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Educational Workshop

How to deal with the guidelines for hepatitis C treatment

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In the last years several national and international guidelines on the treatment of Hepatitis C have been published. By comparing different guidelines there are some areas of controversies on issues without clear evidences from large studies which in most of the guidelines were addressed by expert' opinion. These issues were: 1. treatment duration and usage of response guided therapy 2. indications for liver biopsy 3. treatment of special patients subgroups (IDU, HIV coinfecting, patients on dialysis, children, liver transplanted patients) 4. Treatment of patients with advanced cirrhosis. However because of the availability of Directly Active Antiviral the scenario is rapidly changing. New guidelines for the usage of these drugs have been recently published by the American Association for The Study of Liver Diseases and probably in next years more more guidelines are waited to be published.