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Clinical Description  
Cervical inflammation that is not the result of infection with  
Neisseria gonorrhoeae  
or  
Trichomonas vaginalis  
. Cervical inflammation is defined by the presence of one of the following criteria:  
Mucopurulent secretion (from the endocervix) that is yellow or green when viewed on a white, cotton-tipped swab (positive swab test)  
Induced endocervical bleeding (bleeding when the first swab is placed in the endocervix)  
Laboratory Criteria For Diagnosis  
No evidence of  
N. gonorrhoeae  
by culture, Gram stain, and no evidence of  
T. vaginalis  
on wet mount  
Case Classification  
Confirmed  
A clinically compatible case in a female for whom gonorrhea and trichomoniasis infection are not found  
Comments  
Mucopurulent cervicitis (MPC) is a clinical diagnosis of exclusion. The syndrome may result from infection with any of several agents (see  
Chlamydia trachomatis  
, Genital Infection). If gonorrhea, trichomoniasis, and chlamydia are excluded, a clinically compatible illness should be classified as MPC and  
Chlamydia trachomatis  
infection should be classified as chlamydia.  
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