

Department of Veterans Affairs Employee Education System

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COURSE NO. 02.ST.HCV.C.A

**NEW STRATEGIES FOR THE TREATMENT AND SUPPORTIVE CARE
OF VETERANS WITH HEPATITIS C**

January 16-18, 2002

In cooperation with

EMPLOYEE EDUCATION SYSTEM, BIRMINGHAM CENTER,
PUBLIC HEALTH STRATEGIC HEALTHCARE GROUP, AND
CENTERS OF EXCELLENCE FOR HEPATITIS C RESEARCH AND EDUCATION

Place: Palace Hotel, 2 New Montgomery, San Francisco, California.

Purpose: Update the provider on state-of-the-art approaches to the treatment and supportive care of veterans infected with Hepatitis C and related complications of the disease.

Objectives: At the conclusion of this program participants should be able to:

1. define the efficacy and safety of new treatments for Hepatitis C chronic infection in the US Veteran;
2. review evolving patient management strategies for patients with HIV/Hepatitis C co-infection;
3. define the effect of substance abuse on treatment candidacy and response to therapy for Hepatitis C;
4. describe the impact of psychiatric disease on Hepatitis C treatment tolerability and clinical outcomes; and
5. describe the medical management of end stage liver disease and the process for liver transplantation within the VA Healthcare System.

Target Audience: This program will be of interest to Physicians, Physician Assistants, Nurse Practitioners, Clinical Pharmacists and other healthcare providers in the areas of Gastroenterology, Hepatology, Infectious Disease, Primary Care, Mental Health and Substance Abuse interested in the management of Hepatitis C.



Approval:

The VA Employee Education System (EES) is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education to sponsor continuing medical education for physicians. The VA EES is accredited as a provider of continuing education in nursing by the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation. VA EES, Provider Number 1040, is approved as a provider for social work continuing education by the Association of Social Work Boards (ASWB), (1-800-225-6880) through the Approved Continuing Education (ACE) program. VA EES maintains responsibility for the program.

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Education Credit:**

The VA EES designates this educational activity for a maximum of 11 hours in category 1 credit towards the American Medical Association Physician's Recognition Award. Each physician should claim only those hours of credit that he/she actually spent in the educational activity. The VA EES designates this educational activity for 13.2 contact hours as determined by the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation.



The VA EES, Birmingham Center is approved by the American Council on Pharmaceutical Education as a provider of continuing pharmaceutical education Program # 610-999-02-001-L04. This program is approved for 11 contact hours. The EES, Birmingham Center maintains responsibility for the program. A statement of credit will be awarded to participants and accreditation records will be on file at the EES. In order to receive continuing pharmaceutical education credit, participants must attend 100% of the program and complete an evaluation form. Statements of credit will be mailed to participants within six weeks following conclusion of the program.

VA EES, Provider Number 1040, is approved as a provider for social work continuing education by the Association of Social Work Boards (ASWB), (1-800-225-6880) through the Approved Continuing Education (ACE) program. VA EES maintains responsibility for the program. Social workers will receive 11 continuing education clock hours in participating in this course. The EES maintains responsibility for the program. A certificate of attendance will be awarded to participants and accreditation records will be on file at the EES. In order to receive continuing education credit, participants must attend 100% of the program and complete an evaluation form.

Report of Training:

It is the program participant's responsibility to ensure that this training is documented in the appropriate location according to his/her locally prescribed process.

Program Schedule

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 16, 2002

5:00 to 7:00 pm	Registration	
5:00 to 7:00 pm	Educational Resources on the VA Hepatitis C Website – Computer Lab	<i>Kevin Montegrande</i>

THURSDAY, JANUARY 17, 2002

7:00 am	Registration	
8:00am to 5:00pm	Educational Resources on the VA Hepatitis C Website – Computer Lab	<i>Kevin Montegrande</i>

General Session

8:00	Welcome - National Anthem Video Presentation	<i>Linda Truman</i>
8:05	Introduction	<i>Lawrence Deyton Stephen Rossi</i>

