NEW: CDC Recommends Universal Hepatitis C Screening

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) now recommends one-time screening for hepatitis C infection in all U.S. adults and pregnant persons during each pregnancy.

Who Should Get Tested For Hepatitis C?

- Every adult age 18+ at least once.
- Persons, including adolescents, with continued risk for hepatitis C infection, such as those who inject drugs.
- Pregnant persons with every pregnancy.

Approximately 2.4 million Americans live with hepatitis C.

Hepatitis C is the leading cause of liver cancer in the U.S.

4 in 10 people do not know that they are infected with hepatitis C.

The rate of new cases of hepatitis C is four times higher than in 2009.

The sharp increase in new hepatitis C cases in those 20-39 years old is largely due to the ongoing opioid crisis and increased unsafe injection drug use.

The increase in hepatitis C in women between 15-44 has led to a 413% increase in perinatal exposure to hepatitis C during pregnancy.

While there is no vaccine for hepatitis C available today, hepatitis C is treatable with direct acting antivirals (DAAs) that can cure most people with chronic hepatitis C in just 8 weeks with minimal or no side effects.

Get Tested, Get Treated, Get Cured!

For more information, please visit http://www.cdc.gov/knowmorehepatitis/