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# *Pre-Learning Questions*

Please consider the following questions in preparation for reviewing the Hepatitis C: Diagnosis and Management presentation:

- Why is it important to learn about Hepatitis C treatment in 2020?
- What are the current recommendations for screening for Hepatitis C?
- What is the baseline work up for Hepatitis C treatment?
- What are the main treatment options for Hepatitis C in 2020?



# Hepatitis C: Update on screening and treatment

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# Disclosures

- Speaking engagements and/or consultancy meetings from the following: Gilead, Merck, and Viiv.

Potential conflict of interest:

- Dr Hull has received honoraria from companies (listed above) whose products will be discussed during this program.





# Mitigating Potential Bias

- All honoraria are paid to Dr. Hull's institution.
- On-label recommendations following national/international guidelines.
- No recommendations made regarding specific choice of agents in this program.

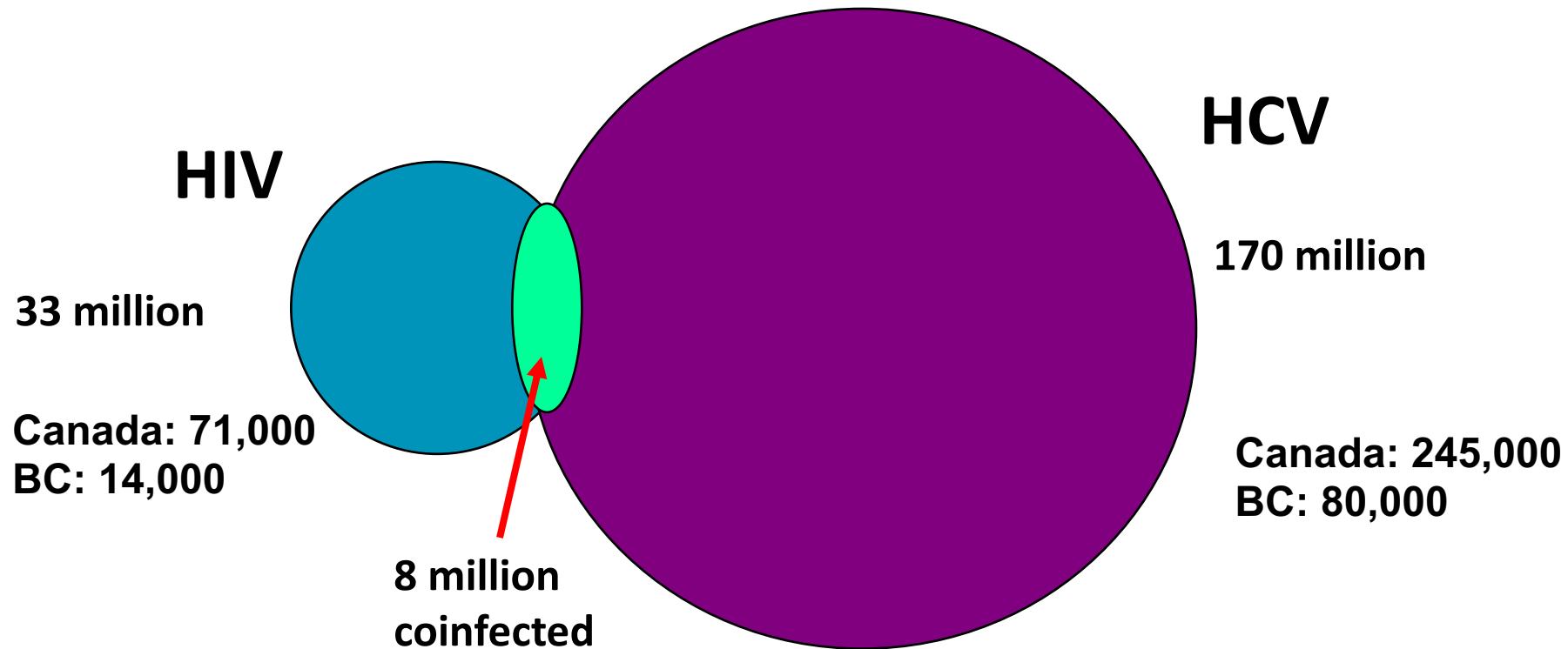


# Objectives

- Why should we care about Hepatitis C in 2019.
- Review current recommendations for screening for Hepatitis C.
- Review work up for therapy.
- Review treatment options and outcomes of therapy.



# Overlapping Global HCV and HIV Epidemics





# HIV in Vancouver's PWID

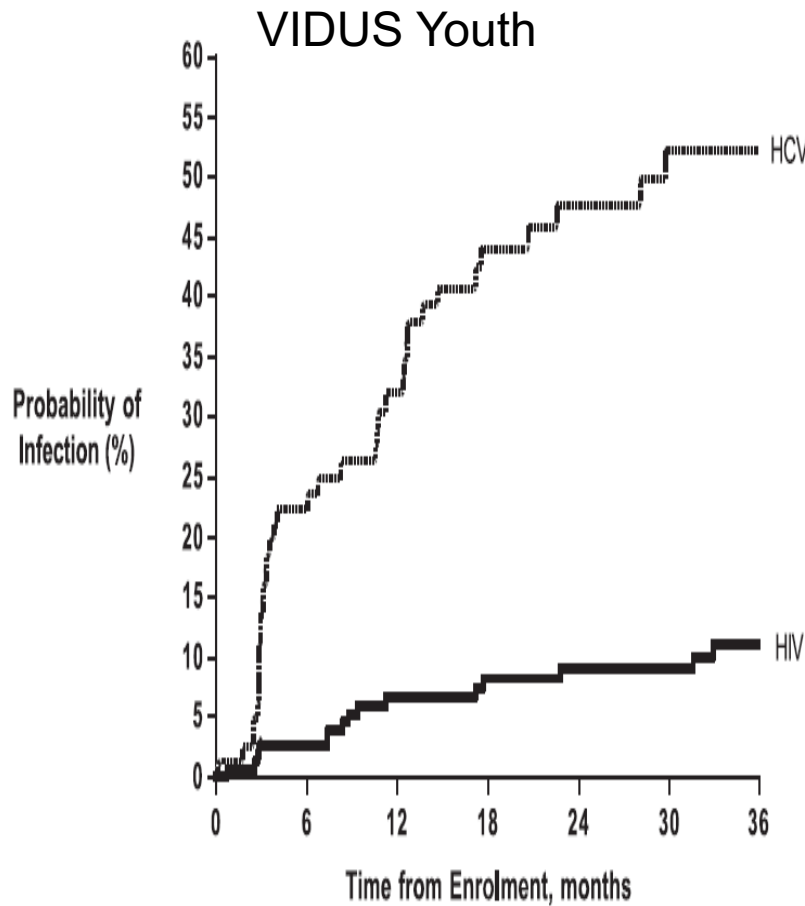
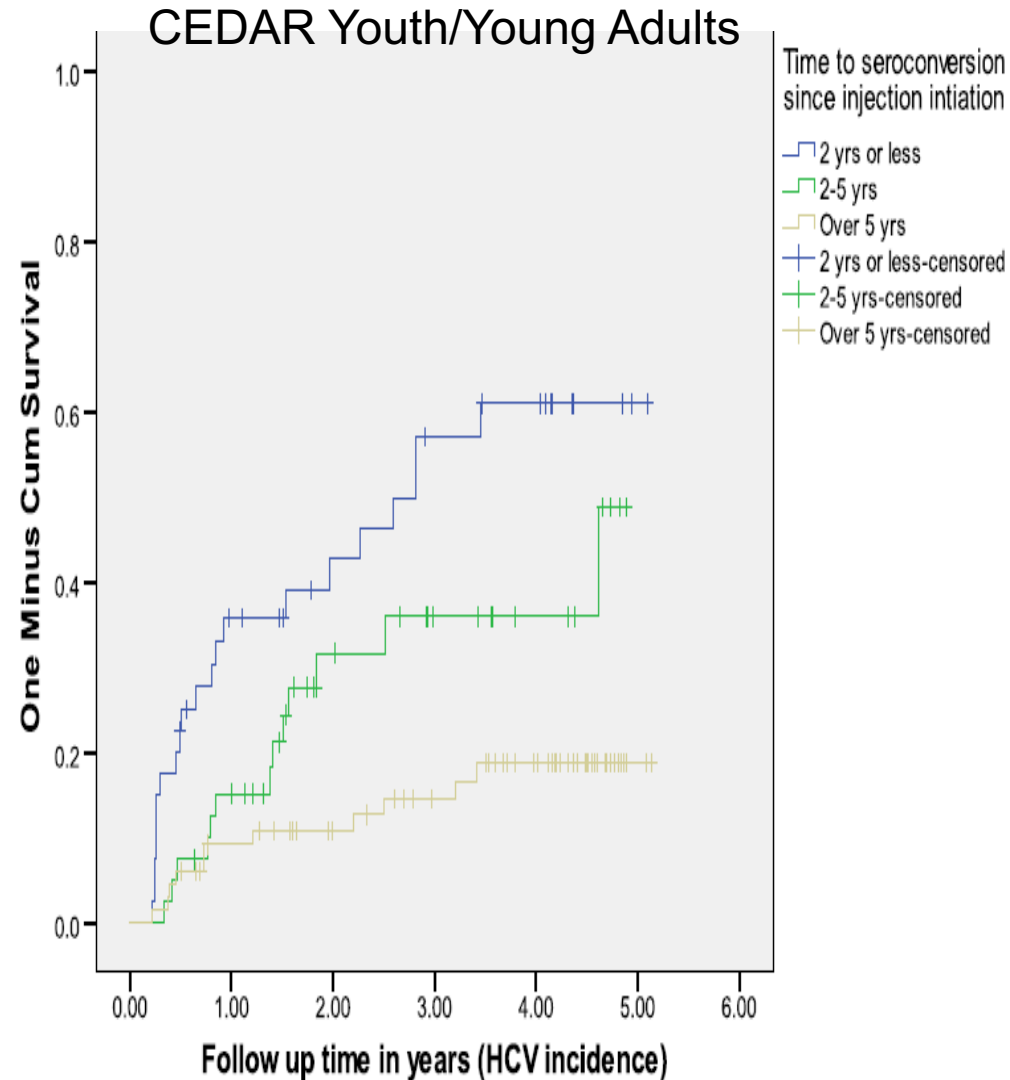


