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HCV Treatment



New medications make HCV treatment fast and effective without painful side-effects.

Today, people can be cured of HCV with as little as one pill a day for 12 weeks.

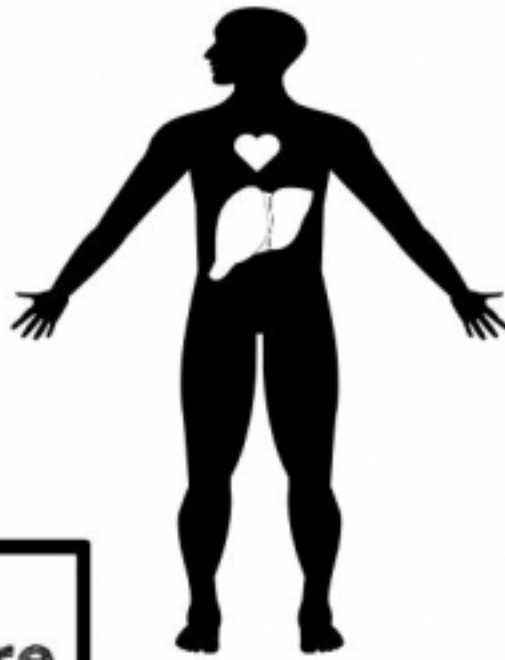
WHAT TO EXPECT



Providers must ask about substance use as part of a routine check up. You can decide how much or how little to share.

Your provider cannot refuse you treatment due to substance use according to treatment guidelines.

If you have questions or problems with this, contact PHRA or HEP. Case managers are available to help you get treatment.



insurance approval for

HCV specialty care & medication

can take 4 weeks



- Don't wait until you feel sick!
- Establish care with a point person who can run tests that screen for HCV and potential liver damage

Primary Care

- Antibody test: exposed to HCV?
- Viral load test: confirms HCV
- Lab work & liver scans to see if and how HCV has impacted body

Testing

- Specialist care
- Requires **insurance approval/prior authorization**
- Provider will review labs, discuss best treatment options for you

Referral to HCV Provider

- Specialty medication daily
- Need insurance approval
- No generic HCV meds exist
- Type of meds depend on your condition and HCV strain/genotype
- Cured when viral loads undetectable

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PRIOR AUTHORIZATIONS



HCV is considered a **SPECIALTY** and needs prior approval for insurance coverage



up to 30 days for approval once a provider submits a request for meds



If insurance denies a request, you can submit an **APPEAL**. Contact your provider



HCV specialty meds often aren't available at regular drug stores & pharmacies



Specialty meds typically require mail order pharmacies



Don't have a safe place for meds to be delivered? PHRA & HEP can help!



Questions? PHRA & HEP want to support you!

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