

# **THE A, B, Cs OF HEPATITIS B AND C**

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# OBJECTIVES

- Interpret Hepatitis B and Hepatitis C labs from baseline to completion of therapy
- Stage levels of liver fibrosis and how it correlates to follow-up plans
- Select appropriate antiviral therapy for Hepatitis B and C infection based on patient specific factors

# ABBREVIATIONS

| Abbreviation       | Term                                                                |
|--------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|
| HAV<br>HBV<br>HCV  | Hepatitis A<br>Hepatitis B<br>Hepatitis C                           |
| F0, F1, F2, F3, F4 | Fibrosis Score                                                      |
| SVR12              | Sustained Virologic Response at 12 weeks                            |
| EOT                | End of therapy/treatment                                            |
| CTP                | Child-Turcotte-Pugh                                                 |
| PRS                | Pegylated-Interferon, Ribavirin, and Sofosbuvir-containing products |
| HCC                | Hepatocellular Carcinoma                                            |
| DAA                | Direct Acting Antivirals                                            |



# **HEPATITIS B**

# HBV PANEL COMPONENTS

Surface Antigen

HBsAg

Core Antibody

Anti-HBc

Surface Antibody

Anti-HBs

# HEPATITIS B

HBV Surface Ag  
HBV Core Ab  
HBV Surface Ab

Negative  
Negative  
Negative

Susceptible to Hepatitis B

# HEPATITIS B

|                                                 |                                  |                                 |
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| HBV Surface Ag<br>HBV Core Ab<br>HBV Core IgM Ab<br>HBV Surface Ab | Reactive<br>Reactive<br>Negative<br>Negative | Chronic Infection               |

# HEPATITIS B

**Immunize**

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| HBV Surface Ag<br>HBV Core Ab<br>HBV Core IgM Ab<br>HBV Surface Ab | Reactive<br>Reactive<br>Negative<br>Negative | Chronic Infection                                                                                                                                                                    |
| HBV Surface Ag<br>HBV Core Ab<br>HBV Surface Ab                    | Negative<br>Reactive<br>Negative             | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Resolved infection</li> <li>2. False positive HBV Core Ab</li> <li>3. Low level infection</li> <li>4. Resolving Acute infection</li> </ol> |

**FOCUS**

**Immunize**

# PATIENT CASE 1

AB is a 50 y/o F who recently reported to her PCP to establish care with the below hepatitis panel results.

**Hepatitis B Surface Antigen:** reactive

**Hepatitis B Core Antibody:** reactive

**Hepatitis B Surface Antibody:** non-reactive

**AST:** 120 mg/dL

**ALT:** 130 mg/dL

**Alk Phos:** 157

**Total Bili:** 1.7 mg/dL

# PATIENT CASE 1

How would you interpret the Hepatitis Panel?

- A. Patient immune based on vaccination
- B. Unable to determine results
- C. Patient immune due to natural infection
- D. Patient currently infected (either acutely or chronically)**

**Hepatitis B Surface Antigen:** reactive

**Hepatitis B Core Antibody:** reactive

**Hepatitis B Surface Antibody:** non-reactive

# DIAGNOSIS

## After positive HBsAg further testing required:

- HBV DNA = viral load
- HBeAg-positive : >20,000 IU/mL
- HBeAg-negative: <2,000 IU/mL

# CLASSIFICATION FIBROSIS

- Liver Biopsy – gold standard and most invasive
- Fibroscan (transient elastography)
  - Limited supply
- Fibrosure (lab)

## Scoring

F0 – no fibrosis present

F1 – minimal fibrosis

F2 – some fibrosis

F3 – moderate fibrosis

F4 – severe fibrosis

Xiao H. Comparison of diagnostic accuracy of magnetic resonance elastography and Fibroscan for detecting liver fibrosis in chronic hepatitis B patients: A systematic review and meta-analysis. PLoS One. 2017

Carlson JJ. An evaluation of the potential cost-effectiveness of non-invasive testing strategies in the diagnosis of significant liver fibrosis. J Gastroenterol Hepatol. 2009

