

COST EFFECTIVE APPROACH FOR SEROLOGICAL DIAGNOSIS OF HEPATITIS

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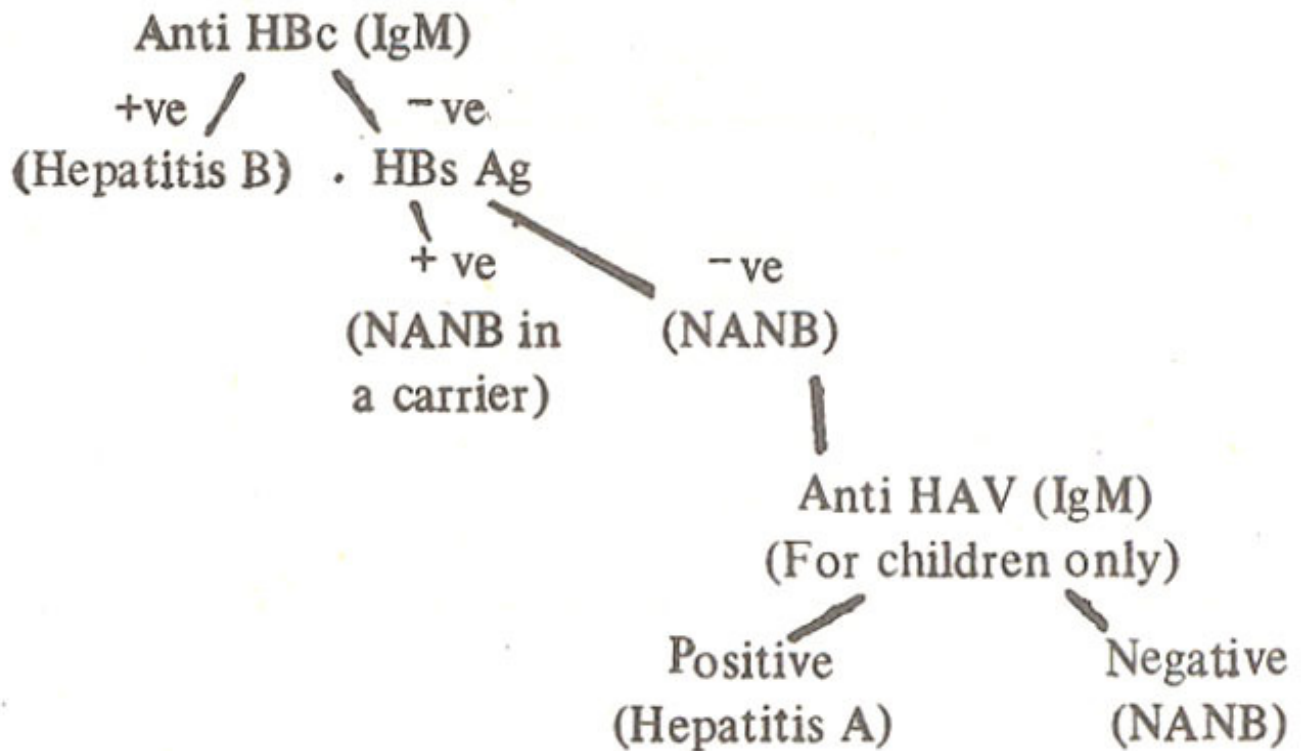
Hepatitis A appears to be a disease of childhood in Pakistan.¹ Most of the adults, either have had hepatitis A in childhood or have been exposed to it². With this view anti HAV (IgG) status was determined in 233 healthy subjects and 124 cases of hepatitis (Table).

Table. Anti HAV (IgG) in Karachi.

Group	No Tested	No positive	Percentage
Controls	233	223	95.7
AVH	124	122	98.4
Total	357	345	96.6

Results indicate that 96.6% of adults are immune to hepatitis A.

The following cost effective serological profile is therefore suggested in adults to determine the type of hepatitis.



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