Is hepatitis C passed sexually?

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Hepatitis C virus (HCV) is not easily passed sexually, but nonetheless, it is a risk. HCV is rarely passed in heterosexual relationships. Only one case of HCV transmission in women who have sex with women has been reported. HIV-positive men who have sex with men have a higher risk of sexual transmission of hep C. Sex with multiple partners, having a sexually transmitted disease and rough sex that involves exposure to blood may increase the risk of transmitting HCV sexually.

Although hepatitis C is not easily transmitted through sex, there are plenty of other microorganisms that can be. September is Sexual Health Awareness Month—a good time to brush up on ways to protect yourself and others.

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