

Someone You Know
Has Hepatitis B

Think of 20 people
you know.

Can you see their faces?
Do you hear their voices?

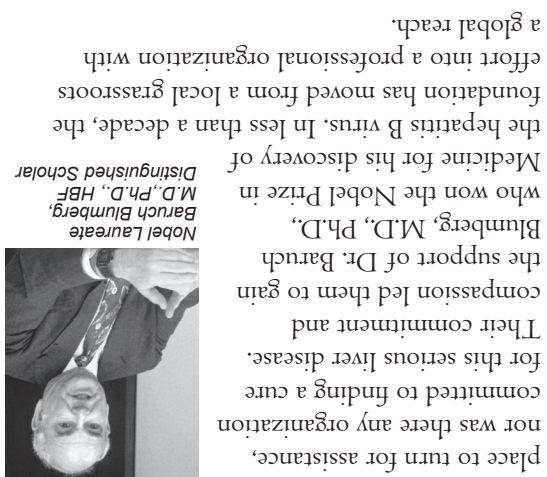


There are 12 million people who have been infected with the hepatitis B virus in the United States - that's 1 in 20 people! One of these people could very well be someone close to you. The statistics are startling:

- Up to 2 million Americans (most of whom do not know they have the virus) are chronically infected with hepatitis B.
- Hepatitis B causes more than 5,000 deaths in the United States each year.
- There are still up to 50,000 new cases of hepatitis B confirmed each year despite a safe and effective vaccine.

The worldwide statistics, however, are staggering:

- Two billion (or 1 in 3) people have been infected with hepatitis B worldwide.
- Of these, 400 million people are chronically infected. Most were infected as children and do not know they are infected.
- Nearly one million people die each year as a result of hepatitis B - the ninth leading cause of death worldwide.



place to turn for assistance, nor was there any organization committed to finding a cure for this serious liver disease. Their commitment and compassion led them to gain the support of Dr. Baruch Blumberg, M.D., Ph.D., who won the Nobel Prize in Medicine for his discovery of the hepatitis B virus. In less than a decade, the foundation has moved from a local grassroots effort into a professional organization with a global reach.



family affected by hepatitis B and found there was no Block. These four people had learned about a young 1991 by Paul and Janine Witte, and Timothy and Joan

Our Story

The Hepatitis B Foundation - the only national non-profit organization of its kind - was started in



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OUR MISSION

The Hepatitis B Foundation is a national nonprofit organization dedicated to finding a cure and improving the quality of life for those affected by hepatitis B worldwide. Our commitment includes funding focused research, promoting disease awareness, supporting immunization and treatment initiatives, and serving as the primary source of information for patients and their families, the medical and scientific community, and the general public.

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The foundation is intent upon improving the lives of those affected by hepatitis B through a comprehensive program of research, education, patient support, and advocacy worldwide.

Look inside for important information.

Research For A Cure

Our research program is bringing hope through the work of scientists at the Hepatitis B Foundation and activities that promote scientific exchange at many different levels.

ANNUAL PRINCETON WORKSHOP

For more than a decade, we have invited an elite group of the world's research leaders in the field of hepatitis B to spend two days focusing on innovative therapeutic strategies for hepatitis B.



BRUCE WITTE FELLOWSHIP

Paul and Janine Witte established this competitive research award in 2000 to encourage a beginning scientist to study hepatitis B in our laboratories.

SUMMER INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

College students are introduced to the unique global problem of hepatitis B, and learn advanced research skills in our labs under expert supervision.

UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD TRAINING PROGRAM

College graduates are first trained in our labs and then eligible to apply for an HBF scholarship to the University of Oxford to earn a doctoral degree. This is one of only two such Oxford programs in the U.S.

INSTITUTE FOR HEPATITIS AND VIRUS RESEARCH

We established this institute in 2004 to serve as our research arm to focus on drug discovery and early detection markers for hepatitis B and C, and liver cancer.

PENNSYLVANIA BIOTECHNOLOGY CENTER OF BUCKS COUNTY

In 2006 we moved into our \$15 million Center that we created, and co-own with a local college. It significantly expands our research capabilities, which ultimately enables us to accelerate the pace of progress. The Center is a unique blend of nonprofit research organizations and biotech start-up companies that pursue common research themes related to viral hepatitis and liver cancer.

Community Outreach

With 400 million people worldwide suffering from chronic hepatitis B, there are 400 million reasons to continue our valuable work. The importance of our mission is affirmed every day as we listen and respond to the personal stories of those contacting us for help. By phone, mail, and the internet, the Hepatitis B Foundation touches thousands of lives each year.



OUR WEBSITE www.hepb.org

- Comprehensive Information
- Responsive e-mail: info@hepb.org
- Language Chapters
- e-Newsletter
- Interactive Learning Guides
- Expert Speakers Forum

INFORMATION AND REFERRAL

- Telephone Help Line (215) 489-4900
- Educational Literature and Videos
- National Liver Specialist Directory

B INFORMED NEWSLETTERS

- Timely articles, updated "Drug Watch," clinical trials information, personal stories, and practical tips for living with chronic hepatitis B.



COMMUNITY EDUCATION

- Training for healthcare providers, literature distribution, immunization and screening programs, speakers bureau, media campaigns, and more.



Created by the Hepatitis B Foundation to advance its research mission in 2006.

Patient Support & Advocacy

The Hepatitis B Foundation is the only organization solely dedicated to those affected by hepatitis B.



B INFORMED PATIENT CONFERENCE

We sponsor the only national conference for those living with chronic hepatitis B. Health care providers, patients, and their loved ones gather to share stories and information in a caring, supportive environment.

EXPERT LEGISLATIVE TESTIMONY

Our experts are often invited to provide testimony to state and federal legislators. We have successfully advocated for funds to support hepatitis B prevention, education, and research programs.

ONLINE HEPATITIS B INFORMATION AND SUPPORT LIST

We have a strong ongoing partnership with this hepatitis B support group, the only one of its kind on the internet. Together we help provide a focus for the hepatitis B community. Visit www.HBList.org.

NATIONAL VIRAL HEPATITIS ROUNDTABLE

As founding members of this coalition, which was charged by Congress to develop a national strategy to decrease the burden of viral hepatitis in the United States, we work closely with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the National Institutes of Health.

"I feel like a tiny hole in my heart has been filled up by being with other people just like me, who know what it is like to live with the fatigue and fear that can be caused by hepatitis B."

— HBF PATIENT CONFERENCE ATTENDEE

Give A Gift Today!



We believe in "friend-raising" as well as "fund-raising." Your donation will give hope to millions, and we need your funds to continue our important work!

The Hepatitis B Foundation is a 501 (c) (3) tax-exempt nonprofit organization. With your financial support, awareness will be created, prevention will be promoted, patient support will be provided, and a cure will be found. Thank you for contributing to the Hepatitis B Foundation and becoming a part of the cure!

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