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Hantavirus in Panama

The Gorgas Memorial Institute for Health Studies has confirmed the *first reported case for 2003* of Hantavirus Pulmonary Syndrome (HPS) in Panama. The case is a 44-year-old farmer from the Canajagua region, in Las Tablas district, Province of Los Santos—the same province where in 2000 the firsts HPS cases were reported. As a result of the appearance of this case, a team from the Ministry of Health and the Gorgas Institute was sent to the region to conduct epidemiological investigation and control activities. (Source: Ministry of Health of Panama.)