

Live Virtual Symposium: At-Risk Patients Hidden in Plain Sight: Real-World Strategies for Screening and Treating Hepatitis B Virus

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Chronic hepatitis B virus (HBV) remains a global epidemic, resulting in significant morbidity and mortality. In 2015, there were 257 million people worldwide infected with HBV. In 2016, only 10.5% were diagnosed, with only 16.7% receiving treatment, and without intervention, there are 19 million deaths anticipated by the end of 2020. These numbers are startling as they exist despite the availability of effective treatment, and this is in part due to lack of clinician knowledge on screening and managing patients with HBV as well as lack of ability to foster retention for wrap-around services.

In 2018, The American Association for the Study of Liver Diseases released an updated guidance document for the prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of chronic HBV, including recommendations for screening, testing, counseling, and use of the newest antiviral treatment. Early detection is imperative for prevention and treatment, and this puts internists and primary care clinicians on the front lines to reduce HBV's global disease burden.

In this CME Outfitters virtual symposium, expert faculty will utilize augmented reality to add visualization to their discussion of how to implement routine screening protocols for HBV in primary care settings, how to optimize the efficacy and safety profiles of current agents, and the importance of providing culturally appropriate counseling and support services to patients, which will ensure understanding of their disease and promote retention in care.

Learning Objectives

At the end of this CME/CE activity, participants should be able to:

- Implement routine screening protocols for HBV in primary care settings and utilize results to drive guideline-directed care.
- Optimize efficacy and safety profiles of current agents when initiating or switching treatment in patients with HBV.
- Provide culturally appropriate counseling and support services to patients in order to ensure understanding of their disease and promote retention in care.

The following learning objectives pertain only to those requesting CNE or CPE credit:

- Explain routine screening protocols for HBV in primary care settings and how to utilize results to drive guideline-directed care.
- Describe efficacy and safety profiles of current agents for initiating or switching treatment in patients with HBV.
- Discuss culturally appropriate counseling and support services for patients in order to ensure understanding of their disease and promote retention in care.

Target Audience

Internists, primary care physicians, physician assistants, nurse practitioners, nurses, and pharmacists

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Dr. Kowdley is internationally recognized as a clinician, educator, and researcher in the area of liver disease and has presented his research on liver diseases at more than 165 national and international meetings and scientific symposia. He is the author of over 450 articles, book chapters, reviews, and commentaries in this area, with publications in the *Annals of Internal Medicine*, *Archives of Surgery*, *Gastroenterology*, *Hepatology*, *American Journal of Physiology*, and *New England Journal of Medicine*, among other professional publications.

Dr. Kowdley has extensive experience in clinical trials in all areas of liver disease, including hepatitis C, cholestatic liver disease, primary biliary cirrhosis (PBC), primary sclerosing cholangitis (PSC), nonalcoholic steatohepatitis, and hepatitis B. He has been a principal investigator in several NIDDK-sponsored clinical trials in PBC and PSC and is a member of executive committee of the nonalcoholic steatohepatitis clinical research network (NASH CRN). Dr. Kowdley has also served as the lead investigator of several major international clinical trials in hepatitis C.

Dr. Kowdley's laboratory program is focused on the role of iron as a co-factor in many liver diseases, including hepatitis C, hemochromatosis, and nonalcoholic steatohepatitis (NASH). He has developed murine models for NASH and is currently exploring the contribution of hepatic iron deposition on the severity of NASH.

