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# Dracunculiasis

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A parasitic infection caused by *Dracunculus medinensis*. It is caused by drinking water contaminated with water fleas. The larvae enter the body through the intestine. Signs and symptoms include pain, edema, blisters, and ulcers.