

HCV (Hepatitis C) is not a STD

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From an international study in 1999 through a 10 year study completed in 2004 to CDC statements unchanged since mid 2009 to a NIH supported website copyrighted this year, Hepatitis C is consistently reported not as a STD but as a disease whose transmission via sexual intercourse is not effective through monogamous, non violent means.

It is true that HCV can rarely be transmitted during intercourse as described above however; the virus is not designated by any official scientific entity a “Sexually Transmitted Disease”

Your personal research is always requested. Should you find scientifically supported statements to the contrary, this information would be welcomed. Until that time individuals reporting HCV to be a STD are to be proactively educated and questioned regarding their sources or motives.

1999 –Scientific Study / Australia

“Even long-term spouses seem not to be at increased risk. We therefore suggest that the risk of HCV transmission between monogamous sex partners does not depend on the duration of sexual exposure.”

“Our study finds no convincing evidence for the heterosexual transmission of hepatitis C”

http://qjmed.oxfordjournals.org/cgi/content/abstract/92/9/505?maxtoshow=&hits=10&RESULTFORMAT=&fulltext=Lack+of+evidence+for+the+heterosexual+transmission+of+hepatitis+C&searchid=1&FIRSTINDEX=0&resource_type=HWCIT

PubMed / U.S. National Library of Medicine / National Institutes of Health

“Lack of evidence of sexual transmission of hepatitis C among monogamous couples: results of a **10-year prospective follow-up study**.” May 2004

<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/15128350>

CDC – Page last updated: June 9, 2009 – “Hepatitis C FAQs for Health Professionals”

“HCV can also be spread infrequently through sex with an HCV-infected person (an inefficient means of transmission)”

<http://www.cdc.gov/hepatitis/HCV/HCVfaq.htm#section2>

NIH via National Institute of Child Health and Human Development

(<http://www.nichd.nih.gov/womenshealth/research/disorders/stdhiv.cfm>) offers information regarding Sexually Transmitted Disease. They provide a link to the National STD Hotline. Following links specifically toward Hepatitis and sexual transmission lands here: http://www.ashastd.org/learn/learn_hepatitisC.cfm Statement from this web page Copyright 1999 / 2010:

“Hepatitis C can be spread by vaginal or anal sex, but this does not occur very often (see "Reduce Your Risk" section below). Factors found to be associated with sexual transmission of HCV are: sex with multiple partners, presence of other STDs, or sex with trauma (for example, rough sex, rape, or sexual abuse).”

End Links

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