

The SCREEN Act: Testing for Hepatitis C at Colonoscopy

The SCREEN Act (S. 1079/H.R. 2035 introduced in April 2015) establishes an innovative Medicare demonstration project, allowing for a patient office visit prior to a screening colonoscopy to ease patient fear, answer patient questions, and discuss pre-procedure preparation. This pre-screening visit also serves as an opportunity for Medicare beneficiaries to discuss and schedule a Hepatitis C screening with their provider at the same time as the screening colonoscopy.

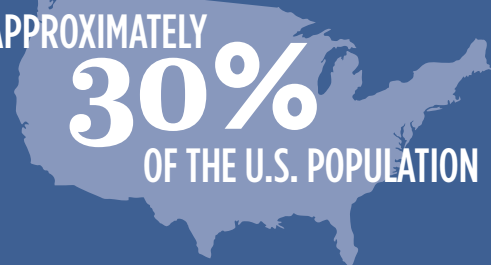
The CDC and USPSTF recommends all Medicare beneficiaries, "Baby Boomers"

BORN FROM
1945
to
1965
BE SCREENED FOR HEPATITIS C

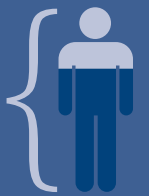
EVEN IF THE PATIENT IS ASYMPTOMATIC,
just like colorectal cancer screening.

These "Baby Boomers" make up

APPROXIMATELY
30%
OF THE U.S. POPULATION

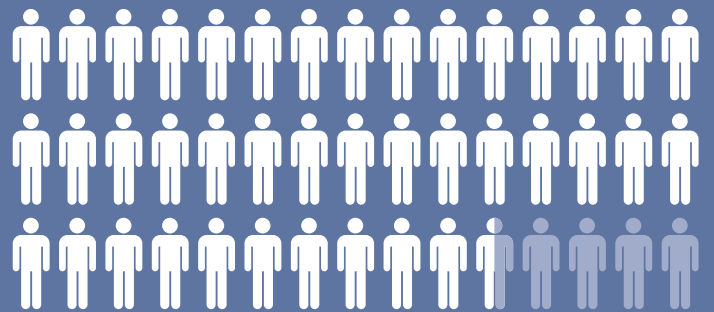


AND ACCOUNT FOR
INFECTED WITH
HEPATITIS C **2**
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85% to 90%

OF BABY BOOMERS WITH CHRONIC VIRAL HEPATITIS C ARE ASYMPTOMATIC meaning they have no outward signs of disease and may be unaware that they are infected



MEDICARE ONLY COVERS...

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ONE HEPATITIS C SCREENING TEST...

...and YEARLY repeat screenings for certain
HIGH RISK PEOPLE



...if ordered by a
PRIMARY CARE DOCTOR OR PRACTITIONER

If there is no other reason for an appointment



BENEFICIARIES MAY NOT BE GETTING THIS REFERRAL

RECENT FINDINGS DEMONSTRATE



More patients accept
HEPATITIS C AND COLONOSCOPY SCREENING TESTS...



...when offered at the
SAME TIME A PATIENT SCHEDULES THEIR SCREENING COLONOSCOPY

