Hepatitis C Kills Nearly 54 People Every Day

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Here's one of the reasons why we need to observe Hepatitis Awareness Month: Hepatitis C kills 54 people every day. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (Surveillance for Viral Hepatitis – United States, 2015), 19,629 people died from hepatitis C in 2015. Here's the problem with this statistic: most of the hepatitis C-related deaths aren't labeled as such. Liver cancer, alcoholic liver disease, and other hepatitis C-related deaths are often not counted.

So the real headline is: Hepatitis C Kills AT LEAST 54 People Every Day

This report is especially discouraging in light of the fact that hepatitis C is a preventable, curable disease. You can help. Tweet @hepatitismag and say how you are observing Hepatitis Awareness Month.

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