

Table 2 Knowledge questions

| Statement (n=850) | I don't know (%) | True (%) | False (%) |
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| Hepatitis C infections are usually long-term. | 17.65 | 69.18* | 13.18 |
| Most hepatitis C infections do not show symptoms. | 21.41 | 41.88* | 36.71 |
| Only injecting drug users can get hepatitis C. | 10.94 | 5.88 | 83.18* |
| There are no medications that can cure hepatitis C infection. | 28.0 | 17.88 | 54.12* |
| Getting hepatitis C once means you can never get it again. | 38.71 | 19.29 | 42.0* |
| Hepatitis C treatment involves very serious side effects. | 41.29 | 41.06 | 17.65* |
| Hepatitis C is screened for during medical fitness tests in the UAE. | 26.59 | 61.76 | 11.65* |
| Hepatitis C treatment is lifelong. | 35.29 | 42.71 | 22.0* |
| There is a vaccine for hepatitis C. | 38.04 | 37.86 | 24.10* |
| Which of the following are complications of hepatitis C? (n=709) | | | |
| | | True | False |
| Fatigue/tiredness | | 39.35* | 60.65 |
| Blindness | | 4.23 | 95.77* |
| Stroke | | 7.19 | 92.81* |
| Death | | 45.84* | 54.16 |
| Depression | | 16.22* | 83.78 |
| Liver failure | | 91.4* | 8.6 |
| Liver cancer | | 68.12* | 31.88 |
| Heart attack | | 8.18 | 91.82* |

Participants were given a series of statements about HCV and asked whether they are true or false, or they don't know. Only 850 answered these statements since 233 participants stated that they knew nothing about HCV and hence did not fill in this section. The percentages for complications are calculated from 709 responses since 141 participants stated that they do not know of any complications.

* indicates the correct answer