

What is **hepatitis B**?

How do you get it?

How is it treated?

How can we prevent others from getting it?

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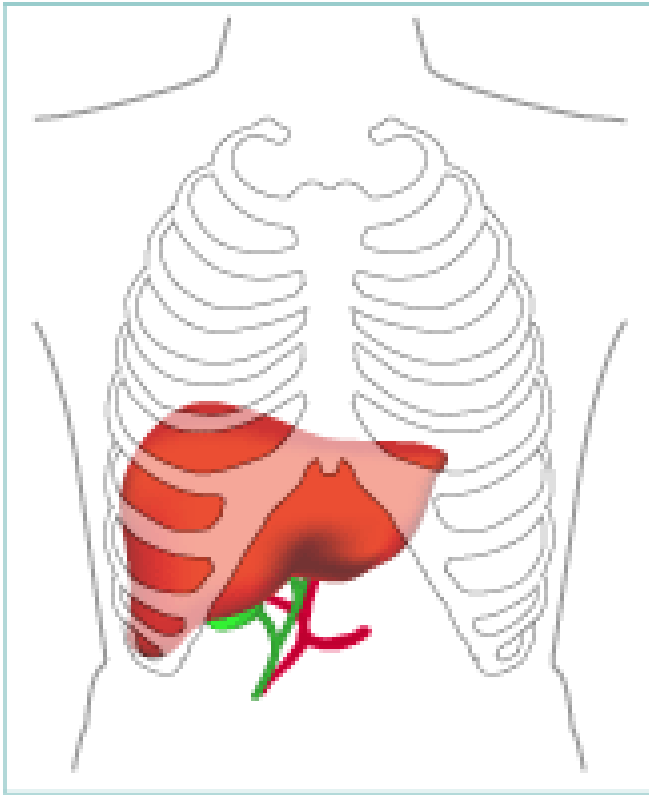
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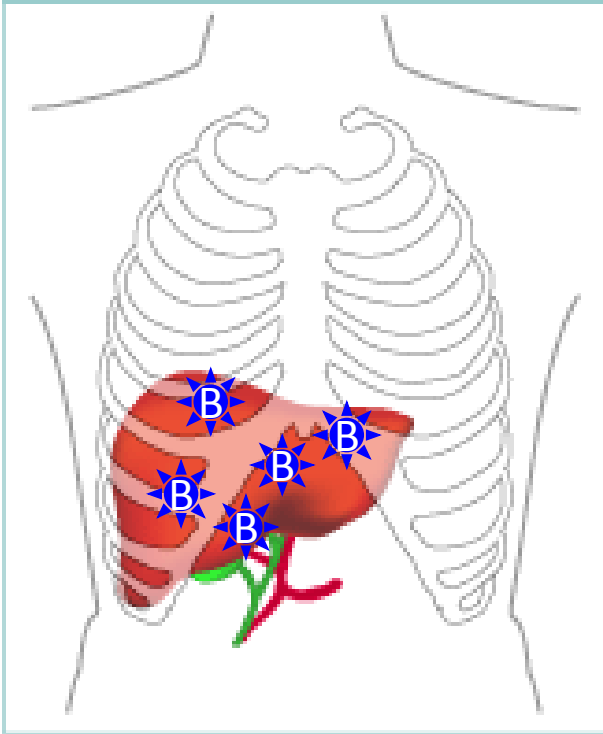
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Your liver...



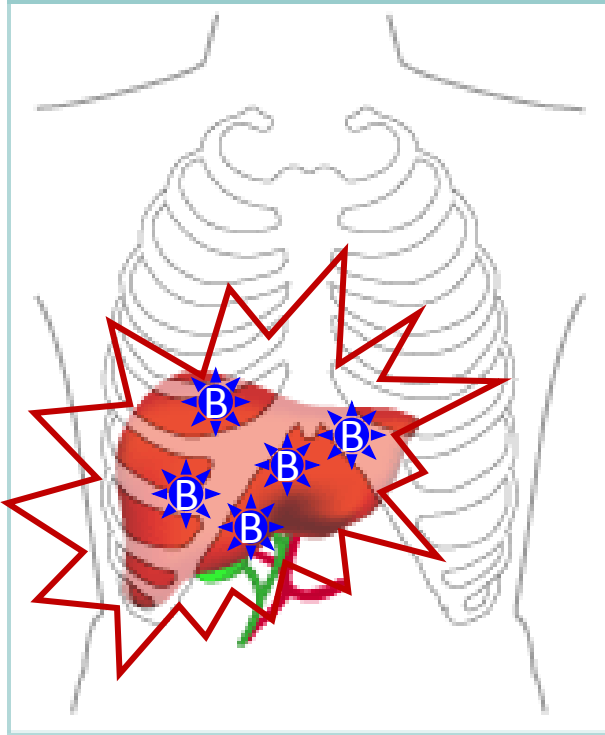
- is a **large organ** under your right ribs
- helps to keep your blood sugar normal
- makes **proteins to help you heal** and clot your blood
- helps you **digest** your food
- **removes harmful substances** from your blood
- AND a LOT more!

