



We Will Not Be Silent Any Longer!

Each hour of every day 3 people die from Hepatitis C

Six million Americans have Hepatitis C (HCV) and only 1.1 million know it. HCV, a virus, can lead to liver cancer, liver failure and completely preventable through health education. A "General Awareness Campaign," is needed to save millions of lives and billions of dollars.

Many States report 30% are positive in just one "high risk group", examined, Public Health clinics.

FACTS SHOW MORE HIGH RISK GROUPS

- 10% Military Veterans
- (only a fraction identified)
- 4% "Baby-boomers"
- 10% African American Men
- 30% Institutionalized, homeless and immigrants

Fastest growing HCV prevalence is among women, average age 24 yrs old, from low-income areas.

- 39.2% African American
 - 31.9% Latino
 - 15.4% White
 - 6.7% Asia or Pacific Islander
 - 6.7% indicated other or mixed race/ethnicity.
- Drug use was excluded for high infection rates. HCV is passed by sharing piercing jewelry, and also passed from Mother to Child, during birth.

America will spend \$1 in every \$5 on Health Care by 2015- National Health Care expense will total more than \$4 trillion. Americans will face a 7.2 percent annual health increase with an economy projected to grow 5.1 percent. Federal government is expected to pay 1/2 of the nation's medical costs.

The American Gastroenterological Asso. estimated HCV will exceed \$65 billion by 2010.
1998, \$693 million
2002, \$15 billion per year

2005- Hepatitis C recognized as a Carcinogen
First Viral Pathogen to receive this designation
Projected % Disease increase between 2005-2008

Decompensation	279%
Liver related deaths	223%
Liver transplantation	528%
Extrahepatic Manifestations	793%

Research shows Hepatitis C is directly responsible for 70% increase in primary liver cancer for the last ten years among 40 to 50 year olds.

- Without intervention, the hepatitis C epidemic will cause 4.2 million years of life lost by 2019.
- Hospitalizations: From 1994 through 2001 more than 3-fold higher than rates for all hospitalizations.

A General Awareness Campaign is needed NOW!

Give Our Children Life "Virus Free"

Stop the Spread of HEPATITIS C

Call to Congress



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