Healthcare-Associated Hepatitis B and C Outbreaks (≥ 2 cases) Reported to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) 2008-2017

The tables below summarize healthcare-associated outbreaks of hepatitis B virus (HBV) and hepatitis C virus (HCV) infection reported in the United States during 2008-2017. Outbreaks previously reported in 1998-2008 can be found in Thompson, et al and Redd, et al. Because of the long incubation period (up to 6 months) and typically asymptomatic course of acute hepatitis B and C infection, it is likely that only a fraction of such outbreaks that occurred have been detected, and reporting of outbreaks detected and investigated by state and local health departments is not required. Therefore, the numbers reported here may greatly underestimate the number of outbreak-associated cases and the number of at-risk persons notified for screening.

Practical guidance on detecting and investigating such outbreaks may be found in the Healthcare Investigation Guide.

Resources for prevention include updated hepatitis B immunization guidelines, and infection control guidelines and resources.

Summary

61 outbreaks (two or more cases) of viral hepatitis related to healthcare reported to CDC during 2008-2017; of these, 58 (95%) occurred in non-hospital settings.

Hepatitis B (total 24 outbreaks including one of both HBV and HCV, 179 outbreak-associated cases, >10,935 persons notified for screening):

- 18 outbreaks occurred in long-term care facilities, with at least 133 outbreak-associated cases of HBV and approximately 1,680 at- risk persons notified for screening
 - o 83% (15/18) of the outbreaks were associated with infection control breaks during assisted monitoring of blood glucose (AMBG)
- 5 outbreaks occurred in other settings, one each at: a free dental clinic in school gymnasium, an outpatient oncology clinic, a hospital surgery service, and two at pain remediation clinics (one outbreak of HBV and one with both HBV and HCV), with 46 outbreak-associated cases of HBV and > 8,500 persons at-risk persons notified for screening

Hepatitis C (38 total outbreaks including one of both HBV and HCV, >295 outbreak-associated cases, >105,632 at-risk persons notified for screening):

- 14 outbreaks occurred in outpatient facilities (including the above mentioned outbreak of both HBV and HCV), with 116 outbreak-associated cases of HCV and >74,457 persons notified for screening
- 21 outbreaks occurred in hemodialysis settings, with 102 outbreak-associated cases of HCV and 3,026 persons notified for screening
- Three outbreaks occurred because of drug diversion by HCV-infected health care providers, with at least 78 outbreak-associated cases of HCV and >26,217 persons notified for screening

Single identified cases are not included in the table and may be particularly difficult to confirm as healthcare-associated infection transmission events. However, although this list is not exhaustive, during 2008-2017 the following single cases were reported and confirmed as likely patient-to-patient healthcare-associated transmission:

- 2017: Two single cases of HCV were identified in two outpatient hemodialysis units in Philadelphia (unpublished data, Philadelphia Department of Health)
- 2017: Two single cases of HCV case in two outpatient hemodialysis units in unidentified single state (unpublished data)
- 2016: a single HCV case in an outpatient hemodialysis unit in California (unpublished data, California Department of Health)
- 2016: a single HCV case in an outpatient hemodialysis unit in California (unpublished data, California Department of Health)
- 2015: 3 single HCV cases in 3 outpatient hemodialysis units in New Jersey (unpublished data, New Jersey Department of Health)
- 2015: an HBV case in an outpatient urology clinic (unpublished data, New York State Department of Health)
- 2015: a single HCV case due to syringe reuse in a hospital in Texas (<u>Arnold S, Melville S, Morehead B, et al. Notes from the field: Hepatitis C Transmission from Inappropriate Reuse of Saline Flush Syringes for Multiple Patients in an Acute Care General Hospital Texas, 2015. MMWR 2017; 66:258-60.(https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/66/wr/mm6609a4.htm)</u>
- 2014: an HCV case in an outpatient dialysis clinic (unpublished data, State of New Jersey Department of Health) and an HCV case in an inpatient dialysis clinic (unpublished data, State of Massachusetts Department of Public Health)
- 2013: an HCV case in a dental clinic, an HBV case in an outpatient dialysis unit (manuscript in preparation, North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services), and two unrelated HCV transmissions in two New York endoscopy centers (Dentinger C et al. Acute HCV following outpatient endoscopy procedures, New York city, 2013. Presented at 2015 meeting of the American College of Gastroenterology.)
- 2012: an HCV case associated with healthcare delivery during autologous stem cell transplant (unpublished data, State of New York Department of Health)
- 2011: an HCV case in a hospital surgery unit (CDC. <u>Transmission of Hepatitis C Virus Associated with Surgical Procedures New Jersey 2010 and Wisconsin 2011. MMWR 2015, 64: 165-170.</u>)
- 2010: an HCV case in an outpatient surgical center (CDC. <u>Transmission of Hepatitis C Virus Associated with Surgical Procedures New Jersey 2010 and Wisconsin 2011. MMWR 2015, 64: 165-170.</u>), and an HBV case in a psychiatric long term care facility (<u>unpublished data, State of New York Department of Health</u>)
- 2009 : an HCV case in an outpatient hemodialysis clinic (unpublished data, South Dakota Department of Health)
- 2008: an HCV case in a hospital surgery unit. (Unpublished data, Pennsylvania Department of Health)

