How Much Does Treatment Cost?

Treatment is expensive, but there are many ways to access them for a lower cost or even free

If you have health insurance through an employer, you may be able to access treatment and have your insurance cover the cost.

There are several programs through Yukon Health and Health Canada that can provide less expensive or free access to new treatments. Once the specialist has determined which treatment is best for you, the office will be able to help you find ways of accessing it.

There are patient support programs, through the pharmaceutical companies, that offer personalized support for people using new treatments

For More Information

Blood Ties Four Directions Centre 405 Ogilvie St.,Whitehorse, YT Phone: 867-332-8268 Fax: 867-633-2447 www.bloodties.ca

Yukon Communicable Disease Control (YCDC) #4 Hospital Road Whitehorse, YT Phone: (867) 667-8323 Toll Free: 1-800-661-0408 ext. 8323

> Your Community Health Centre

There Is A Cure For Hepatitis C

Do You Know Your Options?



Why Should I Get Treatment?

Hepatitis C is an infection that attacks the liver. The liver is an extremely important organ that helps the body fight infections, clean toxins, from the blood, digest food, and more.

Without treatment, the liver of a person with Hepatitis C can become damaged over time, leading to liver inflammation, scarring, hardening, liver, cancer and failure.

What Are The New Treatments?

There are several **new** Hepatitis C drugs available for Yukoners called Direct-Acting Antivirals Agents (DAAs).

Benefits of new treatment:

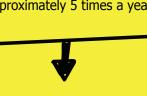
- Shorter treatment times as little as 12 weeks
- Fewer side effects
- No injections
- 95% cure rate

How Do I Start Treatment?

Referral

Obtain a referral to the Hepatitis C specialist for the Yukon. You can get a referral from your family doctor, the doctor at a walk-in clinic or the community health centre.

*It can take up to 9 months to get an appointment with the specialist once you get your doctor's referral., so it is important to start now. The specialist visits Whitehorse approximately 5 times a year.



Prepare For Your Visit Before your first appointment with the specialist, you will have to complete blood work and an ultra sound. Your regular doctor will help make these arrangements. **Assessment for Treatment**

At your appointment with the specialist, the health of your liver will be assessed and a course of treatment will be prescribed.

Treatment and Support

If the specialist suggest that now is a good time for you to start treatment, they will get you started and you will receive treatment support from the Hepatology Nurse at the Yukon Communicable Disease Centre.



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