# CLASSIFICATION

## GENOTYPE

### 10 genotypes A through J

- A, B, and C are the most prevalent
- A – best response to PEG-IFN therapy
- B – slower rate of progression, lower rate of HCC, and faster HBeAg seroconversion rate
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Seroconversion:

When HBV is cleared and no longer detected by blood (I.e., HBsAg negative)



# **HBV TREATMENT**

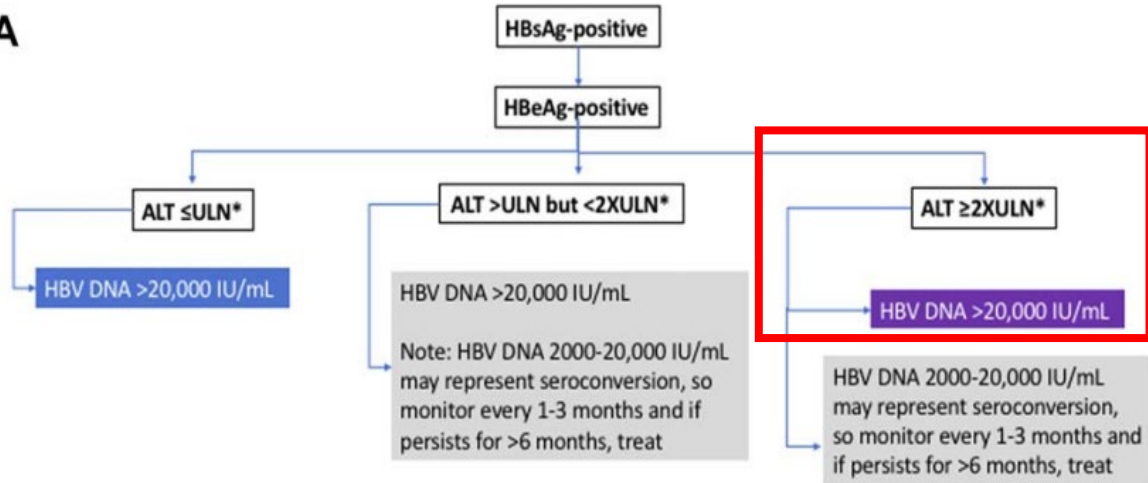


# HBV GOALS

- Reduce all-cause mortality and liver-related health adverse consequences
- Reduce progression to end-stage liver disease and hepatocellular carcinoma
- Reduce transmission of active HBV infection
- Control > eradication of HBV

# TO TREAT OR NOT TO TREAT

A



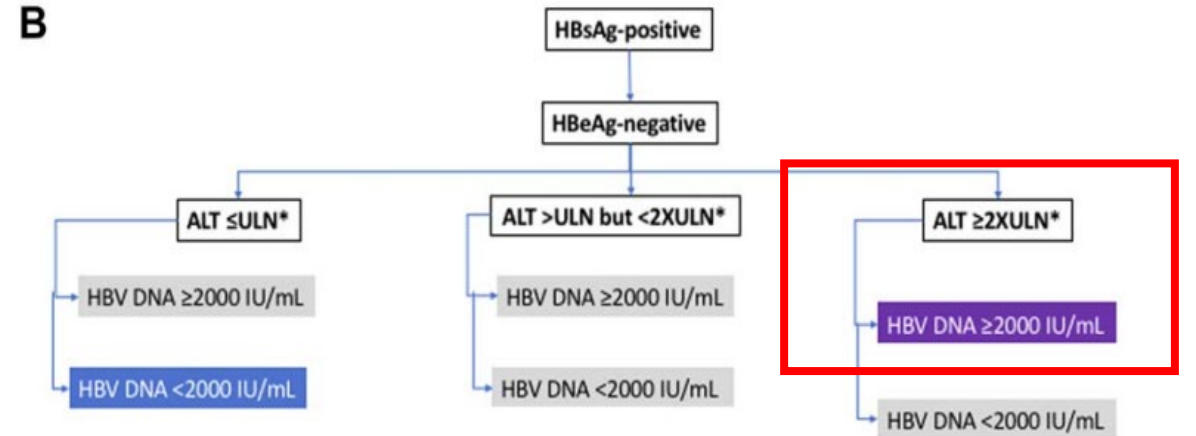
Recommendations:

**Treat**

Do not treat. Monitor with ALT and HBV DNA levels every 3-6 months and HBeAg every 6-12 months.

