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Leptospirosis

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A contagious bacterial infection caused by spirochetes of the genus *Leptospira*. Humans are infected by contact with water and soil which have been contaminated with animal waste products. The signs and symptoms include an initial flu-like phase, followed by a second phase in which patients may develop meningitis, liver failure and renal failure.