

## **FACT SHEET**

### **Adenovirus**

#### **Common clinical features**

Watery diarrhoea with vomiting with most infections occurring in children aged under five. Duration of illness can be up to 5 days.

#### **Incubation period**

1 – 3 days.

#### **Where is it found?**

In gastrointestinal tract of man, sewage and contaminated water.

#### **How is it acquired by affected individuals?**

Usually by person to person spread by the faecal oral route.

#### **How does the laboratory confirm the diagnosis?**

An immunoassay test can be used to detect virus antigens in a faecal sample but not many laboratories test for this organism.

#### **How is it treated?**

Symptomatic treatment and rehydration.