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# Ascariasis

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An infection that is caused by the roundworm *Ascaris lumbricoides*, many cases of which remain asymptomatic. During the transient larval migratory phase, shortness of breath, fever, and eosinophilia can occur. Depending on the intestinal worm burden, a spectrum of gastrointestinal tract symptoms can occur.