Hepatitis B

Hepatitis B is a potentially life-threatening liver infection caused by the hepatitis B virus (HBV). It can cause chronic infection and puts people at high risk of death from cirrhosis and liver cancer. It is most commonly spread from mother to child at birth (perinatal transmission), or through horizontal transmission (exposure to infected blood), especially from an infected child to an uninfected child during the first 5 years of life. I chose this hepatitis B because my younger sister has been diagnosed with the disease, and the World Health organization in 2015, reported that Hepatitis B resulted in an estimated 887,000 deaths, mostly from Cirrhosis and hepatocellular carcinoma (i.e. primary liver cancer).

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<https://www.who.int/news-room/fact-sheets/detail/hepatitis-b>