Exclude other causes of ALT elevation and assess disease severity with non-invasive tests and/or liver biopsy. If staging indicates ≥F2 or ≥A3, treat. If other causes of ALT >ULN excluded and elevation persists, treat, especially if age >40.

B



Recommendations:

**Treat**

Do not treat. Monitor with ALT and HBV DNA levels every 3-6 months and HBsAg annually.

If ALT ≤ ULN, monitor ALT and HBV DNA every 3 months for 1 year, then every 6 months.  
 If ALT elevated, exclude other causes of ALT elevation and assess disease severity with non-invasive tests and/or liver biopsy. If staging indicates ≥F2 or ≥A3, treat. If persistent ALT >ULN with HBV DNA ≥2000 IU/mL, treat, especially if age >40.

\*The upper limits of normal for ALT in healthy adults is reported to be 29 to 33 U/L for males and 19 to 25 U/L for females. An upper limit of normal for ALT of 35 U/L for males and 25 U/L for females is recommended to guide management decisions.

# TO TREAT OR NOT TO TREAT

## Regardless of lab values:

- Pregnant patients with HBV DNA > 200,000 IU/mL
- HIV/HBV Co-infection
- Chronic HBV receiving HIV PrEP
- Persons at risk for HBV reactivation

# HBV TREATMENT

## PREFERRED ANTIVIRALS

PEG-IFN

Tenofovir

Entecavir

# PEGYLATED INTERFERON<sup>23</sup>

“Finite therapy” for a designated time period of 48 weeks

- **Pegasys (PEG-IFN)**
- **Dosing:** 180 mcg SQ weekly for 48 weeks
- **Side effects:** flu-like symptoms, fatigue, mood disturbances, autoimmune disorders in adults.
- **Hepatic/Renal impairment:** dose adjustment in CrCl <30 mL/min and ALT 5x ULN.
  - Discontinue with ALT > 10 x ULN
- **Drug interactions**
  - **Theophylline** – increase theophylline concentration (monitor levels more frequently)
  - **Methadone** – increase methadone concentration (monitor for signs of toxicity)
  - **Nucleoside analogues** – concern for neutropenia, hepatic failure, myelotoxicity depending on the agent.

# TENOFOVIR (TDF)

- **Dosing:** 300 mg daily (Viread or TDF) or 25 mg daily (Vemlidy – TAF)
- **Side effects:** nephropathy, lactic acidosis, osteomalacia, Fanconi syndrome
- **Renal impairment:** dose adjustment in CrCl <50 mL/min. Contraindicated in CrCl <10 mL/min or dialysis
  - No hepatic dosing adjustments
  - Dialysis – TAF
- **Monitoring:**
  - Serum Cr, serum phosphate, urine glucose and protein annually
  - Consider bone density study at baseline and during treatment for high-risk patients.
- **Safe to use in pregnancy - TDF**
- **Preferred in HIV coinfection**

# TENOFOVIR (TDF)

- **Drug interactions**
  - **Didanosine** – increased didanosine concentration can lead to didanosine-associated adverse reactions
    - (i.e., pancreatitis, neuropathy)
  - **Atazanavir** – increase TDF concentration
  - **Lopinavir/Ritonavir** - increase TDF concentration
  - Medications that reduce renal function or compete for tubular secretion can increase concentration TDF
    - Ex: cidofovir, acyclovir, valacyclovir, ganciclovir, and valganciclovir

# ENTECAVIR

- **Baraclude (Entecavir)**
- **Dosing:** 0.5 mg daily treatment naïve; 1 mg daily for decompensated
- **Side effects:** lactic acidosis (decompensated cirrhosis only)
- **Hepatic/Renal impairment:** dose adjustment in CrCl <50 mL/min. Contraindicated in CrCl <10 mL/min or dialysis
  - No hepatic dosing adjustments
- Test for HIV at treatment initiation
- Drug interactions:
  - Coadministration with drugs that reduce renal function or compete for active tubular secretion may increase serum concentrations of either entecavir or the coadministered drug.