Hepatitis B is...



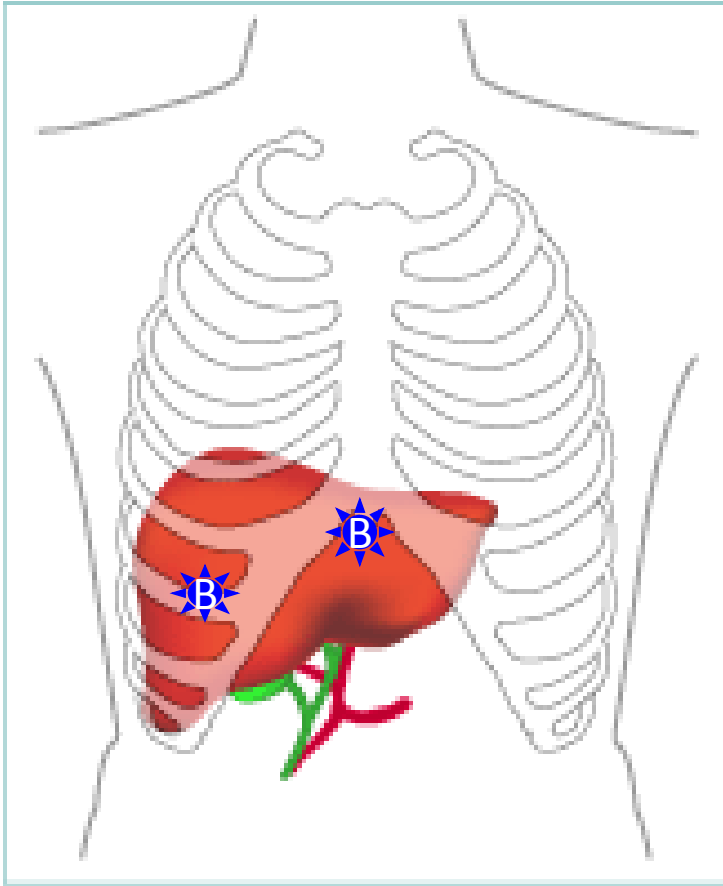
- a virus that infects the liver
- spread at **birth** from an infected mother to her baby
- spread by **sex** with an infected partner
- spread by **sharing needles or blood contact**
- **prevented** by **hepatitis B vaccine**

With **hepatitis B** ...



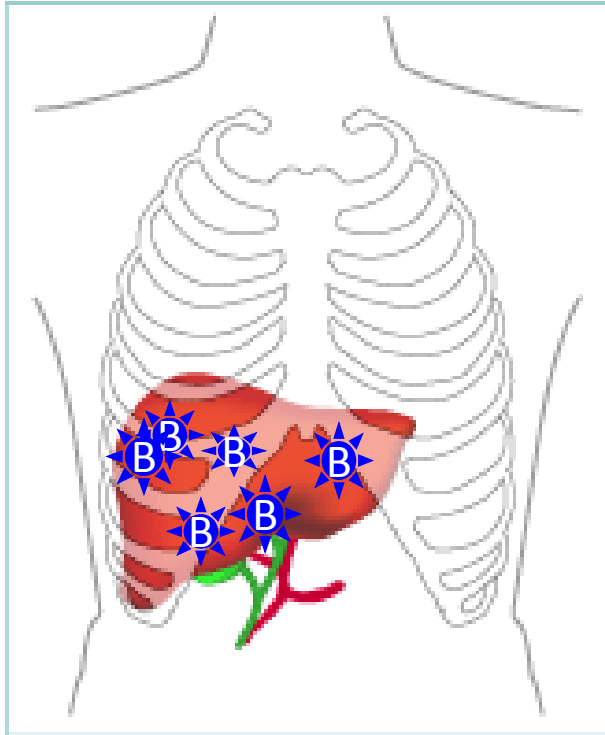
- the liver can get ***swollen and painful***
- Some people feel tired, lose their appetite, or turn yellow
- Some people do not feel sick

After hepatitis B infection...

