

Merlin disease code: 07039 Hepatitis B, Pregnant Women

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## 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.