

Hepatitis A

DISEASE:⁴

Older children, adolescents and adults infected by **hepatitis A** often feel sick and symptoms can last for up to 6 months. There is no specific treatment for hepatitis A.⁴



TRANSMISSION:⁴

Hepatitis A virus is found in the stool of a person who has the virus. It spreads:

- through contaminated items such as toys and door knobs
- by consuming food and drinks contaminated with the virus
- by person-to-person contact e.g. hand-to-mouth transmission after changing diaper of an infected infant

SIGNS & SYMPTOM:⁴

The symptoms may include the following:

- Fever
- Loss of appetite
- Tiredness
- Stomach pain
- Vomiting
- Dark urine
- Yellow skin and eyes

POSSIBLE COMPLICATIONS:²²

Most people do not have lasting liver damage. In rare cases, hepatitis A can cause liver failure and death. This is more common in older people and in people with other liver diseases.



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