WHAT IS VIRAL HEPATITIS B?

A VIRUS THAT INFECTS THE LIVER

- 80,000 Americans become infected every year
- 100X more infectious than HIV or AIDS
- Primary cause of liver cancer, which is the 2nd leading cause of cancer deaths in the world
- Immigrants from Asia, the Pacific Islands, and Africa are at very high risk

PEOPLE AT RISK WHO SHOULD GET TESTED

- Health care workers
- Illicit drug users
- Sexual partners of infected people
- People born in countries where hepatitis B is common, and their children

The Hepatitis B foundation recommends hep B testing for everyone.

Long Term Effects

Left untreated hepatitis B infection can lead to
- Liver failure
- Liver transplant
- Liver cancer
- Death

PREVENTION OF HEPATITIS B

- Hepatitis B is preventable, not curable
- There is a 2 dose vaccine available to prevent infection
- A silent disease. Infected people can be asymptomatic.
- Testing is vital for prevention of the spread of hepatitis B