

Granuloma Inguinale (*Calymmatobacterium granulomatis*)

1997 CDC Case Definition

The 1997 case definition appearing on this page was previously published in the 1990 MMWR Recommendations and Reports titled *Case Definitions for Public Health Surveillance* [MMWR 1990;39(RR13)] (available at <http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/00025629.htm>). Thus, the 1990 and 1997 versions of the case definition are identical.

Clinical description

A slowly progressive ulcerative disease of the skin and lymphatics of the genital and perianal area caused by infection with *Calymmatobacterium granulomatis*. A clinically compatible case would have one or more painless or minimally painful granulomatous lesions in the anogenital area.

Laboratory criteria for diagnosis

- Demonstration of intracytoplasmic Donovan bodies in Wright or Giemsa-stained smears or biopsies of granulation tissue

Case classification

Confirmed: a clinically compatible case that is laboratory confirmed