STEP-WISE APPROACH TO INITIATING HEPATITIS C VIRUS (HCV) TREATMENT IN PRIMARY CARE SETTINGS

STEP 1: PATIENT SCREENING

Testing Recommendations for HCV Infection https://www.hcvguidelines.org/evaluate/testing-and-linkage

Universal Screening	All adults once per lifetime & all pregnant women once per pregnancy
One-Time Screening	Under 18 with increased risk of HCV infection or exposure
Periodic Repeat Screening	Offered to all persons with increased risk of HCV infection
Annual Screening	Recommended for persons who inject drugs, HIV-infected men who have unprotected sex with men, men who have sex with men taking pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP)

STEP 2: DIAGNOSTIC TESTING

Order HCV Antibody with Reflex to RNA Testing

Interpretation of Results of Tests for HCV infection https://www.cdc.gov/hepatitis/hcv/labtesting.htm

- *If HCV Antibody is non-reactive, then no further action required*
- *If HCV Antibody is reactive, but HCV RNA is not detected, then no further action required in most cases*
- *If HCV Antibody is reactive, AND HCV RNA is detected, then proceed to step 3*

STEP 3: PRE-TREATMENT ASSESSMENT

Recommended Assessments Prior to Starting DAA therapy https://www.hcvguidelines.org/evaluate/monitoring

Rule out Decompensated Cirrhosis	FIB-4 score; CTP score	**If hepatic complications present, consult with a hepatologist, gastroenterologist, or infectious disease specialist.**
Determine baseline details of HCV infection	HCV viral load	Genotyping recommended for cirrhotic patients if not prescribing a pangenotypic DAA regimen.
HBV & HIV Status	HBsAG; HBsA; HBcA	Recommended that specialist be consulted prior to treatment for patient with documented HIV or HBV coinfection
HCV Treatment Experience	Patient history	>4 weeks of prior treatment **consult with a hepatologist, gastroenterologist, or infectious disease specialist**
Medication Review	Med reconciliation; drug-drug interactions	University of Liverpool free interaction checker https://www.hep-druginteractions.org/
Laboratory Testing	CBC, ALT, AST, eGFR	Complete within three months of treatment initiation. Pregnancy testing also recommended.
Comorbid conditions	Patient history	Treatment is not medically appropriate for patients with a life expectancy of less than 1 year.

STEP 4: DIRECT ACTING ANTIVIRAL (DAA) DRUG SELECTION

Treatment Naive Patient Without Cirrhosis https://www.hcvguidelines.org/treatment-naive/simplified-treatment

- Glecaprevir (300 mg) / pibrentasvir (120 mg) (Mavyret) to be taken with food for a duration of 8 weeks
- Sofosbuvir (400 mg) / velpatasvir (100 mg) for a duration of 12 weeks

Treatment Naïve Patient With Compensated Cirrhosis
https://www.hcvguidelines.org/treatment-naive/simplified-treatment-compensated-cirrhosis

- **Genotype 1-6**
  Glecaprevir (300 mg) / pibrentasvir (120 mg) to be taken with food for a duration of 8 weeks
- **Genotype 1, 2, 4, 5, or 6**
  Sofosbuvir (400 mg) / velpatasvir (100 mg) for a duration of 12 weeks
- **Genotype 3 (requires baseline NS5A resistance-associated substitution (RAS) testing)**
  Without Y93H: Sofosbuvir (400 mg) / velpatasvir (100 mg) for a duration of 12 weeks
  With Y93H: Refer to HCV guidelines for treatment recommendations.

