HEPATITIS C TESTING

IT TAKES TWO TESTS TO DIAGNOSE HEPATITIS C



The hepatitis C virus (HCV) is primarily transmitted through blood to blood contact.



When the body sees a bacteria or virus (like HCV), the immune system makes *antibodies*.





AN ANTIBODY TEST LOOKS FOR THIS IMMUNE RESPONSE



A positive antibody test means that someone has been exposed to hepatitis C. A negative antibody test means that someone has not been exposed to hepatitis C.



FOR OTHERS, HCV WILL BECOME A CHRONIC, LONG TERM INFECTION.



AN RNA OR CONFIRMATORY TEST LOOKS FOR VIRUS IN THE BLOOD

A positive RNA test means that someone does have hepatitis c.

The good news is that hepatitis C is curable! Scan to learn more about health resources near you.

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