

Infectious Diseases Testing

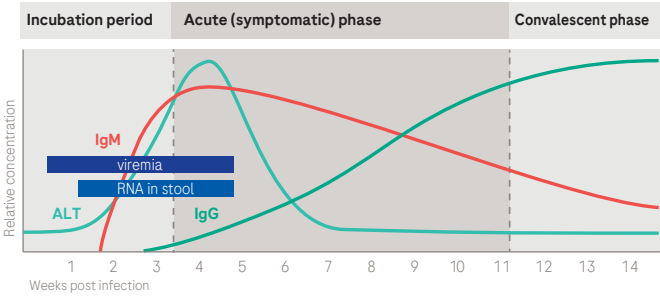
Markers, algorithms & interpretation



Hepatitis A Infection

Course of infection

Serological profile¹⁻⁸



Diagnostic HAV markers and disease stages¹⁻⁸

	Incubation period The average incubation period for HAV is 28 days.	Acute phase Fever, headache, malaise, anorexia, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, abdominal pain, or dark urine, jaundice.	Convalescent phase Symptoms can range from asymptomatic or mild to severe. Not everyone who is infected will have all the symptoms. Clinical illness usually does not last longer than 2 months
ALT	(elevated)	elevated	normal
anti-HAV IgM	+	+	(+)*
anti-HAV IgG**	-	(+)	+
anti-HAV total**	+	+	+
HAV RNA	+	(+)	-
Symptoms	-	+	-

*Detection of serum IgM antibodies in the absence of clinical symptoms may reflect prior hepatitis A infection with prolonged persistence of IgM, a false positive result, or asymptomatic infection (which is more common in children <6 years of age than older children or adults). People who test positive for anti-HAV IgM more than 1 year after infection have been reported.

** These markers will also be detected after receiving the HAV vaccine, so they may be used to determine whether a person has developed immunity after vaccination.

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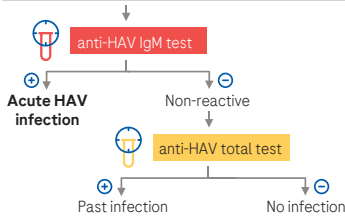
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Hepatitis A Infection

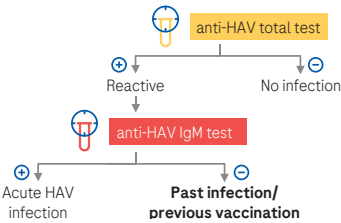
Testing algorithm

Suspected HAV infection^{1-4,6}

- symptoms of acute hepatitis
- elevated serum alanine transaminase (ALT) levels
- contact with known HAV cases



Unknown HAV immune status^{1-5,7}



Result interpretation

anti-HAV IgM	anti-HAV total	Results indicate
positive	not performed	Acute or recent HAV infection
negative*	positive	No active infection but previous HAV exposure; has developed immunity to HAV or was recently vaccinated for HAV; no further testing required
not performed	positive	Has been exposed to HAV, but does not rule out acute infection
not performed	negative	No current or previous HAV infection; vaccination may be recommended if at risk

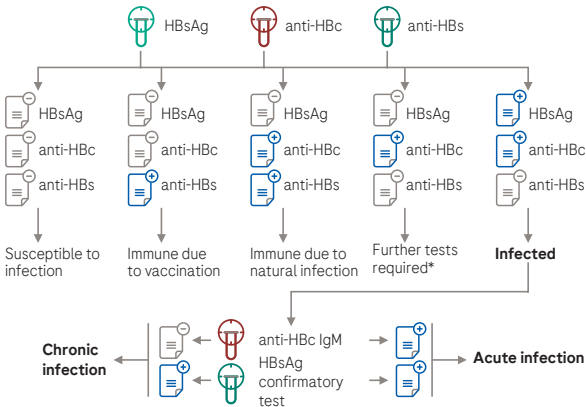
*Approximately 3% of HAV-infected people will be IgM negative if blood is drawn on or before the day of onset of jaundice. Suspicious cases with negative IgM results from such early samples should be retested in 4 – 7 days to rule out the diagnosis.⁷

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Unknown Hepatitis B status

Testing algorithm¹⁻³



* Interpretation unclear, consider testing other markers (anti-HBc IgM, HBeAg, anti-HBe, HBV DNA)

Possible causes:

- Resolved infection (most common)
- False-positive anti-HBc, thus susceptible
- "Low level" chronic infection
- Resolving acute infection

Critical serologic markers in assessment of HBV infection

Marker	Definition and diagnostic use
HBsAg	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General marker of active/acute HBV infection • Early viral marker to appear • Persistence for >6 months refers to chronic HBV infection
anti-HBs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Neutralizing antibody • Develops in response to HBV vaccination and during recovery from acute hepatitis B, indicating past infection and immunity • Only marker detectable after immunity conferred by HBV vaccination
anti-HBc IgM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Present during acute HBV infection and usually disappears within 6 months • 10–20% of chronically infected with hepatitis flares may also be positive for anti-HBc IgM
anti-HBc	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Indicates a prior exposure to HBV. Infection may be resolved (HBsAg negative) or ongoing (HBsAg positive). • Not a neutralizing antibody • Isolated anti-HBc IgG may indicate occult HBV infection
HBeAg	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Indicator for replication of HBV and high risk of transmission
anti-HBe	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marker of reduced HBV replication • Indicates decrease of HBV infectivity and remission of disease • Precore/core promoter mutations in HBV genome

