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Terms and Abbreviations Used in This Publication

Acute hepatitis B  Newly acquired symptomatic hepatitis B virus (HBV) infection.

Acute hepatitis C  Newly acquired symptomatic hepatitis C virus (HCV) infection.

Anti-HBc  Antibody to hepatitis B core antigen.

Anti-HBe  Antibody to hepatitis B e antigen.

Anti-HBs  Antibody to hepatitis B surface antigen.

Anti-HCV  Antibody to hepatitis C virus.

Anti-HDV  Antibody to hepatitis D virus.

Chronic (persistent) HBV infection  Persistent infection with HBV; characterized by detection of HBsAg >6 months after newly acquired infection.

Chronic (persistent) HCV infection  Persistent infection with HCV; characterized by detection of HCV RNA >6 months after newly acquired infection.

EIA  Enzyme immunoassay.

ESRD  End-stage renal disease.

HbcAg  Hepatitis B core antigen.

HBeAg  Hepatitis B e antigen.

HBsAg  Hepatitis B surface antigen.

HBV  Hepatitis B virus.

HBV DNA  Hepatitis B virus deoxyribonucleic acid.

HCV  Hepatitis C virus.

HCV RNA  Hepatitis C virus ribonucleic acid.

HDV  Hepatitis D virus.

HIV  Human immunodeficiency virus.

Isolated anti-HBc  Anti-HBc positive, HBsAg negative, and anti-HBs negative.

RT-PCR  Reverse transcriptase polymerase chain reaction.