

The hepatitis C bus will soon be visiting



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The Hepatitis C bus is operated by the user organization proLAR Nett with funds from the Norwegian Directorate of Health. In the bus, there is an offer to check for hepatitis C infection. The examination can take up to an hour.

1. Blood test (prick in the fingertip) to check antibodies to hepatitis C. The analysis takes 5-10 minutes.
 - Those who have a negative test are healthy and do not need further examination.
 - Those who have a positive test have been infected at one time or another, and must take a new test to find out if they have chronic hepatitis C infection:
2. The test for active virus is done by analyzing a new blood sample (puncture in the fingertip). The blood sample is checked for active virus in an analysis machine. This examination may take one hour.
 - Those who do not have an active virus are healthy and do not need further examination.
 - Those who have an active virus are infected with HCV and are offered to examine how far the disease has developed.
3. The liver is examined with ultrasound (elastograph) to measure liver stiffness. This is a measure of how far the disease has come. This examination takes 5 - 10 minutes and takes place while the blood sample is being analyzed in the machine.
4. Those who test positive for chronic hepatitis C are offered treatment. Today, hepatitis C treatment usually consists of tablet (s) once daily for 3 months. The treatment is free and starts as soon as possible after examination in the bus.

Those who are aware of their infection status in advance can get an elastographic examination without going through steps 1 and 2. The bus also offers rapid HIV testing for those who want it.

Watch the info film about the hepatitis C bus on YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=k0ZCb9GHG64>