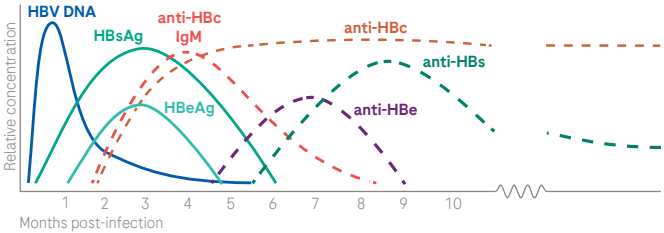
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Acute Hepatitis B Infection

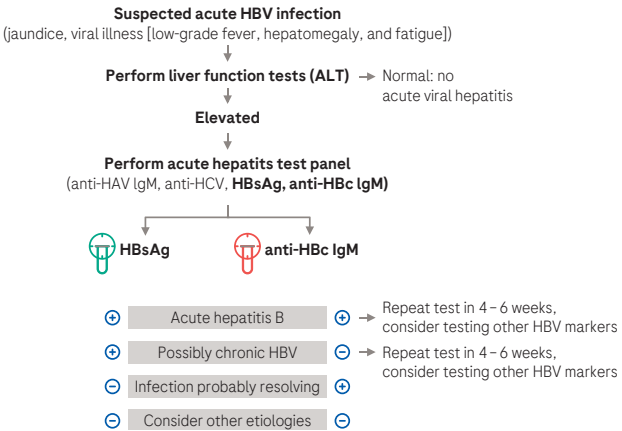
Course of infection

Serological profile of acute and resolved infection¹⁻⁵



The rate of spontaneous recovery from acute HBV infection varies, depending on the patient's age at the time of acquisition and the patient's immune status. Only 5 – 20% of immunocompetent adults infected with HBV remain chronically infected, whereas up to 90% of infected infants will remain chronically infected.

Testing algorithm¹⁻⁶



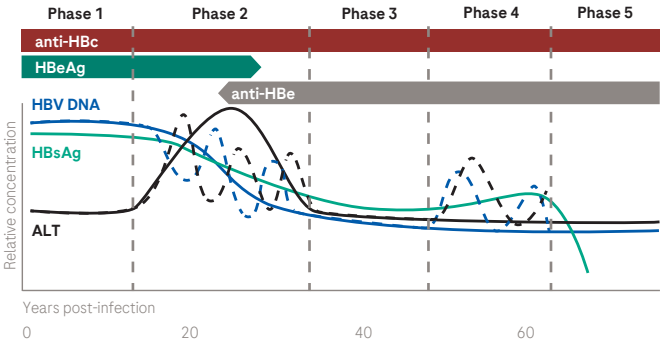
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Chronic Hepatitis B Infection

Course of infection

Serological profile of chronic infection



Diagnostic HBV markers and disease stages

	2017 EASL nomenclature	Previous naming convention	Liver histology
Phase 1	HBsAg positive chronic HBV infection	non-inflammatory or immune-tolerant phase	Minimal inflammation and fibrosis
Phase 2	HBsAg positive chronic hepatitis B	inflammatory or immune-reactive phase	Moderate-to-severe inflammation or fibrosis
Phase 3	HBsAg negative chronic HBV infection	inactive carrier phase	Minimal necroinflammation but variable fibrosis
Phase 4	HBsAg negative chronic hepatitis B	reactivation or immune escape phase	Moderate-to-severe inflammation or fibrosis
Phase 5	Occult HBV infection (OBI)		No inflammation, minimal fibrosis

	Phase 1	Phase 2	Phase 3	Phase 4	Phase 5
ALT	Normal	Elevated	Normal	Fluctuates	Normal
HBsAg	High	High	Low	Low	Un-detectable
HBeAg	Detectable	(Detectable)	Un-detectable	(Detectable)	Un-detectable
anti-HBe	Un-detectable	(Detectable)	Detectable	(Detectable)	(Detectable)
HBV DNA*	High	Fluctuates	Low	Fluctuates	Low

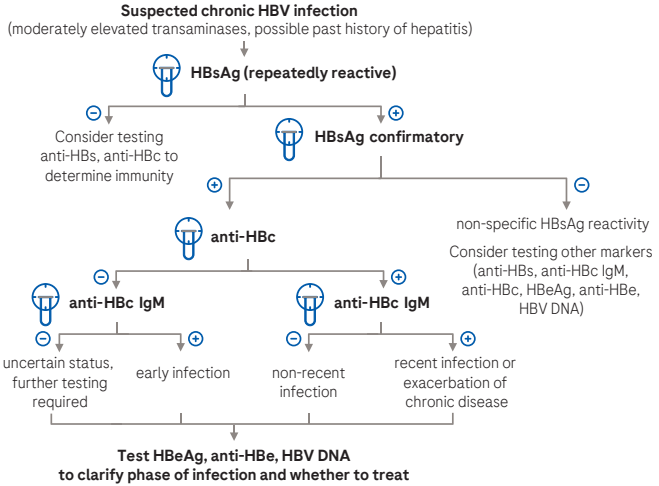
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Chronic Hepatitis B Infection

Testing algorithm



Result interpretation

	Not infected or vaccinated	Immune: vaccinated	Acute HBV infection: window phase	Acute HBV infection	Immune: resolved infection	Chronic replicative HBV infection	Chronic non-replicative HBV infection	Occult HBV infection (OBI)
HBsAg	-	-	+/-	+	-	+	+	-
anti-HBs	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	+/-
anti-HBc	-	-	+/-	+	+	+	+	+
anti-HBc IgM	-	-	+/-	+	-	-	-	-
HBeAg	-	-	-	+	-	+	-	-
anti-HBe	-	-	-	-	+/-	-	+	+/-
HBV DNA	-	-	+	+	-	+	+	+

