

You have been diagnosed with Hep C, now what?

SO MANY REASONS TO GET TREATED

- Treatments today could cure more than 95% of people with hepatitis C and do not have harsh side effects like previous medications.
- People who have tried previous medication unsuccessfully can try current medication and may be successfully cured.
- Because treatment options for hep C work differently, your health care provider will help decide which treatment option is best for you.
- Get Vaccinated against hepatitis A and B.
- If a person gets cured, they can get HCV again. Talk to your doctor about ways to protect yourself from hepatitis C.

Hepatitis C is stated to be cured when the hep C virus is not detected in the blood when measured three months after the completion of treatment.

If you are worried about the treatment options or the cost of treatment, talk with your health care provider about these concerns. This will help them determine the best option for you and provide you with appropriate resources.

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Today's Hep C Treatments



Over 95% of people get cured.



Some common side effects are headache and tiredness.



12 weeks or less of treatment needed for most people.



Taken by mouth—not an injection.

5 Steps to Being Cured

1. Talk to your health care provider - Get Vaccinated against hepatitis A and B. When you are ready to begin treatment, tell your health care provider that you want to treat your hep C. If they cannot treat you, ask to be referred to a health care provider specializing in hep C, like a gastroenterologist, hepatologist, infectious disease expert or another provider that treats hep C. You can also use this tool to find a health care provider near you:



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2. Understand Treatment Options - Your health care provider may run additional tests to learn more about your hep C and how it is affecting your liver. After you discuss the different treatment options, you and your health care provider will choose the right treatment for you.

3. Find Out What Kind of Coverage You Have - Treatments for hepatitis C can be covered by most private insurance plans, as well as Medicaid and Medicare plans. Your health care provider will work with your insurance company to understand your coverage and what other financial support options will benefit you. If you do not have insurance, resources are still available to help. A good resource to call is 1-844-HEPCHOPE (1-844-943-7246) to discuss the resources available to you or to answer any questions about treatment costs.

4. Begin Treatment - When you start treatment, your medication could be filled through a specialty pharmacy. They could send the medication to your local pharmacy, your provider's office or directly to you. While treatment is ongoing, your health care provider may check in periodically to ensure the treatment is working as it should.

5. Get Your Results - After you have completed treatment, you will need to check that it worked. Three months after treatment is completed, blood tests will be run to ensure that your hepatitis C has been cured.