Where can you be treated?

At one of HRHCare's six Hepatitis C dedicated sites:

+ Peekskill

+ Poughkeepsie

+ Beacon

+ Amenia

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Learn about **HRHCare's Hepatitis C Program**

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Do You Have Hepatitis C?

What is it?

Hepatitis C is a liver disease that causes inflammation of the liver, which prevents the liver's proper functioning. The disease is caused by the hepatitis C virus.

How can I get it?

The hepatitis C virus (HCV) is spread by direct contact with infected blood. This is most often done by:

- √ Needle sharing
- ✓ Unprotected sex
- Sharing razors or other personal hygiene products
- ✓ Having been on hemodialysis
- Being born to a HCV-infected mother
- Receiving a tattoo or piercing

What are the symptoms?

Hepatitis C patients are often asymptomatic. This means that they have the disease, but do not have any obvious signs or symptoms. The lack of symptoms does not necessarily mean you are healthy. Someone may have HCV for years or decades without symptoms. When there are symptoms, they may include fatigue, itchy skin, dark urine, muscle soreness, nausea, stomach pain, and loss of appetite.



How long does Hepatitis C last?

Acute HCV represents between 15% and 40% of those infected. This means that these individuals fully recover within six months of exposure.

Chronic HCV represents 60% to 85% of HCV-infected persons. This means that these individuals have hepatitis C all of their lives, UNLESS they are properly and successfully treated.

Why is it important to be treated?

Hepatitis C attacks the liver, and can do so until treated. Long-term effects of untreated hepatitis C may include liver disease, cirrhosis (scarring of the liver), and liver cancer.

The liver is a very important organ in our bodies. Some of the liver's functions include: processing what you eat and drink into energy and nutrients, and removing harmful substances from our blood.

Hepatitis C Treatment

Hudson River HealthCare offers comprehensive care for HCV-infected patients. This includes:

- Comprehensive monitoring and treatment
- Evaluation by a Specialist in Hepatitis C
- Viral symptom management
- Prescription and support of antiviral therapy and monitoring as appropriate.
- Case Management services
- Psychiatric services
- Vaccinations
- Integrated Primary Care
- HIV Testing
- Access to a knowledgeable HCV-infected peer
- Help with adherence