## 12 Questions to ask your doctor if you have been diagnosed with hepatitis B

Don't feel you are alone. One in twelve people world wide are living with hepatitis B or hepatitis C. The 12 questions below are designed to help you get the information you need from your GP.

- 1. What are the symptoms of hepatitis B and how will it affect my liver?
- 2. How is hepatitis B transmitted?
- 3. Do I have to tell anyone I have hepatitis B?
- 4. What tests will I need in order to know how hepatitis B is affecting me?
- 5. Is there a treatment for hepatitis B?
- 6. How do I know that I need treatment? When should I start it?
- 7. When do I need to see a liver specialist; will I have to pay for tests and treatment?
- 8. Should I be tested for, and vaccinated against, other forms of hepatitis?
- 9. What can I do to look after my health?
- **10**. Are there any side effects to treatment?
- **11.** How often should I come back and see you?
- **12.** Where can I go for more information and support?

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