

Hepatitis B birth dose vaccines indicator

Acceptability to stakeholders

Acceptability of the vaccine and of vaccination against the disease

As with all vaccines, caregiver knowledge, cultural factors, and local perceptions of vaccine safety influence uptake.¹

However, despite findings of low levels of knowledge of HBV (see 4.1), the same studies have found that attitudes towards vaccination are generally positive.^{2, 3}

In a study among health workers in Nigeria, over half perceived HepB-birth dose (BD) vaccines as extremely safe (61%) and effective (63.4%). Participants strongly agreed that birth vaccination is recommended (80.5%), ethically appropriate (68.3%), and that its benefits outweigh side effects (63.4%).⁴

Birth dose assessments conducted in Botswana, the Gambia, Namibia, Nigeria, and Sao Tome and Principe found that birth dose vaccination was a highly acceptable intervention in all five countries.⁵

A WHO scoping review summarizes and appraises the evidence from published and grey literature on improving coverage of the hepatitis B birth dose vaccine.⁶

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