

Congratulations on your new baby!

During your pregnancy, your blood test for hepatitis B surface antigen (HBsAg) was positive. This means you are chronically infected with the hepatitis B virus (HBV). Chronic HBV is an infection of the liver that can be transmitted by your blood or to your newborn at birth. This packet provides you with information to protect you, your baby, and your family from HBV and liver cancer.

Remember:

- Make sure your baby received 2 shots at birth to protect from infection**
– the first dose of hepatitis B vaccine and the hepatitis B immunoglobulin (HBIG).
- Make sure your baby completes the hepatitis B vaccine series**
- usually consisting of 3 shots within 6 months of birth.
- At 9-12 months of age, make sure your baby gets a blood test to check whether your baby is protected or infected.**
- Ask your obstetrician for a blood test for HBeAg or HBV DNA level, and monitor your ALT levels during and after pregnancy to see whether you need to be referred for antiviral treatment.**
- Not everyone with chronic HBV needs treatment, but it is important to follow up with your doctor regularly to screen for liver damage or liver cancer.** Use the enclosed “*Hepatitis B Monitoring and Liver Cancer Screening Record*” to help keep track of your health.
- Make sure your family and those living with you are tested for hepatitis B, and get vaccinated if they are not already protected.**

Protect yourself and your family.

We wish you a lifetime of health and happiness!