# FOLLOW-UP/ MONITORING

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- Treatment: Continue indefinitely
- Monitor at least every 6 months
- More frequent monitoring (i.e., every 3 months) when ALT levels are elevated

# TREATMENT SELECTION

|                            |                         |
|----------------------------|-------------------------|
| Renal Dysfunction/Dialysis | HIV Coinfection         |
| TAF                        | TAF<br>TDF              |
| Pregnancy                  | Fracture Risk           |
| TDF                        | Entecavir<br>PEG-IFN    |
| Autoimmune Disorder        | Decompensated Cirrhosis |
| TAF<br>TDF<br>Entecavir    | TAF<br>TDF<br>Entecavir |

# PATIENT CASE 1

AB is a 50 y/o F with a PMH of HTN, HLD, osteomalacia (with most recent wrist fracture 1 year ago), and hypothyroidism who was recently diagnosed with Hepatitis B is returning to your clinic for discussing therapy initiation.

**Hepatitis B Surface Antigen:** reactive

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**Hepatitis e-Antigen:** positive >20,000

**HBV DNA:** 400,000 IU/mL

**AST:** 90 mg/dL

**ALT:** 120 mg/dL

**Alk Phos:** 157

**Total Bili:** 1.7 mg/dL

**SCr:** 0.89 (CrCl >100 mL/min)

**eGFR:** 80 mg/dL

# PATIENT CASE 1

Considering AB's PMH and labs, what therapy would be preferred to initiate at this time?

- A. Initiate Entecavir
- B. Initiate TAF
- C. Initiate TDF
- D. Initiate Lamivudine

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# HEPATITIS C

# DIAGNOSIS

## Positive Hepatitis C Ab on screen

- Qualitative: reactive/non-reactive
- Quantitative : positive if  $>11$
- **HCV RNA = viral load**
  - Non-detectable – cleared virus
  - Elevated – active infection

## Acute v. Chronic HCV Infection

- 30-40% acute HCV infections
  - Spontaneous Resolution
- 2019 AASLD Guidelines: Test and Treat

# CLASSIFICATION

## GENOTYPE

### 6 genotypes

- **1a /1b** – Most common genotype and most data to treat
- **2a/2b**
- **3** – Most difficult to treat and fastest progression
- **4** – 1-2% of all HCV infections
- **5** – Uncommon in US and
  - Most common in South Africa
- **6** – Uncommon in US and
  - Most common in Southeast Asia

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- **A** – best response to PEG-IFN therapy
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**Seroconversion:**

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# **HCV TREATMENT**

# HCV GOALS

- Reduce all-cause mortality and liver-related health adverse consequences
- Reduce progression to end-stage liver disease and hepatocellular carcinoma
- Achieve virologic cure as evidenced by a sustained virologic response (SVR)
- Reduce transmission of active HCV infection

# HCV TREATMENT

## DIRECT-ACTING ANTIVIRALS

Mavyret

Epclusa

Harvoni

Vosevi

# MAVYRET

**Glecaprevir**

**Pibrentasvir**

- **Dosing:** 3 tablets once daily
- **Side effects:** headache and fatigue and nausea (take with food)
- **Contraindications:** Co-administration with atazanavir and rifampin
- **Hepatic impairment:** CONTRAINDICATED in Child-Pugh B and C



Mavyret [prescribing information]. North Chicago, IL: AbbVie Inc.; June 2021.