| Hepatitis B (HBV) Outbreaks by Setting | | | | | | | | | |
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| Setting | Year | State | Persons Notified for Screening ¹ | Outbreak- Associated Infections ² | Known or suspected mode of transmission ³ | Comments | | | |
| Long-term care 4 | Long-term care 4 | | | | | | | | |
| Personal care home (1) | 2016 | PA | 82 | 2 | Multiple infection control breaches primarily suboptimal universal precautions during provision of care including assistance with personal hygiene and blood glucose monitoring | 2 staff members infected; all residents and staff screened. Source patient had very high viral load | | | |

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| Personal care home (2) | 2014 | PA | 49 | 8 | Unsafe practices related to assisted blood glucose monitoring | | | | | |
| Sub-acute unit of a skilled nursing facility (3) | 2014 | CA | 158 | 7 | Infection control breaches related to instrument sterilization during the provision of podiatry care were identified; however, evidence was insufficient to implicate a specific source of transmission. | Of the 7 outbreak cases, viral molecular sequencing of DNA from 4 acute infections matched into a cluster with one chronic case. Sequencing could not be performed for three cases with serology indicative of resolving acute infection. | | | | |
| Assisted living facility (4) | 2012 | VA | 84 | 2 | Use of fingerstick devices for >1 resident | | | | | |
| Assisted living facility (<u>5</u>) (most residents with neuropsychiatric disorders) | 2011 | VA | 103 | 7 | Use of fingerstick devices for >1 resident | An additional 4 new chronic infections were detected; of these 3 had viral molecular sequencing and all matched into the cluster with the acute cases indicating likely outbreak-related cases. | | | | |
| Assisted living facility (6) | 2011 | CA | 14 | 2 | Use of blood glucose meter for >1 resident without cleaning and disinfection | Both infected residents received assisted monitoring of blood | | | | |

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| Setting | Year | State | Persons Notified for Screening ¹ | Outbreak- Associated Infections ² | Known or suspected mode of transmission ³ | Comments | | | |
| | | | | | Failure to maintain separation of clean and contaminated podiatry equipment Improper reprocessing of contaminated podiatry equipment Failure to perform environmental cleaning and disinfection between podiatry patients | glucose as well as podiatry services. | | | |
| Assisted living facility (7) | 2010 | CA | 28 | 3 | Unsafe practices related to assisted blood glucose monitoring Although a clear infection prevention breach was not identified at the time of the investigation, all infections were in residents receiving assisted monitoring of blood glucose by the same home health agency. The home health agency lacked written policies on infection control relating to blood glucose monitoring. | | | | |
| Assisted living facility (8) | 2010 | NC | 87 | 8 | Use of fingerstick devices for >1 resident Use of blood glucose meter for >1 resident without cleaning and disinfection | 6 of 8 case patients died from complications of hepatitis | | | |
| Assisted living facilities (n=10) in the same metropolitan area served by the same home health agency for diabetic care (9) | 2010 | TX | >235 | 23 | Unsafe practices related to assisted blood glucose monitoring Although a clear infection prevention breach was not identified at the time of the investigation, all infections were in | Cases include residents of the assisted living facilities plus one family member of an infected | | | |

