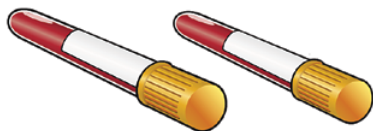


# Tests Used for Diagnosing Hepatitis C



Two different types of blood tests, usually taken at two different times, are needed to tell if a person is living with hepatitis C.

## Test 1 Hepatitis C Antibody Test

This screening test tells if a person's body has ever made antibodies to fight against hepatitis C.

- If "negative", the person has **never** had hepatitis C (except in unusual circumstances).
- If "positive", the person has had hepatitis C at some time. It does **not** tell if the person still has hepatitis C.

## Test 2 Hepatitis C Virus Test

This test (also known as a hepatitis C RNA or PCR) is ordered if test 1 comes back "positive." It shows if a person **still** has hepatitis C by testing for the presence of the virus.

- If "negative", the person **no longer** has hepatitis C.
- If "positive", the person **has** hepatitis C.

See other side of this page for a diagram of this testing process. ➡

## Test 1 Hepatitis C Antibody Test

The first test checks if a person has **ever** had hepatitis C.

### If Negative

Person has never had hepatitis C.

### If Positive

- Hepatitis C antibodies are present.
- Person has had hepatitis C at some time.
- Does not tell if person still has hepatitis C.

## Test 2 Hepatitis C Virus Test

Checks if the person is **still living** with hepatitis C.

### If Negative

Person no longer has hepatitis C.

### If Positive

Person has hepatitis C.

Always discuss with a health care provider the meaning of your test results and if follow-up is necessary.

For more information, visit [www.pauktuutit.ca](http://www.pauktuutit.ca) or [www.bccdc.ca](http://www.bccdc.ca) and type "Attendance Project" in the search box. Email – [info@pauktuutit.ca](mailto:info@pauktuutit.ca).

[www.pauktuutit.ca](http://www.pauktuutit.ca)

[info@pauktuutit.ca](mailto:info@pauktuutit.ca)



<D>3n<C  
PAUKTUUTIT  
INUIT WOMEN OF CANADA  
Δαδ' 4'αδ' baC