

Viral Hepatitis Awareness Month

Join us **TONIGHT** for the **2015 Congressional
Viral Hepatitis Reception**

Tuesday, May 12, 2015

5:00 pm – 7:00 pm

Russell Senate Office Building SR-325

2 Constitution Ave NE, Washington, DC 20002

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Hepatitis B & C are the leading causes of liver cancer.

What you need to know about viral hepatitis:

Hepatitis B (HBV)

- There are almost one million people in the U.S. chronically infected with hepatitis B.
- One in twelve Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders is living with chronic hepatitis B.
- Hepatitis B can cause liver damage, failure and cancer, as well as the need for a liver transplant.
- Vaccination is the most important way to prevent hepatitis B.

Hepatitis C (HCV)

- Individuals born from 1945 – 1965 are five times more likely to have hepatitis C.
- African Americans, Latinos, and Veterans are among those disproportionately impacted by hepatitis C.
- Hepatitis C can cause liver damage, failure and cancer, as well as the need for a liver transplant.
- Most individuals can be cured.

Who should be screened?

***Over 5 Million Americans have chronic viral hepatitis;
most of them do not know they are infected.***

Hepatitis B (HBV)

- Individuals not vaccinated as infants whose parents were born in regions with a high prevalence of HBV infection.
- Individuals born in countries and regions with high prevalence of HBV infection.
- Patients who have a weakened immune system or undergo treatment for kidney failure (hemodialysis).
- Individuals who are HIV-positive, inject drugs or men who have sex with men.

Hepatitis C (HCV)

- CDC recommends that everyone born between the years of 1945 and 1965 get a one-time blood test for hepatitis C.
- Routine screening for HCV is recommended for individuals based on recognized exposure and factors such as injection drug use, certain medical conditions, or were prior recipients of transfusions or organ transplants.

May is Viral Hepatitis Awareness Month. Screening and awareness events are happening across the country.

To get involved or for more information please contact Ryan Clary at rclary@nvhr.org

Please join us at the 2015 Congressional Viral Hepatitis Reception

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