Infection Control
Pathogen Primer

Hepatitis C

Hepatitis C explained
Hepatitis C is liver disease, or more appropriately the inflammation of the liver, that is caused by a virus in humans.

How you get sick from Hepatitis C
Hepatitis C is contagious and can be transmitted through sharing contaminated needles, syringes, razors, and toothbrushes. A mother who has Hepatitis C can transmit the virus to her newborn.

Information about Hepatitis C
• Currently there is no vaccine for Hepatitis C, however, 15%-25% of infected people will naturally recover from this virus.
• 75%-80% of people who are infected with Hepatitis C will develop chronic liver problems.
• 50%-90% of people who have HIV and use injection drugs also have Hepatitis C.

Other Information
The most common way Hepatitis C is spread is through sharing needles or other injection equipment. Blood-to-blood contact is the only way a person can get Hepatitis C. The Needlestick Safety and Prevention Act and OHSA’s Bloodborne Pathogen Standard were created to regulate and mitigate the spread of bloodborne pathogens.

Infection Control Strategies
Proper sanitation of surfaces and medical equipment. More info on the CDC Hepatitis C Webpage.
Multi-Clean Disinfectants:
All Multi-Clean disinfectants have claims for Hepatitis C.

Multi-Clean Disinfectant Products
• Millennium Q 64
• Century Q Wipes
• Century Q 256
• Microcide TB
• E-Fecticide 128