Figure 1. Cumulative HIV and HCV infection rates among IDU  $\leq 24$  years of age at baseline





# HCV Natural History

- 75-85% patients exposed to HCV develop chronic infection
- 16- 20% pts develop cirrhosis after 20 years of infection  
Thein, HH et al. Hepatology 2008;48:418.
- Hepatic decompensation after cirrhosis - 3.9% per year risk  
Fattovich, G et al. Gastroenterology 1997;112:463.
  - ❖ ascites, variceal bleeds, encephalopathy
  - ❖ Hepatocellular carcinoma

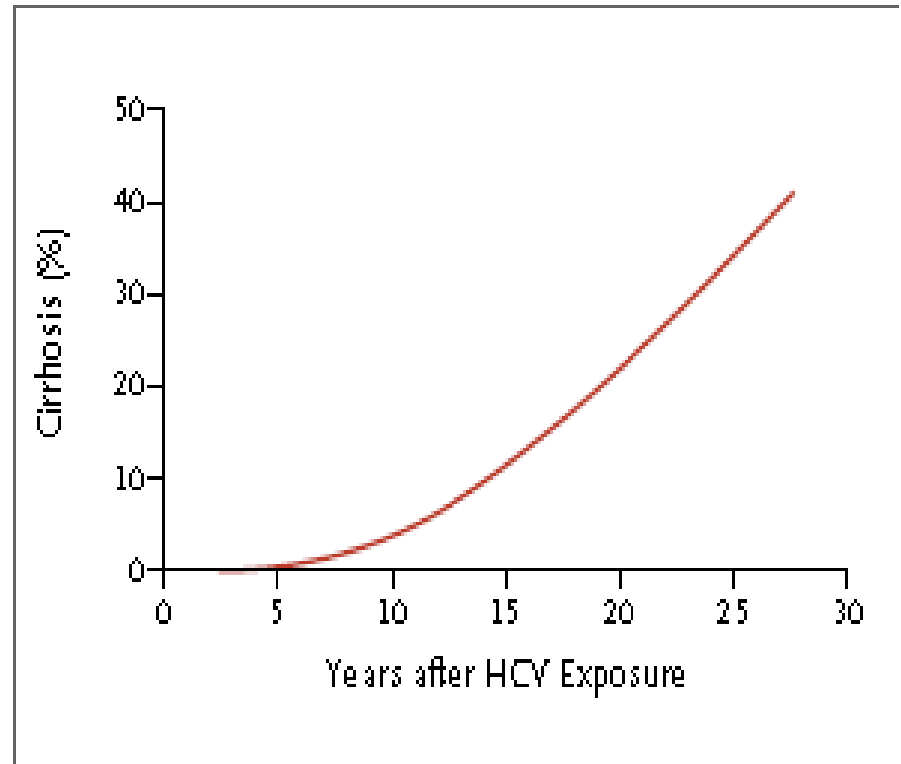
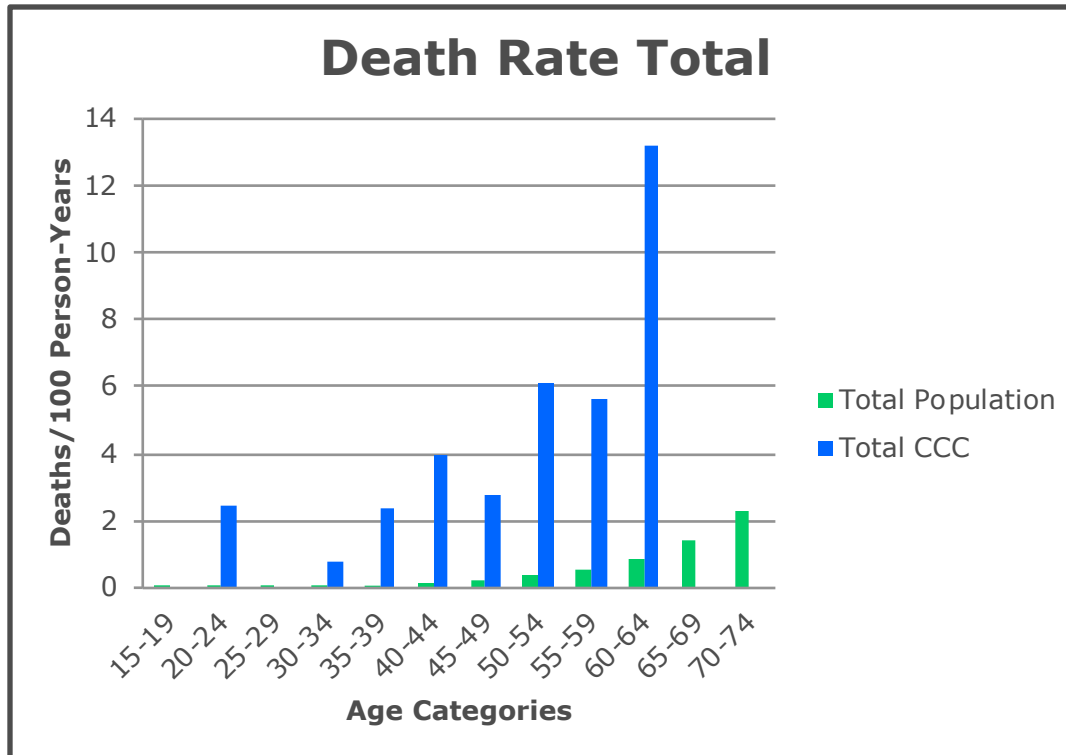


Figure 1. Natural History of Hepatitis C Virus (HCV) Infection.



# Mortality in the Canadian Co-infection Cohort Study



Cause of death	N	%
ESLD	18	29
OVERDOSE	15	24
CANCER	6	10
AIDS	3	5
OTHERS (infections/trauma)	9	15
UNKNOWN	11	18
Total	62	100

SMR: 17.08 (95% CI; 12.83, 21.34) for males

SMR: 28.74(95% CI; 14.66, 42.83) females





# Who to screen for Hepatitis C

- Population-based screening
  - Those born between 1945 – 75 Shah, H. CMAJ 2018;June 4;190:e677 – 87.
- Risk-Based screening
  - Persons who inject drugs (PWID) or history of ever using injection drugs
  - Prior incarceration
  - Remote blood transfusion
  - Immigrants from endemic countries Shah, H. CMAJ 2018;June 4;190:e677 – 87, Ha S. Can Comm Dis Rep 2016;42:57-62.



# Assessment for HCV

- 1. Screening Hepatitis C Antibody
  - If positive – perform Hepatitis C RNA PCR to determine active viremia
  - If viremic, order HCV genotype
- 2. Clinical staging for cirrhosis/advanced disease
- 3. Vaccinate as needed for Hepatitis A,B, pneumonia





# Staging of Liver Disease - APRI

## AST: Platelet Ratio Index

$$\text{APRI} = \frac{\frac{\text{AST Level}}{\text{AST (Upper Limit of Normal)}}}{\text{Platelet Count (10}^9\text{/L)}} \times 100$$



# Staging of liver disease

- APRI > 0.7 Sensitivity 77% Specificity 72% for significant fibrosis
- APRI < 0.7 has high sensitivity to rule out significant liver disease
- APRI > 2 Sensitivity 46% Specificity 91% for cirrhosis Wai, C. Hepatology 2003;38:518, Lin Z. Hepatology 2011;53:726



