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This guide is intended to assist clinicians in the diagnosis, prevention, and/or treatment of hepatitis A virus (HAV), hepatitis B virus (HBV), and hepatitis C virus (HCV) infection in HIV-infected patients (pts). **As the treatment recommendations for hepatitis are rapidly changing, providers are urged to regularly refer to the guidelines listed below.**

Unless otherwise noted, all information is adapted from:

- Panel on Opportunistic Infections in HIV-Infected Adults and Adolescents. Guidelines for the prevention and treatment of opportunistic infections in HIV-infected adults and adolescents: recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the National Institutes of Health, and the HIV Medicine Association of the Infectious Diseases Society of America. Available at www.aidsinfo.nih.gov/contentfiles/ivguidelines/adult_oi.pdf. Accessed July 15, 2015
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ASSESSING HAV, HBV, AND HCV INFECTION STATUS

- Screen all HIV-infected pts for HAV, HBV, and HCV at baseline
- HAV testing: HAV total or IgG antibody (not IgM)
- HBV testing: Hepatitis B surface antigen (HBsAg), hepatitis B surface antibody (anti-HBs) hepatitis B core antibody (anti-HBc)
 - If HBsAg (+), order HBV DNA viral load
- HCV testing: HCV antibody
 - If HCV antibody (+), order HCV RNA viral load and reflex to genotype

HEPATITIS A VACCINATION

- Recommended in chronic liver disease, MSM, IDU (AIII)
- Response best with CD4 > 200 cells/mm³; revaccinate after reaching ≥ 200 cells/mm³ if vaccinated at a lower CD4 and still Ab negative (BIII)

HEPATITIS B VIRUS (HBV)

Preventing HBV Infection

Indications for HBV Vaccination:

- Pts without chronic hepatitis B or without immunity from prior HBV vaccination (anti-HBs < 10 IU/mL) (AII)
- Pts with isolated anti-HBc and with negative HBV DNA (BII)
- Early vaccination is recommended before CD4 count falls below 350 cells/mm³ (AII)
- Vaccination should not be deferred until CD4 reaches > 350 cells/mm³; initiate series at entry to care (AII)

Vaccination Schedule:

- Hepatitis B vaccine IM (Engerix-B® 20 µg/mL or Recombivax HB® 10 µg/mL) at 0, 1, and 6 months (AII), **or**
- Hepatitis A/B vaccine (Twinrix®) 1 mL IM at 0, 1, and 6 months (or) at days 0, 7, 21 to 30, and 12 months (AII)

- Anti-HBs drawn 1 month after completion; anti-HBs < 10 IU/mL denotes non-responder (BIII)

For Vaccine Non-Responders:

- Revaccinate with a second vaccine series (BIII)
- Consider delay revaccination until a sustained CD4 increase if low CD4 count at the time of first vaccination (CIII)

Alternative Vaccine Dose for Non-Responders:

- Some experts recommend revaccinating with 40 µg doses of either hepatitis B vaccine (CIII)

Table 1: Antiviral Agents for the Treatment of HBV

Information adapted from references listed above and Han Y, Zhang Y, Wang Y, et al.

