HEPATITIS C TESTING AND DIAGNOSIS

WHAT IS HEPATITIS C?

- Hepatitis C is a serious disease that results from infection with the Hepatitis C virus.
- Millions of Americans have Hepatitis C, but most don’t know it. Many people live with Hepatitis C for decades without experiencing symptoms.
- Some people who get infected are able to get rid of the virus, but most people develop a chronic infection.
- Over time, chronic Hepatitis C can cause liver damage, liver failure, and even liver cancer.

WHO SHOULD GET TESTED?

- Anyone who has injected drugs, even just once or many years ago.
- Anyone with chronic liver disease, HIV or AIDS.
- Anyone who received donated blood or organs before 1992.
- Anyone born between 1945 and 1965.
- Anyone with abnormal liver tests or liver disease.
- Health and safety workers who may have been exposed to blood while on the job.
- Anyone on hemodialysis.
- Anyone born to a mother with Hepatitis C.

The only way to know if you have Hepatitis C is to get tested. EARLY DETECTION CAN SAVE LIVES.