Cases: Initial Treatment of Hepatitis C

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Off-Label Warning

• I will discuss the following off-label use in this presentation: Treatment for acute HCV

Learning Objectives

After attending this presentation, learners will be able to:

- Describe diagnostic testing strategies for HCV and when to do testing for HCV resistance
- · List treatment options for treatment naïve patients
- Identify the advantages and limitations of newly approved HCV treatment regimens

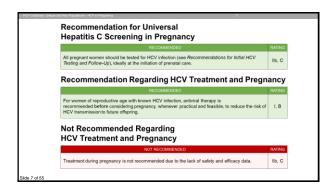


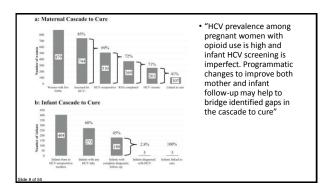
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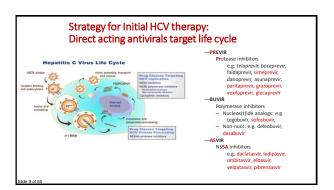
- 1. 45 W on hemodialysis
- 2. 54 midwestern M with normal liver enzymes
- 3. 33 pregnant W from Egypt
- 4. 41 M with HIV acquired through sex
- 5. All of the above
- 6. All but #2 and #3
- 7. All but #3

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Test once (no risk assessment): - Adults born 1945-1965 Uncertain - Long term sexual partner of HCV+ - STIs or multiple sex partners - Intransans drug use - Tattooing/bodypiercing Not recommended - Health-care, emergency medical, and public safety workers - Pregnant women - Household (nonsexual) contacts of HCV-positive - General population Test based on risk for exposure: - Currently injecting drugs - Ver risk for exposure: - Currently injecting drugs - Ver risk for exposure: - Currently injecting drugs - Ver risk for exposure: - Ver risk for exposure: - Currently injecting drugs - Ver vin injecting drugs - Ver vin injecting drugs - Ver vin injecting drugs - Ver part or recipient sof transfusions or organ transplants, including persons who: - When part or verified that they received blood from a donor who later tested positive for HCV infection - Pre July 1992 - Test based on a recognited exposure: - Healthcare, emergency medical, and public safety workers after needle sticks, sharps, or mucosal exposures to HCV-positive women





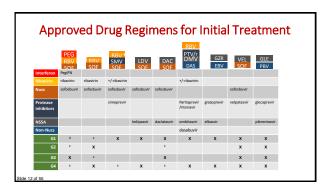


ARS Question #2: Which of the following represents the BEST strategy for treating HCV?

- 1. 3 drugs for 8 weeks
- 2. 2 drugs for 8 weeks
- 3. 2 drugs for 12 weeks
- 4. 3 drugs for 12 weeks

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Currently used combinations of DAA classes NUC + PI RBV Toxicity NUC + NS5A RBV Renal insufficiency NUC + PI + NS5A RBV NUC + PI + NS5A RBV NUC-SPARING HCV Renal insufficiency Drug-drug interactions Duration Affordability/Access Toxicity Resistance NUC-SPARING HCV Renal insufficiency Reput NS5A + NS5A +



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Previously Challenging Clinical Scenarios – SVR now >95%

- Black patients
- ESRD
- HIV/HCV
- Post-liver transplant
- G3 + cirrhosis

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CASE 1 – Initial Treatment and when to do resistance testing

26 y.o. Caucasian Woman with HCV Geno 1b, no cirrhosis , HCV RNA $\,1.2\,$ mil IU/mL

HCV Hx:

Diagnosed during last pregnancy Risk factor IVD last use 26 mos ago Treatment naïve

Fibrosure F0

Other med hx includes:

Seizure disorder on keppra

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ARS Question #3: Which of the following regimens would NOT be recommended for this patient with HCV g1b and no cirrhosis? 1. Sofosbuvir/velpatasvir/voxilaprevir x 8 wks 2. Sofosbuvir/velpatasvir x 12 wks 3. Sofosbuvir/ledipasvir x 8 wks 4. Glecaprevir/pibrentasvir x 8 wks Minimum to Know Pre-Treatment HCV genotype/subtype • Medications • HCV resistance (sometimes) To check for drug interactions Stage of fibrosis
 Cirrhosis - yes/no Comorbidities · Renal function Cirrhosis - yes/no
If yes, decompensated? (e.g.,
ascites, encephalopathy, etc)
If yes, don't use PIs!
Method?
Liver biopsy
Transient elastography
Laboratory biomarkers HIV status Life expectancy < 1yr non-liver causes? · Patient preference Child-bearing potential of patient/partner Imaging Ribavirin is a teratogen Prior HCV treatment?Response? HIV/Hepatitis C • DAA used? helpline 1-866-637-2342

