

## Multi-Nation Child Hepatitis Outbreak Being Investigated

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**Dr. Rebecca Sierra, OSF HealthCare Pediatrician**

"I definitely think it's a major concern and something that we all need to be alert and be aware of. It seems like most recently, the cases that we're seeing may be linked to a common cold virus called adenovirus. We see adenovirus all the time; it's a little bit surprising that we're seeing this major side effect from that virus." (:27)

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"Hepatitis just means inflammation of the liver. A lot of people associate hepatitis with the hepatitis viruses like hepatitis A, B or C, but it can be from any virus. Recently, the increase in hepatitis that we're seeing is not linked to one of those common hepatitis viruses. It's linked to potentially a different, more common virus." (:27)

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"If a parent's mom-gut or dad-gut is telling them, 'something's not right with my child,' you know, 'I think they're acting off. They're more tired than they should be,' or 'the other kids had a similar illness and got over it much quicker,' I would definitely encourage those parents to at least call and have us triage that, and we're always happy to take a look at the child if they feel anything just isn't normal." (:32)