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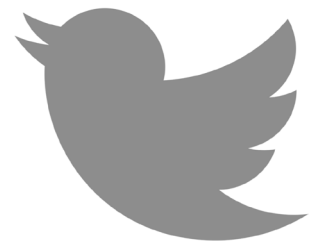
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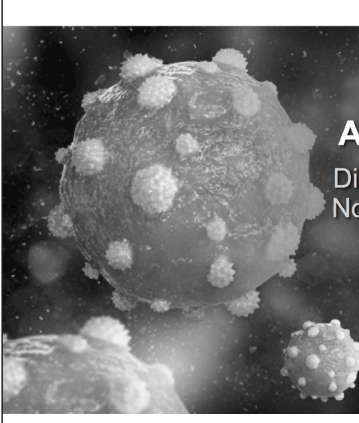
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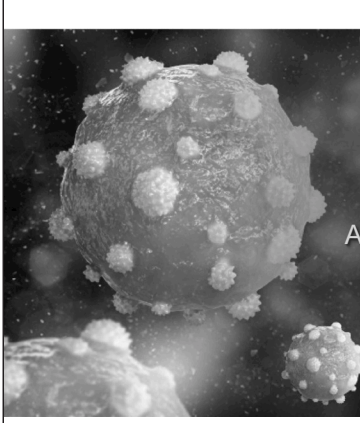
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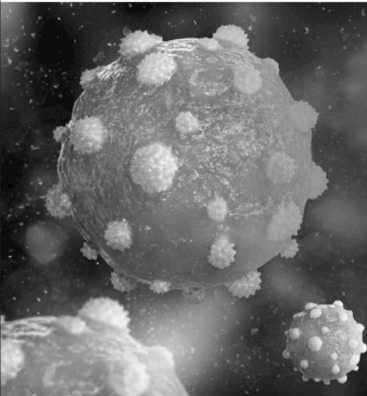
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**Mechanism of
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Learning Objective 1
 Implement routine screening protocols for hepatitis B virus (HBV) in primary care settings and utilize results to drive guideline-directed care.

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The HBV Burden: Call to Action

- Globally, an estimated 292 million persons (3.9% prevalence) are chronically infected with HBV; most are from Africa, Asia, and the Pacific Islands¹
- Approximately 2 of every 3 persons with chronic HBV are unaware of their infection²
- 25% of those without HBV monitoring or treatment will die prematurely of hepatocellular carcinoma, cirrhosis, or liver failure^{3,4}
- Current HBV treatment can mitigate this risk but only 10%-15% of treatment candidates are on medication⁵
- HBV is a vaccine-preventable infectious disease, but only about ¼ of adults are fully immunized⁶

¹Polaris Observatory Collaborators. *Lancet Gastroenterol Hepatol*. 2018;3(6):383-403. ²Lin SY, et al. *Hepatology*. 2007;46:1034-1040. ³McMahon BJ. *Hepatology*. 2009;49:545-555. ⁴McMahon BJ, et al. *Clin Liver Dis*. 2010;14:381-396. ⁵Cohen C, et al. *J Viral Hepat*. 2011;18:377-383. ⁶Williams WW, et al. *MMWR Surveill Summ*. 2017;66:1-26.



We Can Do Better

Primary care providers are equipped to **screen, vaccinate, and monitor** persons at increased risk for HBV

1. Screen and vaccinate as part of routine preventative care
2. Monitor liver enzymes and HBV DNA every 6 months for patients with chronic HBV
3. Screen for liver cancer (HCC) with ultrasound



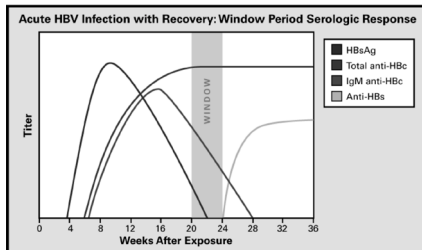
Real-World Screening of Asian American Patients for Hepatitis B, New York City 1997-2017

| Characteristic Subcategory | Ever Infection,* No. (Row %) | Current Infection† No. (Row %) |
|-------------------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| General Screening Population | | |
| Total | 13,326 (52.1) | 3,437 (13.4) |
| Household contacts | 544 (70.4) | 168 (21.7) |
| Family history of HBV | 326 (75.6) | 209 (48.5) |
| Sex | | |
| Female | 6,986 (48.4) | 1,599 (11.1) |
| Male | 6,340 (56.9) | 1,838 (16.5) |
| Preferred Language | | |
| English | 619 (17.1) | 152 (4.2) |
| Mandarin | 6,644 (60.0) | 1,796 (16.2) |
| Cantonese | 2,407 (47.6) | 425 (8.4) |
| Other | 92 (24.9) | 22 (6.0) |
| Unknown | 3,564 (65.4) | 1,042 (19.1) |

*All antibody to hepatitis B core antibody (infection). †All hepatitis B surface antigen (HBsAg) positive. Tang AS, et al. *Am J Public Health*. 2018;108(54):S327-S335.