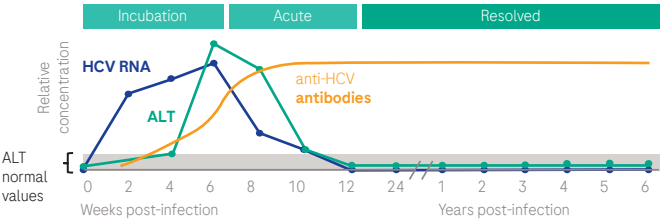
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Hepatitis C Infection

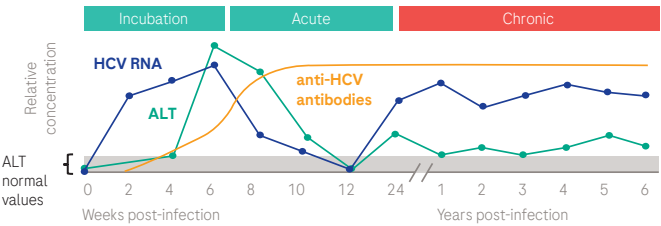
Course of infection¹⁻⁶

Serological profile of acute and resolved infection



~15 – 45% of infected people spontaneously clear the virus within 6 months of infection without any treatment.

Course of chronic infection



Diagnostic HCV markers and disease stages

	Early stage	Early acute	Acute	Resolved	Chronic	Occult*
ALT	normal	elevated	elevated	normal	elevated	(elevated)
anti-HCV	-	-	(+)	+	+	(+)
HCV RNA	+	+	+	-	+	-
Symptoms	-	(+)	+	-	-	-

*Occult HCV infection is defined as the presence of HCV RNA in liver and in peripheral blood mononuclear cells (PBMCs) in the absence of detectable viral RNA in serum by standard tests⁷.

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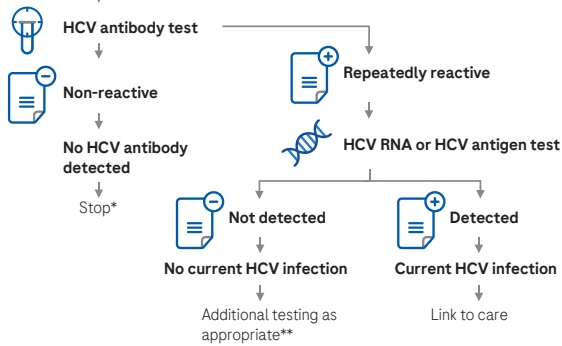
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Hepatitis C Infection

Testing algorithm¹⁻³

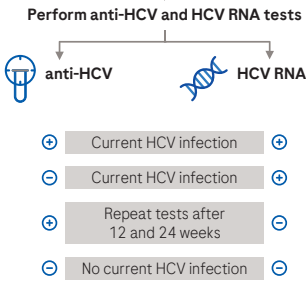
Suspected HCV infection



* For persons who might have been exposed to HCV within the past 6 months, testing for HCV RNA or follow-up testing for HCV antibody is recommended.²

** Repeat HCV RNA testing 12 and 24 weeks later to confirm definitive clearance and if the person tested is suspected to have had HCV exposure within the past 6 months or has clinical evidence of HCV disease, or if there is concern regarding the handling or storage of the test sample.^{1,2}

Suspected acute HCV infection, or immunocompromised/hemodialysis patient¹



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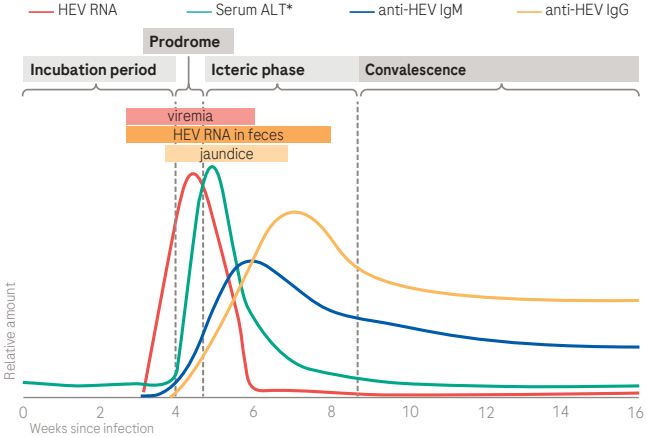
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Hepatitis E (HEV)

Course of infection¹⁻⁶



* alanine aminotransferase
(...) = potentially present

Incubation period

The incubation period following exposure to HEV ranges from 2 to 10 weeks, with an average of 5 to 6 weeks.

Prodromic phase

An initial phase of mild fever, reduced appetite (anorexia), nausea and vomiting lasting for a few days; abdominal pain; itching, skin rash, or joint pain; jaundice (yellow colour of the skin), dark urine and pale stools; and a slightly enlarged, tender liver (hepatomegaly).

Icteric phase

Jaundice (yellowing of the skin and whites of the eyes) develops. Anorexia, nausea and vomiting may worsen. Irritated skin lesions may develop. Other symptoms may subside.

Convalescent phase

The infection is usually self-limiting and resolves within 2-6 weeks. In rare cases, acute hepatitis E can be severe and result in fulminant hepatitis (acute liver failure).

