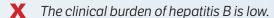




## Why Prioritize the Hepatitis B Vaccine?

## Myth vs. Fact

In 2022, the ACIP moved from a risk-based to routine age-based recommendation for hepatitis B.



Hepatitis B can lead to liver diseases such as liver cancer, which is one of the top five deadliest cancers in the United States.

- **X** Most adults are up to date on their hepatitis B vaccination.
- Approximately 70% of adults aged 19+ have not received a hepatitis B vaccination series.
- **X** The Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) recommendation for hepatitis B vaccination **in adults is entirely risk based.**
- As of 2022, the ACIP recommends the hepatitis B vaccination for all adults aged 19–59 years and those 60 years and older with risk factors. Hepatitis B vaccination may also be considered for those 60+ without known risk factors.
- **X** Healthcare professionals can easily identify the patients who are most at risk for hepatitis B.
- It can be difficult to predict who may contract hepatitis B. In 2022, 73% of acute hepatitis B cases occurred in people with no risk factors identified.
- X There is little financial incentive to improve hepatitis B vaccination rates.
- As of 2025, hepatitis B vaccine series completion for patients 19+ is a quality measure component of the Adult Immunization Status (AIS-E) measure. The AIS-E measure is one of many HEDIS measures used to evaluate performance-based reimbursement.

## Did You Know?



- The hepatitis B vaccine is one of only two currently approved vaccines that can help prevent cancer. (The other protects against HPV-related cancers.)
- For adult patients, the hepatitis B vaccine is available in two formulations: a two-dose series completed in one month or a three-dose series completed in six months.
- Hepatitis B vaccine series completion is critical to help ensure protective immunity. Once the series is complete, most patients do not need to get vaccinated for hepatitis B again.

## Take Action!



- Educate your eligible patients about the hepatitis B vaccine and make a strong recommendation to vaccinate.
- Establish a hepatitis B vaccine implementation plan and share across care teams and other relevant colleagues (e.g., EHR review committees, IT professionals).
- Report your organization's
  performance on the hepatitis B
  vaccine as part of your participation in
  AMGA's Rise to Immunize® campaign.
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