INVASIVE GROUP A STREPTOCOCCAL INFECTION

Basis of diagnosis

Clinical criteria

Fits clinical description Select the 'Yes' option if the case fits the clinical description for the

disease. The case definition can be found here:

https://www.tewhatuora.govt.nz/for-health-professionals/clinical-guidance/communicable-disease-control-manual/invasive-group-a-

streptococcal-infection#case-definitions.

selecting the 'Yes' option. If not, select the 'No' option. If not known or

unavailable, then select the 'Unknown' option.

Specify any other invasive illness which is not listed.

Laboratory criteria

Laboratory results Indicate the status of each laboratory confirmation method. If the

laboratory test results were positive select the 'Yes' option, if negative select the 'No' option. If the results of the laboratory test are not yet available, select 'Awaiting results'. If any of the laboratory tests were not

carried out, select 'Not Done'.

Select the site for isolation and/or for detection of group A *Streptococcus* (GAS) nucleic acid. If the isolation site is tissue, other sterile site or a non-sterile site then specify the site. For detection of nucleic acid, specify the

site of 'Other' is selected.

Additional laboratory results

emm type If emm typing was done, provide the emm type.

Classification

Classification Under investigation - a case which has been notified but information is

not yet available to classify it as probable or confirmed.

Probable – a case that meets the clinical criteria and laboratory suggestive

criteria.

Confirmed – a case that meets the laboratory definitive criteria.

Not a case – a case that has been investigated, and subsequently found

not to meet the case definition.

Laboratory confirmation Laboratory definitive criteria— isolation of GAS by culture or detection by

nucleic acid testing in a clinical specimen from a normally sterile site.

Laboratory suggestive criteria – isolation of GAS by culture or detection by nucleic acid testing in a clinical specimen from a normally non-sterile

site.

Additional outcome details

ICU	Indicate whether the case received care in an intensive care unit (ICU). If
	not known or unavailable, then select the 'Unknown' option.

Risk factors

Attendance at school, preschool or childcare	Indicate whether the case attended school, pre-school or childcare in the 30 days before onset. If not known or unavailable, then select the 'Unknown' option.
Uses injectable drugs	Indicate whether the case used injectable drugs in the 30 days before onset. If not known or unavailable, then select the 'Unknown' option.
Homeless	Indicate whether the case experiences homelessness in the 30 days before onset. If not known or unavailable, then select the 'Unknown' option.
	Homelessness is defined as a living situation where people with no other options to acquire safe and secure housing are: without shelter, in temporary accommodation, sharing accommodation with a household, or living in uninhabitable housing.
Live or work in a residential institution	Indicate whether the case lived or worked in a residential institution in the 30 days before onset. If not known or unavailable, then select the 'Unknown' option.
Close contact with a case	Indicate whether the case had close contact with a confirmed or probable case of invasive group A streptococcal infection in the 30 days before onset. If 'Yes', specify the EpiSurv number of the confirmed or probable case. If not known or unavailable, then select the 'Unknown' option.
Other risk factors	Specify any other risk factors under surveillance for invasive group A streptococcal infection if they were present.

Management

Contact managemen	t
Type of contact	Record the number of birthing parent, neonate and other contacts who were identified. Specify the type of 'Other' contacts.
	Indicate how many of the contacts identified were offered and given antibiotics i.e. these should be a subset of the number identified.