

Hepatitis C Screening for Baby Boomers



The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends that **all people born during the years of 1945 through 1965 be screened once for Hepatitis C.**

Why should I get tested?

About 75% of all people living with Hepatitis C in the United States were born between 1945 and 1965. **Baby Boomers are five times more likely to have Hepatitis C** than those born before 1945 or after 1965.

Hepatitis C can go on to cirrhosis (scarring of liver), liver failure and liver cancer.

Most people with Hepatitis C **do not know** they are infected. Getting tested will help people learn if they are infected. With proper treatment, it is possible to cure Hepatitis C.

What is the University of Michigan Health System doing about Hepatitis C?

- We are offering Hepatitis C Screening to all patients born between 1945-1965.
- If you have an account on UofMhealth.org, we will send you important Health Maintenance updates regarding this screening.

What is Hepatitis C?

Hepatitis C is an infection of the liver caused by a virus. The virus spreads when blood or bodily fluids from an infected person enter another person's body. Complications of Hepatitis C include cirrhosis (liver scarring) and liver cancer.

What would I do if I find out I have Hepatitis C?

You will get treatment.

Treatments with pills alone can cure Hepatitis C.