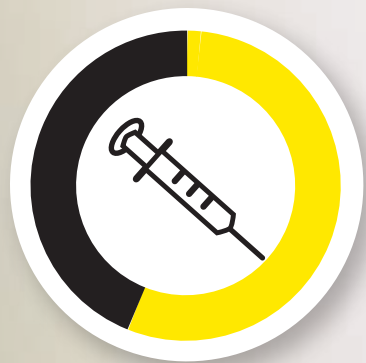


# HEPATITIS C IN CANADA

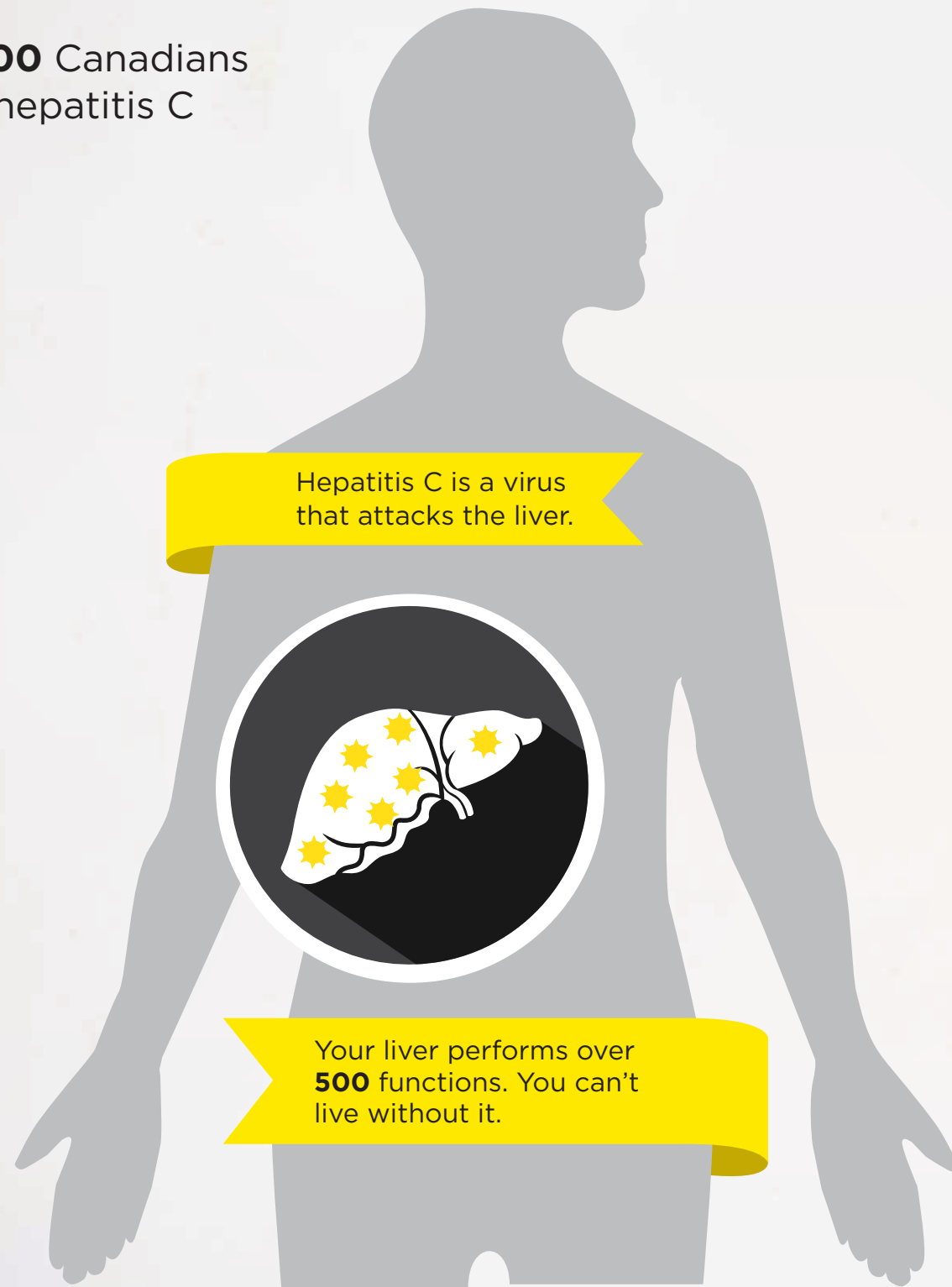
An estimated **1 out of 100** Canadians has been infected with hepatitis C in their lifetime.<sup>1</sup>



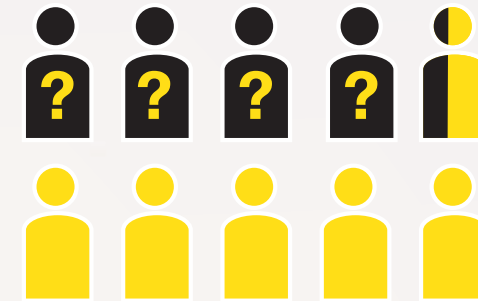
**35% were born outside of Canada<sup>1</sup>**, where most Hep C infections happen in healthcare settings.<sup>2</sup>



**43% have injected drugs.<sup>1</sup>** Lending or borrowing used equipment is a major risk factor for Hep C transmission.



A person can live **20 to 30** years with Hep C without any symptoms.<sup>3</sup>



An estimated **44%** of people with chronic Hep C in Canada don't know they have it.<sup>1</sup> The only way to know is to get tested.



Liver experts recommend that all Canadians born between **1945** and **1975** get tested for Hep C.<sup>3</sup>



There is **no** vaccine to protect against Hep C.



Treatment cures most people of hepatitis C. Treatments can be completed within eight to 12 weeks..

<sup>1</sup> Trubnikov M, Yan P, Archibald C. Estimated Prevalence of Hepatitis C Virus Infection in Canada, 2011. Canada Communicable Disease Report: Volume 40-19, December 18, 2014.

<sup>2</sup> Guidelines for the Screening, Care and Treatment of Persons with Hepatitis C Infection. World Health Organization, 2014.

<sup>3</sup> Liver Disease in Canada: A Crisis in the Making. Canadian Liver Foundation, 2013.