

Does the occult hepatitis has an impact on public health and/or the elimination goals

- OBIs can potentially lead to HBV transmission in transfusion and transplantation scenarios
- Potential for reactivation during immunosuppression
- However, agreed that based on current understanding OBIs do not have an impact of public health HBV elimination goals
- As more patients get immunized this will reduce risk of OBI related transmission

Group C

- Limited population level data on OBI prevalence in general population
 - 16% prevalence in Italian study
- Need a better risk assessment of OBI prevalence and overall impact on public health
 - Consider modeling study, including costs
- This information will guide decision on if additional recommendations needed

- Advocate for risk assessment through epidemiologic studies in the general population of overall OBI risk and public health impact