How to Screen for HBV



- HBsAg (qualitative*) = current infection
- Anti-HBs (qualitative†) = immunity or immune control
- Total (NOT IgM) anti-HBc = ever infected

*Quantitative HBsAg is used for assessing probability of HBsAg seroclearance in patients with inactive chronic HBV and has no role in HBV screening.
 †Quantitative anti-HBs is acceptable, too, but does not change management.



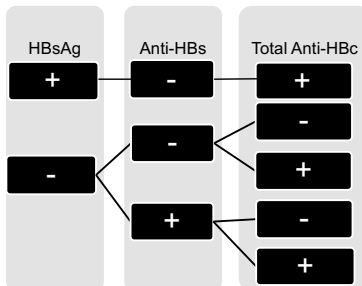
ACP-CDC Screening Recommendations by HBV Transmission Risk Factors

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| <p>Vertical Transmission</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Persons born in countries with $\geq 2\%$ HBV prevalence • Pregnant women • Infants born to HBV-infected mothers | <p>Blood* Transmission</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Persons who inject drugs • Incarcerated persons • Household contacts of HBV-infected persons • Persons with end-stage renal disease (including hemodialysis patients) • Blood and tissue donors |
| <p>Sexual Transmission</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Men who have sex with men • Sexual contacts of HBV-infected persons | <p>HBV Reactivation/Liver Complication</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Persons requiring immunosuppressive therapy • Persons infected with hepatitis C virus (HCV) • HIV-positive persons • Persons with elevated ALT levels |

*HBV can survive outside the body at least 7 days and still be capable of causing infection.
 ACP = American College of Physicians; ALT = alanine aminotransferase; CDC = Centers for Disease Control and Prevention;
 HBV = human immunodeficiency virus.
 Abara WE, et al. *Ann Intern Med.* 2017;167(11):794-804.



HBV Serology Interpretation



- Current infection** > can order immunoglobulin M (IgM) if concern for acute HBV
- Susceptible** > give complete HBV vaccine series unless non-response to two series
- Isolated core** > prior infection vs. occult HBV vs. false-positive vs. "window period" of acute infection
- Immune from vaccination** > reassurance
- Prior infection** > counsel on reactivation risk

+ = positive; - = negative.



Who Should Be Vaccinated for HBV?

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| <p>Vertical Transmission</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Persons born in countries with $\geq 2\%$ HBV prevalence • Pregnant women at risk for HBV infection during pregnancy • Infants born to HBV-infected mothers | <p>Blood Transmission</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Persons who inject drugs • Incarcerated persons • Household contacts of HBV-infected persons • Persons with end-stage renal disease (including hemodialysis patients) • Blood and tissue donors • Residents and staff of facilities for developmentally disabled persons • Public safety workers at risk for exposure to blood or blood-contaminated body fluids • Adults age < 60 with diabetes mellitus |
| <p>Sexual Transmission</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Men who have sex with men • Sexual contacts of HBV-infected persons • Sexually active persons not in a mutually monogamous relationship • Persons seeking evaluation or treatment for a sexually transmitted infection | <p>HBV Reactivation/Liver Complication</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Persons requiring immunosuppressive therapy • Persons infected with hepatitis C virus • HIV-positive persons • Persons with elevated ALT levels • Adults with chronic liver disease |

International travelers to regions with high or intermediate levels of endemic HBV infection
Any adult seeking protection from HBV infection

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Learning Objective 2
Optimize efficacy and safety profiles of current agents when initiating or switching treatment in patients with HBV.

