

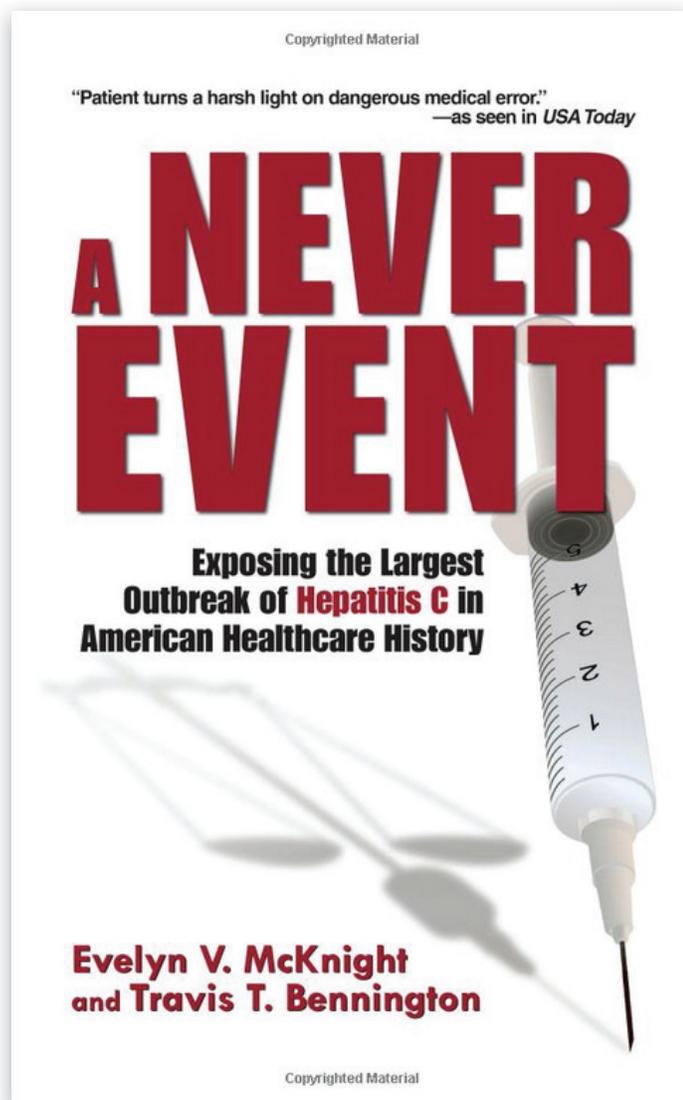
HONOReform foundation

www.honoreform.org

Hepatitis Outbreaks' National Organization for Reform

HONOReform is the only national advocacy organization dedicated to protecting patients through safeguarding the medical injection process. Our vision is a nation in which health care providers always follow fundamental injection safety practices that are designed to protect all patients each and every time they receive an injection.

Based in Nebraska and active on Capitol Hill and throughout the country, HONOReform is led by patient advocate Evelyn McKnight, who was infected with hepatitis C while receiving cancer treatment. Co-author of *A Never Event: Exposing the Largest Outbreak of Hepatitis C in American Healthcare History*, Evelyn shares her story, and the ongoing work of HONOReform, with audiences throughout the country.



The Outbreaks

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, there have been over 40 reported outbreaks in the United States in the last 12 years. More than 125,000 patients have been notified they were placed in harm's way while receiving routine healthcare. The causes? Syringes have been reused on multiple patients, single dose/use medication vials have been reentered and reused, the community saline bag has been misused... among other life-threatening errors.

One of the most devastating outbreaks occurred in 2008 in Las Vegas, Nevada. More than 60,000 patients were notified they may have been infected with viral hepatitis while receiving a colonoscopy. Epidemiologic reports show that 115 Nevadans did become infected with viral hepatitis. Confidence in healthcare throughout Nevada has been deeply affected. One example is a recent University of Nevada Las Vegas report. Sadly, area residents are 57% less likely, since the report of the outbreak, to have a colon screening performed.

HONOReform Nevada

HONOR Campaign Nevada: *putting patient safety first*

The aim of HONOR Campaign Nevada is restoration of confidence to the medical community and to patients. Because of regulations established recently in Nevada and the overall scrutiny and desire to do the right thing, we believe Nevada is a safe place to provide and receive healthcare.

Led by the Nevada State Medical Association and the Clark County Medical Society, among other partners, the HONOR Campaign Nevada committee is calling on all members of the healthcare community and others to support our patient safety efforts. With a focus on safeguarding the medical injection process, HONOR Campaign Nevada will help provide the One and Only Campaign (“One Needle, One Syringe, Only One Time”), a provider toolkit titled “Injection Safety: Every Provider’s Responsibility,” a signed “We Promise” poster for the clinic lobby, and other helpful materials.