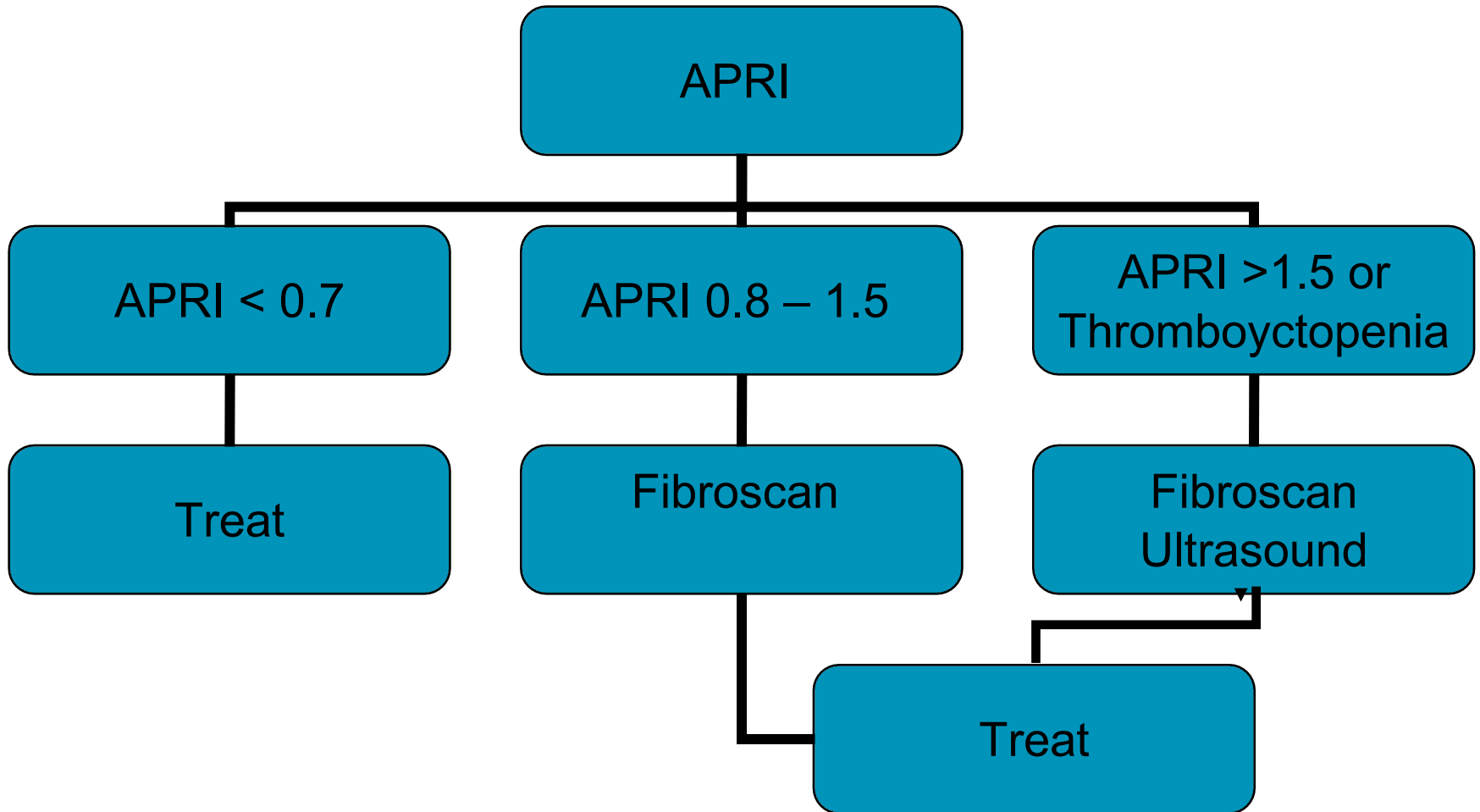
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- Use of non-invasive techniques such as transient elastography (Fibroscan) Stebbing, J et al. J Clin Gastro 2010;44:214.





# Staging of liver disease



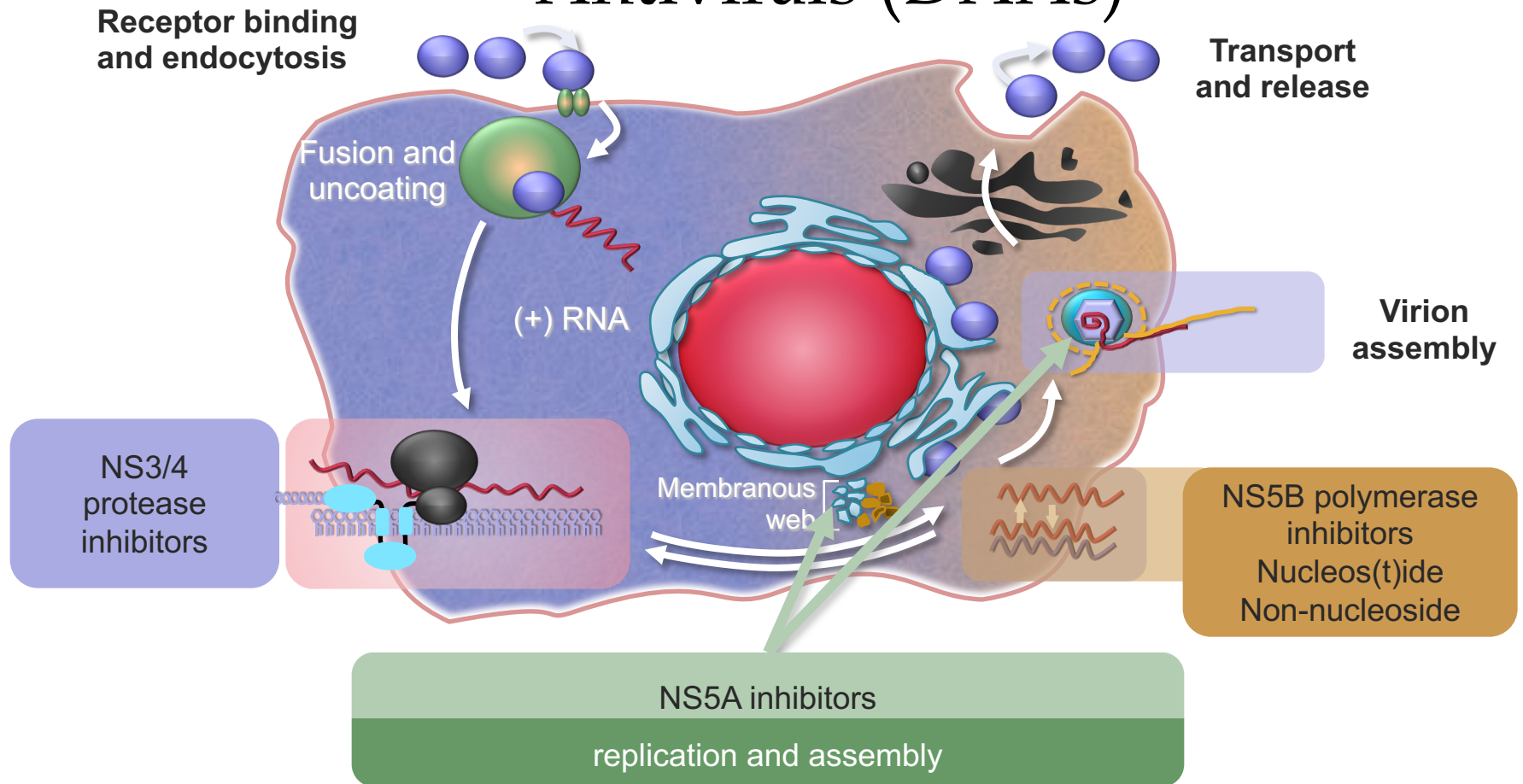


# Therapy 2019

- **Who can be treated for Hepatitis C?**
- **Everyone!**
- No restrictions on access to care based on stage of liver disease or genotype
  - Treatment options may differ for those with advanced liver disease
  - Salvage therapy for prior treatment failure now available



# HCV Life Cycle and Targets for Direct-Acting Antivirals (DAAs)





# DAA Agents 2019

Mode of action	Agent
NS3/4A Protease Inhibitors	Grazoprevir Voxilaprevir Glecaprevir
NS5A Inhibitors	Ledipasvir Elbasvir Velpatasvir Pibrentasvir
NS5B Inhibitors	Sofosbuvir



# Fixed dose combination DAA's

- Pan-genotypic regimens:
  - glecaprevir/pibrentasvir
  - sofosbuvir/velpatasvir
- Genotype 1 specific regimens:
  - sofosbuvir/ledipasvir
  - elbasvir/grazoprevir





# Factors influencing Regimen Choice

- Genotype (pan genotypic agent, or genotype specific?)
- History of prior HCV therapy (treatment failure/relapse?which agents?)
- Presence of cirrhosis
- Co-morbid conditions
  - End-stage renal disease
- Assessment of Drug Interactions



# Common Drug Interactions with HCV DAA's

Drug	sofosbuvir/ velpatasvir	glecaprevir/ pibrentasvir	elbasvir/ grazoprevir
PPI	Timing critical	Data for 20mg omeprazole	
Anticonvulsants			
Rifampin			
Certain HIV agents			
Statins	Rosuvastatin	Atorvastatin	

Helpful Hint: Download University of Liverpool HCV Drug Interaction App!!  
(Liverpool HEP iChart)



ARV	Sofosbuvir/ Ledipasvir	Sofosbuvir/ Velpatasvir	Elbasvir/ Grazoprevir	Glecaprevir/ Pibrentasvir
Raltegravir				
Dolutegravir				
Elvitegravir/ cobicistat	TDF increase	TDF increase		
Efavirenz				
Rilpivirine				
Etravirine		Co- administration not studied		
Atazanavir/r				
Darunvir/r				



# Factors affecting regimen choice

	Genotype	HIV PI	PPI	ESRD	Pill burden daily
Sofosbuvir/ Ledipasvir	1				1
Sofosbuvir/ Velpatasvir	1-6				1
Elbasvir/ Grazoprevir	1				1
Glecaprevir/ Pibrentasvir	1-6				3