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Goals of Care

- Impact the natural history of HBV
- Decrease or prevent CHB-related morbidity and mortality, including transmission, cirrhosis, HCC, liver transplant, and death

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|-----------------------------------|----------------------------|
| HBV DNA undetectable (< 12 IU/mL) | ALT "Normal" |
| HBeAg loss, seroconversion | HBsAg loss, seroconversion |

CHB = chronic hepatitis B; HBeAg = hepatitis B e-antigen. Terrault NA, et al. *Hepatology*. 2016;67(4):1560-1599. Terrault NA, et al. *Hepatology*. 2016;63(1):261-268.

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What Are We Hoping to Accomplish with Treatment?

Decrease the morbidity and mortality related to CHB, particularly:

- Achieve sustained suppression of HBV replication
- Reduce the risk of progression to cirrhosis- and liver-related complications, including HCC
- Improve long-term survival

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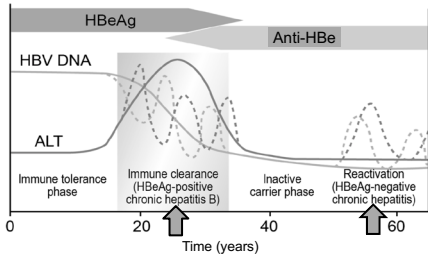
Stages of Fibrosis

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Factors Influencing Treatment Initiation for HBV

Currently, the decision to start antiviral treatment depends on ALT levels, HBV DNA, and fibrosis levels in patients with non-cirrhotic CHB



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AASLD/EASL Guidelines

| Guideline | HBeAg Positive | | | HBeAg Negative | | |
|----------------------|----------------|-----------|------------------------------------|----------------|-----------|------------------------------------|
| | HBV DNA, IU/mL | ALT | Liver Disease | HBV DNA, IU/mL | ALT | Liver Disease |
| AASLD ^{1,2} | > 20,000 | ≥ 2 x ULN | N/A | ≥ 2,000 | ≥ 2 x ULN | N/A |
| | N/A | N/A | Cirrhosis | N/A | N/A | Cirrhosis |
| EASL ³ | > 2,000 | > ULN* | Moderate inflammation or fibrosis* | > 2,000 | > ULN* | Moderate inflammation or fibrosis* |
| | > 20,000 | > 2 x ULN | N/A | > 20,000 | > 2 x ULN | N/A |
| | N/A | N/A | Cirrhosis | N/A | N/A | Cirrhosis |

Use liver biopsy or transient elastography to detect fibrosis/inflammation in unclear situations

*In patients with HBV DNA > 2,000 IU/mL, treatment indicated if ALT > ULN and/or at least moderate fibrosis.

AASLD = American Association for the Study of Liver Diseases.

Terrault NA, et al. *Hepatology*. 2018;67(4):1560-1599. Terrault NA, et al. *Hepatology*. 2016;63:261-283. EASL. *J Hepatol*. 2017;67:370-398.



AASLD Guidelines: Initial Treatment

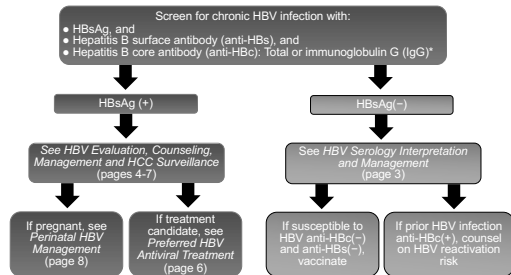
| Treatment | Preferred | Notes |
|-------------|--|--|
| ETV | Yes (unless previous history of lamivudine resistance) | High potency, high genetic barrier to resistance |
| Tenofovir | Yes | High potency, high genetic barrier to resistance |
| PegIFN | Yes | Less safe in patients with cirrhosis |
| Adefovir | No | Low genetic barrier to resistance |
| Lamivudine | No | Low genetic barrier to resistance |
| Telbivudine | No | Low genetic barrier to resistance |

Treatment with antivirals does not eliminate the risk of HCC, and surveillance for HCC should continue in persons who are at risk

ETV = entecavir; PegIFN = peginterferon. Terrault NA, et al. *Hepatology*. 2018;67(4):1560-1599. Terrault NA, et al. *Hepatology*. 2016;63:261-283.



