

SCENARIO: DR. WANDA B. BETTER

Dr. Wanda B. Better works at the Children's Hospital in Somewhere Town, Ohio. She has worked there for 11 years and noticed that in the past 2 years it seemed there were considerably more cases of infants admitted to the hospital for pulmonary hemorrhaging (bleeding in the lungs) and hemosiderosis (an indicator of repeated hemorrhaging). In order to confirm her suspicions, Dr. Better searched the hospital data base to determine how many infant pulmonary hemorrhages were diagnosed at this hospital over the past 11 years. She found that 12 cases were admitted in the past 2 years alone, compared to only 3 cases in the 10 years previous. Because of the sudden increase in infant pulmonary hemorrhages, Dr. Better decided to report the cases the Ohio State Health Department. Your team will determine if the Center for Disease Control should be contacted and if a full investigation should be conducted.