

## **Hepatitis C treatment has come a long way**

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**Marcie Lindstrom, gastroenterology advanced practice provider at OSF HealthCare**

**“If we go back 10 or 15 years, hepatitis C treatment was really difficult. Treatment lasted a year or a year and a half. It required an injection. People really felt bad during treatment.” (:13)**

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**“Treatment today is so easy. It’s completed in as little as eight weeks. It’s a pill. No more injections.” (:08)**

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**“Often people are at parties and sharing a straw or dollar bill to ingest. There are a lot of blood capillaries inside the nose. Those can break open.” (:14)**

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**“Many people can have hepatitis C for decades before they become aware of it.” (:05)**

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**“That’s why treatment is important. We don’t want people to progress to getting cirrhosis. If they take their eight to 12 weeks of treatment and don’t have a lot of scarring, we have a high success rate in clearing the virus – 98 to 100%.” (:19)**