# MAVYRET

**Glecaprevir**

**Pibrentasvir**

## Treatment-naïve:

- Genotypes 1 thru 6
  - w/ or w/o compensated (Child-Pugh A) cirrhosis x 8 weeks

## Treatment-experienced:

- Genotypes 1,2,4,5,6
  - Previous use with with IFN, ribavirin and/or SOF regimens, but NOT NS3/4a or NS5a regimens : x 16 weeks
  - PRS: w/o cirrhosis x 8 weeks
  - PRS: w/ compensated cirrhosis (Child-Pugh A) x 12 weeks
- Genotype 3
  - w/o or w/ cirrhosis x 16 weeks



# MAVYRET

**Glecaprevir**

**Pibrentasvir**

## Drug interactions:

- ↑ Digoxin – routine monitoring on concomitant therapy
- Anticonvulsants – check; hold if possible or switch
- Rifampin
- Ethinyl-estradiol containing contraceptive
- St. John's Wort – hold
- Statins - monitor LFT elevation; hold if possible
  - rosuvastatin 10 mg qd (do not exceed)
  - ↓ pravastatin 50%



# EPCLUSA

**Sofosbuvir**

**Velpatasvir**

- **Dosing:** 1 tablet once daily w/ or w/o food
- **Side effects:** headache and fatigue and weakness
- **No renal or hepatic dose adjustments**
- **Pangenotypic**

## Treatment-naïve:

- w/o cirrhosis and with compensated cirrhosis (Child-Pugh A)
  - **EPCLUSA x12 weeks**
- w/ decompensated cirrhosis (Child Pugh B and C)
  - + **Ribavirin** x12 weeks
  - If ribavirin ineligible: x 24 weeks

## Treatment-experienced:

- Previous PEG+RBV: x12 weeks



# EPCLUSA

**Sofosbuvir**

**Velpatasvir**

## Drug interactions:

- Bradycardia with **amiodarone** and **beta blocker** co-administration
- ↑ Digoxin – routine monitoring on concomitant therapy
- Acid reducing agents (PPI/H2A/antacids)
  - **Antacids** : separate by 4 hours
  - **H2RA**: switch to famotidine
    - Max: 40 mg bid
    - either take with Epclusa OR separate by 12 hours
  - **PPI**: switch to **omeprazole** take Epclusa 4 hours before
    - Max 20 mg once daily
- Anticonvulsants – check; hold if possible or switch
- **Statins - monitor LFT elevation**
  - Hold or transition to rosuvastatin 10 mg qd (do not exceed)
- St. John's Wort – hold





# HARVONI

**Sofosbuvir**

**Ledipasvir**

- **Dosing:** 1 tablet once daily w/ or w/o food
- **Side effects:** headache and fatigue and weakness
- **No adjustment in renal or hepatic impairment**
- **Genotypes:** 1,4,5,6 only

## Treatment-naïve:

- w/ or w/o cirrhosis: **x12 weeks**
- **8 weeks of therapy if:**
  - Genotype 1 (a or b)
  - < 6 mill viral load at baseline
  - Not of African descent
  - No cirrhosis

## Treatment-experienced:

- Treatment-experienced PEG +RBV w/o cirrhosis: 12 weeks
- Treatment-experienced w/ cirrhosis + ribavirin (600 mg): 12 weeks
  - If ribavirin ineligible x 24 weeks



# HARVONI

**Sofosbuvir**

**Ledipasvir**

## Drug interactions:

- Bradycardia with **amiodarone** and **beta blocker** co-administration
- ↑ Digoxin – routine monitoring on concomitant therapy
- Acid reducing agents (PPI/H2A/antacids)
  - **Antacids** : separate by 4 hours
  - **H2RA**: either with Harvoni OR separate by 12 hours
    - Max: famotidine 40 mg bid or equivalent
  - **PPI**: switch to Omeprazole
    - Take with Harvoni on empty stomach
- Anticonvulsants – check; hold if possible or switch
- **Statins - monitor LFT elevation**
  - Hold or transition to pravastatin dose equivalent
  - Atorvastatin: monitor for myopathy and rhabdomyolysis
- St. John's Wort – hold



