

Public message for patients of Dr. Adi Yoskovitch who underwent an endoscopy in otolaryngology or cervicofacial surgery

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Description

An investigation conducted by the Sous ministériat de prévention et de santé publique has shown that some patients who have, since 2002, undergone an endoscopy or cervicofacial surgery performed by Dr. Adi Yoskovitch may have been exposed to a risk of blood borne infections. This doctor is a specialist in otolaryngology (ENT) and cervicofacial surgery.

As a precautionary measure, an alert is being issued for these people. A directive from the National Public Health Director has been sent to Santé Québec so that these patients of Dr. Adi Yoskovitch can undergo preventive screening.

Who is affected

Anyone who has undergone an ENT endoscopy examination (a flexible tube with a camera and a light on the end is inserted into an organ of the human body) or cervicofacial surgery performed by Dr. Adi Yoskovitch since 2002. Most of the procedures were carried out in private practice. All of Dr. Yoskovitch's practice locations are in the Laval and Montreal areas. Among the procedures performed in public institutions, only people who underwent an endoscopy (not surgery) performed by Dr. Yoskovitch are concerned.

If you were tested for hepatitis B, hepatitis C and human immunodeficiency virus six months after undergoing a procedure concerned by the alert, there is no need to undergo screening for these viruses again.

Practice locations reported to the Collège des médecins du Québec by Dr. Adi Yoskovitch

This list may not be exhaustive. Dr. Yoskovitch may have seen patients at other locations and on other dates. If in doubt, consultation is available. See the screening section.

Laval

- **Chomedey Medical**
 - July 7, 2010 to August 25, 2011
- **Dr. Adi Yoskovitch Clinic**
 - March 27, 2023 to present

- **La Clinique 440**
 - February 15, 2021 to July 18, 2024
- **Chomedey Polyclinic**
 - November 6, 2009 to July 7, 2010
- **Fabreville Polyclinic**
 - June 2, 2009 to March 26, 2023

Montreal

- **Cavendish Health Center (Côte Saint-Luc)**
 - July 8, 2004 to June 1, 2009
 - November 6, 2009 to July 7, 2010
- **Cavendish Medical**
 - July 7, 2010 to August 25, 2011
- **Nazareth Medical Center (Lasalle)**
 - July 7, 2010 to August 25, 2011
 - June 16, 2014 to June 16, 2017
- **Dollar Medical Center (Dollard-des-Ormeaux)**
 - November 6, 2009 to August 25, 2011
 - July 7, 2010 to August 25, 2011
- **GMF Santé Kildare**
 - June 16, 2014 to May 16, 2018
- **Fleury Hospital**
 - November 6, 2009 to August 25, 2011
- **Kildare Medical Center**
 - November 6, 2009 to July 7, 2010
 - June 16, 2014 to July 18, 2024
- **Maimonides Hospital**
 - November 6, 2009 to July 7, 2010
- **Nazareth Health Center**
 - November 6, 2009 to July 7, 2010
- **PermaLaser**
 - November 5, 2009 to August 25, 2011
 - May 16, 2018 to present
- **Polyclinique Dumarche**
 - June 16, 2014 to July 18, 2024

Risks

The patients referred to in the alert are believed to have a low to very low risk of having been infected by blood borne infections such as:

- [hepatitis B \(HBV\)](#);
- [hepatitis C \(HCV\)](#);
- [human immunodeficiency virus \(HIV\)](#).

Screening

***For Nunavimmiut affected by this public notice, here is how to get tested:**

- **For patients living on the Hudson coast: Go directly to the clinic in your community.**

- **For patients living on the Ungava coast: Call the phone line with voicemail set up by UTHC at 1 844-964-9990.**

If this alert concerns you, make an appointment with a nurse on Clic Santé. They will assess your eligibility for screening.

You can also call 1-877-644-4545 to book an appointment.

Depending on your region, the assessment can be done in person or by telephone.

If you are eligible for screening, a blood sample will be taken or you will be given an appointment to have the sample taken. The nurse will follow up on your result and coordinate medical care if the result is abnormal.

If you are not eligible for screening, it means the alert does not concern you.

The people concerned do not have to adopt special protective measures while waiting for their appointment for an assessment with the nurse.

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