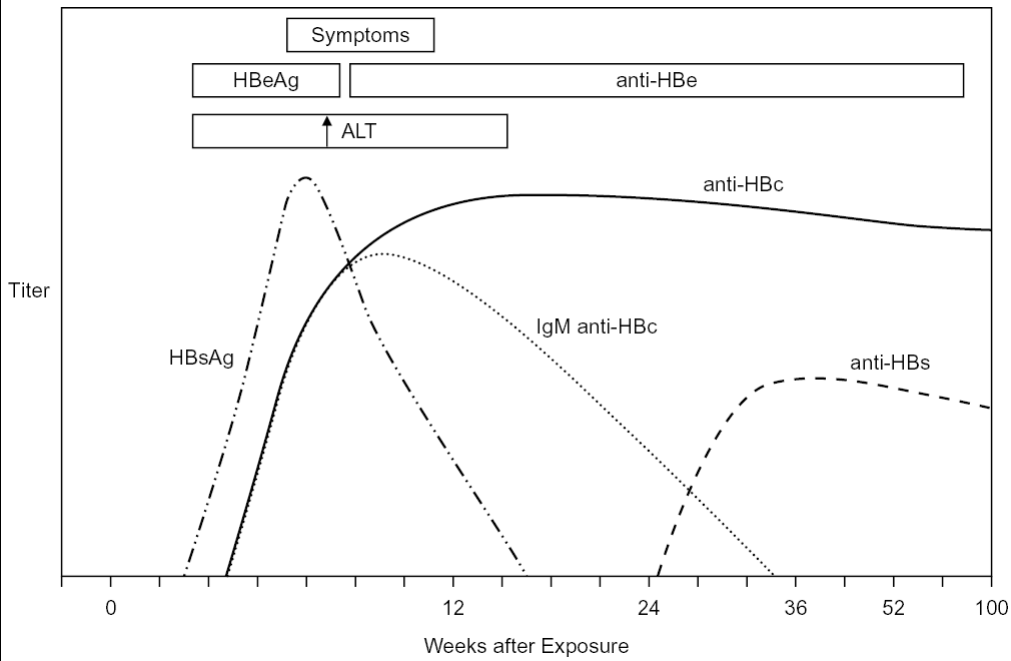


Acute Hepatitis B Infection



During early infection, only HBsAg or anti-HBc (IgM) may be detectable. After recovery, anti-HBc (IgG) and anti-HBs titers may decline but patients remain immune to subsequent infection. Anti-HBc = hepatitis B core antibody; anti-HBs = hepatitis B surface antibody; HBsAg = hepatitis B surface antigen; IgG = immunoglobulin G; IgM = immunoglobulin M.

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