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NOTE:  
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Clinical Description  
An illness characterized by fever, chills, headache, photophobia, lower or upper respiratory disease, and myalgia  
Laboratory Criteria For Diagnosis  
Isolation of  
Chlamydia psittaci  
from a clinical specimen,  
OR  
Fourfold or greater increase in psittacosis complement-fixing (CF) antibody titer (greater than or equal to 32) between two serum specimens obtained greater than or equal to 2 weeks apart and studied at the same laboratory  
Case Classification  
Probable  
Probable  
A clinically compatible illness that is epidemiologically linked to a confirmed case, or with supportive serology (i.e., a psittacosis CF titer of greater than or equal to 32 in one or more serum specimens obtained after onset of symptoms)  
Confirmed  
A clinically compatible illness that is laboratory confirmed  
Comments  
The serologic findings noted above may also occur as a result of infection with  
Chlamydia trachomatis  
or  
Chlamydia pneumoniae  
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