

## What About Treatment?

The decision to seek treatment of hepatitis C is a difficult one for most people.

The decision to treat should be made by you

and your doctor based on how hepatitis C is affecting you. You will need to know your viral load, genotype and how much your liver is damaged.

***Talk to your doctor about the possible benefits as well as the potential side effects you might have while on treatment.***

There is a combination of 2 or 3 medications to treat hepatitis C—pegylated interferon (injected once a week) plus ribavirin (taken twice a day), and your doctor might have you take a protease inhibitor—a pill usually taken every 7 to 9 hours. It is very important to take this drug when your doctor tells you to.

### ***Remember.....***

- ◆ Treatment works for about 7 out of 10 people who take the medicines.
- ◆ There can be many side effects from interferon, ribavirin and the HCV protease inhibitors.
- ◆ Work with your doctor or nurse to decide whether treatment is right for you.

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