

# WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT HEPATITIS B?

## What Is Hepatitis B?

Hepatitis B is a liver infection that if left untreated can cause permanent scarring (cirrhosis) to the liver and lead to other serious illnesses such as liver cancer and liver failure.

Hepatitis B is caused by the virus called Hepatitis B Virus (HBV).



## Who Does Hepatitis B Affect and How Is It Spread?



Hepatitis B can affect any one who has been infected meaning it is not exclusive to a certain age group.



Hepatitis B is spread when body fluids such as blood, semen, and any other body fluids from an infected person come in contact with an uninfected individual.

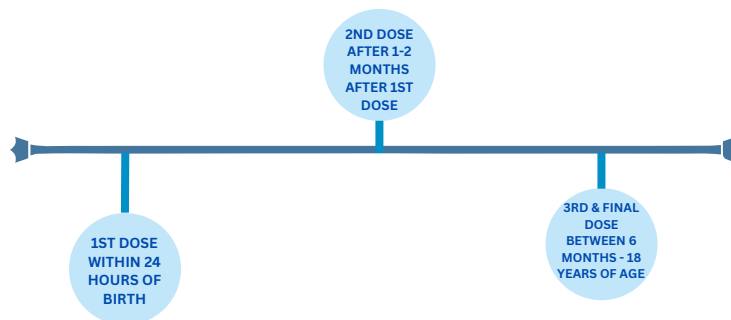


This transmission can happen through sharing of medical equipment such as syringes and needles, from an infected mother to a baby during birth and sexual contact.

## Is Hepatitis B Preventable?

Yes, prevent Hepatitis B by not sharing any disposable medical equipment as well as getting vaccinated.

Three doses of the Hepatitis B Vaccine are recommended for a single life time.



## Signs and Symptoms of Hepatitis B

Individuals infected with Hepatitis B may experience symptoms within in the first 6 months (acute).

Those who have been infected for a longer period may not know due not having any symptoms

A blood test can determine if you are infected.

Some symptoms of Hepatitis B include..



**JAUNDICE**  
(Yellowing of the skin)



**FATIGUE & FEVER**



**STOMACH PAIN/NAUSEA**



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