

Here are some tips for introducing hep C testing to patients in your clinic...

# Starting the conversation



**“WE HAVE A FOCUS ON LIVER HEALTH AT THE MOMENT AND ARE OFFERING EVERYONE TESTING FOR HEP C”**

## THE MOST COMMON WAYS YOU CAN GET HEP C ARE:

Injecting drugs

Receiving blood products or organ transplant before 1990

Time in prison

Needle stick injury

Unsterile tattoos /piercings

Born overseas

**“DO YOU THINK YOU MIGHT BE AT RISK AND WOULD YOU LIKE A TEST TO FIND OUT?”**

**“HAVE YOU BEEN TESTED BEFORE?”**

## Things to cover before a test:

- Previous testing
- Information on testing, treatment and prevention
- Allow the person to be in control of their disclosure of risk – they don't have to tell you how they got hep C.
- What does the person think the result will be? Do they have someone they could talk to about it if it was positive?
- Reason for why a positive test result requires notification to DHHS (public health purposes)
- Has the person given consent to be tested?