

# Sonoma County Indian Health Project Hepatitis C Program

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# OBJECTIVE

- Our initiative with Hepatitis C screening and treatment
- Resources/Support
- Initiation of Hepatitis C Committee and workflow
- Pharmacy involvement
- Success/Challenges
- Future Plans for SCIHP

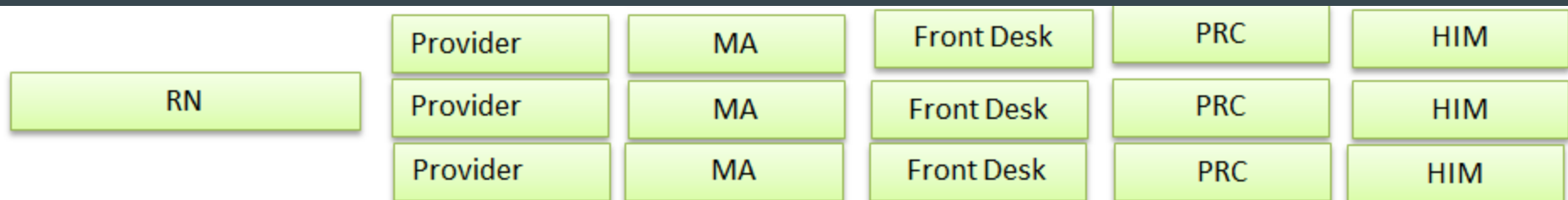
# Who we are?

- Sonoma County Indian Health Project, Inc. is located in Santa Rosa, CA
- Family Primary Clinic
- ~5,500 active patients
- 90% of patients are Native American
- In-house Pharmacy, Behavior Health, Nutrition, Healthy Traditions (Diabetes department)
- AAAHC and Patient Centered Medical Home (PCMH) certified



# Medical Department Structure

- 8 FTE and 2 PT Primary Care Providers
- Contracted Specialty: Herbal, Rheumatology, Podiatry, GYN and Pediatric
- Public Health Nurse and IMZ Coordinator
- 3 PODS of Primary Care Providers
  - Each pod consist of:



# May is Hepatitis Awareness Month



*May is*  
**HEPATITIS AWARENESS**  
*Month*

ENGAGE. EDUCATE. EMPOWER.

# Thanks to.....

- **Dr. Charles Magruder** IHS Chief Medical Officer
- **Brigg Reilley** HIV/AIDS National Program Epidemiologist HIS
- **Joshua Opperman, PA**

# Abundance of Resources



**Indian Health Service**

The Federal Health Program for American Indians and Alaska Natives



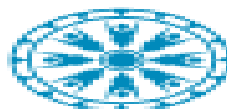
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UCSF Medical Center

**Hepatitis C Community Clinic**



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**NVHR**

National Viral Hepatitis Roundtable

# Resources continues.....



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and bloodborne pathogen exposures.

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**VIRAL HEPATITIS**  
**ACTION PLAN**  
2017-2020



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# Hepatitis C Online



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HCV Guidance: Recommendations for  
Testing, Managing, and Treating  
Hepatitis C



HEP Drug Interactions



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# Why is Screening So Important?

- Can be diagnosed before symptoms develop, up to 75% of people living with HCV do not know they are infected
- The test is reliable inexpensive, and noninvasive
- Huge medical benefits if treatment starts early
- Transmission to others in community can be stopped
- People born from 1945-1965 are
- 5 times more likely to be
- infected with HCV

