1. **What is Hepatitis A?**
   Hepatitis A is a virus that causes serious liver infection and can easily spread from person to person. This virus can make you sick for weeks to months and even cause death.

2. **How is Hepatitis A spread?**
   Hepatitis A is spread by touching things that a person with Hepatitis A touched and not washing your hands after. Hepatitis A can be spread in several different ways:
   - An infected person not washing their hands after using the bathroom
   - Eating food or drinks contaminated with Hepatitis A
   - Having sex with someone who has Hepatitis A

3. **Who is at risk for getting Hepatitis A?**
   People who are homeless or use drugs have the highest risk for getting Hepatitis A. Anyone can get Hepatitis A, but you have a higher risk if you:
   - Travel or live in countries where Hepatitis A is common
   - Use drugs
   - Are a man who has sex with men
   - Are homeless

4. **What are the symptoms of Hepatitis A?**
   **The most important symptom is jaundice (skin or eyes look yellow).** Other common symptoms can include:
   - Fever
   - Feeling Tired
   - Throwing up
   - Feeling like throwing up
   - Do not feel like eating
   - Stomach pain
   - Dark pee
   - Pale poop
   - Diarrhea
   Symptoms develop 2 to 6 weeks after you get infected with Hepatitis A.

5. **How is Hepatitis A treated?**
   Treatment includes rest, eating healthy, drinking enough water, and getting monitored (checked) by a medical professional like a doctor. Some people may need to be hospitalized. Most people who get Hepatitis A recover completely and don't have lasting liver damage. It’s important to see your doctor if you have symptoms of Hepatitis A.

6. **How can Hepatitis A be prevented?**
   **The best way to prevent Hepatitis A is by getting the Hepatitis A vaccine (shot).** The vaccine is safe and effective. Visit your doctor's office or call the Orange County Health Referral Line at (800) 564-8448 to get more information. You can also prevent the spread of Hepatitis A by washing your hands with soap and warm water:
   - Before eating or preparing food
   - After using the bathroom or changing diapers

### Who should get vaccinated?
- All children at age 1-year
- Travelers to countries where Hepatitis A is common
- Family and caregivers of adoptees from countries where Hepatitis A is common
- Men who have sex with men
- Recreational drug users
- People with chronic or long-term liver disease including Hepatitis B or C
- People with clotting-factor disorders
- Homeless people

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