# Therapy for Hepatitis C – Treatment Naïve Individuals

Stage	Duration	DAA
Treatment naïve and no cirrhosis	8 weeks	G-P*
	12 weeks	sofosbuvir/velpatasvir
Treatment naïve and cirrhosis	12 weeks	G-P, sofosbuvir/velpatasvir **

- glecaprevir/pibrentasvir,
- \*\*ribavirin may be added to sof/vel if advanced liver disease



# Potential Second-line DAA Regimens

- Sofosbuvir/Velpatasvir/Voxilaprevir
  - Re-treatment of all prior DAA failures
  - Pan-Genotypic
  - 12 weeks
- Glecaprevir/Pibrentasvir
  - Retreatment of genotype 1 and 3 if exposed to certain DAA's in the past
  - 12 weeks (G1) or 16 weeks (G3)



# Post Treatment Follow-up

## Characteristic

## Follow-up

No advanced fibrosis  
(Metavir stage F0-F2)

- No hepatitis C follow-up

Advanced fibrosis  
(Metavir stage F3 or F4)

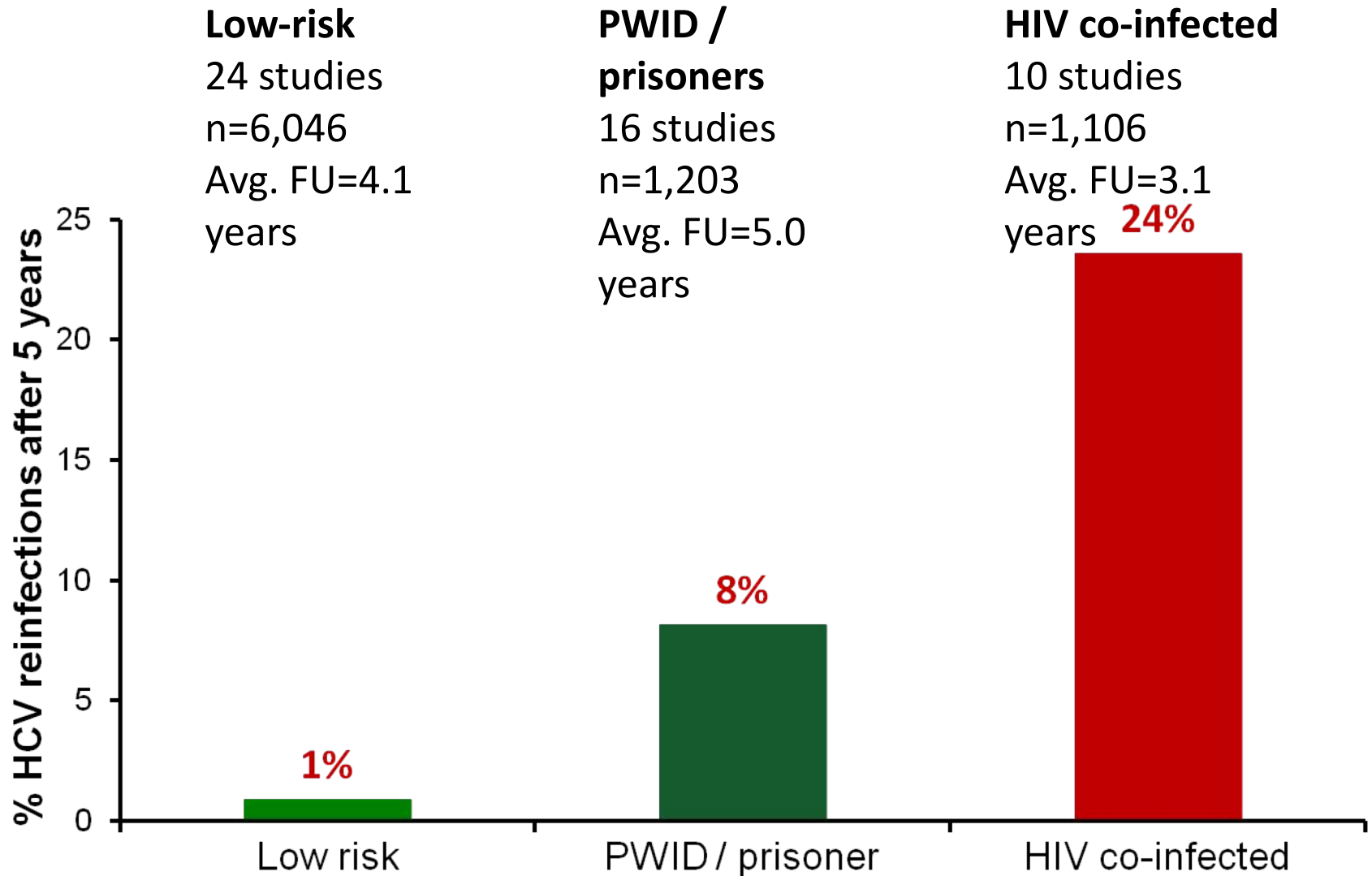
- **Twice-yearly ultrasound surveillance for hepatocellular carcinoma**
  - If compensated cirrhosis (F4) also refer for endoscopy to assess for varices

Ongoing hepatitis C risk or unexplained hepatic dysfunction

- Test for **reinfection** with quantitative hepatitis C RNA assay



# Education about reinfection risk is crucial

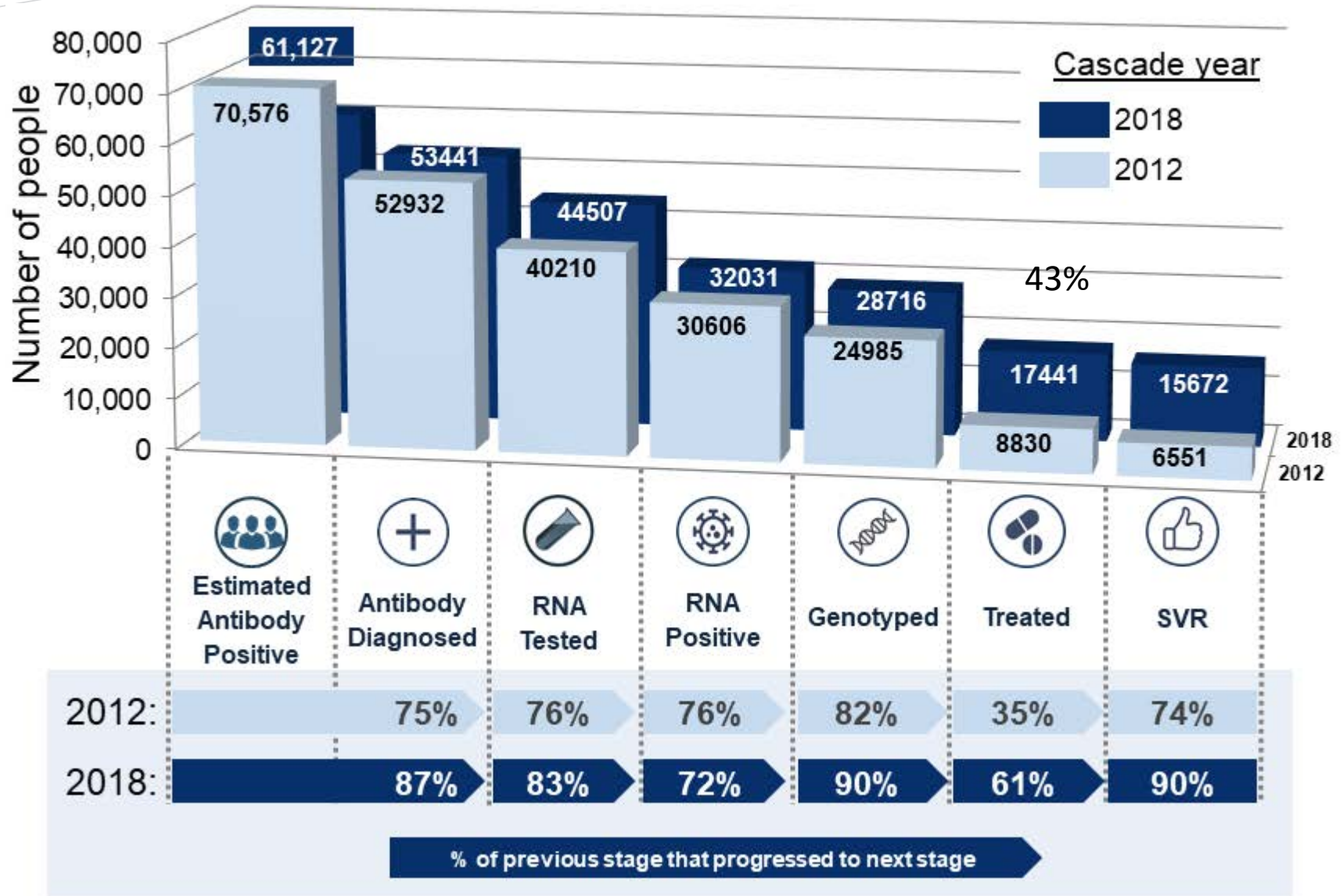






# HCV Cascade of Care in BC

## 2012 vs 2018





# Conclusions

- DAA regimens allow short course therapy for a majority of patients
  - Outcomes >95% SVR with most regimens
  - Outcomes for HIV co-infection equal mono-infection
- Regimens can be individualized based on patient factors
  - Comorbid conditions
  - Other drug interactions
- We must strive for identification of undiagnosed cases, universal therapy and ultimately HCV elimination



