

# Viral Hepatitis

A and E  
C + B + D

fecal-oral

Parenteral, Sexual, Perinatal

→ structural + functional proteins.

## Hep. A

:- ssRNA / 14-50 days

↳ can spread the virus in this period.

Feco-oral, usually from feces (close contact, food and water).

Doesn't cause chronic infections

## \* Symptoms :

① Icteric → According to the Age group:  
↑ age : ↑ appearance of jaundice

② Complications : Acute fulminant Hep.  
cholestatic Hepatitis.  
Relapsing Hep (6-9 months) + mostly <sup>cholestatic</sup> icteric.

## Serology

: the patient is infection before he/she become symptomatic.

## Symptoms :

fever, Malaise, loss of appetite, Diarrhea, nausea. Ab.pain  
Dark urine, jaundice.

then ↑ ALT    ↑ IgM anti HAV which will decline  
then ↑ IgG anti-HAV.

↑ IgM and/without IgG → Acute infection of HAV.

+ IgG without IgM → Immunity.

immunity from pre-infection or vaccination.

## Treatment + prevention

TX → Symptomatic treatment.

Prevention → sanitation of food / pre-exposure HAV vaccination for travellers in high Risk groups.

or Post-exposure HAV vaccine or Immunglobulins within 2 weeks of exposure

## Hep. B

dsDNA

S gene → Surface Ag    C gene → Core Ag.  
X gene                    P gene.

Incubation period. 60-90 days in average. (45-180)

↳ the younger he got infected with the disease the more chance of developing chronic illness and less chance for developing symptomatic clinical features like jaundice.

you can find Hep B in Blood / serum / semen, vaginal fluids, saliva transmitted Sexually, Parenteral, Perinatal

to test previous HB infection test total window

incubation acute 60-90 days

Hep B Serology **Acute**

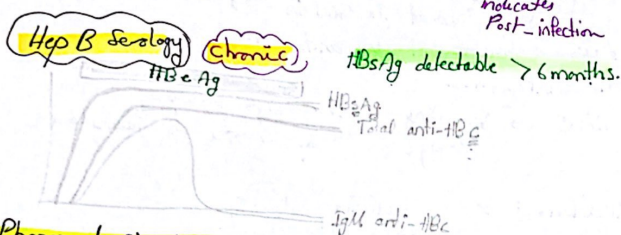
- HBsAg 6 months to decline
- HBeAg
- IgM anti-HBc

Chronic

- Anti HBc appear after 4-8 weeks after window
- Anti-HBe
- Total Anti-HBc

only HBe IgM is detectable

indicates Post-infection



**Phases of Chronic HBV**

- ① Immune Tolerant: HBsAg @ / HBV DNA @ high, LFT Normal, Biopsy → Normal
- ② Immune Activation: HBsAg @ / HBV DNA high, methyl, ↑ ALT (LFTs), Liver biopsy: chronic infl. + fibrosis
- ③ Inactive Carrier: HBsAg @ HBV DNA @ low, HBe Antibodies @, Normal LFTs, Biopsy → Mild Infl. + fibrosis
- ④ Reactivation: Elevated LFTs, HBsAg + Ab + or - Moderate DNA HBV, Biopsy: Active inflammation

So

- ⊕ HBsAg and ⊕ Total HBc → chronic Hep B
- ⊕ Anti-HBe and ⊕ Anti-HBc → post HBV infection **resolved**
- ONLY ⊕ Anti-HBc → post HBV infection **resolved** or false positive
- ONLY ⊕ Anti-HBc → Immune vaccine
- All negative → uninfected and not immune

**Tx** → no specific treatment. **Chronic HBV** → interferon, Entecavirine, Tenofovir

**Prevention** → vaccination / Hep B Immunoglobulins

if retests ⊕ HBV vaccine = best

**Hep E** RNA feco-oral transmission, spares childrens, High Mortality rate in pregnancy up to 25%

incubation = Ave. 40 days (15-60 days)

Fatality 1-3% if pregnant → 15-25% / illness severity ↑ with Age.

Not chronic except in immunosuppressed patients.



- Self limited

- Supportive Care

Avoid drinking water (ICE)

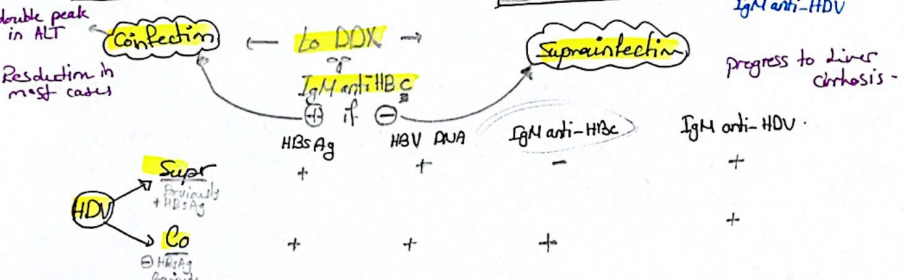
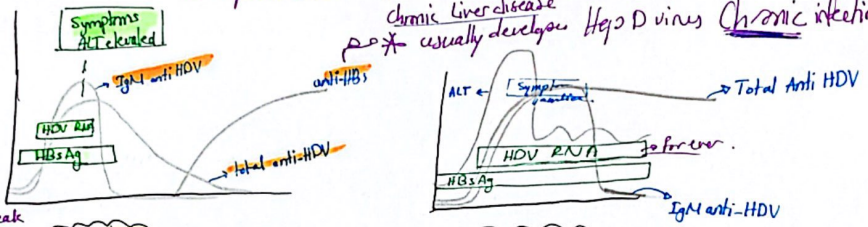
uncooked fruits, Veggies, Shellfish

there's vaccine on the way

**Hep-D** Needs the **HBsAg** so either  $\rightarrow$  Coinfection with Hep B  
 RNA + 8 antigen  $\rightarrow$  Suprainfection with Hep B

Modes of transmission similar to HBV: percutaneous + peroral  
 inject<sup>d</sup>  $\rightarrow$  sexual

- $\rightarrow$  Clinical features: ① Coinfection: severe acute disease that is Self limited + low risk of chronic infection HDV  
 ② Suprainfection: present as Acute Hepatitis, Risk of decompensated chronic liver disease  
 $\rightarrow$  usually develops Hep D virus Chronic infection



- (TX)  $\rightarrow$  interferon  $\times$  (pegylated > conventional) 48-72 weeks -  
 (Prevention)  $\rightarrow$  Co prevent HBV (pre or post exposure prophylaxis)  
 Supra educate +  $\downarrow$  high risk behaviors

**Hep C** Now totally curable ssRNA, 6 genotypes in which treatment was directed upon them.

Modes of transmission  $\rightarrow$  percutaneous, sexual, Perinatal

Ask about: Drug use, Transfusions, transplant, Hemodialysis, Multiple sexual partners, needle sticks.

Incubation period  $\rightarrow$  2-8 weeks near 6-7 weeks. / ONLY 50% will have clinical symptoms, so there's 70% chance to develop Chronic Hep and 85-100% chance to develop Persistent Infection -

NO vaccine after 4-8 weeks.

