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Subject: Health Alert: Acute Hepatitis in Children


A recent surge of Acute Hepatitis associated with high levels of ALT (>500 IU/L) have been reported in the UK, Europe, Americas and other countries. Currently, this disease has been observed in more than two WHO regions. A total of 200 cases have been reported till date. The exact cause of the disease is still being traced although Adenovirus is positive in about 74 samples whereas all are negative for common hepatitis viruses (A-E). The situation has urged other countries to enhance surveillance and vigilance. The Public Health Emergency Operations Center, CDC, NIH is monitoring the situation and will keep the stakeholders updated.

2. To facilitate the national and provincial health authorities and other stakeholders for timely detection, all hospitals and clinicians (Public and Private) are requested to notify the district health department about any cases/clusters of acute non A-E hepatitis in children according to the following WHO case definition:

“ A person presenting with an acute hepatitis (non-hepatitis viruses A, B, C, D, E) with aspartate transaminase (AST) or Alanine transaminase (ALT) over 500 U/L, who is 16 years old and under”.

4. Please contact NIH for any further information / clarification.

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