New: USPSTF Recommends Universal Hepatitis C Screening

The U.S. Preventive Services Task Force (USPSTF) now recommends **one-time screening** for hepatitis C infection in all U.S. adults 18-79 years old (B recommendation).

**Who Should Get Tested For Hepatitis C?**
- All adults 18+
- Pregnant persons
- Persons, including adolescents, with continued risk for hepatitis C infection, such as those who inject drugs

**When Does This Go Into Effect?**
- Immediately. The “B” recommendation means that insurers should provide reimbursement for hepatitis C testing.

**What To Know About Hepatitis C**

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<th>There are approximately 2.4 million Americans living with hepatitis C.</th>
<th>Hepatitis C is the leading cause of liver cancer in the U.S.</th>
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<td>New infections of hepatitis C are increasing at an alarming rate – more than 350% in the U.S. from 2010-2017.</td>
<td>The increase in hepatitis C in women between 15-44 has led to increased vertical transmissions from mothers to infants.</td>
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<td>The sharp increase in new hepatitis C cases is tied to the ongoing opioid crisis – with new infections primarily driven by unsafe injection drug use.</td>
<td>Universal screening for all U.S adults could lead to identifying 256,000 additional hepatitis C cases.</td>
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Hepatitis C is the nation’s deadliest infectious disease, causing more fatalities than 60+ notifiable infectious diseases combined that are reported to the CDC.

Get Tested, Get Treated, Get Cured!

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