

HANTAVIRUS PULMONARY SYNDROME AWARENESS



Hantavirus Pulmonary Syndrome (HPS) was first identified in the United States during 1993. According to information available from the National Center for Infectious Diseases, between May 1993 and March 2007 a total of 465 HPS cases were reported nationwide. Of this total 163 (or 35%) of the cases resulted in fatalities. Forty-one HPS cases have been reported in California.

HPS is a disease caused by the *Sin Nombre* virus carried by wild rodents and in California, particularly by the deer mouse.

For additional information about hantavirus pulmonary syndrome awareness, go to the Clover Safe note at: <http://ucanr.org/cloversafe>.

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