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Clinical Description  
A sexually transmitted infection commonly manifested by urethritis, cervicitis, or salpingitis. Infection may be asymptomatic.  
Laboratory Criteria For Diagnosis  
Isolation of  
Neisseria gonorrhoeae  
from a clinical specimen,  
OR  
Observation of gram-negative intracellular diplococci in a urethral smear obtained from a man  
Case Classification  
Probable  
Demonstration of gram-negative intracellular diplococci in an endocervical smear obtained from a woman, or a written (morbidity) report of gonorrhea submitted by a physician  
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A case that is laboratory confirmed  
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