

# Mumps

- Infection of Parotid gland (salivary) → Swelling
- Acute, systemic, viral → Endemic worldwide
- Very effective vaccine
- Affects mainly → Children
  - ↳ may affect vaccinated young adults
- Why do outbreaks of Mumps occur?
  - \* Easy spreading of Respiratory viruses (crowding)
  - \* waning of vaccine immunity with time.
  - \* lack of wild-type viruses to ↑ immune response.
  - \* Repeated global epidemics: (↓ vaccination)

- ⇒ Paramyxo family, <sup>size/shape:</sup> ~~spherical~~ pleomorphic particles.
- ⇒ RNP core surrounded by an envelope (lipids) from host.
- ⇒ The Replicative Core has P + viral protein (Binding)
- ⊖ ss RNA, Nucleoprotein, phosphoprotein, Polymerase
- ⇒ Examples on Viral Protein in the envelope →
  - Hemagglutinin - neuraminidase + Fusion protein
  - ↳ have antibodies ↓

## Notes :-

- \* Affects humans only by saliva spreading
- \* Incubated 1-3 weeks in upper R.S. mucus, then → lymph nodes
- \* Shed in 2 weeks around the symptoms onset
  - ↳ Termination of shedding by IgA, IgM.

- \* After replication (URT mucosa) → Lymph → Viremia  
Heart / CNS / kidney / Glands ←  
→ specific antibodies in serum.  
→ Viremia / Shedding may occur without Parotid involvement.

### \* Clinical Features

- 1/2 of infections → asymptomatic / non-specific
- Symptoms include: Mild fever, Parotid swelling  
Aseptic meningitis, Epididymo-orchitis (post-puberty)  
malaise, anorexia, headache.
- Submandibular / Sublingual < parotid involvement.
- Testicular atrophy (50% cases) - Sterility (rare)
- Oophritis, mastitis → 5% women-cases - Sterility (rare)
- 50% cases → CNS invasion, while 10% only: aseptic meningitis  
more in males ←  
Drowsiness, stiff neck / headache ←
- Pancreatic involvement (mild - severe + hemorrhage)

if Parotitis presents → straight forward.  
\* Diagnosis → Detect viral antigens (rtPCR) in  
Saliva, CSF, urine, semen. Rarely in Blood.

\* Treatment → Supportive + Analgesics.  
→ it's a benign, self-resolving illness

## Viral Gastroenteritis ..

- Viral diarrheal diseases are very common in children + in infants worldwide.
- + severe in elderly with bad health conditions.
- By certain viruses:
  - [Rota-, Adeno-, Calici-, Norwalk, Corona-, Toro-]
- Acute onset of vomiting / Diarrhea, fever, anorexia
- By [CMV, HSV, VZV, HIV] in immunocompromised.

## II Rotavirus

- Reoviridae family, stable, non-enveloped
- Feco-orally transmitted, children, neonates (mild)
- 7 major groups (A-G), human infections by A mainly.
- Infections mainly in winter.
- Groups (A, B, C): humans + animals. The rest → only animals.
  - ↓
  - Epidemics within adults in Asia.
- Icosahedral in shape (3 layers), segmented dsRNA (within same group) reassortment
- Antibodies against VP7 and VP4 layer and proteins.

### \* Pathogenesis :-

- Tropism to mature enterocytes in small intestine.
- Protease activation → cleaving outer VP4 proteins →
- Loss of villi, ↑ secretory crypt cells → Enterotoxin  
Secretory  
Diarrhea. →

(↓ microvilli)

↓ Brush Border enzymes → ↑ unmetabolized disaccharid.  
→ Osmotic Diarrhea.

↑ Enteric NS → ↑ Fluid secretions.

Dehydration + Death.

\* has (NSP4) Protein: enterotoxin → Alters epithelial  
secretory diarrhoea → Permeability

### \* Clinical Features

↳ Short incubation period (1-3 days)

↳ Most severe: 1st infection at age: 3 months.

↳ Abrupt onset, vomiting, diarrhea, watery stool, fever.

↳ Complications → severe diarrhea, dehydration, acidosis.

↳ Re-infections are less severe.

↳ Protracted diarrhea + systemic dissemination (rare)  
in immunodeficient patients.

\* Specific, short-lived IgA antibodies in intestines  
protects temporarily against the disease.

\* Diagnosis → ELISA, RNA detection, difficult clinically.

\* Prevention → Early vaccines, New vaccines → not orally.

\* Treatment → Rehydration

↳ IV Fluids in severe cases + vomiting.

