



Gastroenterology Associates, PC

Where caring for our patients is our #1 priority!

CHRONIC HEPATITIS C is a long-lasting infection which occurs when the body cannot get rid of the hepatitis C virus. Without treatment, chronic hepatitis C can cause severe liver damage that leads to liver failure. It can also cause liver cancer.

Some of the ways you can become infected with hepatitis C virus are: having unprotected sex with an infected person, sharing drug needles, being tattooed or pierced with unsterilized tools, blood transfusions, or if you were born to a mother who had hepatitis C.

If you have chronic hepatitis C and have failed past treatments, there are new treatments available. If you are newly diagnosed with Chronic Hepatitis C, these new treatments have proven very successful in getting rid of the virus. These new treatments have little to no side effects. To decide on which treatment to use for your Hepatitis C infection, our provider will do testing to determine your genotype, whether you have been treated previously, the level of virus in your body and the presence and extent of liver damage, if any. The cure rate is 96-99% of adult patients with these new treatment options. Most of the drug companies offer patient assistance programs if your insurance does not cover the drug.

Approximately 700,000 people die each year from Hepatitis C related liver diseases, and this does not need to happen with the new options for treatment available today.

Call an office today to setup an appointment to discuss your treatment options.

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HEPATITIS C

Why People Born from 1945 – 1965 Should Get Tested

- People born between 1945 – 1965 are 5 times more likely to have hepatitis C than other adults.
- Hepatitis C is primarily spread through contact with blood from an infected person.
- Hepatitis C can lead to liver damage, cirrhosis and liver cancer.
- Most people with Hepatitis C do not know they are infected. Many people can live with hepatitis C for decades without symptoms or feeling sick.
- The only way to know if you have hepatitis C is to get tested. A blood test, called hepatitis c antibody, can tell if a person has ever been infected with hepatitis C virus.
- Treatment for Hepatitis C is evolving. The sooner you are diagnosed, the sooner you can start on treatment.
- Contact us today to make an appointment to discuss with a Provider

*This information was
obtained from the Centers
for Disease Control and
Prevention.*



The Providers and Staff would like to recognize Patty Robinson for her 36th year anniversary with GAPC! She is a wonderful and dedicated Practice Manager and friend to all of us. We are thankful for all her hard work and dedication to the company throughout the years.



Welcome to the new edition of our newsletter.

One of the goals of the newsletter is to educate our patients, friends, family and community about different diseases and how to treat or prevent them.

We will continue to inform you of improvements we have made within GAPC to better serve our patients.

We will celebrate our employees, highlighting their accomplishments.

We hope you enjoy reading our newsletter.



Sign up for our patient portal today!

Once you have signed up, you have access to review your results, send messages to your provider, request appointments, review your medical records and our most recent feature, you can pay your medical bill online! This feature saves you time from mailing in a payment or calling our office to make your payment with your credit card.

If you are not already signed up for the portal, call the office and the staff will get your email address, or if we already have it, resend your portal invitation.



Dr. Tinatin O'Connell

We are excited to announce that Dr. Khizanishvili got married in May of this year and is now Dr. O'Connell. You will see her name changing throughout the practice.