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STEP 5: COORDINATE CASE MANAGEMENT

Case Management Requirements of Oregon Health Authority (OHA)

All members with coverage through Oregon Medicaid or a CCO (such as UHA) must be offered case management at the start of HCV treatment with goals including:

* *Adherence to medication regimen*
* *Mitigation of barriers to treatment*
* *Support for patients and provider*
* *Compliance with viral load testing*
* *Collection of data for state program evaluation*
* *Prevention of treatment interruption or delay*

Umpqua Health Alliance

The UHA Hepatitis C Case Management Referral Form must be completed and faxed to 541-229-8081
https://www.umpquahealth.com/case-management/

STEP 6: INITIATE PRIOR AUTHORIZATION REQUEST

Prior authorization for DAA treatment will be required by most insurance plans.

- UHA prior authorization criteria and the specific Hepatitis C Prior Authorization Form are available online: https://www.umpquahealth.com/pharmacy-services/
- Prescriptions must be sent to UHA's specialty service, MedImpact Direct Specialty Hub, by faxing their prescription form to 888-807-5716. Link to form: https://www.medimpactdirect.com/static/MedImpactDirect-Referral%20Form.pdf**.** The medications will be delivered to the member via mail.
- *NOTE: Commercial insurance plans and Medicare Part D provider may have different approval requirements.*

STEP 7: FOLLOW UP TESTING

Monitoring Patients During Treatment

- Patients taking diabetes medications: monitor for hypoglycemia
- Patients taking warfarin: monitor INR for subtherapeutic anticoagulation
- No laboratory monitoring is required for other patients during treatment

Post Treatment Testing (12 weeks after therapy completion)

- SVR & hepatic function panel: Completed to confirm HCV RNA is undetectable and transaminase normal.
  - SVR achieved: No liver-related follow up required for noncirrhotic patients who achieve SVR: advise alcohol abstinence and counsel regarding risk behavior avoidance
  - SVR not achieved: Refer to specialist to evaluate re-treatment option

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

Hepatitis C Online
https://www.hepatitisc.uw.edu/

ECHO
https://connect.oregonechonetwork.org

GUIDELINES & RESOURCES

AASLD/IDSA
https://www.hcvguidelines.org/
https://www.hcvguidelines.org/treatment-naive/simplified-treatment-compensated-cirrhosis
https://www.hcvguidelines.org/treatment-naive/simplified-treatment

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)
https://www.cdc.gov/hepatitis/hcv/index.htm

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For assistance with this form, you may call
HCV Case Management at 541.464.4413
This is a Fillable Form
Please Fill out then Print and Fax to 541.229.8180

Hepatitis C Case Management Referral Form

Fax Form to: 541.229.8180

All fields are mandatory and failure to complete will result in the requesting being canceled	
Patient Name:	Prescriber Name:
Member ID #:	Prescriber NPI #:
Patient DOB:	Clinic Name:
Treatment Requested: Treatment Length:	Office #: Fax#
Treatment Status:	Prescriber Contact:

The following information is required by Oregon Medicaid to be considered for treatment.
Please attached related documents.

Within the Last 6 months:			
Office Visit:	Date:		☐ Attached
HCV RNA Viral Load:	Date:	Value:	☐ Attached
HBV Status:	Date:	Result:	☐ Attached
HIV Status:	Date:	Result:	☐ Attached
Liver Fibrosis:	Date:	Result:	☐ Attached
Expected survival from non-HCV associated morbidities more than one 1 year?			☐ No ☐ Yes
Liver Transplant Status			
Within the last 3 years:			
HCV Genotype:	Date:	Result:	☐ Attached
Your patient has been made aware of the Case Management Referral:			☐ No ☐ Yes

Once all information is received our case management team will reach out to the patient.

When our assessment is complete your office will be notified of next step.

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For assistance with this form, you may call UHA at 541.673.1462
To view our drug policies, please review OHA's Prior Auth Criteria.

