

## Help shape the story

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### Get to know our key players



#### **Su (Hepatitis Nurse)**

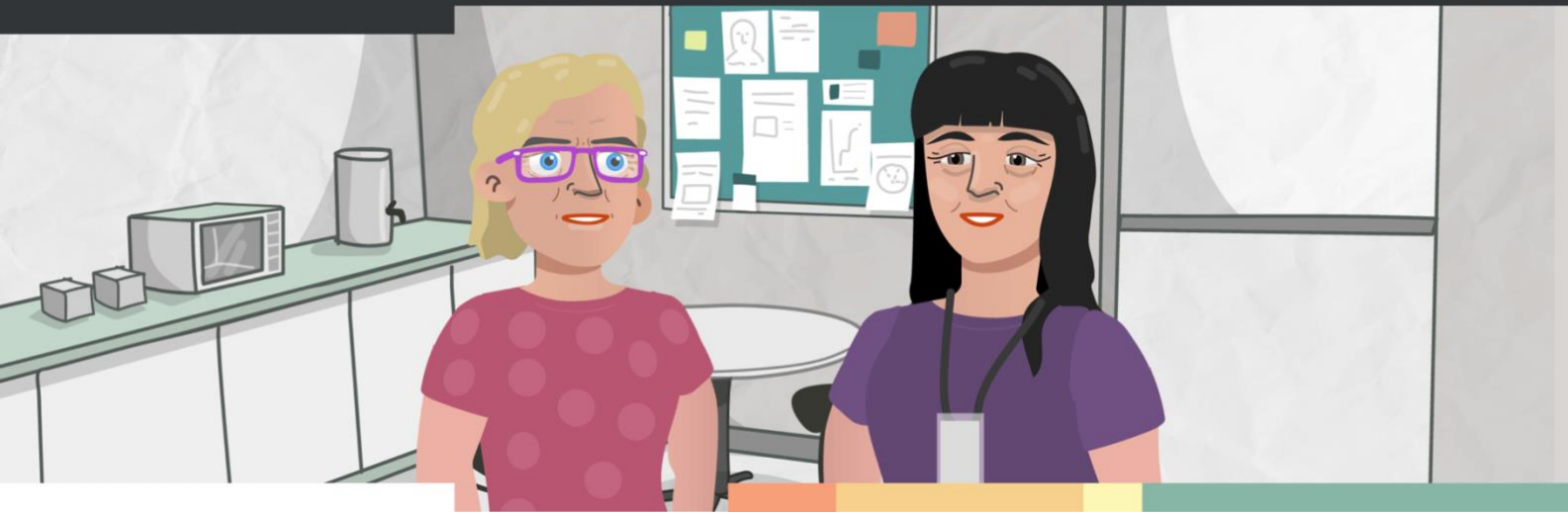
Testing and treatment for hep C is much simpler now."



## Hep C in prisons

**Cara** says it sounds like hep C is a real concern in the prison.

She asks **Su** whether it's as much of a problem in the prison as it is out in the community.



# How would you like to see this scenario play out?

What should Su tell her?

Select your answer; then click **SOUNDS GOOD!**

- "Hep C is less common in prison than it is in the community."
- "Hep C is much more common in prison than in the community."
- "Hep C is just as common in prison as it is in the community."



**Correct**

That's right.

The prevalence of hep C is significantly higher in the prisons than in the community and there are a lot of prisoners who have hep C who are yet to be treated. Hep C is curable, treatment is simple and effective with minimal side effects. As a health care provider working in the prisons, you have an important role to play in eliminating hep C in your prison, through encouraging prevention and promoting engagement with testing and treatment services.

