

Hepatitis C - Basic Facts Card

What is it?

It is a germ that lives in the liver

It can pass from one person to another in blood

What does it do?

- It can have no symptoms or just vague ones eg. tired, sweats, aches, poor concentration.
- Most people carry hepatitis C for life once they get it
- Many people develop serious liver damage or even liver cancer

How do you get hepatitis C?

Blood from an infected person gets into your blood

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*** Treatment is available ***

It is a combination of two drugs: pegylated interferon and ribavirin

What can put you at risk of getting hepatitis C?

- Sharing items such as needles, straws, notes and drug paraphernalia including spoons, filters, water, cookers....
- Blood to blood contact from tattooing, piercing, acupuncture
- Sharing clippers, razors, tweezers, scissors, toothbrushes, nail or bath brushes and other shared items that nick, scratch or cut skin.
- Unprotected activities that cause shared bleeding, tears/cuts during sex
- Health care treatment abroad
- Blood transfusion in the UK before 1991

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