

# I'm worth...

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## Information for people living with hep C

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**Everyone with hepatitis C is entitled to receiving care.**

**Hep C is treatable and curable in the majority of patients.**

Hep C affects thousands of people in the UK. You might be among those living with the day-to-day reality of being infected with a virus that can cause permanent damage to the liver, and potential health problems in other parts of the body.

**It is important to remember that hep C is a virus; it is not something that defines you as a person. You're worth the best care and treatment.**

The longer you have lived with hep C, the more likely it is that your liver may be damaged and your health in the long-term could be affected.

**If you have hep C, don't ignore it; speak to your doctor to find out what treatment and care options are right for you.**

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for more information, useful resources  
and to hear about others experiences



**Advances in medicines for hep C**

that work better, have shorter treatment times and are easier on the body are now available on the NHS.<sup>1</sup>



It doesn't matter how you got hep C; **no one deserves to live with a potentially life threatening disease**

when today's treatments offer a possible cure.



**Everyone is worth**

the chance of becoming hep C free.

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Treatment has the potential to cure people of hepatitis C. Today the chance of achieving that cure is better than ever before for most patients.

Choosing to start treatment is not always an easy decision and each person's reason for considering care is different. You may want to experience fewer symptoms, avoid long term complications and improve health, or get relief from fear and anxiety that hep C may cause you.

**By getting a referral to meet with a specialist you will be able to speak to them about what treatment and care options are right for you.**

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#### References

1. Gilead Sciences: Hep C. <http://hepc.co.uk/> [Accessed February 2017]

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