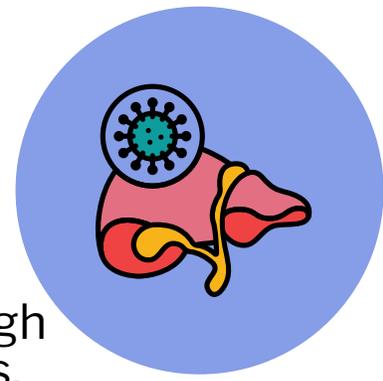# Hepatitis C: Get Tested, Get Treated!

What is Hepatitis C?

Hepatitis C is a contagious liver disease spread through blood to blood contact caused by the hepatitis C virus.

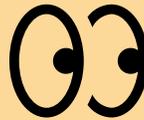## What are some symptoms?

Fever

Nausea or vomiting

Stomach pain

Dark urine or diarrhea

Loss of appetite

Yellow eyes or skin
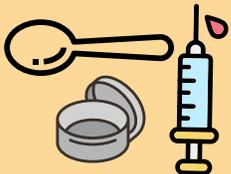
Feeling very tired

How can I treat hepatitis C?

Hepatitis C can be cured.

- Treatment can be as easy as one pill a day.
- Treatment is covered by MaineCare and most private insurers.
- There are payment assistance programs if you are uninsured.
- People who use drugs do not need to stop using to be treated.

Talk to a health care provider about starting treatment.
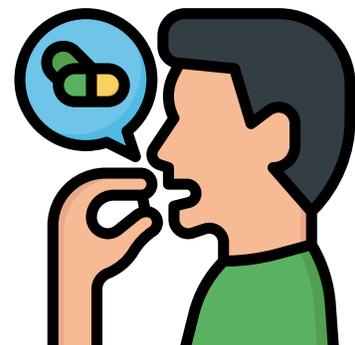
How can I prevent hepatitis C?

Avoid sharing needles and other drug materials. Use new needles, cookers, cottons or reuse your own materials every time you use.

Find a syringe service program near you.

Get tested. Get treated.

For more information:
Visit the Center for Disease Control and Prevention website:
www.cdc.gov/hepatitis/hav/ and the Maine CDC website:
www.maine.gov/dhhs/hepatitis