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Newborn Hepatitis B Vaccination Coverage Among Children Born January 2003–June 2005 — United States

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Hepatitis B is a serious liver disease that can result in lifelong illness or premature death. Infants can get hepatitis B from their infected mothers or other close contacts. Up to 90 percent of infants who get hepatitis B remain infected, and one in four will die prematurely from liver disease or liver cancer. In 2005, the CDC recommended that all newborns receive the hepatitis B vaccine before they leave the hospital to prevent infection. However, a recent CDC survey found that only half of all newborns are being vaccinated before discharge. Before you take *your* baby home from the hospital, make sure they're vaccinated against hepatitis B.

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