## A REGULAR LIVER CHECK-UP

simple, easy...and it could save your life

## WHY

have a regular liver check-up?

- If you've got hepatitis hep B or hep C – you've got more risk of liver disease – things like cirrhosis (scarring), liver cancer, and liver failure.
- You may need treatment for your hep B or C even if you feel well.
- A regular liver check-up allows your liver health to be tracked.
   You can discuss with your doctor how to slow the progress of liver damage and decide when to start treatment.
- Talk to your doctor about getting a regular liver check-up.

## WHAT

happens during a liver check-up?

- Your liver check-up may start with a liver function test and other tests to measure how well your liver is working. These blood tests can be arranged by your GP or specialist.
- A FibroScan, or if this isn't available, a liver ultrasound, may also be done. The good news is that both are simple, easy and painless procedures.
- After your check-up, your healthcare professional can explain the results and discuss lifestyle changes, treatment options and the timing of your next check-up.

HOW

often do I need a liver check-up?

 Depending on the results of your last liver check-up, you may be advised to have a regular liver check-up every three, six or 12 months.





Jen Anderson was diagnosed with hepatitis C in 1990. She received regular liver tests which helped her know when she needed treatment. Jen has been successfully treated and is now cured of hepatitis C. Jen says

I urge everyone who has hepatitis B or C – or think they may have – to get a regular liver check-up. Having regular liver check-ups helped me decide when to start treatment, which in my case was lifesaving. \*\*

A liver check is nothing to worry about.

Ask your doctor about having a regular liver check-up today.



How can I find out more? www.loveyourliver.com.au 1300 437 222

