

TREATING HCV INFECTION IN 2019: It doesn't get much better than this

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Recommendations for Testing, Managing, and Treating Hepatitis C



- HCV Introduction
- Testing
- Staging
- HCV Drug Targets and Treatments
- Pre-treatment assessments
- Management post-SVR



Hepatitis C Virus Epidemiology (an update)



Prevalence of Chronic Hepatitis C Infection

Table 4 (with graph). Prevalence of HCV infection (HCV RNA positive) in the general population, by WHO region, with uncertainty intervals, 2015: 71 million persons living with HCV worldwide







WHO Global Hepatitis Report 2017

Prevalence of Chronic Hepatitis C

Infection

Table 3 (with map). Incidence of HCV infection in the general population, by WHO region, 2015:

1.75 million new infections in 2015





WHO Global Hepatitis Report 2017

HCV – Leading ID Cause of Death Globally

Fig. 2. Global annual mortality from hepatitis, HIV, tuberculosis and malaria, 2000–2015: unlike HIV, tuberculosis and malaria, the trend in mortality from viral hepatitis is increasing



Source: WHO global health estimates (Global Health Estimates 2015: deaths by cause, age, sex, by country and by region, 2000-2015. Geneva: World Health Organization; 2016.)



WHO Global Hepatitis Report 2017

HCV Screening and Testing



HCV Screening



Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report August 17, 2012

Recommendations for the Identification of Chronic Hepatitis C Virus Infection Among Persons Born During 1945–1965



Risk Based HCV Testing

Risk Behaviors Risk Exposures Other Conditions and Circumstances

One Time HCV Testing

For persons born from 1945 to 1965 without prior ascertainment of risk



MMWR August 17 2012 www.hcvguidelines.org



Repeat HCV Testing

People who inject drugs – annually MSM with HIV and high risk – annually Other risk – frequency based on risk

Sexual Transmission of Hepatitis C Virus Among HIV-Infected Men Who Have Sex with Men — New York City, 2005–2010



MMWR July 22, 2011 CDC STI GL 2015

HCV Algorithm

- If previously exposed start at HCV RNA
- Anti-HCV can be rapid (POC) or laboratory based
- If at risk of recent exposure repeat testing in 6 months
- 10-15% rate false negative anti-HCV in immunocompromised





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Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), 2013 (CDC, 2013)

Staging Liver Disease – Still Necessary?



Staging of Liver Disease Still Matters

Recommendations for Pretreatment Assessment

Evaluation for advanced fibrosis using liver biopsy, imaging, and/or noninvasive markers is
recommended for all persons with HCV infection, to facilitate an appropriate decision regarding
HCV treatment strategy and to determine the need for initiating additional measures for the
management of cirrhosis (eg, hepatocellular carcinoma screening). (see <u>HCV Testing and Linkage
to Care</u>)
Rating: Class L Level A

Rating: Class I, Level A





Rockey DC, et al. *Hepatology.* 2009;49:1017-1044. Regev A, et al. *Am J Gastroenterol.* 2002:2614-2618.

Alternatives to Liver Biopsy

Noninvasive approaches

- Serum Markers
 - Standard laboratory tests: APRI (<0.3,>2), FIB-4 (>3.25)
 - Commercial assays (FibroSure) (>0.8)
- Serum Markers
 - Elastography

Limitations

- Ability to distinguish F1 versus F2, etc.
 - Better to differentiate advanced versus early fibrosis
- Serologies impacted by inflammation
- Indeterminate outcomes common



Lin ZH, et al *Hepatology.* 2011;53:726-736. Vallet-Pichard A, et al. *Hepatology.* 2007;46:32-36. Myers RP, et al. *Dig Dis Sci.* 2003;48;146-153. Friedrich-Rust M, et al. *Z Gastroenterol.* 2013 Jan;51:43-54

Radiographic Assessments Newer Methods

- Ultrasound, CT, MRI
 - Conventional studies are unhelpful in assessment of fibrosis unless patient has decompensated cirrhosis
- Transient elastography
 - Methodology
 - Ultrasonic transducer sends a vibration wave into the liver
 - Elastic shear wave propagates through the liver
 - Velocity of wave correlates with tissue stiffness
- Test characteristics
 - Mean AUROC for the diagnosis of:
 - Severe fibrosis: 0.89 (95% CI, 0.88-0.91)
 - Cirrhosis: 0.94 (95% CI, 0.93-0.95)





Hepatitis C Virus Drug Targets and Treatments



Hepatitis C Virus

HCV Genome





Adapted from Naggie et al. J Antimicrob Chemother 2010



Closing the Gap in HIV





Hepatology, Volume: 67, Issue: 3, Pages: 847-857, First published: 06 November 2017, DOI (10.1002/hep.29642)



HCV Guidance: Recommendations for Testing, Managing, and Treating Hepatitis C



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Recommendations for Testing, Managing, and Treating Hepatitis C



Goal of Treatment

 The goal of treatment of HCV-infected persons is to reduce all-cause mortality and liver-related health adverse consequences, including end-stage liver disease and hepatocellular carcinoma, by the achievement of virologic cure as evidenced by a sustained virologic response.
 Rating: Class I, Level A

Recommendations for When and in Whom to Initiate Treatment

 Treatment is recommended for all patients with chronic HCV infection, except those with short life expectancies that cannot be remediated by treating HCV, by transplantation, or by other directed therapy. Patients with short life expectancies owing to liver disease should be managed in consultation with an expert.

