



The drugs to treat hepatitis C work by stopping the hepatitis C virus from making more copies of itself. These drugs can cure more than 90% (9 out of 10) of people who take them. The current drugs have few side effects and the period of time that people need to take them is only 8 to 24 weeks.

Drug Resistance

The downside of these great drugs is that if you miss too many doses of the medicines they will stop working. This is called “drug resistance.” It may also mean that someone might not be able to take the same type of drug in the future. We want to make sure that we protect ourselves from any problems in the future. What we do know is that taking all of the medicines will mean that it will increase the chances of being cured. Taking all of the drugs will also help to prevent drug resistance.

REMEMBER

- Try to take 100% of the medications 100% of the time to increase the chances of being cured and to stop the development of drug resistance
- Pill counters or reminders can help to remember what and when to take
- If you do miss a dose of medicine follow the advice of your doctor or nurse

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