

HEPATITIS C

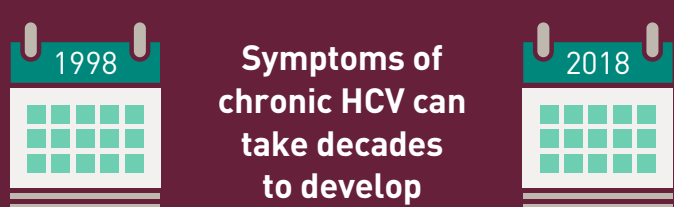
KNOW THE FACTS

~71 MILLION PEOPLE are living with chronic hepatitis C (HCV) infection globally



HCV is spread through **CONTACT WITH BLOOD** from a person infected with the virus

Chronic HCV is a contagious liver disease that can lead to serious liver problems, including cirrhosis (scarring of the liver) or liver cancer



Symptoms of chronic HCV can take decades to develop

The first symptoms to appear are often a sign of advanced liver disease. Symptoms may include:



fever



feeling tired



lack of appetite



upset stomach



jaundice



joint pain

RISK FACTORS

Some people are at increased risk for HCV, including:



Current or past injection drug users



Recipients of blood products, donated blood and organs before 1992



People who received a blood product for clotting problems made before 1987



Hemodialysis patients or individuals who spent many years on dialysis for kidney failure



HIV-infected persons



People who received body piercing or tattoos with non-sterile instruments

WORLDWIDE...

AN ESTIMATED

399K

PEOPLE DIE each year from chronic HCV infection and its complications

ONLY

20%

of people living with HCV infection have **BEEN DIAGNOSED**

Each year, there are **MILLIONS OF NEW HCV INFECTIONS**, mostly due to injection drug use

The **EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN** and **EUROPEAN** regions have the **HIGHEST** reported HCV incidence

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2.3

MILLION PEOPLE with HCV are **COINFECTED WITH HIV**



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