

Your State or Local Perinatal Hepatitis B Coordinator Can Help Implement the Hepatitis B Birth Dose

Every state, territory, and some large city health departments have a perinatal hepatitis B coordinator. This coordinator works with birthing hospitals and healthcare providers to help ensure all newborns are protected against hepatitis B virus (HBV) infection.

Perinatal hepatitis B coordinators can assist hospitals in numerous ways. Your coordinator can

- help you develop model standing orders and policies to assist with implementation or continuation of universal hepatitis B vaccine birth dose practices,
- assist your facility in learning about the VFC program and determining if your facility could receive hepatitis B vaccine at no cost for eligible children,

- facilitate case management of babies born to HBsAg-positive women to help ensure that babies receive the CDC-recommended follow-up medical care, and
- answer any questions you have about implementing or enhancing your hospital's hepatitis B prevention policies to protect newborns.

State and large city coordinators' names and phone numbers can be found on the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's website at www.cdc.gov/vaccines/vpd-vac/hepb/perinatal-contacts.htm.

