

Free testing for hepatitis B and hepatitis C for at-risk populations is now covered under the Affordable Care Act



HEPATITIS B

CDC recommends that the following be tested for hepatitis B:

- People born in Asia, Africa, and other regions where hepatitis B is endemic
- Unvaccinated people whose parents are from regions with high rates of hepatitis B
- People with HIV infection, who have a weakened immune system, or are on hemodialysis
- People living with or having sex with people infected with hepatitis B
- Men who have sex with men
- People who inject drugs
- Pregnant women and infants born to HBsAg-positive mothers

Did you know?? There are ~ 150 acute and ~ 900 chronic hepatitis B infections a year in Arizona, predominately affecting Asian/Pacific Islanders.

HEPATITIS C

CDC recommends that the following be tested for hepatitis C:

- Persons born from 1945 through 1965
- Anyone who has ever injected drugs
- All persons with HIV infection
- Recipients of clotting factor concentrates made before 1987
- Recipients of blood transfusions or solid organ transplants before July 1992
- Patients who have ever received long-term hemodialysis treatment
- Persons with known exposures to HCV, such as:
 - Health care workers after needlesticks involving HCV-positive blood
 - Recipients of blood or organs from a donor who later tested HCV-positive
- Patients with signs or symptoms of liver disease (e.g., abnormal liver enzyme tests)
- Children born to HCV-positive mothers



Did you know?? There are ~ 10,000 hepatitis C infections a year in Arizona, predominately affecting males and those who were born between 1945-1965.

RESOURCES

www.hepatitisAZ.org

www.cdc.gov/hepatitis

www.cdc.gov/nchhstp/preventionthroughhealthcare/preventiveservices/hepatitis.htm