



Know Some Facts about Hepatitis

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In observance of Hepatitis Awareness Month, in May I am posting to this blog daily, suggesting ways to help raise awareness about issues surrounding hepatitis C.

Raising awareness about hepatitis C means know something about it. Here are a few powerful facts: 

- More people in the U.S. die every year from hepatitis C than die from HIV.
- The hepatitis C death rate is increasing annually.
- More than half of those who die from hepatitis C, are 55 to 64 years old.
- The number of new hepatitis C infections is increasing at alarming rates, particularly among teens and young adults.
- Despite the increase in new hepatitis C virus (HCV) infections, there has been a decrease in the prevalence of HCV in the U.S. because so many are dying.
- The CDC recommends testing all persons born from 1945 through 1965 for hepatitis C
- Hepatitis C infection is preventable and curable.
- The majority of those with HCV don't know they have it; you can't treat HCV without a diagnosis.