

# EASY C FACTS

## Vasculitis

Vasculitis (“vas-q-lie-tus”) is an illness of the blood vessels caused by the body’s immune system that usually fights off illness and goes into overdrive and fights itself. That means that instead of protecting our cells and organs it fights against them and causes illness.

The symptoms include skin rashes, swelling of the joints, coughing and shortness of the breath, pain, headaches, numbness and feeling weak in the arms and legs and even more symptoms.

Many of the symptoms can be cured by treating and curing hepatitis C. There are other treatments that can help the symptoms to reduce the swelling and help the body heal the immune system.

### *Remember:*

- ◆ Vasculitis is a disease that can be caused by HCV.
- ◆ Talk to your doctor or nurse to be tested for Vasculitis
- ◆ HCV treatment can prevent Cryo and Vasculitis—treatment may help with the symptoms
- ◆ If you can’t afford the medications to treat HCV check out our fact sheet: [Patient Assistance Programs](#)

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