# VOSEVI

**Sofosbuvir**

**Velpatasvir**

**Voxilaprevir**

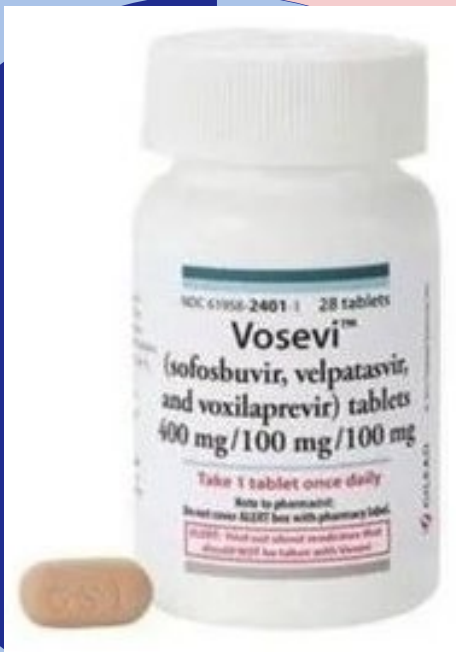
## **SALVAGE THERAPY**

(only used in treatment-experienced)

- **Dosing:** 1 tablet once daily w/ food
- **Side effects:** headache, fatigue, diarrhea, and nausea
- **Hepatic Impairment:** CONTRAINDICATED in Child Pugh B and C

**Treatment-experienced: 12 weeks of therapy**

- Previous treatment: 1a and 3 infection that previously treated with HCV regimen containing SOF w/o an NS5A inhibitor (“-asvir”)
- Previous treatment genotype 1 thru 6 with an NS5a inhibitor (“-asvir”)



# VOSEVI

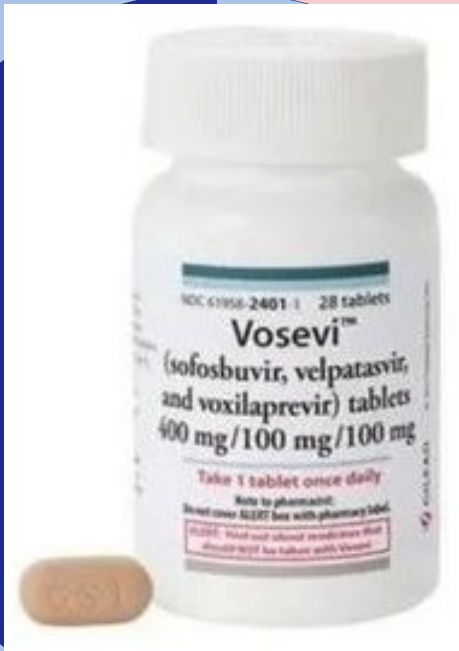
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- Acid reducing agents (PPI/H2A/antacids)
  - **Antacids** : separate by 4 hours
  - **H2RA**: either taken with Vosevi or staggered
    - MAX: famotidine 40 mg bid
  - **PPI**: transition to omeprazole with Vosevi
- Anticonvulsants – check; hold if possible or switch
- **Statins - monitor LFT elevation**
  - Do not exceed pravastatin 40 mg



# HCV TREATMENT

## Ribavirin

- Weight based dosing taken with DAA
  - <75 kg: 500 mg bid
  - ≥ 75 kg: 600 mg bid
- Side Effects:
  - Hemolytic anemia
  - Fatigue/asthenia
  - Headache
  - Rigors
  - Fevers
  - Nausea
  - Myalgia
  - Anxiety
- Teratogenic 6 months following cessation

# WHICH TO CHOOSE?!

| Therapy | Trials                             | SVR12             |
|---------|------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Mavyret | EXPEDITION (III)                   | 98%               |
| Epclusa | SIMPLIFY (III)                     | 94%               |
| Harvoni | LONESTAR Trial (II)<br>ION-3 (III) | 95-100%<br>93-94% |
| Vosevi  | POLARIS (III)                      | 95%               |