NEW TREATMENT STRATEGIES

*Moderators
Vivek Huilgol
Stephen Rossi*

8:15	New and Emerging Treatments for Hepatitis C: A Focus on the Pegylated Interferons	<i>Timothy Morgan</i>
8:50	Evolving Approaches to the Treatment of Relapsers and Non-Responders	<i>Steven Flamm</i>
9:30	Questions	
9:45	Break	
10:00	Management of the Hematologic Side-Effects of Interferon and Ribavirin	<i>Norbert Brau</i>
10:30	Management of the Psychiatric Side-Effects of Interferon and Other Hepatitis C Treatments	<i>Peter Hauser</i>
11:00	Questions	



THURSDAY, JANUARY 17, 2002 (cont'd)

11:15	<u>Concurrent Breakout Sessions</u>	
A	Investigational Therapies for Hepatitis C	<i>Teresa Wright</i>
B	Controversies in the Testing and Treatment of Acute Hepatitis C	<i>Michael Busch Neville Pimstone</i>
C	Management of the Extra-hepatic Manifestations of Hepatitis C	<i>Warren Schmidt</i>
D	Optimal Dosing of Ribavirin: What We Know, What We Don't Know	<i>Stephen Rossi</i>
12:30 p.m.	Lunch (on your own)	
	<u>TREATMENT IN SPECIAL POPULATIONS</u>	<u>Moderators</u> <i>Victoria Davey Bonnie Kolor</i>
1:45	Advances in the Management of HIV/Hepatitis C Co-infection	<i>Michael Rigsby</i>
2:30	Substance Abuse and Hepatitis C Treatment Candidacy – When to Treat, When Not to Treat	<i>Laura McNicholas</i>
3:15	Questions	
3:30	Break	
3:50	<u>Concurrent Breakout Sessions</u>	
A	Integrating Hepatitis C and HIV Screening, Testing, and Counseling	<i>Brigette Finkelstein Karen Jeppson Troy Knighton Jeannie Williams-Saporito</i>
B	Treatment Evaluation and Candidacy of Patients with Significant Psychiatric Disease	<i>Jeffrey Goldsmith Mark Willenbring</i>
C	Medication Management of the HIV/ Hepatitis C Co-infected Patient: Case Presentations	<i>Shvawn Baker-McPherson</i>
D	Treatment of Hepatitis C in the Methadone Maintenance Patient	<i>Laura McNicholas Diana Sylvestre</i>
5:00	Adjourn	



FRIDAY, JANUARY 18, 2002

END STAGE COMPLICATIONS

Moderators

Julie Currier-Gooden

Michael Rigsby

8:00 a.m.	Medical Evaluation of Patients Under Consideration for Liver Transplantation	<i>Joseph Awad</i>
8:30	Psychosocial Criteria for Listing for Liver Transplant: What Providers Need to Know	<i>Ann Busch</i>
9:00	Management of Patients After Liver Transplantation: Overview of the VA Programs	<i>John Rabkin</i>
9:30	Liver Transplant Panel Question and Answer Forum	<i>Joseph Awad</i> <i>Ann Busch</i> <i>John Rabkin</i> <i>Brenda Salvas</i>
10:00	Break	
10:20	New Approaches to the Management of the Medical Complications of Cirrhosis	<i>Bradford Waters</i>
11:00	Screening and Diagnosis of Hepatocellular Carcinoma in Patients with Hepatitis C	<i>Vivek Huilgol</i>
11:35	New Medical and Surgical Treatment Strategies for Hepatocellular Carcinoma	<i>William Chapman</i>
12:10 pm	Questions	
12:30	Closing Remarks Adjournment	<i>Lawrence Deyton</i> <i>Stephen Rossi</i>



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Application Procedure: VA employees should complete a Department of Veterans Affairs, EES, registration form and forward to the Employee Education System, St. Louis Center (14B-JB), VA Medical Center, 1 Jefferson Barracks Drive, St. Louis, MO 63125.

Deadline Date: Completed registration forms are due at the EES, St. Louis Center, on or before December 5, 2001. Information on participation may be obtained from Linda Truman, Project Manager, EES, St. Louis Center, 1 Jefferson Barracks Drive, St. Louis, MO, 63125, phone (314) 894-6648 x3048.

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