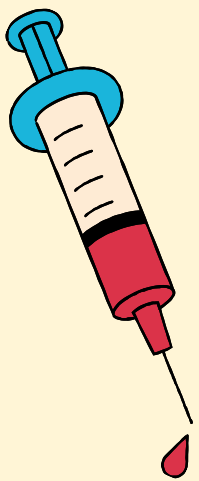


PREVENT HEPATITIS C!

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

INJECTION DRUG USE



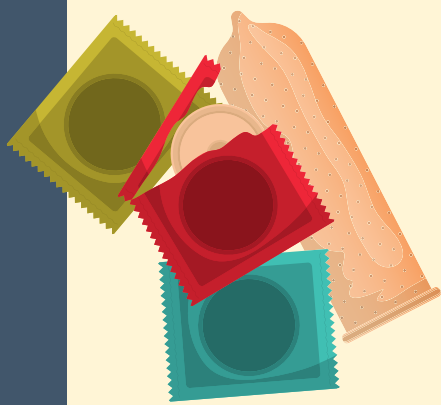
This includes needles and equipment used to prepare drugs, including cookers, cotton, water, straws and pipes. HCV can stay infectious - and can be transmitted - in blood outside of the body for days or even weeks. **Use clean needles AND works every time!**

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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