

# 33rd hepatitis C case confirmed in NH outbreak

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New Hampshire health officials say the hepatitis C outbreak associated with a former hospital technician has spread beyond his patients to a person who is believed to have had sexual contact with one of them.

David Kwiatkowski is accused of stealing drugs from Exeter Hospital and infecting patients with [hepatitis C](#) through syringes tainted with his blood. Since his July arrest, 32 patients New Hampshire have been diagnosed with the strain of hepatitis C carried by him.

The Division of [Public Health Services](#) on Thursday announced the 33rd confirmed New Hampshire case. It said [sexual transmission](#) of hepatitis C is very uncommon.

Kwiatkowski is scheduled to face trial on 14 federal drug charges in January. He has pleaded not guilty. His lawyer did not immediately return a call Thursday seeking comment.

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