

SHOTS (HEPATITIS B)



Hello,

My name is Al Castellanos and I am a licensed insurance agent. Do you know what disease prevention is and why it's important? Well I am here to give you that information. Medicare pays for many preventive services to keep you healthy. These preventive services can find health problems early, when treatment works best, and can keep you from getting certain diseases.

Shots (Hepatitis B) is one of the preventive services that is covered by Medicare.

What is it?

Hepatitis B is a serious liver infection caused by the hepatitis B virus that's easily preventable by a vaccine.

Symptoms:

- Yellowing of the eyes
- Abdominal Pain
- Dark Urine
- Fever
- Joint Pain
- Loss of appetite
- Nausea and vomiting
- Weakness and fatigue

Risk Factors:

- Have unprotected sex with multiple sex partners or with someone who's infected with HBV
- Share needles during IV drug use
- Are a man who has sex with other men
- Live with someone who has a chronic HBV infection
- Are an infant born to an infected mother
- Have a job that exposes you to human blood
- Travel to regions with high infection rates of HBV, such as Asia, the Pacific Islands, Africa and Eastern Europe

Who's covered?

Certain people with Medicare who are at medium or high risk for Hepatitis B.

How often is it covered?

Three shots are needed for complete protection. Check with your doctor about when to get these shots if you qualify to get them.

Your cost if you have Original Medicare

You pay nothing if your doctor or other qualified health care provider accepts assignment.

If you have any questions regarding this exam or any of the other Preventive Service exams covered by Medicare, please contact me at (281) 642-4082 or at alcastellanos@prinsuco.com.