

# World Hepatitis Day 2024

**World  
Hepatitis  
Day** 28 July



In July 2024 Australian landmarks will be glowing green to raise awareness about eliminating viral hepatitis. World Hepatitis Day is marked internationally on 28 July and is one of the World Health Organization's nine official global public health days. Green is used by the global NOhep movement – the colour of life, vitality and progress.

On World Hepatitis Day the international community comes together to step up efforts to eliminate viral hepatitis, in particular hepatitis B and hepatitis C. In 2024 the national theme is **It's time for action**.

Many people don't know that they have hep C. For example, both men and women could be at risk if they have a bleeding disorder and ever had a blood product before 1993.

Some people have been cured but still need follow-up for their liver health, especially if they have cirrhosis.

Good liver health is a hot topic for everyone in the bleeding disorders community - and in gene therapy good liver health is a requirement. We will be looking at strategies to manage your liver health as part of our World Hepatitis Day activities.

On World Hepatitis Day we are reminded to take action – know your hep C status, have treatment to cure hep C,

where possible, and follow up on your liver health after treatment.

By talking to our friends, family or a doctor about testing, treatment, liver health checks and managing liver health we can work towards these goals.

It's also important to be aware that sadly, some people with bleeding disorders and hep C have advanced liver disease caused by long term infection. Close liaison between liver specialists and Haemophilia Treatment Centres is key to care and treatment. Research into management of advanced liver disease is ongoing.

Look out for more information and activities on our website and social media in the week leading up to 28 July.

## FIND OUT MORE

Australian World Hepatitis Day website -  
[www.worldhepatitisday.org.au](http://www.worldhepatitisday.org.au)

HFA World Hepatitis Day page -  
[www.haemophilia.org.au/world-hep-day](http://www.haemophilia.org.au/world-hep-day)