

Be Free of Hep C

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5 Questions to ask your GP

If you are concerned you have been exposed to hepatitis C, your GP is the best person to offer you help and advice. These questions should help you start the discussion:

1 Could I have been exposed to hep C?

Explain where and when you think you could have been exposed to hep C. It's important to be honest and open, so your GP can give you the best advice.

2 Can I be tested to make sure?

Your GP will advise if it's likely you have been exposed to hep C and if you should be tested. Everyone has the right to be tested if they are worried they may be at risk of hep C.

3 What happens after I'm tested?

If you are tested, your GP will explain the straightforward blood test and what follow-up appointments might be needed.

4 What if I am hep C positive?

Over 95% of hep c patients can be cured of the infection.¹ Your GP will explain the course of treatment in detail.

5 What does treatment involve?

Treatment is not exactly the same for everyone. Hep C is usually treated by taking a course of medicine for 12 weeks or less.²

1 WHO, Hepatitis C, <https://www.who.int/news-room/fact-sheets/detail/hepatitis-c> [Last accessed January 2019]

2 NHS, Hepatitis C, Treatment, <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/hepatitis-c/treatment/> [Last accessed January 2019]