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.
**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.

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- **Side Effects:**
  - Depression, fever, chills, upset stomach, fatigue and low energy
  - Usually, no side effects. Sometimes a minor headache or feeling tired

- **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**