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How to understand Hepatitis c causesh

Hepatitis C can strike anyone with various backgrounds and many people are not aware of its transmission. Around 2.2% of Indonesian population (5 million people) are now infected by hepatitis C, said Rino A. Gani, internist-hepatologist and Indonesian Liver Researcher Association (PPHI) President during 2013 World Hepatitis Day event, a collaboration of PPHI, Indonesian Red Cross (PMI), and PT Roche Indonesia. Hepatitis C has infected 180 million people around the globe, four times higher than HIV-infected patients. Hepatitis C can be transmitted via blood contact with infected individuals, common share of injection drug, tattoo, piercing, unsterilized razor, blood transfusion, and unprotected sexual activity. About 80 percent of individuals with hepatitis C are drug users. Hepatitis C may develop into liver cancer if not treated properly and vaccine against hepatitis C is not yet developed.

Person quoted (s): DR. Dr Rino A. Gani, SpPD, K-GEH, Head of Indonesian Liver Researchers Association (PPHI)

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Save Your Liver, Save Your Life

July 28 is observed as World Hepatitis Day as initiated by WHO. During 2013 World Hepatitis Day event, PPHI, PMI, and PT Roche Indonesia launched "Save Your Liver, Save Your Life" program to raise public awareness on hepatitis C. The program represents PT Roche Indonesia commitment to alleviate hepatitis C by ensuring the availability of hepatitis C golden standard treatment and complementing it with support program for the patients, said Mike Crichton, Chairman for PT Roche Indonesia. Around 2% of Indonesian population are infected by hepatitis C and 75%-85% of them will develop into cirrhosis. The health program will expand treatment access.

Person quoted (s): Mike Crichton, Chairman, PT Roche Indonesia

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Roche indonesia is urged to lower hepatitis c drug

A group of activists from 14 NGOs in a “ODHA Berhak Sehat (PLHIV Have Health Rights)” campaign protested against PT Roche Indonesia to lower its patented hepatitis C drug. Based on activists’ data, there are at least 7 million people infected by hepatitis C. Hepatitis C co-infected by HIV tends to develop faster, risking people with HIV (PLHIV) life. The condition is aggravated by the very expensive hepatitis C treatment, said Ayu Oktariani, Public Campaigner of ODHA Berhak Sehat. Today, hepatitis C treatment can reach Rp25 million per month, with total of Rp250 million per patient for the whole treatment. According to the campaigner, WHO has classified hepatitis C drug into essential drugs thus it should be provided cheaply to public. However, Health Ministry has not followed suit to include pegylated interferon alpha-2a into national essential drugs, so that its price can be regulated by government.

Person quoted (s): Ayu Oktariani, Public Campaigner, ODHA Berhak Sehat

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Kalbe farma products (photo caption)

PT Kalbe Farma Tbk Chairman, Vidjongtius, with Head of Regenic PT Bifarma Adiluhung, a subsidiary of Kalbe Farma, are showing two Kalbe Farma products, Zee and Diabetasol, that have been marketed to Myanmar. Kalbe Farma is optimistic that market expansion to Myanmar can lead to further expansion into ASEAN market.

Person quoted (s): Vidjongtius, chairman, PT Kalbe Farma
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