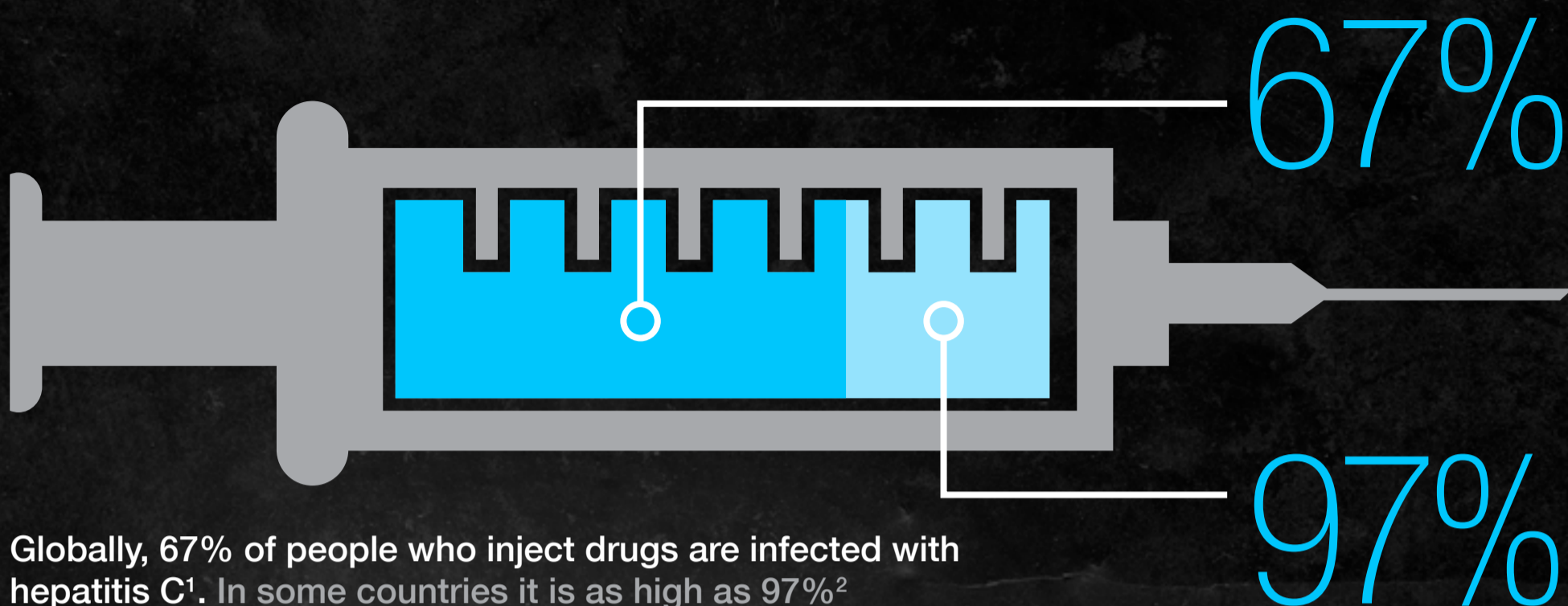


# PREVENT HEPATITIS: HARM REDUCTION



10 million

people who inject drugs worldwide have hepatitis B or C<sup>3</sup>

Vaccination rates for hepatitis B among people who inject drugs are lower than in the general population<sup>3</sup>



Unlike many other infections hepatitis can be transmitted from surfaces.

The hepatitis C virus can survive outside the body at room temperature, on environmental surfaces, for at least 16 hours<sup>4</sup>

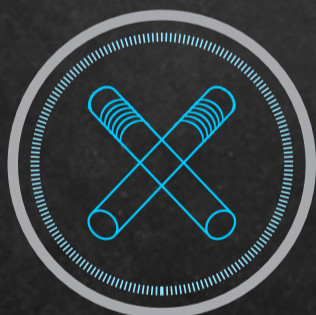
\* Stigma and discrimination of people who use drugs stops them getting tested and treated

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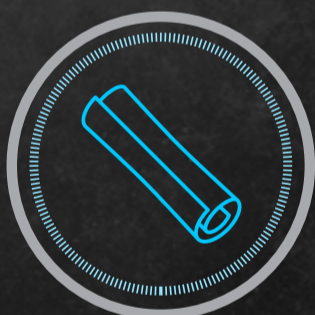
Don't share:



Spoons



Straws



Bank notes



Pipes



Needles



Syringes



1.2 million injecting drug users have hepatitis B.<sup>2</sup>

**Demand vaccination.**

The World Health Organization estimates that harm reduction interventions reduce hepatitis C virus transmissions among people who inject drugs by 75-80%<sup>5</sup>

**TAKE ACTION:**  
**PREVENTION – GET VACCINATED**  
**SCREENING – GET TESTED**  
**TREATMENT – GET BETTER**

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