



Dear Provider,

Many infants perinatally exposed to hepatitis C virus are not being tested appropriately in Tennessee. There are options to test HCV RNA via heel stick microtainer prior to 18 months of age and hepatitis C virus treatment is now approved starting at three years of age.

The American Association for the Study of Liver Diseases (AASLD) and Infectious Disease Society of America (IDSA) recommend hepatitis C virus testing for children perinatally exposed to hepatitis C virus and siblings of children with hepatitis C virus.

- <https://www.hcvguidelines.org/unique-populations/children>

Information on required reporting to the Tennessee Department of Health is available at:

- <https://www.tn.gov/health/cedep/reportable-diseases.html>

Information on learning to treat hepatitis C virus is available through a Tennessee-based training center at:

- Southeast AIDS Education and Training Center
 - <https://www.vumc.org/seaetc/48113>
- Hepatitis C Toolkit and Resources
 - <https://www.seaetc.com/provider-resources/hcv-toolkit/>
- Hepatitis C Consultation Services **Free!**
 - <https://www.seaetc.com/hepatitis-c-consultation-services/>

For printable copies of the Hepatitis C and Pregnant Women brochure in English, Spanish and Arabic and the Infant Testing Recommendations One-Pager developed by the Tennessee Department of Health, visit the following link:

- <https://www.tn.gov/health/cedep/viral-hepatitis/hepatitis-c.html>

If you have additional questions, please contact Laura Price at the number or email listed below.

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