

To put it simply, hepatitis C is a disease caused by a virus living in your blood. A virus is a tiny bug that attacks a certain part of your body. Just like the flu, which attacks your breathing or respiratory system, hepatitis C is a virus that is particularly harmful to your liver.

The liver is the body's largest organ, about the size of a football and located in the upper right side of the abdomen. Think of your liver as your body's factory. It makes several things that keep you healthy and cleans away certain harmful poisons from your bloodstream.

In fact the liver performs more than 500 functions such as helping you store vitamins, minerals, and irons. It manages levels of certain chemicals, including hormones, cholesterol and sugars, digests food and breaks down toxins, processing hemoglobin, and producing blood clotting factors, and of course filtering wastes and toxins.

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