ACOG Clinical Guidance
Hepatitis B and Hepatitis C in Pregnancy

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ACOG

- Founded in 1951
- Preeminent membership organization of obstetrician-gynecologists
- Represents more than 60,000 physicians and partners
- Dedicated to advancing women’s health
- Key activities:
  - Clinical guidance
  - Education
  - Health equity
  - Quality and patient safety
  - Advocacy
  - Patient education
ACOG Mission Statement

We are dedicated to the advancement of women’s health care and the professional and socioeconomic interests of our members through continuing medical education, practice, research, and advocacy.
ACOG Strategic Framework

ACOG Focus Areas

- Improve women’s health
- Support the ob-gyn profession
- Deliver a compelling member experience
- Strengthen ACOG as an institution
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1. Topic selected
2. Writing team identified
3. Outline defined with PICOTS
4. Literature Search
5. Evidence Synthesis
6. Recommendations
7. Draft manuscript
8. Final Manuscript review
9. Submission for Publication
Hepatitis B Virus:

• All individuals with risk factors, particularly health care workers, should be vaccinated against hepatitis B infection.

• Hepatitis B vaccination is recommended for patients who are identified as being at risk of hepatitis B infection during pregnancy.

• Because hepatitis B virus is highly pathogenic and infectious, perinatal transmission of infection represents the single largest cause of chronically infected individuals worldwide. Because risk-factor-based prenatal screening protocols have been shown to detect at most 60% of women who are HBV carriers, routine prenatal screening of all pregnant women with HBsAg is recommended.
Hepatitis C Virus:

- The American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists is updating its hepatitis C screening guidance to recommend screening for all pregnant individuals during each pregnancy.

- Hepatitis C screening during the first prenatal blood assessment obtained in every pregnancy is recommended to identify pregnant individuals with hepatitis C infection and infants who should receive testing at a pediatric visit.

- Hepatitis C screening during pregnancy should be an opportunity to promote a dialogue between pregnant individuals and their clinician about hepatitis C transmission and risk factors.
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Dissemination:

• *Obstetrics & Gynecology* (the “Green Journal”)
• ACOG Rounds, ACOG Digest
• ACOG social media platforms
• Today’s Headlines
• ACOG Engage