HEPATITIS A SCREEN / VACCINATE / INFORM

HEALTHCARE PROVIDER EVALUATION + MANAGEMENT OF PATIENTS AT HIGH RISK FOR HEPATITIS A

SCREEN

Do any of these risk factors apply to the patient?

- Homelessness
- Men who have sex with men
- Injection + non-injection drug use
- Recent incarceration
- Chronic liver disease

YES? SCREEN for signs and symptoms of hepatitis A + OBTAIN vaccine history

SIGNS + SYMPTOMS

FEVER  FATIGUE  LOSS OF APPETITE  DIARRHEA  ABDOMINAL PAIN

YELLOW SKIN OR EYES  DARK URINE  CLAY-COLORED STOOLS

TEST

- If patient has signs or symptoms, confirm diagnosis with serum IgM anti-HAV testing
- Follow appropriate infection control practices, including proper hand hygiene

OBTAIN VACCINE HISTORY

- Check EHR + GRITS for vaccine history
- Ask if the patient has recently received the hepatitis A vaccine
- Ask the patient if they have recently been diagnosed with hepatitis A

If patient has received one dose of hepatitis A vaccine, provide second dose (if first dose was given more than 6 months prior).

If the patient has not received any hepatitis A vaccine and has no known history of hepatitis A infection, administer vaccine.

VACCINATE

The most effective way to reduce the spread of hepatitis A is to vaccinate at risk populations.

INFORM

Report suspected + confirmed cases immediately to local health department or 1.866.PUB-HLTH.

Patients are infectious for one week after symptom onset.

For more information: dph.ga.gov/hepatitis