	Incubation period	Prodromic phase	Icteric phase	Convalescent phase
ALT	normal	(elevated)	elevated	normal
anti-HEV IgM	-	(+)	+	(+)
anti-HEV IgG	-	(+)	+, rising	+
HEV RNA	(+)	+	(+)	-
Symptoms	-	(+)	+	-

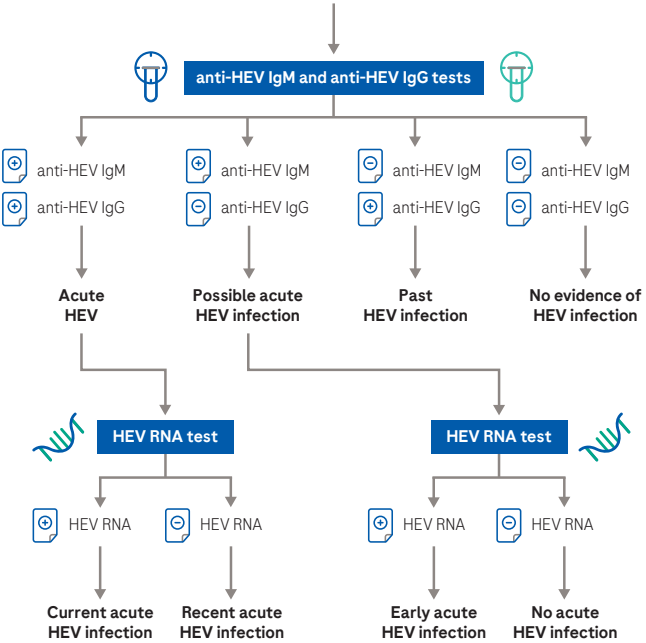
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Hepatitis E (HEV)

Testing algorithm¹⁻⁵

- symptoms of acute hepatitis
- elevated serum ALT levels
- unexplained flares of chronic liver disease (indicated by e.g. jaundice, fatigue, abdominal pain, loss of appetite, nausea, vomiting, dark urine, pale stools, unexplained weight loss)
- suspected drug-induced liver injury



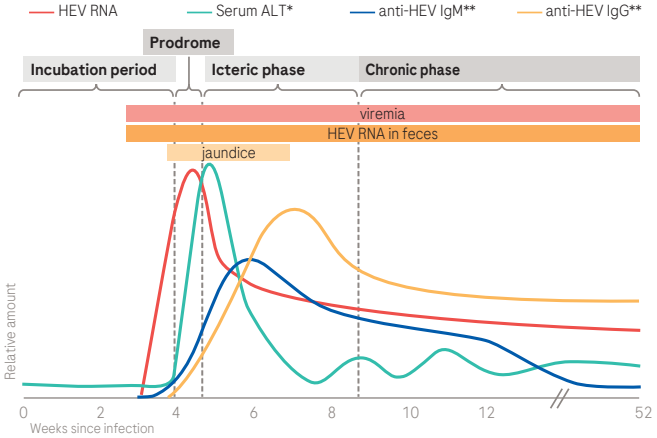
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Hepatitis E (HEV)

Testing for HEV infection in immunocompromised patients

Course of infection¹⁻⁷



* alanine aminotransferase

** in immunosuppressed patients with chronic hepatitis E, anti-HEV antibodies are often undetectable (...) = potentially present

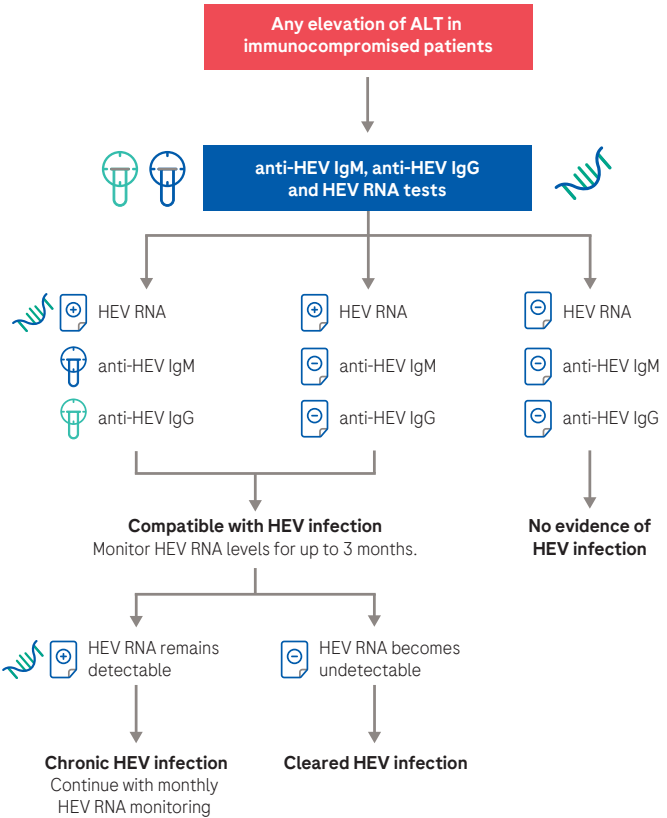
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anti-HEV IgG	-	(+)	(+, rising)	(+)
HEV RNA	(+)	+	+	+
Symptoms	-	(+)	+	(+)

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Hepatitis E (HEV)

Testing algorithm for immunocompromised¹⁻⁵



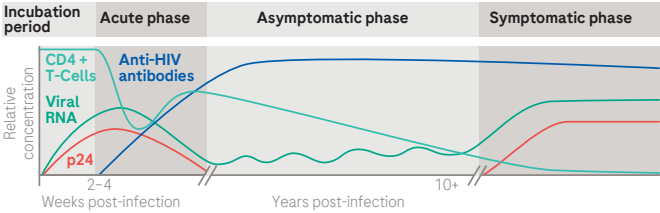
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HIV Infection

Course of infection¹⁻³

Serological profile



Diagnostic HIV markers and disease stages

	Incubation Period	Acute Phase	Asymptomatic Phase	Symptomatic Phase
Description	2 – 4 weeks	“flu-like” symptoms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> progressive depletion of CD4⁺ T-cells can last >10 years 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> AIDS develops Common symptoms: chills, fever, sweats, swollen lymph glands, weakness, and weight loss
CD4⁺ T-cells	normal	low	declining	low to depleted
p24 antigen	rising	high	–	high
anti-HIV	–	rising	high	high
HIV RNA	rising	high	fluctuating	high
Contagious	–	highly	moderately	highly