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# Hepatitis C

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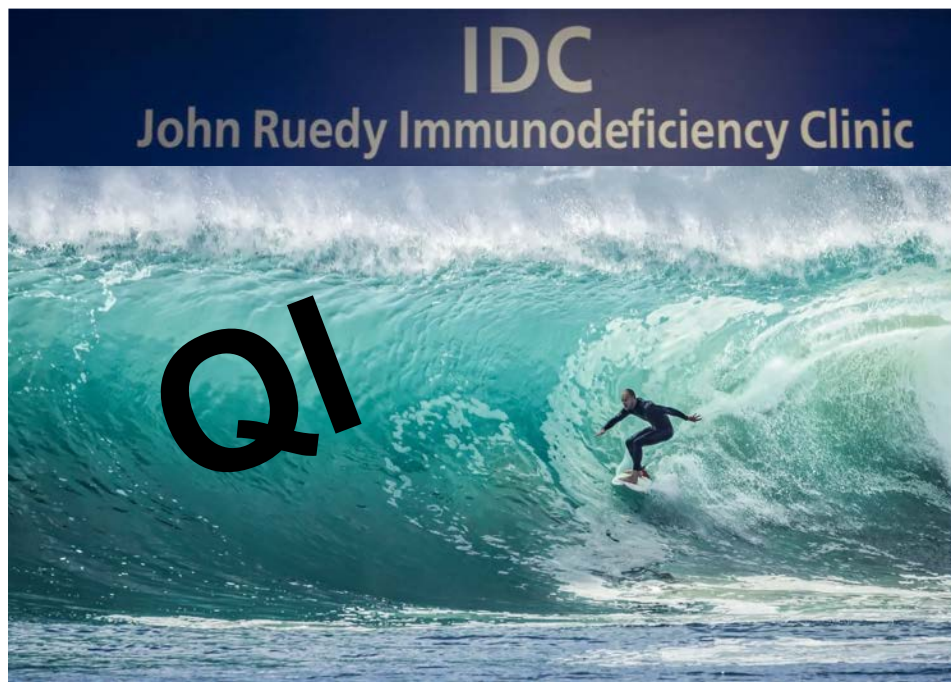
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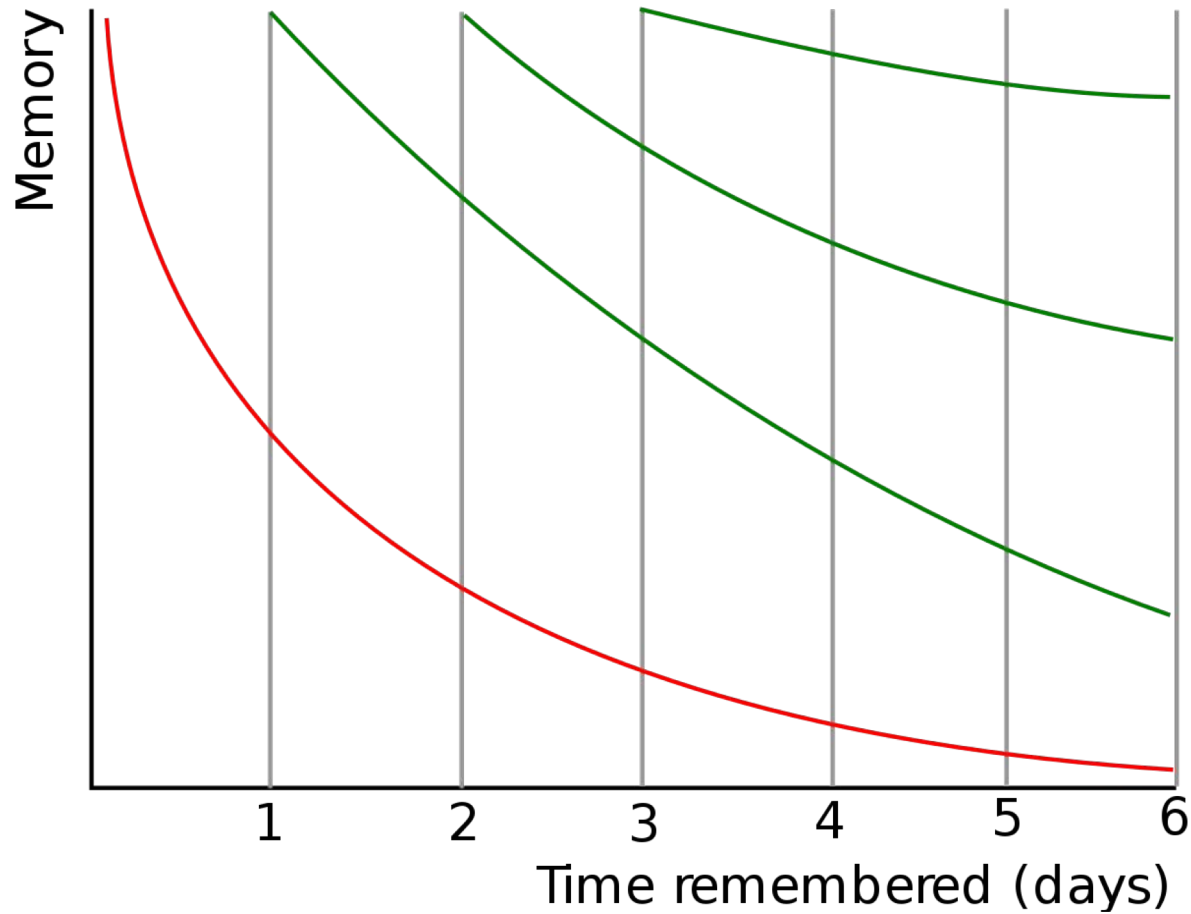


# Disclosures

- Travel grants received for conference attendance from the following
  - 2019 – Canadian Association for HIV Research (with support from Viiv)
  - 2017 – Gilead Sciences
  - 2016 – Canadian Association for HIV Research (with support from Viiv), Gilead Sciences
- Advisory Board – Viiv Feb 2019
- Mitigating bias
  - **Treatment recommendations based on Canadian Guidelines**



# The Forgetting Curve





# Mr. L

- 49M, construction worker, long-term girlfriend, patient of JDC for 10 years
- PMHx – HIV dx 2004, hepatitis C dx 2010
- Meds – atazanavir, ritonavir, TDF/FTC
- Habits – heavy etOH (binges), previous IVDU (none since 2010), daily cannabis
- Sexually active with one female partner



# Question for the team

*What else do you want to know  
on history?*





# First visit template

- PMH - «»
- Meds - «»
- Allergies - «»
- Habits
  - tobacco smoking - «»
  - cannabis - «»
  - ups (crystal, crack, cocaine, etc) - «»
  - downs (heroin, opiates, benzos) - «»
  - party drugs (ecstasy, ketamine, GHB, etc) - «»
  - etOH - «»
- SHx - «»
- Sexual Hx - «»
- date of HCV dx - «»
- HCV RFs - «»
- HCV past consultations or treatments - «»
- symptoms of liver disease - «»
- other issues - «»
- Physical exam - «»

**Hepatitis C -  
Issues and Plan**

Education - «»

Adherence - «»

Drug-drug  
interactions - «»

Fibrosis - «»

Hepatitis A and B  
- «»

HCC screening -  
«»

Pharmacare  
application - «»



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## ← Observations

2018 Canadian Guidelines [The management of chronic hepatitis C: 2018 guideline update from the Canadian Association for the Study of the Liver](#)

Patient Resources [CATIE - Hepatitis C](#)

Past medical hx review ☐



Meds review ☐

Allergies review ☐



Habits review ☐



Social hx review ☐

HCV risk factors review ☐



Sexual hx review ☐

Date of HCV dx (approx.)



HCV past consultations  
and treatments



Symptoms of HCV

Objective



# Physical exam

- Physical exam – some increased abdominal adiposity, slight **scleral icterus**, otherwise unremarkable





# Question for the team


*What investigations do we need to order?*



# Investigations

- HIV VL<40, CD4 700 (22%)
- HCV RNA 5.67 log
- HCV genotype 1a
- Hep b sAb >10, sAg neg, cAb neg
- Bilirubin  $55\mu\text{mol/L}$ , INR 1.0, Alb 45
- Platelets 100, Hgb 140
- Creatinine and Alk Phos WNL
- AST 120, ALT 140
- Fib-4 = 5.0, APRI = 3.0, MELD = 11, Child Class B (7 points)
- Recent abdo ultrasound – no signs of cirrhosis, some increased echogenicity of liver



Hepatitis C Virus Ab				
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AST	14	U/L	17-Jan-2020	N
Gamma GT	12	U/L	17-Jan-2020	N
Creatinine	70	umol/L	17-Jan-2020	N
Hgb	126	g/L	17-Jan-2020	A
TSH	1.19	mU/L	17-Jan-2020	N
Total Bilirubin	<3	umol/L	17-Jan-2020	N
Hemoglobin A1c	5.7	%	17-Jan-2020	N
Hep B Core antibody Non-Reactive (HBcAb)			17-Jan-2020	
Hep B Surface antigen Non-Reactive (HBsAg)			17-Jan-2020	
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Secondary screening <input type="checkbox"/>				
HCC screening <input type="checkbox"/>				
Varices screening <input type="checkbox"/>				
Drug Interaction Checker <a href="#">Liverpool interactions checker</a>				



