

Fast Facts

- Did you know that hepatitis is the 8th leading cause of death worldwide?
- Did you know the number of people worldwide with hepatitis would fill over 6,000 Olympic stadiums?
- Did you know that although hepatitis is one of the 4 main communicable diseases, the WHO assigns only three people to work on it, compared to 98 for TB, 75 for Malaria and 59 for HIV/AIDS?
- Did you know the prevalence of hepatitis is far higher than the prevalence of HIV or any cancer, however less than one third of governments report funding action to reduce the stigmatization of, and discrimination against, people living with hepatitis B or C?
- Did you know that if everyone with hepatitis held hands, they would circle the globe 15 times?
- Did you know that organizations such as the Global Fund and Gates Foundation do not mention hepatitis, despite its prevalence?
- Did you know that hepatitis B and C together kill three people every minute?
- Did you know that in 2010, hepatitis B and C together killed 1.4 million people? In comparison HIV/AIDS killed 1.5 million and TB and malaria killed 1.2 million each.
- Did you know that approximately every 10 seconds someone contracts hepatitis?
- Did you know that hepatitis does not discriminate by age, race, occupation or background?
- Did you know that more than half of the population lives in countries with no provision for free testing of hepatitis B or C and 41% in countries where no government funding exists for treatment?
- Did you know that one in three people on the planet has been exposed to either or both viruses?
- Did you know that many people do not have any symptoms if they contract hepatitis B or C, although they can still transmit the viruses to others?
- Did you know that globally 2.7% of all deaths are due to hepatitis B and C and to cancer and cirrhosis of the liver?
- Did you know that 400 million people around the world are currently infected with chronic hepatitis B or C and one in three people have been exposed to one or both viruses?

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