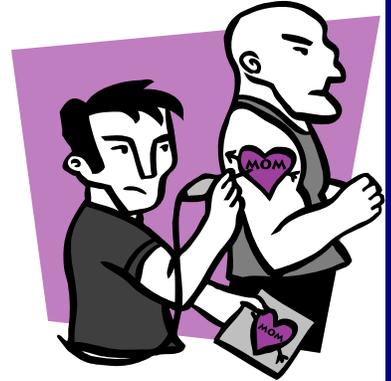


# Hepatitis B Vaccine

**Hepatitis B** is a virus infection you can get any age. It is harmful to the liver. It can even lead to chronic liver disease, liver cancer, and death.

**Hepatitis B** spreads through contact with infected blood or other body fluids. You can get **Hepatitis B** if you have sex with someone who has it. You can get it by shooting up with used needles. You can get **Hepatitis B** if you get a tattoo or body piercing after the needles or tools have been used on someone else. When a woman with **Hepatitis B** is pregnant, the baby can get the disease from her.



There is no cure for **Hepatitis B**. But there are shots to prevent **Hepatitis B**. Talk with your primary care provider about getting the **Hepatitis B** shots if you:

- Live with someone who has **Hepatitis B**
- Inject illegal drugs and share needles
- Have sex with someone who has **Hepatitis B**
- Have sex with more than one person
- Are a man who has sex with men
- Have had a recent sexually transmitted infection
- Have HIV infection
- Have liver disease
- Are receiving kidney dialysis
- Have a blood clotting-factor disorder
- Plan to travel to and stay more than 6 months in a country where many people have **Hepatitis B**
- Work where you may be exposed to blood (for example, in a hospital, laboratory, or residential care facility).



The **Hepatitis B** vaccine is given in a series of 3 shots. The second and third doses are given 1 month and 6 months after the first dose. The shots are safe and you will not get **Hepatitis B** from them. After each shot, you may have some soreness where the needle went in.