What To Do If You Can’t Afford Hep C Treatment?

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Having Hepatitis C is difficult enough but not being able to afford treatment medication and medical help can be overwhelming. There is good news for those who are uninsured, or cannot afford treatment.

Many resources exist to help Hep C patients and their families get the proper medical assistance they need. Check out the following resources. And don’t give up trying to find help. If one resource isn’t the right one for you, keep going until you find the resources you need. It’s out there. Be proactive and persistent and you will find it.

There is currently 4 Hep C medications in the market to use in treatment for Hepatitis C, Sovaldi, Olysio, Victrelis, and Incivek, along with 2 additional drugs, Interferon and Ribavirin, that are commonly used in combination with one of four main medications. There is a combination treatment of Sovaldi with Olysio that is considered off label and used without Interferon and Ribavirin.

Many pharmaceutical companies have programs to assist patients with medication and support. See links below for the pharmaceutical companies that produce Sovaldi (sofosbuvir) by Gilead, Olyiso (simeprevir) by Janssen/Johnson & Johnson, Victrelis (boceprevir) by Merck and Incivek (telaprevir) by Vertex. All offer varied medication assistance and 24 hour 7 day a week nurse support. For treatment regiments that include Interferon and Ribavirin, additional information is provided through each drug company.

In addition there is an extensive list of resources from the American Liver Foundation for the US for Medical Referrals, and finding a doctor at low or no cost care. Also see Hepatitis C Foundation International for additional resources. See links below for American Liver Foundation, Hepatitis Foundation International, and Needy Meds. Needy Meds also has their own channel on You Tube, so check out their many resources available.

Click here to read the full blog entry on Connie’s blog “Life Beyond Hepatitis C.”

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