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Health Coaching Materials

Why get tested?

- There are 1.5-2 million people in the United States who do not know they have Hepatitis C.
- They may not have symptoms.
- 75% of all known cases of Hepatitis C are in adults born between 1945 and 1965.
- It is estimated that people born between 1945 and 1965 are 5 times more likely to have Hepatitis C.

Source:
What happens if you test positive for Hepatitis C antibody?

- There is an additional blood test which determines whether you have chronic Hepatitis C.
- 15-25% of people with the Hepatitis C clear the virus spontaneously and do not need treatment.
- In persons with chronic Hepatitis C, if untreated, liver damage, cirrhosis and liver cancer can occur.

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Treatment is available to cure Hepatitis C

- Treatment (oral medication) is taken for 8-12 weeks and has very few side effects.
- Your test results are kept confidential.
- You most likely will be able to do your regular job.
- In 95-99% of people, these medications cure Hepatitis C.
- In our organization, these medications:
  - Are covered by our insurance
  - May not be covered by our insurance but there are Patient Assistance Programs to help with payment.
  - I will put you in contact with our Human Resources for a confidential discussion about your coverage options.

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Making the decision to screen for Hepatitis C


For more campaign materials, including posters and short videos aimed at screening persons born between 1945 and 1965, visit the CDC site Know More Hepatitis: https://www.cdc.gov/knowmorehepatitis/materials.htm

For motivational interviewing strategies, focused on those with Hepatitis C and substance use disorders, visit the Institute for Research, Education, and Training in Addictions http://ireta.org/hepatitis-c/