2016 Data from GPRA IHS

**The California Average  
for HCV Screening (All):**

**22%**



**The IHS Average, HCV  
Screening (born 1945-1965):**

**41%**



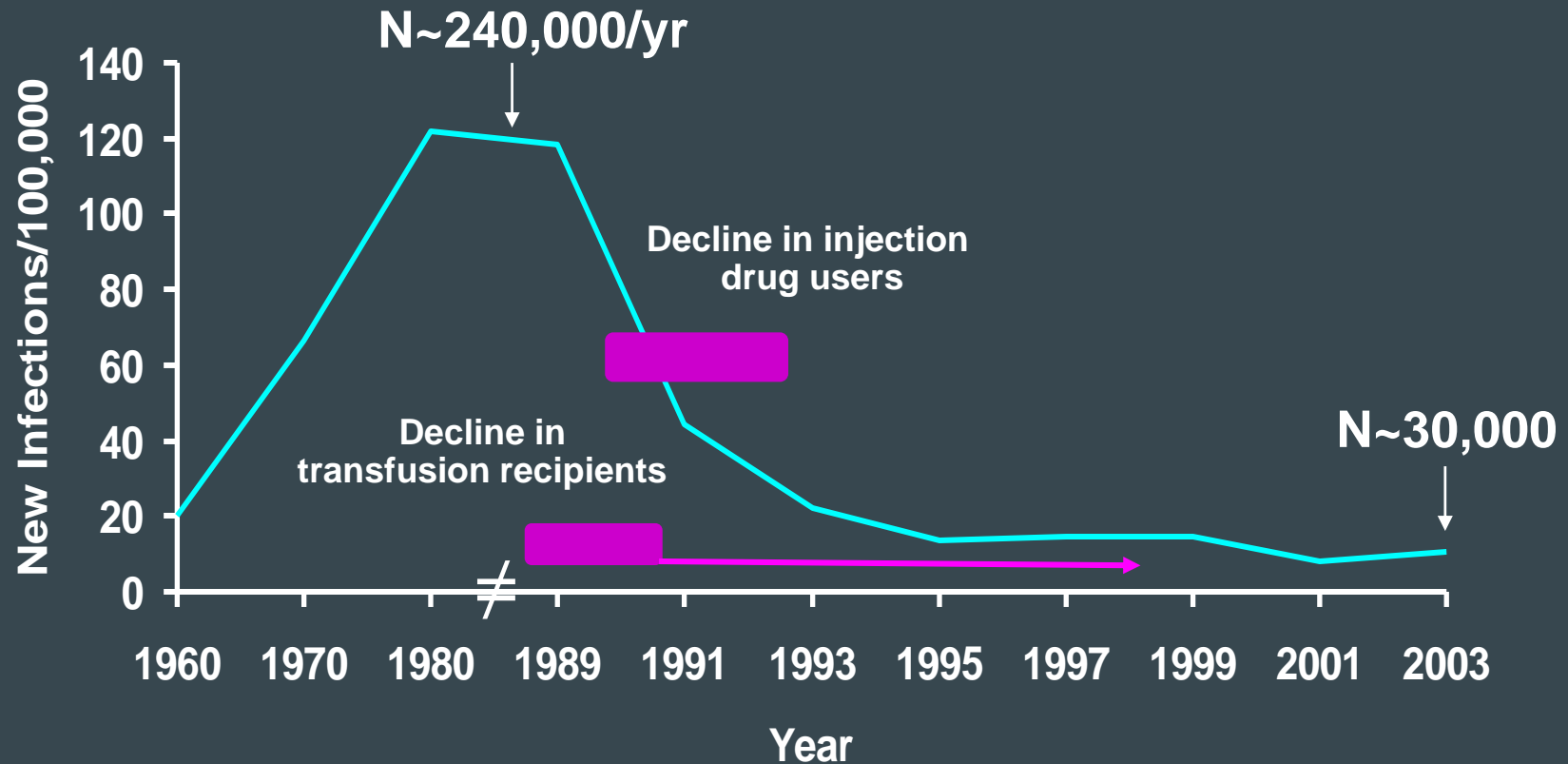
**The IHS Goal, HCV  
Screening (born 1945-1965):**

**75%**



Compiled by CCUIH 4/19/16

# Estimated Incidence of Acute HCV, U.S.



Source: Armstrong GL. Hepatology 2000;31:777-82;  
Alter MJ. Hepatology 1997;26:62S-65S; CDC, unpublished data



