

New referrals criteria

The Hepatitis Foundation of New Zealand

How do I refer a hepatitis B (HBV) patient?

- Fill out the enrolment form (available on our website) and post/fax to the Hepatitis Foundation (07 307 1266) or email (hepteam@hfnz.nz).
- If your organisation has Careselect we can receive referrals through this service.

What needs to be included with referral?

- Blood test results must include a positive HBsAg (hepatitis B surface antigen). Other relevant tests are: LFT, AFP, HBeAg, HBV DNA and FBC).
- The patient must be a New Zealand resident or be eligible for free health care in NZ. If they are resident on Healthlink, please provide proof of residency or eligibility of health care.
- If they are under hospital care for hepatitis B, please include ultrasound reports and clinic letters.

What happens after I have sent a referral?

- An acknowledgement letter will be sent to you advising we have received the referral.
- A welcome pack will be sent to your patient, including a result letter, HBV pamphlets and a consent form, if not already signed.
- Contact from one of our community nurses for education and testing of contacts (other family members), if required.



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