

B HEP C SMART



IF YOU HAVE KIDNEY DISEASE THERE MAY BE SOMETHING LURKING INSIDE YOU THAT YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT. IT'S THE HEPATITIS C VIRUS OR HEP C FOR SHORT AND THOUGH YOU MAY NOT FEEL ANY SYMPTOMS, IT CAN SPELL BIG TROUBLE FOR YOUR KIDNEYS. SO BE HEP C SMART WITH THE THREE C'S. LEARN ABOUT HEP C'S CONNECTION TO KIDNEY DISEASE, GET CHECKED TO SEE IF YOU HAVE THE VIRUS AND KNOW THAT HEP C CAN BE CURED. HEPATITIS C IS A DISEASE OF THE LIVER BUT IT HAS AN IMPORTANT CONNECTION TO KIDNEY DISEASE. HEP C CAN CAUSE KIDNEY DISEASE AND IT CAN MAKE KIDNEY DISEASE WORSE IF YOU ALREADY HAVE IT. AND IF YOU'RE ON DIALYSIS, THIS CAN ALSO INCREASE YOUR RISK. PEOPLE USUALLY DON'T FEEL SYMPTOMS WHEN THEY HAVE HEP C, SO YOU COULD HAVE IT AND NOT EVEN KNOW IT. HOW CAN YOU PROTECT YOURSELF? GET CHECKED FOR HEPATITIS C. TAKES A BLOOD TEST. IF YOU'RE A KIDNEY PATIENT, IT'S IMPORTANT TO KNOW YOUR HEP C STATUS. WHAT IF YOU DO HAVE HEP C? HEP C CAN BE CURED. THERE ARE NEW KIDNEY-SAFE MEDICINES THAT CAN CURE HEP C IN MOST PEOPLE. THE TREATMENT MAY NOT BE RIGHT FOR EVERYONE, SO TALK TO YOUR DOCTOR. A CURE FOR HEP C ALSO MEANS MORE OPPORTUNITIES FOR KIDNEY TRANSPLANTS AND THAT'S GOOD NEWS FOR THE WHOLE KIDNEY COMMUNITY. IS THE HEPATITIS C VIRUS LURKING INSIDE YOU? BE HEP C SMART AND FIND OUT LEARN MORE ABOUT HEP C'S CONNECTION TO KIDNEY DISEASE. GET CHECKED REGULARLY TO SEE IF YOU HAVE THE VIRUS AND KNOW THAT HEP C CAN BE CURED. TALK TO YOUR DOCTOR ABOUT HEPATITIS C AND BE HEP C SMART. IT'S GOOD FOR YOUR KIDNEYS.