

ACUTE FLACCID MYELITIS: DIAGNOSIS AND CLASSIFICATION

Diagnosis

Hospitalizes patient



Collects specimens



Performs neurological and MRI exam



Manages patient care and rehabilitation



Clinician Suspects AFM



Clinicians should immediately begin treatment and not wait for CDC classification.

CDC case classifications are used for surveillance (tracking) purposes and are separate from a diagnosis and patient care.

Case Classification

Clinician reports suspected case to health department



Health department sends report to CDC



CDC reviews, assigns classification, and sends results to health department



Health department sends results to clinician



Clinician shares results with patient



Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
National Center for Immunization and Respiratory Diseases

For more information, visit
www.cdc.gov/acute-flaccid-myelitis/parents/surveillance.html