



HEPATITIS C SYMPTOMS

Some people with hepatitis C have no symptoms. They don't know they have the virus or that they can spread it.

Symptoms, if they occur at all, may not develop for many years. Some symptoms include:

- Fatigue
- Flu-like symptoms
- Nausea and vomiting
- Yellowing of the skin and eyes
- Loss of appetite
- Diarrhea
- Weight loss
- Abdominal discomfort

If you think you may have been exposed to hepatitis C, you can get a simple blood test done at your family doctor's office.

For more information on hepatitis C and related services call the Hepatitis C Team at **HEALTH LINE PEEL** 905-799-7700 or visit www.peel-hepc.ca

SHOULD YOU BE TESTED?

You may have been exposed to the hepatitis C virus (HCV) if you:

- Received a blood transfusion, blood products, or organ transplant prior to 1992 (includes receiving blood during birth or surgical procedures)
- Have ever injected drugs—even once
- Have undergone long-term hemodialysis
- Had an occupational needle stick or mucosal exposure to HCV-infected blood
- Were born to an HCV-infected mother
- Received a tattoo or body piercing with unsterile needles, tools or ink
- Have shared items such as toothbrushes and razors with an HCV-infected person