****All fields are mandatory and failure to complete will result in the requesting being canceled****

Patient Name:	Prescriber Name:
Member ID #:	Prescriber NPI #:
Patient DOB:	Clinic Name:
Pharmacy Name:	Office #: Fax#
Pharmacy Phone:	Prescriber Contact Person:
Hepatitis C Drug Requested:	Treatment Length:

Past Treatment History

Dose the patient have a history of HCV treatment? ☐ No ☐ Yes Drug Regimen:

If past treatment failed, was adherence with medication a concern? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Not sure

Patient's HCV Genotype (drawn <3 years):	HCV RNA Quant (drawn <6 months): Date:

Does the patient have HIV? ☐ No ☐ Yes	Does the patient have Hepatitis B? ☐ No ☐ Yes

Other Extra Hepatitic Manifestations?

Stage of Fibrosis and method of testing (ie Biopsy, Fibroscan, Fibrosure, Fibrospect, Clinical Diagnosis):	Date:

Child-Pugh Score:	Cirrhosis Status: ☐ Compensated	☐ Decompensated ☐ Non-Cirrhotic

Related to Liver Transplant? ☐ NO ☐ Yes	Expected survival from non-HCV associated morbidities more than one 1 year? ☐ NO ☐ Yes

Case Management: Oregon Medicaid requires all members being treated for Hepatitis C to be involved in adequate case management to ensure medication compliance and optimal chances for SVR success. Does your patient agree to be followed by Umpqua Health Alliance Case Management? ☐ No ☐ Yes

**** Umpqua Health Alliance recommends all prior authorizations to be submitted with supporting medical records for a faster and more thorough review.****

MedImpact Direct Specialty™

Specialty Medication Referral Form

Fax (888) 807-5716
Toll-Free Phone (877) 391-1103

Date Needed: _____

Note: This form is intended for prescriber use only. If faxed, the fax must come from MD office or hospital (should not be faxed by patient).

Patient Information

Last Name	First Name	Date of Birth	Gender M F

Home Phone	Work or Mobile Phone	Email Address (Email used for order status updates)

Address		

City	State	Zip Code

Patient Insurance Information

Medical Insurance (Please include copy of front and back of card)	Prescription Card Phone

Subscriber Name	

Policy #	BIN/PCN #

Medicare Number	Medicaid Number

Relationship to Patient ☐ Self ☐ Other _____	Prescription Card ☐ Yes ☐ No

Clinical Information

Medicare Number	Medicaid Number

Patient Weight _____ ☐ lbs ☐ kg (check one)	Height _____	☐ Patient is New to Therapy ☐ Patient is Restarting Therapy ☐ Patient is Currently on Therapy (Start Date: _____)

Allergies	Diagnosis	ICD-10

Deliver to: ☐ Patient's Home ☐ Prescriber Office ☐ Other _____

Prescriber Information

Prescriber Last Name	Prescriber First Name	MD DO NP PA
Prescriber Address		
City	State	Zip Code
Phone	Fax	Backline Phone Number
License #	NPI #	UPIN #	DEA #
Office Contact	Supervising Physician (if applicable)	

Prescription: Write prescription here and fax to MedImpact Direct Specialty.

Patient's Name

Patient's Date of Birth

Prescriber's Signature

I certify that the therapy is medically necessary and that the information above is accurate to the best of my knowledge. I authorize MedImpact to act on my behalf as my agent for the limited purposes of transmitting this prescription to the appropriate pharmacy designated by the patient's benefit plan. **Prescriber's Signature Required:**

X _____ Generic Substitution Permitted

X _____ Dispense As Written

_____ Printed Name

Date: _____

☐ **Hold shipment until notified by prescriber**

CONFIDENTIAL HEALTH INFORMATION: This form contains health information protected under federal and state confidentiality laws, including but not limited to the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act and its implementing regulations (HIPAA). I certify that I have received the appropriate authorization from the patient, if required, and met any other applicable requirements imposed under federal and/or state law, including but not limited to HIPAA, needed to send this information to MedImpact Direct Specialty HUB (MedImpact) and its contracted pharmacies for the purposes of verifying the patient's insurance coverage and providing information on appeals for denied claims.

Prescriber must manually sign (rubber stamps, signature by other office personnel for the prescriber, and computer generated signatures will not be accepted).