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### **Free Hepatitis C Testing Available for Baby Boomers**

Did you know that [1 in 30 baby boomers](#) has Hepatitis C and most don't know it? In fact, people born from 1945 to 1965 are five times more likely to have Hepatitis C than other adults.

Hepatitis C may not cause symptoms for years or even decades, while slowly damaging the liver. By the time symptoms appear, liver damage is often significant. Left untreated, Hepatitis C can cause cirrhosis, cancer and even death. It is also the leading cause of liver transplants.

"The good news is Hepatitis C can be treated," said Dr. Kimberly McDonald, medical director at Wake County Human Services. "The first step is to get a simple blood test. Once a diagnosis is made, residents can be connected with the right care and medications to be cured."

Wake County offers free Hepatitis C testing at several convenient locations:

- [Eastern Regional Center](#) in Zebulon: Call 919-404-3900 for an appointment.
- [Northern Regional Center](#) in Wake Forest: Call 919-562-6300 for an appointment.
- [Southern Regional Center](#) in Fuquay-Varina: Call 919-557-2501 for an appointment.
- [Sunnybrook](#) in Raleigh: Call 919-250-3900 for an appointment.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends everyone born from 1945-1965 get tested.

Visit [wakegov.com/HepC](http://wakegov.com/HepC) to learn more about Hepatitis C and its risk factors.

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