

HEPATITIS C (HEP C)

Hepatitis C is a curable virus that infects the liver: if left untreated it can damage the liver.

**YOU
MIGHT NOT
EVEN
KNOW YOU
HAVE IT**

With the right medication, cure rates are 95%

Treatment consists of daily tablets lasting eight to 16 weeks.

You may be **at risk** if you have **ever**:

- used intravenous drugs or steroids
- shared equipment for drug use (spoons, filters, pipes or straws)
- had a blood transfusion abroad, or in the UK before 1991
- had tattoos or piercings abroad
 - had medical treatment abroad.

Hep C can be symptomless, but symptoms can include:

- fatigue
- abdominal pain
- loss of appetite
- nausea.



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Speak to your GP about a blood test, or contact the Hepatology Service at the John Radcliffe Hospital: 01865 222 057 / hcvtv.mdt@nhs.net