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Recommended regimens for treatment-naïve patients with HCV genotype 1 or 4 without cirrhosis

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* Shortening to 8 weeks is allowable if Genotype 1 and baseline VL<6 million in persons without HIV or of African descent



Recommended regimens for treatment-naïve patients with HCV genotype 1 or 4 with compensated cirrhosis

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Recommended regimens for treatment-naïve patients with HCV genotype 2 or 3 without/with cirrhosis

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*for genotype 3 infection with cirrhosis, baseline NS5A RAS testing is recommended



When starting therapy:

- 1. Genotype/subtype
- 2. Cirrhosis yes/no?
- 3. Prior treatment experience? To DAA?
- 4. Is resistance testing required?

5. Other –

- 1. Renal function?
- 2. Liver function? \rightarrow Calculate Child Pugh for ALL cirrhotics
- 3. Drug interactions?



Approach to retreatment for DAA experienced patients





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- Co-formulated 3 pills once daily
- Pangenotypic
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- Registration program
- 8 weeks in treatment naïve and PEG/RBV failures without cirrhosis
- 12 weeks in cirrhosis
- Renal impairment
- HIV co-infection
- Post-transplant
- Limited in DAA salvage (not in EU)
- Contraindicated in decompensated liver disease



Glecaprevir/pibrentasvir: HIV





Rocksroh et al. EASL 2017

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 - NS5A
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Drug interactions of DAA and ARV

	LDV/SOF	SOF/VEL	ELB/GRZ	GLE/PIB	SOF/VEL/VO X
Boosted ATZ					
Boosted DRV					?
Efavirenz					
Rilpivirine					
Etravirine					
Raltegravir					
Elvitegravir /c				?	?
Dolutegravi r					
Bictegravir					
TDF					
TAF					

Other Pretreatment Assessments



- Active Substance Use
 - Not a contraindication; only if interferes with adherence
 - NO difference in treatment outcomes
 - Is re-infection a concern?
 - Alcohol use: educate patients on impact on HCV
 - Opportunity for medication assisted treatment (MAT) for opioid use disorder (OUD) or alcohol use disorder (AUD)



If you use drugs, here's what you need to know:

The best choice is to stop using. If you are going to inject drugs, do it as safely as you can:

Use a new needle and syringe every time.

Don't share needles or anything else with blood in or on it.

Clean the injection site with soapy water, alcohol swabs or rubbing alcohol before you inject.

If you don't have a new syringe and needle, and you must inject drugs before you can get clean ones, clean the syringe and needle with bleach to reduce your risk.

Prevent Hepatitis C.

New York State Department of Health



Barriers to adherence – assess readiness

- The purpose of the adherence assessment is to optimize support, not to deny access to treatment.
- Though HCV treatment regimens are relatively short in duration, assessing a patient's readiness for treatment and ability to adhere to a medication regimen and medical care appointments before initiating DAA therapy is essential.
- After the pre-treatment assessment and before treatment initiation, a plan can be developed with the patient to address potential barriers and/or to put support resources in place
- Recommend discussing the cost of the HCV regimen with the patient, as this can reinforce the importance of adherence and value of treatment



- Pregnancy Status/Contraception
 - Perform pregnancy test before starting HCV treatment
 - Before ribavirin: confirm negative pregnancy test, advise patients to use 2 BCM during and for 6 months after treatment, provide BCM counseling
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 - What if diagnosis made during pregnancy?



? Safety in Pregnancy

DAA	Animal Toxicology Pregnancy	Animal Toxicology Breast Feeding/Lactation
Sofosbuvir/Velpatasvir ± Voxilaprevir	No observed AE Sof with increased exposures during gestation	All DAA detected in breast milk and/or pups
Ledipasvir/sofosbuvir	No observed AE	Ledipasvir detected in pups
Elbasvir/Grazoprevir	No observed AE, cross placenta	Both DAA detected in breast milk
Glecaprevir/ pibrentasvir	Gle: No data for rabbits due to low (7%) exposures; Pib no observed AE	Both DAA detected in breast mild and/or pups



Rising HCV Epidemic Among Pregnant Women Delivering at Magee-Womens Hospital in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania