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| Patients living at home in private residences served by the same home health agency above for diabetic care (9) | | | ≥19 | 1 | residents of assisted living facilities or at home who received assisted monitoring of blood glucose by the same home health agency. | facility resident who experienced a needlestick injury while assisting with the resident's blood glucose monitoring. | | | |
| Two affiliated assisted living facilities (7, 10) (most residents with neuropsychiatric disorders) | 2010 | VA | 126 | 14 | Use of fingerstick devices for >1 resident Use of blood glucose meter for >1 resident without cleaning and disinfection Failure to use gloves and perform hand hygiene between fingerstick procedures | An additional 4 new chronic infections were detected and had viral molecular sequencing; 3 matched into the clusters with the acute cases indicating likely outbreak-related cases. | | | |
| Assisted living facility after transfer of a resident from assisted living facility above (5) | 2010 | VA | 151 | 5 | Use of fingerstick devices for >1 resident | | | | |
| Skilled nursing facility (<u>12</u>) | 2010 | NC | 116 | 6 | Unclear mode of transmission; specific lapses in infection control not identified at the time of the investigation. | | | | |
| Skilled nursing facility (11) | 2010 | NC | 109 | 6 | Specific lapses in infection control not identified at the time of the investigation. However, assisted blood glucose monitoring and insulin injection (received) | | | | |

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| | | | | | by 4 of 6 infected patients) associated with illness in case-control study. | | | | |
| Assisted living facilities (n=2) (12) Blood glucose monitoring at both assisted-living facilities provided by same home health agency | 2009 | FL | 65 | 9 | Cross-contamination of clean supplies with contaminated blood glucose monitoring equipment used by home health agency Investigators noted visible traces of blood on some of the blood glucose meters and one reusable fingerstick device. | | | | |
| Assisted living facility (5) | 2009 | VA | 64 | 5 | Unsafe practices related to assisted blood glucose monitoring A clear infection prevention breach was not identified. The facility did use reusable fingerstick devices but denied using them for >1 resident. In an analytic study, having diabetes and undergoing blood glucose monitoring (all 5 acute cases and 4 of 5 newly identified chronic cases) was significantly associated with infection | An additional 5 new chronic infections were detected; of these 4 had viral molecular sequencing and all matched into the cluster with the acute cases indicating likely outbreak-related cases. 2 of 17 facility staff tested also had acute HBV. Investigators identified that after performing AMBG, personnel manually removed used, exposed lancets from the fingerstick device, placing themselves at | | | |

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| Setting | Year | State | Persons Notified for Screening ¹ | Outbreak- Associated Infections ² | Known or suspected mode of transmission ³ | Comments | | | |
| | | | | | | risk for exposure via a sharps injury. Neither staff member received HBV vaccination. | | | |
| Assisted living facility (<u>13</u>) | 2008 | IL | 21 | 7 | Use of blood glucose meter for >1 resident without cleaning and disinfection Failure to consistently wear gloves and perform hand hygiene between fingerstick procedures | Note: this outbreak is also included in Thompson, et al. | | | |
| Assisted living facility (14) | 2008 | PA | 25 | 9 | Use of fingerstick devices for >1 resident Use of blood glucose meter for >1 resident without cleaning and disinfection | Note: this outbreak is also included in Thompson, et al. | | | |
| Skilled nursing facility (<u>15</u>) (most residents with neuropsychiatric disorders) | 2008 | CA | 143 | 9 | Failure to maintain separation of clean and contaminated podiatry equipment | | | | |
| Totals | | | >1,679 | 133 | | | | | |
| Oral Health | Oral Health | | | | | | | | |
| Free dental clinic conducted in school gymnasium (16) | 2009 | WV | >1,500 | 5 | Multiple procedural and infection control breaches were identified during retrospective investigation; however, sparse documentation did not provide | Of the 5 cases, 3 were patients and 2 were non-healthcare worker volunteers | | | |

