

Why test for Hepatitis B & C?

- Many people are unaware that they are living with Hepatitis B or C
- Recommended by NSW Health in those at risk
- **Curing Hepatitis C and treating Hepatitis B is easy**

Why am I being tested?

- We don't always know if people have risk factors for hepatitis (see next page)
- People born overseas and Indigenous Australians have higher rates of Hepatitis B & C compared to non-Indigenous Australians
- Some people have these infections without an obvious risk factor

How will I be tested?

- Tests can usually be done on blood already collected for other reasons. If you are in emergency department or admitted, it may be ordered with other routine blood tests.



Contact us

If you want more information, please contact our friendly team anytime on **0476 682 138**.

Other useful contacts:

Hepatitis Infoline:
1800 803 990
www.hep.org.au

Hepatitis Australia:
1300 437 222
www.hepatitisaustralia.com

Tharawal Aboriginal Medical Services:
(02) 4628 4837
<http://tacams.com.au>

The Aboriginal Health & Medical
Research Council of NSW:
(02) 9212 4777
<http://www.ahmrc.org.au>



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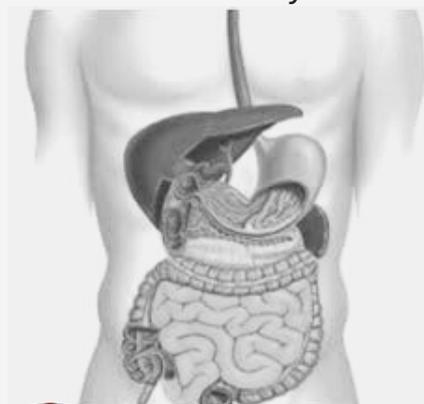
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(Screening Emergency Admissions
at Risk of Chronic Hepatitis)

Hepatitis C can be cured!
Hepatitis B can be treated!

We are currently testing **all emergency department patients aged 18 and over** for Hepatitis B and C, unless you ask us not to.

If you don't want to be tested,
Call or SMS us anytime on **0476 682 138**
24 hours 7 Days



What is Hepatitis B and C?



Hepatitis B & C are viruses that infect the liver. Most people do not have symptoms and many do not know they have the infection.

How is Hepatitis B & C transmitted?



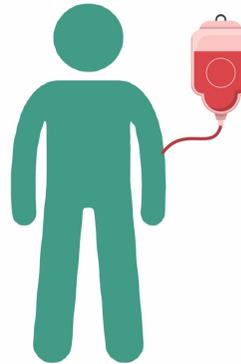
Unprotected sex



Passed from mother to baby



Non-sterile medical interventions; medical procedures in developing countries; and intravenous drug use



Accidental transmission, including contaminated blood transfusions & organ transplants

Hepatitis B:

Hepatitis B treatment can prevent serious consequences of this infection. Hepatitis B can be prevented with vaccination.

Hepatitis C:

Hepatitis C is now curable with tablets. Treatment is between 8 to 12 weeks.

Risks of leaving Hepatitis B & C untreated:

- Liver Scarring/Damage
- Liver Cirrhosis
- Liver Failure
- Liver Cancer

How will I find out about my test results?

If you are found to have hepatitis B or C, you will be notified either by your GP or one of our Liver Clinic Nurses. Usually further tests are needed for diagnosis and we can help you with treatment and care.



Liver Clinic Nursing Team, Liverpool Hospital

Hepatitis C transmission

Hepatitis B transmission