



## HEP C TREATMENTS HAVE CHANGED

The new hepatitis C treatments are easy to take, have minimal side effects, and offer a greater than 95% cure rate. They can be accessed by anyone over 18 with the hepatitis C virus and who has a Medicare card

# TESTIT

Because there are often no symptoms, people can live with hepatitis C for many years, enduring damage to the liver, without realising they have it. And it can affect anyone. Any blood-to-blood contact poses a risk, whether it's through sharing injecting equipment, toothbrushes and razors, unsterile tattoo and piercing equipment, or from needle stick and sharps injuries in workplace settings. The only way to know for sure is to get a test. If you suspect you might have hepatitis C, ask your GP for a blood test today.

#### TREATIT

New treatments are now available.

NEW







CURE



- New, daily tablet.
- Easy, minimal side effects, so you can continue with your life.
- Cure, greater than 95% cure rate.

If you are already a patient of a liver clinic or specialist and are up-to-date with their testing, you should be able to access treatment almost immediately. Make an appointment today, get a prescription and take it to your local pharmacy.

If you are not under the care of a specialist, your GP will help you connect with a specialist or clinic to get the tests you need to start treatment. GPs can also prescribe the new drugs.

# TOSSIT

Treatment is fast acting. You could be free from hepatitis C in as little as three months.

## WHAT IS HEPATITIS C?

Hepatitis C is a virus that causes inflammation of the liver and may result in liver disease. Left untreated, it can kill. So don't delay. Get treated as soon as possible.

### HEP C TREATMENT PATIENT JOURNEY



#### INFO

**Hepatitis Victoria treatment information** 

**Better Health Channel, Victorian Government** 

betterhealth.vic.gov.au

### SUPPORT

**Hepatitis Victoria Infoline** 

Ph: 1800 703 003, Monday to Friday, 9:00am - 5:00pm

Email: info@hepvic.org.au

**Hepatitis Victoria Support** 

www.hepvic.org.au/supportgroups

**Hepatitis Victoria HepConnect** 

Connect with a lived experience volunteer to help your treatment journey

www.hepvic.org.au/HepConnect

#### SERVICES

Find a health service healthdirect.gov.au

**Liver Clinics** www.hepvic.org.au/LiverClinics

**NSP directory** aivl.org.au/nsp/

Access the full range of Hepatitis Victoria services

at www.hepvic.org.au/services

# BLOGS AND FORUMS

Hep C Australasia hepcaustralasia.org/

Harm Reduction Victoria treatment blog

hrvic.org.au/the-blog/

### OTHER ORGANISATIONS

Harm Reduction Victoria hrvic.org.au

VACCHO vaccho.org.au

Victorian AIDS Council vac.org.au

**Living Positive Victoria** livingpositivevictoria.org.au

Cancer Council of Victoria cancervic.org.au





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