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Abdominal pain



Dark urine

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HOW CAN THE SPREAD OF HEPATITIS A BE STOPPED?

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Hepatitis A vaccine is a safe and effective vaccine available for people 12 months of age or older. Although one dose is very effective, another dose is recommended six months after the first dose for lifetime immunity. The vaccine is recommended for all children, travelers, and people at high risk, such as those with chronic liver disease, injection drug users, and men who have sex with men.

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