

# **Gonorrhea (*Neisseria gonorrhoeae*)**

## **1996 CDC Case Definition**

### **Clinical description**

A sexually transmitted infection commonly manifested by urethritis, cervicitis, or salpingitis. Infection may be asymptomatic.

### **Laboratory criteria for diagnosis**

- Isolation of typical gram-negative, oxidase-positive diplococci (presumptive *Neisseria gonorrhoeae*) from a clinical specimen, or
- Demonstration of *N. gonorrhoeae* in a clinical specimen by detection of antigen or nucleic acid, or
- Observation of gram-negative intracellular diplococci in a urethral smear obtained from a male

### **Case classification**

*Probable:* a) demonstration of gram-negative intracellular diplococci in an endocervical smear obtained from a female or b) a written morbidity report of gonorrhea submitted by a physician

*Confirmed:* a case that is laboratory confirmed