



HEPATITIS C

HEPATITIS C is a viral infection that causes liver inflammation, sometimes leading to serious liver damage. The hepatitis C virus (HCV) spreads through contaminated blood.¹

Although approximately 15%–25% of people who are infected with the HCV clear it from their bodies without treatment and do not develop chronic infection, the majority of those infected do go on to develop chronic hepatitis C. Experts do not fully understand why this is the case for some and not others.²

Approximately **3.5 MILLION**  people in the United States are living with chronic hepatitis C.³

WHAT ARE THE SYMPTOMS??

Most people infected with the HCV do not develop symptoms. Those that do can experience the following:

- Fever
- Fatigue
- Depression (chronic)
- Loss of appetite
- Nausea
- Jaundice

ACUTE VS CHRONIC²

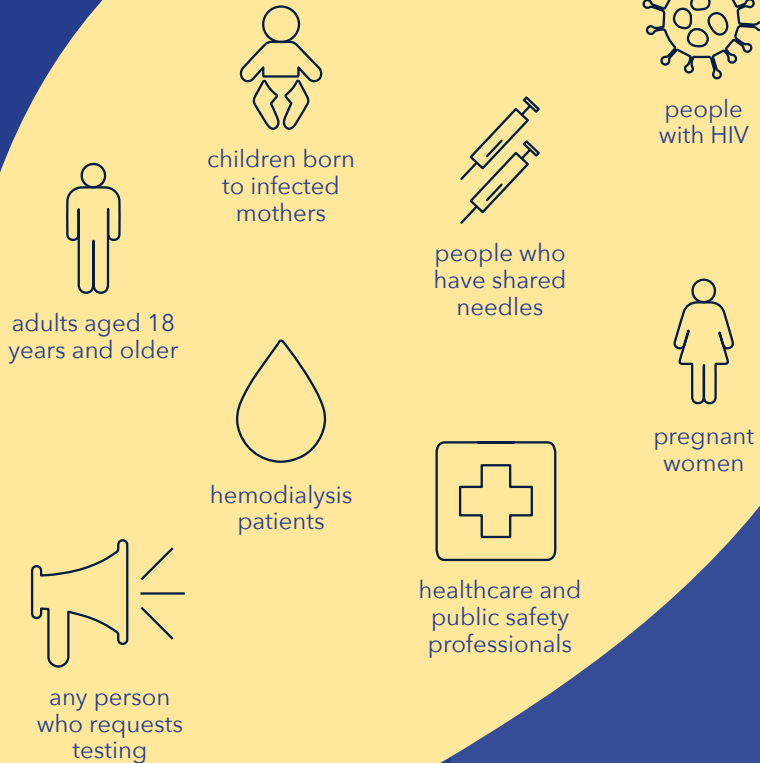
ACUTE HEPATITIS C

short-term illness
occurs within the first six months of being exposed
can sometimes lead to chronic infection

CHRONIC HEPATITIS C

lifelong infection if left untreated
can cause serious health problems, including liver damage, cirrhosis, liver cancer, and even death if left untreated

WHO SHOULD GET TESTED FOR HEPATITIS C?²



TREATMENT

Although there is not a recommended treatment for acute hepatitis C, there are several medications available to treat chronic hepatitis C. Treatment usually involves 8-12 weeks of oral therapy and cures over 90% of people with few side effects.²

AVERAGE COST PER TREATMENT*

Harvoni	\$94K
Epclusa	\$89K
Mavyret	\$39K

* Price estimates based on current list prices for medications along with average treatment durations. Prices may vary due to negotiated contracts and discounts.

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