

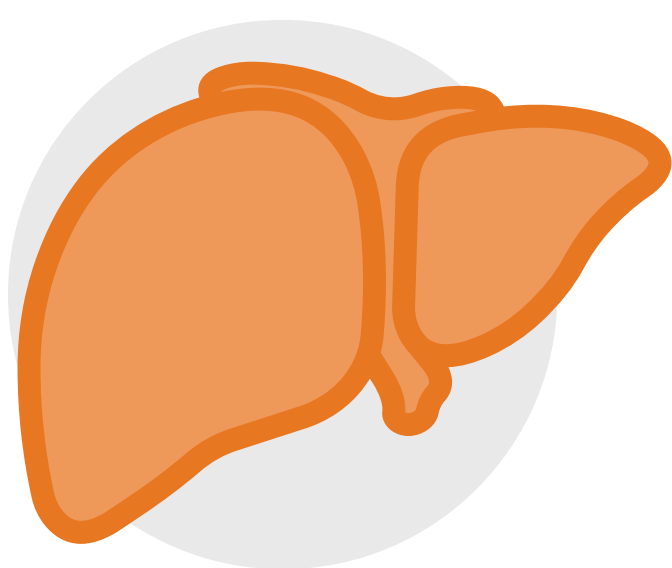


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July 28 Is World Hepatitis Day



Across the world, 350 million people have viral hepatitis.
However, 9 in 10 people do not know they have it.
Globally, a person dies every 30 seconds from a hepatitis-related condition.



Hepatitis causes **short-term and long-term liver damage**.

Hepatitis can cause **cirrhosis or liver cancer if left untreated**.

100,000

There are around **100,000 new viral hepatitis A, B and C infections** in the U.S. every year.

50%

About **50%** of those **infections are hepatitis C**.

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The other approximately **50%** are almost split evenly **between hepatitis A and B**.

Hepatitis D and hepatitis E infections are rare in the U.S.

Hepatitis Vaccines Are Available

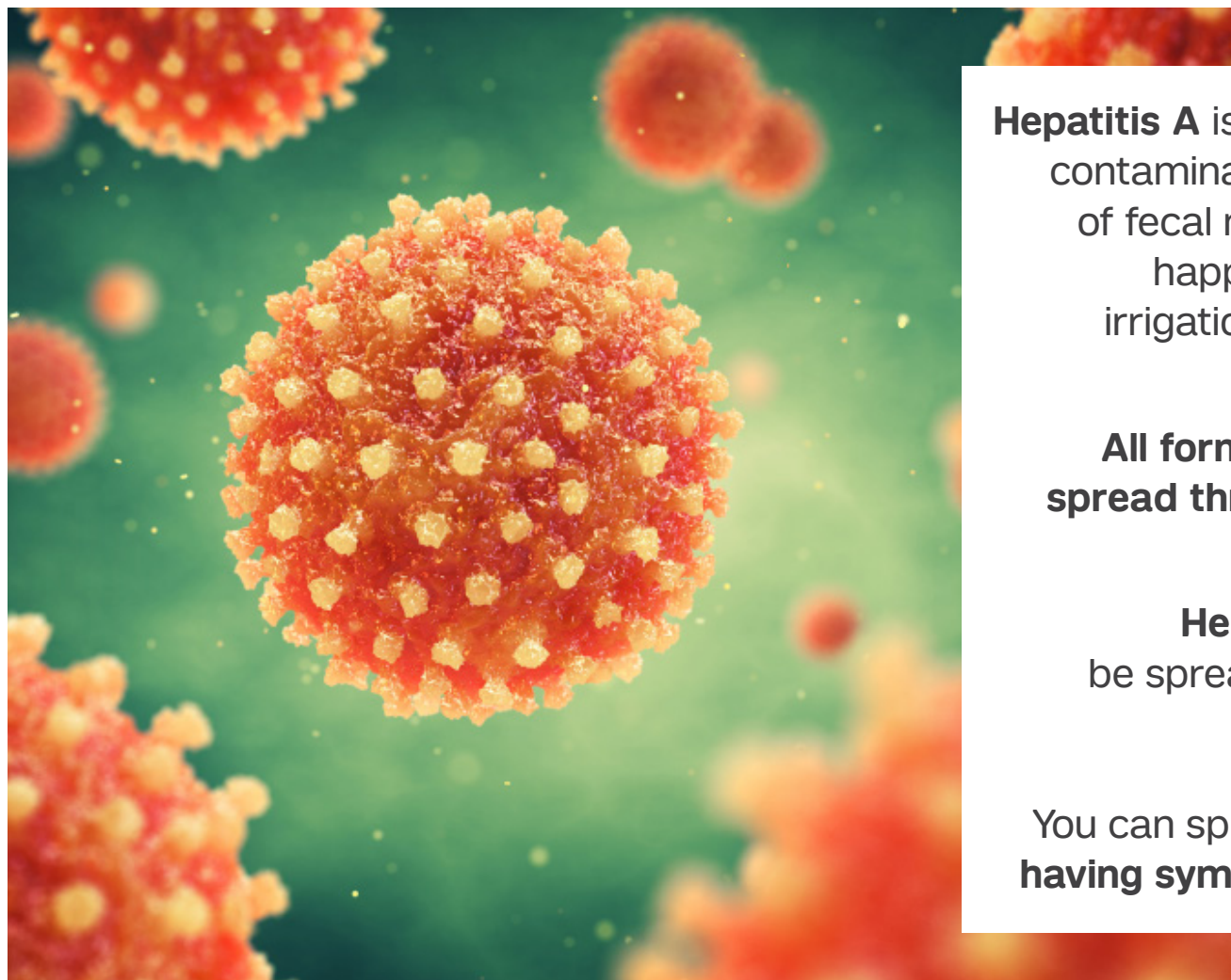
Vaccines prevent hepatitis A and B.

The vaccine to prevent **hepatitis B** also protects against **hepatitis D** infection.

If you have hepatitis B, a **vaccine given within 24 hours of birth** can prevent your infant from developing it.



How Are Different Types of Hepatitis Spread?



Hepatitis A is often spread by food contaminated with tiny particles of fecal matter. This frequently happens due to poor farm irrigation in foreign countries.

All forms of hepatitis can be spread through sexual contact.

Hepatitis B, C and D can be spread via shared needles.

You can spread hepatitis **without having symptoms or feeling sick.**

Testing for hepatitis is easy.

Testing is especially important for gay men, pregnant women, people who abuse injectable drugs (due to the needle) and people with HIV.

For more information about hepatitis treatment at Weill Cornell Medicine, please visit <https://weillcornell.org/services/gastroenterology-and-hepatology>



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