



# Hepatitis A

*(to be carried at all times and presented to medical personnel in the event of exposure)*

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#### IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR EMERGENCY PERSONNEL

The individual carrying this card works in a laboratory with Hepatitis A and may have come into contact via accidental ingestion of biological samples (feces, blood) infected with HAV or percutaneously.

*Note: This card is intended to be informational and should not substitute for clinical presentation and provider judgment of individual clinical cases.*

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### MEDICAL ALERT INFORMATION

The person carrying this card has an occupational exposure to Hepatitis A. Immediately call Occupational Health at **301.405.3315**

#### COMMON SYMPTOMS

- Incubation period 15-50 days (average 28-30 days)
- Fever, malaise, anorexia, nausea, abdominal discomfort, dark urine, and jaundice

#### POST-EXPOSURE TREATMENT

- Thoroughly wash any skin wounds with soap and water and/or flush eyes or other affected mucous membranes with water
- Baseline serology:
  - HAV IgG antibody to detect immunity from vaccine or past infection
- If worker is not already immune:
  - ASAP after exposure, but always within 2 weeks of the initial exposure: administer one dose of inactivated HAV vaccine.
- For employees > 40 years old, immunocompromised, with chronic liver disease, or have a contraindication to HAV vaccine, administer HAV immune globulin (0.02ml/kg body weight). If Hepatitis A immune globulin is needed, contact Department of Health