# Implemented Standing Orders for MA

## Sonoma County Indian Health Project, Inc. Standing Order: Routine Hepatitis C Screening

**What: Routine Hepatitis C Screening** Any nurse and/or medical assistant employed or contracted by SCIHP may order Hepatitis C test as outlined below:

### Why:

Hepatitis C: Screening		
Release Date: June 2013		
Recommendation Summary		
Summary of Recommendations		
Population	Recommendation	Grade (What's This?)
Adults at High Risk	The USPSTF recommends screening for hepatitis C virus (HCV) infection in persons at high risk for infection. The USPSTF also recommends offering 1-time screening for HCV infection to adults born between 1945 and 1965.	<b>B</b>

### Whom:

- All patients born between 1945-1965
  - without a documented Hepatitis C test lab result in the medical record
- Any patient who requests Hepatitis C testing
- Any of the following Risk Factors:
  - Received a blood transfusion or organ transplant before July 1992
  - Are children born to HCV positive women
  - Current or past intravenous drug use
  - Hemodialysis
  - High-risk sexual behaviors (particularly unprotected anal intercourse)
  - Incarceration
  - Intranasal illicit drug use
  - Unregulated tattoos
  - recent diagnosis of HIV

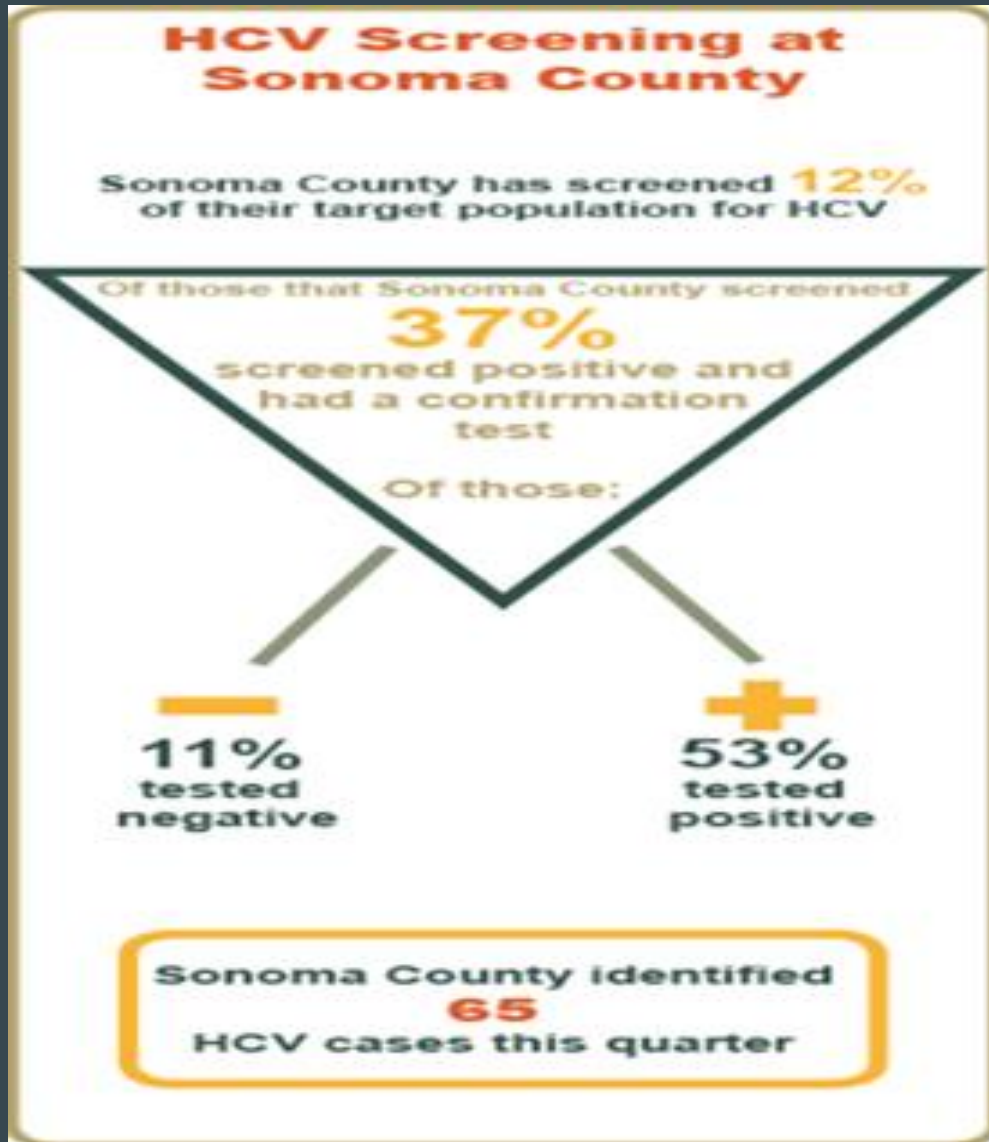
### How often:

