

ALBANIA

VHPB BALKAN MEETING

*CURRENT SITUATION:
EPIDEMIOLOGY, BURDEN OF
DISEASE, SCREENING &
PREVENTION, CASCADE OF
CARE*

SURVEILLANCE SYSTEM OF VIRAL HEPATITIS

- The main disease-based system - monthly data collection system for 5 types of viral hepatitis:
 - Unspecified viral hepatitis
 - Viral hepatitis A, B, C, D, E
- ALERT syndromic system – weekly data collection system for Jaundice syndrome
- Seroprevalence studies in general population and in certain risk groups
- Surveillance in persons receiving multiple transfusions and those on dialysis-biannual national data collection system
- Bio-BSS- Biologic and behavior surveillance studies
- Participatory surveillance (NGOs)

COUNTRY EPIDEMIOLOGY

	HBsAg (year)	Anti-HCV (year)
General population	7.2 % (2013)	1.3% (2013)
Blood donors (first time)	7.9% (2009)	
Pregnant women	6.5 % (2010)	1.4% (2010)
Risk Groups		
PWID	12.4% (2005)	44.3% (2019)
MSM	15.2% (2008)	3.5% (2008)
Prisoners	15,9% (2007)	11.6% (2019)
Other-roma	9.8% (2015)	0.7% (2015)
Healthcare workers	8.1 (2004)	0.6% (2004)

	In risk-population (specify)	Prevalence (year)
Anti HAV	General population	96% (2007)
Anti HEV	General population	4.3% (2013)

COUNTRY VACCINATION PROGRAM

Hepatitis A	Y/N	population + Schedule	Since/period
Universal	N		
Risk group	Y	Travellers to endemic countries	2001
Hepatitis B	Y/N	population + Schedule	Since/period
Universal	Y	Birth,2,4,6 months	1994
Catch-up	Y	Military troops who go on different missions Roma children Children born in 1992-1994 Medical students (born before 1991) Medical students HCW PWID MSM	Every year 2006-2008 2010 2012 2002-2004 2002-2004 2007-2008 2007 -2008
Risk Group	Y	Medical students HCW PWID MSM	2005 2009 2009 2008

COUNTRY SCREENING

Recommended for following groups:	Hep B	Hep C
General population	N	N
Birth cohorts	N	N
Blood and organ donors	Y	Y
Pregnant women	Y	Y
PWID	Y	Y
STI clinic patients	Y	Y
Haemodialysis patients	Y	Y
Health care workers	Y	Y
Men having sex with men	Y	Y
Prison population	N	N
Migrants	Y	Y
Others - Female sex workers	Y	Y

COUNTRY TREATMENT

National guidelines available	Y/N (year)
Hepatitis B	2019
Hepatitis C	2019
Other (specify)	

COUNTRY TREATMENT

Drugs available for HCV treatment*	Y/N
PegInterferon	Y
Ribavirin	Y
Boceprevir	N
Telaprevir	N
Simeprevir	N
Sofosbuvir	Y
Daclatasvir	Y
Sofosbuvir/Ledipasvir	Y
Sofosbuvir/Velpatasvir	Y
Glecaprevir/Pibrentasvir	Y
Sofosbuvir/Velpatasvir/Voxilaprevir	N
Other (specify) Gazoprevir/Elbasvir	Y

Drugs available for HBV treatment*	Y/N
Lamivudine	Y
Adefovir	Y
Telbivudine	N
Entacavir	N
TDF	Y
TAF	Y (not reimbursement)

Number of patients treated (cumulative)

Hep B	2602 - Tenofovir
Hep C	895 - treated with PegInterferon (C,B+D) 294 - DAA

*included on the national essential medicines list or subsidized by the government