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.

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

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

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

**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.

**NO IMMUNITY**
YOU DON'T HAVE HEP B, BUT YOU COULD STILL GET IT.

**NO ACTION NEEDED**
YOU ARE PROTECTED AGAINST HEP B AND CAN'T GET IT.

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

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

**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).

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

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**6 MONTHS**

*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.
### DOCTORS >>

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

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<td>IMMUNITY TO HEP B FROM SUCCESSFUL VACCINATION</td>
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