- Once in a lifetime initial Hepatitis C screening for all patients born between 1945-1965
- At least annual screen for patients with ongoing risk factors for Hepatitis C Infection

### How:

- Education and Counseling of Hepatitis C and screening test
- Point of Care testing Hepatitis C or Blood for HCV Antibody

# Why SCIHP?



Population of baby boomers born between 1945-1965

Much improvement since 2015 but still 12% was very low compared California, IHS and National targets

Medical Assistant: Chart prep, standing orders

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# MILESTONE

5/2015

- Met with Brigg Reilley at the GPRA conference
- Information on implementing successful Hep C Program

8//2015

- Resources and support from HIS;
- Consultant visited to Sonoma to assist with flow

10/2015

- IHS reached out to SCIHP to assist with training and implementation
- Implemented Standing orders and Chart prep for Hep C Screening

11/2015

- Successfully treated the 1<sup>st</sup> Patient

# MILESTONE

4/2016

- Selam Attended HCV 101 Training at UCSF via ECHO

11/2016

- Initiated Hepatitis C Committee

2017

- 3 providers are fully trained with ECHO UCSF

5/2017

- Treated ~7 patients; ~4 pending; draft policy and procedure

# The 5<sup>th</sup> Wave

By Rich Tennant

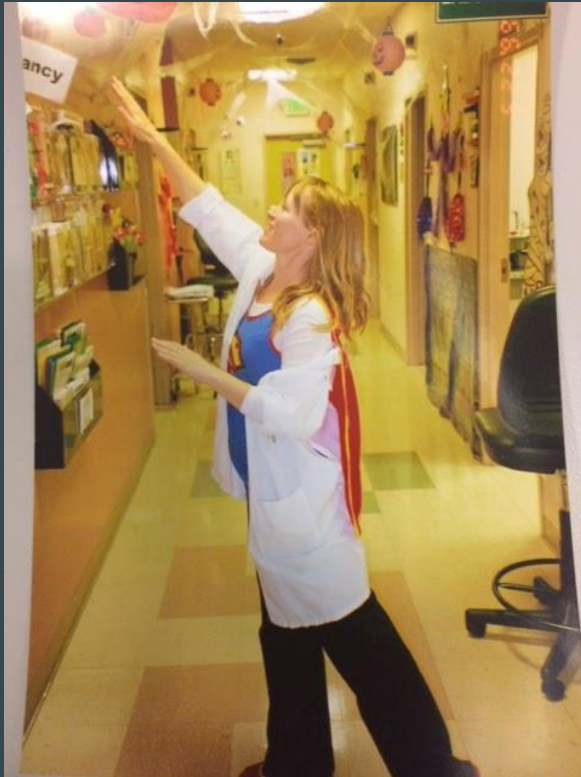
ONCE AGAIN RONALD FELT PEOPLE  
WERE AVOIDING HIM JUST BECAUSE  
HE HAD HEPATITIS C.

