

NJ doctor loses license after hepatitis B outbreak

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(AP) -- New Jersey officials have revoked the medical license of an oncologist they say committed "gross and repeated acts of negligence" that led to an outbreak of hepatitis B among his patients.

The Star-Ledger newspaper reports that the state Board of Medical Examiners on Wednesday revoked Parvez Dara's license for four years and charged him \$30,000 in civil penalties. His license already had been suspended for 2 1/2 years, meaning he can reapply in 18 months.

Prosecutors said conditions at Dara's office were rife for spreading infections. They say at least 29 of his patients have been infected with [hepatitis B](#), a virus that affects the liver.

Dara's lawyer, Peter Korn, said evidence that the cases of [hepatitis](#) were linked was based on "flawed medical science."

The state had warned more than 5,000 patients at Dara's Toms River office to get tested.

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