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Echinococcosis

National Cancer Institute

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A parasitic infection caused by tapeworm larvae of *Echinococcus*. It affects livestock and humans. It is characterized by the formation of hydatid cysts mainly in the liver, lungs, spleen, and kidneys. Rupture of the cysts may lead to shock.