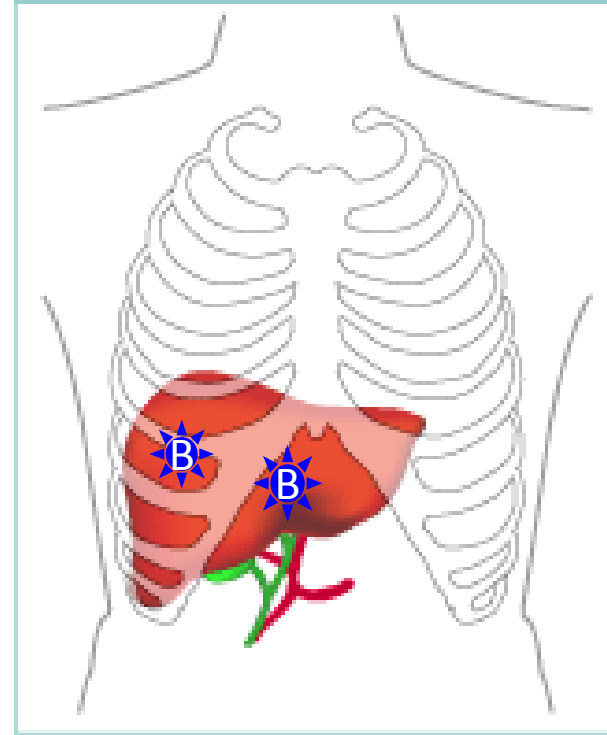


- *Most people get better* after a few months
- Some stay sick for years and *need treatment*
- *Even if you feel better*, a *small amount of virus stays* in the liver

Antiviral pills *treat* hepatitis B virus



Antiviral pills
stop growth
of hepatitis B

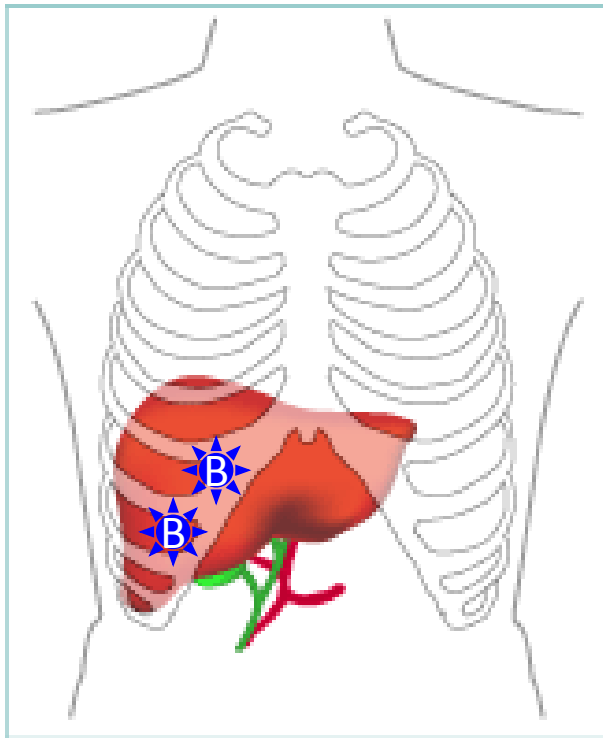


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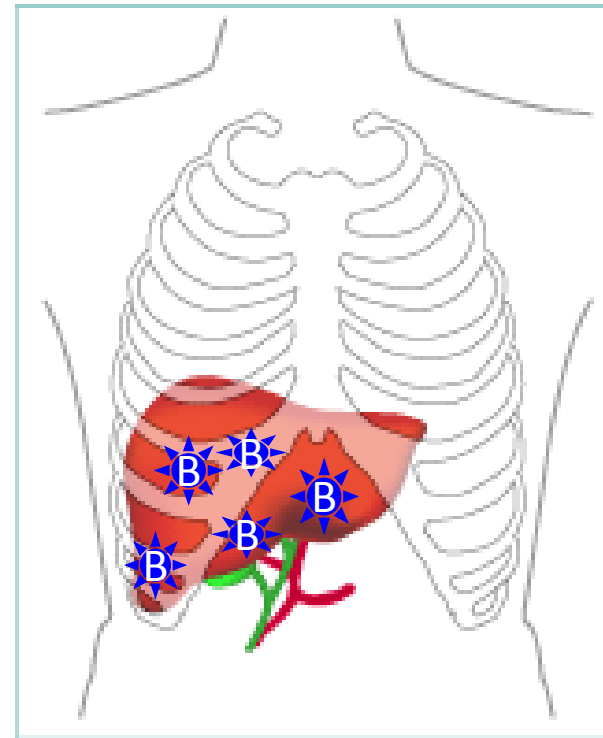


