# Hepatitis C – Are *You* At Risk?

## What is Hepatitis C?

*Hepatitis C is the most common blood-borne infection in the United States. Over several years, it can* ***stop the liver from working properly, causing liver cancer and death.***

## How is Hepatitis C spread?

*Hepatitis C is not spread by casual contact. The most common way* ***Hepatitis C is spread is when people share the same needle when injecting drugs.***

## What if I am at risk?

*If you think you may be* ***at risk for Hepatitis C,*** *ask your healthcare provider about testing - and if confirmed to have the virus - about treatment options. The sooner an infection is identified and treatment started, the better a person's chances are for recovery.*

## How is Hepatitis C prevented?

*How do you prevent it from happening to you?*

***Don't misuse pain medications***

***Don't share needles***

***Don't let those you love or care about share needles or misuse drugs.***

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