Chronic Hepatitis B Testing and Management Algorithm for Primary Care Providers (PCPs)



*Do not include anti-HBc IgM in HBV screening panel unless acute HBV is suspected. Tang AS, et al. *Hepatitis B Online Website*. 2020. <https://www.hepatitisb.uw.edu/page/primary-care-workgroup/guidance>.



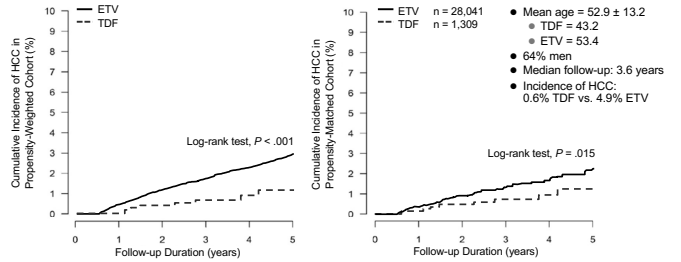
Management of Patients with HBsAg(+): Tips for PCPs

| Cirrhosis | HBV DNA (IU/mL) | ALT (U/L) | Management |
|-----------|-----------------|------------|--|
| YES | Any | Any | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Treat with antiviral medication (page 6) Monitor HBV DNA and ALT every 6 months Refer to specialist for screening endoscopy and, if needed, for other cirrhosis-related complications HCC surveillance (page 7) All patients with decompensated cirrhosis* should be promptly referred to a hepatologist |
| NO | > 2,000 | Elevated † | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> TREAT with antiviral medication (page 6) Monitor HBV DNA and ALT every 6 months Monitor HBeAg every 6 months in patients who are HBeAg+ at time of treatment initiation to evaluate for seroconversion HBeAg(+) to HBeAg(-) Check HBsAg annually if/when HBeAg negative |
| | | Normal | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monitor HBV DNA and ALT every 6 months Liver fibrosis assessment every 2-3 years |
| | < 2,000 | Elevated † | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Evaluate other etiologies for elevated ALT Monitor HBV DNA and ALT every 6 months |
| | | Normal | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monitor HBV DNA and ALT every 6 months and HBsAg every 1 year for seroclearance |

*Patients should be considered to have decompensated cirrhosis and promptly referred to a hepatologist if any of the following are present: jaundice, ascites, variceal hemorrhage, hepatic encephalopathy, a Child-Turcotte-Pugh (CTP) score ≥ 7 (CTP calculator LINK), or a Model for End-Stage Liver Disease (MELD) score ≥ 15 (MELD calculator LINK). †Elevated ALT defined as > 35 U/L in females and > 35 U/L in males that is persistent for at least 3-6 months. Tang AS, et al. Hepatitis B Online Website. 2020. <https://www.hepatitisb.uw.edu/page/primary-care-workgroup/guidance>.



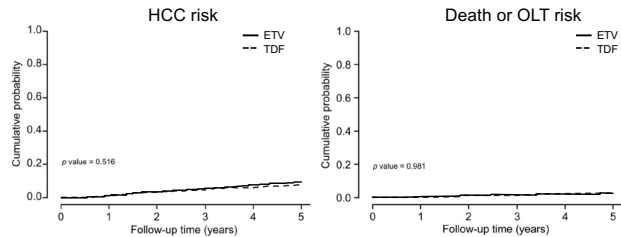
Retrospective Analysis of TDF vs. ETV and Risk of HCC in China, N = 29,350



Yip TC, et al. Gastroenterology. 2020;158(1):215-225.e6.