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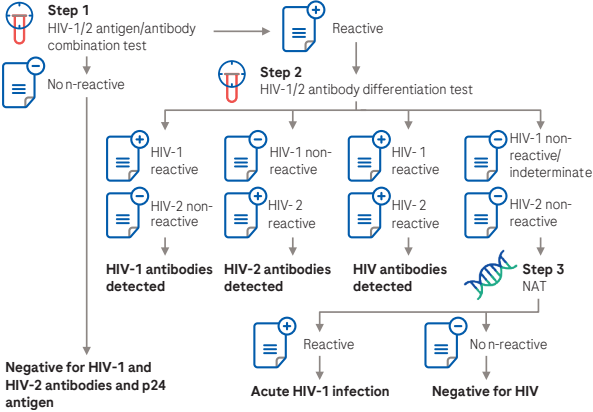
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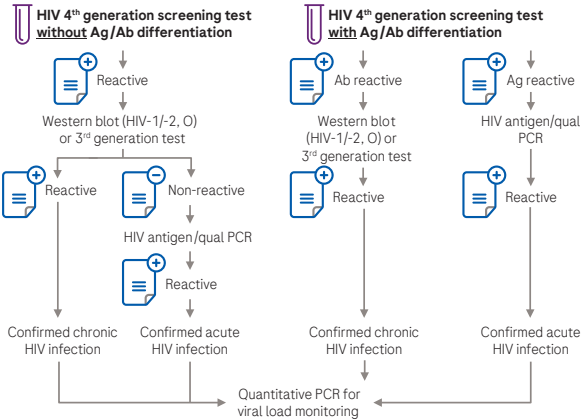
HIV Infection

Testing algorithm^{1,2}

Algorithm for HIV diagnosis



4th generation screening test with differentiation between HIV p24 antigen and anti-HIV antibodies



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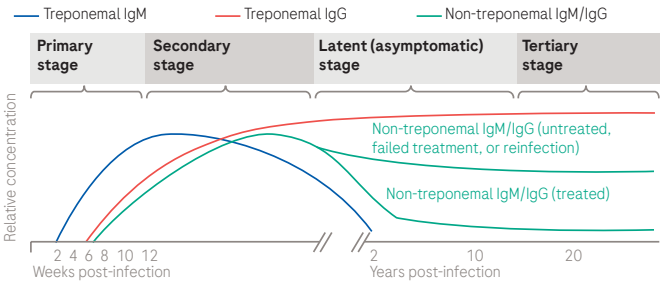
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Syphilis Infection

Course of infection^{1,2}

Serological profile



Diagnostic Syphilis markers and disease stages

	Primary stage	Secondary stage	Latent stage	Tertiary stage
Symptoms	painless genital ulcers (chancre)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Skin rash covering the whole body (25% of infected) • Fever, generalized lymphadenopathy, hepatitis, splenomegaly, periostitis, arthritis, and glomerulonephritis are possible 	asymptomatic	10% of untreated patients: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gummatous syphilis^a • Late neurosyphilis^b • Cardiovascular syphilis^c
Treponemal IgM	rising	high	declining	negative
Treponemal IgG	rising	high	high	high
Non-treponemal IgM/IgG*	rising	high	high (untreated) declining (treated)	high (untreated) low (treated)

*antibodies against cellular lipids (mostly cardiolipin)

- a Nodules/plaques or ulcers.
- b Meningitis, cranial nerve dysfunction, meningovascular syphilis (stroke, myelitis), and parenchymatous neurosyphilis (general paresis, tabes dorsalis).
- c Aortic regurgitation, stenosis of coronary ostia, and aortic aneurysm.

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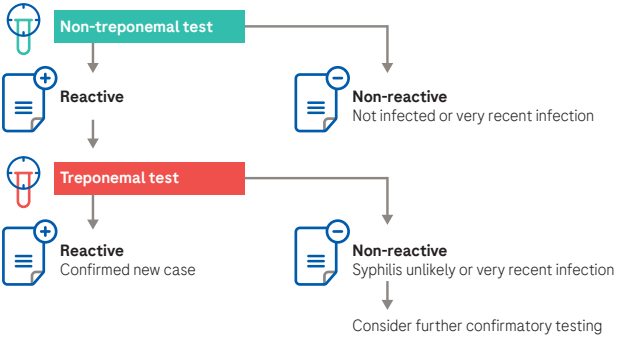
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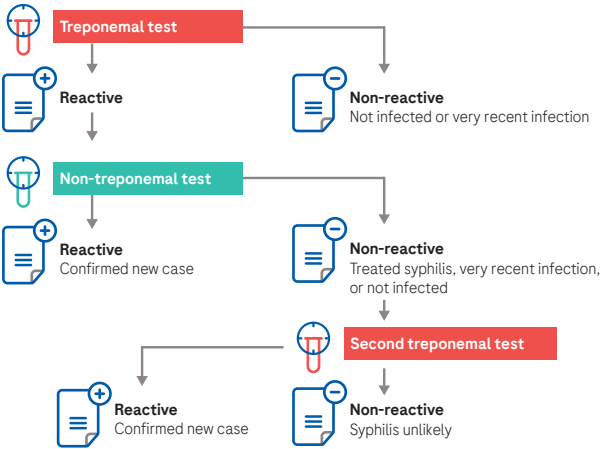
Syphilis Infection

