Why should baby boomers get tested for Hepatitis C?
More than 75% of adults with Hepatitis C are baby boomers. Baby boomers are people born from 1945 through 1965. Most of them don’t know they are infected.

- Baby boomers are five times more likely to be infected with Hepatitis C.
- Liver disease, liver cancer, and deaths from Hepatitis C are on the rise.
- As baby boomers age, there is a greater chance that they will develop serious, life-threatening liver disease from Hepatitis C.
- Testing people in this generation will help them learn if they are infected and get them into lifesaving care and treatment.
- Early diagnosis and treatment can help prevent liver damage, cirrhosis, and even liver cancer.

What should baby boomers know about Hepatitis C?
Hepatitis C is a liver disease that results from infection with the Hepatitis C virus. The disease can cause serious health problems including liver damage, cirrhosis, liver cancer and even death. In fact, Hepatitis C is a leading cause of liver cancer and the leading cause of liver transplants.

People with Hepatitis C:
- Often have no symptoms
- Can live with an infection for decades without feeling sick
- Can be successfully treated with medications

CDC now recommends that anyone born from 1945 through 1965 get tested for Hepatitis C.

Is there a test for Hepatitis C?
Yes. There is a simple blood test to determine if a person has ever been infected with the Hepatitis C virus.

For more information
Talk to your health professional, call your health department, or visit www.cdc.gov/knowmorehepatitis.