**Causative Agent:** *Cryptosporidium* spp. protozoa parasite

**Mode of Transmission:** Fecal-Oral route; waterborne; airborne; foodborne

 **Incubation Period:** Human: 1-12 days (average is 7 days)

 Animal: 4-9 days; oocysts shed for up to 10 days

 **Clinical Signs Human:** Cramping; abdominal pain; profuse watery

diarrhea; anorexia; weight loss; fever; nausea;

 vomiting; headache; immunosuppressed patients

 exhibit more severe illness

 **Clinical Signs Animal:** Many infections asymptomatic; symptoms most

common in young pigs and not affected by

 conventional antimicrobial therapy; Diarrhea;

 feces may contain blood and/or mucus;

 dehydration; anorexia; loss of body fat

**Control and Prevention:** Good personal hygiene, avoid contact with piglets with diarrhea; proper fecal waste disposal

 **Comments:** Person to person transmission has been

 observed.