G1b Initial Treatment Recommended Regimens

CIRRHOSIS:

Elbasvir/grazoprevir x 12 w

Glecaprevir/pibrentasvir x 12 w

Ledipasvir/sofosbuvir x 12 w

Sofosbuvir/velpatasvir x 12 w

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NO CIRRHOSIS:

Elbasvir/grazoprevir x 12 w Glecaprevir/pibrentasvir x 8 w Ledipasvir/sofosbuvir x 8* or 12 w Sofosbuvir/velpatasvir x 12 w

*8 wk not recommended for Black patients or HIV-infected. Only recommended when RNA< 6 million IU/ml

CASE 1 - cont

26 y.o. Caucasian Woman with HCV Geno 1b, no cirrhosis (F0) HCV RNA 1.2 mil IU/mL on leviteracetam prescribed 8 weeks of sofosbuvir/ledipasvir.

ARS Question #4: True or false? Resistance testing should be performed prior to treatment.

- 1. True
- 2. False

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RAS Testing prior to Treatment

- NS5A RASs are relatively common (10-15%)
- Significance of NS5A RASs may depend on the RAV, the genotype, the regimen used and whether prior NS5A treatment
- In initial treatment, use resistance testing prior to:
 - Treatment with grazoprevir/elbasvir for 1a
- Treatment with sofosbuvir/velpatasvir for G3 with cirrhosis

Table: Clinically Significant NSSA Resistance-Associated Variants (RAVs)

Wild-type Amino Acid (sensitive)	Position	Variant Amino Acid (reduced EBR activity)
м	28	A/G/T
Q	30	D/E/H/G/K/L/R
L	31	F/M/V
Υ	93	C/H/N/S
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G1a Initial Treatment Recommended Regimens

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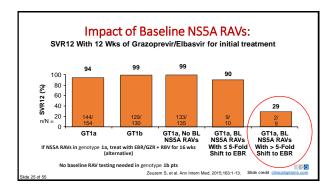
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Team Approach to HCV Treatment Pre-treatment, Pre-approval

My Contribution

- Work with patient to pick regimen
- Clearly describe in plan ANY indications for treatment
- treatment

 E.g. HCV st 2 fibrosis, woman of child bearing potential, cryoglobuline, DM, etc.
 Clearly describe in my plan the indications for this SPECIFIC regimen

 E.g. G.B., Traulwe, cirrinosis—LDV/SOF x12 wks

 If unusual choice cite study or guidance document

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 E.g. current darunavir/r use precludes use of PrDD
 Confirm discussed medication interactions and address any specific ones
- Document no barriers to adherence evidenced by HIV control, etc

Contribution of Hepatitis Nurses +/or Pharmacy

- · Complete specialty pharmacy referral
- Print any relevant lab/imaging documentation
- Fax to specialty pharmacy
 File and Track progress
- · Help draft letters for Appeals File and Track progress
- Stay in communication with patient
- Patient assistance connections when needed
 - Copay programs
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Team Approach to HCV Treatment Pre-treatment, Post-approval

Meet with Hepatitis Nurses only

- Drugs usually delivered to our clinic Review any new medications
- Education about medications · Discussion of side effects and
- Create monitoring plan schedule
- Book appointments for monitoring
- Local Quest lab if cannot make to our clinic
- · Review how to take and usually take first dose

