Investigation of a Fungal Meningitis Outbreak

October 15, 2012, Stevenson, WA: Skamania County Community Health Department reports investigation of a Fungal Meningitis Outbreak

The Center for Disease Control and Prevention, local and state health departments and the Food and Drug administration are investigating a multistate meningitis outbreak among patients who have received a steroid injection of a potentially contaminated product into the spinal area. This type of meningitis is not contagious. The original source of the outbreak has not been determined; however injectable steroid medications have been linked to the outbreak. These injectable steroid medications were manufactured at the New England Compounding Center and were sent to twenty-three states. Washington State did not receive any of the recalled steroid medications. For more information go to http://www.cdc.gov/hai/outbreaks/meningitis.html or call Skamania County Community Health at (509) 427-3881.

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