

Hepatitis C in Durham Region

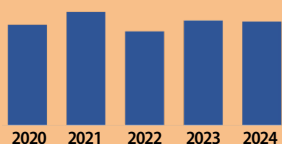
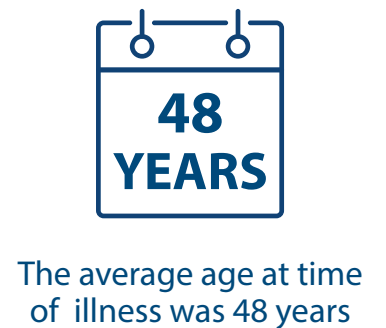
2020-2024

Hepatitis C is a viral infection that attacks the liver and is spread through contact with contaminated blood

Quick Facts



On average,
97
cases of hepatitis C were reported in Durham Region each year between 2020 and 2024



Case counts remained relatively stable between 2020 and 2024. Interpret 2020 and 2021 data with caution due to changes in the availability of health care and health seeking behaviour during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Symptoms



Did You Know? 76% of cases reported having no symptoms

Risk Factors



Hepatitis C can be cured, and early treatment can prevent serious complications.

Suspected cases should be referred to an infectious disease specialist or a gastroenterologist for testing and treatment

With early diagnosis and treatment, hepatitis C can be cured in over 95% of cases.



Treatment is short-term (12 or 24 weeks)



Medications now have fewer adverse effects

For detailed guidelines on hepatitis C testing and treatment, see: **Hepatitis C: An In-Depth Guide, CATIE** - Canada's source for HIV and hepatitis C information

- Data Source: Ontario Ministry of Health, integrated Public Health Information System (iPHIS) database, 2020-2024
- To see Durham compared to Ontario and other public health units go to **Infectious Disease Trends in Ontario**