

Hepatitis G

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Case report form (CRF): [Viral Hepatitis CRF](#)
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Clinical description

Persons with hepatitis G virus (HGV) infection may or may not have evidence of liver disease.

Laboratory criteria for case classification

Positive HGV RNA.

Case classification

Confirmed:

A person with laboratory evidence.

Comments

The pathogenic role of HGV remains under investigation. HGV is mainly transmitted via blood. Infection has been documented in individuals that have received multiple blood transfusions or are intravenous drug users. It is estimated that frequency of infection is around 1-2% in healthy populations in the U.S. Epidemiologic research has shown that type 2 is prevalent in the U.S. Co-infection with hepatitis C virus is common.

Report liver enzymes results for all cases where these are available.

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