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Clinical Description  
Invasive group A streptococcal infections may manifest as any of several clinical syndromes, including pneumonia, bacteremia in association with cutaneous infection (e.g., cellulitis, erysipelas, or infection of a surgical or nonsurgical wound), deep soft-tissue infection (e.g., myositis or necrotizing fasciitis), meningitis, peritonitis, osteomyelitis, septic arthritis, postpartum sepsis (i.e., puerperal fever), neonatal sepsis, and nonfocal bacteremia.  
Laboratory Criteria For Diagnosis  
Isolation of group A  
Streptococcus  
(  
Streptococcus pyogenes  
) by culture from a normally sterile site (e.g., blood or cerebrospinal fluid, or, less commonly, joint, pleural, or pericardial fluid)  
Case Classification  
Confirmed  
A case that is laboratory confirmed  
Comments  
The 1995 case definition appearing on this page was later re-published in the 1997  
MMWR  
Recommendations and Reports titled  
Case Definitions for Infectious Conditions Under Public Health Surveillance  
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Thus, the 1995 and 1997 versions of this case definition are identical.  
References  
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