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Q Fever

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From Q for query, because the disease was an illness of unknown etiology. In 1937, Australian researcher Edward Derrick reported a disease that affected workers in slaughterhouses. *Coxiella burnetii*, the bacteria that causes the disease, was found shortly after Derrick's investigation began. However, many aspects of the disease continue to puzzle researchers, making the name Q fever as appropriate today as it was 74 years ago.

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