HOW DOES HEP C INFECTION AFFECT MENTAL HEALTH IN US VETERANS?

Many people with Hep C have mental health concerns—one group in particular is American veterans. A study from the Veterans Affairs Medical Centers (VAMCs) found that 78% of veterans with HCV (hepatitis C virus) infection had at least one psychiatric or substance abuse disorder. At least 54% had a history of both.

Discharge diagnosis statistics for veterans with comorbid psychiatric and substance abuse disorders show that depression is the most common (85%) disorder, followed by anxiety disorder (71%), PTSD (post-traumatic stress disorder) (43%), psychotic disorder (42%), and bipolar disorder (30%).

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