

ALL ABOUT HEPATITIS B



WHAT IS HEPATITIS B?

Hepatitis B is a liver infection caused by the hepatitis B virus. It can be both short term or long term. Chronic hepatitis B is not curable, but can be managed as a medical condition. Not everybody requires treatment.

HOW IS IT TRANSMITTED?

Blood to blood contact, sex, and during pregnancy or childbirth.



WHAT ARE THE SYMPTOMS?

Many people have no symptoms.

If they do, they can include: fatigue, joint pain, fever, dark urine, abdominal pain, grey stool, jaundice (yellowing of the eyes), nausea or vomiting.



CAN IT BE PREVENTED?

Yes! Hepatitis B is vaccine preventable.

The best way to prevent hepatitis B is by getting vaccinated. The vaccine is 2 or 3 doses given a few months apart.



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