DO YOU KNOW YOUR HEPATITIS ABCs?

Hepatitis A is most commonly spread by eating food that was touched by somebody who did not wash their hands after going to the bathroom.

Hepatitis B is spread when the blood, semen, and/or vaginal fluids of a person infected with hepatitis B enters the body of another person.

Hepatitis C is spread when the blood from a person infected with hepatitis C enters the body or mixes with the blood of another person.

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THERE ARE TWO STAGES OF A HEPATITIS C INFECTION

ACUTE

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Hepatitis C infections are called “acute” during the first six months of infection.

1 out of 3 infected people fight off acute hepatitis C naturally, without medicine.

2 out of 3 people do not fight off the acute infection, so see a doctor if you think you have been exposed to hepatitis C.

CHRONIC

FOREVER

2 out of 3 people with hepatitis C will develop a chronic infection that can remain in your body for a lifetime if untreated.

Without medical help, a chronic infection can cause serious health issues such as liver cancer and death.

There are new medications that can CURE your hepatitis C with almost no side effects.

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IT TAKES TWO TESTS TO SEE IF YOU HAVE HEPATITIS C

ANTIBODY

An Antibody test tells you if you have ever been exposed to hepatitis C. It does not show if you are still infected.

A positive result means you have been exposed to hepatitis C.

If your Antibody test is positive, a RNA test is needed to see if you still have hepatitis C.

RNA

A RNA test tells you if you are still infected with hepatitis C.

If you test positive, there are new medications that can CURE your hepatitis C infection with almost no side effects!

A negative RNA test result means you are not currently infected with hepatitis C.

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