

## LEGIONELLOSIS - SPAIN: (ALICANTE) HOTEL

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<<http://www.nelm.nhs.uk/en/NeLM-Area/News/2012---January/19/CAS-Communication-Possible-outbreak-of-Legionnaires-disease-in-Costa-Blanca/>>

This alert advises of a possible outbreak of legionnaires disease associated with a hotel in Calpe, Costa Blanca, Spain. In the last week the Health Protection Agency (HPA) has received notifications of four confirmed cases of legionnaires disease and a probable fifth case associated with a hotel in this area. A further 16 possible cases are currently being investigated. The onset date of the probable case was 16th January and it is therefore possible for further cases to develop.

Clinicians are reminded that legionnaires disease is a notifiable disease and must be reported to the local authorities. They are also asked to consider:

- legionnaires disease as a possible diagnosis in patients who may present with flu-like symptoms and/or lower respiratory tract symptoms and who have returned from Calpe, Costa Blanca in the last two weeks;

- arranging urinary antigen testing of all suspected cases.

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[For a discussion of legionellosis, see ProMED-mail post:  
Legionellosis - Spain (05): Madrid 20101115.4142. Dr Steve Berger has noted that rates of legionellosis have been increasing in Spain (<<http://www.gideononline.com/2010/06/12/legionellosis-in-spain/>>). It is not known if this is due to increased reporting or an actual increase in acquisition of this infection.

Costa Blanca refers to the over 200 kilometers of eastern Mediterranean coastline in the province of Alicante, Spain (<[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Costa\\_Blanca](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Costa_Blanca)>). Calpe is a coastal town in Alicante province, 67 km north of the city of Alicante (<<http://wikitravel.org/en/Calpe#b>>). The province of Alicante is located in the southern part of the Valencian Community, one of 17 autonomous communities in Spain. The HealthMap/ProMED-mail interactive map of Spain can be accessed at <<http://healthmap.org/r/14-l>>. - Mod.ML]

[see also:

2011

Legionellosis - Spain: (VC) 20110727.2258

2010

Legionellosis - Spain (05): Madrid 20101115.4142 Legionellosis - Spain (04): (VC) car wash 20101025.3868 Legionellosis - Spain (03): Barcelona, Pontiac fever 20100718.2405

Legionellosis - Spain (02): (AN) 20100708.2279 Legionellosis - Spain: (AN) 20100612.1973  
Legionellosis, nosocomial - USA: (WI) 20100315.0834 Legionellosis, fatal - Germany: (BY, BW)  
20100129.0314 Legionellosis - France: (AM) 20100115.0185

2006

Legionellosis - Spain (Pamplona) (03) 20060609.1611 Legionellosis - Spain (Pamplona) (02)  
20060605.1565 Legionellosis - Spain (Pamplona) 20060604.1558

2005

Legionellosis - Spain (Barcelona) 20051103.3210 Legionellosis, nosocomial - Spain (Barcelona)  
20050302.0646

2004

Legionellosis - Spain (Barcelona) (02) 20040820.2305 Legionellosis - Spain (Barcelona)  
20040816.2271 Legionellosis, hospital - Spain (Zaragoza) (02) 20040630.1743 Legionellosis,  
hospital - Spain (Zaragoza) 20040621.1651

2003

Legionellosis - Spain (Valencia) 20030611.1439 Legionellosis, spa outbreak - Spain (Canary  
Islands) (02)  
20030603.1352  
Legionellosis, spa outbreak - Spain (Canary Islands) 20030530.1320

2002

Legionellosis update: 2002 (03) 20020828.5173 Legionellosis - Spain (Barcelona, Valencia)  
20020812.5029

2001

Legionellosis - Spain (Murcia) (08) 20011017.2555 Legionellosis - Spain (Pamplona) (02)  
20010822.1979 Legionellosis - Spain (Pamplona) 20010815.1929 Legionellosis - Spain  
(Murcia) 20010710.1331] .....sb/ml/sh