



Hepatitis C

[Hepatitis C](#) is a liver infection caused by the Hepatitis C virus (HCV). Hepatitis C is a blood-borne virus and most people are infected by behaviors such as sharing needles or other equipment to inject drugs.

For some people, Hepatitis C is a short-term illness but for 70%–85% of people who become infected with Hepatitis C, it becomes a long-term, chronic infection. Chronic Hepatitis C is a serious disease that can result in long-term health problems and even death. The majority of infected persons might not be aware of their infection because they don't have any symptoms.

People with Hepatitis C should be evaluated by a physician and discuss the possibility of treatment. Currently, there is no vaccine for Hepatitis C and the best way to prevent infection is by avoiding behaviors that can spread the disease, especially injecting drugs.

