

April 30, 2010

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Dear healthcare professional,

If your patient or someone you know is infected with Hepatitis C and may have had a blood transfusion or received or took blood in Canada between January 1, 1986 and July 1, 1990, it is very important to tell that person that the deadline for submitting a first claim for compensation (\$) is, in most cases, the later of:

June 30, 2010

OR

within 3 years of first learning of the Hepatitis C infection

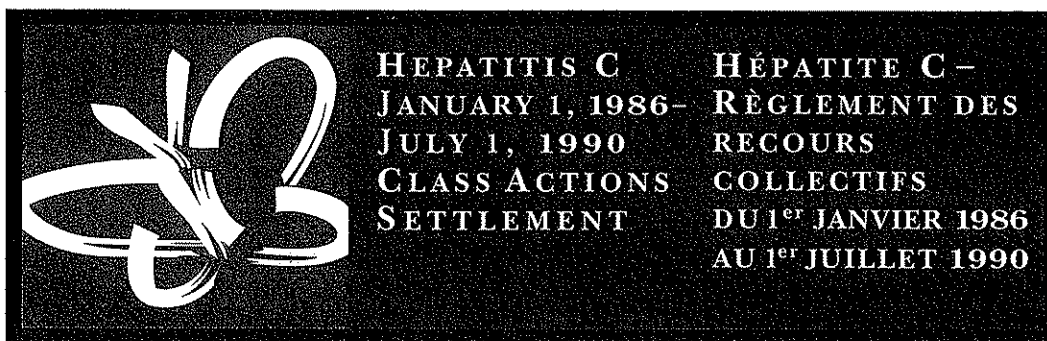
The benefits payable to approved claimants serve to alleviate financial stresses arising from care and treatment expenses associated with the HCV infection and compensate for pain and suffering. The 1986-1990 Hepatitis C Claims Centre, receives and processes claims made by:

- a) persons infected with Hepatitis C due to blood transfusions received in Canada between January 1, 1986 and July 1, 1990;
- b) persons with hemophilia or thalassemia major infected with Hepatitis C who received or took blood in Canada between January 1, 1986 and July 1, 1990; and
- c) family members of HCV infected persons who are deceased.

If your patient was transfused or received or took blood but has never been tested for Hepatitis C, please consider recommending a blood test as soon as possible.

For more information visit www.hepc8690.ca or call toll free at 1-866-640-9994 and we will answer questions / assist with the decision to make a claim or not. It's all confidential. If unsure about the patient's right to claim, please advise your patient to consider making a claim before June 30, 2010 so as to protect the right to claim and we will, after that date fully assess eligibility.

If the contents of this letter conflict with the 1986-1990 Hepatitis C Settlement Agreement, the terms of the 1986-1990 Hepatitis C Settlement Agreement govern.



1. Diagnosed with **Hepatitis C?**
2. May have had a blood **transfusion** or received or **took blood** in Canada between January 1, 1986 and July 1, 1990?
3. Transfused or received or took blood but never tested for Hepatitis C?
Consider requesting a **blood test** as soon as possible.

WHY ASK THESE THREE QUESTIONS?

Because benefits (**\$\$**) payable to approved claimants serve to alleviate financial stress arising from care and treatment expenses associated with hepatitis C as well as compensate for pain and suffering. A formal **claim must be filed** with the 1986-1990 Hepatitis C Claims Centre.

The **deadline** for submitting a claim for compensation (\$) is, in most cases, the later of:

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