Talk to your healthcare provider about taking medicine to cure your hepatitis C. Once you are cured, you do not need to take hepatitis C medicine any more, and because you no longer have hepatitis C, you cannot give it to anyone else.

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Past: Hepatitis C treatment took up to a year, caused bad side effects and at best, cured about 50% of people. People living with HIV and hepatitis C were less likely to be cured than those who only had hepatitis C.

Now: New hepatitis C treatment takes about 3 months, has few or no side effects, and cures at least 90% of people. Hepatitis C medicine works for people living with HIV and hepatitis C just as much as it does for those who only have hepatitis C.

**Past:**
- A weekly shot (Interferon) + twice daily pills (ribavirin)
- About 12 months
- At best, 5 out of 10 people treated were cured
- Depression, fever, chills, upset stomach, fatigue and low energy

**Now:**
- 1-3 pills once or twice daily
- About 2-3 months
- More than 9 out of 10 people treated are cured
- Usually, no side effects. Sometimes a minor headache or feeling tired

**Medications**
**Treatment Time**
**Cure**
**Side Effects**

You can get hepatitis C again if you are not careful. To avoid re-infection and to stay healthy, it is important that you:

- Do not share needles, syringes, straws, or other equipment to inject or sniff drugs
- Do not share razors or toothbrushes
- Use condoms for anal and vaginal sex
- Continue to see your healthcare provider(s) on a regular basis and discuss risks for re-infection