Testing algorithm^{1,2}

Traditional algorithm



Reverse algorithm



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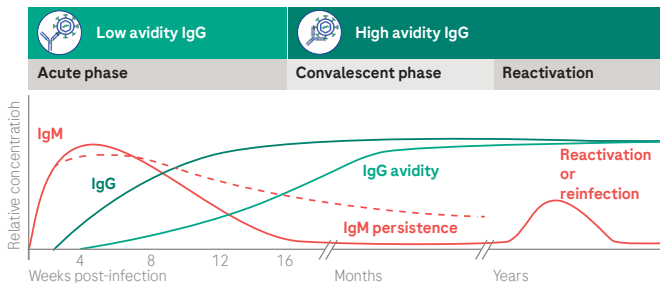
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Cytomegalovirus (CMV) Infection

Course of infection

Serological profile¹⁻⁵



Result interpretation*¹⁻⁵

CMV IgM	CMV IgG	CMV IgG Avidity	CMV DNA	Interpretation
1 st sample				
-	-	N/A	N/A	Patient is not immune and susceptible to infection. Pregnant women should take preventive measures and be closely monitored during pregnancy.
-	+	N/A	N/A	Infection at least one year previously, and immunity to CMV infection.
+	-	N/A	N/A	Very early stage of infection or false positive (unspecific IgM).
+	+	N/A	N/A	Perform follow-up test incl. IgG Avidity (when IgG is reactive) after 2 – 3 weeks to confirm either result.
2 nd sample				
+	+	low	+	Acute infection confirmed
+	+	low	N/A	Acute infection highly suspected – follow-up sample and DNA testing is recommended
+	+	high	N/A or -	Acute infection not confirmed

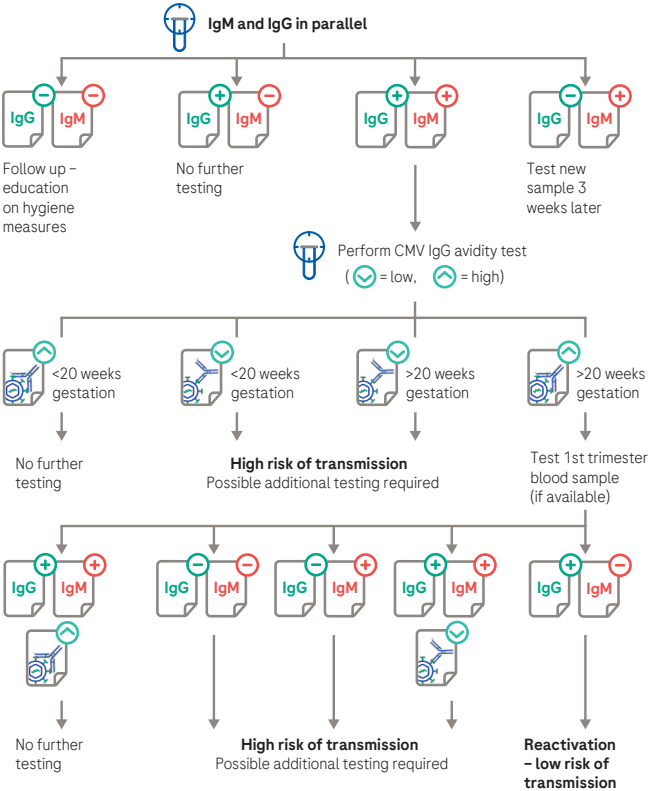
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CMV Infection

Testing algorithm¹⁻⁴



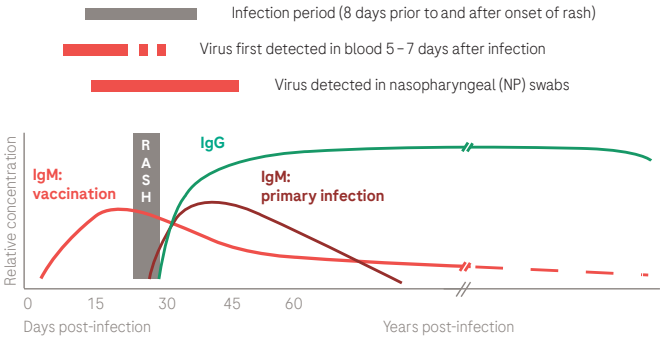
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Rubella Infection

Course of infection

Serological profile¹⁻⁴



Result interpretation*⁵

Rubella IgM	Rubella IgG	Results indicate
-	-	Susceptible / No current or previous rubella infection; repeat IgM and IgG testing 2 – 3 weeks later; before pregnancy or post-partum vaccination is recommended.
-	+	Immune; no further testing required. The presence of antibodies at any level is sufficient to confirm immunity ⁶ .
+	-	Acute or recent rubella infection or false positive/ unpecific IgM. Best period for testing is in a serum collected within the first few days after rash onset. Test for other causes, e.g. rheumatoid factor, EBV, CMV, Parvovirus B19. Test a second sample 5 – 10 days later, if available, and perform IgG avidity. A significant rise of the rubella IgG titer from a first to a second sample supports the diagnosis of acute rubella infection.
+	+	

