

Mayo Clinic Medical Edge

Treatment for Hepatitis C

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Intro with music	GIVING YOU THE EDGE ON HEALTHY LIVING, HERE'S MAYO CLINIC MEDICAL EDGE.
	ADD UP THE POPULATIONS OF THE CITIES OF PHILADELPHIA, DETROIT AND PHOENIX AND YOU GET ABOUT 4-MILLION PEOPLE. ROUGHLY THE SAME NUMBER OF PEOPLE IN THE UNITED STATES THOUGHT TO BE INFECTED WITH HEPATITIS C.
Hugo Vargas, M.D. Track 1 (4:50)	"HEPATITIS C IS A VIRUS THAT GROWS IN THE LIVER CELLS AND CAUSES DAMAGE TO LIVER."
	DAMAGE THAT MAYO CLINIC DR. HUGO VARGAS SAYS OCCURS SO SLOWLY, MANY PEOPLE NEVER KNOW THEY HAVE IT. TREATING

	THE DISEASE INVOLVES COURSES OF DRUG THERAPY THAT CAN LAST UP TO A YEAR. EVEN THEN...
Dr. Vargas Track 1 (9:55)	“WE OFFER THE CHANCE OF CLEARING THE VIRUS OF 55 TO 60-PERCENT.”
	THAT’S WHY HEPATITIS C IS ONE OF THE LEADING CAUSES FOR LIVER TRANSPLANTS IN THE UNITED STATES. BUT IT’S NOT ALL GLOOM AND DOOM. IT’S AN AREA OF INTENSE RESEARCH WITH MANY ON-GOING CLINICAL TRIALS. DR. VARGAS IS HOPEFUL THIS WILL LEAD TO NEW, MORE EFFECTIVE TREATMENTS IN THE NEXT FEW YEARS.
	FOR MORE INFORMATION, TALK TO YOUR DOCTOR OR VISIT MAYOCLINIC.ORG . I’M VIVIEN WILLIAMS.

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