Is Your Newborn At Risk For Hepatitis B?

What is Hepatitis B?
- A liver disease that results from infection with the Hepatitis B virus¹
- Varies from a brief mild illness lasting a few weeks to lifelong serious illness³
- A blood borne illness that is largely transmitted through sexual contact or shared IV needles²

Hepatitis B Vaccines
- Denmark, England, Sweden, France, Germany, Ireland, Norway, Italy, Japan and other countries only immunize children born to mothers who test positive³
- Vaccinating all children may put “vulnerable children” at risk

Questions for Pregnant Moms

Have you met your doctor’s recommendations for prenatal Hepatitis B testing?

- **YES**
  - Did you test negative for Hep B?
    - **YES**
    - Are you or your partner engaging in high risk behavior during your pregnancy such as IV drug use or unprotected sex?
      - **NO**
      - You may want to consider postponing the Hepatitis B vaccine for your baby. Hep B is largely an adult lifestyle disease spread through unprotected sex and sharing of intravenous needles.
  
- **NO**
  - Talk to your doctor about following CDC recommendations for Hep B vaccination.

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SOURCES

“For every 1,000 pregnant women that give birth each year, 1 to 2 of them have Hepatitis B” - CDC⁴

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