

EASY C FACTS

Hepatitis C (HCV or Hep C for short) can damage the liver. If you are not already protected from hepatitis A or hepatitis B – protect yourself by getting the vaccines (medicines to prevent disease or illnesses). If someone already has one type of hepatitis and they get another type of hepatitis that can cause so much *damage* to the liver that a person could even die.

Hepatitis Vaccines

The *hepatitis A vaccine* is given as a shot (injection) of medicine. The shots are given two times – usually 6 months apart.

The *hepatitis B vaccine* is given in 3 shots – usually the second shot is given one month after the first shot. The third one is given 6 months after the first shot.

There is also a combination vaccine called Twinrix (3 shots) that will protect you from getting both hepatitis A and hepatitis B.

There is NO vaccine to protect people from getting hepatitis C (HCV).

REMEMBER

- If you have hepatitis C talk to a doctor or nurse about protecting yourself from getting another hepatitis virus.
- Don't worry if you miss one of the hepatitis shots – you don't have to start over – just pick up where you left off.

Get Tested. Get Treated. Get Cured.

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 HEPATITIS C
SUPPORT PROJECT

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