

Viral hepatitis (VH)						
		<b>A</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>E</b>
<b>Causative agent</b>		Picornaviridae	Hepadnaviridae	Raviviridae	Deltaviridae	Hepeviridae
	<b>nucleic acid</b>	RNA	DNA	RNA	RNA	RNA
<b>Clinical features</b>	fever, malaise and abdominal discomfort					
<b>Association with cirrhosis and hepatocellular carcinoma (fulminant %)</b>		no	+	+	with VHB	no
		0,1	0,1-1,0	50	5 - 20	1-2 (10-20 in pregnancy)
<b>Incubation period (days)</b>		15-50	28-180	15-160	???	15-45
<b>The period of infectivity</b>						
	<b>Incubation period</b>	last 2 weeks	last 2 months	last 2 months	??	??
	<b>acute illness</b>	first day	entire period	entire period	??	??
	<b>transition to chronicity %</b>	no	1 - 10	50	possible	no
<b>Output Port - infectious biological material</b>	<b>faeces</b>	++++	-	-	-	+++
	<b>blood</b>	+ viremia 1 day	+++	++	+	--
	<b>genital secretions</b>	-	+++	++	?	-
<b>Mode of transmission</b>	<b>fecal-oral</b>	+	-	-	-	+
	<b>by blood</b>	rarely	+	+	+	-
	<b>sexual contact</b>	+	+	rarely	+	
	<b>vertical</b>	-	+	rarely	+	-
<b>Immunization</b>		Inactivated hepatitis A	active + passive	no	no	no