

Treatment: Hepatitis C

Medication to get rid of (cure) hepatitis C is available. These are called direct acting antivirals (DAA's).

Treatment involves taking tablets for 8 or 12 weeks. There are no injections.

Most people feel well while taking this medication.

Some people experience side-effects but they are usually mild.

They can include:

- Headache
- Tiredness
- Feeling sick and not hungry

If you are an adult with a Medicare card you can get treatment.

Treatment is available, safe and still works if:

- You are currently injecting drugs
- You drink alcohol
- You have a mental health diagnosis
- You take other medication
- You have liver damage

You can get this medication on the PBS and is the cost of a standard medication.

Treatment is available as many times as required. As it is possible to get hepatitis C again, regular testing is important if you are at risk.