

**Mayo Clinic Minute: ABCs of hepatitis**

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	Approximately 5.3 million people in the US have hepatitis.
<b>Stacey Rizza, M.D. Infectious Diseases Mayo Clinic</b>	“Anything that affects the liver and causes inflammation, by definition, is a hepatitis.”
	Listen as Dr. Stacey Rizza breaks down the ABCs of hepatitis.
	“A is the first one, and that is the type of infection you get from eating contaminated water or foods. You could get very, very sick from it, but it doesn’t go on to be a chronic infection.”
	Vaccines protect against hepatitis A, and are especially important for children and travelers.
	“Hepatitis B is the second virus that was identified, and that is one that can cause a chronic infection, and we’re fortunate that we have a very, very effective vaccine for hepatitis B.”
	Hepatitis C is transmitted from person to person through bodily fluids. The virus can cause liver damage and death.
	“We do not have a vaccine for it, but we have in the last several years very, very effective therapies to treat hepatitis C.”
	For the Mayo Clinic News Network, I’m Jason Howland.