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Clinical Description  
Perinatal hepatitis B in the newborn may range from asymptomatic to fulminant hepatitis.  
Laboratory Criteria For Diagnosis  
Hepatitis B surface antigen (HBsAg) positive  
Case Classification  
Confirmed  
HBsAg positivity in any infant aged >1-24 months who was born in the United States or in U.S. territories to an HBsAg-positive mother  
Comments  
Infants born to HBsAg-positive mothers should receive hepatitis B immune globulin (HBIG) and the first dose of hepatitis B vaccine within 12 hours of birth, followed by the second and third doses of vaccine at 1 and 6 months of age, respectively. Post-vaccination testing for HBsAg and anti-HBs (antibody to HBsAg) is recommended from 3 to 6 months following completion of the vaccine series. If HBIG and the initial dose of vaccine are delayed for >1 month after birth, testing for HBsAg may determine if the infant is already infected.  
The 1995 case definition appearing on this page was re-published incorrectly in the 1997  
MMWR  
Recommendations and Reports titled  
Case Definitions for Infectious Conditions Under Public Health Surveillance  
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Thus, the 1995 and the 1997 versions of this case definition are not identical, and the 1995 version is the correct one.  
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