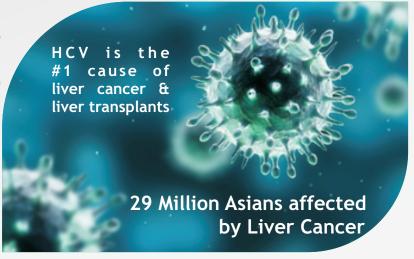
Hepatitis doesn't just affect 1 in 12 people worldwide, it affects those close to them too







Hepatitis C

Interpretation of Results

Anti HCV By Elisa or CLIA	Western Blot	Interpretation	Viral Load
+ve	+ve	POSITIVE	<u>+</u>
+ve	-ve	FALSE POSITIVE	-ve

Hepatitis C is an infection caused by a virus that attacks the liver and leads to inflammation. Most people infected with the hepatitis C virus (HCV) have no symptoms. In fact, most people don't know they have the hepatitis C infection until liver damage shows up, decades later, during routine medical tests.

Increased Risk of developing some other serious conditions:

About 60-70% of those infected will develop chronic liver disease.

About 5-20% will develop cirrhosis over 20 years; recent projections suggest that almost 45% will eventually develop cirrhosis.

HCV causes death in about 1-5% of those chronically infected who develop cirrhosis or liver cancer.

An HCV antibody test is typically reported as "positive" or negative". Results of HCV RNA testing are reported as a number of virus is present. If no virus is present or if the amount of virus is too low to detect, the result is often reported as "negative" or "not detected".

In general, if the HCV antibody test is positive, then the individual tested is infected or has likely been infected at some time with hepatitis C. If the HCV RNA test is positive, then the person has a current infection. If no HCV viral RNA is detected, then the person either does not have an active infection or the virus is present in very low numbers. If Anti HCV positive by screening method CELISA or (LIA)in low tire, it could be due to false positive. This result should be confirmed by Western Blot method.

Liver disease is the second leading cause of death after AIDS

WORLD HEPATITIS DAY JULY 28th

AIDS

31.1%

LIVER DISEASE

14.5%

NON-AIDS MALIGNANT DISEASE

3 out of every 4 people with Hepatitis C were born between 1945 - 1965.

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