↳ Avoid antibiotics + anti-motility agents.

## [2] Calicivirus ..

- small, non-enveloped, ↑ contagious, feco-orally ↔
- Affects all age groups, short term, specific immunity
- Prototype strain: Norwalk, ↑ infections in winter.
- Sapovirus type: specially in children
- causes traveler's Diarrhea.
- Most common in adults + ↑ children
- 2nd most common (after Rota-) in young children.
- Icosahedral in shape, dimers of (90 VP1) protein
- Single, linear +ve RNA genome
- Cup-like hollows on surface
- Quick lytic replication. Trigger apoptosis
- has VP2 minor structural protein + VP3 (non-structural protein) binds the genome covalently and packaged into released virions

## \* Pathogenesis

- VP1 interacts with (HBGA) Carbs on gastroduodenal cells
- \* Blood group O: ↑ susceptibility.
- Reversible lesions in jejunum, Broad villi, shortening of microvilli, vacuoles in lining epithelium, Crypt hyperplasia, infiltration of lamina Propria by WBCs
- ↳ Malabsorption, ↓ brush border enzymes, ↓ motor function  
Nausea + Vomiting. No histopathologic changes.

## → Clinical Features

- Short incubation period
- I F symptomatic, symptoms include: fever, Adults, headache, Nausea, Vomiting in children, Cramps, watery diarrhea
- Complications → Dehydration + rarely death.
- \* During acute illness: ↑ shedding, ↑ infectivity.

## → Diagnosis

ELISA, RNA detection (in outbreaks)

\* EIA kits → limited sensitivity.

\* Provisional diagnosis during outbreaks if:-

Kaplan  
Criteria

- 1- No detection for bacteria / Parasite.
- 2- Vomiting in 50% of cases
- 3- (12-60) hour; mean duration of illness.
- 4- Incubation period: 24-48 hours.

→ No vaccine

→ Hygiene Hygiene Hygiene.

• Treatment: (Rehydration orally)  
: IV fluids in severe cases + vomiting.

### [3] Astrovirus ..

- ↳ Feco-oral  $\leftrightarrow$  , similar to Rotavirus clinically
- ↳ Requires proteolytic cleavage by (trypsin) to be infectious
- ↳ infections  $\uparrow$  in winter. Outbreaks anytime.
- ↳ Mild, self-limiting usually. May be severe.
- ↳ Food/water borne. [shellfish]
- ↳ Pediatric pathogen mainly.
- \* Icosahedral in shape, with spikes.
- \* Star-shape after cleavage by trypsin.

### [4] Adenovirus ..

- types 40, 41  $\rightarrow$  Diarrhea in children
- types 1, 2, 5, 6  $\rightarrow$  Mesenteric Adenitis  
(Intussusception)
- type 12  $\rightarrow$  Celiac Disease.
  - ↳ has E1B-55k protein that induces crossreacting antibodies to A-gliadin.
  - \* structural homology.

## Viral Hepatitis - Introduction

The liver has a huge regeneration power.

- If patients tolerate the metabolic insult of liver failure after massive necrosis, Restoration may occur
- All types of viral hepatitis produce clinically similar illnesses.

Readily spread, contagious before/without symptoms.

### [1] Hepatitis A

- Self-limited in children, more severe in Adults
- Feco-oral  $\leftrightarrow$ , No chronic hepatitis, No carrier state.
- Resistant to  $\uparrow$  Temp,  $\downarrow$  PH, drugs
- Inactivated by boiling for 1m, with formaldehyde, Cl<sub>2</sub>, UV
- immunologically indistinguishable strains, one serotype.

\* Picorna family, non-enveloped, +ve ssRNA

Produces 1 polyprotein that forms 4 capsid prot<sub>em</sub>

VP1, 3  $\rightarrow$  antigenic.

\* Pathogenesis  $\rightarrow$  (the virus itself isn't toxic to hepatocytes)

- Has TIM-1 receptors (everywhere, not specific to liver)

But the virus has tropism mainly to the liver.

- TIM receptors  $\rightarrow$  for T-cells regulation + differentiation.

- Replicate in liver, viremia, Shedding in bile/stool  
 $\rightarrow$  slowly, without cytopathic effect.

- The damage results from T-cell responses + apoptosis.



## Clinical Features :-

- Age dependent, from (mild  $\rightarrow$  Fulminant (rare))
- Incubation period: 4-6 weeks, asymptomatic.
- $\downarrow$  Viremia,  $\downarrow$  shedding when jaundice appears.

