

HCV PATIENT TOOLS

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What is an HCV Genotype?

Not everyone with hepatitis C (HCV for short) has the same kind. In fact, there are seven different kinds of HCV. These different kinds are called genotypes and are numbered from 1 to 7.

Some genotypes have further divisions called subtypes (for example, 1a and 1b). The test to find out the genotype is a blood test.



*Different drugs are used
to treat different genotypes*

The important thing to remember is that having a certain genotype does not mean that your liver will become more or less damaged.

Remember:

- Genotype information is important to know since the types of medicines used to treat HCV and the time someone is treated is based on the genotype.
- Since the genotype doesn't change, you will just need to have the test once, unless you become re-infected.
- Genotype information is important because it will tell your doctor important information including:
 - What HCV drugs to prescribe.
 - How much of one of the medicines you need to take.
 - How long you will need to take the medicines.

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