

# Top 10 reasons to get treated for

# HEPATITIS C

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**Treatment is open to everyone living with hepatitis C.** This includes people who use drugs, people who were reinfected—and anyone who was treated but not cured.

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**Treatment is available no matter where you are in your journey.** To get treated, you do not need to be sober or have a home—or meet any other requirements.

**3**

**High cure rates.** Nearly everyone who starts and finishes treatment is CURED.

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**Only pills.** Injections are no longer required as part of treatment.

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**Few side effects.** Unlike past treatments (interferon), new treatments have very few side effects. Some people have none.

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**Treatment is short.** 8 weeks for most people, 12 for others.

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**No liver biopsy** is needed before starting treatment.

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**Treatment is convenient.** You can often get hepatitis C treatment where you receive other care—like primary care, opioid treatment, or harm reduction services.

**9**

**Covered by insurance.** Hepatitis C treatment is covered by New York State Medicaid and other insurance plans.

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**You'll likely feel better.** Many people report having more energy and improved quality of life after being cured of hepatitis C.

## Stop the spread

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