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WHAT IS HIV?
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HOW DO YOU GET HEP C OR HIV?
Hep C is passed from one person to another through blood. HIV can be passed from one person to another through sex, blood and other body fluids.

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