**Causative Agent:** *Toxoplasma gondii* protozoa parasite

**Mode of Transmission:** Not transmitted from pigs to humans except in meat; exposure to feces of definitive host is high on livestock farms. Ingestion of undercooked meat; fecal-oral transmission from cats on farm

**Incubation Period:** Human: 5-23 days

Animal: Suspect similar to humans

**Clinical Signs Human:** Infection is common but clinical illness is low; flu-like symptoms: fever, headache, weakness; fetal death; congenital abnormalities; encephalitis; sore throat; rash; immunocompromised patients are at high risk

**Clinical Signs Animal:** Pigs are usually asymptomatic; diarrhea, incoordinaton, tremors or cough; weakness; interstitial pneumonia; infection during pregnancy: abortion (although uncommon), premature birth, weak or dead piglets

**Control and Prevention:** Cook meat thoroughly; good personal hygiene; avoid contact with cat feces, esp. if pregnant

**Comments:** Person to person transmission only *in utero*.