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NOTE:  
A surveillance case definition is a set of uniform criteria used to define a disease for public health surveillance. Surveillance case definitions enable public health officials to classify and count cases consistently across reporting jurisdictions. Surveillance case definitions are not intended to be used by healthcare providers for making a clinical diagnosis or determining how to meet an individual patient’s health needs.  
Clinical Description  
A clinical syndrome resulting from the ascending spread of microorganisms from the vagina and endocervix to the endometrium, fallopian tubes, and/or contiguous structures. All of the following clinical criteria must be present:  
Abdominal direct tenderness  
Tenderness with motion of the cervix  
Adnexal tenderness  
In addition to all of the above criteria, at least one of the following findings must also be present:  
Meets the surveillance case definition of  
Chlamydia trachomatis  
infection or gonorrhea  
Temperature greater than 38°C  
Leukocytosis greater than 10,000 WBC/mm  
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Purulent material in the peritoneal cavity obtained by culdocentesis or laparoscopy  
Pelvic abscess or inflammatory complex on bimanual examination or by sonography  
Patient is a sexual contact of a person known to have gonorrhea, chlamydia, or Nongonococcal urethritis  
Case Classification  
Confirmed  
A case that meets the clinical case definition  
Comments  
For reporting purposes, a clinician's report of pelvic inflammatory disease should be counted as a case.  
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