

Botulism, Other

2011 Case Definition

Clinical description

Ingestion of botulinum toxin results in an illness of variable severity. Common symptoms are diplopia, blurred vision, and bulbar weakness. Symmetric paralysis may progress rapidly.

Laboratory criteria for diagnosis

- Detection of botulinum toxin in clinical specimen, or
- Isolation of *Clostridium botulinum* from clinical specimen

Case classification

Confirmed: a clinically compatible case that is laboratory-confirmed in a patient aged greater than or equal to 1 year who has no history of ingestion of suspect food and has no wounds.