

Your Hepatitis B Series 1 Schedule

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Hepatitis B is a serious infection of the liver caused by a virus known as HBV. Hepatitis B can be transmitted through blood and other bodily fluids, which is why it is so important that we protect dialysis patients, like yourself. Hepatitis B has no cure, but a vaccination is available that can prevent you from getting this virus.

This vaccine series consists of four shots given over a six month time period. We can do all the shots right here in the clinic for you, so no extra doctor visits are needed! Plus, the shots cost you nothing! These vaccines are covered as a part of your kidney care.

After this series of shots, we test your blood to see if you have immunity from Hepatitis B. If, for any reason, you do not have immunity, you will get a second series of shots. Immunity means that your lab results show that you have an antibody level above 10, and if exposed to Hepatitis B, you are protected from getting sick. Monthly lab draws test for possible infection, and we test you each year to ensure your antibody level stays above 10. If your level drops below 10, we inform you that a booster shot is needed to bring the levels back up again.

The back of this card will help you keep track of when you can expect to get your shots. Your dialysis facility will fill out all the important dates for you! If you still have questions, please ask. Our goal is to keep you as healthy as possible.

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