



Living Healthy with Hepatitis C

Immunizations and Hepatitis C

The AASLD/IDSA HCV guidelines recommend that all people with hepatitis C should be vaccinated against hepatitis A (HAV) and hepatitis B (HBV) if they are not already immune. Coinfection with hepatitis A or B can lead to severe liver disease in people who already have hep C. The hepatitis A vaccine consists of two doses within a six-month period. Historically, the hepatitis B vaccine is administered in three doses within a six-month period. In November 2017, the FDA approved a new hep B vaccine for adults, given in two doses over a month. Both vaccines are considered safe and effective. A combination HAV/HBV vaccine is also available.

Be sure you are up to date on all immunizations. In addition to the recommended vaccines for adults, flu shots are recommended for patients with liver disease. Discuss immunization guidelines with your doctor to be sure you are up-to-date with the latest recommendations. To find vaccination locations near you, talk to your doctor.

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