

Dear colleague,

In Italy, there is currently no recent data on the actual number of patients with a known diagnosis of chronic Hepatitis B and Delta. In order to help improve the current situation and provide both patients and decision-makers with up-to-date data that reflects the current epidemiological landscape, we have launched a survey aimed at obtaining a realistic estimate of the number of people residing in Italy with a known diagnosis of Hepatitis B (HBsAg positive) and Delta (HDVAb positive).

This survey starts by collecting, from local and regional institutions, the number of patients who hold an exemption for the disease. It also evaluates, in clinical practice, the percentage of infected individuals who do not have a disease-specific exemption but have other types of exemptions (disability, income, unemployment, etc.).

Given the complexity of the infection and the associated disease, we are requesting your valuable collaboration in order to produce scientifically valid results.

Specifically, we kindly ask you to answer the following simple questions:

Please indicate the name of the center, city, and region:

1. How many patients with active chronic Hepatitis B attend your facility?
2. How many of these patients with active chronic Hepatitis B have exemption code 016.070.32?
3. How many of these patients with active chronic Hepatitis B do **not** have exemption code 016.070.32 but hold a different exemption?
4. How many patients with anti-HBe positive infection (inactive carriers) attend your facility?
5. How many of these “inactive carriers” have exemption code 016.070.32?
6. How many patients with chronic Hepatitis Delta attend your facility?
7. How many of these patients with chronic Hepatitis Delta have exemption code 016.070.33?
8. How many of these patients with chronic Hepatitis Delta do **not** have exemption code 016.070.33 but hold a different exemption?
9. What percentage of the HBsAg-positive patients you follow have been tested for anti-HDV?