

HEPATITIS A, B, C

WHAT IS HEPATITIS?

Hepatitis means that the liver is inflamed.

WHAT IS VIRAL HEPATITIS?

Some viruses can infect and cause serious damage to the liver. The most common types of viruses are: Hepatitis A virus (HAV), hepatitis B virus (HBV), and hepatitis C virus (HCV).

HOW MANY PEOPLE ARE INFECTED?

- **1.1 million** people in the U.S. have HBV.
- **3-5 million** people have HCV.

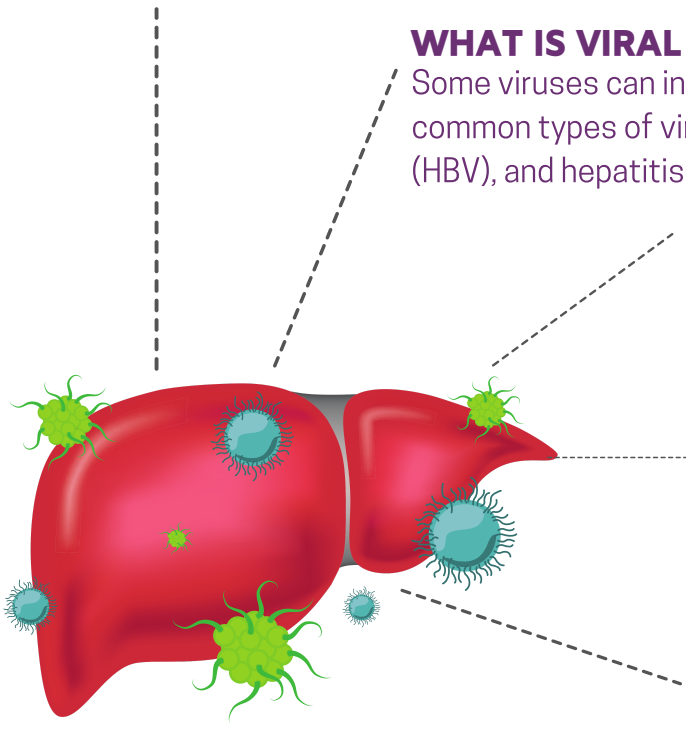
Most people living with HBV or HCV don't know they are infected.

VIRAL HEPATITIS INFECTION IS A SERIOUS HEALTH THREAT

Infected people are at risk for severe liver disease and can spread the virus to others. **Viral hepatitis is also a leading cause of liver cancer.**

BLOOD TESTS CAN CHECK FOR VIRAL HEPATITIS

Take Action, Get Tested, Get Treated or Even Cured



	HEPATITIS A VIRUS	HEPATITIS B VIRUS	HEPATITIS C VIRUS
How do you get it?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From small amounts of stool in food or drinks • Contact with an infected person • Sexual contact 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Infected blood or other contact with blood or other body fluids • Sexual contact • Mother to baby 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Infected blood to blood contact • Using dirty needles • Mother to baby • Rarely sexual contact
Who should be tested?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Travelers exposed when in certain countries • People living in places with unclean water • Men who have sexual contact with men • People who inject drugs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Persons exposed to blood products or fluids from infected people • People who inject drugs • Healthcare workers • Travelers exposed when in certain countries 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Persons born from 1945-1965 (baby boomers) • People who inject drugs • People with HIV
How serious is it?	Can be fatal in persons with poor health	Most recover, but 5-10% develop serious long-term liver disease	65-75% continue to be infected and are at risk for liver disease
Is there a vaccine to prevent it?	Yes	Yes	No
Is there a treatment?	No. Your body usually clears the infection in 1-2 months	In many cases, medication can keep the infection under control	Yes! There are medications to cure HCV

Questions? Talk to your doctor about testing, vaccination, and treatment.