

WHAT IS VIRCAN?

VIRCAN is a structured academic-community partnership that will address issues throughout the care of viral hepatitis, *from diagnosis to treatment to cure*.

Based out of the Toronto Centre for Liver Disease (TCLD), one of the largest liver units in North America, the VIRCAN team looks forward to demonstrating how viral hepatitis screening and treatment should be optimized in other urban settings across Canada, and around the world.

VIRCAN CLINICS ARE:



COMPREHENSIVE IN CARE

1 to 1 service, health education and promotion in communities across the GTA



ACCESSIBLE

Eliminates systemic barriers to full participation



CLIENT AND COMMUNITY FOCUSED

The needs of those groups and individuals are of primary importance



INTEGRATING SERVICES

VIRCAN Clinics will have strong connections with health system and community partners



MULTIDISCIPLINARY APPROACH

VIRCAN team will work in collaborative practice to address the health needs of their clients

LOCATIONS



1. TORONTO CENTRE FOR LIVER DISEASE

Toronto General Hospital
200 Elizabeth Street
Toronto, ON M5G 2C4
T. 416 340 4186
F. 416 340 4819

2. ETOBICOKE LIVER CLINIC

817 Brown's Line
Toronto, ON M8W 3V7
(Brown's Line & Evans Ave.)
T. 416 503 2626
F. 416 503 2665

3. RICHMOND HILL LIVER CLINIC

328 Highway 7 E., Suite 301
Richmond Hill, ON L4B 3P7
(Bayview Ave. & Hwy 7)
T. 905 771 8821
F. 905 771 8481

4. SCARBOROUGH LIVER CLINIC

3030 Lawrence Ave E., Suite 510
Toronto, ON M1P 2T7
(McCowan Rd. & Lawrence Ave. E)
T. 416 431 4402
F. 416 431 0762

5. TORONTO MIDTOWN LIVER CLINIC

1975 Avenue Rd., 2nd Fl.
Toronto, ON M5M 4A3
(Avenue Rd. & Wilson Ave.)
T. 416 922 6022
F. 416 927 9100



B-AWARE

What is Hepatitis B and why is screening important for you?



[VIRCAN.CA](https://www.vircan.ca)

HEPATITIS B FACTS

MORE THAN **780 000** PEOPLE DIE EVERY YEAR DUE TO COMPLICATIONS OF HEPATITIS B¹



240 MILLION PEOPLE WORLDWIDE ARE CHRONICALLY INFECTED²



OVER **150 000** PEOPLE IN THE GREATER TORONTO AREA LIVE WITH CHRONIC HEPATITIS B³



WHAT IS HEPATITIS B?

- Viral infection of the liver
- Can cause acute and chronic infection
- Serious global health burden

HOW IS HEPATITIS B SPREAD?

- During childbirth (mother to child)
- Exposure to infected blood and body fluids
- Use of contaminated needles or other sharp objects

WHO SHOULD BE SCREENED?

- Anyone from an endemic area (like Asia)
- Pregnant women
- Infants born to HBV-infected mothers
- Sexual or household contact with HBV

HOW TO GET SCREENED?

1 VISIT A VIRCAN CLINIC
Illustration of a doctor and a patient sitting at a table.

2 COMPLETE CONSENT AND QUESTIONNAIRE
Illustration of a clipboard with a checklist and a red checkmark.

3 HEPATITIS B SCREENING
BLOOD WORK (Illustration of a test tube) FINGER PRICK (Illustration of a hand with a finger being pricked)
- OR -

4 RESULT AND CONSULTATION
Illustration of a doctor and a patient sitting at a desk with a laptop.

WHY IS IT IMPORTANT FOR ME TO KNOW?

- Hepatitis B may show no symptoms, yet cause serious health consequences
- You could be a carrier
- Up to 70% of chronically infected Canadians are Chinese immigrants⁴
- Untreated may lead to: severe scarring of the liver (cirrhosis), liver failure and liver cancer
- Prevent transmission to other people

HOW TO PREVENT HEPATITIS B?

GET YOUR BLOOD TESTED
Illustration of a test tube.

DO NOT SHARE RAZORS, TOOTHBRUSHES, NEEDLES OR SYRINGES
Illustration of a razor, a toothbrush, a needle, and a syringe.

GET THE HEPATITIS B VACCINATION
Illustration of a syringe.

USE CONDOMS
Illustration of a condom.