$\rightarrow$  The virus is found in (stool, Blood, bile), but replicates only in liver.

\* Death (rare) in Patients with chronic HBV, HCV + elderly

\* Damaged tissue is restored in 8-12 weeks

A) Prodrome (Pre-icteric) phase : quick transition, Fever, anorexia, malaise, vomiting, Fatigue, Diarrhea, Hepatomegaly  $\rightarrow$  upper quadrant pain

B) Icteric phase : Bilirubinuria (gold/Brown urine), yellowish mucous membranes (sclera) + skin.

- Reduction in liver size  $\rightarrow$  Bad sign. (necrosis)

\* Complications :- - Fulminant Hepatitis

- Relapsing Hepatitis  $\rightarrow$  [recurrent symptoms

$\uparrow$  amino transferase, Jaundice, Fecal excretion of HAV]

- Cholestatic Hepatitis  $\rightarrow$

[protracted cholestatic jaundice + pruritis]

## Diagnosis

\* Biochemical liver Panel

- AST/ALT

- PT  $\rightarrow$  important in acute hepatitis.

if high PT  $\rightarrow$  severe defect + necrosis.

- Bilirubin  $\rightarrow$  usually high in hemolytic anemia patients (like G-6PDH deficiency, sickle cell).

\* Serology  $\rightarrow$  HAV-IgM  $\rightarrow$  Acute

$\rightarrow$  HAV IgG  $\rightarrow$  Past infection

\* Viral Antigens: rtPCR  $\rightarrow$  not routinely done.

\* Prevention  $\rightarrow$  Hygiene, Immune Globin.

Vaccines

- Formalin-inactivated vaccines

- older than 1 year

- Provide protection within 4 weeks

\* IF before imminent travel to endemic area: Vaccine + IG.

\* IF vaccines to measles, mumps, rubella, varicella are given, HAV IG is delayed to prevent interference.

$\rightarrow$  won't interfere with Polio / Yellow Fever vaccine

\*  $\uparrow$  Risk in: children, injection drug users, travelers,

Patients with clotting disorders, Men who have sex with men

\* Treatment  $\rightarrow$  Supportive. [IV feeding], IF Pruritis presents:

give: bile-salt-sequestering resin cholestyramine.

- Glucocorticoids  $\rightarrow$  No value \* Avoid cholestasis + drugs metabolized in liver

## [2] Hepatitis B..

- Parenteral, Sexual, Perinatal transmission.
- Causes Chronic hepatitis + carrier state.
- ↑ chronicity in childhood - ↑ symptomatic inf. in adults.
- May cause → Hepatocellular Carcinoma.
- No direct viral cytopathic effect. (like HAV)
- Host immune responses produce Hepatic + extrahepatic lesions
- \* In endemic areas, HBV inf. is acquired at birth

↳ Immunologic tolerance → ↓ acute, ↑ chronic

\* Hepadnaviridae Family, enveloped with HBsAg  
(S, M, L), indistinguishable in serum.

- they adsorb to antibodies to facilitate spreading + maintenance in host cells.
- (S) → most abundant antigenic determinant.
- (L) → a primary ligand for the receptor.

\* Has HBeAg: naked core particles, not in serum, detected by IHC (in hepatocytes).

\* HBeAg: secreted nucleocapsid protein, detectable in serum, marker of replication + infectivity.

\* Partially circular dsDNA, replicat by reverse transcription.

## \* Pathogenesis

- Hepatocytes are the main targets
- Viral target Ag (HBcAg, HBeAg) + host antigens induce the response of cytolytic T cells → clearance + injury.
- Different outcomes are due to differences in the robustness + broad polyclonality of CD8+ T cells + cytokines. \* outcomes are age, immune dependent.
- HBeAg (small, traverse placenta) → induces tolerance + chronicity, without immunologic clearance.
- HBxAg → transactivate the transcription of viral + cellular genes
- Regeneration also →  $\bar{L}$  → Hepatocellular Carcinoma (HCC).

## \* Clinical Syndromes

- Asymptomatic Acute infection: serologic evidence only
- Acute Hepatitis: anicteric / icteric
- Fulminant Hepatitis: necrosis + Acute liver failure
- Chronic Hepatitis: may / may not develop cirrhosis
- Chronic carrier state: asymptomatic (no apparent disease)

## More Details

### \* Asymptomatic Acute infection

- ↳ Subclinical, mild ↑ AST/ALT
- ↳ Incidental diagnosis, 100% recovery.

