

Transcript, CDC Viral Hepatitis Expert, **Carolyn Wester**, MD, MPH
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00:04-00:15 (11 seconds) Data and overall findings

- “These data are so concerning because nearly a decade after having a breakthrough cure, only 1 out of 3 people diagnosed with Hepatitis C have been cured.”

00:16-00:36 (20 seconds) Barriers to treatment/cure

- “I think there are multiple factors leading to low cure rates among people with Hepatitis C – certainly the high cost of treatment and associated insurance restrictions – and we also need to ensure that testing and treatment is available in all settings where people with Hepatitis C receive care.”

00:40-00:54 (14 seconds) Hepatitis C is a silent killer

- “Hepatitis C is a silent killer. Most people do not know they have Hepatitis C until they’re in late stages of disease. It’s essential that all Americans get tested at least once in their lifetime.”