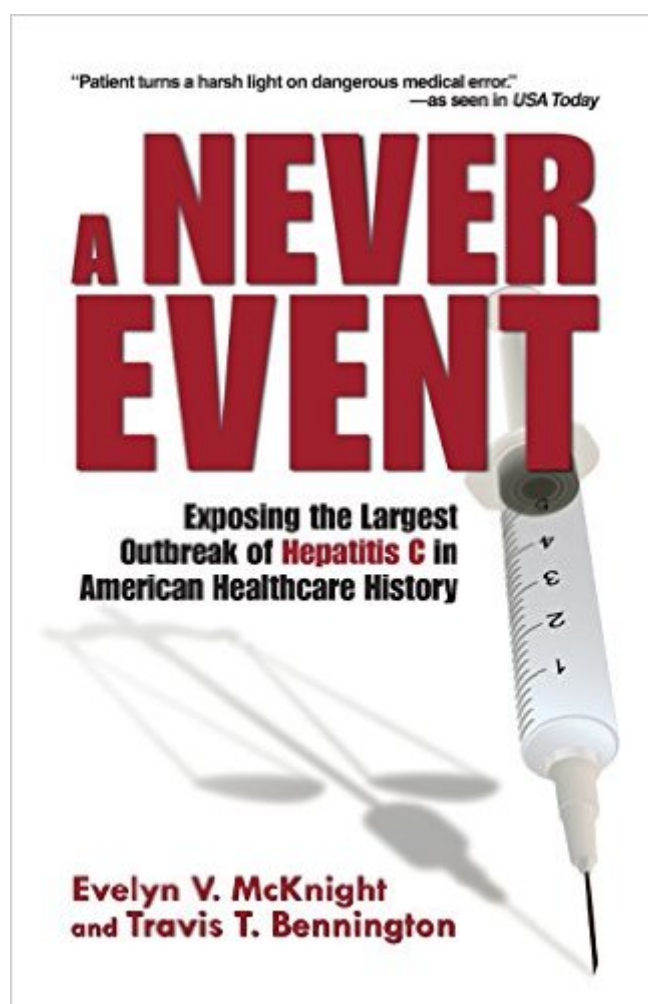


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# A Never Event: Exposing The Largest Outbreak Of Hepatitis C In American Healthcare History



## Synopsis

**CANCER CLINIC CAUSES WORST HEPATITIS OUTBREAK IN US HISTORY** In the small farming community of Fremont, Nebraska, townspeople eagerly welcomed an acclaimed doctor as the first full-time oncologist at their new cancer treatment centerâbut the fanfare soon turned into a nightmare. During chemotherapy treatments, 857 patients who were already waging the fights of their lives against cancer, were inexplicably exposed to the deadly, blood-borne hepatitis C virus. At least ninety-nine of them contracted the lethal illness. The horror was unprecedentedâthis was the largest healthcare-transmitted outbreak of hepatitis C in American history. *A Never Event*âa term used to describe a preventable medical tragedyâis a searing story of recklessness, deception and betrayal. Itâs part mystery, part courtroom drama. Written by a survivor of the tragedy and an attorney who represented many of the victims, *A Never Event* is a wake-up call to medical and legal communities nationwide. *â[A] harrowing accountâ* | I commend [McKnightâs] advocacy and efforts to raise awareness about healthcare-related infections and other potentially life-threatening illnesses.â  
•âHon. Shelley Berkley, congresswoman, Nevada *âThe wake-up call to doctors, nurses and to patients.â*  
•âJoe Hardy, MD, Nevada State Assembly *âA âmust-readâ* for patients.  
•âCharles Stokes, president and CEO, CDC Foundation *â[McKnightâs] story has provided hope to people across the nation.â*  
•âLawrence Sands, DO, MPH

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## Customer Reviews

This title was a selection for my book group, and I approached reading it with dread that it would be so steeped in medical jargon that I would get lost. This is definitely not the case. The authors used

just the right blend of medical facts with the humanity of the patients involved. Discussion and interest at the book group was stimulating. Many husbands came with wives in the hope of understanding how this "never event" happened. The book includes a useful timeline of the Nebraska Hepatitis C Outbreak and information about Hepatitis C. Read it on your own or make it a book group selection--just read it.