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A few medicines (such as *Rituximab*) let **hepatitis B** *grow*, making people sick



Hepatitis B
grows



- Some feel tired, lose their appetite, or turn yellow
- Some get *very sick*

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Good news – this can be prevented!

If blood tests show that you need them,
safe antiviral pills can ***prevent hepatitis B from
growing***

Your doctor may order ***entecavir*** or
tenofovir antiviral pills

Take your antiviral pills *every day.*

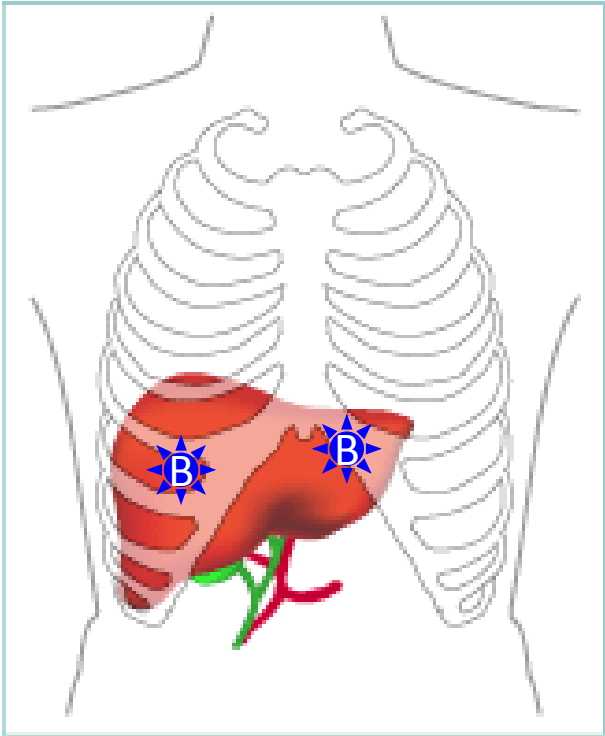
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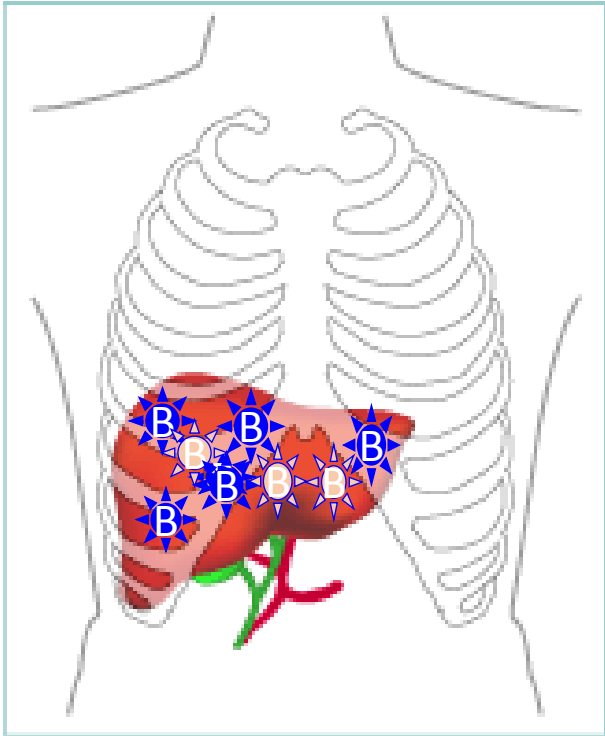
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If you **stop taking** antiviral pills, **hepatitis B grows** and **may change**



Hepatitis B grows



If **hepatitis B changes**, it **may not respond** to the antiviral pills.

You may become **sick**.

Stop hepatitis B from *growing and changing.*

Take your antiviral pills every day.

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Prevent others from getting **hepatitis B...**

Hepatitis B vaccine for partners and family

Safe sex

Use ***clean needles***

Don't share razors or toothbrushes

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Thank you

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