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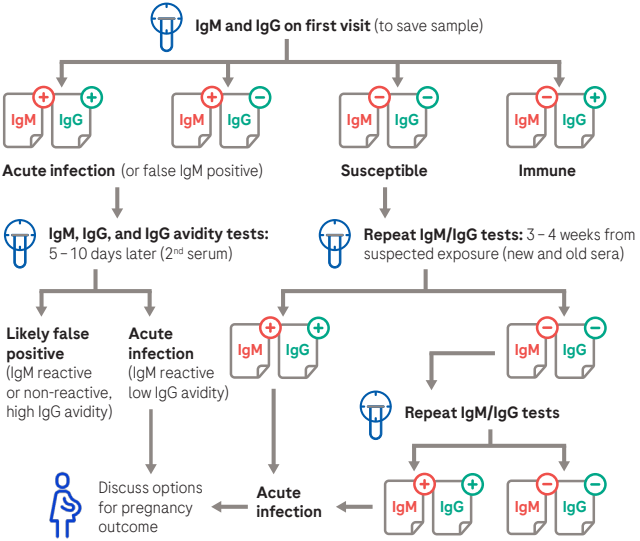
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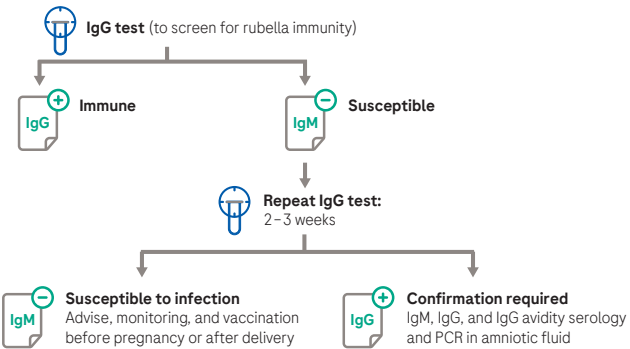
Rubella Infection

Testing algorithm

Serological evaluation of pregnant women exposed to rubella^{1,2}



Serological evaluation of pregnant women for rubella immunity²



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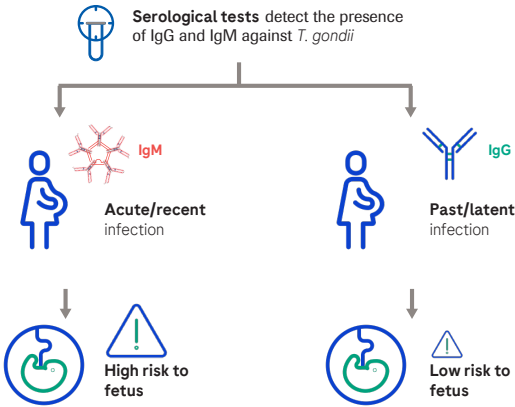
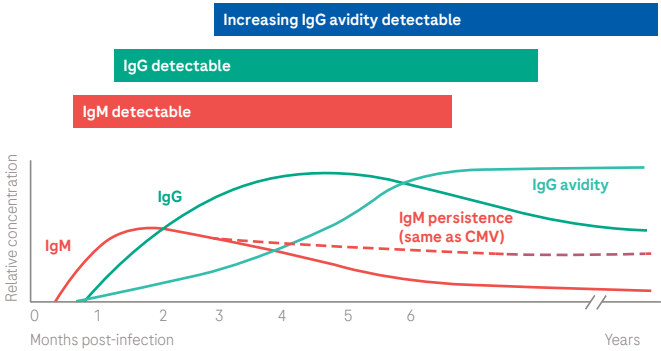
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Toxoplasma Infection

Course of infection

Serological profile¹⁻⁴



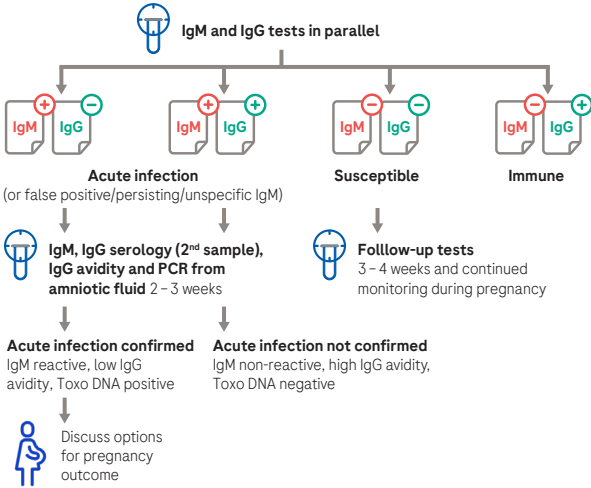
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Toxoplasma Infection

Testing algorithm¹⁻⁴



Result interpretation*

Toxo IgM	Toxo IgG	Toxo IgG Avidity	Toxo DNA	Interpretation
1 st sample				
-	-	N/A	N/A	Patient is not immune and susceptible to infection. Pregnant women should take preventive measures and be closely monitored during pregnancy.
-	+	N/A	N/A	Immunity to toxoplasmosis.
+	-	N/A	N/A	Very early stage of infection or false positive IgM (unspecific IgM).
+	+	N/A	N/A	Perform follow-up test incl. IgG Avidity (when IgG is reactive) after 2-3 weeks to confirm either result.
2 nd sample				
+	+	low	+	Acute infection confirmed.
+	+	low	N/A	Recently acquired infection not excluded. Test follow-up sample after 3 weeks. PCR on amniotic fluid is recommended.
+	+	high	N/A or -	Acute infection excluded.

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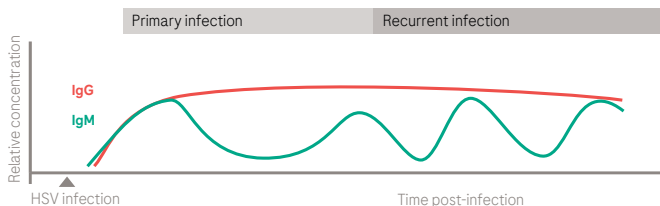
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Herpes simplex virus (HSV) Infection

Course of infection

Serological profile¹⁻⁹



Antibodies to HSV are detected 2 weeks to 6 months after primary exposure^{1,2}. A substantial proportion of newly-infected patients are positive for IgG and IgM, or IgG alone^{1,3,4}. Despite the theory that IgM production ceases over time, levels of anti-HSV IgM can vary considerably after the primary infection and can be detected also due to recurrent episodes^{3,5}. Approximately one-third of people infected with HSV-2 have detectable IgM with a recurrent infection. In addition, IgM tests cannot accurately distinguish between HSV-1 and HSV-2 antibodies and sometimes cross-react with other viruses in the same family⁶. For these reasons IgM testing is not recommended in routine clinical practice^{6,7,8,9}.

