



## Understanding Your Hepatitis B (Hep B) Test Results

- Show this to every healthcare provider (doctor, nurse, etc.) you see •

### Results

- **Your Hep B results are: Core Antibody-positive, Surface Antigen-negative, Surface Antibody-negative or positive**
- This shows that you were exposed to Hep B in the past.
- Your body got rid of Hep B in your blood, but you have leftover Hep B "sleeping" in your liver.

### Medicine

- **You do not need a vaccine** because you have already been exposed to hep B.
- Some medicines can make Hep B "wake up", so you may need to treat it while it is still "sleeping".
- **ACTION:** Whenever you get a new medicine, ask your doctor: "Will this make Hep B come back?" and "Will this suppress my immune system?" You can show them this paper.

### Blood

- **ACTION:** Your doctor may order a test called **HBV PCR** to make sure your blood has no Hep B.
- If the HBV PCR test does not find Hep B in your blood, Hep B is not making you sick.
- A small amount of Hep B is "sleeping" in your body, but you will probably never have a problem with them for your whole life.

### Family

- If the HBV PCR test does not find Hep B in your blood, you cannot give Hep B to someone unless you donate one of your organs.
- **ACTION:** Make sure that everyone in your family, including your partner, gets tested for Hep B, because it is a very serious disease.
- They will need these tests: **HBsAg, anti-HBc, anti-HBs, anti-HCV**

### Provider

- **ACTION:** Always ask if new medicines will make Hep B come back. You can show this paper.
- Talk to your doctor and medical team, and ask questions if you need more information.
- For more information, you can also contact Hep Free Hawaii at [hepfreehawaii@gmail.com](mailto:hepfreehawaii@gmail.com), or the Hepatitis B Foundation at 1-215-489-4900 or [info@hepb.org](mailto:info@hepb.org).