

Resources

Information about hepatitis C:

Talk to staff at your local needle exchange.

Hepatitis Education Project

hepeducation.org, 206-732-0311

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

cdc.gov/hepatitis/#

KNOW More Hepatitis, Born between 1945 and 1965:

cdc.gov/knowmorehepatitis/

Alcohol and drug use services:

Robert Clewis Center

Social Work Program, 206-205-1074

Seattle-King County Needle Exchange

tinyurl.com/nxschedule, 206-263-2000

Washington Recovery Help Line

warecoveryhelpline.org, 1-866-789-1511

Alcohol Drug Help Line

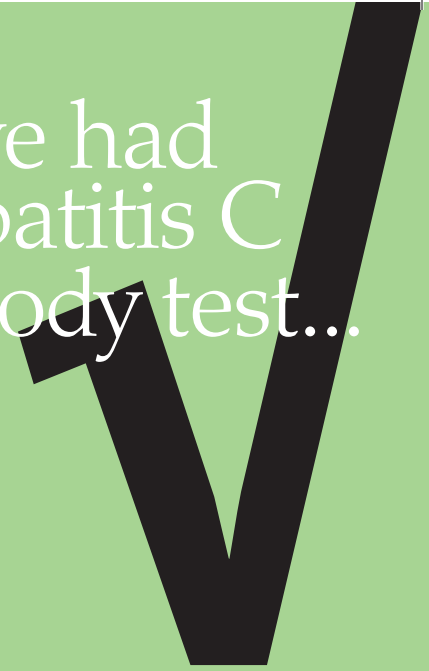
adhl.org, 206-722-3700 or 800-562-1240

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You've had
a hepatitis C
antibody test...



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Your test result is

✓ Negative

What does this mean?

It means that most likely you are not infected with the hepatitis C virus.

- ⚠ It can take up to 6 months for your body to make enough antibodies to show up on the hepatitis C antibody test.
- ⚠ Get tested again if you have shared injection equipment during the past 6 months.
- ⚠ A negative result does not mean you are protected from getting hepatitis C in the future.

Take steps to protect yourself and others!

- ✓ There is no vaccine to prevent hepatitis C.
- ✓ But there is vaccine for hepatitis A and B.
- ✓ Get your hep A & B vaccines now!

You don't have to get hepatitis C. Hep C is preventable!

Hepatitis C is spread through direct contact with blood.

To protect yourself:

- ⚠ Always use a **new sterile syringe**.
- ⚠ **Avoid sharing** needles, syringes, cookers, cottons, mixing water, and other drug equipment.
- ⚠ **Do not share personal items** that could have blood on them – things like toothbrushes, razors, or nail clippers.
- ⚠ **Tattoos, piercings, and body art** – Get your work done by a licensed artist at a licensed, trustworthy shop.
- ⚠ **Sex** – The risk for vaginal sex is low. For anal sex, the risk is higher. Risk is also higher if you already have HIV.