**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.