

Next time you go to your doctor, take this card and ask for the hepatitis B and/or the hepatitis C blood test.

To find out where you can get support and information about hepatitis B and/or hepatitis C in your local area, contact **hepatitis***wa*.

**Hepatitis Helpline:**

(08) 9328 8538 Metro | 1800 800 070 Country

[www.hepatitiswa.com.au](http://www.hepatitiswa.com.au)

**Treatments for hepatitis B**

If your test for **hepatitis B** comes back negative then you can talk to your GP about vaccination.

If your test for **hepatitis B** comes back positive, you can talk to your GP about treatment options.

**Treatments for hepatitis C**

If your test for hepatitis C comes back positive, talk to your GP about treatment options. New medications may be available.

There are currently no vaccines available for hepatitis C.

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**HEPATITIS B AND  
HEPATITIS C  
HANDY CARD**



## Why should I know if I have hepatitis B or hepatitis C?

Hepatitis B and hepatitis C are serious liver infections and may lead to premature death from liver cancer or liver failure.

Many people don't know they have these viruses and it may not be until they become very sick that they find out.

## How does someone get hepatitis B or hepatitis C?

### Hepatitis B

- Sharing injecting equipment.
- Unprotected sex.
- Through infected blood.
- From mother-to-child during birth.

### Hepatitis C

- Through sharing injecting equipment.
- Tattooing, body piercing.
- From mother-to-child during birth.

## Find out if you have hepatitis B or hepatitis C

A simple blood test will be able to find out if you have hepatitis B or hepatitis C.

Take this card to your GP and specifically ask for a test for either hepatitis B and/or hepatitis C.

## Attention: General Practitioners

This patient is seeking a blood test for hepatitis B and/or C. Pathology requests for this patient should state 'query chronic hepatitis B and/or C' and 'please bulk bill'.

If chronic hepatitis B or hepatitis C is confirmed then please access the following pathway information via internet:

**Type in 'Chronic Hepatitis B and C Primary Care Pathway' into your search engine.**

Medicare items numbers that can be used are:

723 – Team Care Arrangement

36 – Long Consultation.