



GP Referral Follow-Up Letter

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Dear Doctor..... ,

Thank you for reviewing baby and family. This neonate was identified as at risk for perinatal transmission of Hepatitis B virus (HBV).

The mother of this infant was diagnosed as Hepatitis B virus positive. The neonate has received:

- 1st dose of hepatitis B Vaccine.
- Hepatitis B immunoglobulin.

It is recommended the infant receives completion of the vaccination course for prevention of HBV recommended according to the Australian Immunisation Handbook for 2008.

Recommended follow-up testing for the infant at risk of perinatal infection for HBV is as follows:

- Perform bloods for Anti-HBs and HBsAg levels 3-12 months following the primary vaccination course.
- If anti-HBs levels are adequate and the HBsAg is negative, then the child is considered immune through natural clearance or vaccination.

If this schedule is followed more than 90% of babies born to mothers who are HBV positive will not develop infection.

Breastfeeding is not contra-indicated for neonates born to mothers who are hepatitis B surface antigen (HBsAg) positive.

Thank you for your ongoing care of this family.

Regards,

Signature..... Designation.....

Print Name

Staff of the Neonatal Directorate, KEMH