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Hepatitis C: questions to ask your doctor

Finding out that you have hepatitis C can be unexpected. You'll probably have lots of questions. Here are some questions you may want to ask your doctor.

- What tests will I need to have?
- Do I need to have a small piece of my liver taken out and checked under a microscope (a liver biopsy)?
- What type (genotype) of hepatitis C do I have?
- Are there any signs that my liver is damaged?
- If I decide to have treatment, which one is best for me?
- What can I expect during treatment?
- Does the treatment have side effects?
- If I decide not to have treatment yet, how will you watch my condition?
- How likely am I to get rid of the hepatitis C virus if I have treatment?
- How can I be certain not to pass the virus to anyone else?
- What can I do to stay as healthy as possible?
- Can I drink alcohol?

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