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| Setting | Year | State | Persons Notified for Screening ¹ | Outbreak- Associated Infections ² | Known or suspected mode of transmission ³ | Comments | | | |
| | | | | | evidence to link specific breaches with infection. | | | | |
| Totals | | | >1,500 | 5 | | | | | |
| Other outpatient Settings | Other outpatient Settings | | | | | | | | |
| Pain management clinic (17) | 2013 | SC | 534 | 9 | Procedure and infection control breaches related to injection safety were identified during the investigation, however, there was insufficient evidence to implicate a specific breach as the source of transmission | One additional prevalent case was identified which may represent a source. | | | |
| Outpatient oncology clinic (18) | 2009 | NJ | 4,600 | 29 | Preparation of medications in same area where blood specimens were processed Use of saline-bags for >1 patient Use of single-dose vials for >1 patient | | | | |
| Totals | | | 5,134 | 38 | | | | | |
| Hospital | | | | | | | | | |
| Hospital-based surgery service (19) | 2009 | VA | 329 | 2* | HBV-infected orthopedic surgeon with high viral load performing exposure-prone procedures on patients | *An additional 4 resolved HBV infections may also have been associated with this outbreak | | | |

| Outbreak of both Hepatitis B and Hepatitis C | | | | | | | | | |
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| Setting | Year | State | Persons Notified for Screening ¹ | Outbreak- Associated Infections ² | Known or suspected mode of transmission ³ | Comments | | | |
| Outpatient | Outpatient | | | | | | | | |
| Pain management clinic (20) | 2010 | CA | 2,293 | HBV:1 HCV:1 | Syringe reuse contaminating medication vials used for >1 patient Use of single-dose vials for >1 patient | | | | |

| Hepatitis C (HCV) Outbreaks by Setting | | | | | | | | | |
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| Setting | Year | State | Persons Notified for Screening ¹ | Outbreak- Associated Infections ² | Known or suspected mode of transmission ³ | Comments | | | |
| Outpatient | | | | | | | | | |
| Alternative medicine practice (55) | 2017 | NY | 584 | 5 (see comment) | IV (intravenous) infusions were prepared using non-sterile glassware and tubing, which was not properly reprocessed between patients. Scope of practice issues were also identified with a phlebotomist preparing and administering injections and IV infusions. | In addition to the 5 cases determined to be transmission-linked with HCV genetic sequencing, 3 clinic patients with resolved HCV may have had outbreak-associated infection | | | |

| Hepatitis C (HCV) Outbreaks by Setting | | | | | | | | | | |
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| Setting | Year | State | Persons Notified for Screening ¹ | Outbreak- Associated Infections ² | Known or suspected mode of transmission ³ | Comments | | | | |
| Prolotherapy clinic (<u>46</u>) | 2015 | CA | >1,500 | 5 | Syringe reuse contaminating medication vials used for >1 patient Use of single-dose vials for >1 patient | | | | | |
| Insulin infusion clinic (47) | 2015 | CA | 92 | 9 | Unsafe practices related to assisted blood glucose monitoring including use of fingerstick devices for >1 person and inadequate cleaning and disinfection of glucometer before reuse. | | | | | |
| Pain management clinic (48) | 2015 | MI | 122 | 2 | Syringe reuse contaminating medication vials used for >1 patient | | | | | |
| Cardiology clinic (49) | 2015 | WV | >2,000 | 5 | Use of single-dose vials for >1 patient | | | | | |
| Hematology Oncology Clinic(21) | 2012 | MI | >300 | 10 | Specific lapses in infection control not identified at the time of the investigation | | | | | |
| Pain management clinic (22) | 2011 | NY | 466 | 2 | Suspected syringe reuse contaminating medication vials | | | | | |
| Outpatient clinic (23) | 2010 | FL | 3,929 | 5 | Drug diversion (fentanyl) by an HCV-infected radiology technician | | | | | |
| Outpatient alternative medicine clinic (24) | 2009 | FL | 163 | 9 | Syringe reuse contaminating medication vials used for >1 patient | | | | | |

