

# Easy B Facts

## If 100 Adults Were Infected with HBV

### If 100 adults were infected with the hepatitis B virus (HBV):

- About 94 out of 100 adults exposed to HBV would develop a short-lived or acute infection. Their immune system would mount a strong response and within a few weeks, fight off the HBV infection.
- About 6 out of the 100 adults would not be able to clear the virus from their bodies and they would develop a serious, long-term (chronic) infection. In most people it will take many years before HBV will cause the liver to become damaged and scarred.
- Of the 6 who have chronic hepatitis B, about one will die from HBV. That's only 1 to 2 people out of 100 adults initially infected. It usually takes many years or decades of HBV infection before people get so sick that they could die.

*Keep your liver healthy by eating well,  
drinking lots of water, exercising  
and avoiding substances such as  
alcohol that harm your liver*

100 Adults	➔	Initially Infected with Hepatitis B
94 Adults	➔	Recover After a Brief Infection
6 Adults	➔	Develop a Chronic Life-Term Infection
1.5 Adults	➔	Die from Liver Disease or Cancer



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