

Hepatitis B Birth Dose Honor Roll

Hepatitis B birth dose policies achieve high coverage rates

On July 16, 2013, the Immunization Action Coalition (IAC) launched the Hepatitis B Birth Dose Honor Roll. The Honor Roll recognizes hospitals and birthing centers that have attained high coverage rates for administering hepatitis B vaccine at birth.

In addition to recognition on IAC's Birth Dose Honor Roll and announcement of their achievement in [IAC Express](#), honorees receive a 8.5" x 11" color certificate suitable for framing.

To be included in the Immunization Action Coalition's Hepatitis B Birth Dose Honor Roll, a birthing institution must have:

Criteria for inclusion on IAC's Hepatitis B Birth Dose Honor Roll

- Achieved, over a 12-month period, a coverage rate of 90% or greater for administering hepatitis B vaccine before hospital discharge to all newborns (regardless of weight), including those whose parents refuse vaccination.
- Implemented written policies, procedures, and protocols to protect all newborns from hepatitis B virus infection prior to hospital discharge. The following criteria are generally required, but exceptions may be made.
 - Parents are informed about the importance of the hepatitis B vaccine birth dose and that it is recommended for all newborns.
 - All newborns routinely receive hepatitis B vaccine after birth, before hospital discharge.
 - A review is performed as to whether the correct screening test, hepatitis B surface antigen (HBsAg), was ordered for the mother during this pregnancy.
 - The result of the mother's HBsAg screening test is reviewed. It is best, if at all possible, that the policy calls for review of a copy of the original HBsAg test result, and not a transcribed or hand-entered report
 - An HBsAg blood test is ordered ASAP if an incorrect test was ordered on the mother or if no test result is included on her chart.
 - Infants born to HBsAg-positive mothers receive hepatitis B vaccine and hepatitis B immune globulin (HBIG) within 12 hours of birth.
 - Infants born to mothers whose HBsAg status is unknown receive hepatitis B vaccine within 12 hours of birth.
 - Infants who weigh less than 2,000 grams and are born to mothers whose HBsAg status is unknown receive HBIG (in addition to hepatitis B vaccine) within 12 hours of birth.
 - Routine newborn admission orders include a standing order to administer hepatitis B vaccine to all infants (similar to standing orders to administer Vitamin K and ophthalmic antibiotic).
 - Notification of the state or local health department's perinatal hepatitis B prevention program is done prior to discharge (or as soon as known, if after discharge) for all mothers whose HBsAg test result is positive.

View all honorees at the following website:

<http://www.immunize.org/honor-roll/birthdose/honorees.asp>



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