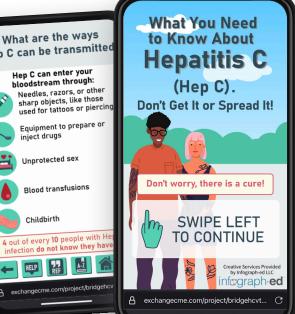
## Your HEP-C Treatment Roadmap STOPYOU HAVE HEP-C.

**SCAN HERE TO LEARN MORE ABOUT WHAT HAVING HEPATITIS C MEANS:** 





#### **UNDERSTAND YOUR DIAGNOSIS**

- » You have the hepatitis C virus, also known as HEP-C or HCV
- » You may have no symptoms

#### **PROTECT YOUR HEALTH**

- » HEP-C infects the liver and causes scarring
- » Over time, scarring can lead to cirrhosis or even cancer and death

#### **DON'T SPREAD HEP-C TO OTHERS**

- » If you are injecting drugs, don't share your works or other items that transfer blood
- » Use condoms
- » Postpone pregnancy until you have cured the HEP-C

## CENTREATMENT NOW Current HEP-C medications CURE more than 95% of cases<sup>1</sup>

#### WHAT WILL TREATMENT INVOLVE?

- » You will take 1 or 3 pills per day for 8–12 weeks
- » There are very few side effects

#### WILL THE MEDICATION WORK **IF I INJECT DRUGS—OR, IF I'M IN DRUG TREATMENT?**

- » Yes! Treatment is very effective in those who continue to inject drugs
- » Methadone, buprenorphine, and other types of medication-assisted treatment do NOT decrease your chances of HEP-C cure

#### WHAT DOES HEP-C CURE MEAN?

- » The HEP-C virus will no longer be in your body and liver damage can potentially be reversed
- » You will no longer be able to spread HEP-C virus to others

#### **DON'T LET THE COST OF TREATMENT STOP YOU**

- » No insurance coverage?
- » State Medicaid restrictions on HEP-C treatment?
- **» ASK YOUR HEP-C TREATER ABOUT PATIENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS**



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#### » BUT, YOU CAN GET HEP-C AGAIN EVEN AFTER CURE!

# YOUR HEP-CISCURED.

### **PROCEED WITH CAUTION!**

Live a healthy lifestyle

**Remain under the care of your HEP-C** treatment provider if you have advanced liver disease

Stay in drug treatment

**Encourage your injecting and** sex partners to get tested and treated for HEP-C All pregnant women should be tested for HEP-C

**PREVENT REINFECTION WITH HEP-C DON'T SHARE WORKS OR OTHER ITEMS THAT TRANSFER BLOOD; USE CONDOMS GET RETESTED AT LEAST ONCE A YEAR IF YOU CONTINUE TO ENGAGE IN ACTIVITIES THAT PUT YOU AT RISK FOR HEP-C** 

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