**Understanding Your Hepatitis B (Hep B) Test Results**

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**Full Text Summary**

1. Your Hep B test results are:

**surface antigen - negative**

**core antibody total - positive**

1. This shows that you had an infection with Hep B when you were younger. Your body got rid of Hep B in your blood, but you have leftover Hep B "sleeping" in your liver.
2. You may get another test, called **HBV PCR**, to make sure your blood has no Hep B.
3. If the HBV PCR test did not find Hep B in your blood, this means that
   1. Hep B is not making you sick;
   2. you do not need medicine for Hep B;
   3. you cannot give Hep B to someone unless you donate one of your organs;
   4. a small number of Hep B germs (viruses) are "sleeping" in your body, but you will probably never have a problem with this in your whole life.
4. Some medicines can make Hep B "wake up", so you may need to treat Hep B while it is still "sleeping".
5. Whenever you get new medicine, ask your doctor: "Will this make Hep B come back?" and "Will this suppress my immune system?" You can show them this paper.
6. Make sure that everyone in your family, including your partner, gets tested for Hep B, because it might be more serious for them. They will need these tests:

**HBsAg, anti-HBc, anti-HBs, anti-HCV**

1. Talk to your doctor and medical team, and ask questions if you need more information.
2. For more information, you can also contact [insert agency and contact info], or the Hepatitis B Foundation at 1-215-489-4900 or [info@hepb.org](mailto:info@hepb.org).