

Mayo Clinic Medical Edge

What is Hepatitis C

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Intro with music	GIVING YOU THE EDGE ON HEALTHY LIVING, HERE'S MAYO CLINIC MEDICAL EDGE.
	JUST LIKE A COLD OR THE FLU, HEPATITIS C IS A VIRUS. BUT UNLIKE THE OTHER TWO THERE'S NO SNIFFLES, COUGHS, FEVER OR BODY ACHES THAT LET YOU KNOW, AT LEAST INITIALLY, THAT IT'S THERE.
Hugo Vargas, M.D. Track 1 (6:35)	"TODAY WE THINK THAT THERE'S ABOUT 4-MILLION AMERICANS THAT HAVE HEPATITIS C, AND A VERY LARGE PROPORTION DON'T KNOW THEY HAVE HEPATITIS C."
	MAYO CLINIC DR. HUGO VARGAS SAYS THIS GIVES THE DISEASE – WHICH ATTACKS THE LIVER – TIME

	TO DO IT'S DAMAGE. 20 OR 30-YEARS AGO MOST PATIENTS CONTRACTED THE DISEASE AFTER HAVING A TRANSFUSION OF CONTAMINTED BLOOD.
Dr. Vargas Track 1 (5:45)	“BUT A LARGE PORPORTION OF INDIVIDUALS ARE ACQUIRING IT TODAY BECAUSE OF SHARING NEEDLES IN THEIR HABITS OF I-V DRUG USE.”
	THAT'S WHY IT'S IMPORTANT TO KNOW YOUR RISK FACTORS AND TO SHARE THEM WITH YOUR HEALTH CARE PROVIDER. THEN TOGETHER YOU CAN DISCUSS SCREENING AND IF NECESSARY TREATMENT OPTIONS.
	FOR MORE INFORMATION, TALK TO YOUR DOCTOR OR VISIT MAYOCLINIC.ORG. I'M VIVIEN WILLIAMS.

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