

THE AMERICAN LIVER FOUNDATION GREAT LAKES DIVISION AND THE JESSE BROWN VA MEDICAL CENTER INVITES VETERANS TO A FREE HEPATITIS C SCREENING PROGRAM

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4TH, 2014 – 9:00AM TO 4:00PM JESSE BROWN VA MEDICAL CENTER

Hepatitis C is a growing public health crisis for Veterans, largely because the vast majority of infected individuals are unaware they have the virus.

FREE RAPID HEPATITIS C SCREENING FOR VETERANS

Date: Tuesday, November 4th, 2014

Time: 9:00AM – 4:00PM

Location: Jesse Brown VA Medical Center
820 S. Damen Avenue, Chicago, IL 60612
Damen Pavillion, Second Floor Conference Room

Veterans MUST bring VA ID and/or DD214 form and be born between 1945 and 1965 to be eligible.

FOR THIS DAY ONLY, a rapid test will be provided by the American Liver Foundation Great Lakes Division and results will be available within 20-60 minutes.

Refreshments and other screening tests (including blood pressure, blood sugar, and cholesterol) will be available while waiting

THE CDC RECOMMENDS HEPATITIS C SCREENING FOR ALL INDIVIDUALS WHO WERE BORN BETWEEN 1945 AND 1965

FACTS ABOUT THE HEPATITIS C VIRUS

- ⇒ **Up to 75% of people do not realize they are infected by Hepatitis C**
- ⇒ Hepatitis C is a virus that infects the liver
- ⇒ Hepatitis C is transmitted or spread when blood from a Hepatitis C-infected person enters the bloodstream of someone who is not infected
- ⇒ **Veterans have been identified as a high risk group**
- ⇒ Most people do not know they have Hepatitis C because the symptoms such as fatigue and achiness are not specific
- ⇒ Untreated Hepatitis C can lead to liver damage, cirrhosis, liver cancer, and liver transplants
- ⇒ **Hepatitis C is curable**