Hepatitis C (HCV) screening

**WHO TO SCREEN**
- Adults aged 18 to 79 years
- Pregnant persons
- Adolescents younger than 18 years and adults older than 79 years at high risk for infection

**Risk factors**
- Persons with past or current injection drug use
- Persons with HIV infection
- Persons who received maintenance hemodialysis
- Health care personnel with needlestick, sharps, or mucosal exposure to HCV positive blood
- Recipients of a transfusion or organ transplant before July 1992
- Recipients of clotting factor concentrates produced before 1987
- Children born to mothers with HCV

**TEST TO USE**
Anti-HCV antibody testing

**POSITIVE — PCR CONFIRMATORY TEST**

**NEGATIVE — NO INFECTION**
Note: Periodic screening is recommended for persons with ongoing risk for HCV infection

**IMPLEMENTATION CONSIDERATIONS**

1. **Test frequency**
   One-time screening for most adults and for each pregnancy. Periodic screening for persons with continued risk for HCV infection.

2. **Treatment**
   Ensure patient knows that safe and highly effective treatment is available for hepatitis C.

3. **Case reporting**
   Report positive cases to public health agency.

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