



# EASY C FACTS

There are many different parts of the hepatitis C virus (HCV) that are used to replicate or make more copies of itself. The drugs to cure people of HCV work to block these parts. The drugs to treat HCV include a mix of different types of drugs that work against these parts of the virus—this helps to increase the chances of curing HCV.

## What are RAVs?

RAVs are initials for “resistance associated variants.” There are many reasons why someone may have RAVs. HCV may change because the virus naturally changes over time. RAVs could also happen during treatment when the drugs to treat hepatitis C don’t work well and the virus is able to change because the drugs stop working. The same thing could happen when treatment ends.

Another way that RAVs could happen is if too many HCV drug pills are missed while on treatment.

Before starting treatment your doctor or nurse may test you for RAVs. This will help to decide what HCV drugs to take and how long you should be treated.

## REMEMBER

- RAVs can happen naturally, during treatment and after treatment ends.
- Work with your doctor and nurse to get the most out of your treatment.
- Taking all of your HCV pills will help to reduce the chances of getting RAVs

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