

HEPATITIS B

A type of STI

WHAT TYPE OF STI IS IT?

Hepatitis B is a viral infection caused by the hepatitis B virus (HBV). It is not caused by bacteria or wildlife.



HOW IS IT TRANSMITTED?

Hepatitis B is transmitted through contact with the blood, semen, or other body fluids of an infected person.

WHAT ARE SOME STATISTICS ABOUT IT?

According to the World Health Organization, an estimated 296 million people were living with chronic hepatitis B infection in 2019, with 1.5 million new infections each year. In Australia, there were an estimated 222,559 people living with chronic hepatitis B infection in 2020, representing 0.9% of the population.



WHAT ARE SOME SYMPTOMS? AND OTHER

The best way to prevent hepatitis B is to get vaccinated. Symptoms of acute hepatitis B can range from mild to severe and usually appear about 1 to 4 months after infection. There is no specific treatment for acute hepatitis B. In most cases, the infection will clear up on its own within a few weeks to months. During this time, it is important to rest, eat a healthy diet, and drink plenty of fluids.

There are no other names for this

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