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# Background



- HIV street youth nonprofit in Tanzania
- University of Colorado Medical School 2012
- Santa Rosa FM Residency 2015

# First steps

## Decision to create a care team

- build capacity
- provide support

## Echo training

- algorithmic tx
- team approach

PATIENTS WITH COMPENSATED CIRRHOSIS					
GENOTYPE 1A					
Stage	Treatment History:	Preferred Regimens:	Predicted SVR 12 Rates	Alternative Regimens:	Predicted SVR 12 Rates
1a, Compensated (CP-A)	Naïve	Eplusa x 12 wks	100% (31/31; ASTRAL-1, all GT1 TN/Cirrhosis), 99% (170/172, POLARIS-2, incl non-cirrhotic)	Zepatier + RBV x 16 wks *If RASs at baseline	97% (C-EDGE TE)
		Harvoni x 12 wks *add RBV if RAV at 28, 30, 31 or 93	94% (32/35: ION-1), 96% (pooled data)		
		Zepatier x 12 wks *If No RASs at baseline	95% (C-EDGE TN)		
	Peg/RBV failure	Eplusa + RBV x 12 wks	98% (41/42; ASTRAL-1, all GT1 TE/Cirrhosis, no RBV), 99% (170/172, POLARIS-2, incl non-cirrhotic)	Zepatier + RBV x 16 wks *If RASs at baseline	97% (C-EDGE TE)
		Zepatier x 12 wks *If No RASs at baseline	94% (C-EDGE, TE)		
		Harvoni x + RBV x 12 wks	96% (74/77; SIRIUS), 96% (pooled data)	Harvoni x 24 wks (if unable to take RBV)	97% (75/77; SIRIUS), 98% (pooled data)
	Peg/RBV/PI failure	Eplusa + RBV x 12 wks	98% (41/42; ASTRAL-1, all GT1 TE/Cirrhosis, no RBV)	Zepatier + RBV x 12 wks *If No RASs at baseline	96% (76/79; C-SALVAGE)
		Harvoni x + RBV x 12 wks	96% (74/77; SIRIUS), 96% (pooled data)		
		Zepatier + RBV x 16 wks *If RASs at baseline	97% (C-EDGE TE)		
	Prior SOF (excludes NSSA failure)	Eplusa + RBV x 12 wks	89% (39/44; POLARIS-4, incl non-cirrhotics, no RBV)	Harvoni + RBV x 24 wks	Harvoni/RBV x 12 wks: 98-100% (83/84; SOF retreatment, Electron-2, Synergy)

