

B VACCINATED



Protecting our mob from hepatitis B

Hep B is a virus that can cause inflammation and damage to your liver, and if left unchecked and untreated it can cause chronic liver disease and even liver cancer.

The best way to protect yourself and your mob from hep B is to be vaccinated.

The vaccination for hep B is safe and very effective. Most people who have all the jabs will have protection for life.

VACCINATIONS FOR ADULTS

Adults have three jabs over six months - for example, one jab today, one jab a month later and the last jab at 6 months. Having all three jabs gives you the best chance of immunity (protection) against hep B.

If you have chronic hep B you don't need to be vaccinated.

VACCINATIONS FOR BUBS

Bubs receive four jabs over six months - one at birth, then at two months, four months and six months of age.

If a bub is born to a Mum who has hep B, the bub will also need a special injection called hepatitis B immunoglobulin (HBIG).

The HBIG injection and first hep B jab needs to be given within 12 hours of birth. The bub then follows the normal childhood vaccination schedule.



EMERGENCY PROTECTION

If you think you have been exposed to hep B and you are not fully vaccinated, you can get the hep B immunoglobulin (HBIG). HBIG is full of antibodies which will fight against the hep B virus.

You need to get HBIG within 72 hours of the risk activity.

You can access HBIG from hospital emergency departments, sexual health clinics, and some doctors. Talk to your local medical service for more information.

The best protection from hep B is vaccination

