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On 18 Aug 2006 12:18:19 -0700, "JCrawford3663" <[JCrawford3663@xxxxxxxxx](mailto:JCrawford3663@xxxxxxxxx)> wrote:

I found out I might've been exposed to hepatitis c, though i certainly hope not. I was at my buddies last week and we went in the jacuzzi, little did I know that earlier in the day he and his girlfriend had been in there and she gave him a blowjob in the tub (didn't swallow (gross now that it's in the tub)) and my buddy may or may not have hep c. He had it at one time because he told me once he has antibodies but his viral count indetectible and he's had it since the 80's (also has no liver damage or symptoms – which is great, he's such a good friend I'm glad it hasn't been a problem for him). Anyway I've done some research on it and I know that the sexual transmission rate is extremely low estimated at .03% in some studies to 2.5% in others, but it's basically impossible to spread sexually almost, unless you try to.

Anyway, I spent about an hour soaking in their tub before anyone knew i was there and told me to get out. I submersed a couple times and had some scratches that were scabbed over but i'd had them for a week or so prior to getting in the tub so they were heavily scabbed.

I'm a bit concerned I may have contracted it, anybody got any idea what the risk is here? Sure would appreciate some info on this.

\*\*I posted this on another board and had conflicting responses, one person said that the chances of infection were zero to none, and another person just simply said it was easy to answer and that i should go get tested... any input on this would be helpful.

And they were both correct: even assuming your friend is actively infected, the odds of you being infected from your jacuzzi adventure are nearly zero – and in 8 weeks or so, an HCV antibody test will prove it (it takes some time for antibodies to develop).

I'm a little curious how one broaches the fact that a friend has been allowed to stew for an hour in a blown load (ewwwwwwwww!)  
Must've been one hell of a conversation...

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Cheers

/greyhackles (oh – and thanks for that imagery 8-P

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