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Hepatitis B is a serious inflammation of the liver caused by the hepatitis B virus (HBV). HBV is transmitted much more easily than HIV, mainly through unprotected sexual intercourse or through contact with blood containing the virus.

If you have had unprotected sexual intercourse or if you have come into contact with blood without proper measures of protection, your health may benefit if you have a test to detect HBV.

These tests can be done in hospitals, primary health centres, sexual health clinics or community centres.

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02 TEST TYPES

There are several types of Hepatitis B tests.

Rapid test: Detection of the HBsAg protein (also known as surface antigen) using a drop of blood from a finger. The result is ready in just a few minutes.

Laboratory test: a drop of blood taken from the arm is used to detect:

- The HBsAg protein (also known as surface antigen)
- The HBsAb antibody (also known as surface antibody). Its presence provides protection against HBV.
- The HBcAb antibody (also known as hepatitis B core antibody)

03 THE RESULTS WILL BE READY IN A FEW DAYS OR WEEKS

HBsAg	HBsAb	HbBcAb	Interpreting the test
Negative	Negative	Negative	You are not infected with HBV and have never been exposed to the virus. Vaccination is recommended
Negative	Positive	Negative or Positive	You are not infected with HBV: spontaneous resolution or immunity through vaccination
Positive	Negative	Negative or Positive	Infection with HBV (acute or chronic). Further tests are required
Negative	Negative	Positive	Inconclusive result. Further tests are required

A negative test result is reliable provided that a minimum time has passed since the episode of risk. An HBV vaccine does exist. Your doctor may recommend that you have one if necessary.

If the result is positive, you should be referred to a specialist doctor to start monitoring the infection, which will be good for your health.



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