

Merlin disease code: 07059 Hepatitis G

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Background

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

Clinical criteria for case classification

Not applicable.

Laboratory criteria for case classification

Positive HGV RNA (e.g., polymerase chain reaction [PCR]).

Epidemiological criteria for case classification

Not applicable.

Case classification

Confirmed:

A person with laboratory criteria.

Criteria to distinguish a new case from previous reports

Not applicable.

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 all available liver enzyme results for every case under liver function tests (Merlin disease code: 00000).