Use your Local Paper to Raise Hepatitis Awareness

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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.

Write a letter to the editor of your local paper about the need to raise hepatitis awareness. Here are some key points you can use:

- More people in the U.S. die every year from hepatitis C than die from HIV
- The hepatitis C death rate is increasing annually
- 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 person 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 hepatitis C without a diagnosis

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