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Dracunculiasis

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Dracunculiasis (Guinea worm disease) is a neglected tropical disease (NTD) characterized by a painful burning skin lesion from which the *Dracunculus medinensis* parasite emerges approximately 1 year after infection resulting from consumption of unsafe drinking water containing parasite-infected copepods (*Cyclops* spp., microcrustacea also called water fleas).