# Hepatitis C Committee

## Multidisciplinary team

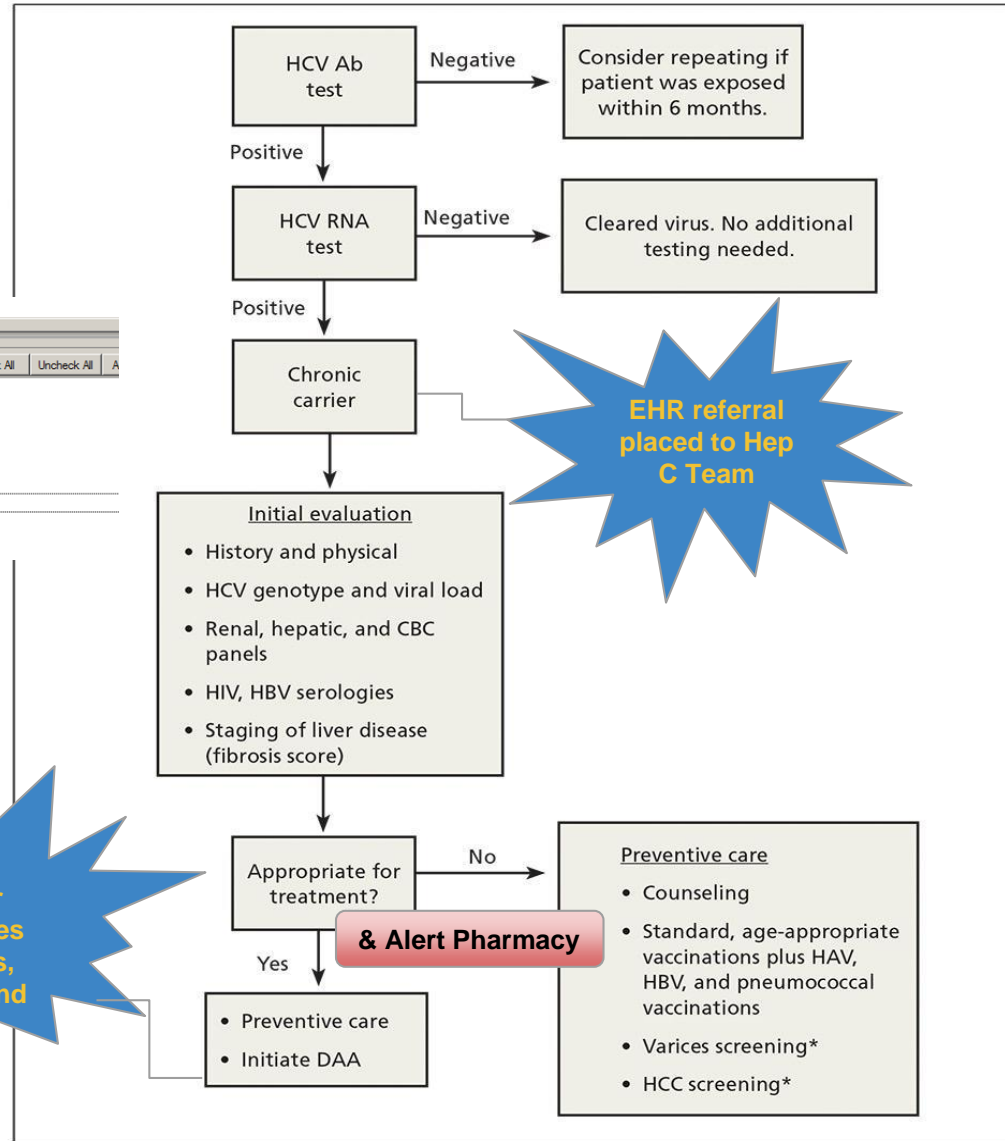
- Three providers
- Pharmacy
- Nurse Case Management

## Regular meetings

- Workflow
- Roles and responsibilities
- Cases

FIGURE 1

## Initial evaluation of the patient presenting for HCV testing<sup>16</sup>



Ab, antibody; CBC, complete blood count; DAA, direct-acting antiviral therapy; HAV, hepatitis A vaccine; HCC, hepatocellular carcinoma; HBV, hepatitis B virus; HCV, hepatitis C virus; HIV, human immunodeficiency virus; RNA, ribonucleic acid.

\*Screen if liver is cirrhotic.

Adapted from: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Testing for HCV infection: an update of guidance for clinicians and laboratorians. *MMWR Morb Mortal Wkly Rep.* 2013;62:362-365.

# Visits

Appt #1: Hep C initial consult

- PMH, liver status, Hep B IZ

Appt #2: Practitioner & Pharmacist

- review DDI, SE, imaging & labs

Appt #3: Mid tx monitoring

Appt #4: End of tx

## HPI:

Dx:

Vector:

Med hx:

Psych hx:

Surg hx:

Social:

Current meds:

Current substance use:

Treated before:

Hepatitis specific ROS:

