Acute Hepatitis C
Maine Surveillance Report | 2017

Case Information:

32

Patients diagnosed with acute hepatitis B

2.4

Cases per 100,000 people

243%

Increase since 2013

Maine has the 9th highest rate of acute hepatitis C in the US

Demographics:

59% of patients were male
33 years old on average
94% White
3% African American
3% Unknown race

Geography:

Prevention:

• Do not share syringes or injection kit equipment.
• Get tested for hepatitis C, especially if you are a person who injects drugs, were ever incarcerated, born between 1945-1965 or received an unlicensed tattoo.
• If you have hepatitis C, seek medical care.
• Get vaccinated against hepatitis B, especially if you have hepatitis C.

For more information visit:
https://www.cdc.gov/hepatitis/hcv/index.htm

Risk Factors:

62.5%

Were people who injected drugs

28.1%

Were incarcerated prior to infection

Baby Boomers

3.1%

Were born between 1945-1965

3.1%

Were people with multiple sex partners

6.3%

Received an unlicensed tattoo prior to infection

Clinical Characteristics:

• 97% of patients had symptoms
• 97% of patients had elevated liver enzyme lab results
• 37.5% of patients had jaundice

All suspected or confirmed cases of acute hepatitis C must be immediately reported to Maine CDC by calling 1-800-821-5821.