# Question for the team

*Which is the most appropriate next step?*

- a) Apply for treatment with DAA-based regimen
- b) Complete Fibroscan and order complete secondary screen with ceruloplasmin, immunoglobulins, ferritin, transferrin saturation
- c) Complete Fibroscan only
- d) Complete Fibroscan and DAA resistance testing
- e) Reassess his ARV regimen



# ARV switched

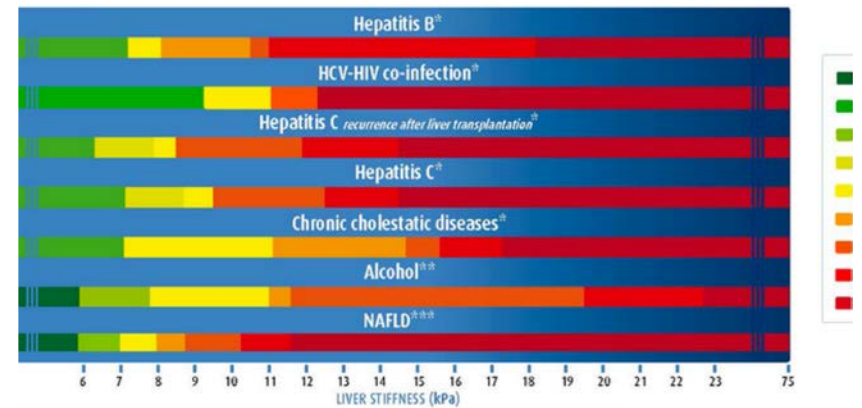
- atazanavir changed to darunavir
- bilirubin now WNL
- scleral icterus gone
- Child Pugh and MELD scores drop







# FibroScan®



- Fibroscan result = 13.5kPa (F3 fibrosis)
- Secondary screen – non-contributory



# Time to treat

- LDV-SOF x 12 weeks – approved
- But, life gets in the way...





## Six months later

- Re-engaged in care, HIV viral load undetectable
- Repeat Fibroscan score = 19kPa (F4 – cirrhosis)
- Now he has compensated cirrhosis, genotype 1a, and has never been treated



# Question for audience

*Which treatment would be most appropriate from this list?*

- a) LDV/SOF for 12 weeks
- b) LDV/SOF for 16wks with weight-based ribavirin
- c) VEL/SOF for 12 weeks
- d) SOF/VEL/VOX
- e) Detox and abstinence from alcohol before treating



# What the guidelines tell us

Regimen	1a
Ledipasvir/sofosbuvir (Harvoni)	12 wk ± ribavirin†
Elbasvir/grazoprevir (Zepatier)	12–16 wk ± ribavirin†
Paritaprevir/ritonavir/ombitasvir + dasabuvir (Holkira Pak)	+ RBV 12 wk
Sofosbuvir + daclatasvir (Sovaldi + Daklinza)	24 wk
Sofosbuvir/velpatasvir (Epclusa)	12 wk
Glecaprevir/pibrentasvir (Maviret)	12 wk
Sofosbuvir/velpatasvir/voxilaprevir (Vosevi)	NR

**GUIDELINE** VULNERABLE POPULATIONS

## The management of chronic hepatitis C: 2018 guideline update from the Canadian Association for the Study of the Liver

Hemant Shah MD MScCH(HPTE), Marc Bilodeau MD, Kelly W. Burak MD MSc, Curtis Cooper MD, Marina Klein MD MSc, Alnoor Ramji MD, Dan Smyth MD, Jordan J. Feld MD MPH; for the Canadian Association for the Study of the Liver



■ Cite as: CMAJ 2018 June 4;190:E677-87. doi: 10.1503/cmaj.170453



# Treatment outcome

- Treated with VEL/SOF for 12 weeks
- End of treatment HCV RNA is **POSITIVE**
- Client says he missed 2 weeks of therapy due to another alcohol binge



# Question for audience

*What does this mean?*

- a) Treatment failed, likely due to non-adherence
- b) Treatment failed, likely due to drug resistance
- c) Treatment failed, likely because we didn't add ribavirin
- d) We need more information



# Treatment outcome

- Repeat HCV RNA after 12 weeks is **NEGATIVE**
- Client starts seeing an addictions counsellor and goes on naltrexone, dramatically reduces drinking
- Client starts going to gym more regularly, and watching what he eats – abdominal fat starts shrinking





# Discussion questions

- Are we certain that he is “cured” with this SVR12?
- Does he have significant immunity to HCV now?
- When should we re-screen?
- What about HCC screening and esophageal varices screening?
- Should we repeat the Fibroscan?
- What would you retreat with if his initial treatment failed? (ie relapse)
- What would you do if his HCV RNA was positive at 24 weeks after treatment?



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## Patient Summary

### Care Plan HCV initial

#### Profile

##### Medical

	Status	Onset	Type	Description	Note	Severity	Risk	Updated
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		Current	Gastrointestinal hepatitis C - active (HCV RNA+) (Unconfirmed)		✓		19Jan20
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		Current	Gastrointestinal hepatitis C Ab+ RNA unknown (Unconfirmed)		✓		19Jan20
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#### Labs

##### Active Requests

		Date	Test Group Name	Description	Observations
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#### Investigations

##### Active Requests

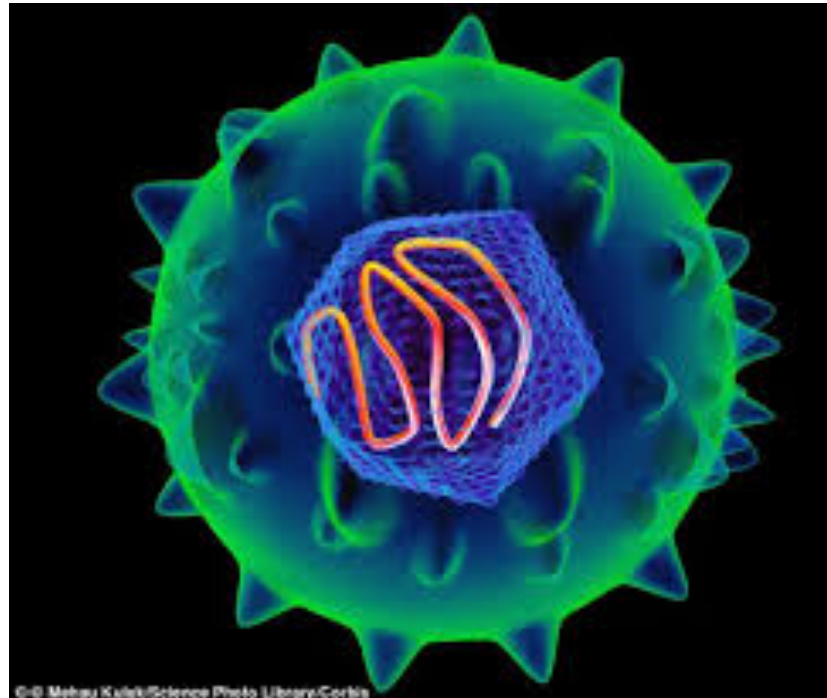
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Apply Care Plan Cancel



# HIV/Hep C Co-Infection Treatment Program Diagnostic Testing and Assessment

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# Clinical Nursing Interventions: Pre-Treatment

- Client engagement
- Assessing for readiness
- Diagnostic testing/serum biomarkers
- Check drug interactions
- Special Authority application
- Client education
- Dispensing/pharmacy considerations
- Treatment monitoring
- EOT follow-up



# Client Engagement: Optimizing Success

- 1:1 Engagement → therapeutic rapport
- Case Management:
  - Social Work → Housing
  - SUD Nurse → substance use support
  - Mental Health
  - Pharmacy





# Client Engagement: Care Coordination



- Streamline patient care
- Schedule diagnostics (i.e.- blood work, FibroScan) to coincide with Dr's visits
- Anticipate patient attendance at clinic with ORT due dates



# Assessing for Readiness

- Are supports in place?
- Adherence to ARV's:
  - VL>40





# Hep C Treatment Checklist

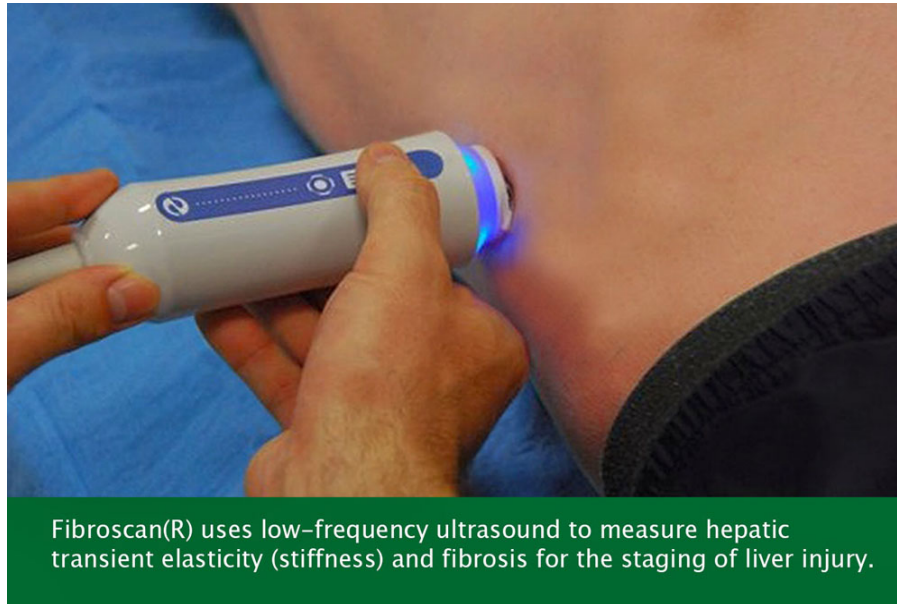
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# Diagnostic Testing: FibroScan