TDF vs. ETV on Prognosis of Treatment-Naïve CHB in South Korea



| N [#] at risk | | | | | | |
|------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-----|
| ETV | 1,484 | 1,424 | 1,317 | 1,227 | 1,065 | 885 |
| TDF | 1,413 | 1,375 | 1,278 | 1,196 | 1,020 | 593 |

OLT = orthotopic liver transplant. Kim SU, et al. J Hepatol. 2019;71(3):456-464.



Impact on Bone and Renal Parameters in Patients Switching from TDF to TAF at 48 Weeks

Safety Results at Week 48 by Duration of Prior TDF Treatment in Patients with CHB Who Were Switched to TAF

| | < 4 Years n = 105 | ≥ 4 Years n = 138 | P Value |
|---|----------------------|----------------------|---------|
| Renal Parameters | | | |
| Albumin/creatinine ratio, mg/g | +5.5 (-24.1, 41.5) | -5.8 (-37.0, 29.7) | .08 |
| Bone Parameters | | | |
| Serum bone markers, median (Q1, Q3) % change | | | |
| C-type collagen sequence, ng/mL (resorption) | -29.8 (-45.8, -14.0) | -28.8 (-42.8, -15.3) | .57 |
| Procollagen type 1 N-terminal propeptide, ng/mL (formation) | -20.4 (-37.5, -7.4) | -17.7 (-29.6, -8.5) | .16 |
| Parathyroid hormone, pg/mL (metabolism) | -9.4 (-27.6, 16.4) | -13.4 (-32.5, 6.8) | .07 |
| Fasting Lipid Parameters | | | |
| Total cholesterol, median (Q1, Q3) change, mg/dL | 20 (6, 31) | 19 (5, 33) | .93 |
| Total cholesterol/HDL, median (Q1, Q3) change, mg/dL | 0.1 (-0.2, 0.4) | 0.3 (-0.1, 0.5) | .08 |

Chan HLY, et al. Hepatology. 2019;70(S1):287A.



Efficacy and Safety of Switching from TDF to TAF in Patients with Moderate/Severe Renal Impairment or ESRD

| n/N (%) or Median (Q1, Q3) | Moderate-Severe Renal Impairment* (n = 78) | ESRD on HD† (n = 15) |
|----------------------------------|--|----------------------|
| Efficacy | | |
| HBV DNA < 20 IU/mL | 76/78 (97)‡ | 15/15 (100) |
| ALT normal (2018 AASLD criteria) | 68/78 (87) | 14/15 (93) |
| Bone Parameters | | |
| Hip BMD, % change | +0.48 (-0.96, 1.34) | +0.46 (-0.92, 1.60) |
| Spine BMD, % change | +1.29 (-0.50, 2.84) | +1.34 (-1.25, 2.34) |
| Renal Parameters | | |
| eGFR _{CG} , mL/min | +0.6 (-3.6, 3.6) | -- |

HBV DNA and ALT assessments are missing equals failure.
 eGFR_{CG} = estimated creatinine clearance (Cockcroft-Gault method); ESRD = end-stage renal disease, NA = not applicable.
 *Moderate-severe renal impairment: eGFR_{CG} 15 - < 60 mL/min.
 †ESRD: eGFR_{CG} < 15 mL/min on hemodialysis.
 ‡Two patients discontinued study drug early (withdrew consent) with last available HBV DNA < 20 IU/mL.
 Janssen HLA, et al. *Hepatology*. 2019;70(S1):306A.




Learning Objective 3

Provide culturally appropriate counseling and support services to patients in order to ensure understanding of their disease and promote retention in care.

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HCC Epidemiology

- Unlike HCV, chronic HBV infection can cause liver cancer in patients without cirrhosis
- Chronic HBV increases the odds of liver cancer 50 to 100 times, hepatitis C 15 to 20 times
- Viral hepatitis has driven the 38% increase in liver cancer in the United States between 2003 and 2012

Bruix J, et al. *Hepatology*. 2011;53(3):1020-1022. National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine. 2017. <https://www.nap.edu/read/24731>.