fatigue/rash/joint pain/neuropathy

abd swelling/LE edema/GIB/memory problems

# Tracking

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T
	Age	VL	GT	hct	plts	AST/ALT	Cr	APRI	CT FIBrot	Imaging	Tx	naïve	comorbidities	Needs	Ins	SCIHP?	Notes		
865 SJ	58 F	843,851	1a	47.1	223	38/39	0.68	0.426	1.58* A	F2	none	yes	alcoholic in recovery since 2008, hx of cervical ca tx	Hep B IZ	BS of CA	N (Harvoni x 12wks)	Initiating tx 11/2--> UD-VL 2wks		
		10/5/2016	9/28/2016	10/5/2016	10/5/2016	10/5/2016	10/5/2016												
34 SJ	51 F	4 million	2b	39	173	42/37	0.81	0.607	2.04*		none	yes	chronic pain (methadone, oxycodone, xanax), RA,		Medicaid/Medicare	Y (epclusa x12 wks or	No show to HCV consult, hx		
		9/14/2015	9/14/2015	9/14/2015	9/14/2015	9/14/2015	9/14/2015												
764 SJ	58 M	4 million	1b	38.3	96	61/64	0.8	1.589	4.69* A		none	yes	DM2, HTN, HLD, pain (norco, valium)	Hep B IZ	Medicaid		cirrhosis?- msg to Trent 5/3		
		4/6/17	4/6/17	3/24/17	3/24/17	4/6/17	3/24/17												
749 SJ	63 F	536,000	3a	44.9	144	131/107	0.76	2.274	5.54* A	F3	EGD	yes		?hep B?	Medicaid	N - Walgreens (epclusa)	[ ] clarify tx options w Trent		
		3/20/2017	3/20/2017	3/20/2017	3/20/2017	3/20/2017	3/20/2017			4/8/2016									
96 SJ	55M	4million	1a/2b	29.5	266	52/43	1.12	0.488	1.64 A	F0-F1	none	yes	chronic pain d/t femur fx - oxy 30mg daily. Cuurent etoh.	Hep B IZ	Medi-cal	N - epclusa x 12w	Ex'd to Tim 4/25.		
		1/19/2017	1/19/2017	1/19/2017	1/19/2017	3/31/2017	1/19/2017												
44 SJ	35F	483,740	3a	39.5	185	25/52	0.6	0.337	0.66 A	F0	none	yes	breastfeeding?, sober x 8yrs		Medi-caid	epclusa x 12w	4/12 - approval unlikely given F0		
				4/14/2017	4/14/2017	17-Mar	17-Mar												
185 SJ	59F	143,217	1a	32.9	240	20/21	4.23	0.208	1.07 A	F0		yes	hepatorenal syndrome? DM2, CKD	HIV	Medicare		msg to Trent 5/1		
																	completed		
50 LD	66 F	6.76 millic	1a	38.1	197	21/15	0.96	266	1.8	F1-2	none		DM, Chronic pain (Norco)	INR HepB	Medicaid/Medicare		therapy, no detectable virus		
		12/20/2016		8/29/2016	12/20/2016	12/20/2016	8/29/2016	12/20/2016	8/29/2016	12/20/2016									
47 LD	52 M	3.19 millic	1a	48.7	257	48/33	0.8	0.467	1.69 A		none		Chronic pain (hydrocodone, oxycodone, benzo) MJ	Hep B IZ	Aetna				
		3/31/2017		5/17/2016	5/17/2016	5/17/2016	5/17/2016		5/17/2016										
63 LD	45 F	351,644	3a	42.5	245	74/210	0.75	0.755	0.94	F0	CT: two sub cm low DM			INR, load	Solano Partnership N		finished treatment, no detectable virus		
		11/21/2016	10/13/2016	10/13/2016	10/13/2016	10/13/2016	6/28/2016		10/13/2016	10/13/2016	7/5/2016								
12	46 M	835,663	1a	28.9	131	196/186	0.78	3.74			cirrhosis on CT				Medicaid				

