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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