

Easy B Facts

If 100 Adults Were Infected with HBV

If 100 adults were infected with the hepatitis B virus (HBV):

- About 94 out of 100 adults exposed to HBV would develop a short-lived or acute infection. Their immune systems would mount a strong response and within a few weeks, fight off the HBV infection.
- About 6 out of the 100 adults would not be able to clear the virus from their bodies and they would develop a serious, long-term (chronic) infection. In most people it will take many years before HBV will cause the liver to become damaged and scarred.
- Of the 6 people who have chronic hepatitis B, about one will eventually die from HBV. That's only 1 to 2 people out of 100 adults who become infected. It usually takes many years or decades of HBV infection before people get so sick that they could get so sick they could die from liver disease.
- Remember, you can keep your liver healthy by eating well, drinking lots of water, exercising, avoiding harmful substances such as alcohol, and getting checked by a doctor regularly.

100 Adults	➔	Initially Infected with Hepatitis B
94 Adults	➔	Recover After a Brief Infection
6 Adults	➔	Develop a Life-Term, Chronic Infection
1.5 Adults	➔	Die from Liver Disease or Cancer



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