



If you have hepatitis C (HCV or Hep C for short), your doctor will take a lot of blood tests to help manage your health. One test is called the viral load.

## Viral Load Test

When you have HCV it just doesn't stay in your liver, but it can also be found in your blood. HCV is very active and makes lots of copies of itself. The viral load test is the only way to measure how much HCV is inside you.

### REMEMBER

- The viral load will tell you if you have the virus in your body.
- The viral load will tell you if treatment is working.
- What the viral load *doesn't* tell you is how much damage is occurring in the liver.

Get Tested. Get Treated. Get Cured.

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