

HEPATITIS C & INJECTING DRUGS ...OR
HUGO: THE MAN WITH
THE TALKING LIVER



SIRLOIN STEAK
CHEEKY BASTARD !

I AM YOUR
LIVER

WELL GET
BACK IN MY GUTS
WITH THE OTHER
LIVER

THE OTHER ? ...YOU'VE ONLY GOT ONE LIVER MATE, ME !

I AM THE LARGEST ORGAN. I'M A FOOT LONG, WEIGH 3 POUNDS AND I'M VITAL TO YOUR BODY WITHOUT ME YOU'D BE FUCKED !

SPOTLIGHT ON THE LIVER

PRIDE!

YOU DRINK FIVE PINTS AND EAT A VINDALOO I SORT OUT THE GOODNESS AND BREAK DOWN THE CRAP. NOT ONLY THAT, I PERFORM OVER 100 OTHER FUNCTIONS. I AM A VITAL ORGAN

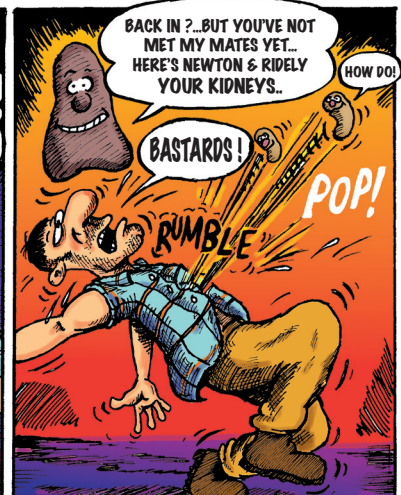
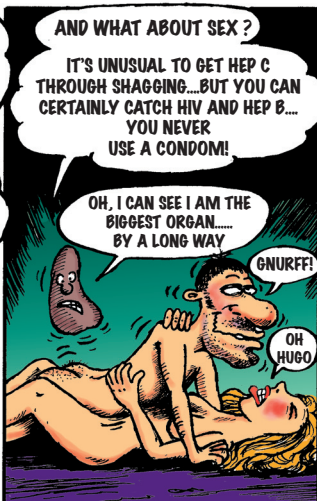
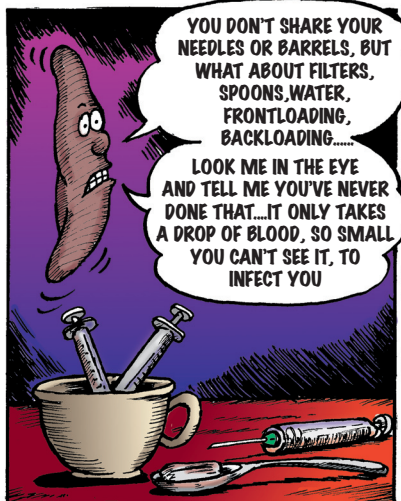
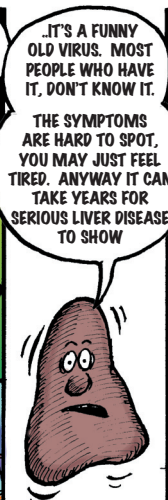
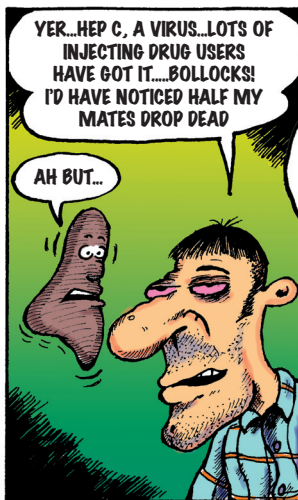
WHAT ABOUT HEPATITIS ?
HEPATITIS KILLS
MILLIONS OF PEOPLE
EACH YEAR!

HEPATITIS AFFECTS
ME. LIVER DISEASE
CAN BE A KILLER!

YER I KNOW ABOUT HEP B.
YER SHIT TURNS WHITE

HEP C?

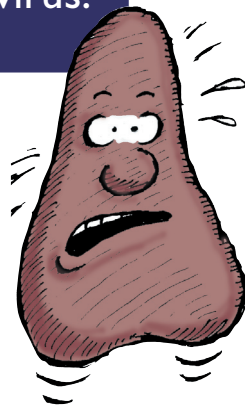
BUT WHAT ABOUT
HEPATITIS C - LOADS OF
INJECTING DRUG USERS
HAVE IT



HEP C : is a liver disease caused by a virus.

All that's needed to catch HEP C is for you to come into contact with a tiny drop of infected blood. The easiest way to catch HEP C is by using someone else's injecting equipment including needles, syringes, cups, spoons, filters and water.

The virus can cause long term liver damage and even liver cancer. If you are infected with the virus you may have no symptoms for many years or you may feel very tired, have flu like symptoms such as headache, muscle ache, fever, stomachache, nausea or concentration problems.



But the good news is....

Treatment for HEP C has improved greatly, with 90% of those who completed a course of treatment being cleared of the virus.

If you think you may have HEP C, it is vital that you avoid alcohol and get a vaccination against other forms of hepatitis.

Don't rely on rumour and the opinion of friends. Use your local drug service as a source of information on hepatitis. They will advise you of your options and can arrange for you to get testing, treatment and vaccinations.

For further advice contact your local drug service:



[H1] lifeline: publication guidelines

[>] aims
To provide basic information in cartoon format about the role of the liver, how Hep C is caught and how to avoid transmission.

[>] audience
Injecting drug users. Use with under 16s with support.

[v] content
Some swearing, cartoon sexual and drug taking images.

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