

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