**Clinical Criteria**
Invasive Pneumococcal (*Streptococcus pneumoniae*) Disease, or IPD, causes many clinical syndromes, depending on the site of infection (e.g., bacteremia, meningitis.)

**Laboratory Criteria for Diagnosis**
Supportive: Identification of *S. pneumoniae* from a normally sterile body site by a culture independent diagnostic test [CIDT] without isolation of the bacteria.
Confirmatory: Isolation of *S. pneumoniae* from a normally sterile body site.

**Comments**
The use of CIDTs as stand-alone tests for the direct detection of *S. pneumoniae* from clinical specimens is increasing. Data regarding their performance indicate variability in the sensitivity, specificity, and positive predictive value of these assays depending on the manufacturer and validation methods used. It is therefore useful to collect information on the laboratory conducting the testing, and the type and manufacturer of the CIDT used to diagnose each IPD case. *Culture confirmation of CIDT-positive specimens is still the ideal method of confirming a case of IPD.*