HCC Induced by HBV

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HCC Surveillance: Additional Risk Factors

- BCP/PC mutations
- Genotype C
- Coinfection with HCV, HIV, HDV
- Persistently high HBV DNA
- Late HBeAg loss (40+ years)
- Persistent elevation of liver function tests (> 1.5 ULN*)
- Alcohol use, smoking
- Cirrhosis

*Abnormal ALT: male ≥ 35 U/L, female ≥ 25 U/L
Terrault NA, et al. *Hepatology*. 2018;67(4):1560-1599. Bruix J, et al. *Hepatology*. 2005;42:1208-1236. Chan HL, et al. *Gut*. 2004;53(10):1494-1498.



HCC Surveillance Methods

- Liver ultrasound every 6 months
- +/- serum alpha-fetoprotein
- Follow-up MRI or CT of abdomen with and without contrast may be indicated to evaluate suspicious lesions identified on ultrasound
- HCC can be diagnosed by imaging alone

CT = computed tomography; MRI = magnetic resonance imaging.
Heimbach JK, et al. *Hepatology*. 2018;67(1):358-380. Bruix J, et al. *Hepatology*. 2011;53:1020-1022.



Impact of Monitoring on HCC Mortality in 414,074 Korean Patients with HBV

- 44% reduction in risk of death from liver cancer with regular vs. no follow-up
- Significantly higher rate of curative treatment with regular vs. no or irregular follow-up

| Outcome, n (%) | No Follow-up (n = 79,333) | Irregular Follow-up (n = 239,960) | Regular Follow-up (n = 94,781) |
|------------------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| New liver cancer | 1258 (14.3) | 3834 (43.6) | 3707 (42.1) |
| Liver cancer death | 488 (38.8) | 1211 (31.6) | 856 (23.1) |
| HR for liver cancer death (95% CI) | Ref | 0.869* (0.780-0.968) | 0.561† (0.500-0.631) |
| Curative treatment | 190 (15.1)‡ | 595 (15.5)‡ | 855 (23.1) |

*P < .05.
†P < .0001.
‡P < .001 vs. regular follow-up.
Shim J-J, et al. *Hepatology*. 2019;70(S1):105A.



Impact of Monitoring on HCC Mortality in 414,074 Korean Patients with HBV (continued)

- Patients with cirrhosis had much higher incidence of HCC than those without cirrhosis
- Among patients without cirrhosis, HCC incidence was highest for those with regular follow-up

| Patient Group | Total (N = 414,074) | | Cirrhosis (n = 26,086) | | No Cirrhosis (n = 387,988) | |
|---------------------|------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------|
| | HCC, n (%) | HCC Incidence/1,000 PY | HCC, n (%) | HCC Incidence/1,000 PY | HCC, n (%) | HCC Incidence/1,000 PY |
| All | 8,799 (100) | 3.19 | 3,959 (100) | 25.00 | 4,840 (100) | 1.86 |
| No follow-up | 1,258 (14.3) | 2.34 | 367 (9.3) | 27.82 | 891 (18.4) | 1.70 |
| Irregular follow-up | 3,834 (43.6) | 2.39 | 1298 (32.8) | 26.61 | 2,536 (52.4) | 1.63 |
| Regular follow-up | 3,707 (42.1) | 6.02 | 2294 (57.9) | 23.79 | 1,413 (29.2) | 2.72 |

PY = patient years.
Shim J-J, et al. *Hepatology*. 2019;70(S1):105A.



Counseling the HBsAg(+) Patient: Tips for PCPs

1. Give a plan for follow-up care; patients will need regular (minimum every 6 months) follow-up and monitoring for disease progression
2. Educate and counsel on the long-term implications of chronic HBV infection (e.g., cirrhosis and hepatocellular carcinoma)
3. Advise patient to inform all current and future medical providers of their HBsAg-positive status, especially if they ever need treatment for cancer or any immunologic condition such as rheumatoid arthritis or other immune disorders
4. Counsel to avoid or limit alcohol use
5. Advise to optimize body weight and address metabolic complications, including control of diabetes and dyslipidemia (to prevent concurrent development of metabolic syndrome and fatty liver)
6. Provide education on how to prevent transmission of HBV to others

Tang AS, et al. Hepatitis B Online Website. 2020. <https://www.hepatitisb.uw.edu/page/primary-care-workgroup/guidance>.



