

What is Hepatitis C?

Hepatitis C is an infectious disease affecting the liver. It is caused by the hepatitis C virus (HCV). The infection often has no symptoms, but chronic infection can lead to scarring of the liver and ultimately to irreversible liver disease and death. It is important to seek medical attention if you have been exposed to the virus or know that you have Hepatitis C; even if you do not feel sick.

How is it spread?

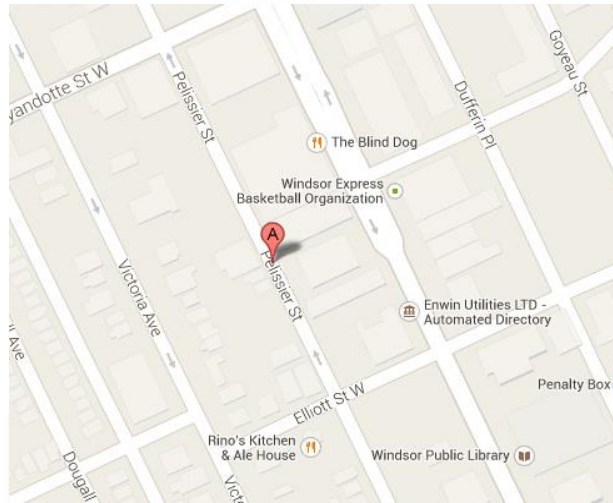
HCV is spread solely by blood-to-blood contact. It is widely associated with injection drug use, poorly sterilized tattoo and piercing equipment and blood transfusions prior to 1992.

How is it treated and is it costly?

Treatment for Hepatitis C has changed. The team here at the clinic will tailor your treatment plan according to your treatment needs and goals. Drug coverage for treatment varies; our team will help you find the options that are best for your situation.

Windsor Essex Community Health Centre
Centre de santé communautaire de Windsor Essex

weCHC
Supporting the Vulnerable



Clinic Hours

The Hepatitis C - Clinic is open 5 days a week.

Monday – Friday

7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

CLOSED SATURDAY AND SUNDAY

Location and Contact Information

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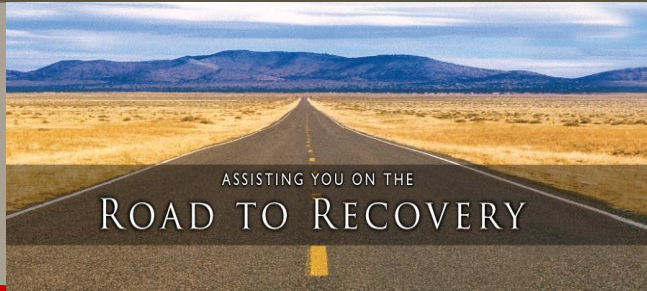
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HEPATITIS C TREATMENT & SUPPORT



Mission Statement

**“INSPIRING HOPE AND
CONTRIBUTING TO THE
OPTIMAL WELLNESS OF
PERSONS AFFECTED
WITH OR AT RISK FOR
HCV”**



TESTIMONIALS

“They go out of their way for us...couldn't ask for better people.”

“They are amazing people, truly professional and personal. I love them, they are awesome. If it wasn't for the HCV team, I truly believe I would not have ever been able to complete the treatment”

“I recommend to anyone with Hep C to do it with this TEAM (treatment) they are excellent”

Our Physician will:

- Oversee each treatment plan; ensuring you receive the best care available

Our Nurse Practitioner will:

- Provide primary health care for patients without care
- Work collaboratively with other Hepatitis Treatment and Support Team members

Our Registered Nurses will:

- Support you before, during and after treatment
- Work with your Family Physician, Nurse Practitioner or Specialist to provide you with the best care possible
- Provide referral within the HCV team to assist with emotional needs

Our Outreach Worker will:

- Provide services that promote healthy living and harm reduction
- Provide education and practical resources on Hepatitis C prevention and care
- Offer non-judgmental support and encouragement

Our Program Coordinator will:

- Work closely with the other Hepatitis C team members
- Educate social service and health care providers in the community about WECHC's Hepatitis C Treatment and Support program services
- Evaluate the HCV program to ensure that services are meeting client needs

Our Social Worker will:

- Provide individual and group counselling to those affected with Hepatitis C
- Offer specialized family counselling
- Assist you with obtaining other community services that you require

- ***Thinking about starting treatment? For more information, make an appointment or talk to one of our health care providers at Street Health.***

THE TEAM