

STD Facts

Hepatitis: Type A (caused by hepatitis A virus)

SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS

Hepatitis A Symptoms:

- Begin 15-50 days after exposure
- Fever
- Loss of appetite
- Abdominal discomfort
- Yellow eyes and skin
- Dark urine or light-color stool
- Nausea or vomiting
- Fatigue

TRANSMISSION

Hepatitis A is Spread by:

- Fecal-oral transmission (food-borne transmission)
- Oral sex
- Finger/anal sex

COMPLICATIONS/CONSEQUENCES

Hepatitis A:

- Causes no long-term liver damage and usually does not cause death
- There is no chronic carrier state
- Having had the disease produces lifelong immunity against reinfection

PREVENTION

Recommendations to Reduce the Spread of Hepatitis A:

- Wash hands after bowel movement
- Avoid oral/anal and finger/anal sex
- Get vaccinated
- Immune globulin injection may be given within 14 days of exposure

TREATMENT

Management of Hepatitis A:

- No effective treatment to shorten course of acute infection

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT:

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