Background

This case definition includes any woman who tests positive for hepatitis B virus (HBV) during pregnancy, regardless of symptomatology.

Clinical criteria for case classification

Not applicable.

Laboratory criteria for case classification

One or more of the following:

- Positive HBV surface antigen (HBsAg),
- Or positive HBV e antigen (HBeAg),
- Or positive nucleic acid test (NAT) for HBV DNA (including quantitative, qualitative, and genotype testing).

Epidemiological criteria for case classification

A pregnant woman.

Case classification

Confirmed:
A pregnant woman with laboratory criteria.

Criteria to distinguish a new case from previous reports

A new case should be created for each pregnancy.

Comments

Mothers under this disease (Merlin disease code: 07039) should also be reported as a separate case under disease codes for hepatitis B, acute (Merlin disease code: 07030) or hepatitis B, chronic (Merlin disease code: 07032) as appropriate.