Should You Be Vaccinated Against Hepatitis A?

A screening questionnaire for adults

Hepatitis A is a serious liver disease caused by the hepatitis A virus (HAV). HAV is found in the feces of people with hepatitis A and is usually spread by close personal contact such as living in a household or having sex with an infected person. HAV can also be spread by eating food or drinking water contaminated with HAV.

The statements below will help determine if you are a person for whom the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends hepatitis A vaccine. Any person one year of age or older can receive it. If you have health insurance, it may or may not cover the cost.

Some people should have their blood tested to find out if they have already been infected with HAV. Talk to your healthcare provider about whether this applies to you.

☐ I am not in any of the groups listed below, but I want to be vaccinated against HAV infection.

☐ I am in one of the following risk groups, and I want to be protected from HAV infection.

- I travel or work in areas outside the United States where hepatitis A is common. (This includes everywhere except Australia, New Zealand, Northern and Western Europe, Japan, and Canada.)
- I have chronic liver disease.
- I have a blood clotting-factor disorder (for example, hemophilia.)
- I am a man who has sex with men.
- I use street drugs.