

**Review Template for
Best Practices/Tools for the Diagnosis and Treatment of Hepatitis C**

Best Practice/Tool:	Management and Treatment of Hep C viral Infection: recommendations from the Department of Veterans Affairs Hepatitis C resource Center program and national Hepatitis C Program Office Yee et al (2006) American Journal of Gastroenterology 101:2360-2378			
Date of Review:	January 8 2011			
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	YES	NO	N/A	COMMENTS
The best practice/tool has utilized an evidence-based approach to assess:				
Efficacy	X - mostly			Using research methodology, all recommendations are assigned a grade (RCT-opinions)
Effectiveness	X - mostly			Using research methodology, all recommendations are assigned a grade (RCT-opinions)
The best practice/tool has been evaluated in more than one patient setting to assess:				
Efficacy	*			Difficult to determine as recommendations include grading and not references
Effectiveness	*			Difficult to determine as recommendations include grading and not references
The best practice/tool has been operationalized at a multi-country level:				
There is evidence of capacity building to engage individuals to accept treatment/diagnosis		X		Recommendations describe the evidence; no details of capacity building described in paper
There is evidence of outreach models and case studies to improve access and availability		X		
Evidence of manpower requirements is indicated in the best practice/tool		X		

Juried journal reports of this treatment, intervention, or diagnostic test have occurred	X			84 references cited in paper
International guideline or protocol has been established		X		Authors state these recommendations should aid health-care providers
The best practice/tool is easily accessed/available electronically		X		American Journal of Gastroenterology (not electronically available)
Translation:				
The best practice/tool is available in English	X			
The best practice/tool has been translated into other languages		X		
Cost effectiveness:				
Is there evidence of a cost effective analysis?		X not reported		These details may be included in some of the studies for specific recommendation
If so, what does the evidence say? (Please go to comments section)				
Evidence of sustainability:				
How is the best practice/tool funded? (Please got to comments section)				Contributors are from the VA National Hepatitis C Program of the Public Health Strategic Health Care Group; paper does not provide funding details, this information may be available in supporting references