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Kowdley KVION-3 Investigators. Ledipasvir and sofosbuvir for 8 or 12 weeks for chronic HCV without cirrhosis. N Engl J Med. 2014

# DRUG INTERACTION RESOURCES

## 1. Liverpool Hepatitis B and C Drug Interactions

- a. <https://www.hep-druginteractions.org/checker>

## 2. Package Insert

- a. Mavyret:

[https://www.accessdata.fda.gov/drugsatfda\\_docs/label/2017/209394s000lbl.pdf](https://www.accessdata.fda.gov/drugsatfda_docs/label/2017/209394s000lbl.pdf)

- b. Epclusa:

[https://www.accessdata.fda.gov/drugsatfda\\_docs/label/2016/208341s000lbl.pdf](https://www.accessdata.fda.gov/drugsatfda_docs/label/2016/208341s000lbl.pdf)

- c. Harvoni:

[https://www.gilead.com/~media/files/pdfs/medicines/liver-disease/harvoni/harvoni\\_pi.pdf](https://www.gilead.com/~media/files/pdfs/medicines/liver-disease/harvoni/harvoni_pi.pdf)

- d. Vosevi:

[https://www.accessdata.fda.gov/drugsatfda\\_docs/label/2017/209195s000lbl.pdf](https://www.accessdata.fda.gov/drugsatfda_docs/label/2017/209195s000lbl.pdf)

## 3. Micromedex or Lexicomp



HEP Drug Interactions



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# DRUG INTERACTION RESOURCES

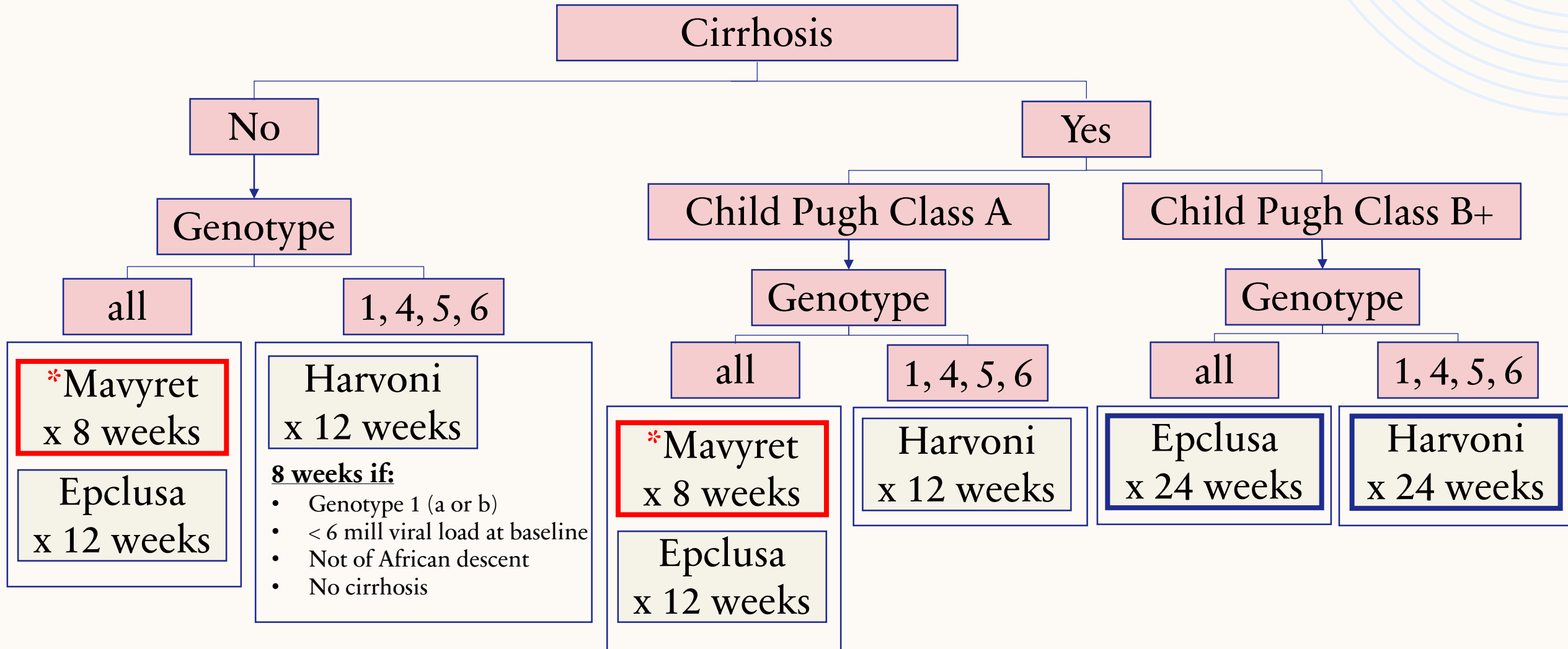
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|                                                                                                   |                                                                   | <a href="#">More Info</a> ▼                              |

