What a Wonderful World

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Gloria Guzman, a peer educator in Brooklyn, has overcome many obstacles in her life, including bad relationships, the loss of a child and addiction. As if those weren't enough, she also was diagnosed with HIV, hepatitis B virus (HBV) and hepatitis C virus (HCV). She's faced lots of obstacles.

Guzman has risen to the challenges presented by these setbacks. However, when it comes to HCV, she's done even better—she is now cured of hep C. She tried getting cured of HCV using older treatments, but with no luck. She couldn't tolerate the side effects. It took a newer treatment to do the trick. And she had virtually no side effects this time.

Despite the hardships she has experienced, Guzman has a positive outlook on life. "I'm like an older version of Wonder Woman," she says. We wholeheartedly agree, which is why we asked her to share her story. Click here to read more about Guzman and to get motivated to overcome your hep C.

Although she is undeniably an inspiration, Guzman is still just one of the millions of baby boomers across the United States who contracted HCV. The common wisdom is that so-called youthful indiscretions are mostly to blame for the high HCV rates among Americans born from 1945 to 1965. However, a new study suggests another reason for those high rates. Click here to read more.

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends that all baby boomers get tested for hep C. Despite the CDC's advice, HCV testing rates among U.S. baby boomers remain low. A new study identifies various demographic factors influencing not only who gets screened but also who gets treated. Click here to read more.

One of the barriers to access to treatment for people with HCV is health care insurance discrimination, according to a new analysis by Harvard University's Center for Health Law and Policy Innovation. Click here to read more.

Regardless of the remaining hurdles many HCV-positive people still face, the good news is that the chance that they can get cured of the virus is better than ever before. Treatments for hep C continue to improve. Click here to get the latest HCV treatment updates.

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