

Table 3.3. Reported risk behaviors/exposures[†] among reported cases of acute hepatitis C – United States, 2018

| Risk behaviors/exposures | Risk identified* | No risk identified | Risk data missing |
|---|------------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| Injection drug use | 1,102 | 433 | 2,086 |
| Multiple sex partners | 212 | 462 | 2,947 |
| Surgery | 124 | 832 | 2,665 |
| Sexual contact [§] | 105 | 278 | 3,238 |
| Needlestick | 91 | 781 | 2,749 |
| Men who have sex with men [¶] | 33 | 277 | 1,702 |
| Household contact (non-sexual) [§] | 30 | 353 | 3,238 |
| Dialysis patient | 18 | 1,041 | 2,562 |
| Occupational | 7 | 1,145 | 2,469 |
| Transfusion | 1 | 956 | 2,664 |

Source: CDC, Nationally Notifiable Diseases Surveillance System.

* Case reports with at least one of the following risk behaviors/ exposures reported 6 weeks to 6 months prior to symptom onset: 1) injection drug use; 2) sex contact with suspected/confirmed hepatitis C patient; 3) men who have sex with men; 4) multiple sex partners; 5) occupational exposure to blood; 6) dialysis patient; 7) receive blood transfusion; 8) underwent surgery.

[†] Reported cases may include more than one risk behavior/exposure.

[§] Cases with more than one type of contact reported were categorized according to a hierarchy: (1) sexual contact; (2) household contact (non-sexual).

[¶] A total of 2,012 acute hepatitis C cases were reported among males in 2018.