

EASY C FACTS

Peripheral Neuropathy (PN)

Peripheral Neuropathy (PN) is a condition that affects the nerves in the body. The part of the body that is usually affected is the feet and legs, but it can also affect the hands, arms or any part of the body. The symptoms of PN include tingling, numbness, cramps, pain, and not being able to balance when standing or walking. There are drugs that can treat the symptoms of PN but there is no cure. If PN is caused by HIV and hepatitis C (HCV) the best advice is to treat hepatitis C before the PN becomes worse. If you have HCV and do not have PN you can treat certain infections such as HCV before you get PN.

There are many causes of neuropathy such as diabetes, alcohol abuse, certain drugs, toxins, and certain infections such as HCV before you get PN.

Remember:

- ◆ PN can be caused by HCV
- ◆ PN can not be cured but the symptoms can be treated
- ◆ Talk to your doctor or nurse if you think you have PN
- ◆ Make sure any symptoms are recorded in your medical records
- ◆ If you can't afford the medications to treat HCV check out our fact sheet: [Patient Assistance Programs](#)

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