

**Do you think
you have
ever been
exposed to
Hepatitis C?**

**Speak with
your healthcare
provider
or
the
Hepatitis C Care
Clinic**

**GET
TESTED**

RISK FACTORS

- Used IV drugs
- Shared drug using equipment (IV tools, pipes, rolled bills for snorting)
- Lived with someone who has hepatitis C
- Had a vaccination or surgical procedure in a foreign country
- Had a blood transfusion prior to 1991
- Received a tattoo or body piercing from an unregulated business

**HAVE YOU
ANSWERED
YES TO ANY OF
THESE
QUESTIONS?**

**To obtain
testing,
treatment
information
and
ongoing
support**

Call

905-378-4647

Ext. 32554



HEPATITIS C CARE CLINIC



Port Colborne Hospital Site
260 Sugarloaf Street
Port Colborne, Ontario
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Welland Hospital Site
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Confidential Fax: 905-834-6014

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HEPATITIS C IS SPREAD THROUGH CONTACT WITH INFECTED BLOOD

WHY YOU SHOULD BE CONCERNED

- You may be infected with Hepatitis C and not know it.
- Hepatitis C may show no symptoms for years

POSSIBLE SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS OF HEPATITIS C

- Chronic Fatigue (Tiredness all the time)
- Body aches
- Dry, itchy skin
- Inability to concentrate, forgetfulness or confusion
- Jaundice (yellowing of skin or whites of the eyes)

MEDICAL TEAM

Provides comprehensive medical work-up before initiation of Hepatitis C treatment.

Provide education to the clients and their families before, during and after treatment.

Provide medical management during Hepatitis C treatment and referrals as needed.

Provide a multi-disciplinary approach to care to address emotional, mental and physical health.

Education regarding tobacco management through health teaching and connecting to services that may assist the individual with smoking cessation.

MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELLOR

Provides counselling services for people with Hepatitis C and / or their families.

Provides individual / group intake and ongoing assessment.

Facilitates ongoing psycho-social-educational support groups before, during and post Hepatitis C treatment.

Monitors patient progress while maintaining a supportive relationship with patient and family.

Consults with and refers to various community agencies on the behalf of clinic patients.

Participates in community planning and development activities in relation to Hepatitis C.

OUTREACH WORKER

Offering & providing service in both individual and group formats; advocacy for clients as necessary.

Personalized, individual support before, during and after Hepatitis C treatment.

Emotional support and assistance in understanding the meaning and impact of medical tests and procedures.

Case management as part of a holistic approach to Hepatitis C treatment; making sure the basic needs of each individual are met.

Providing Hepatitis C education about prevention and treatment to individuals as well as community agencies.

Harm reduction approach to substance use; meeting the individual with a non-judgmental approach.