

HEPATITIS C

TESTING AND DIAGNOSIS

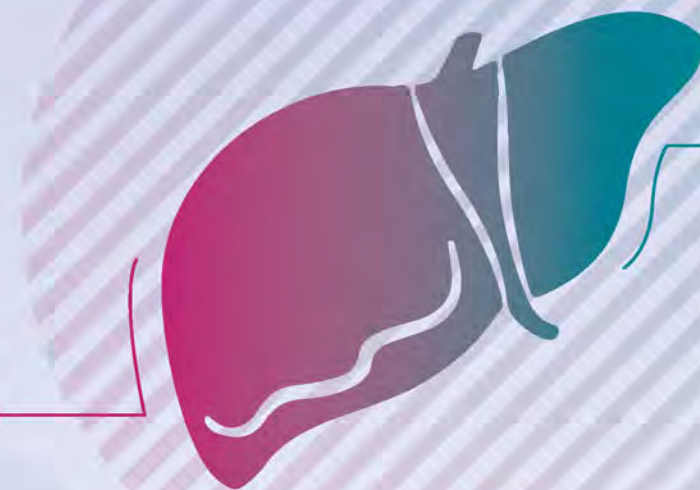
WHAT IS HEPATITIS C?

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.



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