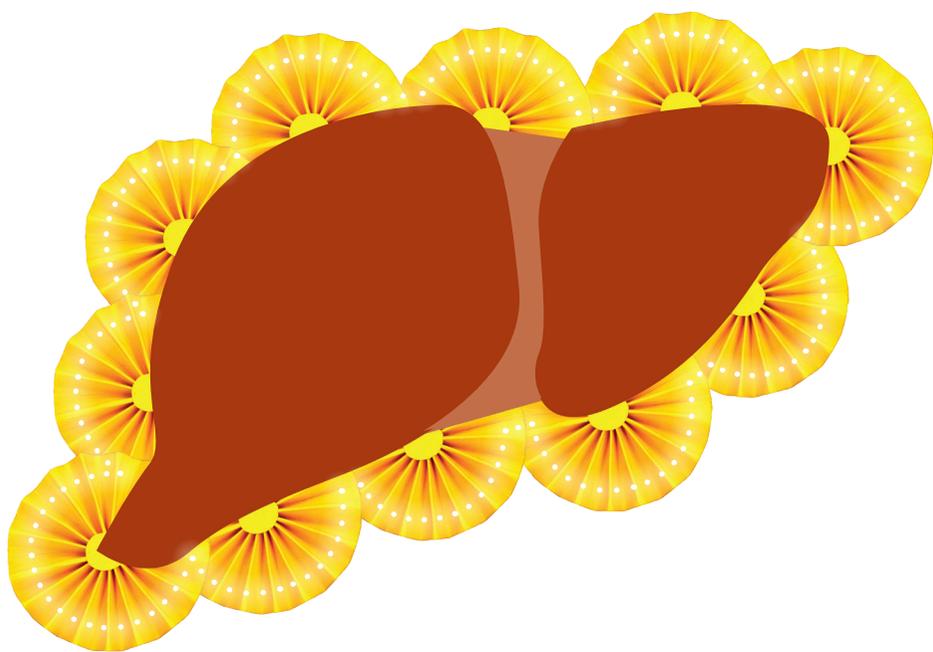


Hep C treatment Is treatment for me?



Hepatitis
NSW



Should I start treatment?

There has **never been a better time** to think about getting treatment for your hep C.

Great reasons to start treatment!

- The new treatments give **about 95% chance of being cured** (even if you have got cirrhosis).
- The treatment will usually last for **only 12 weeks** for most people.
- They **often don't have any side-effects**. If they do, the effects are usually very mild.
- The treatments are made up of only a few pills each day - **no interferon injections**.

Tell me more about hep C treatment

- Treatments now involve **DAA drugs** (direct acting antivirals).
- **They can be prescribed by:**
 - ordinary doctors (GPs)
 - doctors at your clinic
 - doctors at hospital liver clinics
 - inside prison, they are prescribed by clinic nurses or doctors.
- The scripts can be **filled by local pharmacies** or by **hospital pharmacies**.



- There are **lots of different treatment options**. Your doctor will help work out which one is best for you.



- ANY adult with a Medicare Card can be **treated cheaply** (around \$40 per script).



- Before treatment, you will need to have some tests done. This will help the doctor **work out the best treatment for you**.



- **If you have cirrhosis or other liver problems**, you will be sent to a local specialist for care and treatment (probably at a hospital liver clinic).



You still have a 95% chance of cure.

- You **must not father a child or become pregnant** while on treatment and for six months after finishing treatment.



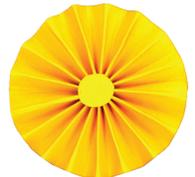
Not all doctors and pharmacies work with the new DAA drugs, so phone the **Hepatitis Infoline on 1800 803 990** and they can do a search for your nearest doctors and pharmacies. Or search online at **hep.org.au/directory**

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