

Hepatitis C treatment has come a long way

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ANCHOR LEDE: Recent reports from the federal government say too few people with hepatitis C are getting treatment. Tim Ditman of OSF HealthCare tells you why that's important.

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Marcie Lindstrom is a gastroenterology provider at OSF. She says hepatitis C often comes with no symptoms and is caught during routine bloodwork. But there is hope.

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Marcie Lindstrom, OSF HealthCare gastroenterology provider

"If we go back 10 or 15 years, hepatitis C treatment was really difficult. Treatment lasted a year or a year and a half. It required an injection. People really felt bad during treatment. Treatment today is so easy. It's completed in as little as eight weeks. It's a pill." (:19)

For OSF HealthCare, I'm Tim Ditman.

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**ANCHOR TAG:** Visit the OSF newsroom for a list of hepatitis C risk factors. If you are at risk, talk to your doctor about screening. Untreated hepatitis C can be fatal.