

# **Hepatitis B and C virus in Lao blood donors**

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## **Activities and prospective**

The LaoLux laboratory, in close collaboration with the Lao Red Cross, has begun to investigate the characteristics of hepatitis infections in Lao blood donors. So far, over 3000 serum samples have been collected from 6 provinces. These samples will be analysed for prevalence of past and chronic infection, occult infections, and further characteristics of the virus and host response to infection or vaccination.