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Infant botulism

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Infant botulism is a rare form of botulism (see this term), a rare acquired neuromuscular junction disease with descending flaccid paralysis caused by botulinum neurotoxins (BoNTs). It is due to intestinal colonization by *Clostridium botulinum* leading to toxin-mediated infection with toxemia.