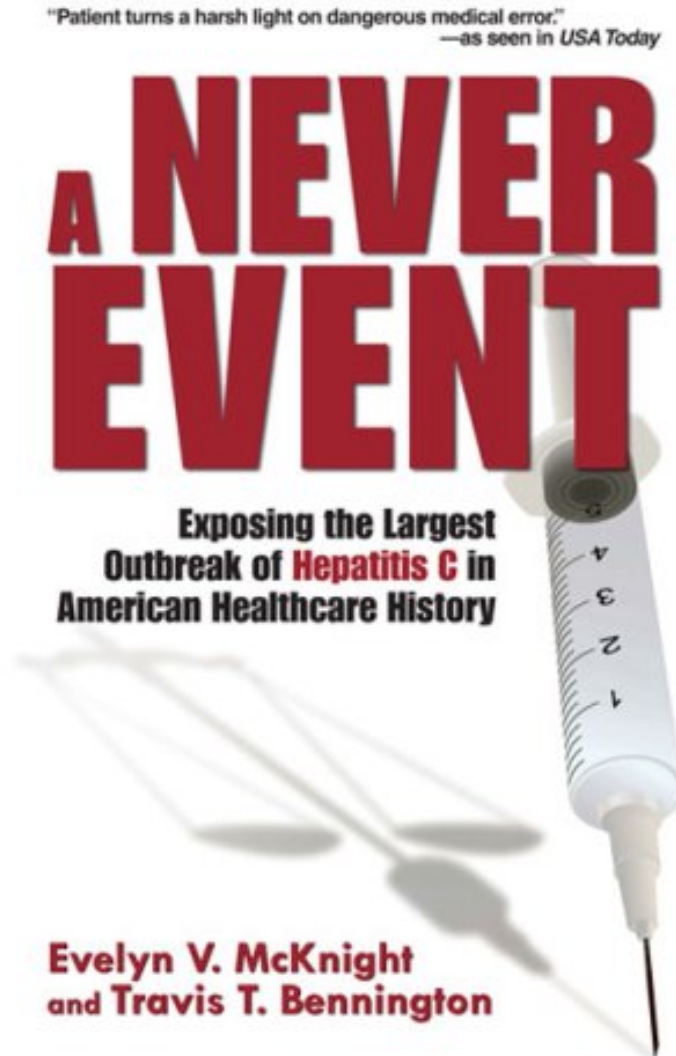


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**Evelyn V. McKnight, Travis T. Bennington : A Never Event** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised A Never Event:

4 of 4 people found the following review helpful. A Never Event By EEThis "true" story is one of the best books that I have ever read and I HIGHLY RECOMMEND IT TO EVERYONE that is able to read. The TRUTH, startling facts, will bring you to tears and enlightenment, all due to negligence and totally unethical practices by limited key health

