DC HEALTH

HEPATITIS B

FAST TEN QUIZ

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TRUE or FALSE

True

Hepatitis B is found in blood and body fluid including semen. Thus, the HBV is transmitted through direct blood to blood contact, through sex and through the birth process.

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TRUE or FALSE

False

Hepatitis B is a blood borne virus and is not in saliva or air droplets. One in twelve Asian Americans has Hepatitis B.

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Asian immigrants are more likely to have Hepatitis B thus children of Asian immigrants also. Hepatitis B still remains a common problem in certain regions of the world.

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TRUE or FALSE

True

Hepatitis B may not have visible symptoms until a person's liver is damaged. Some people never have visible symptoms and remain carriers who are able to transmit the virus to others through blood exposure, birth or sex.

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TRUE or FALSE

True

Checking your blood for Hepatitis B surface antigen (HBsAg) is the only way to know for sure of your exposure to Hepatitis B. Most people who have Hepatitis B were infected injecting drugs.

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TRUE or FALSE

False

While sharing needles using drugs is one way to get Hepatitis B, the majority of those living with Hepatitis B were infected at birth or early childhood. This is why the vaccine birth dose for all infants is important.

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While Hepatitis B is a serious disease condition, there are many treatment medications that can help keep the virus from harming the liver. Regular check-ups are key to maintaining health and preventing liver damage.

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True

The Hepatitis B vaccine is a series of two or three shots (brand dependent) given at spaced intervals that will help your body develop immunity to HBV. Ask your doctor give it to you especially if you work in occupations where you are exposed to blood, have a sex partner who has the HBV, or if you engage in any other risky behavior.

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TRUE or FALSE

True & False

About 85% if people who become infected with Hepatitis B are able to clear the virus and will not have it for life. However, infants who contract HVB have a 90% chance of becoming lifetime carriers and also an increased chance of developing liver disease or liver cancer.

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TRUE or FALSE

False

There is no evidence that breastfeeding transmits HBV. Precaution is recommended to prevent cracked and bleeding nipples for mothers who are known to be Hepatitis B surface antigen positive.

Thanks for taking the

FAST TEN QUIZ!

