

TROPNETEUROP: IMPORTED SCHISTOSOMIASIS IN EUROPE 1998-2001

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Most European public health systems do not report on imported schistosomiasis. Still, this infection appears to be common among returnees from endemic areas. More information about epidemiological details in travellers may be helpful to decrease the number of cases. A thorough recording of epidemiological and clinical aspects of imported schistosomiasis can detect new infections and may trigger further planning of prevention strategies. Surveillance has been started within the framework of TropNetEurop, an European network for imported infectious diseases. Data from 1999-2001 were collected prospectively and complemented by retrospective data from 1998, one of the strengths of the network being the timely reporting of sentinel events. An overview of current data on epidemiological and clinical features of imported schistosomiasis will be presented.

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