



We are a community-based prisoner health and harm reduction organization that provides support, education and advocacy to prisoners and ex-prisoners across Canada.

We strive to provide community development, education and support to prisoners and ex-prisoners around HIV, Hepatitis C (HCV), harm reduction, and all-around prisoner health.

Hep c treatment is a justice issue! There is no reason why people should not have access to the cure

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Hep C:

How to support a loved one on the “inside”





What is HCV?

HCV is a virus that injures your liver. The liver is a very important organ in your body. It helps the body fight infections, break down toxins (poisons) and drugs, digest food, and more.

HOW DO YOU GET HCV?

- Blood to blood- transmission
- Injection drug use
- Tattoos; jail or street tattoos are of higher risk
- Intranasal drug use; bills, straws
- Blood transfusions; pre-1992

TESTING

It takes two blood tests to know that you have Hep C:

- one to see if you have been exposed to the virus (an antibody test)
- one to check for active infection (a viral load, PCR or RNA test).

PRISONER HEALTHCARE PROCESS

Provincial/Remand/Sentenced(2 years less a day)

1. Request to see doctor
2. Request to get tested OR blood work or HCV specialist (referral could take months, if ever)
3. Wait and follow up

Federal- sentence of 2 years or more

1. Screening happens at assessment
2. Prisoner can opt out of HCV or HIV screening,
3. Treatment can start as early as detection

TREATMENT

Timeline: 8-12 weeks

Provincial: NOT eligible

