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Brazil (Minas Gerais): Death of Farm Worker from **Hantavirus** Infection

The Regional Director of Health of Passos and the Municipal Secretary of Health of Sao Tomas de Aquino confirm the death from **hantavirus** infection of a 37-year-old farm laborer at the beginning of December 2002. He had been to the first aid station in Sao Tomas de Aquino in the south of Minas Gerais 12 days after his first symptoms appeared. The material collected from the victim was sent to Belo Horizonte. The Regional Director of Health of Lavras confirmed the diagnosis. The owner of the farm where the victim worked had no comment. Since the beginning of the week, a team of specialists from the Regional Director of Health of Passos and of Eco-Vigilancia for **Hantavirus** of Uberaba has been visiting the city to investigate the source of the infection, and to educate the people on prevention of the disease. In Minas Gerais state, the regions of highest incidence of **hantavirus** infections are the south and the Triangulo Mineiro.

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[Hantaviruses are transmitted through the urine and feces of wild rodents, and the principal symptoms are fever, severe headache, muscle pains, and respiratory and renal problems. Each species of **hantavirus** has a distinctive rodent host. At least 3 different hantaviruses, _Juquitiba virus_, _Ararquara virus_, and _Castelos dos Sonhos virus_, have been associated with cases of **hantavirus** pulmonary syndrome in Brazil (see: Johnson, A.L., et al., Journal of Medical Virology 59, 527-535, 1999). Information on the identity of the virus and the specific rodent host responsible for this fatal case of **hantavirus** infection in Minas Gerais would be appreciated. - Mod.CP]

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