

Viral hepatitis B and C

Since 1990, Lithuania has been observing a decrease in the incidence of acute viral hepatitis B (VHB). The incidence decreased from 10.9 cases/ 100,000 population in 2001 to 1.1 cases/ 100 000 population in 2016. Incidence rate of acute VHB for men in 2016 was almost four times as high as for women. The highest age-specific rate was observed in 25–34 age group. The location of the infection acquirement of the majority cases (75.0 %) in 2016 was not detected.

Since 2001, Lithuania has also been observing a decrease in the incidence of acute viral hepatitis C (VHC). Incidence rate decreased from 5.36 cases/ 100,000 population in 2001 to 0.6 cases/ 100,000 population in 2016. Incidence rate of acute VHC for men in 2016 was not so high as for women. The highest age-specific rate was observed in 65+ age group. Infection causes and risk factors in majority of cases were undetected.