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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