- Based on United Kingdom
- Be mindful of medication name differences
  - i.e., Acetaminophen : Paracetamol (UK) v Tylenol (US)



# TREATMENT ALGORITHM

## Treatment-Naive



# FOLLOW-UP/ MONITORING

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- Recommendation to test HCV RNA (viral load) at start of therapy and at SVR12 date
- SVR12 = 12 weeks following last dose of therapy
  - Measure HCV RNA (viral load) at that time
    - Non-detectable – cleared virus
    - Elevated – active infection
- Monitor annually for patients with high risk for recontraction of Hepatitis C
  - All persons who inject drugs
  - HIV or HBV coinfection
  - Taking PrEP
  - Hemodialysis

# PATIENT CASE

KS is a 31 y/o F with a past medical history of T1DM, HLD, MDD, ADHD, who was recently diagnosed with Hepatitis C in her first trimester of pregnancy and is currently 6 months post-partum. She has not been started on any hepatitis C medications since the birth of her son and is interested in starting now.

**Insurance:** Molina Medicaid

## Baseline Labs: 8/2/2020

|                      |                                  |
|----------------------|----------------------------------|
| AST: 73              | HCV Ab: positive                 |
| ALT: 79              | HCV VL: 3.7 million              |
| INR: 0.9             | HCV Genotype: 3                  |
| Plts: 320            | Fibrosure: F0                    |
| Total bilirubin: 0.6 | HAV: reactive                    |
| LDL, direct: 192     | HBV Surface Ab:<br>reactive      |
| HDL: 60              | HBV Core Ab: non-<br>reactive    |
| TC: 290              | HBV Surface Ag: non-<br>reactive |
| TG: 230              | hCG: negative                    |

# PATIENT CASE

Considering what you know about KS, her fibrosis score and her insurance, what HCV therapy would you recommend?

- A. Epclusa for 36 weeks
- B. Mavyret for 12 weeks
- C. Mavyret for 8 weeks**
- D. Harvoni for 16 weeks

### Baseline Labs: 8/2/2020

|                      |                              |
|----------------------|------------------------------|
| AST: 73              | HCV Ab: positive             |
| ALT: 79              | HCV VL: 3.7 million          |
| INR: 0.9             | HCV Genotype: 3              |
| Plts: 320            | Fibrosure: F0                |
| Total bilirubin: 0.6 | HAV: reactive                |
| LDL, direct: 192     | HBV Surface Ab: reactive     |
| HDL: 60              | HBV Core Ab: non-reactive    |
| TC: 290              | HBV Surface Ag: non-reactive |
| TG: 230              | hCG: negative                |

# COMPARISON

## HBV

- Genotype A thru J
- Can vaccinate against
- No cure
- Certain criteria met to treat

## HCV

- Genotype 1 thru 6
- Cannot vaccinate against
- There's a cure
- Can treat all



**QUESTIONS?**

# **THE A, B, Cs OF HEPATITIS B AND C**

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