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Initial Treatment Algorithm Algorithm Our case patient 1b, no need for resistance testing, choose from 4 recommended regimens HCV genotype/subtype & resistance • HIV status • HIV neg • Cirrhosis - yes/no - duration · Cirrhosis - No If yes, decompensated? (e.g., ascites, encephalopathy, etc) Could use 8 wk regimen if meet criteria • If yes, don't use PIs! • CrCl nl • Renal function Medications: PPI qd Avoid Sof if CrCl <30 Elbasvir/grazoprevir – no interaction Medications · Address drug interactions Glecaprevir/pibrentasvir (limit dose) Follow up: h/o IVD, rescreen and ensure adequate supportive services (psych, harm reduction) · On treatment/Follow up specifics CASE 2 - What to use in patient with ESRD 45 y.o. African American M with HCV Geno2 and cirrhosis, HCV RNA 221,000 IU/mL Treatment naïve Cirrhotic based on transient elastography measurement of 17 kpa No decompensation events EGD no varices Sono mildly nodular, no HCC Other med hx includes: HTN, high cholesterol ESRD on hemodialysis Mild GERD on PPI qD HBV sAg+ cAb+ sAb-, HBV DNA negative **G2 INITIAL TREATMENT RECOMMENDED REGIMENS** IDSA/AASLD/IAS-USA www.hcvguidelines.org

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Sofosbuvir/velpatasvir x 12 wks

CIRRHOSIS:

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ARS Question #5: Prior to treatment, you recommend which following additional evaluation?

- 1. Hepatitis B genotype
- 2. HCV resistance test
- 3. MRI to evaluate for Hepatocellular carcinoma
- 4. Transplant center referral

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ARS Question #6: Your patient is not interested in kidney transplant at this time. Which of the following treatments do you recommend?

- 1. Elbasvir/grazoprevir x 12 w
- 2. Glecaprevir/pibrentasvir x 8w
- 3. Glecaprevir/pibrentasvir x 12w
- 4. Sofosbuvir/velpatasvir x 12 wks

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Glecaprevir/pibrentasvir: Renal Impairment GT 1-6 for 12 weeks Stage 4 or 5 CKD GFR<30 including HD 82% on HD TN or TE (42%) with IFN, P/R or SOF+P/R Including compensated cirrhosis (19%) GT1a 22%, GT1b 28%, GT2 16%, GT3 11%, GT4 19%, GT5 1, GT6 11

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Gane et al. EASL 2017

RECOMMENDED	GENOTYPE	DURATION	RATING 0
Daily fixed-dose combination of elbasvir (50 mg)/grazoprevir (100 mg)	1a, 1b, 4	12 weeks	I, B
Daily fixed-dose combination of glecaprevir (300 mg)/pibrentasvir (120 mg) ^b	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6	8 to 16 weeks ^c	I, B ^c
^a Chronic kidney disease (CKD) stages: 1 = normal (eGFR 9.90 ml moderate CKD (eGFR 9.05 ml milmi); 4 = severe CKD (eGFR 15: 5 lb 15:	29 mL/min); 5 = en information. at CKD. Duration o	nd-stage CKD (eGi	FR <15 mL/min)
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ARS Question #7: What do you do next?

- 1. Immediately discontinue his HCV treatment and admit to hospital
- 2. Discontinue HCV treatment and order labs
- 3. Continue HCV treatment and order labs

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Some potential explanations:

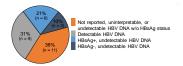
- Hepatitis B reactivation
- Hepatic decompensation from HCV protease inhibitor
- Another viral infection
- Drug-induced liver injury

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HBV Reactivation in Pts Receiving HCV DAAs: Postmarketing Cases Reported to FDA

• 29 confirmed cases of HBV reactivation in HCV DAA recipients in $^\sim$ 3 yrs (November 2013 to October 2016)

Most cases occurred within 4-8 wks of initiation



Outcome:

- Transplant (n = 1)

Death (n = 2)

Hospitalization (n= 3)

Other (n = 20)

Bersoff-Matcha SJ, et al. AASLD 2016. Abstract LB-17

HBV Testing/Monitoring During HCV DAA Therapy

Test all pts initiating HCV therapy for HBsAg, anti-HBs, and anti-HBs
 Vaccinate if no HBV markers; follow flow chart below if HBV markers present



AASLD/IDSA. HCV Guidelines 2016. Graphic adapted from Ira M. Jacobson, MD.

