# VACCINATE YOUR BABY AGAINST HEPATITIS B

## IT COULD SAVE YOUR BABY'S LIFE.

WHAT IS HEPATITIS B?



HEPATITIS B is a serious liver disease caused by the HEPATITIS B VIRUS.



HEPATITIS B OFTEN DOESN'T CAUSE SYMPTOMS. Many people can live with hepatitis B for years without feeling sick.





1 IN 4 people living with hepatitis B can develop serious liver problems, INCLUDING LIVER CANCER.

#### **DID YOU KNOW?**



All pregnant women are routinely tested for hepatitis B.



People who find out they have hepatitis B can take steps to keep their baby and family protected.



The **HEPATITIS B VACCINE** is the 1st cancer prevention vaccine.

#### **HOW IS HEPATITIS B SPREAD?**



Hepatitis B is spread through contact with blood. An infected family member or caregiver can pass the virus to an infant.



A pregnant woman who has hepatitis B can pass the virus to her infant at birth, but the vaccine can help prevent the baby from getting infected.



Most people living with hepatitis B got infected as infants or young children when their immune systems were not fully developed.

### WHY SHOULD MY BABY BE VACCINATED AGAINST HEPATITIS B?



- The hepatitis B vaccine can prevent a baby from getting infected. CDC recommends all babies get the first hepatitis B vaccine shot at birth and follow the vaccine schedule to get the remaining shots.
- The hepatitis B vaccine is safe and effective.
- Delaying the first dose of the hepatitis B vaccine can put your baby at risk for hepatitis B.
- The hepatitis B vaccine has helped prevent millions of infants from getting hepatitis B, which can be a deadly disease.



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