Hepatitis C Concerns for 210 Former ICU Patients in Colorado

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Hundreds of intensive care unit (ICU) patients in Colorado may be at risk for the hepatitis C virus (HCV) from a former hospital employee living with HCV, CBS News reports. Officials from Poudre Valley Hospital in Fort Collins claim the former employee had been stealing and injecting intravenous (IV) painkillers while on the job. The hospital has alerted 210 patients. Most of them stayed in its ICU and received IV medications between September 2, 2011, and August 28, 2012. It was unclear whether the syringes the former employee used to inject drugs were re-used on hospital patients or thrown out. However, hospital officials decided to test its former patients for hep C to be cautious. So far, no HCV cases have been linked to the former employee.

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