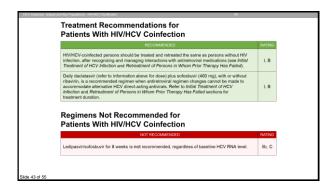
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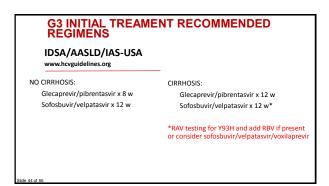
Initial Treatm	
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Algorithm • HCV genotype/subtype & resistance • HIV status • Cirrhosis - yes/no - duration	Our case patient • 2, no need for resistance testing, start with 2 recommended regimens • HIV neg
 If yes, decompensated? (e.g., ascites, encephalopathy, etc) If yes, don't use PIs! 	Cirrhosis — yes No 8 wk regimens Compensated so ok to use PIs
Renal function Avoid Sof if CrCl <30	CrCl <30, no regimens w/ sofosbuvir Madientiane DDI ad
Medications Address drug interactions Ribavirin is a teratogen	Medications: PPI qd Elbasvir/grazoprevir – no interaction Glecaprevir/pibrentasvir (limit dose)
On treatment/Follow up	Cirrhosis needs monitoring, HBV sAg+ needs monitoring
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CASE 3 — HIV/HCV coi 29 y.o. Hispanic M with HIV, HCV Geno 3, HCV Hx:	
Acquired 3 yrs ago, only RF unprotected s Treatment naïve F2 by Fibrosure	ex with 2 partners
HIV Hx: Diagnosed 8 yrs ago, CD4 475	
HIV RNA not detected on TDF/FTC/EFV Other PMH:	

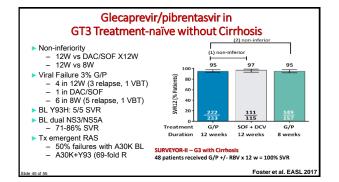
ARS Question #8: You check his formulary and his insurance covers GLE/PIB x 8 wks. You need to make an adjustment for which of the following reasons?

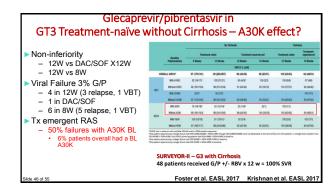
- 1. 8 weeks is not appropriate for patients with HIV
- 2. He needs TDF switched to TAF
- 3. GLE/PIB should not be administered with EFV
- 4. GLE/PIB does not cover Genotype 3 well

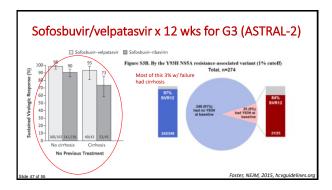
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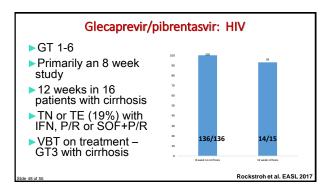


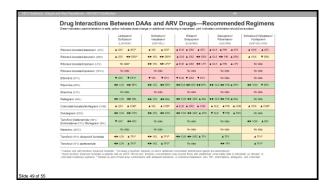


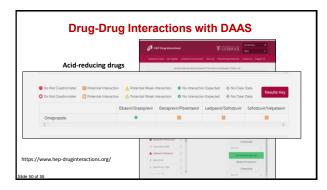












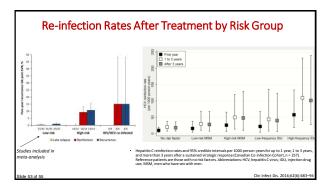
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CASE 3 - HIV/HCV coinfection (Cont)

His ARVS are changed to TAF/FTC/BIC and he is tolerating well. He receives 8 weeks of GLE/PIB and achieves SVR12.

ARS Question #9: True or False: His risk of HCV reinfection is extremely low. No further follow up testing is recommended.

- 1. True
- 2. False



Initial Treatment Algorithm

Algorithm

- HCV genotype/subtype & resistance
- HIV status
- Cirrhosis yes/no duration
 - If yes, decompensated? (e.g., ascites, encephalopathy, etc)
 If yes, don't use PIs!
- Renal function
 Avoid Sof if CrCl <30
- Medications

 - Address drug interactions
 Ribavirin is a teratogen
- On treatment/Follow up

- Our case patient
- 3, resistance testing recommended if cirrhosis and epclusa
- HIV check drug drug interactions (efavirenz)
- Cirrhosis no
 - 8 wk regimens
- CrCl nl, SOF ok
- Medications: efavirenz not recommended with SOF/VEL or GLE/PIB
- need to monitor for HCV reinfection

Question-and-Answer Remember to raise your hand and wait until you have the microphone before you ask your question—we are recording!