HEPATITIS FAST FACTS

Hepatitis A

caused by hepatitis A virus (HAV)

Lasts up to... **6 months**

Hepatitis A spreads by:

- Eating/drinking things contaminated with human waste (poop)
- Close person-to-person contact, including sex, with a person that has hepatitis A
- Exposure to blood of someone with hepatitis A

Hepatitis A is RARELY life threatening!

Hepatitis B

caused by hepatitis B virus (HBV)

Lasts up to... **Lifetime** if it progresses from acute to chronic

Hepatitis B spreads by:

- Contact with blood or bodily fluids of someone living with hepatitis B
- Condomless sex with a person that has hepatitis B
- Passed from mother to baby during pregnancy or birth

Hepatitis B CAN become life threatening!

Hepatitis C

caused by hepatitis C virus (HCV)

Lasts up to... **Lifetime** if it progresses from acute to chronic

Hepatitis C spreads by:

- Contact with blood of someone living with hepatitis C
- Condomless sex with a person that has hepatitis C
- Passed from mother to baby during pregnancy or birth

Hepatitis C CAN become life threatening!

IS TREATMENT AVAILABLE?

NO
treatment is available at this time

YES!
to slow disease progression but no cure is available

YES!
over 95% of people successfully cured with 1-3 pills a day for 2-3 months

Symptoms can range from no symptoms to one or more of the following...

yellowing of skin or eyes (jaundice)

stomach pain

nausea or vomiting

tiredness

fever

loss of appetite

Dark pee, pale poop, or diarrhea

WHAT ARE PREVENTION OPTIONS?

GET VACCINATED!

- Wash hands with soap & water after using the bathroom and before preparing or eating food
- Use condoms consistently & correctly during sex

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VACCINE NOT AVAILABLE!

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END THE SYNDEMIC TENNESSEE

Find out if you currently have hepatitis A, B, or C by getting a blood test!