Chappell CA, et al. *Pediatrics*. 2018 Boneva L, et al. *CID*. 2014 Slide courtesy of Catherine Chappell





Slide courtesy of Catherine Chappell, CROI 2019 Abstract #87

Recruitment: October 2016 to October 2018





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Take home:

- Screening for HCV in pregnant women is important for early identification and to guide testing in infant
- Emerging data of safety and efficacy, PK data pending
- Difficult conversation, larger studies are needed







HBV Reactivation

Definition:

 Loss of HBV immune control in a patient with inactive or "resolved" HBV infection

Clinically:

- Ranges from subclinical to fatal hepatitis
- Rise in HBV DNA
- ALT increase (mild to very dramatic)
- May progress to liver failure/death despite antiviral therapy



Hoofnagle JH. Hepatology. 2009;49(5 suppl):S156-S165.

Agents Reported to Cause HBV Reactivation





Drug Safety Communications

FDA Drug Safety Communication: FDA warns about the risk of hepatitis B reactivating in some patients treated with direct-acting antivirals for hepatitis C

Safety Announcement

[10-04-2016] The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is warning about the risk of hepatitis B virus (HBV) becoming an active infection again in any patient who has a current or previous infection with HBV and is treated with certain direct-acting antiviral (DAA) medicines for hepatitis C virus. In a few cases, HBV reactivation in patients treated with DAA medicines resulted in serious liver problems or death.





U.S. Food and Drug Administration Protecting and Promoting Your Health **Drug Safety Communications**

- Between November 22, 2013 and July 18, 2016, 24 unique cases with confirmed HBV reactivation were identified, 5 more later added
- Case definition:
 - Temporal association with HCV DAA initiation AND
 - Evidence of increase in HBV DNA level <u>or</u> HBsAg seroconversion from negative to positive
- HBV reactivation usually occurred within 4-8 weeks (average-52 days) of DAA initiation
- Fatal and life-threatening events in 3 patients (deaths-2, liver transplant-1)
- A delay in identification and treatment of HBV reactivation associated with DAA therapy was noted



What do the guidelines say?

- All patients initiating HCV DAA therapy should be assessed for HBV coinfection with HBsAg, anti-HBs, and anti-HBc. Rating: Class IIa, Level B
- For HBsAg+ patients who are not already on HBV suppressive therapy:
 - Start on NA therapy if criteria met per GL
 - monitoring of HBV DNA levels during and immediately after DAA therapy for HCV is recommended and antiviral treatment for HBV should be given if HBV DNA changes >10 fold from BL or >10,000 if previously <LLOQ. Rating: Class IIa, Level B
 - Start on NA therapy for prophylaxis for those with low level DNA <1000 or <LLOQ, continue for 12 weeks



Take home:

- HBVr does occur in setting of DAA therapy, although unclear it is more common
- HBVr is rare in isolated HBcAb and further testing not recommended unless ALT increase
- Prophylaxis is recommended by EASL while AASLD/IDSA provides as option vs monitoring (?risk of withdrawal of prophylaxis?)



Management Post-SVR

- When do you stop testing for HCV RNA?
- Do liver enzymes (AST,ALT) normalize? (what is normal?)
- Did patient have steatosis on imaging?
- Does patient drink ETOH?
- Did patient have severe fibrosis on pre-treatment assessment?
- HCC screening, CP and MELD monitoring, ?EGD
- Is patient at risk of re-exposure?



Questions









HCV Reinfection: High in HIV-infected persons





Ingiliz et al, J Hep 2016 Carollo et al. CROI 2019 Abstract #86

HCV Reinfection: High in HIV-infected persons



HIV/HCV Co-infection: An AETC National Curriculum

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Take Home on Re-infection

- Re-infection rate in NYC (4.4/100) similar to areas of Europe
- In era of TasP, inadequate level of HCV treatment among MSM in NYC
- Gap in US in incident HCV infection rates and reinfection rates – target populations with higher prevalence and transmission riks for elimination efforts
- Need to treat early
- Prevention is essential....



Poster 596- HPTN 078- high rates of HCV exposure in MSM without HIV (~20%), not associated with HIV Infection Poster 598- MSM cohort recently acquired HCV, 40% without HIV infection, 67% sexual transmission

Treat early or treat as chronic?





HCV Infection- Treatment is Prevention



Should we treat acute hepatitis C? A decision and cost-effectiveness analysis – Bertha et al. Hepatology, 2017

Declining HCV incidence in Dutch HIV+ MSM after unrestricted access to HCV therapy – Boerekamps et al. Clin Inf Dis, 2018 in press

Ledipasvir and Tenofovir





German et al, Clin Pharm 2014; German et al. CROI 2015 Abstract 82; Naggie et al. NEJM 2015

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Figure 3. Interaction between ABT-493 and ABT-530 with Rilpivirine (Central Value Ratios and 90% CIs)





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