Case report: typhoid in the Northern Territory

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Our recent typhoid case was a 42-year-old Indonesian oil-rig worker. He was a medical evacuation from the rig when he became unwell. He had recently spent some leave back home in Indonesia and that is where it is believed he contracted the disease. He was not a food-handler and there have been no reports of any other illness on the rig or supporting vessels.

He was diagnosed in Darwin Hospital and treated appropriately. He has now returned home.