care professionals in an Out Patient Clinic. The extent of damage is uncomprehending for the patients and their loved one. Health professional must be held accountable. The law must protect the innocent general public and guarantee that victims will be able to cover their enormous medical bills for the duration of their disease or life expectancy (whichever is longest). The negligent health care practitioners were merely slapped on the wrist and surrendered their licenses due to Nebraska law, however they most unfortunately did not serve any jail time for the damages and deaths that occurred as a result of their actions. Mrs. McKnight is not only a victim survivor, but also a pioneer in spreading the word creating HONORreform. Numerous victims share their personal stories and impact on their lives, and the lives of everyone in their inner circles. With all of the medical procedures that are done in the United States alone, "YOU" (the patient) MUST be aware of all health care practitioners practices. If you think something is wrong-it most likely is. The professionals administering patient care must diligently practice quality Infection Prevention Practices. Thousands of RED FLAGS went unnoticed, over and over again, during this entire tragic event...due to friendships, politics and technicalities. If we don't learn from the errors of our ways then we are bound to repeat them. The entire country needs to get on board with this one. First there was Nebraska, then Nevada...who is next? This book will not only change your life, but also your practice as a patient and/or professional. I can not thank the authors enough for sharing this story. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. A Never Event - incredible reading! By Customer My book club read "A Never Event" after hearing about the author's story. None of us are medical professionals, but the book was very understandable and easy to read. The challenging part came with coming to terms with this true story: a completely preventable medical tragedy that changed the lives of patients and families. The story is part true crime and part medical drama, and it was a page-turner from the beginning, with plenty of "truth is stranger than fiction" moments throughout. The book is a real eye-opener about what patients can do to advocate for themselves, and the strength of family and "doing the right thing." This book is both easy to read and very hard to put down; and also it is difficult to hear how so many people seemingly failed the patients in this Nebraska community. This book does a wonderful job of raising awareness about Hepatitis C, safe medical practices, and being an advocate for oneself with health care. 12 of 12 people found the following review helpful. Indie Book Award Finalist! By J. Barnes This title was a selection for my book group, and I approached reading it with dread that it would be so steeped in medical jargon that I would get lost. This is definitely not the case. The authors used just the right blend of medical facts with the humanity of the patients involved. Discussion and interest at the book group was stimulating. Many husbands came with wives in the hope of understanding how this "never event" happened. The book includes a useful timeline of the Nebraska Hepatitis C Outbreak and information about Hepatitis C. Read it on your own or make it a book group selection--just read it.

In the small, farming community of Fremont, Nebraska, townspeople eagerly welcomed an acclaimed doctor as the first full-time oncologist at the new, local cancer treatment center. But the fanfare soon turned into a nightmare. During chemotherapy treatments, 857 patients who were already waging the fights of their lives against cancer were inexplicably exposed to the deadly, blood-borne hepatitis C virus. At least ninety-nine of them contracted the lethal illness. The horror was unprecedented as this was the largest healthcare-transmitted outbreak of hepatitis C in American history, and remains so to this date. A Never Event - a term used to describe a preventable medical tragedy - is a searing account of the health challenges these patients encountered and their quest for justice, as well as the painstaking investigation to uncover the source of the outbreak. It is a story of recklessness, deception and betrayal by the person these patients should have been able to trust the most: their physician, a man who, when the outbreak was discovered, fled the US for his native country in the Middle East. Written by a survivor of the tragedy and an attorney who represented many of the victims, A Never Event is a wake-up call to medical and legal communities nationwide.

Dr. McKnight's efforts and her own harrowing account have helped to bring important attention to the root causes of these avoidable tragedies. I commend her advocacy and efforts to raise awareness about the impacts of healthcare related infections involving hepatitis C and other potentially life threatening illnesses. --Shelley Berkley, congresswoman, Nevada This will be the wake-up call to doctors, nurses and to patients. Everyone's concerns for patient safety should be resolved, reporting systems should be immediately linked and swift action should be encouraged to protect all patients. This book will be the text for all ethical healthcare providers. --Joe Hardy, MD Nevada State Assembly This is a 'must-read' for hospital and clinic administrators, providers and especially patients. It is up to each of us in our respective roles to proactively assure that what happened to Evelyn McKnight and is happening in alarming numbers to other patients across the country, doesn't happen under our watch or in our personal care situation. --Charles Stokes, CEO of CDC Foundation About the Author Evelyn McKnight, a two-time survivor of breast cancer, lives with the chronic hepatitis C that she contracted during the Nebraska outbreak. Using the money from her settlement against the oncology clinic, she founded the patient advocacy foundation HONORreform, which has been recognized by CBS, CNN, the Wall Street Journal, American Morning, USA Today, The Associated Press and Newsday. Evelyn is a renowned patient safety advocate and frequently speaks at healthcare conferences throughout the country. Travis Bennington is a practicing civil trial attorney who successfully represented nineteen victims of the

Nebraska hepatitis C tragedy. Mr. Bennington is also a co-founder of HONORreform.