

GONORRHEA

(Genital, Extra-Genital, Perinatally Acquired)

GENITAL

Case Definition

Confirmed Case:

Laboratory confirmation of infection in genitourinary specimens:

- Detection of *Neisseria gonorrhoeae* by culture.
- OR**
- Detection of *N. gonorrhoeae* nucleic acid.

Clinical Evidence

Often asymptomatic. Unusual discharge from penis, vagina or rectum, pain when urinating, pain or cramping in low abdomen, sore throat, difficulty swallowing, testicular pain.

EXTRA-GENITAL

Case Definition

Confirmed Case:

Laboratory confirmation of infection from pharynx, rectum, joint, conjunctiva, blood and other extra-genital sites:

- Detection of *N. gonorrhoeae* by culture.
- OR**
- Detection of *N. gonorrhoeae* nucleic acid.

Clinical Evidence

Often asymptomatic. Unusual discharge from penis, vagina or rectum, pain when urinating, pain or cramping in low abdomen, sore throat, difficulty swallowing, testicular pain.

PERINATALLY ACQUIRED

Case Definition

Confirmed Case:

Laboratory confirmation of infection from a neonate in the first 4 weeks of life leading to the diagnosis of gonococcal conjunctivitis, scalp abscess, vaginitis, bacteremia, arthritis, meningitis or endocarditis:

- Detection of *N. gonorrhoeae* by culture.
- OR**
- Detection of *N. gonorrhoeae* nucleic acid.

Clinical Evidence

See conditions referred to in confirmed case definition.

Reporting Requirements

- Report confirmed cases to DHW Surveillance Team via Panorama.
- Select appropriate initial staging option in the “staging” field in Panorama
 - Update the staging field if/when new information becomes available

Additional Forms

None.

Data Entry

Complete data entry in Panorama.