**Update on the Investigation of Dr. Allen Thomashefsky Possible Bloodborne Virus Exposure**

The Santa Barbara County Public Health Department is continuing an investigation of Dr. Allen Thomashefsky’s medical office and recommended that former patients get tested for hepatitis B, hepatitis C and HIV. To date, as of April 20, 2015, 219 number of test results have been reported to the Health Department and the results are as follows:

- 1 patient(s) has tested positive for Hepatitis B and has been determined to be a prior, existing infection
- 6 patients have tested positive or are currently infected with Hepatitis C:
  - These 6 blood samples are being sent to CDC for genetic analysis
- 0 patients have tested positive for HIV
- 212 patients are negative or not infected with Hepatitis B and C, or HIV

The investigation was initiated following an inquiry about the possible source of a new case of Hepatitis C virus infection that occurred in a patient with no other known risk factors. An unannounced site visit to the office of Dr. Thomashefsky found that standard infection control precautions were not being practiced. These unsafe practices placed patients at risk for...
bloodborne viruses, as well as other adverse events or abnormal outcomes, such as joint infections.

Anyone seeking more information or anyone wishing to report an abnormal outcome from an office visit to Dr. Thomashefsky can call the information line at (805) 681-4373. You will be asked to leave a message and your call will be returned promptly. You may also obtain additional information, including Frequently Asked Questions, on the Health Department website at www.sbcphd.org.

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