Are your patients protected against Hepatitis B?

Hepatitis B is a contagious liver disease caused by the hepatitis B virus and can be spread to newborns during birth. **Three doses** of the Hepatitis B vaccine are recommended to prevent children from getting this potentially serious disease.

Mothers can unknowingly transmit Hepatitis B to their newborns. That’s why **hep b vaccination is recommended for infants starting at birth**. Ensure your **eligible patients are vaccinated against Hepatitis B**.

July 28th is **World Hepatitis Day**, a global effort to raise awareness of viral hepatitis, which causes inflammation of the liver that leads to severe disease and liver cancer.

**Resources to help parents and patients**

- Support awareness for #WorldHepatitisDay. Post this on social media. Find the campaign material World Hepatitis Day website [toolkit](#).
• **Share easy-to-understand Q&A about the life-saving Hepatitis B vaccine.** Find tips on CDC’s [Hepatitis B Vaccine Page for Parents](https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/hcp/pubs/parents-b.jsp) and more detailed [benefits and risks of the hep b vaccination](https://www.chop.edu/vaccine-info-center) at the Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia, Vaccine Information Center.

• **Consider also sharing** [Janet and Kurt’s Story](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=examplevideo) (video 3:02 minutes) **as a resource for patients and staff.**

While adopting, Janet and Kurt learn the birth mother of their new baby is infected with Hepatitis B. After learning about Hepatitis B immunization, the newborn was vaccinated immediately at birth. Janet and Kurt are now home with a healthy baby. Thank you for all you do to protect California kids against Hepatitis B throughout the year!