Screening for Cirrhosis

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En Español (Spanish Version)

The purpose of screening is early diagnosis and treatment. Screening tests are usually administered to people without current symptoms but who may be at high risk for certain diseases or conditions.

There are no screening guidelines for cirrhosis. However, there are promising non-invasive methods which can assess the severity of the fibrosis in individuals at high risk of developing liver cirrhosis (eg, chronic alcoholism, chronic viral hepatitis). The tests include breath testing, blood tests, and imaging techniques.

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