

Current events about a clinic in china infected kids with hepatitis

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Current events about a clinic in China infected kids with Hepatitis. The event in the story concerns the outbreak of hepatitis C which is being caused by dirty needles. Among the group affected by the outbreak are the children and adults. This outbreak which has been reported to take place in central China, underscores the challenges by the government to policies healthcare as several clinics mushroom to attend to the growing demand of population. The latest report by the State media on Tuesday indicted that the reuse of syringes and needles at a privately owned clinic in Henan provinces found in Maqiao township had spread hepatitis C to at least 13 individuals, including several children.

The province of Henan is known for such outbreaks and in the year 1990 it was hit by blood transfusions, which were tainted and schemes of unsanitary blood plasma-buying that accelerated the HIV infection in that province. The practitioners in that province were reported to use dirty needles most often and the individuals who sold plasma received replenishment from blood pool supply.

According to the global times paper, the Anhui province health officials gave disturbing reports concerning the outbreak in Henan which indicated that more than 56 patients had been infected with the outbreak disease (hepatitis C) from the private clinic. An investigation by the CDC (Centre For Disease Control) indicate that the infection acquired by patients at the Miaoqian private Clinic was caused by the doctors reusing needles to give shots to different patients. The astonishing part of the story is that all the victims of the outbreak are from Anhui because the province borders Henan and the clinic is strategically situated for the service of both the two provinces.

Another report showed that investigators from the health sectors were surveying 16 other local villages to ascertain whether a larger number of people more than the reported had been infected. The Patients of the outbreak were undergoing treatment at the hospital called Guoyang Peoples. However, the information that was not reported was if the Miaoqian private Clinic was still operational or had already been shut down. No number of arrests had been reported to be made either. (Associated Press, 2011)

The Chinese government is promoting the small-scale private clinics and hospitals as part or contributor of a health care overhaul, which is aimed at making the healthcare services available, and accessible to more population and reduce the pressure on the badly overcrowded government or public hospitals.

The fact that the china population has grown rapidly beyond the facilities that the government can offer should not contribute to infection of part of the population. The initiative by the government to encourage the privately owned health institutions is beneficial to the populations but health standards should not be ignored because the services are rare and minimum. Human life is very important and every individual is entitled to better if not good health care. The government may seem to act slowly on this matter since no arrests have been made and maybe the clinic has not been shut down. This situation or event happening in china is of great concern and the world health organization should come in to assist. China enjoys an advantage of a large population and this should not be allowed to work against them and prevent the minority from accessing good health care. No one would want to go to the hospital to be infected. In any case the

clinics are meant to save peoples life and so the government of china needs to rethink its decision to promote the private clinics and come up with guidelines for operating the clinics, which will help put at bay the outbreaks that have been occurring repeatedly.

Reference

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