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CSTE Position Statement(s)  
99-ID-03  
Clinical Description  
In adults, invasive disease caused by  
Listeria monocytogenes  
manifests most commonly as meningitis or bacteremia; infection during pregnancy may result in fetal loss through miscarriage or stillbirth, or neonatal meningitis or bacteremia. Other manifestations can also be observed.  
Laboratory Criteria For Diagnosis  
Isolation of  
L. monocytogenes  
from a normally sterile site (e.g., blood or cerebrospinal fluid [CSF] or, less commonly, joint, pleural, or pericardial fluid)  
In the setting of miscarriage or stillbirth, isolation of  
L. monocytogenes  
from placental or fetal tissue  
Case Classification  
Confirmed  
A clinically compatible case that is laboratory-confirmed  
Comments  
The usefulness of other laboratory methods such as fluorescent antibody testing or polymerase chain reaction to diagnose invasive listeriosis has not been established.  
The 2000 case definition appearing on this page was re-published in the 2003 CSTE position statement 03-ID-01 and in the 2009 CSTE position statement 09-ID-46. Thus, the case definitions in CSTE position statements 99-ID-03, 03-ID-01, and 09-ID-46 are identical.  
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