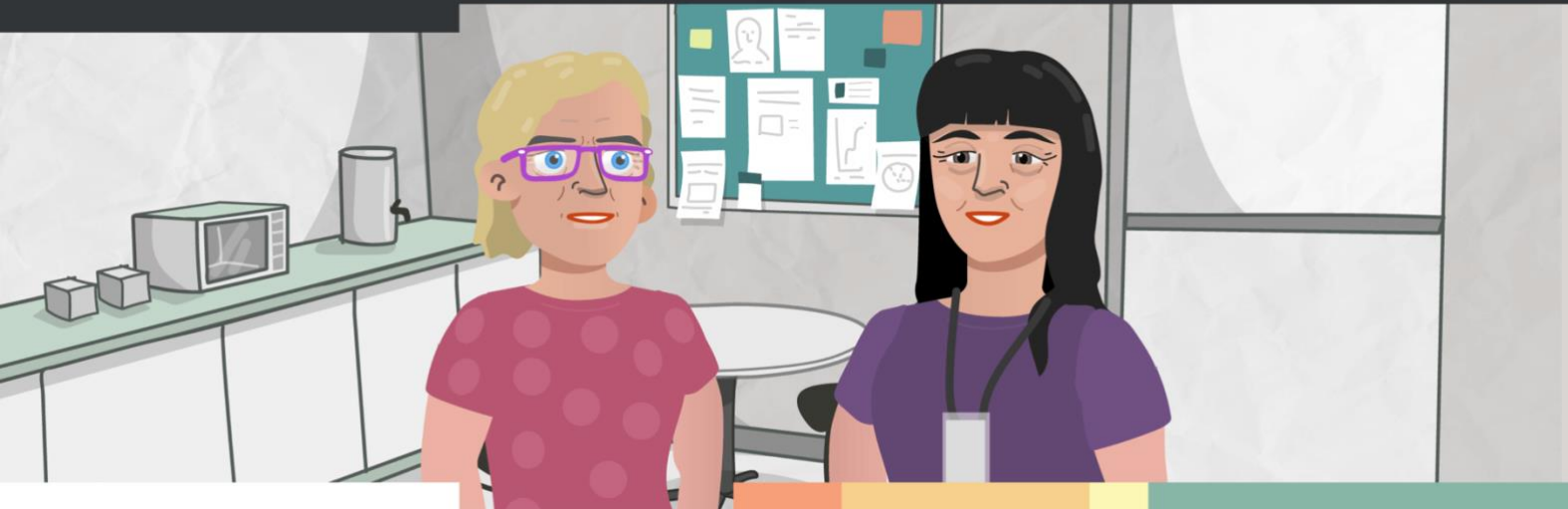
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# Your role in eliminating hep C

**Cara** says she tries to avoid talking about hep C treatment because it sounds complicated and the side-effects sound awful.

**Su** says it's much simpler now. She says that as a healthcare provider, Cara has an important role to play in helping to eliminate hep C in the prison.



## How would you like to see this scenario play out?

**Cara wants to know how she can help. What advice should Su give to her?**

Select your answer (there may be more than one correct answer); then click

**SOUNDS GOOD!**

- "You should encourage prisoners to get tested and treated whenever there's an opportunity."
- "Even though it is yet another thing to do, it's easy to refer patients for testing and it benefits everyone."
- "You should tell prisoners that they won't be offered re-treatment if they are reinfected."



Incorrect

Not quite, try again.

Encouraging prisoners to get tested and treated and referring them to hepatitis providers who manage hep C will help to stop the spread of hep C in the prison. And if a prisoner is reinfected, they can get retreated as many times as is necessary.

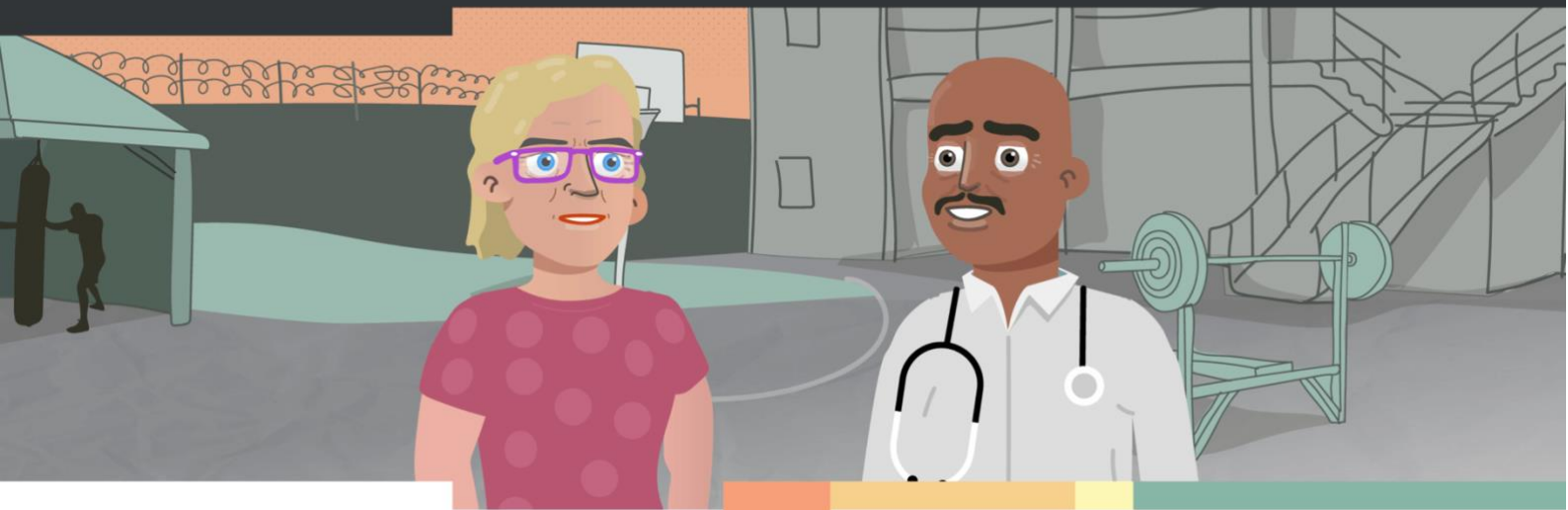
As a health care provider, you have an opportunity to help eliminate hep C from the prison by encouraging prevention and helping as many prisoners get tested and treated as possible. This will promote better health outcomes and get us closer to national hep C elimination targets. It will also mean a safer environment for everyone.