| Ambulatory surgical centers (single-purpose endoscopy clinics) (n=2) (26, 27, 28) NV >60,000 Syringe reuse contaminating single-use medications vials (propofol) that were used for >1 patient Syringe reuse contaminating single-use medications vials (propofol) that were used for >1 patient Syringe reuse contaminating single-use medications vials (propofol) that were used for >1 patient Syringe reuse contaminating medication vials Syringe reuse contaminating multidose vials of saline solution used for >1 patient Syringe reuse contaminating multidose vials of saline solution used for >1 patient | Hepatitis C (HCV) Outbreaks by Setting | | | | | | | | | |
|--|--|------|-------|--------------|------------|--|---|--|--|--|
| Endoscopy clinics (25) 2009 NY 3,287 2 Suspected syringe reuse contaminating medication vials 2009 investigation or cases occurring in 2006-2007 Ambulatory surgical centers (single-purpose endoscopy clinics) (n=2) (26, 27, 28) NV >60,000 9 Syringe reuse contaminating single-use medications vials (propofol) that were used for >1 patient 8 cases were from the first center and one from the second. The health department identifier an additional 106 infections that could have been linked to the clinics. Note: this outbreak is also included in Thompson, et al., but at the time of publication only 6 cases had been identified. Outpatient cardiology clinic (29) NC 1,200 5 Syringe reuse contaminating multidose vials of saline solution used for >1 patient An additional 2 new infections were identified in probable source patients | Setting | Year | State | Notified for | Associated | | Comments | | | |
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| dose vials of saline solution used for infections were identified in probable source patients | (single-purpose endoscopy | 2008 | NV | >60,000 | 9 | use medications vials (propofol) that | the first center and one from the second. The health department identified an additional 106 infections that could have been linked to the clinics. Note: this outbreak is also included in Thompson, et al, but at the time of publication only 6 cases had been | | | |
| Totals >71.664 68 | | 2008 | NC | 1,200 | 5 | dose vials of saline solution used for | infections were identified in probable | | | |
| 7/1,007 | Totals | | | >71,664 | 68 | | | | | |

| | Hepatitis C (HCV) Outbreaks by Setting | | | | | | | | | | |
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| Setting | Year | State | Persons Notified for Screening ¹ | Outbreak- Associated Infections ² | Known or suspected mode of transmission ³ | Comments | | | | | |
| Long-term care | • | | - | | | | | | | | |
| Skilled nursing (30) | 2013 | ND | >500 | 46 | Epidemiologic analysis suggested podiatry care, phlebotomy, and nail care performed at the skilled nursing facility were associated with HCV infection | | | | | | |
| Hospital | Hospital | | | | | | | | | | |
| Hospital (50) | 2015 | UT | 7,217 | >7 | Drug diversion by nurse | | | | | | |
| Hospital (31) | 2012 | NH AZ GA KS MD MI NY PA | >11,000 | 45 | Drug diversion by radiology technologist. | Patients from 16 facilities in 8 states were notified about potential exposure and recommended to undergo testing for HCV infection. | | | | | |
| Hospital-based surgery service (32) | 2009 | CO | >8,000 | 26 | Drug diversion (fentanyl) by an HCV-infected surgical technician | 18 cases were linked by viral sequencing to the surgical technician; an additional 8 infections were determined to be epidemiologically linked but viral | | | | | |

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| Setting | Year | State | Persons Notified for Screening ¹ | Outbreak- Associated Infections ² | Known or suspected mode of transmission ³ | Comments |
| | | | | | | sequencing was not able to be performed. The number screened includes patients from three facilities where the surgical technician had worked. |
| Totals | | | >26,217 | >78 | | |
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| Hemodialysis | T | | | | | |
| Outpatient hemodialysis facility (53) | 2017 | GA | 47 | 2 | Patients were dialyzed in close proximity and cared for by the same staff | |

