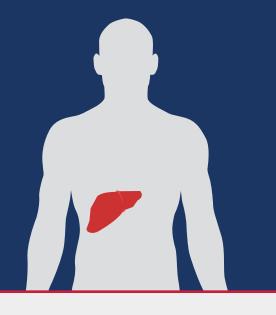
# ABOUT HEPATITIS B

Hepatitis B (HBV) is a preventable viral infection that causes inflammation of the liver. It starts off as a short-term disease but may develop into a recurring condition with serious complications including cirrhosis, liver failure, liver cancer and death<sup>12</sup>



## WHAT'S THE LIKELIHOOD OF **HBV BECOMING CHRONIC?**





LESS THAN 5% **OF ADULTS** (IF OTHERWISE HEALTHY)<sup>1</sup>

\*\*\*\*\*\* 1 IN 20 +++++

PEOPLE WITH HBV WILL BECOME A CARRIER<sup>4</sup>

HBV carriers do not necessarily have symptoms but have the virus in their body and can pass it on to others<sup>4</sup>

## **HOW MANY PEOPLE ARE AFFECTED BY HBV GLOBALLY?**

**2 BILLION PEOPLE** 

HAVE BEEN INFECTED WITH THE HBV VIRUS<sup>2</sup> (1 OUT OF 3 PEOPLE)

APPROXIMATELY **1.5 MILLION PEOPLE** WILL NEWLY CONTRACT

THE VIRUS EACH YEAR<sup>2</sup>

## AN ESTIMATED 820,000 PEOPLE

DIE DUE TO HBV RELATED LIVER DISEASE EACH YEAR<sup>2</sup>

#### **257 MILLION PEOPLE**

ARE ESTIMATED TO BE LIVING WITH CHRONIC MEANING THE VIRUS REMAINS IN THE BODY FOR LIFE<sup>5</sup>

#### **BURDEN OF DISEASE**

UP TO

OF ADULTS WITH CHRONIC HBV WILL **DEVELOP CIRRHOSIS (SCARRING)** 

AND/OR LIVER CANCER NEARLY HALF OF THESE WILL DIE FROM LIVER FAILURE OR LIVER CANCER<sup>4</sup>

**HBV IS THE MOST COMMON CAUSE OF CANCER AFTER TOBACCO** AND THE LEADING CAUSE OF LIVER CANCER WORLDWIDE, CAUSING



THE RISK OF DEVELOPING LIVER CANCER **IS AROUND** 





WITH HEPATITIS C<sup>6,7</sup> AND SO LIVER CANCER SURVEILLANCE IS **RECOMMENDED FOR PEOPLE WITH CHRONIC HBV<sup>8</sup>** 

### WHO IS AT RISK OF HBV?

**HBV IS TRANSMITTED BY** CONTACT WITH INFECTED **BLOOD OR BODY FLUIDS<sup>1</sup>** 

**MOST COMMON ROUTE OF TRANSMISSION GLOBALLY:**  **OTHER ROUTES OF TRANSMISSION:**<sup>1</sup>

**HBV IS 100x** 

MORE CONTAGIOUS



A SCREENING BLOOD

**TEST CAN HELP** 

DETECT THE VIRUS<sup>1</sup>

TREATMENT TODAY

There are now effective treatments available for chronic HBV, but no cure exists<sup>1</sup>

The goal of treating chronic HBV is to:1

> **1** Suppress replication of the virus

**2** Prevent or slow progression of the disease complications

**3** Improve quality of life and long term survival

#### WHO ELIMINATION STRATEGY

The World Health Organisation elimination strategy aims to combat HBV and eliminate it as a global public health threat by 2030 with the following targets:<sup>9</sup>

90% OF PEOPLE BEING DIAGNOSED

OF ELIGIBLE PERSONS WITH CHRONIC HEPATITIS B VIRUS RECEIVE TREATMENT



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