Extrahepatic Manifestations

A condition or illness that occurs outside of the liver is called an extrahepatic manifestations (x-tr man-if-es-stay shons or EH for short). It is an illness caused by hepatitis C (HCV for short) or an illness people with hepatitis C have more than other people without HCV. The most common condition is fatigue (feeling tired). The other conditions include:

- **Cryoglobulinemia** – simply called Cryo (pronounced “cry – o”) is a condition where your proteins in your blood come together when cold and can affect your organs.
- **Lichen Planus** – (pronounced “like-n plan us”) is a skin disorder.
- **Kidney disease** (MPGN) that can be caused by Cryo.
- **Non-Hodgkin’s Lymphoma** (NHL) is a form of cancer.
- **Neuropathy** – (“new-rop-ath-ee”) is nerve pain and numbness that usually affect the legs and feet.
- **Porphyria Cutanea Tarda** (“poor-fear-ree-a tar-d-a”) also called PCT is a condition that affects the skin.
- **Vasculitis** (“vas-q-lie-tuss”) is inflammation of the blood vessels caused by Cryo.

**Remember:**
- Many of these conditions are not that common.
- Talk to your doctor or nurse if you think you have some of these conditions.
- Some of these conditions are caused by hepatitis C.
- Treatment with HCV drugs will either cure these conditions or will help to reduce the symptoms.
- If you can’t afford the medications to treat HCV check out our fact sheet: Patient Assistance Programs.

For more information about these conditions visit our HCSP Fact Sheets.