



Aged between  
40–60? You may  
have hepatitis C  
and not know it.

Ever shared a razor? Had a blood transfusion before 1990? Or maybe you've had a dental or medical procedure in the developing world? Even if you've never injected drugs or had a backyard tattoo or home piercing, we need to talk.

Around 50,000 Australians are carriers of hepatitis C and don't even know it. There are often no symptoms but, left untreated, it can cause cirrhosis, liver damage, cancer and even death.

## Why 40–60 year olds are at risk

Any activity that results in blood-to-blood contact with a person infected with the hepatitis C virus puts you at risk. As there are often no symptoms, you could have been infected many years ago without knowing it. This may have occurred by:

- sharing a razor or other items that resulted in blood-to-blood contact with a person infected with the virus
- being exposed to the virus before medical and dental procedures became as stringent as they are today or in the developing world
- engaging in physical activity that involved blood-to-blood contact – such as combat sports
- having a blood transfusion prior to 1990 or in the developing world.

Even if you've never injected drugs or got a backyard tattoo or home body piercing you can still get hepatitis C.

You've now a 95% chance of being cured

It takes just a drop of blood to contract hepatitis C – but the good news is that thanks to the latest antiviral treatments available through your GP, there's now a 95% chance of being cured.

It only takes a blood test to help cure hepatitis C, so talk to your doctor today.

## Find out more

Talk to your GP

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