

Table 1. Template case report form for acute viral hepatitis*

Identification [not to be entered in the computer]						
Full name:						
Present address:						
Village / Town / City:			State / Province / District:			
Date of birth: / /			Phone:			
General characteristics						
Date of reporting: / /			UNIQUE ID:			
Age (years)		Gender:		Male	Female	Other
Clinical characteristics, testing circumstances and biomarkers						
Clinical characteristics and testing circumstances in the current episode				Biomarkers		
Onset date of acute hepatitis		/ /		Alanine aminotransferase (ALT):		IU/ litre
						Unknown
Hospitalization for hepatitis		Yes	No	Anti-HAV IgM	Pos	Neg
						Unknown
Jaundice		Yes	No	Anti-HBc IgM	Pos	Neg
						Unknown
Encephalopathy†		No	Grade II	Grade IV	HBsAg	Pos
		Grade I	Grade III		Neg	Unknown
Discharge date		/ /		Anti-HCV	Pos	Neg
						Unknown
				HCV RNA	Pos	Neg
						Unknown
				HDV testing**	Pos	Neg
						Unknown
				Anti-HEV IgM	Pos	Neg
						Unknown
Prior diagnosis and treatment history						
Previously identified with chronic HBV infection				Yes	No	Unknown
Previously identified with chronic HCV infection				Yes	No	Unknown
Previously history of the other chronic liver disease				Yes	No	Unknown
Hepatitis vaccination history						
Has the person ever received at least one dose of hepatitis A vaccine?				Yes (doses)	No	Unknown
Has the person ever received at least one dose of hepatitis B vaccine?				Yes (doses)	No	Unknown
Has the person ever received at least one dose of combined hepatitis A and B vaccine?				Yes (doses)	No	Unknown
Has the person ever received at least one dose of hepatitis E vaccine?				Yes (doses)	No	Unknown
General characteristics of the patient						
Is the patient a health-care worker exposed to blood through patient care?				Yes	No	Unknown
Is the patient a man who has sex with other men?				Yes	No	Unknown
Does the patient undergo haemodialysis?				Yes	No	Unknown
Is the patient injecting drugs?				Yes	No	Unknown
Possible exposures in the 2–6 weeks before onset						
Is the patient involved in a reported, identified outbreak?				Yes	No	Unknown
Was there contact with patient(s) with the same symptoms?				Yes	No	Unknown
Did the patient eat raw, uncooked shellfish (e.g. oysters)?				Yes	No	Unknown
Did the patient eat raw, uncooked pork meat, boar meat or venison?				Yes	No	Unknown
Did the patient drink water from a well or other unsafe water source?				Yes	No	Unknown
Is the patient a child or a staff member in a day-care centre?				Yes	No	Unknown
Did the patient travel to an area highly endemic for hepatitis A/hepatitis E?				Yes	No	Unknown
Possible exposures in the 1–6 months before onset						
Did the patient receive injections given for therapeutic purposes?				Yes	No	Unknown
Was the patient admitted to hospital?				Yes	No	Unknown
Did the patient undergo a surgical procedure?				Yes	No	Unknown
Did the patient receive a blood transfusion?				Yes	No	Unknown
Did the patient receive dental care?				Yes	No	Unknown
Did the patient undergo endoscopy?				Yes	No	Unknown
Did the patient undergo tattooing or body piercing?				Yes	No	Unknown
Did the patient undergo shaving by a barber?				Yes	No	Unknown
Did the patient have unprotected sex with an occasional partner?				Yes	No	Unknown
Was there household contact with someone with hepatitis B/C?				Yes	No	Unknown

Ag: antigen; anti-HAV: antibody against hepatitis A virus; HBsAg: hepatitis B surface antigen; anti-HBc: antibody against hepatitis B core antigen; anti-HCV: antibody against hepatitis C virus; anti-HEV antibody against hepatitis E virus; HBV: hepatitis B virus; HCV: hepatitis C virus; Ig: immunoglobulin; RNA: ribonucleic acid

* Information must be collected on risk factors for all cases of acute hepatitis for the 2–6 weeks and 1–6 months referent exposure period. Acute hepatitis A/E cases can then be used as controls for acute hepatitis B/C and vice versa. This form should be filled by health-care workers, after interviewing the patients and reviewing the medical records.

**HDV testing can be added in highly endemic areas or deleted in non-endemic areas.

† Refer to Appendix 2.