I have hepatitis C. My doctor recommends hep A and B immunizations. Are these safe?

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Vaccines have protected millions of people from diseases and disabilities, prevented countless deaths and saved billions of dollars. Respected experts universally accept the safety of immunization. Hepatitis A and B immunization is highly recommended for people with any liver disease, including hepatitis C.

Doubts about the safety of immunization spiked in the 1990's after the publication of research linking vaccines to autism. Authored by Andrew Wakefield, the research was discredited. Numerous charges were lodged against Wakefield, and he lost his medical license. Unfortunately, it is difficult to remove misinformation from some people's belief systems, and misplaced doubts about vaccines still linger.

Want to know more? Check out Simply Put: Vaccination Saves Lives by Orenstein and Ahmed (2017). For information about hepatitis A and B immunization for people who have hep C, click here. For information about specific vaccines, visit the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Vaccine Safety page. August in National Immunization Awareness Month, and a good time to learn more on the subject.

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