

FAQ's

1. What is a 'genotype'? Does it matter that I have this specific genotype?

Sometimes people are told they have a certain hepatitis C genotype. This is the type of hepatitis C you have. Regardless of your genotype you can access hepatitis C treatment.

2. Can I get hepatitis C from hugging? What about sharing food?

Hepatitis C cannot be passed on through hugging, kissing or sharing food. The only way hepatitis C can be passed on is when there is a chance of blood to blood contact.

3. Doesn't treatment for hepatitis C involve injections and make people really sick?

No. Old treatments for hepatitis C made people sick and did not always work. These are not used any more.

The treatment available now is different medication, is tablets only and it does not usually make people feel unwell.

4. If I had hepatitis C wouldn't I have yellow eyes and feel sick?

Most people living with hepatitis C look and feel healthy. It is very important to get a blood test if you think you are at risk for hepatitis C. This is the only way to know if you have hepatitis C or not.

If you do get symptoms they may include:

- Feeling tired.
- Feeling sick and not hungry.
- Finding it difficult to concentrate and "brain fog."

Yellow skin and eyes only happens when a person is very sick and it is very serious.