# Hepatitis B, Pregnant Women

Merlin disease code=07039  
Case report form (CRF): Viral Hepatitis CRF  
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## Background
Acute or chronic illness, regardless of symptomatology, in which a woman tests positive for hepatitis B virus (HBV) during pregnancy.

## 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 evidence.

## 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.

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