It is important for you and your family to get tested for HBV because hepatitis B is one of the greatest health threats for Asians.

**Get Tested**

Ask your doctor for these blood tests:

**Hepatitis B surface antigen (HBsAg):**
Tells if you have chronic hepatitis B (also known as being a hepatitis B carrier).

**Hepatitis B surface antibody (anti-HBs):**
Tells if you are protected against HBV.

Only the HBsAg blood test can tell if you have chronic hepatitis B.

**Get Vaccinated**

If both your HBsAg and anti-HBs blood tests are negative, then you are not protected and should get vaccinated. Make sure your baby also gets vaccinated at birth.

The hepatitis B vaccine is a 3 shot series given over 6 months that can protect you for life.

The vaccine is so effective at preventing HBV and liver cancer that it is called “the first anti-cancer vaccine” by the World Health Organization.

For more information visit http://liver.stanford.edu

**Unite against HBV.**

The Jade Ribbon is folded like the Chinese character for people “人” to symbolize the united voices of those fighting hepatitis B and liver cancer worldwide.

Asian Liver Center
At Stanford University
300 Pasteur Drive, H3680
Stanford, CA 94305-5655
Tel: (650) 72-LIVER
1-888-311-3331
Fax: (650) 723-0006

© 2006 Asian Liver Center
**Pledge Gifts**

To thank you for your pledgeraising efforts, you will receive gifts according to how much money you raise.

- **$100**: LIVERight On the Go Lanyard
- **$200**: LIVERight On the Go Lanyard and Water Bottle
- **$300**: LIVERight On the Go Lanyard, Water Bottle, and Blanket

Keep in mind the top three pledgeraisers will receive special prizes!!!!!!

**Donate!**

---

**Breaking the Silence About HBV**

› Hepatitis B virus (HBV) is the most common serious infection of the liver, and can lead to premature death from liver cancer or liver failure.

› 1 in 10 Asian and Pacific Islanders is living with chronic (life-long) hepatitis B.

› Most don’t even know that they’re infected.

› 1 in 4 people with chronic hepatitis B will die from liver cancer or liver failure, but this can be avoided with appropriate monitoring and treatment.

---

**HBV is NOT Transmitted Through Food and Water**

There are many myths about how you get hepatitis B.

HBV is **NOT** spread through:

› sharing food or water
› sharing eating utensils or drinking glasses
› casual contact
› coughing or sneezing
› hugging or kissing
› breastfeeding

There is no reason to distance yourself from those infected with HBV.

If you have chronic hepatitis B, you should not be excluded from work, school, or other daily activities.

---

**What You Should Do If You Have HBV**

› **Get Screened**

Even though you may feel healthy, regular screening is important. Ask your doctor for the following tests:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Every</th>
<th>Test</th>
<th>Screens for</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>6 months</td>
<td>ALT blood test</td>
<td>liver damage</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>AFP blood test</td>
<td>liver cancer</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1 year*</td>
<td>ultrasound</td>
<td>liver cancer</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

*If you have cirrhosis or a family history of liver cancer, increase the frequency of your ultrasound exam to every 6 months.

If detected at an early stage, liver cancer can be successfully treated.

› **Not everyone who tests positive for HBV needs treatment**

But if your ALT level is elevated, indicating liver damage, antiviral medication may be appropriate. Even though there is no cure for hepatitis B, appropriate treatment can reduce the risk of liver cancer and liver failure. Ask your doctor about FDA approved treatments.

If you are starting any cancer chemotherapy, you should be on HBV treatment to protect against potential flare-up of the hepatitis B infection and the risk of liver failure.

› **Get the hepatitis A vaccine**

› **Avoid drinking alcohol**

› **Protect your loved ones**

Make sure your family and partner are tested for HBV and vaccinated if they are not protected.

If you are pregnant, make sure your newborn receives the first shot of the hepatitis B vaccine and the hepatitis B immunoglobulin (HBIG) shot at birth. Then complete the hepatitis B vaccine series on schedule. This will be more than 95% effective in protecting your newborn from infection.

---

**EVEN IF YOU FEEL HEALTHY, YOU MAY ALREADY BE INFECTED**

Hepatitis B is dangerous because there are often no symptoms. Even liver blood tests may be normal. By the time symptoms such as abdominal pain or jaundice (dark urine and yellow discoloration of the skin or eyes) appear, it is often too late for treatment to be effective.