

RECALL OF 89 USERS HAVING HAD PROSTATE BIOPSY AT THE HÔPITAL DE SEPT-ÎLES

Sept-Îles, October 25, 2022 – For preventive purposes, the Centre intégré de santé et de services sociaux (CISSS) de la Côte-Nord recalls 89 users who had a prostate biopsy at the Hôpital de Sept-Îles between November 7, 2018, and March 7, 2022, in order to invite them to make a blood test appointment.

The establishment has decided to conduct preventive screening after having found that an instrument used to perform prostate biopsies was not disinfected properly. Screening consists in a blood test to identify three potentially transmissible viruses, namely hepatitis B, hepatitis C and HIV.

The risk of infection varies from low to moderate based on the analysis made by the Centre d'expertise en retraitement des dispositifs médicaux (CERDM) of the Institut national de santé publique du Québec (INSPQ). Therefore, a recall and screening are recommended for preventive purposes.

As soon as the establishment has observed the problem, a complete revision of the disinfection procedure was carried out. Since March 7, 2022, the measures required to correct the situation have been implemented, including the purchase of additional biopsy devices to meet the needs of medical staff and ensure disinfection in accordance with the current standards.

“We know that the announcement of this potential risk of infection, even though it is low to moderate, may raise concern among the people involved, and we sincerely regret any inconvenience caused by this situation. We are currently focusing on providing our users with all the information, support and care they may require to deal with this situation,” mentioned Ms. Nathalie Tremblay, Deputy director of multidisciplinary services, quality, evaluation, performance and ethics and risk manager at the CISSS de la Côte-Nord.

Hotline available

A letter on this matter was sent to the people involved in the past few days. It specifies the procedure to follow to go to the specimen collection centre closest to their home. After the screening, users will be contacted and each situation will be followed up.

Those affected by this recall can obtain more information by calling 1 833 994-2242, from Monday to Friday, between 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

The CISSS de la Côte-Nord wants to reiterate that this is a preventive recall and that the risk of contamination varies from low to moderate.

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