MEDICINE PRIZE 2020

The fight against one of our greatest global health problems – blood-borne hepatitis

Nobel Prize Lessons
The Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine

“the person who shall have made the most important discovery within the domain of physiology or medicine”
Who is rewarded with the Medicine Prize?

People who have either made a discovery about how organisms work or have helped find a cure for a disease.
The prize is awarded for pioneering research that led to the discovery of a new virus that causes the disease hepatitis.
The Nobel Laureates

“For the discovery of Hepatitis C virus”

Harvey J. Alter
Born: 1935, USA

Michael Houghton
Born: England

Charles M. Rice
Born: 1952, USA
Different types of hepatitis virus

- Hepatitis A virus
- Hepatitis B virus
- Hepatitis C virus
The Hepatitis C virus is identified – the contributions of the three laureates
For the greatest benefit to humankind

Sensitive Hepatitis C virus tests

Global inequities remain

Effective anti-viral drugs
“To see so many people get cured is astounding.”

Harvey J. Alter, 2020 Medicine Laureate
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