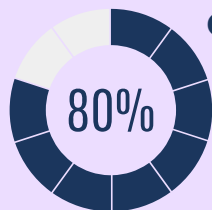


WHY SHOULD I BE TESTED FOR HEPATITIS C?



OF CHILDREN WITH PERINATAL HEPATITIS C WILL GO ON TO HAVE CHRONIC HEPATITIS C

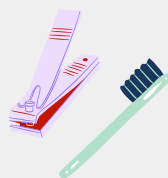
- All pregnant persons should be tested for HCV during each pregnancy at their first prenatal visit
- Hepatitis C can lead to serious liver damage, if left untreated.
- Hepatitis C affects overall health throughout life.
- Most children who have hepatitis C do not show signs of being sick.

PROTECT OTHERS

Hepatitis C can be spread to others through contact with your blood

Do **not** share:

- needles
- razors
- nail clippers
- toothbrushes



FAQs

Q.

Can I breastfeed my baby?

A.

YES! Hepatitis C is not transferred through breastmilk, but you should talk to your doctor if you have cracked or bleeding nipples.

Q.

What type of delivery can I have?

A.

You can have a vaginal delivery or a C-section. Neither delivery type has proven to prevent hepatitis C transmission to baby.

Q.

Can I hug and kiss my baby?

A.

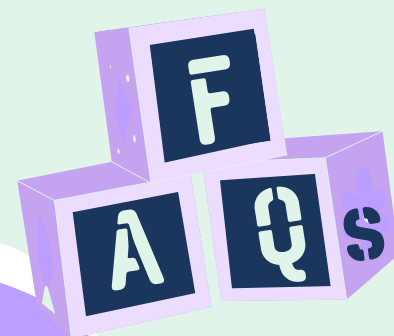
YES! Hepatitis C is spread through contact with the blood of someone living with Hepatitis C, condomless sex with person living with Hepatitis C, or from mother to baby during pregnancy or birth.

MORE INFORMATION:

For more information talk to your healthcare provider, call your local health department, or scan or click the QR codes below:



HEPATITIS C AND PREGNANCY



WHAT IS HEPATITIS C?

- Viral infection affecting the liver
- Might not show symptoms
- Can cause cirrhosis (liver scarring), liver failure, & liver cancer

RISK FACTORS

- Sharing equipment used to snort or inject drugs
- Received blood transfusion before 1992
- Receiving long-term hemodialysis
- Unprotected sex with someone who has hepatitis C

WHAT IS PERINATAL HEPATITIS C?

- Hepatitis C is a viral infection in children that was passed from mother to baby during pregnancy or birth.
- If you are pregnant and have hepatitis C, your baby can get hepatitis C.
- If you have hepatitis B or HIV, the chances of your infant getting hepatitis C increase.



INFANT TESTING RECOMMENDATIONS

For children born to someone living with hepatitis C

If the child is:

2 to 6 Months



Test Needed

NAT for HCV RNA (PCR)

7 to 17 Months

and has not been tested



NAT for HCV RNA (PCR)

18 Months or older

and has not been tested



Antibody (anti-HCV) test
with reflex to NAT HCV RNA

Testing for hepatitis C antibodies before 18 months of age is not recommended as a positive result could be from maternal antibodies passed from mother to baby.

TALK TO YOUR DOCTOR

Make sure your doctor knows you have hepatitis C.



Hepatitis C is curable, ask your doctor about treatment!

HOW DO I GET TESTED?

Hepatitis C testing is recommended during each pregnancy.

Talk to your medical provider or contact your local health department.

WHAT TEST DO I NEED?

Antibody (anti-HCV) and, if positive, confirmatory hepatitis C RNA to detect current infection

