

Mayo Clinic Medical Edge
Hepatitis C: Know Your Risk

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Intro with music	GIVING YOU THE EDGE ON HEALTHY LIVING, HERE'S MAYO CLINIC MEDICAL EDGE.
	IT'S ESTIMATED THAT 4-MILLION AMERICANS ARE CURRENTLY INFECTED WITH THE HEPATITIS C VIRUS. IT'S A NASTY BUG THAT SLOWLY ATTACKS AND DESTROYS YOUR LIVER.
Hugo Vargas, M.D. Track 1 (6:35)	"THIS VIRUS, DOESN'T GIVE YOU ANY ILLNESS THAT IS EASY TO RECOGNIZE. YOU CAN GO FOR MANY, MANY YEARS WITHOUT ANY EVIDENCE OF LIVER DISEASE.
	AS A LIVER TRANSPLANT SPECIALIST AT MAYO CLINIC, DR. HUGO VARGAS SEES MANY PATIENTS WHOSE DISEASE HAS

	RESULTED IN THE NEED FOR A TRANSPLANT. SOMETIMES, HOW A PATIENT CONTRACTS THE DISEASE IS A MYSTERY, BUT THE VAST MAJORITY OF CASES CAN BE TRACED TO CONTAMINATED BLOOD PRODUCTS OR NEEDLE SHARING BY DRUG USERS.
Dr. Vargas Track 1 (17:10)	“YOU CAN HELP YOUR DOCTOR IDENTIFY YOU AS A POTENTIAL TARGET FOR THERAPY IF YOU REVEAL THE POTENTIAL RISK FACTORS.”
	TALKING ABOUT IT CAN BE TOUGH, BUT EARLY DIAGNOSIS AND TREATMENT COULD BE THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A CURE AND NEEDING A LIVER TRANSPLANT.
	FOR MORE INFORMATION, TALK TO YOUR DOCTOR OR VISIT MAYOCLINIC.ORG . I’M VIVIEN WILLIAMS.
