



My child has hepatitis C. The treatment for it is peginterferon and ribavirin, which have many side effects. Are there other choices?

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The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) recently expanded the use of [Sovaldi](#) and [Harvoni](#) to [adolescents 12 years and older](#) who have hepatitis C virus (HCV). Harvoni was approved for teens with genotype 1, 4, 5 or 6 chronic HCV infection; Sovaldi was approved in combination with ribavirin, for those with genotype 2 or 3.

The only FDA-approved hep C treatment for [children under age 12](#) is [peginterferon](#) plus [ribavirin](#). However, a recent study of children between the ages of 6 and 11 [reported](#) excellent HCV cure rates using Harvoni.

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