

# Understanding HEPATITIS C

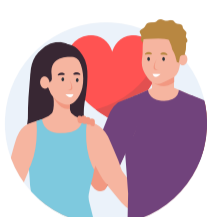


More than **2 million adults** in the U.S. live with hepatitis C.

Common transmission methods are:



Contaminated needles and syringes



Sexual contact with an infected person



Un-sanitized piercing equipment

Most people living with hepatitis C **don't know they're infected.**

But left untreated, **hepatitis C can develop into a chronic infection** that could lead to liver cancer or cirrhosis.



Avoiding risky behaviors, getting tested and beginning treatment early can **protect one's health.**



**While there is no vaccine, hepatitis C can be cured.**

Antiretroviral medications, sometimes in combination with other treatments, can cure hepatitis C.



**Tackling hepatitis C** begins with early testing and treatment.

