

Study finds AIDS spread in hospitals is very rare

BOSTON (AP) — A study of needle punctures and other accidental exposure to the blood of AIDS patients has found that the spread of AIDS infections in hospitals is extremely rare, even during direct blood-to-blood contact.

Researchers at the Centers for Disease Control found that just two of 983 health-care workers exposed to AIDS patients' blood and other body fluids went on to develop AIDS virus infections. Only one of these two clearly got the infection from the hospital exposure.

The researchers described their findings as reassuring. Compared to hepatitis B infection, they wrote, "the risk of HTLV-III-LAV (AIDS virus) infection to health-care workers exposed to patients with AIDS appears to be extremely low."

The one clear case of infection was a woman health-care worker in New York state who accidentally jabbed herself deeply with a contaminated needle during an emergency procedure on an AIDS patient. Two weeks later, she developed flu-like symptoms that can occur in the early stages of AIDS infection.

Later blood tests revealed that her body had begun to produce antibodies to the AIDS virus, but while the woman has swollen lymph nodes she has not developed AIDS.

"It was a tragic accident," said Rachael Stricof, an epidemiologist with the New York State Department of Public Health.

Dr. Eugene McCray of the CDC described it as the first documented case of occupationally acquired AIDS infection among U.S. health-care workers. However, Dr. Stanley Weiss of the National Cancer Institute disputed this claim and said a case he reported last October was the first clear case.

Needle wounds happen frequently in hospitals. The latest research is one of several studies under way to see what happens to health workers who accidentally jab themselves with needles used on AIDS patients.

"The risk of infection, given any of these types of episodes, is clearly low, and this is another study that documents this low risk," said Weiss, whose research has reached similar conclusions.

Officials forecasting 'good year' for tourism in state this summer

PORTLAND (AP) — Californians will have a hard time avoiding Oregon if they drive to Expo '86 this summer in Vancouver, British Columbia — a geographic fact that has officials forecasting a sensational summer for the state's tourism industry.

Lower gasoline prices and the fear of terrorism in Europe have fueled the optimism.

"We would be disappointed if we didn't have at least a 10 percent increase (in the number of out-of-state tourists)," said Frank Howard, information services manager for the state Tourism Division.

That would translate to an increase of about 900,000 tourists who will spend at least one night in a state where tourism is the No. 3 industry and created an estimated \$2.2 billion in revenue in 1984.

Such an increase probably would represent a record for tourism in the state, Howard said. He said the projection was not scientific, but was based on "expectations of other states, what we've seen nationally in travel trends and reports from around the state."

"It should be a good year, but the real value in Expo is the new visitors that may never have been to Oregon before," he said.

Howard said statistics have shown about 70 percent of the first-time visitors to Oregon come back.

While tourists from Oregon are seeking domestic destinations, resort operators and park officials all are expecting to reap the benefits provided by Expo, to which more than 10 million tickets already have been sold.

expected to experience a substantial increase in tourist traffic.

Robert Benton, superintendent of Crater Lake National Park, said requests for information and lodging reservations indicate "this coming summer will be the best ever."

At least one tourist facility is using the Expo theme. At Wildlife Safari, a wild animal

About 900,000 tourists are expected to spend at least one night in Oregon, where tourism is the No. 3 industry and created an estimated \$2.2 billion in revenue in 1984.

"We are anticipating a great influx, more than usual, at our Oregon properties," said Linda Burt, marketing director for Shilo Inns, a Beaverton-based chain that operates 20 motels and hotels in seven western states, including 10 in Oregon.

"I think the entire West is anticipating more travel," she said.

Although most of the travelers will follow the Interstate 5 route through the state, the other major north-south routes in Oregon — highways 97 and 101 — also are

park just off Interstate 5 near Winston, an exotic bird exhibit called "Bird Expo '86" will be the featured attraction this summer.

Burt said Shilo Inns expects to increase staffing by about 25 percent, as it does each summer.

At Crater Lake, Benton said the staff will be hard pressed to handle the anticipated crush of summer visitors.

"With the Gramm-Rudman-Hollings Act, we'll be cutting people, not adding them," he said.

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MEETINGS

The Incidental Fee Committee meets tonight in Century Room D EMU to hear budget requests from the child care program, University Theater and Repertory Dancers.

Learn more about Career Planning and Placement Service by attending an office orientation today at 2:30 p.m. in Room 237 Hendricks Hall.

Practice your interviewing skills at the Career Planning and Placement Service's workshop today at 1:30 in Room 12 Hendricks Hall.

Confused about an academic or career direction? Attend the Career Assessment program orientation today at 2 p.m. in Room 237 Hendricks Hall.

Interested in internship opportunities? The Career Planning and Placement Service is

holding an internship options orientation today at 2:30 p.m. in Room 221 Hendricks Hall.

LECTURES/WORKSHOPS

The freshman seminar "Russian and East European" meets tonight at 6 p.m. in Room 217 Friendly Hall.

Congressman Jim Weaver will discuss the effects of Gramm-Rudman on the federal environment programs in Oregon today at 12:30 p.m. in Room 167 EMU.

A workshop on applying to the MBA programs will take place today at 3:30 p.m. in Room 164 Oregon Hall.

"Industry Tied to Environment: Tourism" is the topic of a panel discussion today at 3:30 p.m. in Room 167 EMU.

"Mass Extinctions, Dinosaurs and Asteroids:

Nuclear Winter or Just Winter?" is the topic of a lecture today at 4:30 p.m. at the Museum of Natural History.

INTERVIEWS

Submit bids for campus interviews on Monday through Wednesday in Room 244 Hendricks Hall for the following recruiters:

May 6: Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. (bank examiner trainee), group meeting only, 12-1:30 p.m., Room 111 EMU; Portland School District (elem/spec educ/secondary — all areas), group meeting only, 1-2 p.m. in Room 108 EMU.

May 7: Economics Lab (sales trainee).

May 8: State Farm Insurance Company (claims rep/underwriters trainee/mgmt trainee).

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