Can I donate blood or be an organ donor if I have hepatitis C?

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In general, blood donations are not accepted from people who have a history of hepatitis C virus (HCV), whether active or cured. An exception to this is participating in research that recruits participants with hep C.

You can be an organ and tissue donor. Whether these donations are accepted is decided on a case-by-case basis. Some transplant programs are offering hep C antibody-positive organs that are in good condition to HCV-positive people on the transplant waiting list who might otherwise die if they don't receive a timely transplant.

For those who want to donate blood but can't, consider becoming a volunteer at your local blood donation site. Making a charitable contribution is another way to give.

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