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NOTE:  
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CSTE Position Statement(s)  
09-ID-66  
Clinical Description  
An illness characterized by several distinct forms, including the following:  
Ulceroglandular: cutaneous ulcer with regional lymphadenopathy  
Glandular: regional lymphadenopathy with no ulcer  
Oculoglandular: conjunctivitis with preauricular lymphadenopathy  
Oropharyngeal: stomatitis or pharyngitis or tonsillitis and cervical lymphadenopathy  
Intestinal: intestinal pain, vomiting, and diarrhea  
Pneumonic: primary pleuropulmonary disease  
Typhoidal: febrile illness without early localizing signs and symptoms  
Laboratory Criteria For Diagnosis  
Presumptive  
Elevated serum antibody titer(s) to  
Francisella tularensis  
antigen (without documented fourfold or greater change) in a patient with no history of tularemia vaccination,  
OR  
Detection of  
F. tularensis  
in a clinical specimen by fluorescent assay  
Confirmatory  
Isolation of  
F. tularensis  
in a clinical specimen,  
OR  
Fourfold or greater change in serum antibody titer to  
F. tularensis  
antigen  
Exposure  
Clinical diagnosis is supported by evidence or history of a tick or deerfly bite, exposure to tissues of a mammalian host of  
F. tularensis  
, or exposure to potentially contaminated water.  
Case Classification  
Probable  
A clinically compatible case with laboratory results indicative of presumptive infection  
Confirmed  
A clinically compatible case with confirmatory laboratory results  
Comments  
The 1996 case definition appearing on this page was re-published in the 1999 CSTE position statement 1999-ID-6 and the 2009 CSTE position statement 09-ID-66. Thus, the 1996, 1999, and 2010 versions of the case definition are identical.  
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