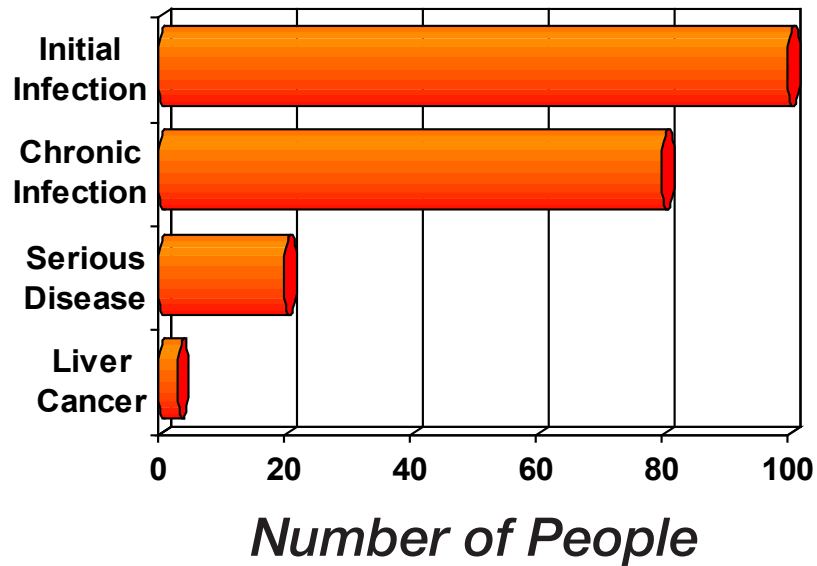


EASY C FACTS

If 100 People Were Infected with Hepatitis C

100 People Infected with HCV



- ◆ **About 55 to 80 people out of 100 who are infected with HCV will develop chronic infection:** The other 20 to 45 people who are infected with Hep C will clear the virus on their own. This is because the immune system of some people is able to fight off the virus naturally.
- ◆ **About 10 to 20 people who develop chronic infection will have serious disease progression over decades:** Only about 10 to 20 out of the original 100 people exposed to Hep C will develop serious life-threatening illness from Hep C. Hep C usually takes up to 10, 20, 30 or 40 years or longer to make the liver become really damaged.
- ◆ **About 2-3 people who develop chronic hepatitis C infection will develop liver cancer:** Only 2-3 people develop liver cancer out of the original 100 people exposed to Hep C, which only happens after the liver develops lots of scarring called cirrhosis.

The key to living well with hepatitis C is to work closely with your doctor or nurse.

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