

HEPATITIS B AND PREGNANCY:

Protect Your Baby and Yourself

What is Hepatitis B?

Hepatitis B is a liver infection caused by the hepatitis B virus (HBV). It can be passed from mother to baby during childbirth.

Why Does it Matter?

- Without treatment, 90% of babies born to mothers with hepatitis B can develop chronic infections.
- Early care and vaccination can prevent this.

What Should You Do?



Get Tested:

Every pregnant woman should be screened for hepatitis B during prenatal care.



Get Vaccinated:

If you are not immune, vaccination can protect you and your baby.



Follow Treatment Plans:

If you have hepatitis B, talk to your doctor about antiviral treatments.

How Can You Protect Your Baby?



Complete all vaccine doses for long-term protection.



Ensure your baby receives the hepatitis B vaccine and HBIG (hepatitis B immunoglobulin) at birth.



For more information on hepatitis visit:
dph.georgia.gov/epidemiology/viral-hepatitis