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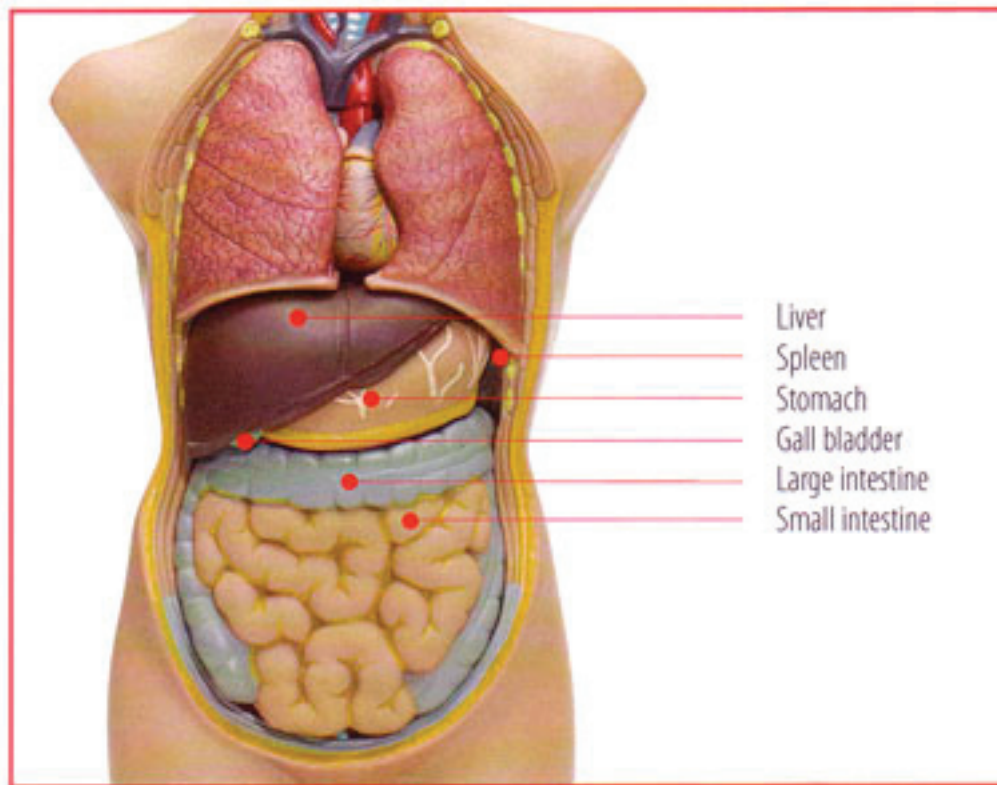
## Ontario Hepatitis Nursing Program

# What Does the Liver Do?

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- ~ The liver is the largest internal organ in your body.
- ~ In an adult male, it is about the size of a football and weighs about 3 pounds.
- ~ It is located on the right side just under and below the lower part of the rib cage.
- ~ Almost everything you put in your mouth eventually makes its way through your liver.

### The Liver:



- ~ Stores necessary nutrients.
- ~ Processes drugs for use and disposal.
- ~ Cleanses your system.
- ~ Breaks down fat.
- ~ Builds proteins.
- ~ Helps to prevent bleeding.
- ~ Makes hormones.

When your liver is damaged, it can't do these important jobs and eventually you will feel the effects of this.