

EASY C FACTS

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

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