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**HEPATITIS** is any inflammation of the liver. There are vaccines to protect against Hepatitis A and B, but no vaccine against Hepatitis C. An estimated 4 million people in the U.S. have Hep. C (and most don't know it).

**Free Hep C testing for individuals with certain qualifying risk factors at Public Health**

Factors Include:

- A History of injection drug use
- Those who received blood transfusion/tissue transplant prior to 1992
- Those who received blood transfusion at any time outside of the U.S.
- A history of hemodialysis
- Having sex with an infected person(s)
- Sharing needles with an infected person(s).

Hep C is acquired through contact with infected blood. Many people never feel symptoms, but can still spread the disease. They are also at risk of permanent liver damage and cancer. Call today for more information on Hepatitis and the free testing program.