

How is Hep C Transmitted?



Hep C is transmitted through blood-to-blood contact



Sharing syringes and injection supplies like cookers and cottons is the most common way hep C is transmitted

Hep C can also be transmitted by:



- sharing glass pipes, straws, and other smoking or snorting supplies



- from birth parent to child



- unsterile piercing and tattooing



- sometimes through sex

If you have a higher risk of getting hep C, you should get tested every year

Hep C You Later!

Need **treatment** for hepatitis C? Get **cured** in 8-12 weeks!

Hep C treatment is easy



Minimal to no side effects



Over 95% successful at curing hep C



Free through Medi-Cal and Medicare and **covered by insurance**

Ask your doctor for more information if you think you have hep C

Know Hep C

Have you been **tested** for hepatitis C?



About half of all people living with hep C **don't know they have it**



CDC recommends that **every adult get tested at least once**



People at **higher risk of hep C** should **get tested once a year**



Ask your doctor about getting tested today!

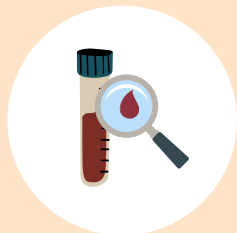
What is Hep C?



Hepatitis C is a virus that can cause liver damage or liver cancer



Many people with hep C have no symptoms for years



Getting tested is the only way to know for sure if you have hep C



There is no vaccine that prevents hep C but there is a cure

What do my Test Results Mean?

Hep C antibody (Ab) test:



Tells you if you have ever been **exposed** to hep C



Ab negative: You have never been exposed to hep C. No other test is needed.



Ab positive: You were exposed to hep C at some point. You will need an RNA test to know if you currently have hep C or not.

Hep C RNA test:



Tells you if you have an **active hep C infection**



RNA negative: You don't have hep C and no other steps are needed.

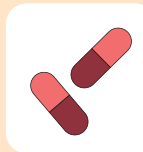


RNA positive: You have hep C and will need to take medication to cure it. See next page for information about hep C treatment. →

What if I Have Hep C?



Curing hep C can be easy!



Ask your doctor about starting hep C treatment



Treatment and treatment support are also available from community programs

Learn more about treatment:

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