



Curing Hep C After a Transplant

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Hepatitis C virus (HCV) cure rates among those who have received a liver transplant are very good.

Looking at available research on HCV treatment among liver transplantees, Paul Y. Kwo, MD, a gastroenterologist and hepatologist at the Stanford University School of Medicine found cure rates comparable to those seen among individuals who have not received transplants.

Noting 95 percent-plus cure rates and treatment that is well tolerated, Kwo says, “Unlike treatment in the previous interferon era, the risk of rejection and other side effects is markedly lower [with today’s HCV treatments]. Moreover, many of today’s antiviral therapies do not interact in any way with the anti-rejection medicines that would affect the efficacy of the anti-rejection medicines.”

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