

HEPATITIS C

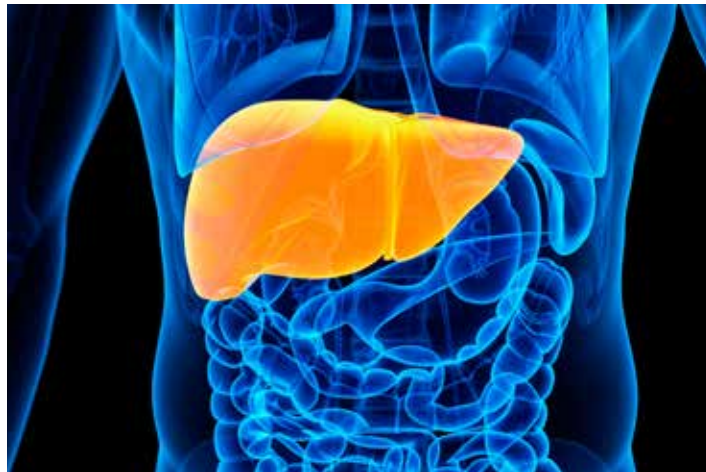
- Hepatitis C is the #1 cause of Liver Cancer and Liver Transplant in the United States
- 3.5 Million people are infected with hepatitis C in United States

RISK FACTORS OF HEPATITIS C

- Have received blood, blood products, or an organ transplant before July 1992
- Sharing needles to inject drugs even if it was only once or many years ago
- Have worked or lived in a jail or prison
- Have resided in countries where hepatitis C is common and have been exposed to blood products, medical procedures, or vaccinations.
- Have tattoos or body piercings
- Have multiple sexual partners
- Shared personal items with a hepatitis C infected person (e.g....razors, nail clippers, tooth brush)
- Shared cocaine (snorting) equipment
- Were born from 1945 through 1965
- Hemodialysis (kidney dialysis)
- Accidental needle sticks injuries in the healthcare settings
- Have hemophilia and received clotting factors before 1987
- Have HIV
- Being born to a mother with hepatitis C
- If you have persistent elevated liver function tests

HOW DO I KNOW IF I AM INFECTED

- Viral hepatitis such as hepatitis C (HCV), hepatitis B (HBV), and hepatitis A (HAV), is diagnosed by your symptoms and a simple blood test



UNDERSTANDING HEPATITIS PREVENTION

- Get vaccinated against hepatitis A & B
- Use a latex condom every time you have sex
- Do not share personal items like razors or toothbrushes
- Be careful if you get a tattoo, body piercing, or manicure. The equipment may have someone else's blood on it
- Do not donate blood or tissue if you are infected

THE FOLLOWING GROUPS SHOULD BE SCREENED FOR HEPATITIS B VIRUS

- People born in areas where HBV is endemic
- Men having sex with men
- IV drug users (both present and former users)
- Dialysis patients
- HIV-infected
- Pregnant women
- Family members, household members, and sex partners of HBV infected people even if sex occurred on only one occasion
- People who have more than one sex partner within 6 months
- **Help decrease your risk for cirrhosis, liver cancer, and liver failure by getting tested today**

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