HEPATITIS B WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

In recent years, more people are becoming newly infected with hepatitis B, a disease that affects the liver and can cause health complications.

These rising infections of hep B are tied to the U.S. opioid epidemic.

A 20% rise in acute cases from 2014-2015!

HEPATITIS B CAN BE MORE DANGEROUS
If you also have hepatitis C

WHAT IS HEPATITIS B?
Hepatitis B is a virus that attacks the liver. Infections can be newer and short-lived (acute) or lifelong (chronic).
If left undiagnosed, a chronic infection can lead to scarring of the liver (cirrhosis) or even liver cancer over time.

COULD YOU BE INFECTED?

Most people don’t have any symptoms.

A simple blood test can tell if you are infected.

WHO IS AT RISK?

People who share needles inject drugs, or come into contact with blood

People with many sexual partners

Men who have sex with men

People from the darkest regions on the map - where hepatitis B is more common

IF YOU ARE AT RISK:

Ask your doctor to test you for hep B, and about getting the hep B vaccine if you’re not infected.

THE VACCINE CAN PROTECT YOU FOR LIFE AGAINST HEP B!

IF YOU ARE INFECTED:

Managing your hepatitis B is important!

Try to see a liver specialist every 6 months to check up on the virus & prevent liver damage.

Hep B United is a national coalition to address and eliminate hepatitis B, a serious liver infection that is the leading cause of liver cancer.

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