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Heart of Ohio Family Health now offers Hepatitis C treatment

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Hepatitis C is a liver infection caused by the hepatitis C virus (HCV) that spreads through contact with contaminated blood. HCV causes liver inflammation that can lead to serious liver damage. For some, hepatitis C is a short-term illness, but long-term, chronic infection can result in cirrhosis or liver cancer.

Hepatitis C treatments recently became more accessible to patients because of treatment breakthroughs. Today, chronic HCV is usually curable with oral medications taken every day for eight to 12 weeks.

HOFH started offering hepatitis C treatment in November 2021. Some of the patients currently treated at HOFH had been waiting years to start curative therapy. Clinical pharmacists Anna Staudt and Janessa Cohrs lead the hepatitis C treatment for HOFH.

“We are delighted to offer HCV treatment at HOFH,” said Dr. Staudt. “This is a great convenience for our patients, enhancing their access to quality care without extra transportation requirements or time commitments.”

“Providing HCV treatment is just one more way we are helping ensure health equity for our patients,” said Dr. Buhari Mohammed, CEO at HOFH. “Offering this important therapy is an illustration of our commitment to providing access to quality care for everyone.”

Many people infected with HCV exhibit no symptoms and are unaware they are sick. The U.S. Preventive Services Task Force recommends all adults ages 18 to 79 years of age be screened for hepatitis C, even those without symptoms or known liver disease. The largest group at risk includes everyone born between 1945 and 1965 — a population five times more likely to be infected than those born in other years. Please call HOFH at 614.235.5555 to schedule your HCV test.

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About Heart of Ohio Family Health

Heart of Ohio Family Health (HOFH) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit health care provider committed to serving all groups, ethnicities, and communities in Central Ohio since 2003. Operating as a Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC), we offer services in primary care, pediatrics, behavioral health, substance use disorder, OBGYN, diagnostic laboratory, pharmacy, dietetics & nutrition, and interpretation.



This health center is a Health Center Program grantee under 42 U.S.C. 254b, and a deemed Public Health Service employee under 42 U.S.C. 233(g)-(n).

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