria for laboratory confirmation as described above. When available, molecular characterization (e.g., assemblage designation) should be reported.  
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