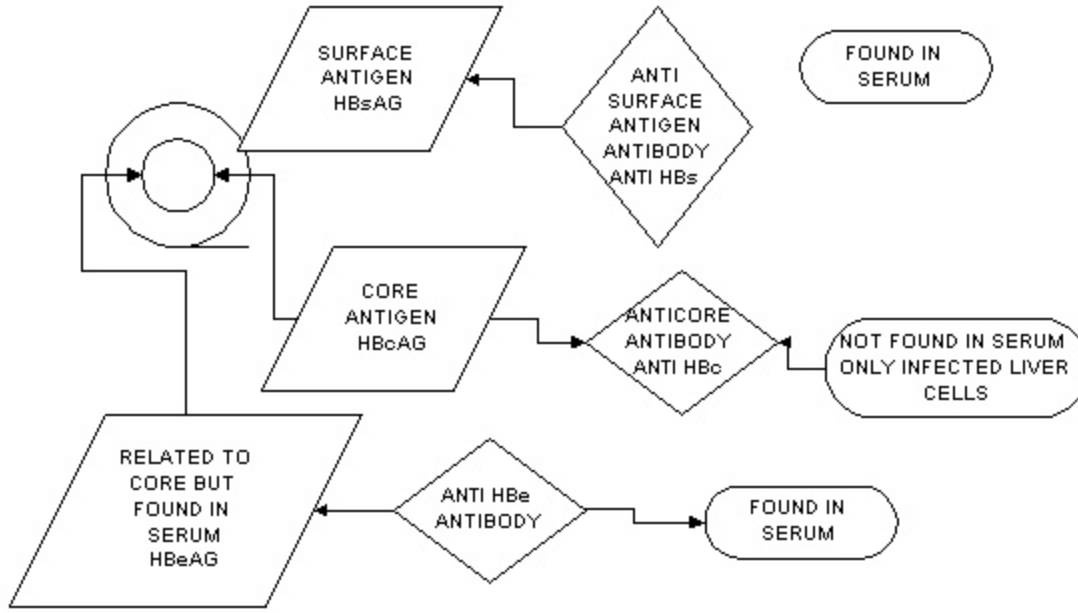
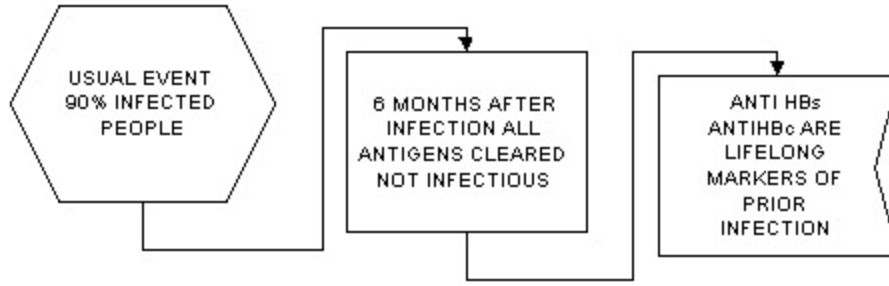
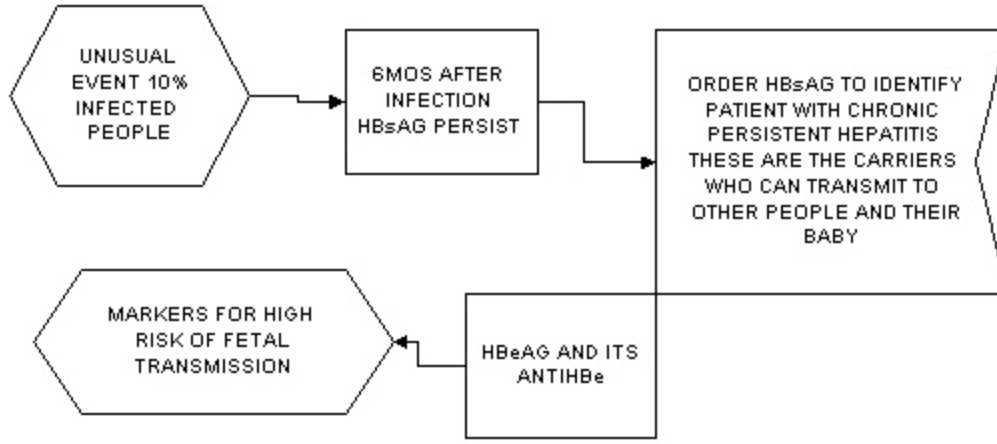
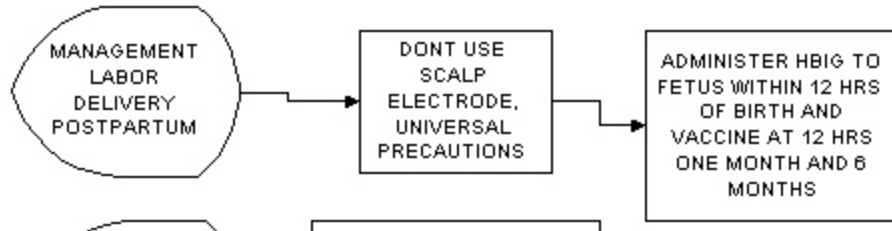
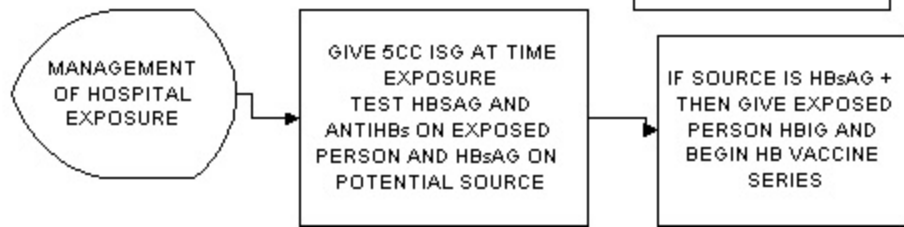
GENERAL COMMENTS:
HEP B MAJOR CAUSE OF ACUTE AND CHRONIC HEPATITITIS, CIRRHOSISI AND HEPATOCELLULAR CARCINOMA
SPREAD BY SEX,DRUGS, BLOOD, AND MOTHER TO CHILD
FETAL EFFECTS: NO INCREASE IN WASTAGE OR CONGENITAL ANAMOLIES,
MAJOR CONCERN TRANSFER TO INFANT

HEPATITIS B UNIVERSAL SCREENING

OVERALL RISK OF PERINATAL HEP B TRANSMISSION FROM SUFACE ANT + MOTHER 20-50%
HIGH RISK GROUPS ORIENTALS, HEPATITIS HX, HEPATITIS IN FAMILY, IV DRUG ABUSE, INSTITUTIONALIZED MULTIPLE STDS HEALTHCARE WORKERS
VACCINE IS SAFE IN PREGNANCY