

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?

- This research will test patients to determine if this program of testing and linking people to care is an effective model or not.
- There are many clinical reasons to test for Hepatitis B and C: 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 and some people have these infections without an obvious risk factor.

How will I be tested?

- We use the blood already collected during your visit today.



More Information

More information is available online, please use the QR code.



Contact Us

If you have any questions or concerns please contact our friendly SEARCH team Mon - Fri 9am to 5 pm on 0499 148 912.

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>

WE ARE SEARCHING FOR HEPATITIS

Hepatitis C can be **cured**

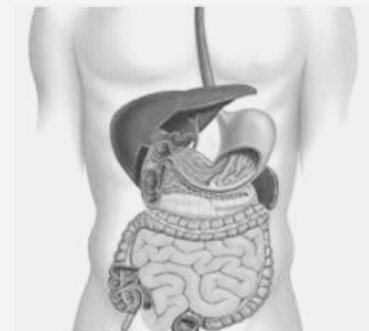


Hepatitis B can be **treated**

We are conducting a research study to test Emergency Department patients aged 18 and over for Hepatitis B and C.

If you don't want to be tested please tell your treating nurse or doctor and they will cancel the test.

You do not have to be tested if you don't want to. If you choose not to, it won't affect the care you receive.



This study has been approved by the South Western Sydney Local Health District Human Research Ethics Committee. Any person with concerns or complaints about the conduct of this study should contact the Research and Ethics Office, Locked Bag 7103, LIVERPOOL BC NSW 1871 on 02 8738 8304 / fax 02 8738 8310 / email SWSLHD-ethics@health.nsw.gov.au, website: <http://www.swslhd.nsw.gov.au/ethics/default.html> and quote [2022/STE03847].

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.

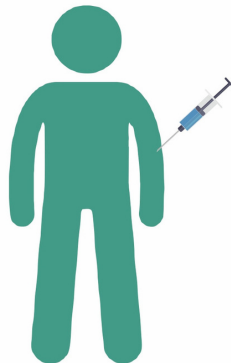
How is Hepatitis B & C transmitted?



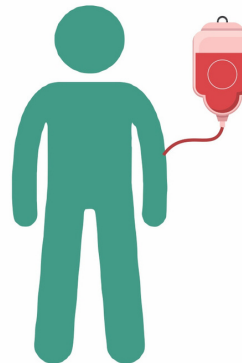
Unprotected sex



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