

SCREENING TEST VS. DIAGNOSTIC TEST

HEPATITIS C VIRUS

Hepatitis C is a liver infection caused by the hepatitis C virus (HCV). HCV is spread through contact with blood from an infected person. For more than half of people who become infected with HCV it becomes a long-term, chronic infection.

Chronic hepatitis C can result in serious, even life-threatening health problems like liver cirrhosis and liver cancer. Nonetheless, some people with hepatitis C show no symptoms and do not feel sick.

Arthur is going to the doctor for a routine wellness check up



Arthur's doctor recommends a Hepatitis C Virus (HCV) **screening**.*

Arthur has his blood drawn.



Arthur's doctor says his HCV screening test shows he's been exposed to the virus. Arthur needs a confirmatory **diagnostic** test to see if he has the virus.



Arthur has finished his treatment and his follow up testing was negative for HCV. Arthur is enjoying life with his family!!



Arthur's doctor explains that his diagnostic test was also positive and that he has hepatitis C. They recommend that he undergoes treatment.



Arthur's blood is sent to a molecular pathology laboratory to test for the presence of hepatitis C virus.

*It is recommended that all Adults age 18 and older undergo Hepatitis C screening at least once in a lifetime. For more information, please access the [CDC recommendations](#).

Disclaimer: The story depicted above is not representative of all people, especially those with a personal or family history of Hepatitis C. Definition from CDC