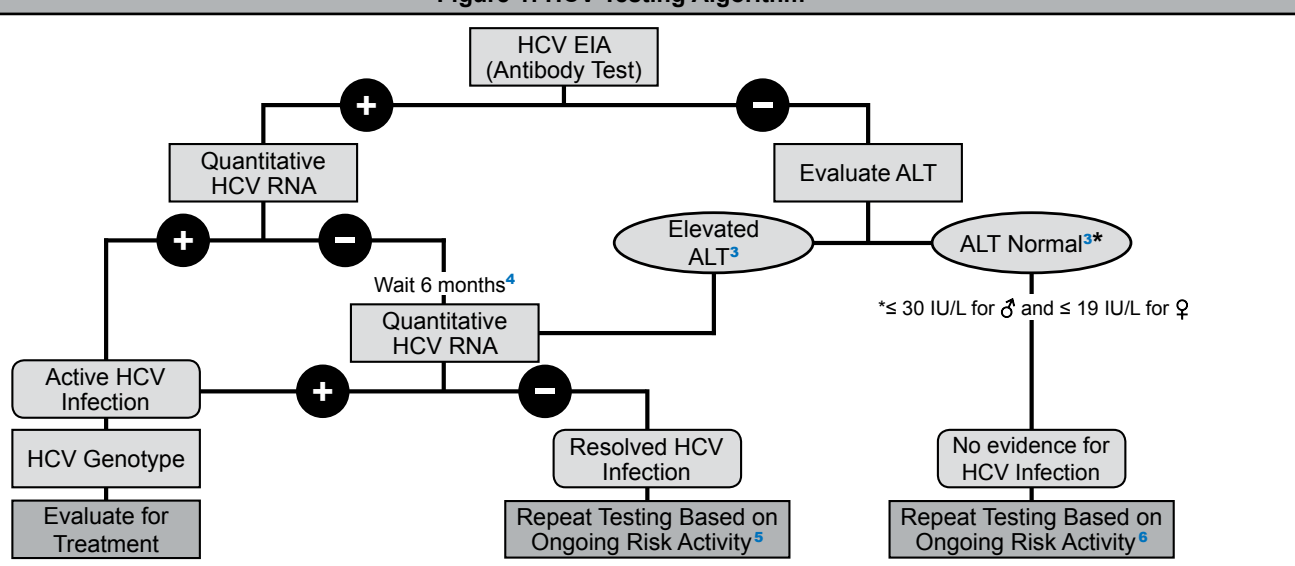
Analysis of hepatitis B virus genotyping and drug resistance gene mutations based on massively parallel sequencing. *J Viral Methods*. 2013 Nov;193(2):341-7.

Name	Dose	Considerations	Renal Dose Adjustment	HBV mutation sites associated with antiviral resistance
Emtricitabine/tenofovir (Truvada®)	200/300 once daily	• Treatment of choice & preferred NRTI backbone for HIV/HBV co-infected pts	CrCL 30-49: 1 tab every 48 hours CrCL < 30 or HD: do not use	A194T, V173L, L180M, M204V/I
Adefovir dipivoxil (Hepsera®)	10 mg once daily	• Generally less efficacious	CrCL 30-49: 10 mg every 48 hours; CrCL 10-29: 10 mg every 72 hours; HD ¹ : 10 mg every 7 days	A181T/V, N236T
Emtricitabine (Emtriva®) ²	200 mg once daily		CrCL 30-49: 200 mg every 48 hours; CrCL 15-29: 200 mg every 72 hours; CrCL < 15 or HD ¹ : 200 mg every 96 hours	V173L, L180M, M204V/I
Entecavir (Baraclude®)	1 mg once daily (if lamivudine/emtricitabine resistant)	• High barrier to resistance	CrCL 30-49: 0.5 mg once daily or 1 mg every 48 hours; CrCL 10-29: 0.3 mg once daily or 1 mg every 72 hours; CrCL < 10 or HD ¹ : 0.1 mg once daily or 1 mg every 7 days ¹	I169T, L180M, M204V, S202I/G, T184G/S/A/I/L/F, M250V/I/L
Lamivudine (Epivir®)	300 mg once daily	• Lower barrier to resistance	CrCL 30-49: 150 mg once daily CrCL 15-29: 150 mg x 1, then 100 mg once daily; CrCL 5-14: 150 mg x 1, then 50 mg once daily; CrCL < 5 or HD ¹ : 50 mg x 1, then 25 mg once daily	L80I/V, V173L, L180M, M204V/I
Telbivudine (Tyzeka®) ²	600 mg once daily	• Lower barrier to resistance	CrCL 30-49: 600 mg every 48 hours; CrCL < 30 (not requiring HD): 600 mg every 72 hours; HD ¹ : 600 mg every 96 hours	M204I
Tenofovir (Viread®)	300 mg once daily	• If tenofovir cannot be used as part of the ART regimen because of current or high risk of renal dysfunction: a fully suppressive ART regimen without tenofovir should be used, with the addition of entecavir to the regimen. • High barrier to resistance	CrCL 30-49: 300 mg every 48 hours; CrCL 10-29: 300 mg twice weekly every 72-96 hours; CrCL < 10 and not on HD: not recommended; HD ¹ : 300 mg every week (assumes 3 HD sessions per week of approximately 4 hours each)	A194T
Pegylated IFN alfa-2a (Pegasys®)	180 mcg SQ weekly	• Side effects • Subcutaneous injection	CrCL < 30 or HD ¹ : 135 mcg SQ weekly	

