

# HEPATITIS C: WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW



## 5-7 Million

Americans are living with **hepatitis C**

At least half of infected individuals are unaware of their status.<sup>1</sup>

**1 IN 3**  
young adults



**3 IN 4**  
older adults



who have used or now use intravenous drugs are HCV-infected.<sup>3</sup>

## DEPRESSION

is highly prevalent among HCV-infected persons.<sup>5</sup>



## ALMOST HALF

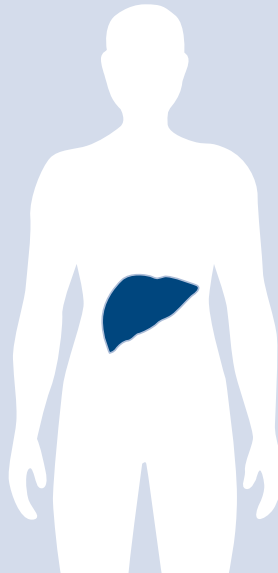
of new hepatitis C cases in the U.S. are associated with injection drug use.<sup>2</sup>



of people infected with HCV will develop chronic infection.<sup>3</sup>



of people infected with HCV will develop chronic liver disease.<sup>3</sup>



Baby boomers (born 1945 - 1965) and persons with mental health and substance use disorders face

**INCREASED RISK OF INFECTION.**

## EMERGING EPIDEMIC

of hepatitis C infection among young people who use intravenous drugs, both male and female, primarily white, found in suburban and rural settings.<sup>4</sup>

## WITHOUT SIGNIFICANT INTERVENTION,

the HCV epidemic will cost the American public **more than \$85 billion** in the next few years.<sup>1</sup>

## DRAMATIC MEDICAL ADVANCES IN THE PAST YEAR

have revolutionized the course of HCV treatment, increasing the role of primary care and behavioral health settings in addressing this public health concern.

*See reverse side for additional details about this new initiative.*

**HCVCurrent**

Resources for Medical and Behavioral Health Professionals.



**ATTC**

Addiction Technology Transfer Center Network  
Funded by Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration

<sup>1</sup> <http://www.hepatitisc.uw.edu/pdf/screening-diagnosis/epidemiology-us/core-concept/all>

<sup>2</sup> <http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/ss5803a1.htm> <sup>3</sup> <http://www.cdc.gov/hepatitis/HCV/HCVfaq.htm>

<sup>4</sup> <https://www.aids.gov/pdf/hcv-and-young-pwids-consultation-report.pdf>

<sup>5</sup> [http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/rr6105a1.htm?s\\_cid=rr6105a1\\_w](http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/rr6105a1.htm?s_cid=rr6105a1_w)

## RESOURCES FOR MEDICAL AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH PROFESSIONALS



HCV Current is a national Addiction Technology Transfer Center (ATTC) initiative to increase HCV knowledge among medical and behavioral health professionals, especially staff at federally qualified health centers. To disseminate the latest developments in the rapidly evolving field of HCV, this initiative provides comprehensive resources for health professionals, including online and in-person curriculum and training, downloadable provider tools, and region-specific resources. HCV Current is funded by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA).

### TRAINING

HCV Current offers multiple training options, including:

#### HCV Snapshot: An Introduction to Hepatitis C for Health Care Professionals

- Free, 90-minute online course provides an overview of HCV.
- Four self-paced modules cover: populations at risk, overview of HCV, screening processes, and treatment options.
- Continuing education is available.
- Register for the course at: <http://www.healthknowledge.org/>

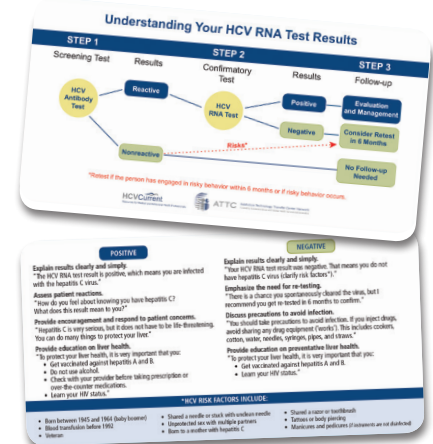
#### Increasing Hepatitis C Knowledge for Behavioral Health and Medical Providers

- Six-hour training curriculum that builds on the basics of the HCV Snapshot online course.
- Five modules cover opportunities for promoting hepatitis C screening and testing, linking patients to treatment, available treatment options, and patient considerations for treatment.
- Free curriculum can be downloaded from HCV Current website.
- See the Training & Events calendar on the HCV Current website for a schedule of in-person trainings near you. Download curriculum at: [http://www.attcnetwork.org/Projects/HCV\\_Home.aspx](http://www.attcnetwork.org/Projects/HCV_Home.aspx)



### PRODUCTS

The **HCV RNA Provider Card** is a small pocket tool to guide medical and behavioral health professionals when discussing HCV RNA test results with patients. The front side provides a visual of the testing algorithm and the back side provides step-by-step instructions for discussing results with patients. The product will be distributed at in-person training events and can be downloaded for free on the HCV Current website. Hard copies will also be distributed at live training events.



### REGIONAL RESOURCES

To address the local conditions and needs of communities, each ATTC Regional Center compiled region-specific HCV resources and contact information. Visit the HCV Current website to find resources in your region: [http://www.attcnetwork.org/Projects/HCV\\_Home.aspx](http://www.attcnetwork.org/Projects/HCV_Home.aspx).