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?



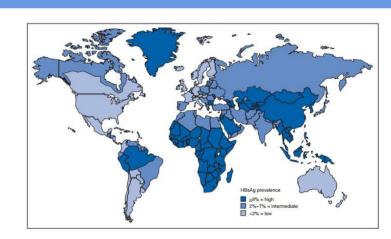
People who share needles inject drugs, or come into contact with blood



People with many sexual partners



Men who have sex with men



People who are from the darkest regions - 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

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

THE VACCINE CAN PROTECT YOU FOR LIFE AGAINST HEP B!

