**Your hep C story for Tx! MAG…**[hep.org.au/people-of-tx-mag-personal-hep-c-stories-wanted](https://www.hep.org.au/people-of-tx-mag-personal-hep-c-stories-wanted/)

*If you need any inspiration or a guide for telling your story maybe chose a couple of points from below.
You don’t have to write about any of these, but they might be a useful prompt. We only need 200-250 words.*

**It doesn't matter how well you can write. We have absolutely no judgement about how you came to have hep C. It's your story and that's what's important!**

**Living with hep C**

* How/when did you find out that you had hep C?
* Do you know how long you were living with the virus before diagnosis?
* Do you know how you might have acquired hep C?
* Did anything specific in your life, or with your health, cause you to ask to be tested?

**Stigma**

* Did you experience any stigma/discrimination (from family, friends, colleagues, employers, medical people, police, others) because of your hep C? Were there any specific incidents?
* How did you feel about having hep C, did you feel bad or blame yourself (“self-stigma”)?
* Has stigma/discrimination continued even after you were cured of hep C?
* Were there cultural reasons for the stigma?

**Your treatment**

* Were you previously treated using interferon/ribavirin? If yes, how did that effect your health/life at the time of treatment? Was it successful/unsuccessful?
* Your treatment with Direct Acting Antivirals (DAAs):
	+ Was this before 1 March 2016 (compassionate access or self-imported generics)?
	+ Was this after 1 March 2016 (under PBS)?
* How did you feel while on DAA treatment?
* Was the DAA treatment successful (were you cured)?
* If the DAA treatment was unsuccessful, did you try again and did that work?
* Did you go to a local GP, or to a Liver Clinic, or both?
* Did you have any trouble finding a doctor/GP to treat you?
* Did you have any trouble finding a chemist to give you the medication?
* Did you have trouble accessing any part of treatment (due to distance, travel, location, disability, personal/life issues)? If yes, were you able to overcome these problems, and how?
* Did you need many tests? How was that process for you? Was the need for the tests and/or the results of the test clearly explained to you?

**Problems and support**

* During DAA treatment did you feel like giving up? Did you stop treatment? Did you let the doctor know? If you did stop, did you restart again later?
* Were there any significant side-effects during DAA treatment?
* Did you use any support services (for example, Hepatitis NSW Info-line, counsellors, other)?
* Did you have support from family or friends?
* How was your living situation at the time – homeless, prison?