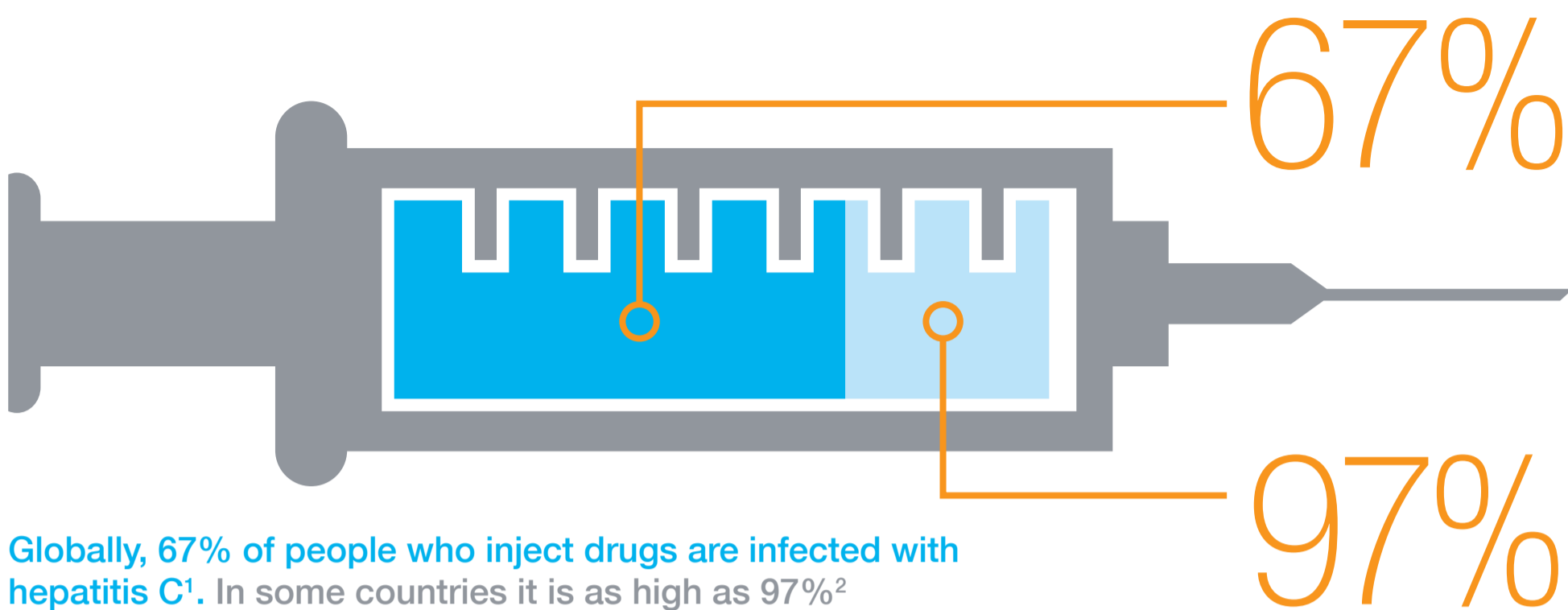


PREVENT HEPATITIS: HARM REDUCTION



10 million

people who inject drugs worldwide have hepatitis B or C³

Vaccination rates for hepatitis B among people who inject drugs are lower than in the general population³



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 hours⁴

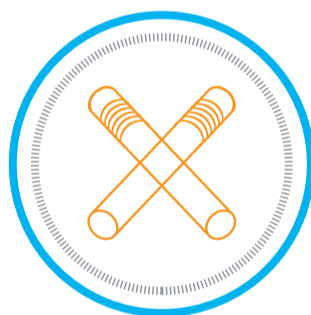
★ Stigma and discrimination of people who use drugs stops them getting tested and treated

PREVENT HEPATITIS: IT'S UP TO YOU

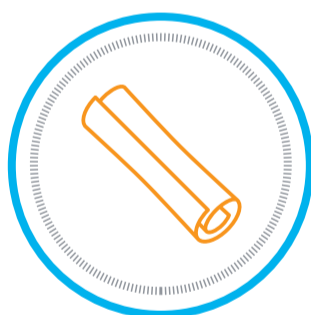
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Spoons



Straws



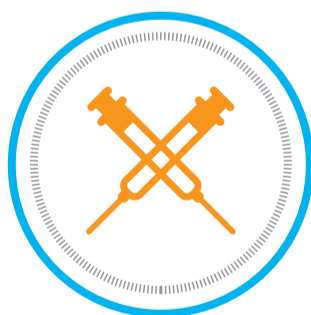
Bank notes



Pipes



Needles



Syringes



1.2 million injecting drug users have hepatitis B.²

Demand vaccination.

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

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

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