



EASY C FACTS

If someone with hepatitis C (**HEP C** or **HCV** for short) has ever had hepatitis B (HBV for short), there is a chance that while being treated with **HEP C** drugs that a HBV infection could become active again. That could mean that the HBV infection could cause damage to the liver that could lead to serious problems and even death.

HEP C TREATMENT WARNING: Beware of Hepatitis B

To prevent this problem, everyone with **HEP C** should be tested for HBV and get shots (HBV vaccines) if not already protected.

If someone have ever been infected with HBV they should tell their doctor or nurse before being treated so that they can be watched for HBV during **HEP C** treatment and get treated for HBV if it is needed.

HBV is a virus that can cause liver damage—scarring, liver cancer and some people could die from it. People who have chronic or long-term infection with HBV need to be followed very carefully by a doctor and nurse. HBV can not be cured, but can be managed with long-term drug treatment for people who need it.

See our HBV fact sheet on Easy B Fact Sheet
<http://hcvadvocate.org/hepatitis/easyBfacts/HepB.pdf>
for more information about HBV.

REMEMBER

- Get tested for hepatitis A and B because they can cause liver damage
- If not protected - get vaccinated.

Get Tested. Get Treated. Get Cured.

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