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CSTE Position Statement(s)  
1996-18  
Clinical Description  
Acute onset of hypertonia and/or painful muscular contractions (usually of the muscles of the jaw and neck) and generalized muscle spasms without other apparent medical cause (as reported by a health professional)  
Case Classification  
Confirmed  
A case that meets the clinical case definition  
Comments  
The 1990 case definition appearing on this page was re-published in the 1996 CSTE position statement 1996-18. Thus, the 1996 and 1990 versions of the case definition are identical.  
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