

Botulism, Infant

2011 Case Definition

Clinical description

An illness of infants, characterized by constipation, poor feeding, and “failure to thrive” that may be followed by progressive weakness, impaired respiration, and death

Laboratory criteria for diagnosis

- Detection of botulinum toxin in stool or serum, or
- Isolation of *Clostridium botulinum* from stool

Case classification

Confirmed: a clinically compatible case that is laboratory-confirmed, occurring in a child aged less than 1 year