- Determines the level of fibrosis in the liver
- Fibrosis → tough, fibrous scar tissue
- Special Authority requirements: within last 12 months
- No solid food for 3-4 hrs prior; liquids OK





# Assessing Fibrosis Score

- Fibrosis Score: F0-F4





# Serum Biomarkers

- APRI:
  - <0.7 no significant fibrosis; >1.5 significant fibrosis or cirrhosis
- FIB-4:
  - <1.45 no significant fibrosis; >3.25 significant fibrosis or cirrhosis
- University of Washington website:
  - [Hepatitisc.uw.edu](http://Hepatitisc.uw.edu)

$$\text{APRI} = \frac{\frac{\text{AST Level}}{\text{AST (Upper Limit of Normal)}}}{\text{Platelet Count (10}^9\text{/L)}} \times 100$$

$$\text{FIB-4} = \frac{\text{Age (years)} \times \text{AST (U/L)}}{\text{Platelet Count (10}^9\text{/L)} \times \sqrt{\text{ALT (U/L)}}}$$



# Baseline Blood Work

- Hep C RNA
- Hep C genotype
- Hep A/B Serology
- HIV VL
- CD4
- Hematology panel (CBCD)
- ALT
- AST
- Alkaline Phosphatase
- INR
- Creatinine (GFR)
- Glucose (fasting)
- Insulin (fasting)
- Albumin
- Bilirubin
- Lipids
- Ferritin
- Ceruloplasmin
- Alpha 1 Antitrypsin
- ANA





# Drug Interactions

- Liverpool database: [www.hep-druginteractions.org](http://www.hep-druginteractions.org)
- [www.hivclinic.ca](http://www.hivclinic.ca)

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## Interaction Report

Report ID:  
Date Produced: 14 January 2020

Hepatitis Treatment	Co-medications
Ledipasvir/Sofosbuvir Sofosbuvir/Velpatasvir	Pantoprazole

This report lists the summaries of potential interactions (i.e. "red", "amber" and "yellow" classifications) for the drugs in the table above.

Interactions with a "green" or "grey" classification (i.e. no clinically significant interaction or no clear data) have been checked and are listed at the end of this report, but summaries are not shown. Please note that some co-medications with a green classification may require dose adjustment due to hepatic impairment.

For full details of all interactions, see [www.hep-druginteractions.org](http://www.hep-druginteractions.org).

### Description of the interactions

**Potential clinically significant interaction - likely to require additional monitoring, alteration of drug dosage or timing of administration (AMBER)**

**Ledipasvir/Sofosbuvir + Pantoprazole**  
Coadministration has not been studied, but data with omeprazole show only a small decrease in ledipasvir exposure. Proton pump inhibitor doses comparable to omeprazole 20 mg can be administered simultaneously with ledipasvir/sofosbuvir. Proton pump inhibitors should not be taken before ledipasvir/sofosbuvir.

**Sofosbuvir/Velpatasvir + Pantoprazole**  
Coadministration has not been studied and is not recommended as concentrations of velpatasvir may decrease. If use of a proton pump inhibitor is considered medically necessary, the US Prescribing Information recommends sofosbuvir/velpatasvir to be administered with food and taken 4 hours before omeprazole 20 mg but does not recommend the use of other proton pump inhibitors. The European Summary of Product Characteristics states that sofosbuvir/velpatasvir could be administered with food and taken 4 hours before a proton pump inhibitor at a dose not to exceed that comparable to omeprazole 20 mg.

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# Special Authority Application

- Submit with supporting blood work results/FibroScan report



## SPECIAL AUTHORITY REQUEST VELPATASVIR PLUS SOFOSBUVIR WITH OR WITHOUT RIBAVIRIN (RBV) FOR CHRONIC HEPATITIS C

HETH 5476 Rev. 2018/03/02

For up to date criteria and forms, please check: [www.gov.bc.ca/pharmacarespecialauthority](http://www.gov.bc.ca/pharmacarespecialauthority)

**Fax requests to 1 800 609-4884 (toll free) OR mail requests to: PharmaCare, Box 9652 Stn Prov Govt, Victoria, BC V8W 9P4**

This facsimile is Doctor-Patient privileged and contains confidential information intended only for PharmaCare. Any other distribution, copying or disclosure is strictly prohibited. If you have received this fax in error, please write "MIS-DIRECTED" across the front of the form and fax toll-free to 1 800 609-4884, then destroy the pages received in error.

If PharmaCare approves this Special Authority request, approval is granted solely for the purpose of covering prescription costs. PharmaCare approval does not indicate that the requested medication is, or is not, suitable for any specific patient or condition.

**Forms with information missing will be returned for completion. If no prescriber fax or mailing address is provided, PharmaCare will be unable to return a response.**

Restricted to:

- ☐ Gastroenterologist ☐ Infectious Disease Specialist ☐ Other physician experienced with treating chronic Hepatitis C

### SECTION 1 - PRESCRIBER INFORMATION

NAME AND MAILING ADDRESS		<input type="checkbox"/> MAIL CONFIRMATION
<input type="checkbox"/> COLLEGE ID OR <input type="checkbox"/> MSP NUMBER	PHONE NUMBER (INCLUDE AREA CODE)	
<b>CRITICAL FOR A TIMELY RESPONSE</b> ➔	PRESCRIBER'S FAX NUMBER	

### SECTION 2 - PATIENT INFORMATION

PATIENT (FAMILY) NAME	
PATIENT (GIVEN) NAME(S)	
DATE OF BIRTH (YYYY / MM / DD)	DATE OF APPLICATION (YYYY / MM / DD)
<b>CRITICAL FOR PROCESSING</b> ➔	PERSONAL HEALTH NUMBER (PHN)

### SECTION 3 - BACKGROUND DIAGNOSTIC INFORMATION

For the treatment of patients with Chronic Hepatitis C genotype 1,2,3,4,5,6 or mixed genotype who meet all the following criteria:

- ☐ Genotype has been confirmed and a copy of the genotype report is attached. For treatment-experienced patients, genotype must be from post-treatment course.
- ☐ Detectable levels of hepatitis C virus (HCV RNA) in the last twelve months and a copy of the quantitative HCV RNA report is attached.
- ☐ Stage of fibrosis has been evaluated within ONE year by one of the following methods:
  - ☐ Transient elastography (kPa) \_\_\_\_\_
  - ☐ APRI score \_\_\_\_\_
  - ☐ Liver biopsy confirmed
- ☐ Copy of most recent bloodwork (i.e. CBC, AST, ALT, bilirubin, albumin) and report confirming fibrosis stage (if applicable) is attached.

**Not eligible for coverage:**

- Patients who are at high risk for non-compliance.
- Patients who are currently being treated with another HCV direct-acting antiviral agent



# Drug Coverage

- Pt on disability → covered through PharmaCare
- If not on disability → may need to apply for Fair PharmaCare
- Extended Health Benefits:
  - Gilead: Momentum Support Program
  - AbbVie: AbbVie Care Support Program





# Client Education: DAA's (Direct Acting Antivirals)

- DAA's:
  - Minimal side effects
  - >95% cure rate
- Importance of Adherence
- Drug Administration:
  - With food: Maviret, Vosevi
  - PO once daily → discuss adherence strategies
  - Missed doses:
    - <18 hrs: take immediately (take next dose at same time)
    - >18 hrs: wait until next dose (add missed pill to EOT)
- Check with Rx/RN before starting any new prescription or OTC meds
- Discuss drug interactions (i.e. Epclusa/Harvoni -avoid OTC antacids)

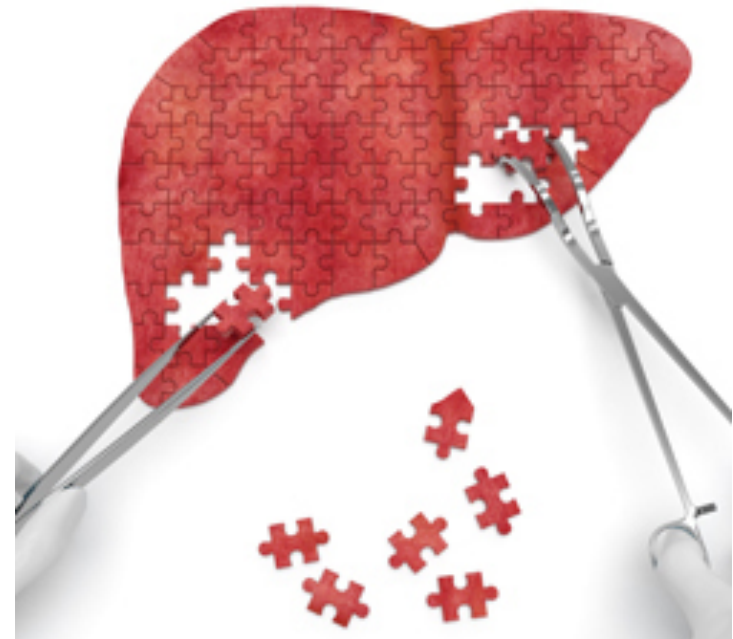






# Client Education: Other Considerations

- Blood work schedule  
(determine outpatient lab → fax requisitions)
- Hep C infection does not confer immunity
- \*Harm reduction/Prevention of Reinfection\*
- Provide informational handout
- Contact number for phone support





