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UPDATE: ERIE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH ON MULTISTATE FUNGAL MENINGITIS OUTBREAK

*State Department of Health Identifies First Case of Illness in New York Associated With
Recalled Products From New England Compounding Center*

ERIE COUNTY, NY. The New York State Department of Health (DOH) has identified one case of illness associated with the recall of products from New England Compounding Center (NECC) in Framingham, Massachusetts. There are no cases of illness in Erie County.

A resident of Nassau County received steroid injections from one of three lots of methylprednisolone acetate associated with fungal illness in multiple states. The product was injected into a joint, causing septic arthritis. The patient does not have meningitis and continues to receive treatment. The illness is not life-threatening. DOH, in conjunction with the Nassau County Department of Health and the national Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), continues to investigate the case.

Three different sites in New York State received shipments of the implicated steroids: Butani, Sunil H. Physician PC, Mineola; Obosa Medical Services, Mount Vernon; and Rochester Brain and Spine, Rochester. No shipments of the implicated steroids were received in Erie County.

For the latest information on the fungal meningitis outbreak and patient safety, visit:

U. S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA)

<http://www.fda.gov/Drugs/DrugSafety/ucm322734.htm>

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

<http://www.cdc.gov/HAI/outbreaks/meningitis.html>