Hepatitis Risk Factors

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Question #1: What hepatitis C risk factors are missing from these United Healthcare Hepatitis Screening Guidelines? (I'll mention the ones I see missing later - want you to have a chance to answer first.)

- Persons with a history of sexually transmitted infections (STI)
- Men who have sexual relations with men
- Persons with multiple sexual partners
- Persons who have experienced Intercourse with trauma
- Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) infected persons
- Persons who have history of using injection and non injection illicit drugs
- Persons born in regions or who have traveled to countries with high or intermediate prevalence of hepatitis A virus (HAV) or hepatitis B virus (HBV) infection
- All pregnant women including those with a sexually transmitted infection (STI)
- Persons who have received blood transfusion or organ transplantation before July 1992
- Recipient of clotting factor concentrates made before 1987
- Hemodialysis patients
- Patients prior to initiating TNF blocker immunosupressive therapy

Question #2: Why is intercourse capitalized in this bullet, "Persons who have experienced Intercourse with trauma. "Do you think the company's spellchecker thought they meant Intercourse, PA? That sounds traumatic.

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