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MMDHD to hold clinic for former patients of Dr. Stokes

STANTON~ Mid-Michigan District Health Department (MMDHD) has scheduled a clinic for former patients of dermatologist Dr. Robert Stokes. The clinic is only open to those without a primary care physician and will be held on Tuesday, November 20, 2007 at the Mid-Michigan District Health Department in Stanton. Patients **MUST** call 989-831-5237 to make an appointment.

Patients who had procedures performed by Dr. Stokes at his Kent County or Greenville offices may have been exposed to Hepatitis B (HBV), Hepatitis C (HCV) and Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) through the re-use of single use surgical instruments and unsafe sterilization methods.

“The chance of acquiring these infections through procedures performed by Dr. Stokes is really quite low,” said Dr. Robert Graham, Medical Director for MMDHD. But because the risk is not zero and infected individuals may not exhibit any symptoms, we are asking all patients who had procedures performed by Dr. Stokes that penetrated the skin to contact their health care provider.”

The Kent County Health Department mailed nearly 5,000 letters to patients of Dr. Stokes on November 13, 2007, informing them of the situation and recommending that they visit their primary care physician for testing. Of those 5,000 patients it is estimated that 959 reside in Montcalm County.

Please call 989-831-5237 with questions or visit www.mmdhd.org for more information.

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