My Mom Has Hepatitis C
Synopsis

How do you explain to a 10-year-old why his mother can't play with him like she used to? What can you say to make a 6-year-old understand why her mother goes to the doctor so often? With over 4 million Americans infected with hepatitis C, a large number are parents who ask themselves these questions everyday. Now the bestselling authors of Living With Hepatitis C: A Survivor’s Guide have joined forces with an early childhood specialist to answer these questions in a new book entitled My Mom Has Hepatitis C. An easy to understand story filled with 25 beautiful watercolor drawings, this book is the perfect way for parents and children to share information and feelings. My Mom Has Hepatitis C centers around Mom’s discovery that she has the hepatitis C virus, how she tells her son and daughter, their trips to the doctor and Mom's treatments. It ends when Mom finally goes into remission. The book also includes a straightforward and simple glossary of terms along with a list of recommended readings.

Book Information

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Grade Level: Kindergarten and up

Customer Reviews

Straight-shooting information with a heart to assuage the fears of children caught up in hep C’s inevitable family challenges. -- Ann Jesse, Executive Director, The Hepatitis C ConnectionThe thoughtful approach...will help parents develop a closeness with their children that will sustain them through many uncertainties... -- Thelma King Thiel, Chair and CEO, Hepatitis Foundation
International Weinberg's book is a valuable tool for moms and dads who must say to their children, 'I have hepatitis C.' -- Trish Parnell, Director, Parents of Kids with Infectious Diseases

With great accuracy and sensitivity this book provides...children with the hepatitis C information that they need to know. -- Alan P. Brownstein, President and CEO, American Liver Foundation

Hedy Weinberg is an award-winning writer and essayist. Diagnosed with hepatitis C in 1993, she brings personal understanding of how patients feel and what they want and need to know. Shira Shump, a specialist in early childhood education, works in the psychiatric day treatment program at the Square One Preschool. Gregory T. Everson, MD, a nationally recognized expert on the treatment of hepatitis C, is Professor of Medicine and Director of Hepatology at the University of Colorado School of Medicine. Joy Chen was born in Taiwan. She is now a freelance artist in New York City.

When an adult gets Hepatitis C, the symptoms are often vague. Tiredness, irritability, and mood changes are more difficult to explain than something concrete and visible like a broken leg. Sometimes the treatments make the parent more depressed. In the absence of good understanding, the child may blame herself or her parent. This book describes a young girl whose mother has Hepatitis C. The story is clear and straightforward. It does a good job of explaining the illness and showing that the mother loves her child even when she is feeling ill. However, the plot is fairly plain, and the characters do not come alive. I have recommended this book to mothers and fathers who are dealing with hepatitis C.

This book did something that no book about hepatitis C did before - it talked about it in a way that made it understandable for children. This beautifully illustrated and well written book is a must-have for anyone needing to explain hepatitis C to children. This book may be particularly useful for those who are plagued by hepatitis C symptoms or treatment side effects.

Hedy Weinberg, Shira Shump, and Dr. Everson have done a wonderful job with a very difficult subject to address with children. I think this book is a wonderful and much needed resource for helping adults explain hepatitis C in terms that children can understand. Carole W. Williams, RN, MN, Neighborhood Nurse Clinical Content Coordinator.

It is a great book. Touching, real, and affirmative.
Great book. I didn't give it five stars though because it was not as good as 'mommy has an STD' or 'Daddy got crabs from Mrs. Jones'.

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