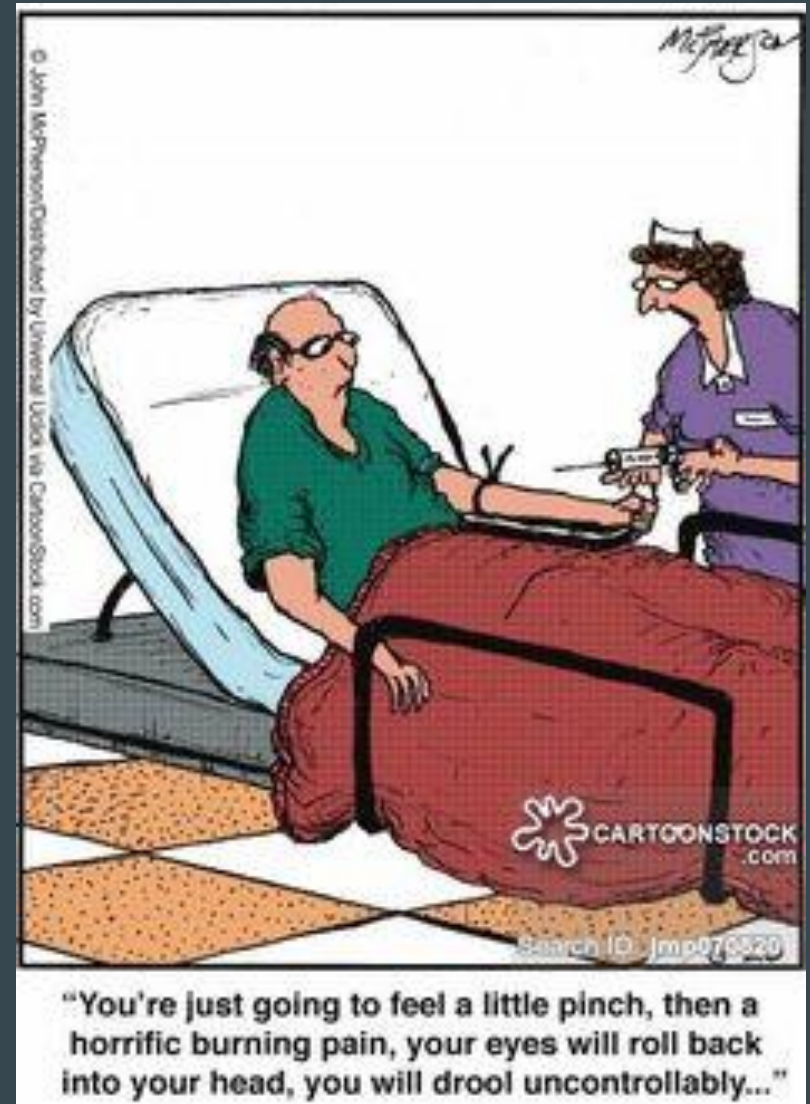
# My First Patient

GT 1a VL 843,000 F2

pt uncertainty re: SE

Harvoni x 12w

improved fatigue





# Where the Magic Happens





# Navigating the insurance quagmire

- Eligibility for Insurance coverage of antivirals is ever evolving
- Current criteria required by BOTH private insurers and Medi-cal Partnership:
  - APRI Score of  $> 0.7$
  - Fibrosure/Fibrotest  $> 0.48$
  - FibroScan  $> 7.5$  kilopascals
  - Prefer treatment naïve

# Medi-cal Partnership's special rules

Coverage not considered for Metavir F0-F1 UNLESS

- T2 DM
- Active injection drug user
- Women of childbearing age who wish to get pregnant
- Cryoglobulinemia with end-organ manifestations (vasculitis) or kidney disease
- HIV-1 or HBV co-infection
- Debilitating fatigue impacting the quality of life (due to extrahepatic manifestations and/ or liver disease)
- Other co-existing liver disease (e.g. non-alcoholic steatohepatitis)
- Porphyria cutanea tarda
- Long-term hemodialysis
- HCV-infected healthcare worker who performs exposure-prone procedures
- Men who have sex with men
- HCC with a life expectancy of > 12 months

# 340B Program

U.S. federal government program that requires drug manufacturers provide outpatient drugs to eligible health care organizations at significantly reduced prices

Insurance reimbursement allows our pharmacy to provide non reimbursable services to our unfunded patients at no cost to them. This includes services such as our herbal clinic, wellness clinic, MTMs, provider consultations, and diabetic education

# Challenges

- Clinic Resources
- Ordering appropriate test
- Patient panelling

# Future endeavors

- standing orders for labs following a (+) Ab
- improve patient panelling
- expand case management role
- utilize our lobby for learning
- cross-train PCP practitioners

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