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Childhood Liver Disease - 'Need to Know' Facts

Jaundice is common in babies and usually harmless but a small number of jaundiced babies have serious liver disease

Jaundice on day 1 of life and after 2 weeks of age requires investigation

A simple blood test called split bilirubin can tell whether your baby needs further tests for liver disease

Baby poo is usually yellow, green or brown - pale poo which is white or cream needs investigation

Baby urine is usually colourless - if you can see urine in a baby's nappy because it is yellow or brown, then your baby needs investigations

Itching, poor weight gain and bleeding may also be signs of liver disease

Liver disease is rare in babies but early diagnosis is essential to prevent complications

Do not hesitate to consult your doctor if you are worried about your baby's health