

# PREVENT HEPATITIS C!

HEPATITIS C VIRUS (HCV) IS  
PRIMARILY TRANSMITTED  
THROUGH BLOOD.

## INJECTION DRUG USE



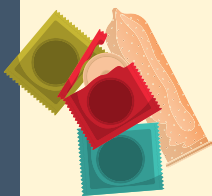
This includes needles and equipment used to prepare drugs, including cookers, cotton, water, straws and pipes. HCV can stay infectious - and can be transmitted - in blood outside of the body for days or even weeks. **Use clean needles AND works every time!**

## CHILDBIRTH & PREGNANCY



**All pregnant people should be tested at every pregnancy.** If a parent is HCV positive, linking to medical care is critical. HCV treatment usually isn't offered during pregnancy, but appropriate medical care can help protect both parent and baby.

## SEXUAL TRANSMISSION



Though it's less common, HCV can be transmitted through unprotected sex. Men who have sex with men who are living with HIV are the most vulnerable. **Use safer sex practices whenever possible to reduce HCV transmission.**

## UNSTERILE TATTOOS OR PIERCINGS



Because HCV stays infectious in blood outside of the body, any unsterilized equipment, ink, water or other tools used in tattooing could transmit HCV. **Make sure that your tattoo artist or piercer uses sterile equipment and water.**

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