



Is hepatitis C passed sexually?

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Hepatitis C virus (HCV) is not easily passed sexually, but nonetheless, it is a risk. HCV is rarely passed in heterosexual relationships. Only one case of HCV transmission in women who have sex with women has been reported. HIV-positive men who have sex with men have a higher risk of sexual transmission of hep C. Sex with multiple partners, having a sexually transmitted disease and rough sex that involves exposure to blood may increase the risk of transmitting HCV sexually.

Although hepatitis C is not easily transmitted through sex, there are plenty of other microorganisms that can be. September is [Sexual Health Awareness Month](#)—a good time to brush up on ways to protect yourself and others.

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