I just finished reading *A Never Event*, by McKnight and Bennington. It's a gripping and suspenseful account of human error--in healthcare, in the legal system. Because of the clarity of narration, giving you the impression all along with way that you are there, the reader can almost forget that many lives, a decade ago in Fremont, Nebraska, were at stake. It clearly took a lot of courage for these authors to tell this sad and intricate story. Because I work in health care, I know this is not just a once in a lifetime scenario. To prevent future outbreaks in the United States, this is a book that needs to be included on every healthcare worker's reading list.

This book is a must read for patients, healthcare workers, healthcare administrators and anyone else who loves an excellent true story. This will force you be certain that if you are a healthcare worker, you will always be sure you do the right thing, and if you are not, you will watch to be sure your caregiver is doing the right thing. Bravo to Evelyn McKnight and Travis Bennington for recounting with the TRUTH the harsh reality of what could happen to any one of us! Thank you for sharing this, the truth was evident with every page!

This book is a must read for everyone in my opinion. It brings to light what the negligence of nurses and doctors can cause. If you are a patient, you should read this book. If you are a healthcare worker, you should also read this. Bravo to Evelyn McKnight and Travis Bennington for standing up for what is just, even in the face of severe adversity (from the State of Nebraska nonetheless!). You both are champions for patients' rights and I commend your work on this book and your foundation HONORreform. My greatest thanks, A nursing student who will take what you have written to heart

You might think that something like this could only happen in Third World countries, where medical supplies are scarce and expensive. You would be wrong. You might think that a physician trained at some of the finest hospitals the US has to offer, a physician Board Certified in Hematology, would never in a million years allow such a thing to happen in his clinic. You would be wrong. You would think that any hospital in the United States would go to great lengths to insure the proper delivery of

medicine in facilities which they own. You would be wrong. You would think that somebody, somewhere would have done something to prevent such a thing from ever happening. You would be wrong there too. You might think as you read through *A Never Event* that you are reading a script for something like CSI, but you would be wrong. This is a true story. *A Never Event: Exposing the Largest Outbreak of Hepatitis C in American Healthcare History* is the story of something that should never have happened in a nation with the finest health care in the world. Well written and documented, this is a must read for everyone who uses our medical system! Highly recommended

This "true" story is one of the best books that I have ever read and I HIGHLY RECOMMEND IT TO EVERYONE that is able to read. The TRUTH, startling facts, will bring you to tears and enlightenment, all due to negligence and totally unethical practices by limited key health care professionals in an Out Patient Clinic. The extent of damage is uncomprehending for the patients and their loved one. Health professional must be held accountable. The law must protect the innocent general public and guarantee that victims will be able to cover their enormous medical bills for the duration of their disease or life expectancy (whichever is longest). The negligent health care practitioners were merely slapped on the wrist and surrendered their licenses due to Nebraska law, however they most unfortunately did not serve any jail time for the damages and deaths that occurred as a result of their actions. Mrs. McKnight is not only a victim & survivor, but also a pioneer in spreading the word & creating HONORreform. Numerous victims share their personal stories and impact on their lives, and the lives of everyone in their inner circles. With all of the medical procedures that are done in the United States alone, "YOU" (the patient) MUST be aware of all health care practitioners practices. If you think something is wrong-it most likely is. The professionals administering patient care must diligently practice quality Infection Prevention Practices. Thousands of RED FLAGS went unnoticed, over and over again, during this entire tragic event...due to friendships, politics and technicalities. If we don't learn from the errors of our ways then we are bound to repeat them. The entire country needs to get on board with this one. First there was Nebraska, then Nevada...who is next? This book will not only change your life, but also your practice as a patient and/or professional. I can not thank the authors enough for sharing this story.

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