HEP B TESTING FOR ADULTS

ASK YOUR DOCTOR TO TEST IF YOU HAVE HEP B OR ARE IMMUNE

HEP B TEST RESULTS WILL TELL YOU IF YOU HAVE...

A CURRENT INFECTION - YOU HAVE HEP B RIGHT NOW.

2ND HEP B TEST (6 MONTHS LATER) TAKE THE TEST AGAIN TO SEE IF YOU STILL HAVE HEP B (IF YOU HAVE HEP B LONGER THAN 6 MONTHS IT MEANS YOUR BODY CAN'T FIGHT IT OFF).

CHRONIC HEP B YOU HAVE HAD HEP B FOR MORE THAN 6 MONTHS. THIS MEANS YOU WILL HAVE HEP B FOR LIFE.*

CHECK-UPS EVERY 6 MONTHS YOUR SEXUAL PARTNERS OR **FAMILY MIGHT HAVE HEP B TOO.** TALK TO THEM ABOUT GETTING TESTED.





RESOLVED HEP B INFECTION

YOU HAD HEP B BUT YOUR BODY FOUGHT IT OFF. YOU CAN'T GET HEP B AGAIN.

YOUR SEXUAL PARTNERS OR **FAMILY MIGHT HAVE HEP B TOO.** TALK TO THEM ABOUT GETTING TESTED.



IMMUNITY (VACCINATION) YOU HAVE BEEN VACCINATED AND ARE IMMUNE TO HEP B. YOU CAN'T GET HEP B.

NO ACTION NEEDED

YOU ARE PROTECTED

AGAINST HEP B AND

CAN'T GET IT.

IMMUNITY (PAST INFECTION) YOU ARE IMMUNE TO HEP B. YOU HAD HEP B IN THE PAST, BUT YOUR BODY FOUGHT IT OFF. YOU CAN'T GET HEP B AGAIN.

YOUR FAMILY MIGHT HAVE HEP B TOO.

TALK TO THEM ABOUT GETTING TESTED.



GET VACCINATED FOR HEP B

NO IMMUNITY

YOU DON'T HAVE HEP B, BUT

YOU COULD STILL GET IT.

ASK YOUR DOCTOR OR NURSE, COMMUNITY HEALTH CLINIC, SEXUAL HEALTH CLINIC, TRAVEL **CLINIC OR AMS ABOUT** GETTING VACCINATED.



*IF YOU HAVE HEP B FOR LIFE

People with hep B can live long, healthy lives. To make sure you stay as healthy as you can, it is important that you have check-ups with your doctor every 6-12 months. At your check-up, your doctor will do a blood test and sometimes a liver scan. Check-ups help your doctor make sure your liver is healthy and work out if you should be on treatment. They will also talk to you about what you can do to help keep your liver healthy.



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THIS SECTION IS FOR YOU AND YOUR DOCTOR

DOCTORS >>

PLEASE SCREEN THIS CLIENT FOR ALL THREE TESTS **BELOW**

NAME OF TEST

HEP B SURFACE ANTIGEN (HBsAg)

THIS TEST SHOWS WHETHER A PERSON HAS A CURRENT HEP B INFECTION

HEP B CORE ANTIBODY (anti-HBc)

THIS TEST SHOWS WHETHER A PERSON HAS BEEN EXPOSED TO HEP B EITHER RECENTLY OR IN THE PAST

HEP B SURFACE ANTIBODY (anti-HBs)

THIS TEST SHOWS WHETHER A PERSON HAS IMMUNITY TO THE HEP B

DIAGNOSIS

NO IMMUNITY NO INFECTION

SUSCEPTIBLE TO HEP B

IMMUNITY TO HEP B

FROM SUCCESSFUL VACCINATION

IMMUNITY TO HEP B

FROM RESOLVED ACUTE INFECTION

CURRENT INFECTION

COULD BE ACUTE OR CHRONIC























RECOMMENDATION

HEP B VACCINATION RECOMMENDED.

CHECK ANTIBODY LEVEL.

IF ANTIBODY LEVEL IS ABOVE 10 mIU/ML, PATIENT IS IMMUNE TO HEP B.

ENCOURAGE TESTING OF

FAMILY / SEXUAL PARTNERS / HOUSEHOLD CONTACTS.

TALK TO LIVER CLINIC/

SPECIALIST ABOUT FURTHER TESTS AND MONITORING.

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