**Chronic Hepatitis C**

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<th>Developed by</th>
<th>American Gastroenterological Association (AGA) and the American Association for the Study of Liver Disease (AASLD)</th>
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| How developed | A consensus panel was convened by the AGA and ASSLD. Literature was reviewed (see below) and recommendations were established.  
- [http://hcvguidelines.org](http://hcvguidelines.org)  
| **• Additional essential patient information** | Clinical history of hepatitis C:  
- When was patient first diagnosed with hepatitis C?  
- Prior treatment for hepatitis C {yes/ no}  
  - If yes, what medications and when?  
- Does the patient have a history of alcohol abuse? {yes/no}  
Laboratory studies  
- Hepatitis C antibody  
- CBC  
- Complete metabolic profile (electrolytes, renal function, AST, ALT, Alkaline Phosphatase)  
- Albumin  
- Protime/INR  
Patient has indicated s/he is interested in pursuing anti-viral treatment for hepatitis C. {yes/no}  
- If yes, laboratory studies ordered: Hepatitis C RNA viral load, Hepatitis C genotype, TSH/Total T4  
Physical exam (ascites, edema, encephalopathy, asterixis) |
### Chronic Hepatitis C (continued)

| Additional patient information, if available | • Laboratory tests  
  • Hepatitis A serologies (HAV total or IgG Ab)  
  • Hepatitis B serologies (HBsAg, HBcAb, HBsAb)  
  • Alpha Feto Protein (AFP)  
  • HIV  
  • Imaging studies  
  • RUQ Ultrasound  
  • Abdominal CT  
  • Abdominal MRI  
  • Liver Elastography  
  • Liver biopsy results  
  • Endoscopic examination  
  • EGD  
  • Paracentesis results  
  If patient is non-immune to HAV (HAV IgG negative) and/or HBV (HBsAg negative, HBsAb negative), I have discussed and begun the appropriate vaccination series? {yes/ no} |
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<td>Alarm symptoms/conditions</td>
<td>A patient with gastrointestinal bleeding, ascites, encephalopathy or coagulopathy should be referred for urgent evaluation.</td>
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<td>Tests/procedures to avoid prior to consult</td>
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<td>Common rule-outs to consider prior to consults</td>
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<td>Relevant &quot;Choosing Wisely&quot; elements</td>
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| Healthcare professional and/or patient resources | Healthcare Professional Information:  
  [http://www.chronicliverdisease.org/disease_focus/hcv.cfm?dstate=hcv](http://www.chronicliverdisease.org/disease_focus/hcv.cfm?dstate=hcv)  
  Patient Information:  