

Preventing the spread of hepatitis C starts with **KNOWING**



The number of hepatitis C virus (HCV) cases is growing dramatically in the US, particularly among younger people, many of whom don't know they have it. Left untreated, chronic HCV can cause liver damage, cancer, and even death. **The good news? HCV is curable. New guidelines recommend universal screening in all adults to improve outcomes.**¹



4 in 10
people don't know they have HCV¹



29–39
Age range with the highest rates of new HCV cases¹

2.4M
people are living with chronic hepatitis C²



New HCV cases are **4x as high** as they were in 2010¹



Most **new HCV infections** occur in persons who inject drugs³



HCV is associated with **more deaths** than 60 other infectious diseases combined⁴

New screening guidelines

The **Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and US Preventive Services Task Force** now recommend testing:^{1;5}

- Every adult age 18 and older at least once
- Pregnant women during every pregnancy
- Everyone with ongoing risk factors regularly (more frequently than general population)
- Any person who requests an HCV test

Why universal screening?



Detect more infections



Clear more patients



Connect patients to care quicker



Prevent the spread



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