

1. Unclarified cholestasis
2. Unclarified non-obstructive jaundice
3. Unclarified laboratory results
4. Acute hepatitis
 - with anicteric course
 - with atypical course
 - with issues relating to differential diagnosis
 - to check course and therapy
 - to furnish proof of healing
 - to detect posthepatic sequelae
5. Chronic hepatitis (27, 117)
 - validation of diagnosis
 - to ascertain the degree of activity and fibrosis
 - with issues relating to differential diagnosis
 - prior to interferon therapy
 - to check course and therapy
6. Toxic liver damage
 - validation of diagnosis
 - to ascertain the extent of liver damage
 - to control course and therapy
7. Fatty liver (NALD, ALD)
8. Thesaurismosis and metabolic diseases
e.g. haemochromatosis (90), porphyria (15)
 - for differential diagnosis
 - to ascertain the extent of liver damage
 - to check course and therapy
9. Suspected infectious liver damage
 - in viral, bacterial or parasitic liver damage
 - in AIDS (97, 128)
10. Suspected granulomatous liver diseases
11. Histological assessment
 - prior to commencement of potentially hepatotoxic medication
12. Targeted biopsy (US, CT) in space-occupying lesions
13. Condition after liver transplantation
(22, 44, 141, 155)