

Hep C

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

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1 Hep C is a virus carried in blood, that can damage the liver and cause serious health problems in the long term.

2 It's mainly spread through contact with the blood of an infected person, for example through sharing works (needles, syringes, spoons, filters and tourniquets).

3 Hep C can be treated. On average, more than half of people treated will be cured, depending on what type of the virus they have. With some types of the virus success rates are about 80%.

4 Treatment with anti-viral drugs can last from 24 to 72 weeks depending on the type of virus you have.

5 Treatment can be challenging, so it's important to start at the right time for you. Specialist nurses and doctors, and your key worker, will work with you to decide the best time. They will do everything they can to support you through the treatment and give you the best possible chance of clearing the virus and putting hep C behind you.