\* Acute Hepatitis → 99% recovery, 1% → Fulminant

4 phases → 1. Incubation (↑ infectivity)

2. Symptomatic Pre-icteric (↑ infectivity)

Headache, nausea, ↓ appetite, ↓ non specific symptoms

3. Symptomatic Icteric.

↓ NS symptoms, mainly conjugated

Hyperbilirubinemia, then become unconjugated (liver damage)

4. Convalescence.

\* 10% of cases develop a serum sickness (rash, arthralgias)

\* liver enlargement + upper quadrant pain may occur.

\* Hyperbilirubinemia → Dark urine, light stool, Pruritis

\* Icteric phase is usual in Adults with HAV, not HCV.

\* Fulminant Hepatitis → 99% recovery, 1% Fulminant

- massive necrosis, A/B/D/E

- DDX, drug/toxin Hepatitis.

\* Chronic Hepatitis → Recovery, Cirrhosis, HCC → death

- > 6 months symptomatic, inflammation + necrosis

- ↑ AST/ALT, ↑ PT, Varied S&S

- Other causes than HV, like: Autoimmunity, Wilson's disease

AAT deficiency, drugs + toxins.

- In females / ↑ IgG / No viral serology

→ May develop: Glomerulonephritis (nephrotic syndrome) + <sup>Nodose</sup> IgA arteritis

### \* Chronic Carrier state

- ↳ Asymptomatic person, has the virus + can transmit it.
- ↳ Most early infections (during birth) : carrier state.
- ↳ Liver damage occurs
- ↳ In immunocompromised mainly.

### \* Clinical Features ..

- long incubation period (4-26) weeks

- HBsAg → Firstly detected, remains the icteric phase

- HBeAg → IF in serum → highly infectious

→ After HBsAg disappears, HBs Antibodies are detectable

- HBcAg → intracellular, not detectable,

But Anti-HBc → detectable in serum

↳ Appears in the gap between HBsAg disappearance and Anti-HBs appearance, showing an evidence of current or recent HBV infection.

\* HBsAg → marker of infection

\* Anti-HBs → marker of recovery + immunity

↳ or acute exacerbation of chronic.

\* Anti-HBc (IgM) → marker of acute infection

Anti-HBc (IgG) → marker of past / chronic infection.

\* Anti-HBe → no longer replication, even if HBsAg presents.

\* HBV-DNA → active replication, ↑ accurate than HBeAg. →

\* After recovery, Anti-HBs + Anti-HBc persist.

\* An immune clearance of infected hepatocytes →

↑ aminotransferases (like acute cases), Anti-HBe appears.

⇒ 2 special Variants ⇒

1 - severe chronic HBV, with HBV DNA But  
with anti-HBe instead of HBeAg

↳ due to mutation in the core region

2 - No activity of anti-HBs due to mutation in HBsAg  
escape mutation ↙

\* Humoral Immunologic pressure [due to active, passive immunization]

↳ may favor evolutionary change "escape"

\* Diagnosis :

- By HBsAg levels in serum. (serology)

↳ if low, look for IgM anti-HBc.

- Biochemically [AST/ALT, PT, Billirubin]

\* Vaccination: HBsAg vaccines, then we'll find Anti-HBs.

- Pre vs Post exposure (with HBIG)

\* Treatment ⇒ Most acute infections don't need  
Anti-virals, they (99%) resolve.

- Chronic inf. → IFN (no longer used), PEG-IFN ↙

or Inhibit RT By → Nucleoside Analogue (Lamivudine)

or nucleotide Analogue → Adefovir dipivoxil → (less relapse)

⇒ Good treatment: No HBsAg, No HBV-DNA, ↑ Anti-HBe.

## Hepatitis C (non A, non B)

- Parenteral transmission (Blood), IV drug use.
- Sexual + Perinatal  $\leftrightarrow$  : not efficient.
- Antibodies are produced, but - short lived.  
No lasting imm.  $\leftarrow$
- $\uparrow$  genetic variability +  $\uparrow$  rate of mutations.
- Prevalence in Egypt. (contaminated equipment)  
types  $\rightarrow$  4
- 6 genotypes, type 1  $\rightarrow$  the most common  
 $\downarrow$  long therapy,  $\downarrow$  response.

\* Flaviviridae Family, enveloped

\* Linear, +ve ssRNA gives 1 protein  
 $\downarrow$   
cleaved to 10 proteins

\* conserved 5' UTR, core gene

\* Has a hypervariable region responsible for envelope proteins + immune evasion.