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| Setting | Year | State | Persons Notified for Screening ¹ | Outbreak- Associated Infections ² | Known or suspected mode of transmission ³ | Comments | |
| | | | | | Lapses identified included environmental cleaning, hand hygiene | | |
| Outpatient hemodialysis facility (33) | 2016 | unspecified | 203 | 2 | Specific lapses in infection control not identified at the time of the investigation | | |
| Outpatient hemodialysis facility (54) | 2016 | PA | 154 | 2 | Breaches in environmental cleaning and disinfection practices identified included: lapses in hand hygiene, mixing of clean and dirty areas, inadequate cleaning of stations between patients | | |
| Outpatient hemodialysis facility (51) | 2015 | NJ | 237 | 2 | Multiple lapses in infection control identified, including hand hygiene and glove use, vascular access care, medication preparation, cleaning and disinfection | | |
| Outpatient hemodialysis facility (51) | 2015 | NJ | 84 | 2 | Multiple lapses in infection control identified, vascular access care, medication preparation, cleaning and disinfection | | |
| Outpatient hemodialysis facility (51) | 2015 | NJ | 98 | 2 | Multiple lapses in infection control identified, including hand hygiene and glove use, vascular access care, medication preparation, cleaning and disinfection | | |

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| Setting | Year | State | Persons Notified for Screening ¹ | Outbreak- Associated Infections ² | Known or suspected mode of transmission ³ | Comments | |
| Outpatient hemodialysis facility (52) | 2015 | PA | 115 | 3 | Multiple lapses in infection control identified, medication preparation close to treatment area | | |
| Outpatient hemodialysis facility (52) | 2015 | PA | 130 | 3 | Multiple lapses in infection control identified, medication preparation close to treatment area | | |
| Outpatient hemodialysis facility (<u>52</u>) | 2015 | PA | 97 | 2 | Multiple lapses in infection control identified, medication preparation close to treatment area, Use of single-dose vials for >1 patient, no separation of dirty and clean areas | (Philadelphia) | |
| Outpatient hemodialysis facility (<u>53)</u> | 2015 | CA | 28 | 3 | Breaches in environmental cleaning and disinfection practices | | |
| Outpatient hemodialysis facility (34) | 2014 | WA | 186 | 3 | Breaches in environmental cleaning and disinfection practices identified included: failure to consistently change gloves and perform hand hygiene between patients, and breaches in environmental cleaning and disinfection practices to prevent cross-contamination between clean and dirty areas | | |
| Outpatient hemodialysis facility (35) | 2014 | TN | 62 | 2 | Breaches in environmental cleaning and disinfection practices | | |
| Outpatient hemodialysis facility (36) | 2014 | NJ | 69 | 4 | Breaches in environmental cleaning and disinfection practices | | |

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| Setting | Year | State | Persons Notified for Screening ¹ | Outbreak- Associated Infections ² | Known or suspected mode of transmission ³ | Comments |
| | | | | | identified included failure to: wash hands before and after glove use; adequately clean surrounding area of the station, the dialysis chair and priming bucket after use | |
| Outpatient hemodialysis facility (37) | 2014 | NJ | 97 | 2 | Breaches in environmental cleaning and disinfection practices identified included failure to: appropriately separate clean and contaminated supply areas, properly disinfect clamps in the open position, adequately clean the dialysis chair and priming bucket after use; ensure patients applying pressure to their own hemodialysis access site wash their hands after doffing gloves and prior to using the scale. | |
| Outpatient hemodialysis facility (38) | 2012 | PA | 66 | 18 | Multiple lapses in infection control identified, including hand hygiene and glove use, vascular access care, medication preparation, cleaning and disinfection | 18 new HCV infections between 2008–2013; (Philadelphia) |
| Outpatient hemodialysis facility (39) | 2012 | CA | 42 | 4 | Specific lapses in infection control not identified at the time of the investigation | |

