



TREATMENT

HCV Treatment

HEPATITIS C can be cured! The decision to treat HCV is not easy, but it is even more important in someone who also has HIV because of the increased risk of more liver damage.

Everyone with HCV (including those with HIV) should be monitored on a regular basis and be evaluated for treatment of HIV and HCV.

The current drugs used to treat hepatitis C in people with HIV are a combination of pills that are taken for 8, 12 and for some people 24 weeks.

Some HIV drugs are not safe to take with HCV drugs, but your doctor will be able to change any of your HIV medications while you are being treated for HCV. Also, make sure to tell your medical provider about anything you are taking.

All drugs have side effects and HCV drugs are no exception. The important thing to remember about side effects is to talk with your doctor or nurse about them as soon as possible before they get worse. Check out our Managing HCV Treatment Side Effects Guide at: www.hcvadvocate.org/hepatitis/factsheets.asp

educate yourself

Check this out:

The cure rates of HCV combination therapy are similar in people who are infected with HCV alone and those who are HIV/HCV coinfecting:

- Genotype 1 & 4: Up to 100% of people
- Genotype 2: Up to 93%
- Genotype 3: Up to 84%

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Talk with your doctor or nurse about whether treatment is right for you.