



CENTER FOR THE STUDY OF HEPATITIS C

A COOPERATIVE ENDEAVOR OF THE ROCKEFELLER UNIVERSITY, WEILL CORNELL MEDICAL COLLEGE AND NEWYORK-PRESBYTERIAN HOSPITAL

Hepatitis C virus

Four million people in the United States, and more than 150 million people worldwide, have been infected with hepatitis C virus (HCV). Approximately 75% of people infected with HCV are unable to eliminate the virus and remain chronically infected. Chronic infection may have debilitating and fatal consequences including cirrhosis and liver cancer. The treatment currently available for HCV infection (pegylated interferon and ribavirin) is lengthy and many patients are not cured. Hence, development and testing of more effective therapeutic options is a high priority of the Center for the Study of Hepatitis C.

Could You Have Hepatitis C?

Risks for exposure to HCV:

- Receipt of blood transfusion or solid organ transplant before 1992 or clotting factors made prior to 1987
- IV drug or intranasal cocaine use
- Long-term hemodialysis
- Exposure to HCV-positive blood
- Born to an HCV-infected mother
- Sharing personal items such as razors or toothbrushes with an HCV-infected person

Symptoms of hepatitis C:

- Many people do not have symptoms from HCV infection until severe liver damage occurs
- Some people experience flu-like symptoms including fatigue, joint pains, or abdominal discomfort

How do I find out if I am infected with HCV?

- A blood test is required to diagnose HCV infection

Center for the Study of Hepatitis C

New York City's Center for the Study of Hepatitis C, established in 2000 at the Rockefeller University, Weill Cornell Medical College, and the NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital, is the only comprehensive, multi-disciplinary center dedicated to the study of HCV and hepatic disease in the tri-state area.

Mission

To improve our understanding of the biologic properties of the hepatitis C virus, the mechanisms by which it causes chronic infection of the liver, and the means by which it causes damage to the liver; to identify new research-based treatments for this disease; to improve the lives of millions of infected people.

The unique collaborative environment of the Center allows dedicated scientists and physicians to work together to understand HCV infection, to effectively manage its associated liver disease, and to develop new treatments.

The Center is committed to:

- Outstanding patient care
- Clinical trials
- Basic science and clinical research
- Education and outreach

Ongoing research depends heavily on support from the National Institutes of Health and from private donations.

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