# Pharmacy Considerations

- What pharmacy does the client currently use?
- Dispensing options:
  - Daily dispense
  - Weekly blister pack
  - Delivery to clinic
  - Med support program
- Connect with pharmacist
- Bioscript Pharmacy:  
[www.bioscript.ca](http://www.bioscript.ca)
- Once pt starts tx: call/fax  
Special Authority to update  
start date





# Treatment Monitoring

- Check in phone calls/clinic visit:
  - Adherence
  - Side effects
  - Any major changes in clients life?
- Monitoring adherence:
  - Weekly pharmanet checks
- Monitoring blood work:
  - Week 2, 4, 8, 12/EOT
  - SVR 4, 12, 24
- Utilize community supports (DPC, STOP, community mental health team)





# Blood Work Monitoring Weeks 2/4/8

- CBCD, AST, ALT, GGT, Alk Phos, Bilirubin, Albumin, INR, Fasting blood sugar, lactate, uric acid, creatinine

**Providence Health** **Providence** **Outpatient Laboratory Requisition**  
(Anatomical Pathology requisition - see separate form)

**Laboratory Medicine** (For tests indicated with a grey tick box ☐ consult provincial guidelines and protocols (www.BCGA.net/med.ca).)

Grey highlighted fields must be completed to avoid delays in specimen collection and patient processing.

ORDERING PHYSICIAN, ADDRESS:  
**Immunodeficiency Clinic**  
8512 - 1081 Burrard St.  
Vancouver, B.C. V6Z 1Y8  
(Tel) 604-606-0060 (Fax) 604-606-0311

LOCUM FOR PHYSICIAN: \_\_\_\_\_

MSP PRACTITIONER NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

IF this is a STAT order please attach contact telephone numbers.

Copy to Phys/MSP Practitioner Number: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY/TOWN: \_\_\_\_\_ PROVINCE: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF COLLECTION: \_\_\_\_\_ TIME OF COLLECTION: \_\_\_\_\_

INSTRUCTIONS TO PATIENTS (see reverse)

Other instructions: \_\_\_\_\_

**HEP C Treatment- Week 2**

**HEMATOLOGY**

☐ Hematology profile  
☐ FBCS  
☐ Platelets (any low clinically?)  
☐ Iron & transferrin saturation  
☐ Hemochromatosis screen

☐ On warfarin?  
☐ Special case (if covered together)

**URINE TESTS**

☐ Urine culture - lat. count and antibiotics

☐ Microscopy - microscopic if dysplastic possible  
☐ Microscopy - urine culture if dysplastic possible  
☐ Microscopy (special case if covered together)  
☐ Pregnancy test

**CHEMISTRY**

☐ Glucose - fasting (see review for patient instructions)  
☐ Glucose - random (see review for patient instructions)  
☐ GTT - oral glucose tolerance screen (60g test, 1 hour post test)  
☐ GTT - oral glucose tolerance screen (75g test, 1 hour & 2 hour test)  
☐ GTT - overnight (75g test, 2 hour test)  
☐ Hemoglobin A1c  
☐ Albumin/creatinine ratio (ACR)

**ROUTINE CULTURE**

Use current swabs only.

☐ Throat  
☐ Sputum  
☐ Superficial  
☐ Wound  
☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**HEPATIC SEROLOGY**

☐ Acute viral hepatitis unexplained etiology  
Hepatitis A (anti-HAV IgM)  
Hepatitis B (HBsAg, anti-HBc)  
Hepatitis C (anti-HCV)

☐ Chronic viral hepatitis unexplained etiology  
Hepatitis B (HBsAg, anti-HBc, anti-HBe)  
Hepatitis C (anti-HCV)

**VALONITIS**

☐ Initial (prior to IV & yeast only)  
☐ Chlamydia screen (sexual, culture, trichomonas)  
☐ Trichomonas testing

**GROUP B STREP SCREEN (pregnancy only)**

☐ Vaginal-external swab  
☐ Penicillin allergy

**CHLAMYDIA (CT) & GONORRHEA (GC)**

☐ CT & GC testing  
Swabs: ☐ Urethra ☐ Cervix ☐ Urethra  
GC culture: ☐ Throat ☐ Rectal  
☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**STOOL SPECIMENS**

History of bloody stools? ☐ Yes ☐ No

☐ C. difficile testing  
☐ Stool culture  
☐ Stool ova & parasite exam  
☐ Stool ova & parasite (high risk, 2 samples)

**DERMATOPHYTES**

☐ Dermatophytes culture  
Specimen: ☐ Skin ☐ Nail ☐ Hair

**MYCOLOGY**

☐ Fungal ☐ Fungal ☐ Skin

**OTHER CHEMISTRY TESTS**

☐ Sodium ☐ Potassium ☐ Calcium ☐ Creatinine / eGFR  
☐ ALT ☐ AST ☐ GGT ☐ ALP ☐ Bilirubin  
☐ T. Phos

**OTHER TESTS**

☐ ECG ☐ Papanicolaou

**TESTING OTHER REQUESTS - expiry & frequency must be indicated**

☐ CBCD, AST, ALT, GGT, Alk Phos, T. Bil, C. Bil, Serum Albumin, INR, FBS, Lactate, Uric Acid, Creatinine,

SIGNATURE OF PHYSICIAN: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE SIGNED: \_\_\_\_\_

PHOTOCOPY: \_\_\_\_\_ TELEPHONE REQUISITION RECEIVED BY (physician/assistant): \_\_\_\_\_

The personal information collected on this form is collected under the authority of the Personal Information Protection Act. The personal information is used to provide medical services requested on this requisition. The information collected is used for quality assurance management and disclosed to healthcare professionals involved in providing care to whom requested by law. Personal information is provided from one person to another in accordance with the Personal Information Protection Act and when applicable the Release of Information and Protection of Privacy Act and may be used and disclosed only as provided by these Acts.

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# End of Treatment (EOT)

- HCV RNA obtained
- Review results with client
- \*Discuss Harm reduction/prevention of reinfection
- Hep C EOT form for client chart
- SVR blood work: SVR 4, 12, 24
  - SVR 4: CBCD, ALT/AST, HCV RNA
  - SVR 12/24: integrate with routine HIV blood work
    - Add HCV RNA



# EOT: Follow-Up

- Follow-up appt with MRP/ID Specialist
- If F3 or greater:
  - F3:  $>11.1$  kPa
  - Abdo U/S Q6monthly to monitor for HCC





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PROGRAM

**Treatment Summary Form**

**Dear Dr** \_\_\_\_\_

**Re:** \_\_\_\_\_ **DOB** \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ (dd/mm/yy)

**Your Patient has completed Hepatitis C therapy through the JRC Hepatitis Program. The following is a summary for your records:**

**Genotype (check all that apply):** ☐ 1a/1b ☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4 ☐ 6

Fibrosis Stage: F\_\_\_\_/ 4 (Fibroscan Score \_\_\_\_\_ kPa)      Cirrhosis ☐ Yes ☐ No

**Treatment Regimen:**

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sofosbuvir             | <input type="checkbox"/> Sofosbuvir/Ledipasvir  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sofosbuvir/Velpatasvir | <input type="checkbox"/> Sofosbuvir/Daclatasvir |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hologic Pak/Technivie  | <input type="checkbox"/> Elbasvir/Grazoprevir   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ribavirin              | <input type="checkbox"/> Other                  |

**Treatment Dates:**

Treatment started on (dd/mm/yy): \_\_\_\_\_

Treatment completed/stopped on (dd/mm/yy): \_\_\_\_\_

Week at Treatment end: Week \_\_\_\_/of\_\_\_\_ Weeks

**Treatment Outcome:**

End of Treatment Response: ☐ Yes / ☐ No / ☐ Not Obtained  
SVR 12: ☐ Yes / ☐ No / ☐ Not Obtained  
SVR 24: ☐ Yes / ☐ No / ☐ Not Obtained

**Additional Follow-up Recommendations for Primary Care Physician:**

- ☐ Arrange ultrasound monitoring for HCC q6months for 3 years  
\*Imaging post-3 years to be done at the discretion of the MRP
- ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_



# For more information...

- [www.catie.ca](http://www.catie.ca)



Canada's source for  
HIV and hepatitis C  
information

- [www.liver.ca](http://www.liver.ca)



Canadian Liver Foundation  
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- <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/health/practitioner-professional-resources/pharmacare/prescribers/specia>



# *Post-Learning Reflections*

Reflect on the following pre-learning questions and whether you would be able to effectively answer them now based on what you learned in the Hepatitis C: Diagnosis and Management presentation:

- Why is it important to learn about Hepatitis C treatment in 2020?
- What are the current recommendations for screening for Hepatitis C?
- What is the baseline work up for Hepatitis C treatment?
- What are the main treatment options for Hepatitis C in 2020?



**WE'D LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU!**

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