

PREVENTION OF HEPATITIS B SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED DISEASE

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Beside the blood, between 1974 and 1977, other organic products in which HBsAg found, proved to be infectious: saliva, sperm, vaginal secretions. Researches undertaken between 1975 and 1990 in Europe, America and Japan, determined the OMS experts to consider B hepatitis as a "sexually transmitted disease" (STD), among the other venereal diseases. In 34% of the cases HBV is transmitted by sexual intercourse (23% heterosexual and 11% homosexual) which represent 1/3 of the routes of infection. Actually, the vaccination against HBV should be recommended to all the patients recently diagnosed with a STD, to prostitutes and persons with multiple sexual partners in the last 6 months, to homosexuals. This paper presents our experience concerning the incidence of the infection with HBV in a department of venereology.