

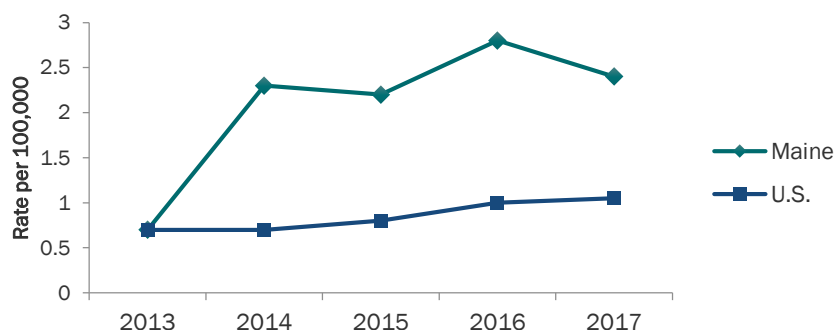
Case Information:

32 Patients diagnosed with acute hepatitis B


2.4 Cases per 100,000 people

243% Increase since 2013

Maine has the **9th** highest rate of acute hepatitis C in the US



Risk Factors:



62.5%
Were people who injected drugs




28.1%
Were incarcerated prior to infection

Baby Boomers

3.1%
Were born between 1945-1965



3.1%
Were people with multiple sex partners



6.3%
Received an unlicensed tattoo prior to infection

Clinical Characteristics:



• **37.5%** of patients were hospitalized

- **97%** of patients had symptoms
- **97%** of patients had elevated liver enzyme lab results
- **37.5%** of patients had jaundice

Demographics:

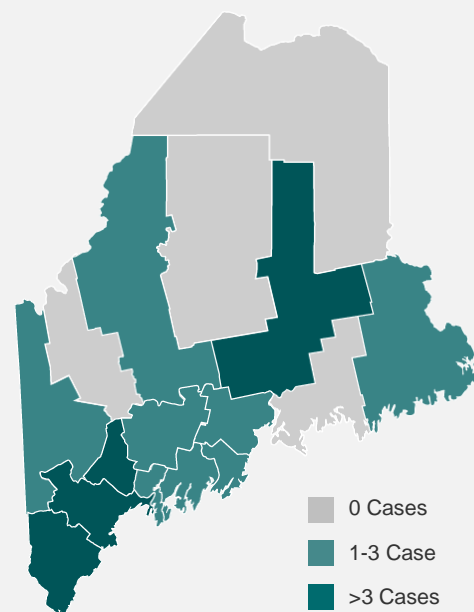


59% of patients were male

33 years old on average

94% White
3% African American
3% Unknown race

Geography:



Prevention:

- Do not share syringes or injection kit equipment.
- Get tested for hepatitis C, especially if you are a person who injects drugs, were ever incarcerated, born between 1945-1965 or received an unlicensed tattoo.
- If you have hepatitis C, seek medical care.
- Get vaccinated against hepatitis B, especially if you have hepatitis C.

For more information visit:

<https://www.cdc.gov/hepatitis/hcv/index.htm>
<http://www.maine.gov/dhhs/mecdc/infectious-disease/epi/hepatitis/index.shtml>