

Cryptococcus gattii Infection

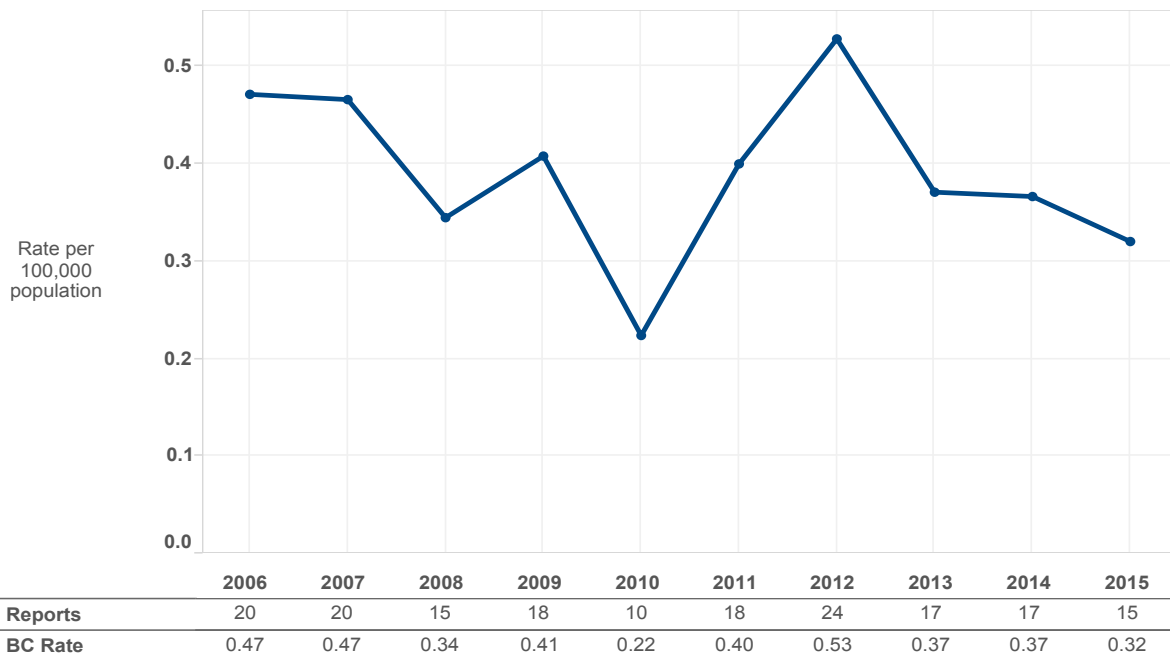
The incidence of *Cryptococcus gattii* infection has remained relatively low and stable in the last few years. In 2015, 15 cases were reported. As seen in previous years, the majority of cases occurred in adults with the highest rate in those aged 60 years and over. Older age is one of the most important risk factors in *C. gattii* infection. The central and southern east coast of Vancouver Island and the Lower Mainland are considered endemic areas. Half of the cases (8) were reported from the mainland. As expected, the highest rate was reported from Central Vancouver Island. The

next highest rate was in North Shore/Coast Garibaldi. While the Sunshine Coast has had positive environmental samples in the past¹, previous incidence rates in this region have been low.

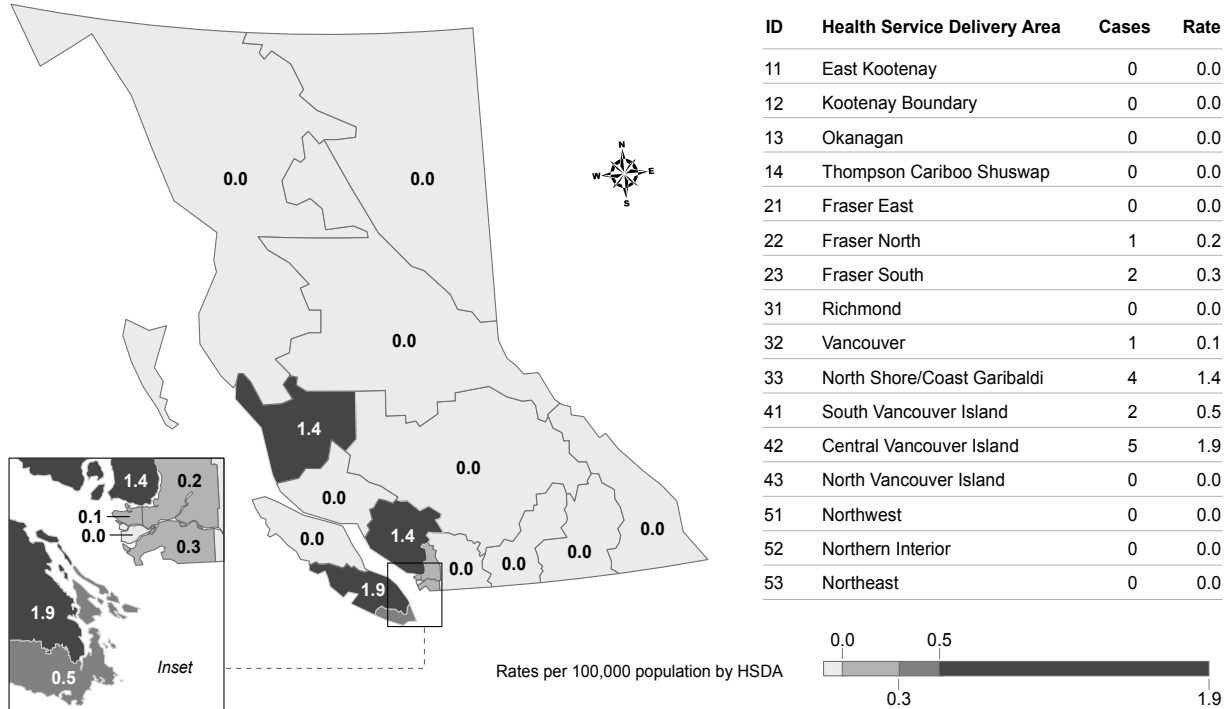


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13.1 *Cryptococcus gattii* Rates by Year, 2006-2015



13.2 *Cryptococcus gattii* Rates by HSDA, 2015



13.3 *Cryptococcus gattii* Rates by Age Group and Sex, 2015

