

# Study finds racial differences in cure rates for Hepatitis C

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Electron micrographs of hepatitis C virus purified from cell culture. Scale bar is 50 nanometers. Credit: Center for the Study of Hepatitis C, The Rockefeller University.

In a large ethnically diverse group of patients seen at a community-based Veterans Affairs practice, cure rates for chronic hepatitis C were lower for African American individuals relative to White individuals, even when patients were receiving optimal therapies.

The findings are published in *Pharmacology Research & Perspectives*.

The investigators noted that although the results demonstrate the importance of racial/ethnic differences in [chronic hepatitis C](#), the true causes of these differences remain unclear and should be further explored in prospective studies where drug levels and patient genetics are taken into account.

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