HEPATITIS B IN THE UNITED STATES

Asian community: Why test now?

IF LEFT UNTREATED, up to 1 in 4 people with chronic hepatitis B (CHB) develop liver problems such as cirrhosis and liver cancer. 

APPROXIMATELY 15% to 25% of persons with CHB die of cirrhosis or the most common type of liver cancer.

PERSONS WITH CHB:
- are 100x more likely to develop liver cancer than uninfected persons.
  - annual incidence is 0.5% to 1% per year in patients without cirrhosis and 2.5% per year in patients with cirrhosis.
- die an average of 22 years earlier than uninfected persons.

Although Asian and Pacific Islanders make up less than 5% of the US population, they currently account for more than 50% of Americans with CHB.

APPROXIMATELY 1 IN 12 ASIAN AMERICANS HAVE CHB.

CHB IS THE #1 CAUSE OF LIVER CANCER IN ASIAN AMERICANS.

ALMOST 2 MILLION PEOPLE IN AMERICA LIVE WITH CHB.

60% to 70% UNDIAGNOSED

AS MANY AS 60% TO 70% OF PERSONS IN THE UNITED STATES WITH CHB ARE UNDIAGNOSED.

A simple blood test, which is covered by most insurance, will look for:

- HBsAg (Hepatitis B surface antigen)
- anti-HBs (Hepatitis B surface antibody)
- anti-HBc (Hepatitis B core antibody)

To ensure reimbursement eligibility, confirm with patient’s insurance coverage.

Test for hepatitis B


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