Hepatitis A

Older children, adolescents and adults infected by hepatitis A often feel sick and symptoms can last for up to 6 months. There is no specific treatment for hepatitis A.4

TRANSMISSION:4

Hepatitis A virus is found in the stool of a person who has the virus. It spreads:
• through contaminated items such as toys and door knobs
• by consuming food and drinks contaminated with the virus
• by person-to-person contact e.g. hand-to-mouth transmission after changing diaper of an infected infant

SIGNS & SYMPTOM:4

The symptoms may include the following:
• Fever
• Loss of appetite
• Tiredness
• Stomach pain
• Vomiting
• Dark urine
• Yellow skin and eyes

POSSIBLE COMPLICATIONS:22

Most people do not have lasting liver damage. In rare cases, hepatitis A can cause liver failure and death. This is more common in older people and in people with other liver diseases.
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