\* Does not replicate via a DNA intermediate

$\downarrow$  does not integrate into host genome. Unlike

\* E1-E2 dimers on surface.

HBV

$\rightarrow$  85% of acute hepatitis C develop into chronic cases.

19%  $\rightarrow$  resolution, rarely  $\rightarrow$  Fulminant hepatitis



## \* Pathogenesis

- Hepatocyte tropism & -

- nonliver-specific CD81 receptors

- liver-specific tight junctions: claudin-1

- Evade immunity by being similar to LDLs

\* liver tropism, why?

- ↑ levels of certain proteins on the surface of hepatocytes, like LDL-receptor, [SR-BI].

- Liver-specific miR-122 → for replication

- Similar to liver's lipoproteins assembly pathways.

- spread by blood (viremia) / cell to cell.

- It affects lymphoid cells to ↓ immune responses,

But still, the damage of hepatocytes occurs due to T-cells reaction. Cytolytic T cells also

contribute to the damage (less)

\* when HLA-I molecules (important for immunity) ↓

is Natural killer cells ↑ → limiting the infection.

- Cross reactivity between viral antigens and the host' cytochrome P450 → Autoimmune

hepatitis + Antibodies to liver-kidney microsomes

→

## → Extra-hepatic manifestation ..

1- Cryoglobulinemia (EMC) → [Arthritis, Vasculitis-purpura, glomerulonephritis]

- Cause chronic liver disease, ↑ HCV, ↓ HBV
- ↑ immune complex glomerulonephritis.

2- Porphyria Cutanea tarda (PCT) →

[Disorders of skin + nails (onycholysis), scarring]

- associated with liver disease + alcohol + estrogen use + hereditary hemochromatosis, HFE gene mutation

## → Clinical Features ..

- Long incubation period (2-26) weeks.
- Commonly asymptomatic.
- Symptoms: Fatigue (common) + ↑ aminotrans., rarely Jaunder
- Less severe Jaundice than HBV or HAV. It's ~ anicteric
- HCV infection becomes complicated by:
  - hepatic steatosis, hypercholesterolemia, type II DM, Insulin resistance ~~and~~ Hepatic Fibrosis
- Cirrhosis appears in 20%-50% of chronic cases.
- Increased risk when there's HIV-co infection
- HCC risk ↑ after cirrhosis + 3 decades of disease.
- Other complications: Immune cross reactivity +

Metabolic disorder + Extra-hepatic immune manifestation

### \* Diagnosis →

- Biochemically: [PT, Billirubin, AST/ALT (less useful)]
- Serology: Detect Anti-HCV in serum in chronic cases or initial phase of acute cases (↑ aminotransferase)
- RNA detection (gold standard) →

Appears before Anti-HCV and initial phases

### \* Prevention: Precautaneous Precautions.

: No vaccine, No effective IG

### \* Treatment:

1. INF- $\alpha$  → ↓ rate of chronicity
2. INF + nucleoside analogue → for acute cases
3. PEG-INF + " " (ribavirin) → for chronic cases  
\* higher dose for genotype 1

→ Adding Protease inhibitor (boceprevir): ↑ efficiency.

Goal of therapy: Sustained virologic response (SVR)

↳ Undetectable HCV RNA after 24w after treatment ends.

\* Acute cases are more responsive to INF treatment than chronic

## Hepatitis D

- Not true virus, it's a natural satellite of HBV
- Parenteral co-infection (with HBV simultaneously) or super-infection (after presented HBV infection)
- Commonly develop to Fulminant Hepatitis
- Chronicity is associated with more cirrhosis than HBV/HCV
- Endemic in HBV patients of Mediterranean countries.
- Depends on HBV duration, never outlasts it.

\* Deltavirus genus, no family. Enveloped, membrane proteins from HBV

\* Circular, -ve ssRNA with internal complementarity areas that fold (pair) → stable, rodlike structure that contains: stable, self-cleaving, self-ligating ribozymes.

\* HDV protein: HDAg in hepatocyte nuclei, occasionally in serum

↳ Found in 2 forms:

- small → For replication
- Large → For packaging, suppress replication

## \* Pathogenesis ..

- If it has HBV, S → Assembly
- " HBV-S + HBV-L → Assembly + infectivity
- Once the virus enters, it replicates, we should restrict the entry
- HDV assembly uses a secretory pathway like sub-viral particles.
- Hepatocyte tropism only in HBV infected cells
- Directly cytotoxic + cytopathic to cells + immune-mediated damage.
- ↳ Most severe liver injury

- Distinguishable (LKM antibodies) from those with HCV or autoimmune hepatitis

- Induce more HBV- fulminant hepatitis.

