

Psittacosis

[Fact sheet](http://conditions.health.qld.gov.au/HealthCondition/condition/14/33/531/psittacosis) [http://conditions.health.qld.gov.au/HealthCondition/condition/14/33/531/psittacosis] - Health conditions directory

Psittacosis is a disease caused by the bacteria *Chlamydia psittaci*, which is usually transmitted to humans from birds in the parrot family. The bacteria is also found in other species including poultry, pigeons, canaries and sea birds. The disease is usually mild, however, in some people, particularly the elderly, it can produce severe illness

Public health management guidelines

Read [Communicable Diseases Network Australia guidelines](http://www.health.gov.au/internet/main/publishing.nsf/Content/cdna-song-psittacosis.htm) [http://www.health.gov.au/internet/main/publishing.nsf/Content/cdna-song-psittacosis.htm]

Notification

Pathology laboratories

- [Notification criteria for pathology laboratories](https://www.health.qld.gov.au/cdcg/documents/notif-criteria-guide.pdf) [https://www.health.qld.gov.au/cdcg/documents/notif-criteria-guide.pdf] (PDF, 55kB)
- [Communications](http://www.health.gov.au/internet/main/publishing.nsf/Content/cdna-song-psittacosis.htm) [http://www.health.gov.au/internet/main/publishing.nsf/Content/cdna-song-psittacosis.htm](notification procedure)

Notification resources

- List of all [Pathological, clinical and provisional diagnosis notifiable conditions](https://www.health.qld.gov.au/clinical-practice/guidelines-procedures/diseases-infection/notifiable-conditions/list/default.asp) [https://www.health.qld.gov.au/clinical-practice/guidelines-procedures/diseases-infection/notifiable-conditions/list/default.asp]
- List of [Public Health Unit](https://www.health.qld.gov.au/system-governance/contact-us/contact/public-health-units/default.asp) [https://www.health.qld.gov.au/system-governance/contact-us/contact/public-health-units/default.asp] contacts
- [Notifiable conditions report form for Queensland clinicians \(PHA S70\)](https://www.health.qld.gov.au/publications/clinical-practice/guidelines-procedures/diseases-infection/notif-conditions-rpt.pdf) [https://www.health.qld.gov.au/publications/clinical-practice/guidelines-procedures/diseases-infection/notif-conditions-rpt.pdf] (PDF, 48kB) - if faxing notification, follow up by phone.

Epidemiological data and reports

- [Case report form](https://www.health.qld.gov.au/cdcg/documents/cr-generic.pdf) [https://www.health.qld.gov.au/cdcg/documents/cr-generic.pdf] (PDF, 504kB) - used by public health units to collect and manage more detailed information for enhanced case surveillance.