

## **Chancroid (*Haemophilus ducreyi*)**

### **1996 CDC Case Definition**

#### **Clinical description**

A sexually transmitted disease characterized by painful genital ulceration and inflammatory inguinal adenopathy. The disease is caused by infection with *Haemophilus ducreyi*.

#### **Laboratory criteria for diagnosis**

- Isolation of *H. ducreyi* from a clinical specimen

#### **Case classification**

*Probable:* a clinically compatible case with both a) no evidence of *Treponema pallidum* infection by darkfield microscopic examination of ulcer exudate or by a serologic test for syphilis performed greater than or equal to 7 days after onset of ulcers and b) either a clinical presentation of the ulcer(s) not typical of disease caused by herpes simplex virus (HSV) or a culture negative for HSV.

*Confirmed:* a clinically compatible case that is laboratory confirmed