



HEPATITIS B

Hepatitis B (Hep B) is a virus transmitted through blood contact or sex. Most people get it at birth.

It is possible to get Hep B from having unprotected sex, sharing personal care items (razors or toothbrushes), used needles or ritual circumcision.

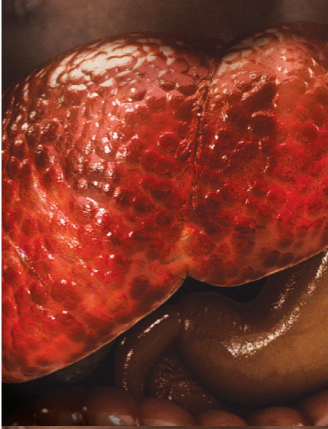
HEALTHY LIVER

Your liver keeps you alive, it cleans toxins from your blood, and makes energy for your body. With Hep B, the liver can't do its job.



SCARRING OF THE LIVER

Hep B is a virus that attacks the liver. Most people don't feel sick, and don't know their liver is getting damaged.



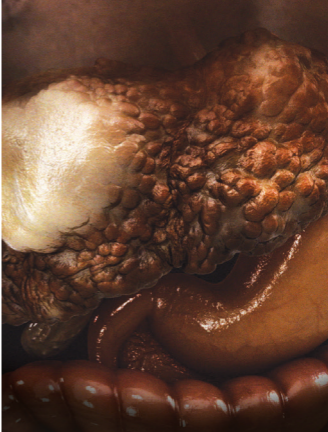
SEVERE LIVER DAMAGE

Hep B can get worse over time. Symptoms can take 30 years to show, and are often a sign of advanced liver disease.



LIVER CANCER

Hep B can lead to liver cancer. The only way of surviving liver cancer is **surgery** or **transplant**.



GET TESTED

Get tested to know if you have Hep B. Medications are available to prevent liver damage even for those with **no insurance** at **no cost**. Don't wait until it's too late.

You can avoid the painful journey. Protect yourself and your family by getting **tested** and **vaccinated**.

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The facts you need to know



PROTECT YOUR LIVER



HEALTHY LIVER



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OF THE LIVER**



**SEVERE LIVER
DAMAGE**



LIVER CANCER

NEED HELP?

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