

Hepatitis B Vaccine (shot)

What is hepatitis B?

Hepatitis B is a virus. It causes a serious illness that can damage your liver.

You can get hepatitis B by:

- by having sex with someone who has hepatitis B
- by sharing personal items like a toothbrush or razor with someone who has hepatitis B
- by sharing needles to shoot drugs

Is hepatitis B serious?

Yes. If you get hepatitis B, you may be sick for weeks or months. You may need to stay at the hospital. Sometimes hepatitis B can stay in your body for years. When this happens, hepatitis B can hurt your liver and may cause cancer. Some people die from hepatitis B.

Am I at risk for hepatitis B?

You are more likely to get hepatitis B if you:

- have sex without condoms
- shoot drugs
- travel outside of the US
- work with blood for your job

Even if you don't think you are at risk for hepatitis B, you should get the hepatitis B vaccine.

How can I protect myself from hepatitis B?

Talk to your doctor about getting the hepatitis B vaccine (shot) today if you have not had it. Often, you get the vaccine when you are a baby. But you can get the vaccine at any age.

To get the full vaccine, you need to get 3 shots.

Here is when you should get the shots:

- Get the 1st shot now.
- Get the 2nd shot 1 month after the 1st shot.
- Get the 3rd shot 6 months after the 2nd shot.

When should I come back for my next shots?

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