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Hepatitis delta

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Source

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Hepatitis delta is a rare hepatic disease characterized by variable degrees of acute hepatitis resulting from infection with the hepatitis delta virus. Occasionally it may present a benign course, but most frequently it manifests with severe liver disease that may include fulminant liver failure, hepatic decompensation and rapid progression to cirrhosis. All patients present concomitant hepatitis B virus infection and an increased risk of developing hepatocellular carcinoma has been reported.