\* Clinical Features

- Same incubation period as HBV or shorter.

- Co-infection with HBV produces similar symptoms to HBV infection alone or more severe → usually acute self-limited.

- Super-infection (chronic HBV) → severe acute hepatitis + Fulminant course.   
 ↓   
 overt illness + jaundice.

or exacerbation of preexisting HBV or misdiagnosed as HBV.

→ Check HBsAg status to know about the virulence of HDV.

Chronic ← IgG + IgM → acute.   
 against HD Ag

↳ Non-neutralizing because HD Ag is in the interior.

- Anti-HBs → Protection from HBV and HDV

For they have the same protein (HBsAg) ↓

→ In some cases, they may become indolent (after years).

\* Diagnosis → Biochemical, Serology, RNA detection

HD Ag or Anti-HDV seroconversion ↔ hard to be detected

→ If we found HBsAg + Anti-HDV: look for Anti-HBc

Past Inf ← IgM<sup>do not</sup> Present / recent inf ← IgM Present   
 super infection ← IgG

\* Prevention: HBV vaccine. No prophylaxis for HBsAg carriers.   
 (product)

\* Glucocorticoids, Nucleoside Analogue → not effective.

↑ dose of INF-α for (2m) may help.   
 in chronic cases.

## Hepatitis E ..

/epidemic

- enterically transmitted, non A, non B, India + Asia + Africa
- 5 genotypes, 1 serotype
  - 4 of them in humans
  - types 1, 2 → most virulent, humans + Primates
  - types 3, 4 → attenuated, " + " + swines + rabbits.
- rare secondary person-to-person spreading.
- Fatality is higher than HAV infections but still rare.
- Fatality ↑ in infections during pregnancy (20%)
- Doesn't cause chronic disease except in immunocompromized
- More heat labile than HAV, acid stable, mild-alkaline stable  
Survive in GIT. ↓
- Inactivated by adding Cl in water + other agents (like HAV).

\* Hepeviridae family, non-enveloped, linear vs ssRNA encodes 3 proteins (structural, replication, unknown) ↓

### \* Pathogenesis

- Feco-oral transmission
- Primary replication in GIT (stool, bile, liver)
- excreted in stool during the late incubation period
- Not cytopathic, the damage is immune-mediated
- Cholestatic hepatitis is often presents.

## Clinical Features

- Incubation Period (2-8) weeks.
- Early immune response with IgG and IgM Anti-HEV  
then fall rapidly
- Self-limiting, uncommonly cause Fulminant cases  
except in pregnant ladies.
- + Patients with other chronic liver disease  $\rightarrow$  30% death

## \* Diagnosis

Biochemical, Serology, RNA Detection

- ↑ Peaks for IgM, IgG
- \* Reactive RT-PCR
- acute inf. Blood, feces
- Peaks between (1-4) or (2-4) weeks after onset, then ↓

- \* Prevention  $\rightarrow$  Hygiene, Cooking meat thoroughly
- $\rightarrow$  Vaccines (in endemic areas)

Treatment : Symptomatic / Supportive.

- \* No specific treatment for acute cases.
- \* INF- $\alpha$  + Ribavirin  $\rightarrow$  chronic cases

## Diagnostic Algorithm for Acute Hepatitis

→ 4 main serologic tests :

[ HBsAg , IgM anti-HAV , IgM anti-HBc , Anti-HCV ]

\* HBsAg + IgM anti-HBc → Acute HBV inf.

HBsAg - IgM anti-HBc → Chronic HBV inf.

IgM anti-HBc alone → Acute HBV inf. also.

\* IgM anti-HAV + HBsAg → simultaneous HAV + HBV

IgM anti-HAV + IgM anti-HBc (± HBsAg) → " + "

\* Anti-HCV → Acute HCV inf.

\* IF all markers are absent → non A, non B, non C hepatitis

→ For chronic Patients, initial testing: HBsAg + anti-HCV.

→ To evaluate infectivity in ~~HBV~~ HBV chronic inf. →

HBe Ag + anti-HBe testing.

→ To evaluate the replication : HBV-DNA test.

\* In chronic HBV patients, without HBe Ag, and normal aminotransferases → Serial testing to distinguish between inactive carriers and HBe Ag -ve chronic HBV patients.

\* with any HBV inf (acute/chronic) or severe liver disease

↳ test for anti-HDV.