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## HOW IS CHRONIC HEPATITIS B TREATED?

Although there is no cure, there are three types of treatment options available.



**Antiviral medications:** Medications taken by mouth to help your body fight the virus and lower the chances of liver damage.

**Interferon injections:** Injections consisting of interferons, which are substances produced by cells in the body to help fight infection.

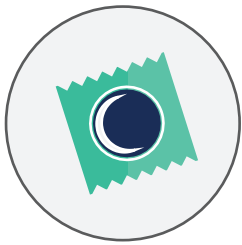


**Liver transplant:** A surgical procedure that removes your unhealthy liver and replaces it with a healthy liver.

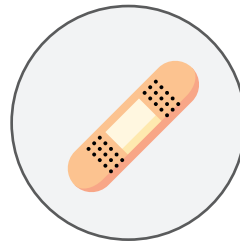
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## HOW IS IT SPREAD?



Having unprotected sex with an infected person



Coming in contact with infected blood (transfusion, open wounds)



Sharing contaminated razors, toothbrushes, or needles



Mother to baby during vaginal or cesarean birth

## WHAT ARE THE SYMPTOMS?

### Acute HBV

(2 weeks to 6 months)

- Fever
- Fatigue
- Joint pain
- Jaundice
- Loss of appetite
- Nausea and/or vomiting

### Chronic HBV

(Longer than 6 months)

- Can cause serious liver damage such as scarring, hardening, and liver failure that can lead to death



Nearly **2** out of **3** people living with chronic HBV do not know they are infected.