

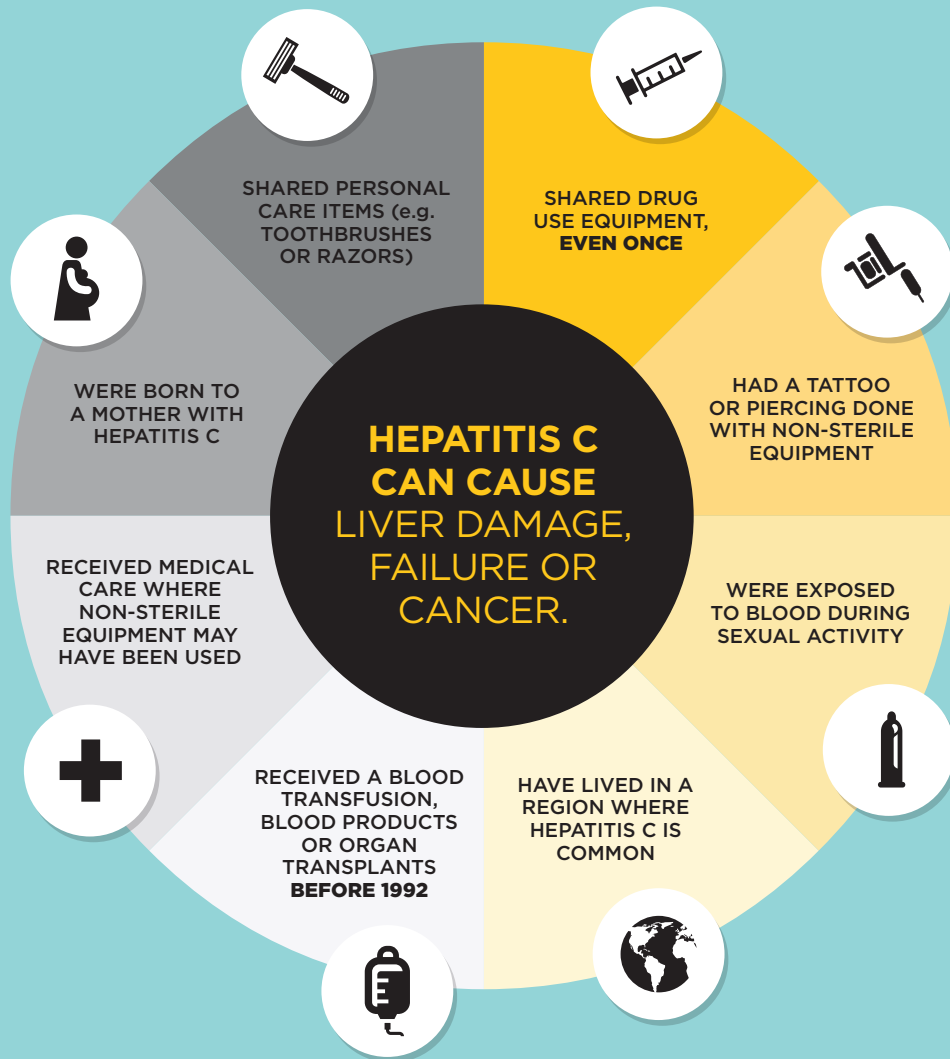
HEPATITIS C

ARE YOU AT RISK?

Hepatitis C is a liver disease caused by the hepatitis C virus. It is spread through contact with infected blood.

Up to **246,000** individuals in Canada are living with chronic hepatitis C. *Nearly half* may not know they are infected.

YOU MAY BE AT **RISK** IF YOU:



Many people can live with hepatitis C for years *without* symptoms. A blood test *is the only way* to know if you have been exposed to hepatitis C.



PROTECT YOURSELF AND OTHERS



DON'T SHARE DRUG USE EQUIPMENT



PRACTICE SAFER SEX



ENSURE STERILE EQUIPMENT FOR TATTOOS & PIERCINGS



DON'T SHARE PERSONAL CARE ITEMS (e.g. TOOTHBRUSHES OR RAZORS)



IF YOU HAVE HEPATITIS C NEVER DONATE BLOOD, ORGANS, SEMEN OR TISSUES



TALK TO YOUR DOCTOR OR NURSE ABOUT PREVENTION, TESTING AND TREATMENT