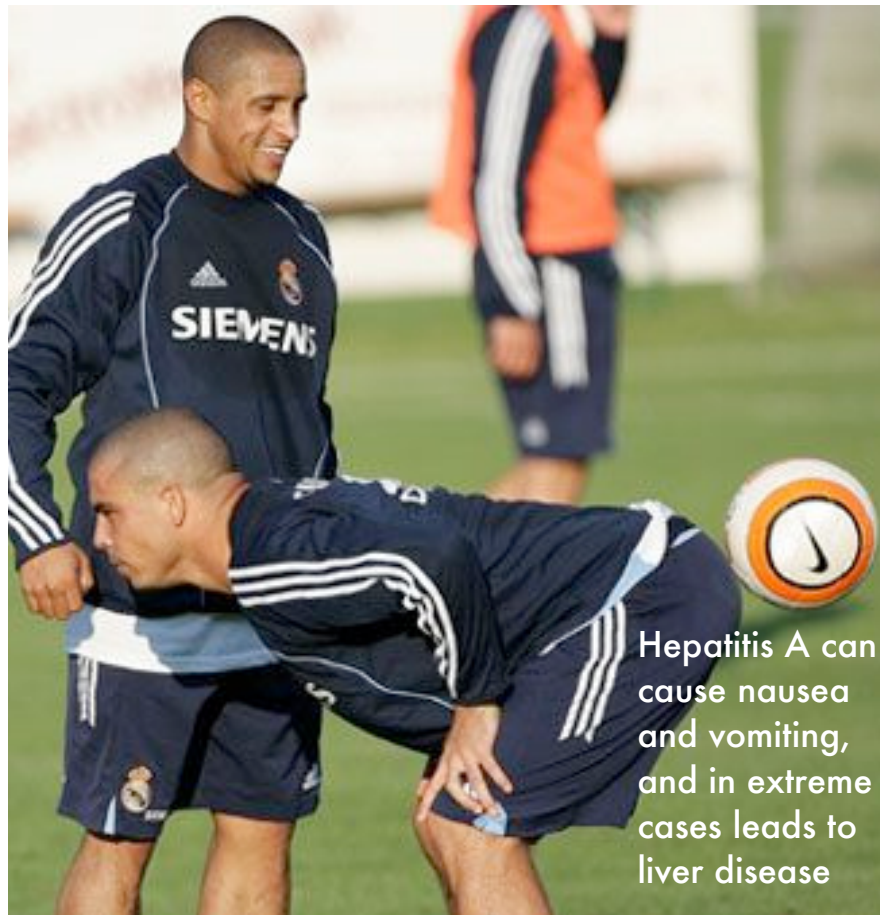


Brazilian soccer club hit with hepatitis A

DIRTY WATER BOTTLES THOUGHT TO BE SOURCE OF OUTBREAK



Hepatitis A can cause nausea and vomiting, and in extreme cases leads to liver disease

Five players sidelined from playing, or having any contact with teammates

A hepatitis outbreak has hit the Brazilian soccer team Internacional, sidelining five players who are now banned from any contact with teammates. The team said the virus probably spread from player to player in the locker room, most likely through shared water bottles. Internacional, a former club world champion, said the five players will need to rest for about three weeks before resuming training. No other players have developed the disease.

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The team has said that midfielder Edinho and goalkeepers Muriel and Renan were the latest to be contaminated. Defender Ramon and midfielder Maycon already had been sidelined.

To avoid spreading hepatitis A, and other pathogens:

- Wash your hands after using the bathroom; you may pass the virus in your poop for over a month without knowing it
- Keep poop off of water bottles and other shared items



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