

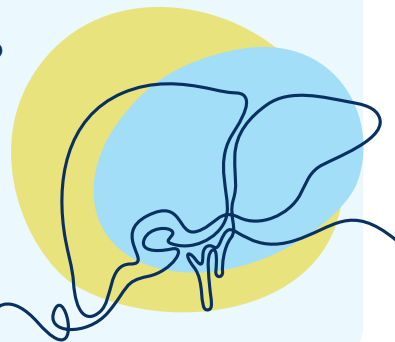
Did You Know?

1 in 4 people living with chronic Hepatitis B in Western Australia do not know they have it.



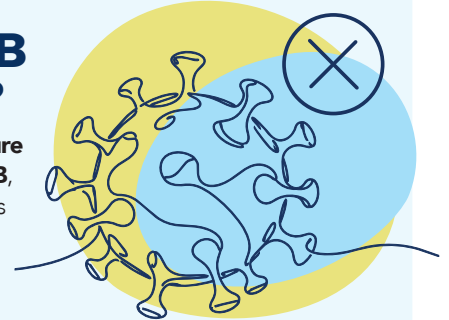
What is Hepatitis B?

Hepatitis B is a virus that affects the liver and can cause inflammation and long-term liver damage. Many people with Hepatitis B do not have symptoms and may not know they are infected.



Can Hepatitis B Be Cured?

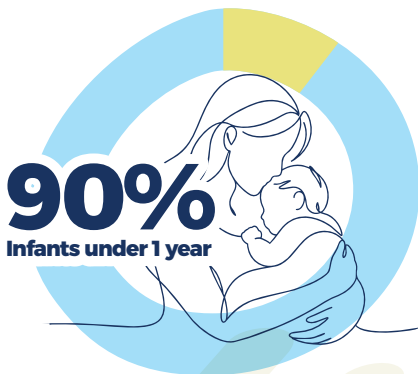
There is currently **no cure for chronic Hepatitis B**, but effective treatments are available.



What Happens If Someone Gets Hepatitis B?

Not everyone who catches Hepatitis B develops a lifelong infection.

The risk of developing **chronic Hepatitis B** depends on age:



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Information taken from the HepB WA website, for more information visit: www.hepbwa.com.au

The Best Protection: Vaccination

The **Hepatitis B vaccine** is the safest and most effective way to prevent infection. The vaccine itself is free for eligible children under the National Immunisation Program, however GP practice fees may apply.

In Australia, babies born after **1 May 2000** have routinely been offered the Hepatitis B vaccine.

For effective protection the vaccine is offered at Birth, then 2, 4 and 6 months. Your baby requires the minimum of the 2, 4 and 6 months doses for lifelong protection.



Vaccination is recommended for:



Babies being born to HepB positive Mothers or close contact with someone with HepB



Babies, children and teenagers who have not been vaccinated



People with chronic liver disease or Hepatitis C



Immuno-compromised individuals



People travelling to countries where Hepatitis B is more common

Why Vaccinate Your Baby Against Hepatitis B?

Choosing to vaccinate your baby against Hepatitis B is not only about protecting them as a newborn - it is about protecting them throughout their life.



As your child grows, they may encounter situations where Hepatitis B infection can occur, often without anyone realising there is a risk. For example:

- A toddler or child could come into contact with a discarded needle or another person's blood.
- A teenager may borrow a friend's razor, unaware that the person is carrying Hepatitis B.
- Adolescents may begin exploring relationships, sexuality, or other risk-taking behaviours before they fully understand how to protect themselves.

- A young adult may choose a career in healthcare, emergency services, or another profession where exposure to blood can occur.

The Hepatitis B vaccine provides long-term protection against a virus that can cause lifelong infection, serious liver disease, cirrhosis, and liver cancer.

By choosing vaccination in infancy, you are giving your child protection before they are ever exposed to these risks. It is a simple step that can help safeguard their health through childhood, adolescence, and adulthood.



A Lifelong Investment in Your Child's Health

- ✓ Protects against Hepatitis B before exposure occurs
- ✓ Helps prevent chronic liver disease and liver cancer
- ✓ Provides long-term protection through all stages of life
- ✓ Gives parents peace of mind that their child is protected

Vaccination today can help protect your child for the future.



Planning for a Healthy Future

If you are planning a family or expecting a baby:

- ✓ Ask your doctor about Hepatitis B testing
- ✓ Check your vaccination status
- ✓ Ensure your baby receives recommended childhood vaccinations

Knowing your status helps protect both you and your baby.



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