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CSTE Position Statement(s)  
09-ID-35  
Clinical Description  
A sexually transmitted infection commonly manifested by urethritis, cervicitis, or salpingitis. Infection may be asymptomatic.  
Laboratory Criteria For Diagnosis  
Isolation of typical gram-negative, oxidase-positive diplococci (presumptive  
Neisseria gonorrhoeae  
) from a clinical specimen,  
OR  
Demonstration of  
N. gonorrhoeae  
in a clinical specimen by detection of antigen or nucleic acid,  
OR  
Observation of gram-negative intracellular diplococci in a urethral smear obtained from a male  
Case Classification  
Probable  
Demonstration of gram-negative intracellular diplococci in an endocervical smear obtained from a female,  
OR  
A written morbidity report of gonorrhea submitted by a physician  
Confirmed  
A case that is laboratory confirmed  
Comments  
The 1996 case definition appearing on this page was re-published in the 2009 CSTE position statement 09-ID-35. Thus, the 1996 and 2010 versions of the case definition are identical.  
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