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## Hep C status

**Cara** tells **Mo** that a prisoner came to tell her that they think they have hep C. She says she referred the prisoner to a hep C specialist, but wants to know more about testing and what the results mean.



# How would you like to see this scenario play out?

## What should Mo tell Cara about testing for hep C?

Select your answer (there may be more than one correct answer); then click

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"A positive antibody test means the person has been exposed to hep C at some time in the past."



"A positive antibody test means that the person has never had hep C."



"A positive antibody test confirms that the person has a current hep C infection."



A positive RNA test confirms that the person currently has active hep C infection."



**Correct**

That's right.

If the antibody test result is positive, it means that the person has been exposed to the hep C virus at some time in the past, but it doesn't tell you if the person has hep C now. These people should be referred for further RNA testing, and if needed, treatment.

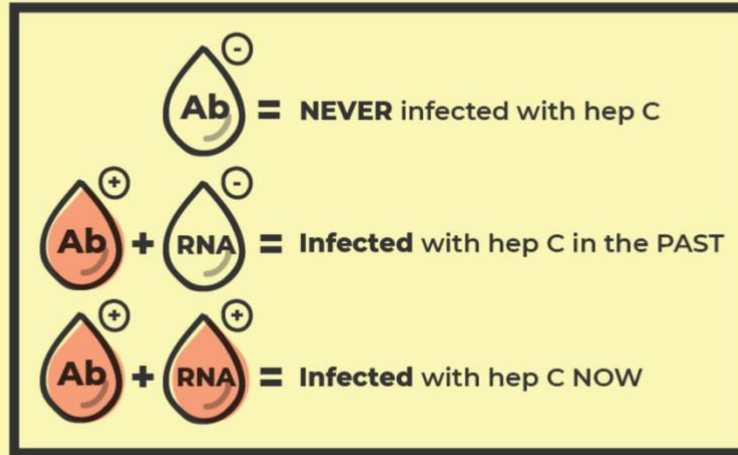
If the RNA test returns a negative result, it confirms that the person does not have hep C now.

If the RNA test returns a positive result, it confirms that the person has a current hep C infection and must be referred for treatment.

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# Hep C test results



# Hep C treatment

**Cara** also wants to know more about hep C treatment in case a prisoner asks her about it.



# How would you like to see this scenario play out?

**What should Mo tell Cara about treatment for hep C?**

Select your answer (there may be more than one correct answer); then click

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"It's mostly effective but has a lot of side effects."

"If prisoners get reinfected they can't access retreatment."

"It's simple and effective with minimal side effects."

"It takes 8-12 weeks and involves tablets only."

"It cures over 95% of people."



**Incorrect**

Not quite, try again.

Sharing the facts about how easy and effective treatment is, and the lack of side effects, is likely to encourage prisoners to get the treatment they need to improve their health. And if a prisoner is reinfected, they can get retreated as many times as is necessary.

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# Starting a conversation

**John** is getting a dental cavity filled when Neil notices what looks to be a black eye and a cut above it.

**Neil** is aware that John could be at risk of contracting a blood borne virus if he was involved in a fight involving blood.



## How would you like to see this scenario play out?

**What would be the best way for Neil start a conversation with John about hep C?**

Select your answer (there may be more than one correct answer); then click

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- "That wound looks really ugly, you better get it cleaned up."
- "You're at much greater risk of getting hep C with blood contact in prison. Have you thought about getting tested?"
- "Did you know that exposure to blood in the prison can put you at risk of blood borne viruses, in particular hep C? I would recommend you get tested for hep C, just to be sure."





**Correct**

That's right.

Giving John the facts about how he could be exposed to hep C and encouraging him to get tested is a great way to start the conversation.

If you suspect someone might have hep C, when an opportunity presents itself, encourage them to get tested and treated. Give them the simple facts and refer them to the hepatitis nurse or doctor if they want more information or need to talk to someone.

Do your part to help prisoners get the treatment they need for better health and mental wellbeing; to help us reach hep C elimination targets; and to create a safer prison environment for everyone.

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Let's work together to **participate** in engaging prisoners with hep C testing, treatment, and re-treatment, encourage prisoners to practice safer behaviours to help **prevent** contracting or spreading hep C, and do our part to **eliminate** hep C from the prison and contribute to overall elimination targets.