

ARE YOU A BABY BOOMER?

Individuals born between 1945 and 1965 are sometimes known as baby boomers. A silent disease, HCV infection affects close to 5 million people in the United States, the majority of who were born between 1945 and 1965. It is estimated that between 50-75% of these individuals do not know they are infected, making baby boomers prime candidates for one-time HCV testing *regardless* of risk factors.

YOU ARE AT RISK IF YOU:

- ✓ Received a blood transfusion or organ transplant prior to July 1992
- ✓ Received clotting factor made prior to 1987
- ✓ Were notified that they received blood from a donor who later tested positive for HCV infection
- ✓ Long-term hemodialysis—now or in the past
- ✓ Children born to mothers who have HCV
- ✓ Health care, emergency medical, and public safety workers after needlesticks, sharps, or mucosal exposure to HCV-infected blood
- ✓ Received tattoo(s) in an unregulated setting
- ✓ Injection drug use, even once, or intranasal illicit drug use

CERTAIN MEDICAL CONDITIONS MAY ALSO PUT YOU AT RISK:

- ✓ Unexplained chronic liver disease and chronic hepatitis
- ✓ HIV infection

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

- ✓ Ask your primary care doctor about screening you for the disease.
- ✓ See a UBMD Internal Medicine liver specialist at:
 - UBMD Internal Medicine, Primary & Specialty Care: 716.961.9900
 - GI Clinic at Erie County Medical Center: 716.898.3391
 - Liver Clinic at Buffalo General Medical Center: 716.859.2175

The [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](http://www.cdc.gov/hepatitis/C/index.htm) recommends a one-time test for Hep C. Link above to <http://www.cdc.gov/hepatitis/C/index.htm>