

# GIARDIA

*Giardia* spp.



Length of Life Cycle = 1 Week

## INTERNAL PARASITES

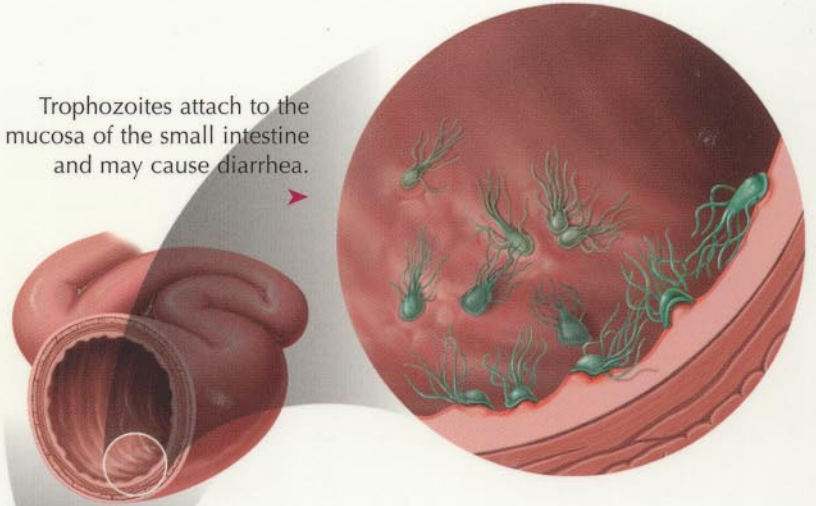
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Trophozoites attach to the mucosa of the small intestine and may cause diarrhea.



Trophozoites emerge from the ingested cyst.



Trophozoites usually form cysts that are intermittently passed in the feces.



The host ingests cysts from the environment, usually from contaminated food or water.



Infective cysts are present in the environment.