1. Dose after hemodialysis (HD) on HD days.

2. Dose differs for solution, see package insert or guidelines.

Figure 1: HCV Testing Algorithm



- Definitions of "normal and elevated" ALT (alanine aminotransferase level) vary. Most clinical laboratories and studies for persons coinfecting with HIV and HCV use ALT > 40 IU/L as the cut-off for elevated ALT. Prior studies in mono-infected pts have defined elevated ALT as > 30 IU/L (for men) and > 19 IU/L (for women).
- See www.hcvguidelines.org for treatment and monitoring recommendations if a decision is made to initiate treatment during the acute infection period.
- Positive HCV EIA, but confirmed negative RNA, indicates resolved HCV infection. Pts may become reinfected; repeat HCV RNA annually if pt has ongoing risk (e.g., unprotected sex, exposure to blood or instruments that could be contaminated with blood, risky behavior).
- For persons without HCV infection, repeat HCV EIA should be done annually only in those individuals with ongoing risk for acquiring HCV.

Table 2: Evaluation of Liver Disease Stage

Liver Biopsy	Noninvasive Tests
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Not required; consider if more accurate staging could impact tx decision Provides information on the state of intensity of liver inflammation, degree of fibrosis, amount of steatosis, and may identify other causes of liver disease 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Most common noninvasive tests include HCV FibroSURE™, ALT, AST, platelet count, AST-Platelet Ratio Index (APRI), and FIB-4 Useful in differentiating minimal fibrosis from advanced fibrosis (i.e., cirrhosis), but not as useful in pts with intermediate stages Considered in pts who refuse liver biopsy (when recommended)

ALCOHOL AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE

- Do not exclude pts from treatment due to a history of alcohol or drug use; heavy use can accelerate liver disease progression impacting treatment response
- Instruct pts with chronic HCV infection to avoid alcohol consumption particularly during HCV treatment
- Active drug use may negatively impact adherence and pts should receive counseling and/or be referred to treatment programs

TREATMENT CONSIDERATIONS

The goal of therapy for hepatitis C is to achieve a sustained virologic response (SVR). This is defined as an undetectable HCV RNA viral load 12 weeks after completion of treatment. An SVR is considered evidence of cure. Those with advanced fibrosis or compensated cirrhosis and/or are HIV coinfecting have a high priority for immediate treatment.

Tools to Improve Treatment Success

- Substance abuse counselors
- Pt education
- Opioid dependence treatment
- Peer-based counseling
- Group counseling

Table 3: AASLD Treatment Guidelines Initial Therapy (Treatment Naïve)

Genotype	Recommended Treatment	Alternative Treatment
GT 1a	Daily DCV + SOF x 12 weeks; 24 weeks if cirrhotic ± RBV Rating: BI (not cirrhotic), BIIa (cirrhotic)	
	Daily LDV/SOF x 12 weeks Rating: AI	
	Daily PTV/r/OBV + twice daily DSV + RBV x 12 weeks; 24 weeks if cirrhotic Rating: AI	
GT 1b	Daily DCV + SOF x 12 weeks; 24 weeks if cirrhotic ± RBV Rating: BI (not cirrhotic), BIIa (cirrhotic)	
	Daily LDV/SOF x 12 weeks Rating: AI	
	Daily PTV/r/OBV + twice daily DSV x 12 weeks Rating: AI	
GT 2	Daily DCV + SOF x 12 weeks if intolerant of RBV Rating: BIIa	
	Daily SOF + RBV x 12 weeks; Rating: AI	
	Extend treatment to 16 weeks if cirrhotic; Rating: CIIb	
GT 3	Daily DCV + SOF x 12 weeks; 24 weeks if cirrhotic ± RBV Rating: AI (not cirrhotic), CIIa (cirrhotic)	Daily SOF + RBV x 24 weeks if IFN-ineligible Rating: AI
	Daily SOF + RBV + weekly PEG-IFN (if IFN eligible) x 12 weeks Rating: AI	
GT 4	Daily LDV/SOF x 12 weeks; Rating: BIIb	
GT 5 or 6	Daily PTV/r/OBV + RBV x 12 weeks; Rating: BI	Daily SOF + RBV + weekly PEG-IFN x 12 weeks Rating: BII
	Daily SOF + RBV x 24 weeks; Rating: BIIa	