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| Setting | Year | State | Persons Notified for Screening ¹ | Outbreak- Associated Infections ² | Known or suspected mode of transmission ³ | Comments | |
| Outpatient hemodialysis facility (40) | 2011 | GA | 89 | 6 | Failure to maintain separation between clean and contaminated workspaces | | |
| Outpatient hemodialysis facility (41) | 2010 | TX | 171 | 2 | Specific lapses in infection control not identified at the time of the investigation | | |
| Outpatient hemodialysis facility (42) | 2009 | MD | 250 | 8 | Breaches in medication preparation and administration practices Breaches in environmental cleaning and disinfection practices | | |
| Hospital-based outpatient hemodialysis facility (<u>43</u>) | 2009 | NJ | 144 | 21 | Breaches in medication preparation and administration practices Breaches in environmental cleaning and disinfection practices | All patients who received dialysis in this facility since 2005 were notified for screening | |
| Outpatient hemodialysis facility (44) | 2008 | NY | 657 | 9 | Failure to consistently change gloves and perform hand hygiene between patients. Breaches in environmental cleaning and disinfection practices | All patients who received dialysis in this facility since 2004 were notified for screening | |
| Totals | | | 3,026 | 102 | | | |

¹ The number of persons notified for screening is dependent upon information and resources available at the time of investigation and may underestimate the total number of individuals at risk.

² Outbreak-associated HBV and HCV infections are defined as those with epidemiologic evidence supporting healthcare related transmission and include patients/residents identified with acute infection, or previously undiagnosed chronic infections with epidemiologic evidence indicating that

these were likely outbreak-related incident cases that progressed from acute to chronic. Patients/residents identified as likely (previously infected) sources for transmission are not included. In the outbreak investigation setting case definitions are based on laboratory profile and clinical evidence rather than CDC surveillance case definitions which may omit asymptomatic cases.

Acute HBV is typically defined as having a positive hepatitis B surface antigen and positive IgM core antibody, or positive surface antigen and negative total core antibody (early infection). Chronic HBV is typically defined as having a positive hepatitis B surface antigen, positive total core antibody and negative IgM core antibody. There are no serologic markers to differentiate between acute and chronic HCV infection; defining an infection as possible healthcare transmission is dependent upon epidemiologic evidence along with a new finding of hepatitis C antibody and/or RNA positivity in a person not previously known positive (whether or not symptoms or alanine aminotransferase [ALT] elevation are present).

- 3 All modes of transmission are patient-to-patient unless otherwise indicated.
- 4 One additional healthcare facility outbreak was reported during 2009, in an Illinois psychiatric long term care facility with 8 outbreak-related hepatitis B cases among 180 residents screened, and an additional three cases of chronic HBV infection detected at the time of screening. The likely mode of transmission was sexual contact, though other behavioral risk factors such as illicit drug use could not be ruled out. Source: Jasuja S, Thompson N, Peters P et al. Investigation of hepatitis B virus and human immunodeficiency virus transmission among severely mentally ill residents at a long term care facility. PLoS ONE 2012; 7: e43252. http://www.plosone.org/article/info%3Adoi%2F10.1371%2Fjournal.pone.0043252

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Hepatitis B Immunization Guidelines

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A Comprehensive Immunization Strategy to Eliminate Transmission of Hepatitis B Virus Infection in the United States (2006) https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/rr5516a1.htm

Immunization of Health-Care Personnel. Recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/rr6007a1.htm?s_cid=rr6007a1_e

Infection Control Guidelines and Resources

Evidence-based infection prevention guidelines for healthcare settings including those for disinfection and sterilization, environmental cleaning, and hand hygiene available at: https://www.cdc.gov/hicpac/pubs.html

Injection safety resources available at:

https://www.cdc.gov/injectionsafety/providers.html

http://www.oneandonlycampaign.org/

Infection prevention resources for assisted monitoring of blood glucose available at:

https://www.cdc.gov/injectionsafety/blood-glucose-monitoring.html

Setting specific resources available at:

General Outpatient: https://www.cdc.gov/HAI/settings/outpatient/outpatient-settings.html

Outpatient Oncology: https://www.cdc.gov/HAI/settings/outpatient/basic-infection-control-prevention-plan-2011/index.html

Hemodialysis: https://www.cdc.gov/dialysis/provider/index.html

Long-term care: https://www.cdc.gov/HAI/settings/ltc_settings.html

Dental: https://www.cdc.gov/OralHealth/infectioncontrol/guidelines/index.htm and http://www.osap.org/?page=PortableMobile

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