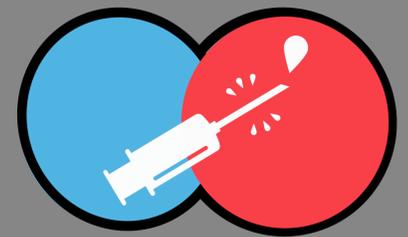


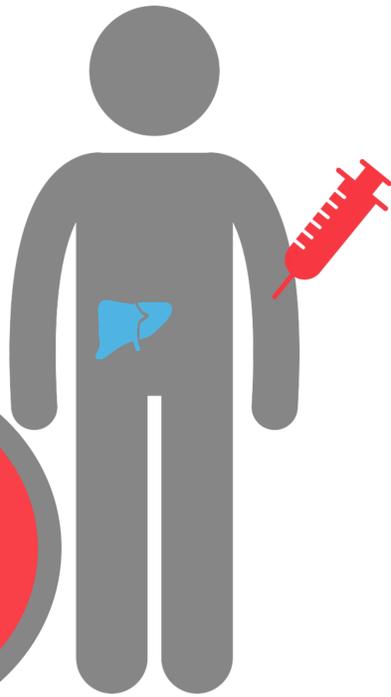
# It's No Coincidence:

## Hepatitis C and Opioid Use Rates are on the Rise among Young Adults in California

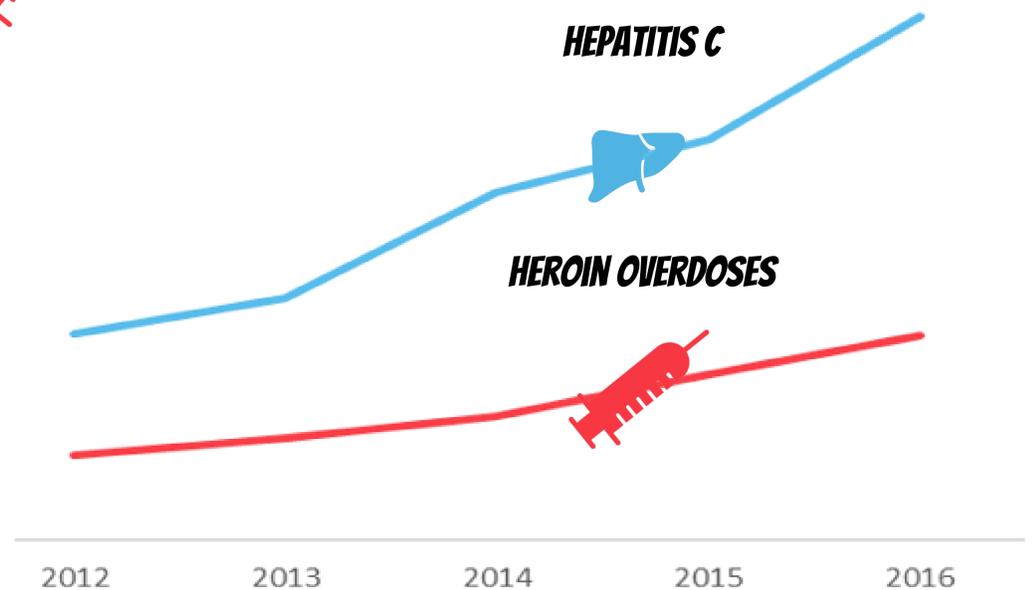


Hepatitis C is a liver infection caused by the hepatitis C virus. Chronic hepatitis C can cause liver cancer and even death.

Sharing injection equipment is the #1 way hepatitis C is spread.



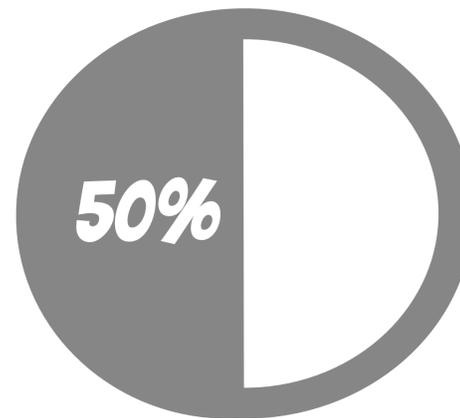
Rates of hepatitis C and heroin overdoses among young adults (ages 25-29) are increasing together, at a similar rate.



Medication assisted drug treatment may help prevent both opioid overdoses and hepatitis C infections



AND reduces hepatitis C rates by:



If you know anyone who is injecting heroin, fentanyl, or other drugs, encourage them to:

Get sterile syringes at a local pharmacy or syringe program

[bit.ly/findsyringes](http://bit.ly/findsyringes)

Access medication assisted drug treatment if they want it

[findtreatment.samhsa.gov](http://findtreatment.samhsa.gov)  
1-800-662-HELP

Carry naloxone & learn how to save a life if someone overdoses

[bit.ly/HRCoalition](http://bit.ly/HRCoalition)

Get tested for hepatitis C

[gettested.cdc.gov](http://gettested.cdc.gov)