

## Phone Interview

### Ohio State Health Department Official

Dr. Better places the phone call. The conversation begins with the health department official taking the call.

1. Good morning, Ohio State Health Department this is \_\_\_\_\_.
2. An increase of how much over what period of time?
3. Ok, that does sound suspicious. Have there been any recent medical advances that would allow for a better diagnosis of pulmonary hemorrhaging compared with previous years?
4. Has there been a sudden increase in the number of people in the region your hospital serves?
5. Dr. Better, have you noticed any similarities between the cases?
6. Really....I'm going to need access to the medical records to verify these cases and look at the addresses. Can you copy the medical records of all infant pulmonary hemorrhaging cases in your hospital over the past 11 years?
7. Did any of these cases result in death of the infant?
8. Were there any other recurrences after the infant was discharged?
9. OK. I'll arrange to come by the hospital to view the medical records. I'll also keep you informed about the status of the investigation. That's all the questions I have now. Thank you for help.

Phone Interview

Dr. Wanda B. Better

*(The health department official begins the dialogue)*

1. Good morning, my name is Wanda B. Better and I am a doctor over at the Somewhere Town Children's Hospital. I have noticed a sudden increase in infants being admitted to the emergency room for pulmonary hemorrhaging and thought I should report it.
2. I checked our hospital records and found that 12 cases were admitted in the past 2 years alone. Whereas, in the ten years prior we only have 3 cases recorded.
3. That's a great question and I wish that were the case. However, we basically still use the same techniques to diagnose the illness as we did 10 years ago.
4. Since we are a children's hospital we've served all of Eastern Ohio for at least the past 15 years. Though the area's grown, we still see about the same number of children per year.
5. Yes. Of the 12 cases in the past 2 years, nine were male, the majority of cases seemed to come from the East side of town, and most of them lived in a home where a family member smoked.
6. Sure. I'll have those ready within a couple of days.
7. Two of the 12 cases that occurred in the past 2 years. One of those was due to a reoccurrence after the infant was discharged and went back into the home.
8. Yes. A total of 5 including the infant who died.
9. Thank you.