WHAT IS VIRCAN?



VIRCAN is a structured academic-community partnership that will address issues throughout the care of viral hepatitis, *from diagnosis to treatment to cure.*

Based out of the Toronto Centre for Liver Disease (TCLD), one of the largest liver units in North America, the VIRCAN team looks forward to demonstrating how viral hepatitis screening and treatment should be optimized in other urban settings across Canada, and around the world.

VIRCAN CLINICS ARE:



COMPREHENSIVE IN CARE

1 to 1 service, health education and promotion in communities across the GTA

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ACCESSIBLE

Eliminates systemic barriers to full participation

CLIENT AND COMMUNITY FOCUSED

The needs of those groups and individuals are of primary importance

INTEGRATING SERVICES

VIRCAN Clinics will have strong connections with health system and community partners

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MULTIDISCIPLINARY APPROACH

VIRCAN team will work in collaborative practice to address the health needs of their clients



1. TORONTO CENTRE FOR LIVER DISEASE

 Toronto General Hospital

 200 Elizabeth Street
 T. 416 340 4186

 Toronto, ON M5G 2C4
 F. 416 340 4819

2. ETOBICOKE LIVER CLINIC

 817 Brown's Line

 Toronto, ON M8W 3V7
 T. 416 503 2626

 (Brown's Line & Evans Ave.)
 F. 416 503 2665

3. RICHMOND HILL LIVER CLINIC

328 Highway 7 E., Suite 301	
Richmond Hill, ON L4B 3P7	T. 905 771 8821
(Bayview Ave. & Hwy 7)	F. 905 771 8481

4. SCARBOROUGH LIVER CLINIC

 3030 Lawrence Ave E., Suite 510

 Toronto, ON M1P 2T7
 T. 416 431 4402

 (McCowan Rd. & Lawrence Ave. E)
 F. 416 431 0762

5. TORONTO MIDTOWN LIVER CLINIC

1975 Avenue Rd., 2nd Fl.	
Toronto, ON M5M 4A3	T. 416 922 6022
(Avenue Rd. & Wilson Ave.)	F. 416 927 9100



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HEPATITIS B FACTS

780 000 PEOPLE DIE EVERY YEAR DUE TO COMPLICATIONS OF HEPATITIS B¹

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240 PEOPLE WORLDWIDE ARE CHRONICALLY INFECTED²



150 000 IN THE GREATER TORONTO AREA LIVE WITH CHRONIC HEPATITIS B³

WHAT IS HEPATITIS B?

- Viral infection of the liver
- Can cause acute and chronic infection
- Serious global health burden

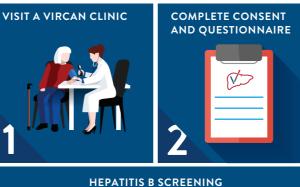
HOW IS HEPATITIS B SPREAD?

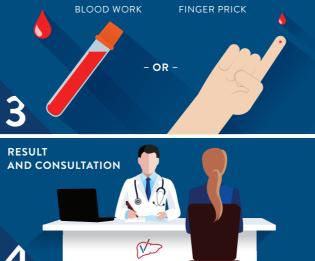
- During childbirth (mother to child)
- Exposure to infected blood and body fluids
- Use of contaminated needles or other sharp objects

WHO SHOULD BE SCREENED?

- Anyone from an endemic area (like Asia)
- Pregnant women
- Infants born to HBV-infected mothers
- Sexual or household contact with HBV

HOW TO GET SCREENED?

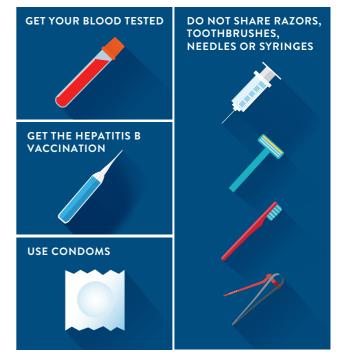




WHY IS IT IMPORTANT FOR ME TO KNOW?

- Hepatitis B may show no symptoms, yet cause serious health consequences
- You could be a carrier
- Up to 70% of chronically infected Canadians are Chinese immigrants⁴
- Untreated may lead to: severe scarring of the liver (cirrhosis), liver failure and liver cancer
- Prevent transmission to other people

HOW TO PREVENT HEPATITIS B?



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