

GET THE FACTS

What You Need To Know About Hepatitis C

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FALSE: There is no cure

TRUE: Hep C treatment cures most people who take it



FALSE: Hep C is a death sentence

TRUE: Hep C is a mild disease for most people only about 15% of people with hep C get cirrhosis after having it 20-30 years But some people do get cirrhosis and die from hep C That is why it is important to get tested



FALSE: Hep C is a rare disease

TRUE: Hep C is common Over 4 million people in the U S have been exposed to hep C, and 170 million worldwide. In Oakland, over 90% of needle users have been exposed to hepatitis C, and we have one of the highest rates of sexual transmission in the country



FALSE: Only drug users get hep C.

TRUE: A lot of people are at risk for hep C Hep C is passed on by blood so there are many ways to get it About 70% of people with hep C got it from needles, but 15% got it from sex You can get it from cocaine straws, crack pipes, unsafe tattoos, and sharing razors anything that might have blood on it



FALSE: I need to stay away from people with hep C

TRUE: Being around people with hep C is safe. Hep C is not passed on by casual contact, such as hugging, kissing, or sharing eating utensils Hep C is passed by blood



FALSE: There's no place to get free, anonymous testing

TRUE: During Hepatitis C Awareness Week, March 10th–14th, 2014, free testing will be available at the OASIS Clinic from 9am–5pm Our address is 520 27th Street, Oakland All are welcome

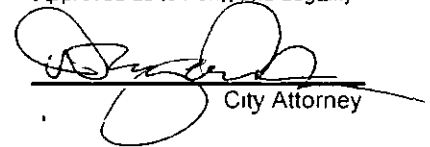
For more information contact OASIS Clinic at
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City Attorney

RESOLUTION No. _____ C.M.S.

Introduced by Councilmember Lynette Gibson McElhaney

RESOLUTION DECLARING MARCH 8TH-15TH AS HEPATITIS C AWARENESS WEEK IN THE CITY OF OAKLAND, CALLING ON OAKLANDERS TO LEARN ABOUT THE RISK FACTORS FOR THIS PREVENTATIVE INFECTION AND TO PARTICIPATE IN CITYWIDE EDUCATION EVENTS TO COMMEMORATE THIS OBSERVANCE.

WHEREAS, hepatitis C is an infectious liver disease that ranges in severity from a mild illness lasting a few weeks to a serious, lifelong illness that attacks the liver, and

WHEREAS, hepatitis C is a preventable infection that affects thousands of residents of Oakland, and

WHEREAS, hepatitis C disproportionately affects Oakland's communities of color and marginalized populations and is five times more common than HIV, and

WHEREAS, hepatitis C affects Hepatitis C affects nearly 5 million people in the United States and over 200 million people in the world, and is the leading cause of liver transplantation in the United States, and

WHEREAS, the majority of people with hepatitis C are unaware of their infection, and

WHEREAS, hepatitis C can lead to cirrhosis, liver cancer, and death when left untreated, and

WHEREAS, the O A S I S Clinic in Oakland is dedicated to serving the healthcare and psychosocial needs of persons infected with hepatitis C (HCV) as well as serving as a champion for awareness, prevention, and testing, and

WHEREAS, while there is no vaccine for hepatitis C, treatments can cure over 90% of those affected, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED That the Oakland City Council hereby proclaims the week of March 8 to March 15, 2014 as Hepatitis C Awareness Week in Oakland, CA, and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Oakland City Council encourages its residents to learn how to reduce the development and medical consequences of this preventable infection by participating in activities held to commemorate this observance

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, _____

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE

AYES - BROOKS, GALLO, GIBSON MCELHANEY, KALB, KAPLAN, REID, SCHAAF and PRESIDENT KERNIGHAN

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LaTonda Simmons
City Clerk and Clerk of the Council
of the City of Oakland California