

Learn the ABCs of Viral Hepatitis



Hepatitis A

A liver disease caused by the hepatitis A virus (HAV).

HAV is **very contagious**
(spreads easily).

HAV can spread through
person-to-person contact,
or by **eating or drinking**
contaminated food or drink.

The best way to prevent hepatitis
A is to **get vaccinated**.



Hepatitis B

A liver disease caused by the hepatitis B virus (HBV).

HBV can spread through **contact with infected body fluids**. All adults should get tested at least once in their lifetime.

HBV infection can be **short (acute) or long-term (chronic)**.

The best way to prevent hepatitis B is to **get vaccinated**.



Hepatitis C

A liver disease caused by the hepatitis C virus (HCV).

Most people who get HCV have a **lifelong infection**. Without treatment, it can lead to serious health problems.

HCV can spread when someone comes into **contact with infected blood**.

The best way to prevent hepatitis C is to **avoid behaviors** that can spread the disease, like sharing needles or personal items.

