

UNITED STATES: Jon Secada Joins Hepatitis C Awareness Campaign in Effort to Spread Word Among Latinos

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Cuban-American singer-songwriter Jon Secada today joined a campaign to raise awareness of hepatitis C among Hispanics. The three-time Grammy Award-winner's father, Jose, died last year from complications of the virus; he had kept his diagnosis secret for a decade and did not access the treatment he needed. "You can't be silent with a silent disease that has consequences like chronic hepatitis C, you need to talk to your doctor and talk to your family," Secada said in a statement. Hispanics comprise an estimated one-third of the 3.2 million Americans with chronic hepatitis C infection. The American Liver Foundation and drugmaker Merck & Co. are sponsoring the campaign. For more information, visit www.HepatitisCTocaElTema.com (Spanish) or www.TuneInToHepC.com (English).

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