

WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT HEPATITIS C



HEPATITIS C IS...



A bloodborne viral infection caused by the Hepatitis C virus, which can cause complications such as liver failure, cirrhosis, and cancer

Transmitted by

- Sharing needles
- Improper sterilization of drug paraphernalia
- Unsafe sexual practices
- Infected blood entering the body

44% BUT **95%**

of people are undiagnosed, largely because infection can occur without symptoms

of people are cured through treatment

IN OUR COMMUNITY...



There has been a significant increase in Hepatitis C infections between 2017 and 2020 (year to date or YTD), with Central Labrador accounting for most of the new infections

AT LGH WE ARE...

- Supporting the diagnosed
- Screening & diagnosing at all facilities
- Treating or referring to treatment
- Investigating risks & sources of infection
- Educating about prevention

YOU CAN...

- Engage in regular testing if you
 - Received a blood transfusion prior to 1990
 - Have hemophilia
 - Have had renal dialysis
 - Have a sexual partner who tests positive
 - Share injection equipment
 - Protect yourself
 - Use barrier protection during sexual activity
 - Clean skin & use new equipment consistently if you inject, smoke, or nasally ingest
 - Avoid sharing personal hygiene items
 - Ensure spa, piercing, & tattoo facilities are licensed & sterile
- LEARN MORE**
- Visit www.lghealth.ca/your-health/
 Visit www.catie.ca/en/hepatitis-c_or_c
 Visit <https://acnl.net/>
 Call CATIE's private line at 1-800-263-1623



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WORLD HEPATITIS DAY

JULY 28TH IS WORLD HEPATITIS DAY

Worldwide, 290 million people are unaware they are living with viral hepatitis, let's do our part!