

Coming Soon: New Treatments

There is a new combination of drugs that will be approved later this year that will be able to cure about 90% (9 out of 10) of the people who take them. This new combination will only be pills (without having to take the shots of interferon) and will only have to be taken for 12 weeks. There will also be a lot less side effects or

symptoms from these drugs. But these drugs will also be very expensive.

When these new drugs are approved almost everyone with hepatitis C will want to be treated. The time to start talking about treatment with your doctor and nurse is **NOW**. Tell them you want to be treated and ask them what you need to do. Everyone deserves to be treated and cured.

Start with these important questions.....

- ◆ Will your insurance pay for treatment? If so, what do they cover?
- ◆ Are there any co-pays you have to pay?
 - Does your insurance pay for the lab work needed during treatment?
- ◆ Do you qualify for any patient assistance or co-pay insurance programs?
- ◆ Will your doctor and nurse work to help you qualify for insurance and/or patient assistance programs?

Remember that you may have to fight hard to be treated, but it is your right to be treated and cured. We have many fact sheets and lots of information to help you advocate for yourself.

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