

# 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

There are approximately 2.4 million Americans living with hepatitis C.

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

New infections of hepatitis C are increasing at an alarming rate – more than 350% in the U.S. from 2010-2017.

The increase in hepatitis C in women between 15-44 has led to increased vertical transmissions from mothers to infants.

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.

Universal screening for all U.S. adults could lead to identifying 256,000 additional hepatitis C cases.

Hepatitis C is the nation's deadliest infectious disease, causing more fatalities than 60+ notifiable infectious diseases combined that are reported to the CDC.

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