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Woman was visiting parents in Ulysses, where she died

By ROBERT PIERCE • Leader & Times The recent death of a Hooker, Okla., woman has been ruled as hantavirus. According to district coroner Dr. Hubert C. Peterson, the woman was 50 years old, and she died last week in Ulysses. Hantaviruses, according to the Centers for Disease Control, are a group of viruses that may be carried by some rodents. Some hantaviruses can cause a rare but deadly disease called hantavirus pulmonary syndrome, or HPS for short.

Last week's case is the first of 2013. No cases were reported to the Seward County Health Department in 2012, and clinic RN Charly Madden said it has been a few years since the last case.

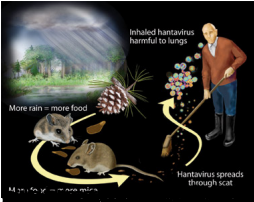
"I would say it has been at least three or four years," she said. "We just want people to be aware of it and not forget."

Peterson said he was called about the case around 9:30 p.m. around March 19.

"She was visiting her parents that live (in Ulysses)," he said. "She had a four-day history of viral symptoms."

Hantavirus kills Hooker, Okla. woman

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