Infection Control Breach: What's Next?

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Patient Notification



Who should be notified?

- Time frame?
 - Four months
- Which patients?
 - Any patient who was receiving an infusion

Patient List



A list of patients who received infusions during the four-month period should be requested.

- This list should be gathered by the facility and provided to the health department for multiple purposes:
 - Patient notification
 - Cross match with the Hepatitis B, Hepatitis C, and HIV registries

Scenario continues:



The patient list is received, and the cross match is completed. The findings are as follows:

- Two patients from the list are in WVEDSS as cases of Hepatitis B.
 - One patient had a positive test prior to being seen in the clinic.
 - The second patient had a positive test after being seen in the clinic and has no other identified risk factors.

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