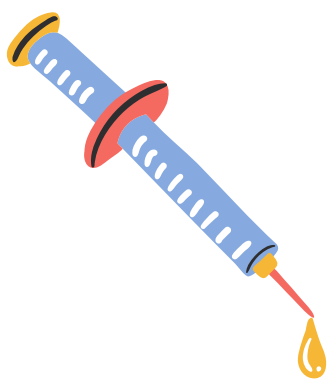


Get Tested for Hepatitis

NON-PRESCRIPTION OPIOID USE AND VIRAL HEPATITIS

HEPATITIS IS A LIVER DISEASE CAUSED BY THE HEPATITIS VIRUS. IT CAN BE A SHORT-TERM ILLNESS FOR SOME PEOPLE, OR LONG-LASTING AND POSSIBLY LIFE-THREATENING.



HEPATITIS IS SPREAD THROUGH **BLOOD** OR OTHER BODY FLUIDS THAT CONTAIN BLOOD.

INJECTION DRUG USE IS THE MOST COMMON WAY THE VIRUS IS SPREAD IN THE UNITED STATES.

SHARING AND REUSING NEEDLES INCREASES THE RISK OF SPREADING HEPATITIS.

FIND A SYRINGE EXCHANGE PROGRAM

Syringe Exchange Programs provide sterile needles and syringes and safely dispose of used ones, which can help reduce the spread of Hepatitis. These programs may also help people find treatment for addiction, get screening for other infections, and access healthcare.

To learn more, go to:

<https://www.cdc.gov/ssp/syringe-services-programs-faq.html>

To find a Syringe Exchange Program, go to:

<https://nasen.org/map/>



American Medical Women's Association

Sources:

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention - Hepatitis C Information. (2020, June 22). Retrieved July 07, 2020, from <https://www.cdc.gov/hepatitis/hcv/index.htm>

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention - Syringe Services Programs (SSPs) FAQs. (2019, May 23). Retrieved July 07, 2020, from <https://www.cdc.gov/ssp/syringe-services-programs-faq.html>