Result interpretation¹⁻¹⁰

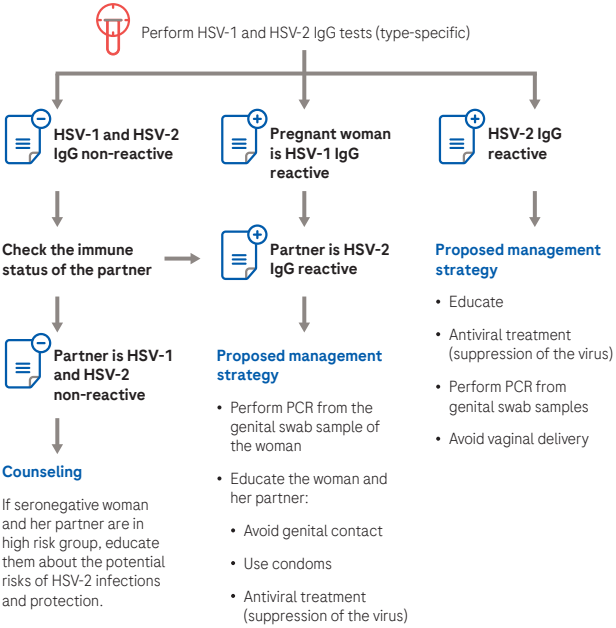
HSV-1 IgG	HSV-2 IgG	HSV 1/2 DNA	Results indicate
-	-	-	Susceptible; consider at risk of infection to both types.
-	-	+	Profile suggestive of an initial primary first episode of genital herpes.
+	+	Type 1 or 2 +	Profile suggestive of recurrence.
+	-	Type 1 +	
-	+	Type 2 +	
-	+	Type 1 +	Profile suggestive of a non-primary first episode of genital herpes.
+	-	Type 2 +	

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HSV Infection

Testing algorithm¹⁻⁴



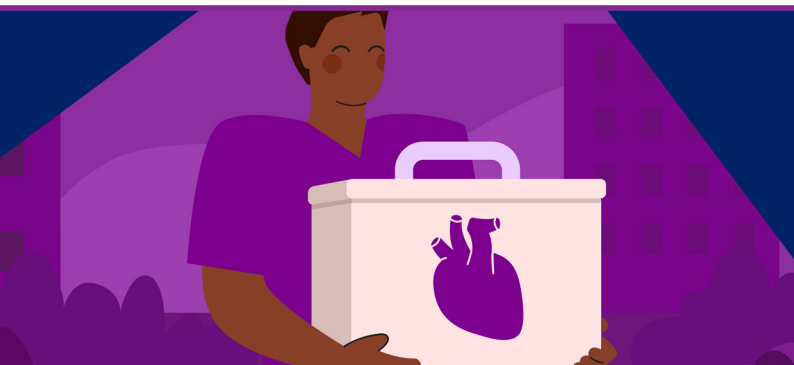
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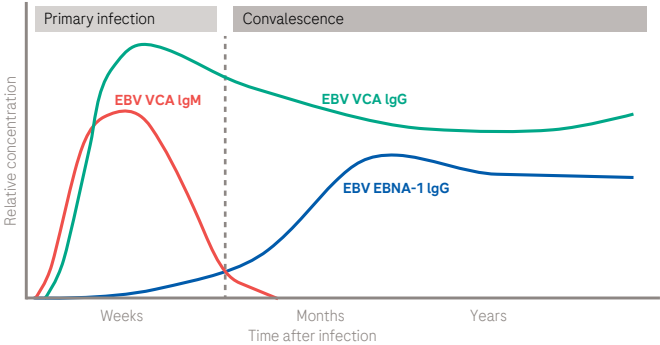
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Epstein-Barr virus (EBV) Infection

Course of infection

Serological profile^{1,2}



Result interpretation^{*3,4}

VCA IgM	VCA IgG	EBNA-1 IgG	Interpretation
-	-	-	Seronegative, no immunity
+	-	-	Presumed early phase of infection [#]
+	+	-	Acute infection
+	+	+	Transient phase of primary infection, or reactivation [#]
-	+	+	Past infection
-	+	-	Isolated VCA IgG [#]
-	-	+	Isolated EBNA-1 IgG [#]

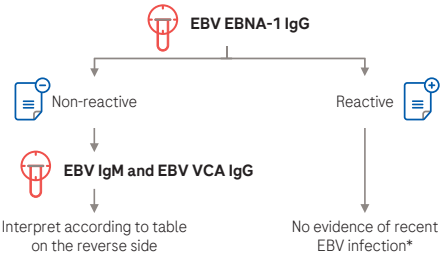
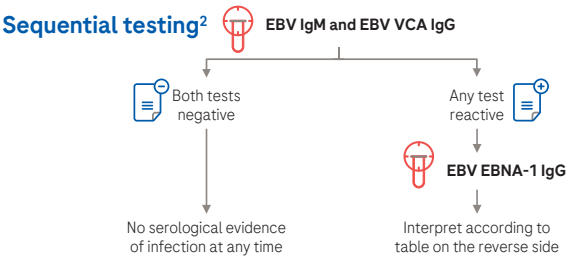
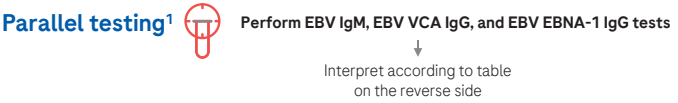
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Epstein-Barr virus (EBV) Infection

Testing algorithm





*In a small number of cases EBV EBNA-1 IgG may be detectable early (10 days after the onset of illness in <5 %)³.







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