When to Refer to a Specialist

- All PCPs must screen and vaccinate individuals at increased risk for HBV
- Patients identified with chronic HBV infection must be counseled, monitored, and evaluated for treatment
 - Chronic HBV is a dynamic disease and requires lifelong monitoring by a PCP or a specialist
- All patients identified with HCC or cirrhosis should be referred to a specialist



The Cultural Divide in CHB



Adapted from hepBMD Website. 2020. https://hepbmd.com/hepatitis-b-resources/?utm_source=google&utm_medium=social&utm_campaign=2020+Health+Concern_Broad&utm_content=Condition+Information_Hep+B-KW&utm_term=%2Bhep+%2B&gclid=EALaQocCM8uV029786AVgYjCh1LW08TEAMyAqAAEgJSR0_BwE&gclid=rsaw.ds



Cultural Considerations in CHB Management

- Language barriers
- Stigma
- Denial of disease
- Limited knowledge of disease
- Lack of trust in health care systems / underutilization of health care resources
- Immigration status precluding insurance and access to care

Vijayan T, et al. *J Immigr Minor Health*. 2015;17(1):112-117. Shankar H, et al. *Clin Infect Dis*. 2016; 62(Suppl 4):S289-S297. Djolack R, et al. *World J Gastroenterol*. 2017;23(42):7626-7634.



Management Considerations for HBV in the COVID-19 Era: The Role of Telehealth

- Emergency funding legislation waived many of the long-standing restrictions to the use of telehealth for Medicare recipients:
 - Allowing a patient's home to be an eligible originating site;
 - Allowing phones with two-way, real-time interactive audio and visual capabilities to be used;
 - And allowing the provider to conduct a telehealth encounter from his/her home
- Medicare (and some Medicaid programs) will currently reimburse telephone and telehealth visits for both new and established patients
- Providers can bill for telehealth visits at the same rate as in-person visits
- The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has temporarily waived the Medicare and Medicaid requirements that physicians and non-physician practitioners be licensed in the state where they are providing services
- Benefits:
 - Lab evaluation/monitoring play greater role in HBV management than physical exam
 - Patients are receptive to telehealth

AASLD. 2020. <https://www.aasld.org/sites/default/files/2020-04/AASLD-COVID19-ClinicalInsights-April162020-FINAL.pdf>.



Telehealth AASLD Recommendations

- Consider phone visits or telehealth as appropriate and available to replace in-person visits
- Conduct patient education as well as social work, dietitian, and financial consultations by video conference, telehealth, or telephone for liver transplant evaluations
- Consider telehealth alternatives in place of outreach clinics
- Minimize in-person visits for posttransplant patients by maximizing use of telehealth

AASLD. 2020. <https://www.aasld.org/sites/default/files/2020-04/AASLD-COVID19-ClinicalInsights-April162020-FINAL.pdf>.



SMART Goals

Specific, Measurable, Attainable, Relevant, Timely

- Employ culturally-sensitive strategies to improve the detection and management of HBV
- Screen 100% of your patients at-risk for HBV using appropriate serologic markers (i.e., HBsAg, anti-HBs, and anti-HBc)
- Use recent clinical trial data to drive safe, effective treatment selection when initiating HBV treatment or switching when initial treatment fails
- Monitor all patients with HBV for progression to HCC



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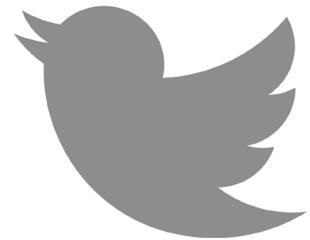
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